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## Editor's Note...

Besides the letters we publish many more are received enclosing items of interest, making inquiries or bringing up some matter not intended for publication. The mail, in fact, is so voluminous that regrettably we are often unable to thank correspondents for taking the trouble to write. We hope a word of appreciation here will help make up for that failure. Letters from readers are vital to this publication, and the continuing growth of our Letters section is a tangible and gratifying measure of the welcome it receives.

Thank you, everyone.

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Keeping pace with reader interest is public attention to the whole subject of UFOs. It is an encouraging trend that paradoxically raises a problem. As each issue becomes due there is far more material on hand than we can handle, and the trouble is compounded by the soaring price of paper, compelling us to reduce the number of pages just when we would like to increase it.

As readers may notice in this issue, our solution is to reduce the size of type to what is known as eight-point, which is the size used in these paragraphs. Some of the articles in this issue are in larger type, having been carried over from previous issues. This mixture may continue for a while but ultimately eight-point will be the standard type size.

We think it makes comfortable reading, but should any readers find otherwise, we would welcome their comments.

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## Picture Tells All

Just before going to press we received a call from Dr. William Allen of Seattle, who heads up UFO Analysis Project, which led to the most graphic evidence we have ever seen that defence authorities are indeed aware that this planet is being visited by highly skilled beings from one or more other worlds. The evidence was a photo (page 4) taken over the China sea from a U.S. military aircraft. Not only does the picture show in detail the recognizable saucer design often recorded by civilian photographers (to say nothing of many more witnesses without cameras) but the account of the incident goes on to say this obviously solid vehicle performed the UFO trick that boggles the primitive earthling mind: it vanished instantaneously. In other words, unless someone can come up with a better explanation, it dematerialized.

By now most of us have heard -- perhaps more than we want -- charges of government cover-ups, and by chance we had already scheduled for this issue an article by researcher Arthur Bray exploring the Canadian government's conduct in this respect. His informative account reminded us of a sighting made by a witness we interviewed in the Cariboo country who was later visited by an air force officer. To the witness' amazement, the officer produced a bulky file of glossy prints of UFOs to make comparisons with this new sighting. As the officer left, he warned the witness that if the visit was mentioned to anyone else, he would deny it.

In the U.S. recently charges of secrecy received more impetus with the appearance of Major Donald E. Keyhoe's book *Aliens from Space* (Doubleday & Co., Inc.). One particularly striking incident cited by Keyhoe concerned an encounter over Japan between a U.S. troop-carrying airliner and three enormous UFOs. The length of the strange craft was estimated at more than 2,000 feet! Yet somehow this frightening episode, reported to the Pentagon, escaped any real publicity.

But even if the news media had jumped on the story, how much impression would it have made without pictures -- official foolproof pictures? It narrows down to the old adage that one good picture is worth a thousand words. By that reckoning, Dr. Allen's photo is worth a book.



*On his rapeseed farm near Langenburg, Saskatchewan, Edwin Fuhr points to one of the circular impressions left on his field after five highly polished saucer-shaped objects dropped down for a visit on Sept. 9 this year. The impressions were about 11 feet in diameter with an untouched circle of grass in the center. Fuhr said that as the objects hovered with a revolving*

*motion just above the ground, he overcame his first paralyzing fear, descended from his swathing machine and walked within 15 feet of one of them. At that point they took off, trailing a gray vapor and creating a strong wind. Mrs. Fuhr came out in time to see one of the objects. Police evidence seems to confirm the case which has been referred to the National Research Council in Ottawa.*

# Return of the Flame - Throwers

*"As I looked, behold, a whirlwind came out of the north, and a great cloud, with brightness round about it, and fire flashing forth continually, and in the midst of the fire, as it were gleaming bronze.*

*"And from the midst of it came the likeness of four living creatures. And this was their appearance: They had the form of men." Ezekiel 1:4,5.*

If the evidence offered by UFO sightings is what it appears to be and we are indeed being visited by travellers from another world, it seems reasonable to conclude from the variety of vehicles and occupants that not just one other world is involved, but several. More over it appears that newcomers continue to arrive to duplicate what others did perhaps thousands of years ago.

Compared to what their predecessors have accomplished, assuming there is this sort of progression, the newcomers are clumsy beginners. While the pioneers apparently have graduated from the flaming objects reported in ancient scriptures to the sophisticated craft seen today with their controllable lighting effects -- sometimes controllable to the point of invisibility -- UFOs are still seen occasionally emitting belches of fire as if on the verge of disaster.

Early in 1974 there was a spate of such sightings, which raises the question: What developing world out there has reached the stage where it is now making its first bold journeys into distant space?

Newspaperman Klaus Muentner drew out attention to the arrival of flame throwers in a story he wrote for the Victoria (B.C.) Colonist. Dated May 2 at Youbou, a logging town in a picturesque lakeside setting on Vancouver Island, this was his report:

Youbou - In a matter of six minutes last Wednesday night Eric Meuser changed his mind about UFOs.

He no longer is a sceptic because what he, his wife, Rita and the couple's two sons, Roger, 16 and Ralph, 18, saw no argument can ever wipe from his mind. The picture is still as vivid and unshakeable as a sunrise or a sunset at Sasenoos Bay, Youbou, where the couple owns a motel at the shore of Cowichan Lake.

It is a quiet spot. Some of the mountains one can almost touch, others are a scenic backdrop of a beautiful landscape which is dominated by the large expanse of the lake.

Wednesday night it was not different. It was peaceful. Leaving his trailer home at the motel site at about 11 p.m. to lock the office, Meuser had his customary look at the night sky to get an idea what the weather would be like the next day.

Momentarily he froze. High in the sky through an opening of the cloud layer he saw what he had seen many times during the war - a burning aircraft. "My gosh one of the large airliners on its way to Alaska or Japan is on fire!" flashed through his mind.

For a few seconds he watched the spectacle and as the fiery, tumbling object, emitting a flaming substance, zeroed in on his property he ran to the trailer to get his wife and sons out. Seconds later the whole family stood and stared.

The object was still tumbling towards them, growing bigger as it plunged towards the ground, when suddenly beneath the layer of broken clouds which touched the 3,000 foot mountains behind the motel it stopped over the lake.

There were three very bright masses of orange lights spaced in a triangular shape, Meuser recalled, and his son, Ralph, remarked, "You could not have missed them even if you were blind." Tilted at a slight angle, the lights rotated and although no forms could be distinguished - "not even with binoculars" - it was something very large to which those lights were attached.

Four more times a flaming substance streamed down but before it reached the lake surface it went out. There was no noise from the hovering object, Meuser said.

While the family stared in disbelief at the phenomenon, the object suddenly began to move slowly. "At first it moved so slowly that we were not aware of any movement until the lights grew smaller," said Ralph. While it disappeared to the east Meuser phoned the RCMP but nothing was observed by them.

"I also tried to phone the defence department in Victoria, without success. Finally after several attempts I was connected with the armed forces base at Comox where a lieutenant took my report," Meuser said. He explained that the sighting from the time he spotted the object to the departure lasted about six minutes.

"I have never believed that they existed and laughed at people who told me that they had seen a UFO. My hair stood straight up - it was out of this world." Meuser said.

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Curious to see just where this remarkable incident occurred, we motored to Youbou and spoke to Mr. and Mrs. Meuser at their clean, newly-built motel.

"We thought at first it was going to hit us," Meuser said. "It was tumbling down in a steep spiral and looked as if it was out of control. I saw many planes shot down during the war and that's exactly what this thing looked like."

"Our first instinct was to run away," his wife added. "But then we thought, no, we've run enough. We'll stay right here and see what happens."

Obviously at that moment their minds were flashing back to fearful memories of war. No doubt it occurred to them they were watching the first terrible sign that another great war had started. In that instant an awful fear was their immediate and overwhelming reaction.

But Muentner's report, which Meuser praised for its accuracy, explained what happened next.

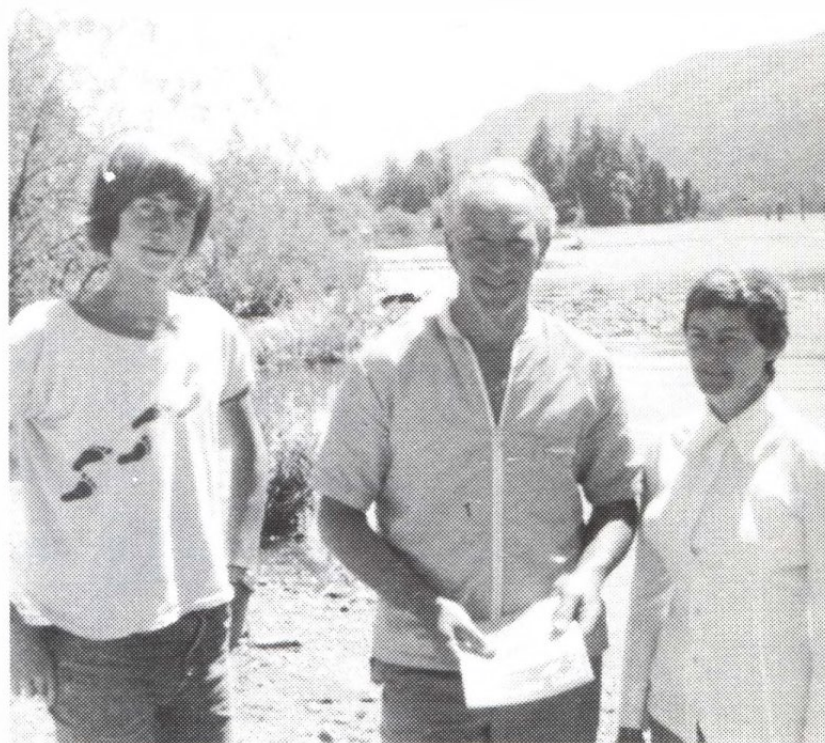
"It stopped right over that island," Meuser said, pointing to a small wooded outcropping half a mile way. "But it was never quite still. Besides rotating, it kept moving in a slight arc."



*Reprinted from Overlords, Olympians and the UFO by permission of the author and copyright holder, Dr. Wm. Gordon Allen, this extraordinary photo (opposite) is striking evidence that defence authorities are far more aware of the UFO problem than the public is being allowed to believe. It was taken over the N.E. China sea by a U.S. military photographer. The UFO is described as having a high-level of radiation emanating from its top and being gold in color over its lower half. After tracking the military aircraft for a short time, the object was said to vanish as if it had dematerialized.*

*In his book Dr. Allen includes quotation from a text on space science used at the U.S. Air Force Academy, which tells of four possible levels of "alien intelligences" thought to be behind the UFO conundrum. It admonishes students to "keep an open mind" and points out that "our physics may not apply to the UFO which has been with us for perhaps 50,000 years." Dr. Allen suggests the UFO shown here may be an example of an "inter-dimensional travel device."*

*Dr. Allen, a design specialist in engineering at The Boeing Co., Seattle, will report further on his UFO findings in the next issue of Canadian UFO Report. His book Overlords, Olympians and the UFO may be obtained from Health Research, P.O. Box 70, Mokolumne Hill, Calif. 95245, U.S.A. Price is \$7.50.*



*Mr. & Mrs. Meuser with son Roger. UFO flew over island in background.*

To illustrate, Meuser moved his hand back and forth in a convex arc like that made by the tip of a music timer. He said while this was going on, flaming pieces from the object appeared to drop directly toward the island.

"Next day we crossed over to the island and looked carefully all around," he said. "But we found nothing unusual."

The Youbou incident reminded us that recently we had seen other reports of flaming flying objects, all occurring in a brief series last February. According to our files, the first was a report in NICAP's *UFO Investigator* dated Feb. 12. It said Kenny Sherrer of Hackneyville, Alabama was driving home that night when he noticed what appeared to be automobile headlights among trees bordering the highway.

