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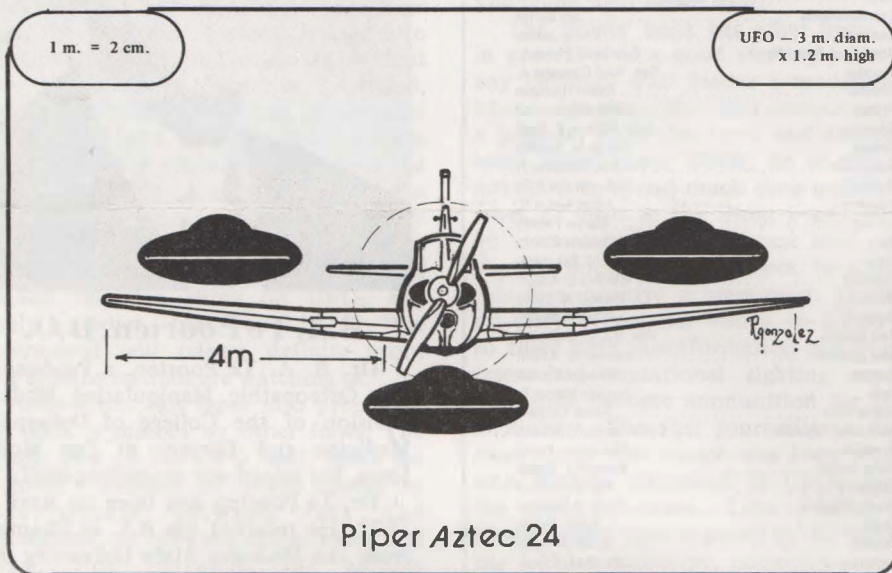
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UFOs "ESCORT" MEXICAN AIRCRAFT



Artist's Rendition of Mexican incident; See Col. 3

Field Investigator Seminar

APRO Field Investigator Bill Pitts has been busy for several months promoting a Field Investigator Seminar to be held at Forth Smith, Arkansas and has reached the point where a date and place have been scheduled. Bill writes:

"The meeting will be held over the weekend of October 17-19, with a Friday night "get acquainted" meeting on October 17 and full programming underway on Saturday, the 18th. The meeting will be over by noon Sunday, the 19th.

"The headquarters will be the *Trade Winds Inn*, 101 North 11th Street, Fort Smith, Arkansas 72901. Their phone number is (501) 785-4121. All motel reservations should be made direct with the Trade Winds Inn, advising attendance to the UFO CONFERENCE. This is a Best Western motel.

"Registration for the meeting should be mailed to: Bill Pitts, 500 North 2nd St., Fort Smith, Arkansas 72901. Office Phone: (501) 782-0373; Home Phone: (501) 783-0754. Advance registrations will be accepted until October 1 at \$12.50 per person. Registrations after October 1 and at the meeting will be

\$17.50 per person. Registration includes Saturday evening buffet dinner and admission to all meetings and events... attendance registrations may be cancelled for full refund up to October 1. No refunds after October 1.

All APRO members are cordially invited to attend and Field Investigators especially are urged to attend. Mr. Lorenzen, APRO's Director, will attend the Seminar and will present a paper dealing with Magnetic Detector Calibration and research in general.

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UFO Over Train In Tasmania

In late November, 1974 (no exact date) the crew of train Number 90 observed a strange object while traveling north on the Hobart to Launceston line 3 to 4 miles south of Colebrook, Tasmania.

At about 9:40 p.m. a very bright white light appeared from behind a hill to the west and curved up toward the train in front of the hills before becoming stationary. The light was visible for four minutes until it was lost from sight as the train went north up the line.

When the train stopped to load milk
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On May 2, 1974, Carlos Antonio de los Santos Montiel, 23, left Mexico City in his Piper Aztec 24, registered as XB-XAU, for Zihuatenejo, state of Guerrero. He arrived there in the afternoon and although he had originally planned to return that day, he decided to stay over and return on the 3rd. He had dinner at 8 p.m. and retired.

The morning of the third was cloudy with considerable smog, mist and very poor visibility. Carlos took off, nevertheless, at 10:30, without having his breakfast. He climbed his little plane to 13,500 feet but conditions were still bad so he climbed to 14,500 where he found a clear blue sky and continued on his return trip to Mexico City.