"As he passed the entrance to an old deserted house," the report continued, "a fiery object resembling a mass of burning ashes and having a dull glow emerged from the driveway of the abandoned home and began to follow him."

Kenny's nightmare continued all the way home, during which time the object circled the car and never rose higher than the power lines. The witness said the object, about half the size of his car, kept pace with him even when in a state of near panic he accelerated to 100 m.p.h.

"The fiery mass remained on the driver's side of the car except when it briefly circled," the report said. "Kenny's father inspected the auto after his son arrived home but could find no signs of heat damage. The youth was so badly frightened by the experience that a numb-

ness developed on the right side of his body and was diagnosed by a doctor as a nervous condition; it disappeared in about three days."

On Feb. 16 Gordon Matlock, a member of the Civil Air Patrol at Sullivan, Missouri saw his wife point to something in the sky and, looking up, had the same reaction that the Meusers at Youbou, B.C. were to experience weeks later -- an aircraft was on fire! But then he noticed the fire remained constant in diameter. Despite its startling appearance, the burning object over the Matlocks' house was apparently under control.

As the object moved away, it dropped or lowered a section of "bright intensity" toward the ground. That, too, was somewhat like the Youbou incident, but in this case the witness did not think the separated piece was on fire. A check with authorities revealed no aircraft in the area and no radar sightings.

At night three days later another flame-thrower was seen by numerous witnesses, including an astonished policeman who trailed it in his patrol car, over the outskirts of Rochester, Minnesota.

"I followed the UFO and kept in view for about five miles," police officer Jim Preiss told the *National Enquirer*. "I spoke briefly to some of the dozens of motorists who had stopped on the shoulder of the road to watch the strange object -- and they were pretty upset because they had no explanation for what they had seen.

"I continued to chase the UFO and it started to zoom away. I tried to keep up with it but it was just hopeless. It climbed very rapidly and within six seconds it was out of sight."

Another witness followed the object was Jim Kuhlma, operator of a tow-truck service.

"I almost pinched myself to make sure it was happening," he said. "As it passed over my head, I could see clearly that it had a square base with a dome on top. The UFO was about the size of three tow trucks and was travelling about 20 miles an hour. The strangest thing of all was that it had five rows of what appeared to be afterburners like those on jet planes. Six jets of very bright orange flames were spewing out of each row. When it passed about 100 feet over me, it made no noise at all."

As the 1973 epidemic of UFO sightings had not entirely faded out, it would appear the flame-throwers were part of the large force visiting earth. If so, the world from which they came had apparently become a member of the league of advanced civilizations, if we may call it that. Perhaps, in fact, the whole show was being staged in celebration!

## North American "Meteor"

Our discussion in Vol. 3, No. 1 of the remarkable so-called "fireball" that streaked through the skies of western North America Aug. 10, 1972 has brought further observations from readers that deepen the mystery of this extraordinary incident. While scientists appear ready to file the story away under the heading of "meteors," we are inclined more than ever to ask: was this an artificial device, intended possibly to test our atmosphere for alien visitors?

One reader who added a curious detail to the sighting was Marc Leduc, 27, employed by the Catholic schools commission of Montreal. Leduc and his wife, Joanne, were in Jackson, Wyoming on a holiday trip at the time. Their position gave them a grand-stand seat for the display, as later plotting of the object showed it passed just slightly west of that point on its northward flight.

"I was looking at the balconies and terraces of Jackson when I suddenly saw it in front of me in the sky," Leduc wrote. "I took my wife's arm and pointed. It was a white, bright disc with red, blue, yellow, green and orange incandescent fire at the rear. There was also a fire tail and a white trail of smoke, large like the disc itself. This trail was vanishing rapidly. *It seemed to me there was a vertical black stick at the rear.*"

Mrs. Leduc's description agreed with her husband's, except she did not see the black stick. That could be an important difference but, as Leduc remarked, he saw the object "much longer" than she. Since the sighting lasted only seconds, that additional time factor could account for the difference.

Another possible significant detail noted by both Mr. and Mrs. Leduc was that burning was taking place at the rear of the object, not the front which would be the hottest part of a fireball. Witnesses quoted in our first article also noted this curious detail which seemed to suggest that the tail end was equipped with a propulsive or smoke-making device. Barrie Jones of Calgary even saw what he thought were jets at the rear.

Understandably flames would fan back to the rear but none of these witnesses reported seeing the front section aglow, as one would expect.

The strange absence of a glow in front was brought out in correspondence from another reader, Mrs. Betty Jones of Kalispell, Montana, another point close to the line of flight. Mrs. Jones quoted a neighbor who had a good view of the object as describing it as a

"blue ball which looked like it had been painted" and left a white smoke trail. This painted effect, which seemed far removed from a glowing appearance, was also emphasized in a letter-to-editor carried by the *Kalispell Daily Inter Lake*.

"Flare was visible at the rear of the object (or at least a red glow), and it was leaving that solid trail of smoke," wrote Clayton Kelly. "Ahead of the burning tail seemed to be a fuselage or some such shape. Some portion of it, at least, was a bright blue - not incandescent, or luminous, but more like a bright blue painted surface."

Yet despite the similarity in descriptions of those who observed a "blue" and apparently metallic object (including witnesses in British Columbia as reported in our previous article), there were others who saw differently.

"The front was very hot looking, a glowing reddish orange color," said Irene Wyman of Columbia Falls, Montana. The cone (center) part was silver and it had a white vapor, like a jet stream."

Descriptions of that sort tended to support the scientific view that the object was a meteor, and in the July, 1974 issue of *Sky and Telescope* a well illustrated article by Luigi Jacchia, a Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory astronomer, who personally witnessed the incident seemed to confirm that opinion. (See Letters for further comment.)

Discussing the object's "unique trick of skipping back into space," Jacchia wrote:

"Sonic booms were heard after the passage of the meteor in Montana, near mid-trajectory, but not at the end of the observed flight, between Calgary and Edmonton, where the object faded to invisibility in mid-sky.

"For sonic booms to have been heard on the ground the source must have been lower than 60 kilometers because, owing to the steep decrease of temperature in the atmosphere above that height, shock waves originating at greater heights are refracted upward...

"But, if the fireball had been at a height of, say, 50 kilometers over Montana and had continued to descend, it would have been quite close to the ground in Alberta and should have produced even louder booms there. Also, it seemed strange not to have any report of impact from that region, which is fairly well populated. A body capable of producing a fireball of the observed brilliance would have impacted with the energy of an atomic bomb, and seismic disturbances should have been recorded.

"This evidence led me to the rather obvious conclusion that the body had entered the earth's atmosphere at a

very small angle to the horizontal, reached a minimum height of less than 60 kilometers above Montana, and continued its flight without impacting."

There is, of course, no question of Jacchia's qualifications to discuss this notable incident with authority. He is an expert on meteors and obviously took great pains to assemble his data. Yet there are curious discrepancies in his presentation.

Foremost is the impression he creates that the object started an outward climb before moving over Canada where it became soundless because of its altitude. That simply does not agree with the facts.

In its first report of the incident *Sky and Telescope* of October, 1972 reported that David Shelton, a fire warden at the Natal forest lookout in B.C. noticed a "faint rumbling" two or three minutes after he saw the object cross the sky to the east. It is obvious from this report by an experienced observer that the object was still below the critical height of 60 kilometers when it crossed the international border.

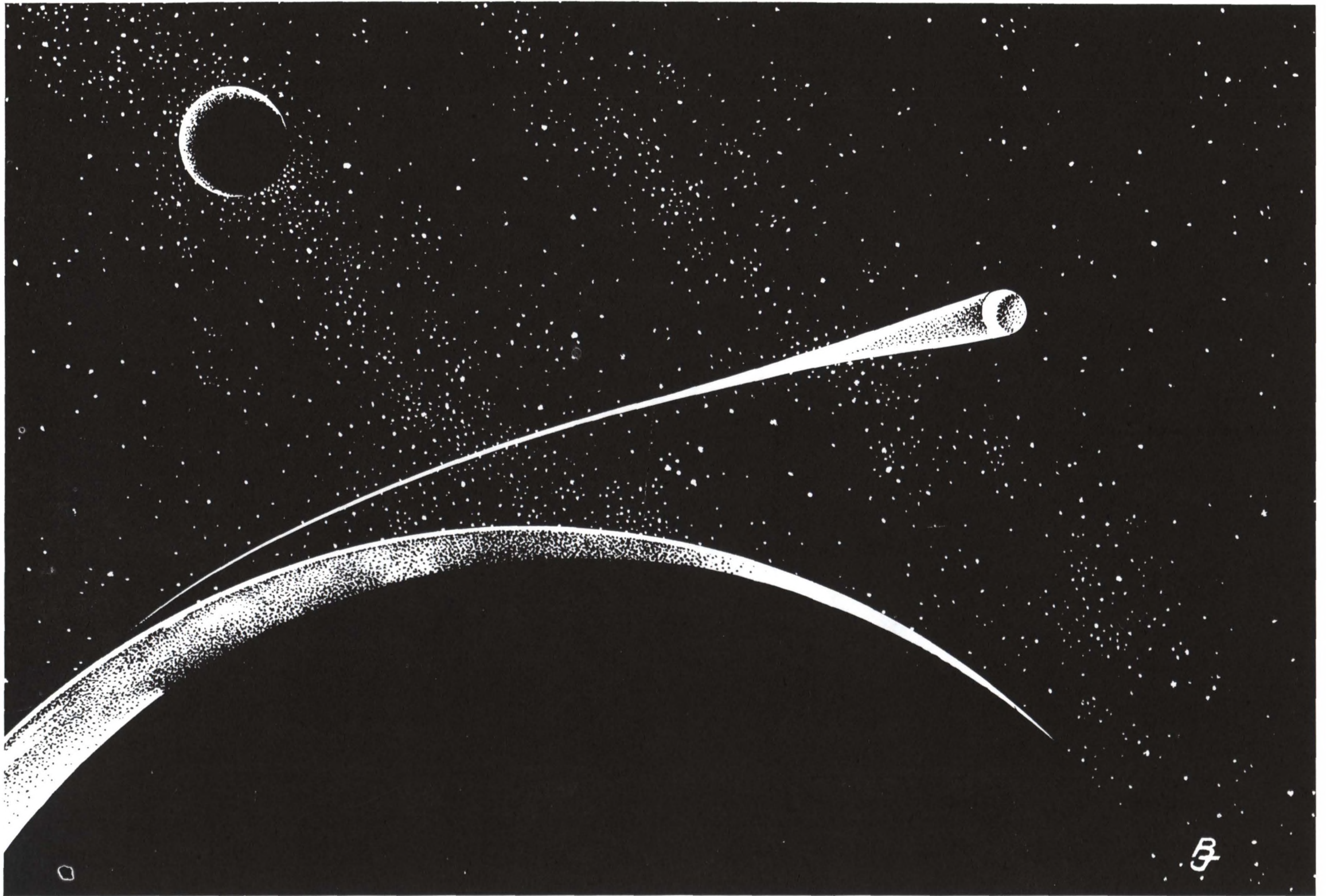
Referring again to Jacchia's article, it is strange that nowhere in his otherwise detailed account does he mention the times of sighting, even though calculation is made of the earth's position of the date of encounter and of the object's velocity. It would seem that readers interested in the rest of the precise data would like to have that information as well if, for example, they wished to determine more exactly the earth's position and the object's relative movement.

However, it is not our purpose to "knock the experts." We do not pretend for a minute to have the equipment for such a game, which in any case is not relevant to our discussion. What we do wish to emphasize is that the circumstances of the sighting were much more complex than they are being made to appear.

Luigi Jacchia himself seems to have been an unwitting part of the puzzle. In the October, 1972 issue of *Sky and Telescope* times of sighting were mentioned. An astronomer in Utah made a note of 2:27 p.m. Mountain daylight time, the fire warden at Natal made a note of 2:28 p.m. MDT, while Jacchia reported 2:32 p.m. MDT a difference of about five minutes! Also Jacchia remembered seeing the object "for about one minute" which was about 20 seconds longer than anyone else reported and well over half the period of 101 seconds recorded as the total time of known flight. (The object was tracked by a space device from 2:28:29 to 2:30:10.)

Understandably mistakes were made in noting an incident that happened so unexpectedly, but we are unwilling to accept as a mistake everything that seems at variance with the sightings of a natural phenomenon.

For instance, in addition to the oddities mentioned here, there are these as reported in vol. 2, no. 6 and



*This is Brian James' striking concept of the North American "fireball" leaving earth, having completed its mysterious mission.*

T.S. Douglas at Granum, Alberta said burning was taking place at the rear of the object, not the front, and the object appeared to dip as if adjusting its own altitude; he observed a second saucer-shaped object following in the smoke trail. (Also he heard a sonic boom that sounded like "rolls of thunder.")

Barrie Jones of Calgary, who was able to photograph the supposedly high-flying object with a small wrist camera, estimated the actual height at 4-5,000 feet. He said "it was very shiny, with four jets that were multicolored."

Witnesses at Gull Lake, Sask., about 200 miles east, reported seeing an object "shaped like a basketball, bright and shiny in color as if of silver metal." They said it disappeared in mid-air.

Finally newspaper editor Mrs. T.N. Weit of Windermere, B.C. reported that she, her brother and a friend early that same eventful afternoon watched an object from her patio that flew so low and close "it seemed to skim just over the tops of my apple trees. It was an iridescent blue and we definitely thought it had a metallic appearance."

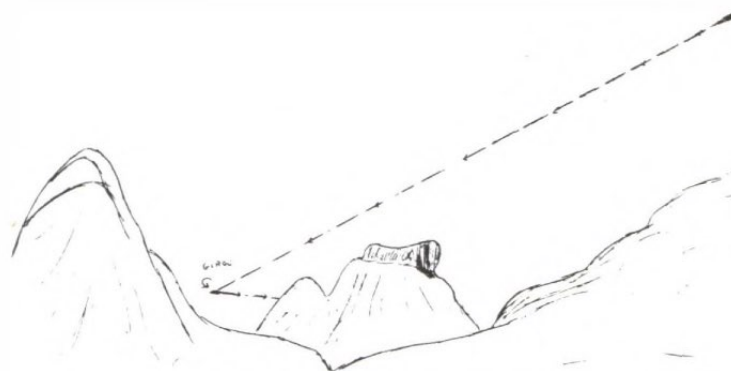
We believe that the testimony of these witnesses, plus at least one good photo, leaves no doubt at all that contrary to scientific supposition the object *did* continue to descend after it crossed into Canada. In fact, it came down virtually to ground level, yet it did not impact. The lack of any seismic disturbance suggested that somehow from zero altitude it lifted itself clear of the Rockies and escaped. If that does not indicate something other than a natural phenomenon, what does?

Perhaps the most expressive reaction was provided in *Sky and Telescope* by Luigi Jacchia himself who concluded that "no matter how you look at it, it was an extraordinary fireball."

## South American "Meteor."

A dazzling aerial display, similar in some respects to the North American incident, occurred over South America on Feb. 14 this year when a brilliant object soared across the Brazillian night sky. Thanks to Mme. Irene Granchi, we received much useful material on this spectacular flight which spanned at least 250 miles over the State of Rio de Janeiro.

As in the North American case, the object flew low without impacting, and its behavior almost certainly ruled out any likelihood that it was a natural phenomenon. Theories were that it was a meteor, comet or relic of a space vehicle, but none of these explained how the object managed to make a right-hand turn after passing

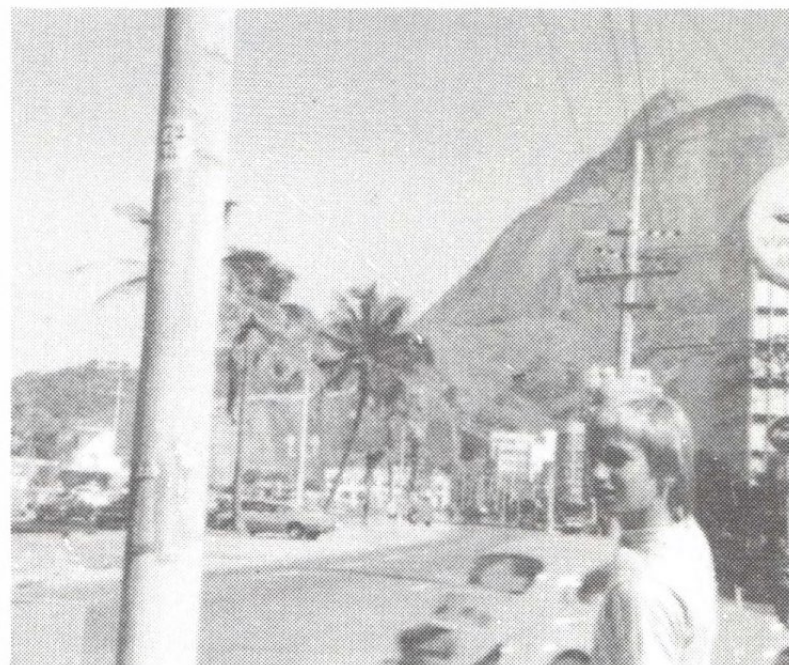


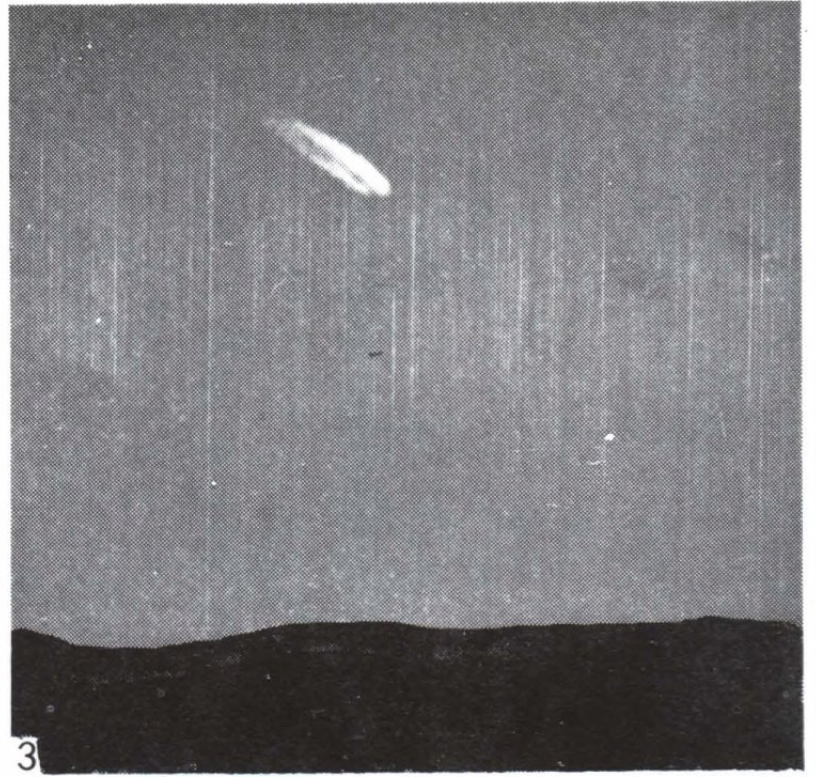
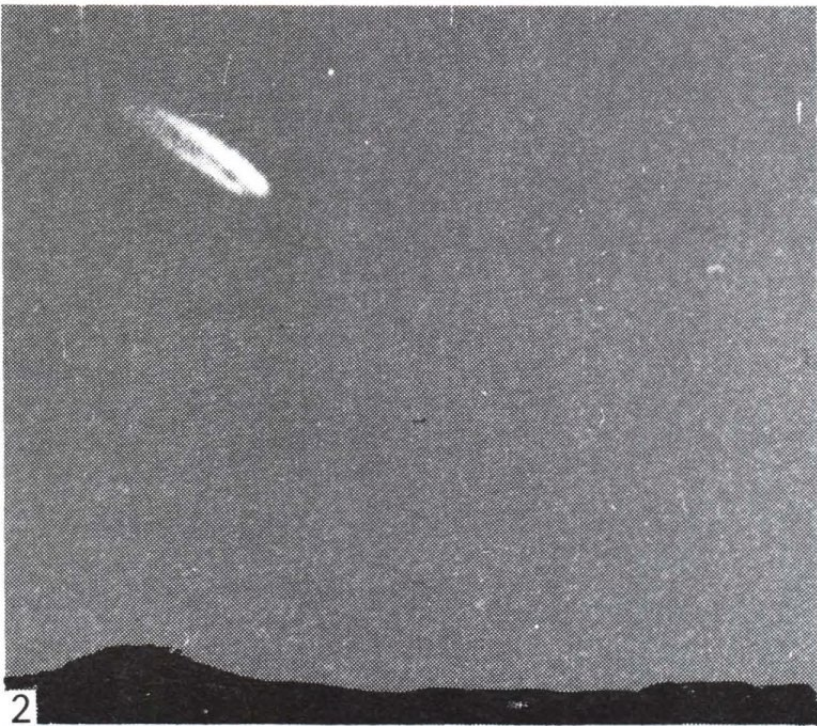
between two mountains, Dois Iramnos and the Pedra da Gavea, overlooking Rio de Janeiro. This extraordinary maneuver is illustrated here by one of the witnesses, Lucia Maria Mafra Dutra. Another witness, Lane Blocker, is shown pointing to the harbor city's famous landmark, Dois Iramnos, as an indication of how low the object was travelling.

More startling evidence of the object's strange behavior is furnished by the pictures overleaf taken by an alert photographer for the *O Globo* newspaper. The photographer managed to take 17 successive pictures of the object, from which these five were selected. His feat would have been impossible if he were photographing a "shooting star" or space debris rocketing out of orbit.

Obviously the object, unlike any recognizable body leaving the heavens, was flying "low and slow." Also as in the North American case, it avoided hitting anything and, being in the southern hemisphere, it was precisely in mid-summer. In fact, by seasonal reckoning, it was just six months almost to the day from the Aug. 10 sighting in North America.

Does it portend an invasion, just as its northern predecessor apparently did?





# Between You and Me

## *The Recent Change of Climate over UFOs*

by *Brinsley Le Poer Trench*  
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On January 8, 1969, the University of Colorado panel of scientists, headed by the late Dr. Edward U. Condon, commissioned by the U.S. Air Force, published the results of their study of unidentified objects.

Although the very lengthy report contained radar and visual sightings that could not be explained, it was the negative introduction to the report by Condon himself that really 'put the boot in' and put paid - or so it seemed at the time - to ufology being taken seriously.

The introduction by Condon was probably the only part of the close on 1,000-page report that newspaper men troubled to read. Consequently, there were headlines in the world press stating that UFOs did not exist. Authority had stated it. After that, the media ceased to give any reports (or a bare minimum) for some considerable time.

In spite of the Condon report, UFOs continued to be reported all over the planet, culminating in an unprecedented spate of UFO activity during the last three months of 1973 in the Americas, Europe and elsewhere, and reports have continued during the first half of 1974. Now, the world press is reporting the UFO scene again. The harm done to ufology by publication of the Condon report has almost evaporated, though the wounds remain to some little extent.