Arriving in the area of Tequesquitengo, Carlos decided to lose altitude in order to make visual contact with Lake Tequesquitengo and verify his position, instead of depending on his instruments. When he got down underneath the cloud cover, ground mist and fog blocked his view of the Lake. Then things began to happen.

When he looked from the left (he had been gazing through his left side window) to the front he became aware of something on his right and glanced in that direction and was shocked to see an object with the appearance of two plates joined together at the rim with a cupola which had what seemed to be a little window and an antenna on top. It was positioned 20 centimeters above the surface of the wing and about 1½ meters from the Piper's cabin. (See drawing by Staff Artist Robert Gonzales.) A glance back to the left revealed another object of the same description in the same position above the left wing.

"I was petrified," Carlos told officials later, "after I saw a third object which seemed about to collide head-on with the windshield. But it went beneath the aircraft and I heard a strange noise from below as though it had collided with the underside of the plane."

Carlos then noted that his airspeed had decreased from 140 nautical miles per hour to 120. He tried to bank to the left, in an attempt to "bump" the object away from his plane but the controls were frozen and would not move. He then tried to let down the landing gear, hoping

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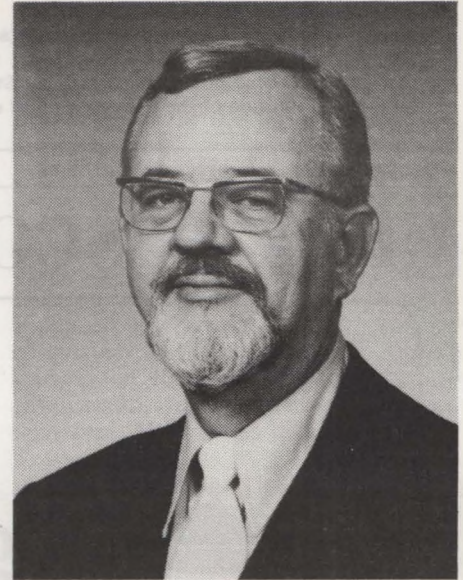
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Osteopath Joins Staff



B.A. Te Poorten, D.O.

Dr. B. A. Te Poorten, a Professor at the Osteopathic Manipulating Medicine Division of the College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery at Des Moines, Iowa, has joined our consulting staff.

Dr. Te Poorten was born on April 28, 1927. He received his B.S. in Chemistry from the Michigan State University in E. Lansing, Michigan in 1952, entered the Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine at Kirksville, Missouri in 1952 and received his Doctor of Osteopathy in 1956.

He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Osteopathy in Miami, Florida. Professional offices he has held are: President, Arizona Academy of Osteopathic Medical Society, Governor of the American Academy of Osteopathy, Trustee of same, Secretary-Treasurer of the Pima County (Arizona) Osteopathic Association, and he held the same position with the Southern Arizona Osteopathic Medical Society.

Dr. Te Poorten is a member of the following: American Osteopathic Association, American Academy of Osteopathy, Arizona Academy of Osteopathy, Southern Arizona Osteopathic Medical Society, American College of General Practitioners in Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery and the Iowa Osteopathic Medical Association.

Among his speaking honors are: Chairman of the Whiplash Seminar, West, Chairman and lecturer at the Tucson General Hospital for intern and resident training (13 years) and American Academy of Osteopathy post-graduate instruction team.

Dr. Te Poorten has lectured extensively, including the Second

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Detector Network

Due largely to the initiative of Richard Niemtzw, APRO's Representative for France, APRO is initiating a UFO Detection Network on the North American Continent.

Plans for a simple magnetic detector will be published in an up-coming issue of *Official UFO Magazine*. The plans, furnished by APRO, are those of Christian Klein based on a design idea by the late Dr. Rene Hardy, APRO Consultant in Physics.

The accompanying text, written by Mr. Klein and translated to English by Mr. Niemtzw details the construction, philosophy and theory of the device with detailed parts description.

Those who wish to, may obtain the

complete plans and discussion from APRO for \$2.50 copying and handling charge.

Future implementation of this program will include:

1. Registration of detector type, sensitivity and location.
2. Distribution of plans for a simple yet accurate magnetic calibrator.
3. Correlation and publication of the combined results of this network and a network already in existence in Europe.
4. Availability of a prefabricated detector and calibrator from APRO Headquarters for those interested.

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Escort

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to get rid of the object under him, but with no results.

APRO's Field Investigator, Fernando J. Tellez Pareja, listened to the tape-recorded conversation between Santos and the Mexico City International Airport Control Tower, which Carlos initiated after he found his controls were frozen:

Carlos: Center Mexico from extra bravo extra alfa union. Mayday! Mayday! (Ed. Note: "Mayday!" is an international distress signal.)

Mexico City: Come in, extra bravo extra alfa union. (Here the pilot repeated his call twice — apparently he did not hear Mexico City answer.) Center Mexico here, come in extra alfa union.

Carlos: Extra alfa union to Center Mexico. My aircraft is out of control — I have no control over it — I have three unidentified objects flying around me. I have three unidentified objects flying around me, one came under my aircraft and hit it. The landing gear is locked in and the controls won't release them. My position — I am on the Radial 004 from the VOR Tequesquitengo — I am not controlling the plane — Center Mexico, can you hear me?

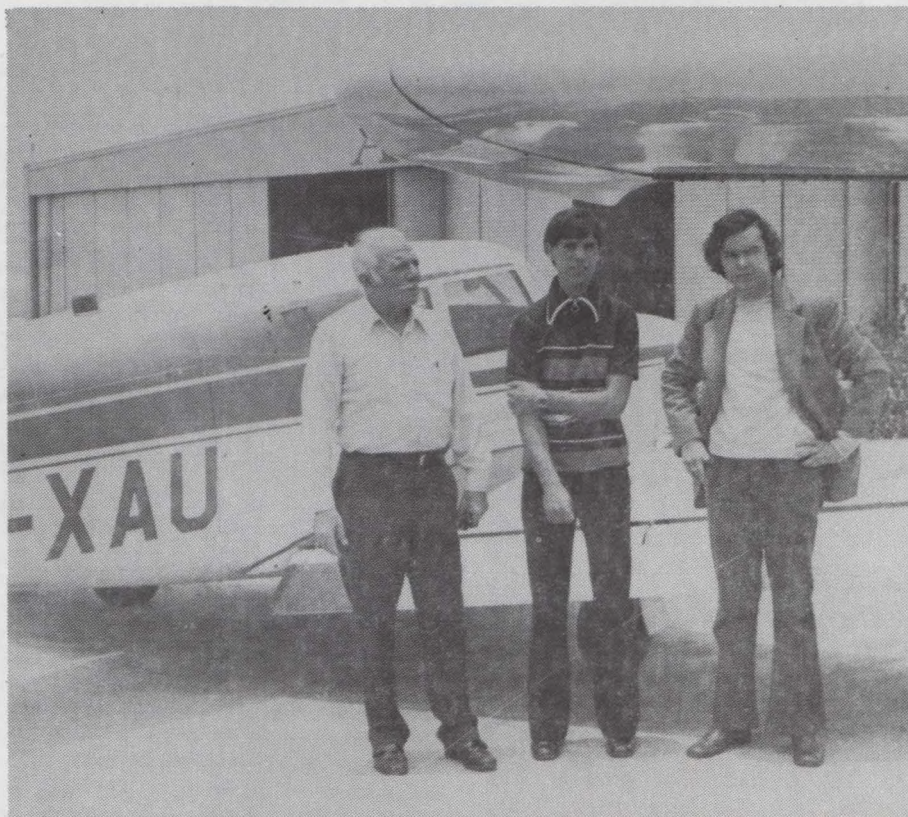
Center Mexico: Take note extra alfa union, give me your position and your situation. We are contacting competent authorities and (here interrupted by Carlos again)

Carlos: The aircraft is out of control.

At this point, Mexico City International Airport closed its runways to traffic and prepared for the expected emergency landing. The objects continued maintaining position on XB-XAU, exerting complete control over the aircraft.

The "Mayday" or emergency call was received at 12:15 p.m. on Saturday, May 3. The control tower contacted Ignacio Silva la Mora (Carlo's uncle), an authority on aircraft, who was put in touch with Carlos via radio to analyze the problem and help with landing preparations.