Oddly enough, the pendulum has swung right back the other way. Public opinion is now more than ever coming round to the view that the UFOs are something to be seriously considered. Indeed, a recent Gallup Poll established that 51% of those interviewed in the United States believe the UFOs to be real. This was the highest figure ever recorded in these polls. However, this swing in favour of the existence of the UFOs is not confined to the United States. There is a marked trend to the same effect in Europe, including the United Kingdom. Last November, in Italy, due to the UFO 'flap' going on there at the time, a radio station in Rome had for one of its regular 'phone in' programmes - UFOs. While the programme was in progress, people were phoning to describe flying saucers that they could see from the windows of their apartments! Just imagine the interest this must have caused throughout Italy.

Although there are not now so many downright sceptics among middle-aged and older people as before, it is the younger generations that tend to accept the subject

as a matter of course. Naturally, not all of them. You will appreciate that I am writing in general terms. The general attitude of the younger generations reminds me of the remark made about UFOs many years ago by the late Jean Cocteau, the famous French poet of international repute who died in 1963. He said: 'The astonishing thing would be if they did not exist.'

There seems to be a subtle change of climate, too, in the attitude of Authority to the UFO subject. Here in Britain, there has always been very little given out from either the Ministry of Defence or the Air Ministry. They may have 'explained' some reports over the years as being the planet Venus, spots before the eyes, meteorites, or debris from expended satellites re-entering our atmosphere. However, they certainly have not been so talkative as their counterparts in the United States who over the years issued both 'hot' and 'cold' statements, causing the public to be utterly confused. In Britain, on the whole, there has always been that quiet British reticence, if you see what I mean.

Well, that policy of being unforthcoming to the public still operates with the Ministry of Defence. However, I have the odd friend or so in the Ministry, and without divulging any names or secrets, I get the firm impression that they are perfectly aware of the reality of the UFOs. That in fact, UFOs have been tracked on radar many times, as well as having been seen from R.A.F. aircraft.

But, as in the case of the U.S. Air Force, their British counterparts are only concerned with any possible threat to our air space. Up till now, I gather that no such threat has manifested itself. Therefore, there is no cause for the Ministry to take any direct action.

I can well understand that for the present the UFOs must remain 'under wraps', though I have not been told this one way or the other. In my assessment, the authorities do not have all the answers - again, I have not been told this - and would be subject to some awkward questions from both Parliament and the general public if any premature announcement was made that the UFOs are real.

The impression I get from my friends is that the Ministry hope that the public will gradually get used to seeing the UFOs in our skies, and that eventually there will be a gradual general acceptance of them. As I wrote earlier in this article there is already a marked trend in this direction.

Naturally, individuals in both the Ministry of Defence and the R.A.F. are curious as from where the UFOs emanate and what their motives are in coming here. All ufologists and, indeed, the public would like to know the answers to these all important questions, too.

Now, what I have written here is strictly 'off the cuff', and in no way official. I repeat that all this is my im-

pression of the official attitude which has changed in recent years, and is only to be taken at that evaluation. The Ministry may well deny what I have written about radar and visual sightings. If so, I would not blame them.

Nevertheless, I am convinced that they do know of the reality of the UFOs, and I think that we can best help the authorities by passing on to them all UFO sightings and landing reports. If we do this - and I think it important - then it must be stressed that no important information will come our way from them. The reason for that is obvious to any person who has his or her head screwed on properly. They have a security job to do, and if the authorities were to return the compliment by giving us data about UFOs, then 'the cat would be out of the bag!'

What I have written here is highly controversial as many ufologists are suspicious and critical of the authorities over the way the UFO situation has been handled in past years. I must admit that I was, too. However, I have to a great extent changed my views.

To sum up, the impression I get in Britain is that the Ministry of Defence would like our assistance in passing over UFO reports, and that in turn, they appreciate our efforts through groups, books, magazines and newsletters, to educate the public about the UFOs.

Strangely enough, I have a 'hunch' that the ufonauts themselves appreciate that we are doing our best to do a public relations job for them. They probably don't want to cause a panic by suddenly landing all over the place, and would no doubt, prefer public opinion to accept them before making such an open contact. I think we are well on the way to such a dramatic situation.

## Mystery and Imagination

by M.B. Gaunt

PART TWO

In the last issue of *Canadian UFO* we dealt with the story of the disappearance of THE WARATAH, the liner that vanished from the seas between Durban and Cape Town leaving no trace of any kind. We surmised that the ship had been lifted from this planet and taken to a museum on another sphere where it was viewed purely as a specimen of the state of advance in the science of earthly travel.

Your Editor suggested a further article on events of a similar nature. Events that were well documented and authentic in their scope. So here for your interest and speculation are a few more such cases.

Ships and the sea have been responsible for many strange problems but none is eerier than that of THE

VIENNE for she did not disappear in the vast reaches of the ocean but on one of the busiest sea-lanes of the world. She was, of all things, a French naval vessel and the year was 1903. She left Rochefort on the west coast of France on December 10 of that year and was never seen again. Her destination was the Port of Toulon in the Mediterranean and she carried a full load of shells for the French Navy stationed in that area. It was only a short voyage and she was due to reach the latter port in three days time. When she did not show up at the end of that period little anxiety was felt by the authorities as it was thought that the delay could have been caused by a mechanical failure of some kind or other.

When, however, Christmas had come and gone with still no sign or news of the ship, both the Navy and the public became concerned and demanded action. A French warship was sent out to follow the route taken by THE VIENNE and was ordered to make a diligent search for the missing vessel. For over a week the warship combed the area thoroughly, criss-crossing an area of approximately 2,000 square miles. No wreckage was found and there appeared to be no clue to any possible disaster that might have overcome the missing ship.

A second French Cruiser, the GUICHEN, was sent out to comb the area as far north as Ireland in case the VIENNE had lost her engine power and had drifted northward that coast. The cruiser might just as well have stayed in her home port for she met with no success.

Then, two months after the ship's vanishing act, a strange thing occurred. On a beach in southwestern France a heavy brass chronometer was found half buried in sand. It was proven conclusively to have belonged to the VIENNE. How it could have got to such a place is a complete mystery.

All through the years mariners have made uncountable speculations about that chronometer. If the ship had blown up through a fire in the ammunition where was the wreckage that would have resulted and how could an instrument have survived without any damage whatsoever and how could it possibly have travelled many miles to the sandy beach where it was found?

In 1928, comparatively modern times, the pride of the world's remaining sailing ships also disappeared and left no trace of any kind to mark her passing. This great ship, named KOBENHAVN, was the pride of the Danish nation and had been built in the true Viking spirit. She was a five-masted barque and was used for the purpose of training for the naval and merchant marine services. When she left Denmark she had officers and some experienced crew, also 60 cadets in training.

The KOBENHAVN was equipped with auxiliary diesel engines, and she also had her own experienced wireless operator with his necessary broadcasting equipment.

The ship reached South America and docked for a while in the harbour of Montevideo. She sailed from that port on December 15, 1928 and was later sighted of the mouth of the River Plate. Nothing has been seen of her since. She disappeared silently from the face of the Pacific Ocean. No wireless calls for help were heard by any ship or shore station. No wreckage of her was ever found and her fate remains a mystery that can never be solved. If the wind failed her she had engines, if she got into any difficulty she had her wireless to call for help. Her loss turned Denmark into a country of mourning within the memory of millions of people alive today. Where did she go? What happened to her and why did she not call for help?

The story of the MARY CELESTE has been told many times but we believe that there are always people who have never heard of that ill-fated vessel and that in the context of this article it can bear to be told again.

The MARY CELESTE was a brigantine of about 300 tons burden and she plied regularly between New York and the Mediterranean ports. She was 100 feet in length with a beam of 25 feet. She was captained by Benjamin Briggs, an experienced trader and navigator who had made many voyages across the Atlantic and was reckoned to be a sober and competent sailor.

His crew was composed of the following men: Albert Richardson, first mate; Edward Gillings, second mate; Edward W. Head, cook. Four German sailors comprised the rest of the crew. All on board had excellent reputations both as men and as sailors. It was December of the year 1872 and just before sailing date the Captain was joined by his wife Sarah and his small daughter Sophia who was two years of age. So there were now ten souls aboard the MARY CELESTE when she was ready to sail. The cargo on board consisted of 1,700 barrels of alcohol which were stacked carefully in the hold and the hatches securely battened down.

She cleared the Port of New York on November 7 and set her course to the Mediterranean via the Islands of the Azores. This being a course that guaranteed good following winds most of the way to landfall at Cape St. Vincent at the southwest corner of Portugal. From there it would be an easy run to Gibraltar and the inland sea.

A strong westerly wind carried the MARY CELESTE to the Azores where she arrived on November 24 with no sign of trouble on board. But from this moment we are sure of nothing.

On December 4 the DEI GRATIA, a brigantine out of New York and also bound for the Mediterranean, had reached a position near Lat. 38.20N. and Long .17.15W. Captain Moorhouse and his second mate, named Wright were on deck. The lookout on deck observed that they were slowly overhauling another ship that was ob-

viously a brigantine. Captain Moorhouse and the mate came on deck and the former took a look at the stranger through his telescope. He saw that the ship was making westward and that one of her fore topsails was hanging loose. There was no sign of anyone being on board.

All hands were called on deck and a boat, manned by three of the crew, was launched. When they came within hailing distance of the stranger they shouted in unison to attract attention. There was no reply. They passed the stern of the boat and read her name: MARY CELESTE. The sailors knew her well and that she had sailed from New York before they had left port. Two of the men climbed on board and began to inspect her.

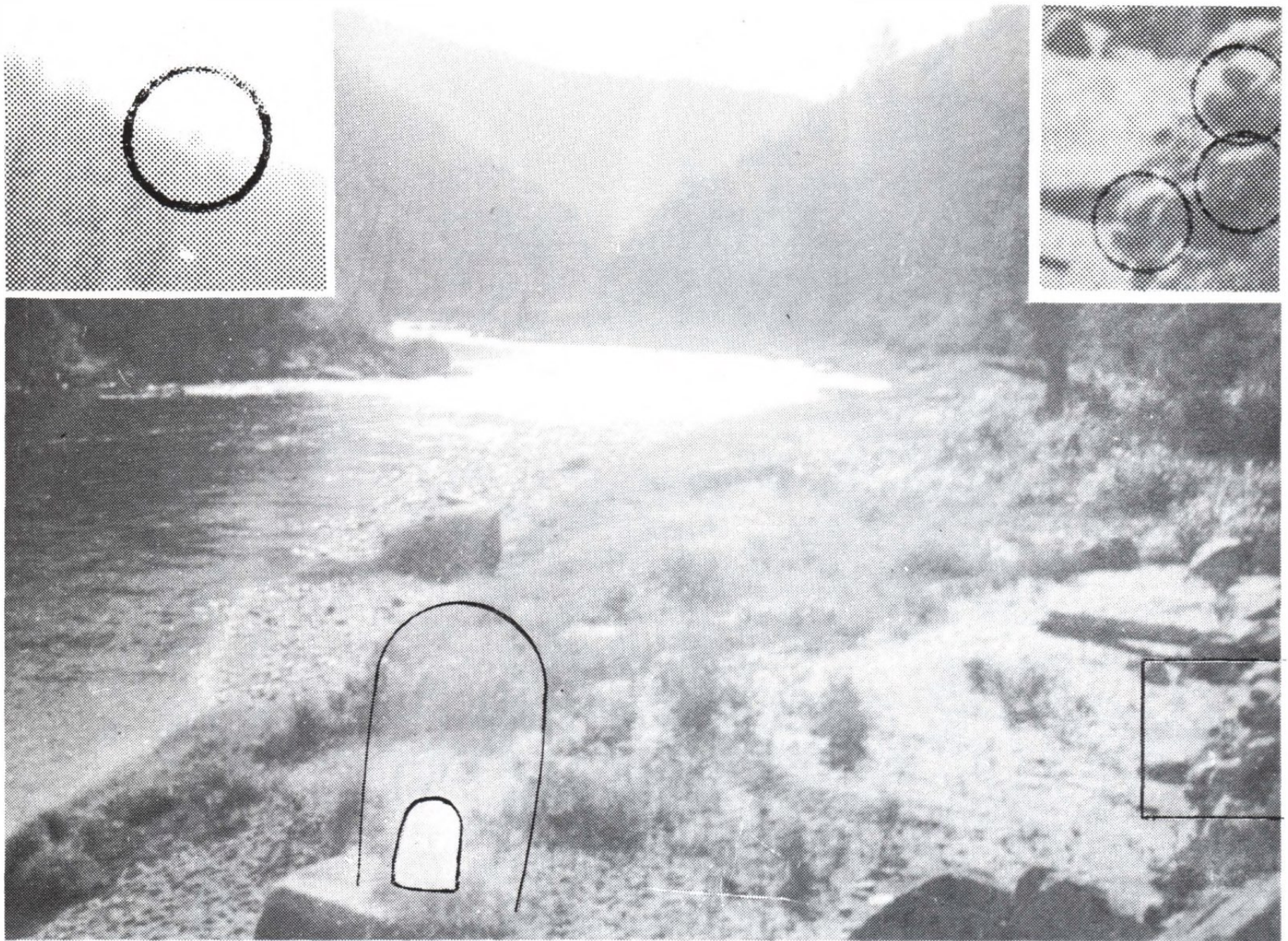
All they found wrong was only what could be expected of a ship found in the middle of the Atlantic beating her way off course and with no crew. The two headsails were in good working order but some of the rigging was fouled. One hatch was off and the compass was broken. The last entry in the log was one made when the ship was passing through the Azores.