When Carlos had reached the Ajusto navigational fix, the UFOs had elevated the aircraft from 15,000 feet (the altitude while over Tequesquitengo) to 15,800 and then, one by one, they left. First the



Ignacio la Mora, Carlos Montiel and F.I. Fernando Pareja

object over his left wing elevated until it was over the cabin, then above the object on the right wing, and then these two flew off and were lost to view in the direction of the Popocatepetl and Iztaccihuatl volcanoes. The controls of the aircraft were immediately normal and Carlos regained control.

Carlos then attempted to lower the landing gear, circling Mexico City International Airport eight times, in radio contact to ascertain if he was successful. Finally, after 40 minutes of circling while he worked on the control column with a screw driver, he managed to lower the wheels and landed at 1:34 p.m. on the grassy area between runway 5 right and 5 left where emergency vehicles, including

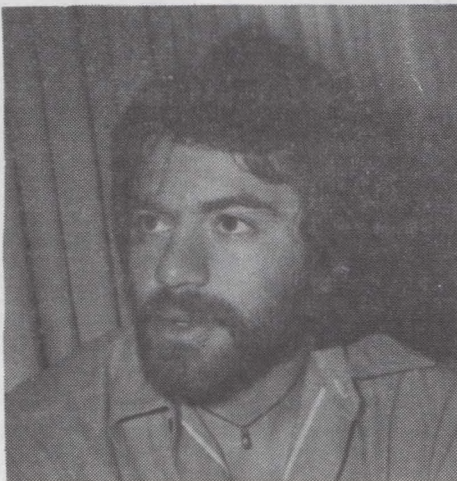
firemen and ambulance, were waiting.

After landing, Carlos was taken to the Airport Clinic where he was thoroughly examined and found to be normal and fit. Some individuals had hinted that he might have been under the influence of drugs or alcohol but the medical examination laid that speculation to rest.

Two days after the incident, Captain Augusto Ramirez Altamirano (Chief of Inspectors for the region from the Aeronautical Civil Direction) said that Carlos would have to undergo a series of tests to determine if he had really seen the UFOs or if they were an illusion from flying too high without oxygen.

On May 7, Dr. Luis Amezcua, Chief of the Aviation Medicine Department of Mexico City International Airport, completed a series of medical tests (neurological, physical and psychiatric, etc.) and gave his opinion that Carlos had been suffering from low blood sugar because he had not eaten from 8 p.m. the night before until after the incident the next day and inferred that Carlos had hallucinated.

Field Investigator Telles interviewed the witness and gives us the following insight: Carlos de los Santos is 23, has been a pilot for two years, has 370 flying hours to his credit, has a private and commercial pilot's license. He is employed by Pelletier, S. A., a company which specializes in analysis and study of water. His father is Chief Mechanic of the Mexicana de Aviacion Airlines. Carlos

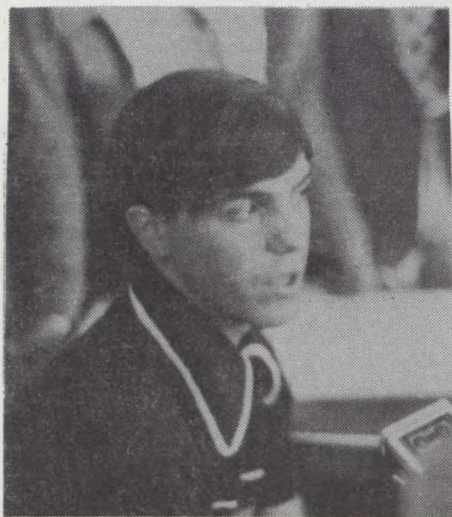


Controller Julio Diaz

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Pilot Carlos Montiel

neither smokes nor drinks, is not interested in science fiction and has never read a UFO book.

As far as radar confirmation was concerned, Mr. Julio Cesar Interian Diaz, the Mexico City International Airport Terminal Radar Controller, said that the distance from Tequesquitengo to Mexico City is 48 nautical miles and that the blip of Carlos' plane was picked up on radar when 43 miles out of Mexico City. Carlos' aircraft was the only one in that sector at that time. The radar registered the separation of another blip which went in another direction from Carlos' plane, executing a 270-degree turn in a radius of 3 or 4 miles at a speed of 450-500 nautical miles per hour. Mr. Interian Diaz said that he did not know of any aircraft which could execute such a maneuver.