Captain Moorhouse placed a crew of three men aboard the MARY CELESTE with orders to make for Gibraltar and keep company with his own ship. The two ships arrived in the British stronghold on December 3 where Captain Moorhouse handed over the MARY CELESTE to the Admiralty together with a claim for salvage.

With the thoroughness of a great naval nation the British ordered a Mr. John Austin, a surveyor of shipping, to make a full and comprehensive report on all the circumstances surrounding the sailing and the finding of the MARY CELESTE.

Then an Admiralty Court was convened and the official enquiry got underway. Many theories were brought forward in an endeavour to explain what had happened to the crew of the MARY CELESTE varying from an explosion aboard to piracy, but the theories would not fit in with the known facts of the case. The evidence given by Mr. Deveau, the mate of the DEI GRATIA, who had been the first man to board the derelict, was to the effect that he had seen no signs of violence of any kind and no results of any explosion. At the end of the enquiry the Captain and crew of the DEI GRATIA were awarded nearly 2,000 pounds in salvage money and cargo of alcohol reached its destination in Genoa. But the mystery remained as it does today, completely insoluble. Hundreds of articles and scores of books have been written about the strange disappearance of the crew and passengers of the brigantine but no invented explanation answers all arguments against it.

Perhaps our explanation is as good as any other. We refer to our theory devised from our imagination. That somewhere on another planet is a museum of ships, both sailing ships and steamships. Perhaps the beings of that planet in outer space required human specimens that were the crew of a brigantine. Who knows?



According to Mr. and Mrs. Orval Wyman, the bright blue object so apparent in our cover picture was not there when Mr. Wyman took the snapshot in color. Nor was there any camping equipment lying about which might suggest it was a coffee pot standing there unnoticed, even though its almost luminous coloration indicates it was no such thing.

In that case, a camera specialist might suppose, it may have been caused by a flaw in the film or camera. That possibility, of course, cannot be totally discarded, but usually there is at least some small clue. Either the camera has malfunctioned in the same way before, or study of the film shows a similar fault in other frames. In this instance there is no such clue. Despite expert examination, the Wyman's equipment reveals nothing wrong and no other frame on the film in which the blue light appears.

Their camera is a Keystone Everflash 30 Instamatic 126 camera with no settings.

So what about it? What's the connection between that blue light and UFOs? Perhaps there is none. But in her following article Mrs. Betty Jones of

Kalispell, Montana, an observant contributor to CUFOR (see her story on damaged trees, vol. 3, no. 1) who sent the picture, takes a less negative view. If the questions she raises are unanswerable, we may indeed be looking at a remarkable "campfire scene", which for some reason was either not seen or not remembered by Mr. and Mrs. Wyman, in which strange-looking beings are facing an "energy" device while a flying object (mentioned in a separate note by Mrs. Jones hovers nearby, possibly as a monitor.

The outlines above bring out features described by Mrs. Jones; namely, the blue "energy cell", its "energy field" and the heads of three sitting figures at right. The circle at upper left is drawn around what appears on the negative as a seemingly solid object above the trees in far background.

Several days after mailing her article, Mrs. Jones made a car trip to the photo site in company with the Wymans. She sent us this quick report before press time:

"I was surprised at the size of the rocks there. They are very large, so the blue cell and the figures had

to be very large. The rock on which the blue cell was resting is almost 10 feet long and nearly three feet in height. It is a rock and not cement. The creatures in the photo were not rocks as others suggested. There was no object above the tree-tops on the mountainside. As far as I can determine, the Wyman's river picture is authentic in all respects. We could not account for their time loss."

Mrs. Jones took numerous pictures of the site, but, because of the press deadline, could send only the Polaroid shot shown here. Though slightly overexposed, it seems to establish beyond doubt that there were none of the strange objects observed in the original photo. The Wymans (arrow) are seen immediately left of the rock in the lower right corner. They are sitting about where the odd figures were visible.

For the first time, and at some extra expense, we had our cover picture produced in part-color on a hunch we were giving readers a memorable collector's item. So far the hunch looks good.

by Betty Jones

On Sept. 2, 1973, Irene, 35 and her husband Orval (Buzz) Wyman, 40, of Columbia Falls, Montana were on a return trip home from Orofino, Idaho on highway 11. At Pierce, Idaho they took a gravel road leading to Superior, Montana.

On the way they decided to take a short cut on a side road 20 miles shorter than the main gravel road. A sign stated that this road was to be used only in dry weather.

About halfway along the cutoff road Irene saw some rock formations she wanted to photograph. It was about 6 p.m. when they stopped along the north fork of the Clearwater river, where Irene took a picture of the formations even though it was getting dark below the cliffs. Buzz then noticed the beautiful river scene behind her and took a picture of that as well. They left the area and continued on to Columbia Falls.

When they had the color film developed, the rock pictures proved a bit dark. But the river scene was quite good, and it was then they noticed that Buzz had photographed some unusual objects-- objects they say they did not see when the picture was taken. The more they examined the picture, the more strange things they found.

I did not know the Wymans at the time but learned of what happened when a mutual acquaintance, Mrs. Leona Nielson of Walla Walla, Wash. (see Letters, vol. 3, no. 1) sent me the river scene snapshot to obtain my opinion. I requested more information, with the result Irene came to see me, bringing two enlargements of the photo. We examined them together and found the following:



On the river bank at the left side of the photo there is a bright blue object which I have called an "energy cell." It is shaped like a rounded arch and over the top is a much larger, almost transparent arch which also has a bluish tinge. It occurs to me the large arch might outline the energy field of the object inside. (Irene said there were no power lines or telephone lines in the area.)

The "energy cell" itself is resting on a square rock which appears to have been manufactured or cut that way, and inside the object, there are bright orange-tinted dots. The "energy cell" is the most obvious strange thing in the picture but on closer look we could see other unusual objects on the right-hand side, facing the blue object. They look like two, three or more small grayish-brown beings, more monkey-like than human-looking, sitting on the rocks along the shore. At first glance they look like rocks but though Irene was interested in the rock formations of that



Irene Wyman with river scene photo.



Betty Jones

area, and took pictures of them, she does not remember any rocks resembling those figures.

(These figures with their pointed ears and monkey-like faces remind me of the case of Norman Chastain, a railroad electrician from Jacksonville, Florida who saw a creature of the same description on Blount Island near the mouth of the St. Johns River. Flashing orange and blue lights were involved.)

Although the Wymans do not remember seeing anything strange when the picture was taken, they do remember how much longer it took them to return home than they

had expected. Without the cutoff, the whole trip should have taken about seven hours travelling at normal speed, and with the cutoff their travelling time should have been even less. The gravel road was good all the way and they made no stops on the cutoff except for the few minutes it took to take the pictures. Yet it took them almost 11 hours to reach home, about four hours more than they had expected!

So these are the questions I ask: Why did the Wymans not see that very obvious blue object when the picture was taken? They say they clearly remember leaving the river scene, but why do they not remember more of the strange things that appear in the picture? What is the explanation of those figures facing the blue object? Why did it take the Wymans so much longer to go by the shorter route than they thought it would? Was the road rougher than they realized or was there a loss of time caused by some reason they cannot explain?

As soon as I have a chance, I hope to visit that spot and study the scene from different angles, but I wonder if all the questions can ever be answered. In particular, what really is the truth of the blue "energy cell"?

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#### *The need for co-operation*

## **A Canadian UFO Network**

*by John Musgrave*

When John Magor asked me to resurrect the column begun by Brian Cannon, I decided it would be best to use it to focus on issues that are particularly of interest to Canadian UFO watchers and investigators. As readers of *Canadian UFO Report* are already well aware, some of the most interesting and best documented UFO sightings in the world have taken place in Canada. And

in this and future columns I hope both to draw attention to patterns and interpretations of Canadian UFO reports, and to examine methods and means of investigating the UFO phenomena. I wish now to speak to a problem which may not seem very important, but which I believe is in fact quite fundamental.

In my opinion, the growth of UFO research in Canada has been and is inhibited by the fact that there is no truly Canada-wide UFO network to promote and coordinate the exchange of UFO reports and information among UFO investigators in Canada. To be sure, there are informal networks centering around a few individuals, and there are local UFO clubs in several Canadian cities which promote UFO investigations, and there are a few Canadian magazines which publish what Canadian UFO material they can get hold of, and finally, there have been a number of attempts to establish Canadian UFO organizations - perhaps the most ambitious of which was the short-lived Canadian Aerial Phenomena Research Organization. But I'm speaking to something somewhat different - the need for Canadian UFO investigators to begin to talk to and among themselves. Let me list some of the reasons I believe some kind of Canadian UFO network is needed, be it formally organized or not.

At present a great deal of UFO investigation is done in a vacuum. In my experience, the pattern seems to be the following: individuals or groups hear of a sighting, go out and interview witnesses, perhaps take photographs and collect samples, and then do nothing more with the reports. There are notable exceptions, but in

far too many instances UFO reports and case histories have been in fact, if not in intent, the private property of the individual or group that collected them. And all too often, again whether by intent or neglect, they are unknown to the rest of the world. Part of this can be blamed on geography; it isn't always that easy for contacts to be made in a country as vast as Canada. But it is often not really a case of ignorance - of not having any idea of what to do with the reports after they are collected. As an example, not too long ago the editor of *Canadian UFO Report* wrote a number of UFO clubs throughout Canada asking for a brief report of UFO sightings of the previous year. I'm told only two groups submitted reports. No doubt some groups were not reached, and there were two or three who said their information was too incomplete to justify a report. But those that simply failed to reply should ask themselves what they are for anyway. Are UFO groups just social clubs or are they truly interested in promoting UFO research? If they are in fact organized to promote the study and investigation of the UFO phenomena, the exchange of information should be high on their list of aims and objectives.