Further in-depth investigation is being conducted by an aeronautical engineer with the help of Field Investigator Fernando Telles. We should note here that this is Mr. Telles' first important case and he has done an outstanding job of investigating and reporting.

(Editor's Note: Regarding the theorizing concerning the low blood sugar reaction: Carlos exhibits none of the symptoms of hypoglycemia (low blood sugar): sluggishness, irritability, overweight. Had he actually been a diagnosed hypoglycemic and suffered such a fearful hallucination, the fear would have triggered a release of adrenalin into his blood which would have, in turn, triggered a high flow of insulin, resulting in shock, in which case he would not have been able to land the airplane.)

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cans at Stonor at 10:15 p.m. the crew had another surprise. Just southeast of the stop was a house bordered by pine trees up to 60 feet tall and it was over these trees that the second UFO was first spotted. It was at a low altitude and moving slowly towards the train at an estimated 10 miles per hour, heading northwest. It changed its direction to north when it reached the train, and flew above the whole length of the train, causing considerable consternation among the witnesses who estimated its altitude to be only 50 feet. The light from the object lit up the ground and it finally disappeared into the north after being watched by the crew for approximately 5 minutes.

The witnesses estimated the UFO was 30 to 40 feet in length, long and narrow and rather egg-shaped with a golden orange color and with 3 to 6 blue lights along the side or bottom. There also appeared to be 2 or 3 white lights on each end. The only time the object changed speed was when it sped off into the north. Report forwarded by Wm. K. Roberts, Tasmanian Representative.

Osteopath

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International Congress of Osteopathy in Madrid, Spain. He has published many osteopathy-related papers. He is a life member of the Optimists International, Past President, Rincon Optimist Club, and a Fourth Degree member of the Knights of Columbus, B.P.O.E.

Dr. Te Poorten has no set theories concerning the UFO phenomenon but is eager to get involved in any way that will be helpful and has offered to investigate any worthwhile cases in the Middlewest. He was personal physician to Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzen during the last two years of his residency in Tucson, Arizona, and although he is sorely missed in that capacity, there is no doubt that he will be invaluable in the Middlewest.

Object Ejects

Small Spheres

On March 2, 1975, Sunday, at 10:30 p.m., Mr. and Mrs. B. and daughter aged 20, having returned home, observed from their yard, moving erratically from southwest to northeast, a very large

yellowish, egg-shaped light. The light appeared to be moving at slightly lower than the normal flight level of the aircraft that used to fly out of Quonset Naval Air Base. (Flight level for these planes on their touch-and-go patterns was anywhere from 600 to 800 feet altitude.)

The light appeared to move in short spurts or bursts from extremely fast to extremely slow. It then stopped and hovered for approximately five minutes. The overall glow or glimmer seemed to pulsate brighter then dimmer. The light was considerably more intense in the middle and dimmer or fuzzy around the outer perimeter.

After observing the object for a total of about eight minutes, the family was startled to see two orange-white, ball-shaped objects drop from beneath the larger object and fly northward at the approximate speed of an aircraft. As the two smaller objects (described by the daughter as looking like tiny orange moons) disappeared over the horizon, the larger object (described as being as big as a full moon) again moved slowly but erratically in a southeasterly direction. Gradually it picked up speed and moved away, appearing as if climbing up an incline.

None of the family heard any noise from any of the objects at any time, nor observed any exhaust of any sort. They observed numerous stars in the clear background sky, along with some widely scattered clouds.

Since the B's home is surrounded by the Rhode Island State Great Swamp Wildlife Game Management Area, it is extremely quiet and any noise could easily have been heard.

Review

Review of
Ralph and Judy Blum's
Beyond Earth

by
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The first book on UFOs to appear after the 1973 UFO wave was Ralph and Judy Blum's *Beyond Earth: Man's Contact with UFOs*. This book was the by-product of an abortive NBC television "white paper" on UFOs (not the December 1974 production). Ralph Blum had written an article on UFOs for *Cosmopolitan* magazine and then NBC hired him as a researcher and writer for its projected television show. He did his homework fairly well, and when the white paper was cancelled, Blum parlayed his notes into the Bantam paperback.

When I first saw the book, I fully expected it to be either of the Brad Steiger anything-goes variety or of the (See "Review" - Page Five)

Review

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Frank Edwards damn-the-fact-every-page-a-sighting stripe. The book is neither. It is a well-balanced, sober account of the UFO phenomenon, and it is written with an easy style that makes it quite readable.

The Blums cursorily trace the history of sightings, briefly discuss the Air Force's role in the controversy, give some examples of unpublicized UFO cases (e.g., the Monsieur X case), and go into great detail about the Pascagoula incident and the Herbert Schirmer (Ashland, Nebraska) case. The Blums avoid wild speculations, and they basically maintain an even-minded attitude for most of the book. The single exception comes at the end with the authors getting carried away with some rumors they heard about the Air Force cooperating with the Alan Sandler television show on UFOs and rashly predict that by 1975 "the government will release definite proof that extraterrestrials are watching us."

Aside from this lapse into prophecy, the book is marred by other flaws. The Blums, new to the UFO field, make the beginner's mistake of being unable to discriminate between fact and speculation, or between actual event and hoax. For instance, the authors uncritically accept Von Daniken's speculations and indulge in a little "ancient astronaut" theorizing of their own with very little fact to back them up.

Furthermore, the Blums seem to think that all literary passages about things celestial written in the past are evidence of that author's concern with UFOs. For example, the Blums state (p. 43) that Shakespeare "seems to have heard of UFOs" and quote from *King Henry VI, Part III* to "prove" it. The quotation, however, only proves that the Blums know very little about *King Henry VI, Part III* and Shakespeare's imagery. Shakespeare used the movement of the heavens to symbolize the actions of men, as did other writers living in the Elizabethan Age. The passage that the Blums quote refers to the line of succession to the throne and the fight between three brothers (three sons, or three sons) — not to UFOs.

The Blums annoyingly sprinkle the text with often irrelevant and "cute" analogies ("UFO flap years to ufologists are like vintage years are to wine connoisseurs" p. 93) and words ("Ufolklore") that tend to undercut the Blums' scholarship and the seriousness of the subject.

Perhaps the most damaging of the Blums' problems is their inability to recognize weaknesses in sighting cases. The authors place great stock in both the Pascagoula and Schirmer cases, with little

awareness of the grave problems that the Schirmer case contains (particularly in the witnesses' credibility) and with no concern for the inconsistencies and lack of thorough investigation of the Pascagoula incident.

Finally, the book is padded until it is mushy. Of the 226 pages of text, 42 pages are verbatim accounts of newspaper stories or are just blank. The Pascagoula incident receives 45 pages and Schirmer gets 12. That leaves 127 pages of other information — a mighty thin book when you come right down to it.

The Blums' book has other flaws, but in general it is a good starting point for any beginner who desires a modicum of knowledge about the UFO controversy. If a beginner reads this book and desires to learn more about UFOs, he or she will not have to spend much time *unlearning* what he read in the Blum book, which unfortunately is not the case with other popular books on the subject. In a sense, this is a positive achievement. The vast majority of popular books on UFOs are so filled with misinformation and poorly researched sensational sighting reports that they become ammunition for UFO debunkers. The first journalist to move away from this stance was John Fuller, who became interested in UFOs during the 1965-67 wave. Like Fuller, the Blums, when once exposed to the facts of the UFO controversy, correctly saw the immense importance of it, and *Beyond Earth* is an example of how UFO research is becoming more respectable in both the critically important sector of the scientific community and the equally important popular community. We must not forget that it was the popular community that exerted and is still exerting the major pressure for the established scientific community's acceptance of the UFO phenomenon as a legitimate field of inquiry. The Blums' book is another example of the pressure, and with over 500,000 copies of the book in print, it is bound to have a positive effect.

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CIA Documents On UFOs Released

By Brad Sparks

The Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) declassified the long-awaited full report of its 1953 scientific advisory panel on UFOs on 21 January 1975 at APRO request. Chaired by the late physicist-cosmologist, Dr. Howard Percy "Bob" Robertson, the panel was

convened on 14-17 January 1953 by the Administration Staff, Office of Scientific Intelligence (OSI or O/SI), Directorate of Intelligence (D/I, DDI or DD/I), CIA.

Most of the information deleted from the "sanitized" version of the 32-page memorandum (released in 1967) has been known to APRO since June 1973 by way of second-hand reports concerning the late Dr. James E. McDonald's notes, painstaking analysis and other sources.