In my view, a network is needed not only to help make UFO sightings in Canada public, but also to coordinate research activities. I'm sure more than one investigator has spent considerable time (and money as well) to track down a UFO witness, only to discover that some other investigator or group has already thoroughly investigated the sighting. Some of this duplication would be avoided if sightings were published or somehow exchanged. In addition, as it sometimes happens that one UFO lead is tracked down at the expense of another, coordination would mean not only that efforts will not be needlessly duplicated, but also that sightings are investigated that might otherwise be neglected for lack of time.

These are two good reasons for the existence of some kind of UFO network. I'm sure you thought of others as you read, for example the setting up of SKYNET. What I wish to propose here is not so much a formal organization as a spirit of cooperation. While I, and I'm sure others, do feel uneasy about the fact that a great deal of what Canadian UFO research is organized is centered abroad (for example, NICAP, APRO, MUFON), and in many instances the most complete files, artifacts, and case histories of Canadian sightings are located in Arizona or Maryland, I am not at this time proposing that a new structure be erected with a half-dozen or so officers complete with new stationery headings. I'm not against such a structure, but before a Canadian UFO organization can be effectively established, we must have cooperation - and at present there isn't all that much cooperation between Canadian investigators. However, I do feel that there are some specific first steps which can be taken and which might lead to a confederation of UFO groups and individual investigators - with perhaps a view to a more formal organization in the future.

First, and most fundamental: UFO researchers should acknowledge that an important, if not the most important, part of their investigation is the obligation to share their reports with others. UFO reports should not be thought of as private property. Let's leave UFO secrecy to governments. Second: a listing of all Canadian groups and individuals *actively* engaged in UFO research, along with their special interests, skills and resources, should be compiled and distributed. Such a directory would *allow* informal networks to develop, even if it doesn't *insure* that they will in fact develop. Third: researchers should particularly make it a point to keep in touch with other investigators in their own and adjacent territories to coordinate research activities. Fourth: every Canadian UFO sighting should be reported to, and if possible a brief summary written up in, *Canadian UFO Report* or some similar Canadian magazine (perhaps in some future *Canadian UFO Report - Case Histories* if demand and response warrants.)

No doubt readers can suggest other, and perhaps better, ways to promote cooperation, and I'd like to hear of them. Admittedly I've spoken about a problem without giving many concrete solutions. But this is in part because the solutions are for everyone to think through. However, as a beginning I will take it upon myself, at my expense, to compile a directory of every Canadian group and individual who is *actively* engaged in UFO research (interest alone in UFOs isn't enough). The proposed directory will not only include names and addresses, but such things as current research projects, interests, skills (e.g., photography, astronomy) and resources (e.g., tape recording equipment, telescope). If enough interest is shown to actually compile it, I'll mail a copy to every group or person who is listed. Any group or person wishing to be included should write me either at my home address: 10510 86th Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta T6E 2M6, or c/o *Canadian UFO Report* for an application form. Needless to say, such a directory will be no more than a tool. Ultimately, cooperation is the concern and obligation of every UFO group and investigator.

*Editor's note: The author's proposal to compile a Canadian UFO directory will call to mind that pioneer Canadian ufologist Gene Duplantier of Willowdale, Ont., published a list of Canadian and other UFO organizations before taking a less active part on the UFO scene. Carried in his publication OUTERMOST, this list is still useful for reference purposes but naturally needs updating. John Musgrave's proposal to prepare a new directory with added details comes at an opportune time, and all interested groups and individuals will surely find it to their own advantage to answer his request.*



## DO THEY PLAY CHESS ON JUPITER?

by Dr. Franklin R. Ruehl Jr.

To put forth this question, of course, presupposes the existence of advanced life on the Jovian giant. The question could equally well have been asked of Mars, Venus, or any of the other planets with which we have an acquaintance. Civilizations have most assuredly developed beyond the pale of earth's atmosphere, and it only logical to examine the evidence for their existence among the members of our own solar family before attempting to answer the question posed.

Originally, astronomers believed that Mercury's rotational and orbital periods (i.e. its day and year) measured identically 88 terrestrial days, meaning that this minuscule sphere constantly revealed the same face to the sun while its opposite number was forever kept hidden in cosmic bleakness, resulting in the development on the planet of an entire gradation of temperatures ranging from absolute zero to the boiling point of zinc (770 F), with the optimum for life's evolution within the context of Mercury's atmosphere lying somewhere therein. A contrary argument hypothesized that any atmosphere would migrate to the coldest recesses of the planet by virtue of the principle of entropy (maximization of energy dissipation), so that the attractive, warmer areas would be devoid of any gases. But a counter-argument rebutted that only one-third of the planet would be blacked out, allowing some measure of atmosphere to extend into the tepid sectors.

These debates had to be modified when it was recently discovered that the rotational and orbital times are barely perceptibly out of phase, with the consequence that all Mercurial regions are bathed in sunlight, perhaps to a degree that has boiled away all of the planet's atmospheric gases. Further elucidation will be cast on this problem when Mariner 10 flies by Mercury during the spring of 1974. Until then, the prospects for life's existence on this innermost planet will remain in abeyance. (Editor's note: After this was written Mariner 10 surprisingly discovered Mercury has a thin atmosphere, despite weak gravity, and a faint magnetic field, despite slow rotation.)

Venus, long referred to as earth's sister planet because her diameter so closely approximates our planet's (7600 and 7900 miles, respectively), has always been thought to have the potential for harboring life due to its noticeably thick atmos-

phere. Unfortunately, both Russian and American probes that penetrated Venus' cloud cover detected surface temperatures in excess of 550 F, hardly conducive to the survival of life forms we are familiar with. Yet, some varieties of life might still flourish under such inimical conditions. Beyond that possibility, however, another intriguing hypothesis has been propounded: the cooler strata of the Venusian atmosphere itself serve as the habitat of suspended life forms that thrive in the heavy clouds. While totally alien to our own earthbound experience, it is a concept that must be accepted as entirely feasible. And, even if no living species have yet evolved in Venus' rich atmosphere, the passage of time alone will inevitably allow us to witness such development.

No other planet has received as much attention regarding the prospects for life within its domain as the red planet, Mars. Although the so-called Martian canals have yet to be clearly accounted for (the common belief being that they constitute optical illusions), recent Mariner probes have discovered an equally promising surface feature, a vast river tributary system that dwarfs any found on earth. Even if now dead, it proves that water or liquid carbon dioxide at least once flowed on the planet.

At the poles, both ice caps that alternately expand and recede with seasonal regularity and liquid beneath them have been identified. As carbon dioxide is unstable in the liquid state, normally sublimating from the solid to the gaseous state, a tangible possibility exists that the fluid is actually water, which might, as ice and snow, melt during the Martian spring and summer to give vitalization to some form of life. Of course, evidence of any liquid whatsoever is encouraging, being immediately associated with life.

Also of significance are the planet's periodic color changes, with green and brown hues waxing and waning with synchronized consistency, which signify the presence of at least primitive life specimens (algae, fungi, lichens), but we are more concerned with the maximal possibilities, not the minimal ones.

Since Mars' atmosphere is only 10 percent as dense as earth's, its surface is bombarded constantly and heavily by both cosmic rays (primary as well as secondary) and meteors, a fact which would lead the natural forces of selection to drive any advanced life forms either underground or underfluid in time. There Martian beings would develop bulging eyeballs, exaggerated breathing apparatuses, and other characteristics peculiar to

our own deep-water denizens. However, conditions might not be as hostile as one would imagine at first glance, as heavier gases (including oxygen and nitrogen) might have tended to accumulate there, also. Any entities thriving in the harsh surface environment would most certainly have evolved thickened hides, at the very least. But, with surface temperatures reaching appealing maxims of 72 F, life would still have a reasonable chance to develop, even there.

In light of these considerations, Mars still represents the most opportune breeding ground for advanced life forms in our solar system beyond earth.

Foreboding, variegated Jupiter, the colossus of our solar family, is composed of a metallic core sheathed by an ice surface which in turn is enshrouded by a thick atmosphere of methane, ammonia, and hydrogen punctuated by traces of helium.

Although Jupiter is possessed of a trio of lethal radiation belts, emitting dosages 1000 times heavier than the minimum needed to destroy a human, its lavish atmosphere is an ideal medium for life forms to develop in. Indeed, early astronomers speculated that a type of aerial plankton floated through the Jovian welkin, based on an erroneous spectrographic analysis. While this theory is not currently in vogue, experiments have demonstrated that even terrestrial mites can thrive in an artificial methane-ammonia milieu.

Moreover, under a suitable catalyst, Jupiter's ammonia, methane, and hydrogen can be converted into complex organic compounds, such as amino acids that form the basis of our own living cells. While solar radiation stands typically as that catalyst, the planet's distance weakens it to only 1/27th that of earth's solar energy. However, titanic Jupiter is possessed of the stellar property of radiating 2.5 times more energy than impinges upon it. Although its source still remains a mystery, such radiation could readily act as an effective agent for engendering some version of Jovian life.

Beyond Jupiter, the planets Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto evince an increasing ratio of atmospheric methane to ammonia (effectively, carbon growing in abundance at the expense of nitrogen) while temperatures plummet further and further below zero, reducing the probabilities for the evolution of advanced life forms. However, as data on these celestial bodies is at a

premium, no final conclusions can dare be drawn. An intriguing additional possibility is embodied in the recently discovered tenth planet, X, a leviathan which is legitimately the so-called trans-Neptune planet that Pluto was originally (and incorrectly) identified as. Theoretically, it should be the coldest, bleakest member of our solar family in view of its remoteness from even distant Pluto, but such isolation generates some hope for unknown factors influencing the planet's biology.

While not ordinarily regarded as capable of sustaining life, the 32 natural satellites of our system nonetheless may serve as the habitats of some highly developed life forms. As an atmosphere is normally considered a prerequisite for the fostering of life, it is of significance that the existence of atmospheres has already been confirmed on 5 moons. Spectroscopic analyses by a Cornell University team recently revealed that 2 of Jupiter's inner moons, Europa and Ganymede, are emblazoned with moderately-sized patches of water ice similar to earthy frost, while a pair of others, Callisto and Io, are at least slightly mottled with frost particles. Within this context, the Ranger 10 survey verified that all four are indeed endowed with atmospheres (although Io's is highly rarefied).

Perhaps even more fascinating are the potentialities offered by Saturn's bulkiest scion, Titan, which is blessed with a fairly thick atmosphere that is producing a tangible "greenhouse" effect, providing the surface with a relatively warm temperature of - 100 F. Such an effect could well mean that solar radiation, however weak, may be acting as an influential catalyst to convert its ammonia, methane, and hydrogen into the fundamental building blocks of life, perhaps even life as we recognize it on earth!

While most of the other satellites are too light to hold an atmosphere, they are not necessarily preempted from harboring life, either. Residual gases could conceivably have been trapped beneath their surfaces, in caves, or in other similar structural features to serve as the cultures for the growth of life. And, as anaerobic bacteria on our oblate spheroid can thrive only in vacuums, why not in the environs of supposedly "dead" moons?

So, if they indeed don't play chess on Jupiter, we can still legitimately ask that question of 40 other solar entities, and not be at all surprised if the reply is answered in the affirmative.

# Government Cover - up Exposed

by Arthur Bray

Those who have read my book "Science, the Public and the UFO" (1) may recall comments on the "official" attitude toward UFOs in Canada, and the lack of action by the Canadian Government. In my subsequent brief to the Senate Committee on Science Policy (2) I summarized the history of official investigations in Canada, and the general attitude of the Government toward the matter. This paper is intended to bring the record up to date as I have been able to determine it.