The formerly SECRET memo was written by Frederick Clark Durant III for Dr. Harris Marshall "Chad" Chadwell, Assistant Director for Scientific Intelligence (ADSI or AD/SI), and is dated 16 February 1953. Durant, a rocket engineer, was a staff assistant to Chadwell, who was a physical chemist and head of OSI. The memo is comprised of six main parts: a title page and index (table of contents); 6 pages of meeting minutes; 18 pages of "unofficial" comments of the OSI Panel; the 2-page official report of the OSI Scientific Advisory Panel on UFOs dated 17 January 1953 and appended as "Tab A"; a 2-page list of documentary evidence presented (Tab B); and a 2-page list of Members, Associate Members and Interviewees of the OSI Panel (Tab C).

OSI Panel Members were: Panel Chairman Robertson, who at that time was on 2-year leave from his post as Professor of Mathematical Physics at California Institute of Technology to be a full-time consultant to OSI; physicist Dr. Luis Walter Alvarez, University of California, Berkeley; the late geophysicist Lloyd Viel Berkner (he did not have a doctorate), President of Associated Universities, Inc., which operated the particle accelerators of the Brookhaven National Laboratories; theoretical physicist Dr. Samuel Abraham Goudsmit, Chairman of the Physics Dept., Brookhaven National Laboratories; astronomer Dr. Thornton Leigh Page, Deputy Director, Office of Operations Research, John Hopkins University.

Associate Members were: Panel recording secretary Durant; and astronomer Dr. Josef Allen Hynek, Ohio State University, who was also a consultant to the U.S. Air Force Air Technical Intelligence Center (ATIC), which included the UFO Project BLUE BOOK.

Interviewees (or witnesses) before the Panel were: intelligence administrator Brig. Gen. William M. Garland (USAF), Commanding General, ATIC; ADSI Chadwell, CIA; electronic intelligence (ELINT) specialist Ralph Leigh Clark, Deputy Assistant Director for Scientific Intelligence (and often Acting ADSI when Chadwell was ill), CIA; the late intelligence administrator Brig Gen. Philip G. Strong (USMC), Chief, Operations Staff, OSI, CIA; atmospheric physicist

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Dr. Frederic Carl Emil Oder (Lt. Col., USAF), Deputy Chief, Physics & Electronics (P&E) Division, OSI, CIA; philosopher Dr. Stefan Thomas Possony, Senior Civilian, Special Studies Group, USAF Directorate of Intelligence; the late Capt. Edward J. Ruppelt (USAF), Chief, Aerial Phenomena Branch (Project 10073 "BLUE BOOK"), ATIC; aeronautical engineer Dewey J. Fournet, Jr., The Ethyl Corp. (formerly Project BLUE BOOK officer in USAF Directorate of Intelligence and now NICAP Board member); photo-interpreters (PI's) Lt. R.S. Neasham (USN) and Harry Woo, U.S. Navy Photographic Interpretation Laboratory (PIL).

Also present as observers were: weapons intelligence specialist David B. Stevenson, Weapons & Evaluation (W&E) Division, OSI, CIA; and intelligence officer Capt. Harry B. Smith (USAF), Estimates Division, USAF Directorate of Intelligence.

Ruppelt died in 1960; Robertson in 1961; Berkner in 1967; and Strong in 1971. APRO has located most of the people listed above who are still living, and is continuing to interview those who will permit it. Former ADSI Chadwell, who was one of the first three CIA officers to be publicly identified in connection with UFOs eight years ago, has told APRO he has been contacted by many amateur investigators and members of the publicity/lunatic fringe since then and consequently refuses to be interviewed.

The existence of a 1953 panel of scientists convened by the CIA to review the UFO subject was first revealed by Donald E. Keyhoe in his 1955 book and confirmed a few months later in a book by Ruppelt, who was present at four of the eight panel meetings. In 1957, then-NICAP-Director Keyhoe secured a one-page, heavily-edited summary of the two-page Panel Report (Tab A in the Durant memo) from the Air Force, which disclosed the names of the five Panel Members. Dr. Donald H. Menzel named the Office of Scientific Intelligence as the CIA unit that sponsored the panel, in his 1963 book. Menzel had been corresponding with the OSI Panel Members and USAF personnel knowledgeable of the panel since 1958.