## *INSTITUTE FOR AEORSPACE STUDIES*

The Institute for Aerospace Studies, University of Toronto, commenced a study into UFOs late in 1967. In October 1968, the press reported that this study was on the verge of collapse "owing to a lack of something to investigate" (3). It seemed impossible to obtain any information from the Institute during the study. I tried, but failed.

The study was concluded in 1970 and it is still not possible to obtain any information from the Institute. No report will be forthcoming from the scientists of the IAS despite the fact that it is normal practice for scientists to publish a report of their work so that others, both scientists and the public alike, may become aware of what was accomplished, if anything, and so that others may proceed from that point. The U. of T. scientists were kept in the picture by memos from the Project Director (4), but we the public will be told nothing. Does Dr. Gordon Patterson, the Institute's director, know something that he doesn't want us to know, or was he simply embarrassed because he and his fellow scientists have wasted their time?

## *SCIENCE COUNCIL OF CANADA*

The Science Council of Canada appears to be either completely disinterested in this vital scientific problem, or it is unwilling to communicate with the public on the matter. My letter to the Council in September 1968 went unanswered and I am still awaiting a reply despite repeated hasteners. Further, the subject was conspicuous by its absence from the report of the Science Council titled "A Space Program for Canada" (5). Still nothing has emanated from this august body by the time of this writing.

## *HOUSE OF COMMONS*

Even our Members of Parliament are unable to obtain satisfactory answers to their questions in the House of Commons. Questions have been asked frequently over the years, as recorded in the Debates of the House of Commons (Hansard). Often, the questioner is ridiculed. In at least one case, an incomplete file was tabled with the claim that it was in fact "a complete file from which a few pages have simply been removed" (6). The MPs who have raised questions have been able to achieve exactly nothing. They now seem to have stopped asking.

## *NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL*

The National Research Council (NRC), the official government agency for UFO investigation in Canada is still doing no more than in the past, or so it appears, and that is next to nothing. Very occasionally, they would investigate a sighting but they admit to no interest unless there is some form of physical evidence remaining. This 'project' had been under the direction of Dr. Peter M. Millman, Head, Upper Atmosphere Research, Division of Astrophysics, until his retirement in July 1971. His successor as Canada's official UFO researcher is Dr. Allen G. McNamara. If any change can be noted in NRC's attitude since the change in command, I would say that things have gone from bad to worse.

## *DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, MINES & RESOURCES*

In August 1969, I delivered a sample of Ottawa's famous "chunk of metal" (see Canadian UFO Report, vol. 1, no. 8, p. 14) to Dr. Millman for scientific analysis. He immediately sent it to Dr. Eric Smith of the Dept. of Energy, Mines & Resources for the necessary laboratory work. Certain analyses were conducted in fairly short order but two years passed before the tests were completed. The results were released in November 1971. The conclusion was "that the piece was most probably produced in a foundry by dumping excess metal from ladles into a hollow in sand, a process known as "pigging" (7). This report left a great many questions unanswered. Meanwhile, we are expected to accept it on faith alone. Lacking answers to specific questions asked, we have to rely entirely on Ottawa's scientists who expect us to accept their conclusions without providing us with all the facts to support them. The metal may very well be as claimed by Dr. Smith but insufficient evidence was presented to be convincing, a fault of which UFO researchers are accused by scientists.

## MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT

I asked the Ministry of Transport whether it is concerned about the fact that UFOs continue to intrude upon air routes in Canada and perform manoeuvres in violation of air regulations, as such intrusions into controlled air spaces are potentially highly dangerous from an air safety point of view. The Ministry informed me that they "have no evidence of UFOs intruding in controlled air space" (8). Many readers will be well aware of UFO sightings which occurred directly over or in the immediate vicinity of major Canadian airports, and at low altitudes. Who is the Ministry of Transport kidding?

## DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

Having written to UN Secretary-General U Thant concerning study of the UFO problem by the United Nations, I was informed that "the Secretariat of the United Nations cannot deal with any problem unless a member state has put it on the agenda of the General Assembly, or in the case of security matters, the Security Council, and affirmative action has been taken by the General Assembly or the Security Council. No such action has been taken regarding Unidentified Flying Objects". (9)

Then I wrote to Prime Minister Trudeau, and after outlining the background of the problem, asked him to take the necessary steps to place the UFO matter on the agenda of the UN General Assembly. My letter was referred to the Honourable Mitchell Sharp, Secretary of State for External Affairs, and I was informed by his department that "Canada's representatives at the UN have maintained a close liaison with the Secretariat and other missions in New York on this subject, but do not consider that the prospects for the adoption of a resolution by the General Assembly at the present time are encouraging. If and when it appears that a resolution of the kind you mention would be likely to receive approval by the General Assembly, you may rest assured that the Canadian Government would be prepared to take all appropriate steps in this connection". (10)

A further surprise was also contained in this letter as I was informed in addition that "The Canadian Government *does not underestimate the seriousness of the question of UFOs* and this matter is being kept under consideration and study in a number of departments and agencies". (Italics mine).

## INFORMATION CANADA

As Information Canada is the government agency responsible for answering public inquiries where

several departments or agencies are involved, I wrote to them seeking to identify the departments or agencies concerned. My letter was referred to the National Research Council, and Dr. McNamara, of course, told me nothing because I am "already" aware of our procedures and the contents of the files" and he "cannot add anything further to what you already know at first hand". (11)

The Honourable John Munro, minister responsible for Infocan, was my next target as I complained of this shabby treatment. Again, I was equally specific about the information I sought. He informed me that "five departments and agencies were contacted but no trace of any dormant files on Unidentified Flying Objects could be found". (12)

You will note the lack of reference to any current files in Mr. Munro's reply despite the fact that External Affairs admits the matter is kept under consideration and study.

## DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

This department is supposedly out of the act since turning over responsibility to NRC in 1968. This was done because UFOs were concluded to pose no threat to national security.

## CONCLUSION

I am thoroughly convinced that the Canadian Government is engaged in a cover-up operation. Of course, the lack of information could simply be incompetence and plain bumbling on the part of all Ministers of the Crown and public servants concerned, but I cannot honestly believe that all the high officials I have consulted are really that incompetent. The only explanation, in my view, is a deliberate cover-up. My many years of badgering the government on this leave me no alternative conclusion. I have suspected this for years, as have many others, but I deliberately avoided such a conclusion in the hope that I was wrong. I can no longer avoid it. I leave it to the reader to find his own reasons for such action by our government.

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## Letters

Sir:

I have just completed reading your article concerning the great fireball of August 10, 1972, in the *Canadian UFO Report*. (vol. 3, no. 1) I have also read the article by Luigi G. Jacchia in the July, 1974, issue of *Sky and Telescope*. When one considers the photographic evidence presented in the latter article there is little doubt that the August 10, 1972, object was indeed a meteor.

Before you judge me to be a rabid Menzel-like skeptic I should clarify my position. I hold a B.S. in physics with honors, am near completing my Ph. D. in astronomy and I have seriously studied the UFO problem since the mid-fifties. In my opinion there is much good evidence to support the reality of the UFO phenomenon. But there is also much misinformation which propagates through the UFO literature in the manner of rumor. I believe that it is for this reason that every investigator and every editor in this field must take the utmost care in examining all the evidence before either reaching a conclusion in a particular case or publishing an incomplete and potentially incorrect story.

A complete checking of the data available in the literature and a little understanding of the operational burdens carried by scientists, would have lead to a different outlook on the conclusions reached by the scientists who investigated the August 10, 1972 fireball. I am very much aware of the painstaking labor required to properly investigate a possible UFO case. I am also aware of the fact that there are many ways that an investigation can go wrong. There is no clear answer as to when to say that an investigation is done. But in the case of the fireball and a few other cases in the same issue it is clear that the job was far from complete.

We are all interested in finding the truth by investigation. In these cases it is patience that pays off better than the interest aroused by spectacular news. I wish you the best in your effort toward accuracy and interesting UFO news.

Daniel H. Harris,  
APRO Consultant- Astronomy.  
Tucson, Arizona.

*As author of the article on the so-called fireball as well as having a responsible part in selection of all articles in this publication, I think a personal note is required in comment on Mr. Harris' letter. It is just a matter of opinion, but I found Luigi Jacchia's article less than satisfactory as an answer to the "fireball" mystery and have endeavored to give my reasons elsewhere in this issue. Much less do I consider the "photographic evidence" an answer. On the contrary, it seems to raise more questions. On what other occasion has a fireball been photographed in full daylight by so many over such a vast distance? Apparently the assumption here is that if an object flies along in view of all, thereby departing from the usual UFO pattern, it has to be something natural.*

*Since academic credentials are mentioned, I feel obliged to explain I hold a Master of Science degree in journalism from Columbia University in New York. This of course, does not make me a UFO expert any more than would a Ph. D. in astronomy ( and I say that with congratulations to Mr. Harris for his progress in a subject of such stimulating promise). But the Columbia training, plus more than 20 years as a practicing newspaperman and five years as an RCAF pilot, should give me a measure of competence in observing and writing about the UFO scene.*

*It might be added that one of the problems in handling UFO news (except perhaps for commercial-type magazines primarily concerned with advertising) is not to make it "spectacular", as Mr. Harris supposes, but to make it credible when the background material is absolutely incredible. Who, for instance, would believe that on the day of the "fireball" a flying object was seen at the northern end of the route moving up a mountainside in a step-like climb until it reached the summit, flew off and vanished? We could not track the story down to a first-hand source but would we have run it if we had? It might have made our whole account even more unacceptable than Mr. Harris found it.*

*We share Mr. Harris' concern in "finding the truth by investigation." But we suspect the truth of UFOs is so unlike any other truth that even those scientists capable of carrying the greatest burdens may not recognize it when they see it. The "great fireball" could be a case in point. John Magor, Editor.*

Sir:

I was interested in your account of the "meteor" over the western States and Canada (vol. 3, no. 1). In In Cluj, too, "meteors" which know how to do a lot of things have been photographed. This snapshot is an example. I shall write you about interesting aspects of these airy apparitions.

Gheorghita Florin,  
Cluj, Romania.

*The writer is author of a book on UFOs. We await with interest his account of these vaporous objects.*



Sir:

The gulfs of San Matias and San Jorge lie southwest of Buenos Aires, not southeast as indicated in your Letters section, vol.3,no. 1.

While the aerial submersibles described there are often seen operating in the comparatively shallow waters along the continental shelf off eastern South America, I am of the opinion that their permanent bases are in deeper waters, either further out in the Atlantic or in the Antarctic, specifically at depths of around 500 fathoms and in locations where volcanic subterranean emissions are available.

The basis for these conjectures is being published shortly in INFO, the Fortean Society publication.

Stuart W. Greenwood,  
Dept. of Aerospace Engineering,  
University of Maryland.

Sir:

From the Huyser Bookshop, Wellington, New Zealand, I recently purchased a copy of Canadian UFO Report.

I found it very interesting. However, it was the article in Vol.2, No. 6, "Pope John & Adamski" which created the most impression because of its relationship to a remarkable message given to Mrs. W.M. Horwood (known

as Verity) in June 1963, very shortly after Pope John's passing to the other planes.

Now to explain. Verity is the organizer, editor and very spiritually advanced channel for our group - "Heralds of the New Age" here in Auckland. This group has been in operation for some 18 years. It has worldwide membership, no fees are charged, it exists wholly on love donations all of which are used for printing, postage etc. All workers give their services voluntarily. We have a library of some 3,000 odd books dealing with Ageless Wisdom Teachings, metaphysical, occult and UFO subjects. Talks are given by different speakers on these subjects at open meetings of the group.