During the late Dr. McDonald's first visit to Project BLUE BOOK on 6 June 1966, he was allowed to read and make notes from a full copy of the Durant memo, which had been retyped for the Air Force to correct embarrassing typographical errors in the CIA original and which had been "routinely" (but mistakenly) declassified by Maj. Hector Quintanilla on the basis of the 12-year

declassification schedule established by DoD Directive 5200.10 of 1961. McDonald's 20 June request for a Xerox copy of the memo was brought to CIA attention and refused, Quintanilla said on 30 July 1966. The CIA ordered the memo's classification upgraded to SECRET again.

John Lear, Science Editor of *Saturday Review*, received a moderately-edited 23-page copy of the 32-page Durant memo from the CIA through Quintanilla and the Secretary of the Air Force Office of Information (SAFOI) in August 1966. Editing (as distinguishable from "sanitizing") involves the *rewriting* and *retyping* of a document to omit sensitive material.

McDonald publicly identified Chadwell, Clark and Strong as being among the CIA officials present at the panel meetings, in his 22 April 1967 address to the American Society of Newspaper Editors. He also revealed the existence of two Associate Members of the panel (Durant and Hynek) and the presence of Gen. Garland at the meetings.

In October of 1967, APRO received a 30-page *sanitized* copy of the Durant memo from SAFOI. (Sanitization is the selective censorship of classified information from a document, usually done by razor blade or white tape on a photocopy of the original, which is then recopied.) This copy was published by the Lorenzens in 1968 (*UFOs Over The Americas*) and is identical to the copy published in the Condon report in 1969. The largest deletion was Tab C, the 2-page list of personnel concerned with the OSI Panel. Other deletions mostly dealt with CIA and Air Force intelligence organization, personnel and personnel titles.

Following inquiries on 21 October 1974, CIA official Robert S. Young offered to declassify the main body of the Durant memo for APRO and did so on 21 January 1975, minus Tab C. The list of evidence presented to the panel (Tab B) was left sanitized as it had been in 1967. (Young is now Records Administration Officer, Officer of Logistics, Directorate of Administration, CIA, as well as CIA Freedom of Information Coordinator for the new Freedom of Information Act Legislation that took effect 19 February 1975.)

Young declassified Tab C for APRO on 28 March 1975, and I then requested the declassification of "Battelle Memorial Institute" in CIA records (this was the only deletion in Tab B). The Air Force agreed on 20 June 1975 and Tab B was declassified five days later. By this time, several other UFO researchers had requested the so-called "Robertson Report" (actually the Durant memo) as well as the complete Tabs B and C.

The results of APRO analysis of the Durant memo and other CIA and USAF documentation on UFOs will be

published in the coming months.

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More On

"UFO Report"

Mr. Darwin Lamm, of *Creative Radio Shows*, 9121 Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles, California, 90069, is now distributing audition shows to radio stations that have expressed interest. Mr. Lamm has just completed an exploratory trip visiting stations on the West Coast and reports enthusiastic response from all those contacted. He predicts that the show will be a smash hit.

At this writing, Hall Starr, APRO's Director of Public Relations, is busy producing the first twenty shows. It is expected that the series will be aired beginning September 15.

Members are urged once again to contact their local stations with new information as follows: *Any bona fide representative of a commercial radio station can call Creative Radio Shows collect at (213) 276-5022 to obtain full details and an audition disc.*

Since it is of course preferable to have as many stations as possible signed up when the program starts, Mr. Lamm feels that this is one way to expedite matters toward that goal.

The potential this show has for increasing public awareness of APRO's work is almost limitless. It is hoped that one of the results will be an increased income base that will serve to finance several needed projects. Your phone call to your local radio station informing them that they can call *Creative Radio Shows* collect may be the deciding factor in signing up one more station. Make that call!

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Staff Artists

APRO has been most fortunate in having the services of our very talented staff artists. In the past months we have been making use of illustrations in the *Bulletin* as it is the best way to emphasize critical details of some reports. The work of Robert Gonzales, Norman Duke and Brian James will also grace the pages of Mrs. Lorenzen's new book, "Encounters with UFO Occupants" which will be another first for APRO: the first book on UFO occupants containing witness-approved illustrations. We will notify the members via the *Bulletin* concerning publication schedule, publisher, price, and where it will be available.