Verity receives much guidance clairaudiently from The White Brothers. She was called to attention in June of 1963 when a remarkable message was dictated to her, which she had to type at speed, by the late Pope John himself from the other planes. So after discussion of the article in your magazine sent you by John and Dorothy Squance of Victoria, B.C., we surmise that what was contained in the sealed package given Pope John by Adamski related to suggestions made by The Brothers for the possible improvement of the Roman Catholic religion. However, owing to Pope John's almost immediate demise at that time, he was unable to implement any of the suggestions himself. From reports received there seems to have been some opening up of the tight orthodoxy just recently so perhaps some of the suggestions are being used. But this matter must have weighed heavily on Pope John's mind so that he sought the earliest opportunity of locating a channel through whom to get his thoughts back to the people on Earth. This message of his was made a special edition of The Heralds of the New Age magazine in 1963, but, more strangely still just recently there have been many requests for its reprint so Verity included it in our last production, April 1974.

All of the connections relating to this matter seem far more than mere coincidence. So upon serious consideration the final summing up of the whole episode would appear to reveal: There *is* life after death, with those passing through transition from this plane to the astral retaining full mental memory; the White Brothers *do* exist and *do* intervene in a helpful capacity in the life of mankind, also that they are in some way connected with the UFO phenomenon and that advanced mortal sensitives are being *used* as channels to convey knowledge to the people of the world. There is also more to Adamski than we realize.

I am the member of the Heralds who mainly deals with UFO phenomenon, sunken continents and inner earth subjects all of which I have researched for many years and find a general relationship of them all.

Mrs. Phyllis D. Dixon  
New Lynn, Auckland, N.Z.

Sir:

Referring to the article BETWEEN YOU & ME (All Done With Mirrors) on pp. 16-18 of your vol. 3, no. 1 issue, I am unable to agree with the Hon. B. Le Poer Trench when he claims that the Gaillac incident Oct. 27-52 in France was no more than a projection of the earlier incident at Oloron (Bearn). It is true that the action and actors all seemed to be a repeat at Gaillac of the Oloron display; but in all the 27 years during which I have been studying the UFO enigma, the thing that has both puzzled and irritated me has been the very opposite of what this author claims for these two sightings: I have been struck by the fact that so many sightings include - constantly - details that have previously NOT been witnessed. What, to me, is the truly puzzling aspect of the Oloron - Gaillac sightings is not their similarity, but the fact that these two flotillas were (apparently) not seen in other neighboring villages or towns!

P.M.H. Edwards, Ph. D.  
Victoria, B.C.

Sir:

I have just read your vol. 2, no. 8 and, as usual, enjoyed it. The letter from Victoria by Dr. P.M.H. Edwards intrigued me. Not only does the letter display an air of authority, but its summation might possibly be a shot in the dark that hit a bullseye.

Specifically Dr. Edwards refers to Jupiter's satellites as being a possible source of life, and it's odd that he should name Ganymede.

If you possess or have read "The Humanoids" edited by Charles Bowen (Neville Spearman Ltd. London), you may recall that amongst the contactee details that are described, there are two, and I think maybe three, references to U.F.O. occupants who announced that they originated from that particular satellite.

Experience tells me that people who talk like Dr. Edwards are usually not given to reading books on "way out" subjects such as everyday happenings of unusual visitors to this planet. If this holds true for this case, it is indeed a strange coincidence that Ganymede should be named.

Graham Conway  
Delta, B.C.

*In "The Humanoids in Latin America," which is a chapter in the above book, Gordon Creighton makes these references to Ganymede:*

*The Brazilian author of the book "Meu Contacto Com Os Discos Voadores" (My Contact With Flying Saucers), Dino Kraspedon (pseudonym?) claimed that in November 1952 he saw five UFOs over these mountains (Angatuba Range) and that he subsequently entered a landed machine and contacted the visitors. This machine was allegedly a bell-shaped craft 90 metres wide. One of the occupants, a man over 6 feet in height, told him that they lived on Io and Ganymede (two of the moons of Jupiter), where there were not only tall races, but also races of medium size like Earth people, and small races, and also races with white, red and black pigmentation, just as on Earth.*

*"(No confirmation of the Kraspedon story is known, but it is included here for the record and in view of the recurrent reports of 'Ganymedians'.)* . . . .

*"The visitors claimed to be from Ganymede (as large as Mercury, it is the third moon of Jupiter). They said that they were a thousand years ahead of us and that, in addition to Spanish, they knew a great many of our Earth languages. One of the accounts says that they said they knew over 700."*

Sir:

Precedent, together with observing a stenograph reporter, indicates that the proceedings of the 6th APRO UFO symposium on July 13, 1974 at Denver, Colorado will be made available in printed form. However this may not render redundant this preliminary passing of of some random impressions to Canadian readers under the aegis of "Canadian UFO Report".

APRO director Jim Lorenzen, with the aid of slides and irrefutable logic effectively established the genuineness of the May 7, 1952 five photos by Ed Keffel at Barra Da Tijuca, Brazil. (See Proceedings of the 5th APRO UFO symposium June 15, 1974). Dr. Bill Hartman, Philip Klass and Dr. Donald Menzel by their absence were spared the painful spectacle of the brutal murder of their beautiful theory by a ruthless gang of facts.

Jim also relayed some of the most thrilling rumors, for UFO aficionados, to emanate from Hollywood since

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the screening of Capt. Ruppelt's book. Filming has been completed by Sandler Films Inc. of Hollywood on their documentary, "UFOs, Past, Present and Future." It has not yet been determined whether this will be released first as a movie or as a television special. A book based on the documentary and having the same title will be released this fall by Ballantine Books. NBC is working on a one-hour TV documentary to be broadcast in October. It includes the Pascagoula Hickson-Parker case and the Coyne helicopter crew incident. Jim Lorenzen is serving in an advisory capacity. Universal Mark VII is planning a UFO feature but Jack Webb wants it fictionalized into a Sergeant Friday format in place of the alternative factual script. Columbia Pictures is making "Close Encounters of the Third Kind." (Someone in pictures has evidently read Dr. Hynek's "The UFO Experience.").

Dr. David R. Saunders of "UFOs? Yes!" fame, now professor of psychology at the University of Colorado, showed examples of how he has coded over 64,000 UFO reports into a computer (this includes duplicates when supplementary reports provide additional data). Any account may be called for display on a cathode ray tube terminal under geographic location, date, type of sighting etc. The scientific competence which illuminated his presentation left me with a deep sense of the tragedy that this intellect, instead of directing the late lamented U.S. air force half-million dollar project, was lost to it.

Dr. Frank B. Salisbury from Utah State University described his Scientific UFO Safari which resulted in a book "The Utah UFO Display" (to be available in August from Devin-Adair Co. 1 Park Ave. Old Greenwich, Conn. U.S.A. 06870). If this book proves as pleasurable and profitable to peruse as was his talk to hear, it is certainly recommended reading.

To digress with a personal note, at the start of my UFO investigations, perhaps as a result of training in physics, it took about 50 first-hand accounts of good close sightings before acceptance of the existence of the phenomena. But perhaps because of relative rarity of examples, the acceptance of intelligent life-forms as drivers came much later and harder. After many years, a suggestion by, and discussed with Dr. P.M.H. Edwards, that UFO phenomena have some relation to psychic phenomena, is gradually shaping into an inescapable observational conclusion (See "UFOs The Psychic Component" by Dr. J. Vallee, p.12-17 Jan. Feb. '74 "Psychic"), so this case cited by Dr. Salisbury seemed of special interest. Three boys of Grade IV level were playing with an ouija board (not a thing I would recommend) when it spelled out that at 8 o'clock that night they would be visited by a UFO. Being a cold dark February night their parents decided the best way to instill some sense of reality would be to dress them and let them go out to seek their saucer. So at 8 o'clock suitably bundled up, they were pushed out the door. No sooner done than they excitedly came in with the request "Come out and

see our UFO", and sure enough there it was! This emboldens me to divulge an incident hitherto unpublished because it might be a coincidence. It concerns the late Mrs. Turnbull of Drumheller who in the attic of the farmhouse, came on a collection of old "Fate" magazines, and in one read how the "space brothers" were seeking honest and fearless contactees on earth who would brave public opprobrium to spread the truth. As she read she thought "Let them call on me as I would be fearless." That night about 10 PM her husband came in and said "There's something over the pasture" so she went out and there was a huge UFO which she watched till 2:30 AM, during which time a football shaped (prolate spheroid) blue luminous capsule with a humanoid inside, with limbs extended to form an X, emerged from the craft and slowly descended to the ground. On touching the ground a blue flash "like sheet lightning" spread over the meadow, after which the capsule and occupant slowly ascended. This was repeated several times by the same or a similar creature. In her letter she said that there was no use trying to interview her because her husband threatened that if she ever told anyone he would refuse to back her up. After interviewing her we spoke to him and received no denial, but monosyllabic replies grudgingly given, the longest answer being to our question "How large was it?" "Big as a box car."

The remaining speakers Dr. R. Leo Sprinkle and Dr. Jule Eisenbud concentrated on psychological and psychiatric aspects of the UFO enigma. Dr. Sprinkle showed the results of his statistical analysis of observers and Dr. Eisenbud pointed out the equating of subconscious symbolism of a bird and a breast, and Dr. Jung has already suggested the relation between breast and saucers. Incidentally Dr. Eisenbud mentioned witnessing very convincing feats by Uri Geller. He also related a fantastic anecdote concerning a young man who attended a dance and wandered out onto the grounds and through a gateway under an arbour whereupon he found himself in another world with a luminous disc hovering over buildings, with distant hills and sounds including music. Retreating through the gate, he rushed back to the dance floor to bring his girl friend who was asked to stand by the gate while he again passed through and was once more in another era or space but this time faintly over the music he could hear a voice saying "Come back, come back". Obeying, he backed through the gate to find his hysterical girl friend screaming "Come back" which commenced when she saw him dissolve into invisibility before her eyes! In subsequent analysis the young man had suffered a psychological trauma as a result of rejection and possibly was like other ESP phenomena which occur spontaneously when there is a great need for mental or physical well-being.

At the conclusion of the symposium Jim Lorenzen introduced us to Mr. and Mrs. Don S. Richmond the Pueblo deputy sheriff who carried out the investigation of the Snippy incident. He gave me a color photo copy of the horse with the body intact but after an extremely

sharp cut off boundary, the neck vertebrae and skull were totally clear of flesh and the brain cavity contained only black powder. There were no foot prints other than Snippy's hoof marks and huge depressions 7" to 8" wide 2" to 2 1/2" deep with claw marks resembling the teeth on a small power shovel at 7 foot intervals. He also showed a photo of a dazzlingly bright UFO light over the pasture illuminating the ground below like daylight. Moreover, poltergeist phenomena have occurred in the cabin of Nellie and Berk Lewis owners of Snippy, some happening when Don was present. Incidentally the maggots which later appeared in the carcass all died instead of maturing into flies. A highway engineer who spent the most time in the vicinity of the carcass suffered severe and fatal chest pains. (Radiation damage results in severe pain in the sternum about ten day later similar to heart attacks). See p 19-22 Nov. Dec. '72 "Flying Saucer Review".

Don Richmond seemed delighted to hear of the Calgary case where after being right under a UFO the rider came into a clearing where an Indian pony lay on its side, its hair singed, the odour of burnt hair still filling the air, the rigor mortis not yet set in. Next day the horse was gone with no egress on the ground possible in the thick brush without leaving traces. (See "FSR Case Histories" Aug. '71 p. 3 and Canadian UFO Report issue No. 1-2 Spring '71 P 14-17.) The reason Don was pleased at the prospect of receiving a tape of this experience is that following the Ronnie Johnson glowing ring (for 2 weeks) in Delphos, Kansas 38 cattle have been found dead, strangely mutilated. For example one photo Don had showed the flesh on the forward quarter neatly excised. Other livestock had their entire reproductive system removed by expert



surgery. See "Strange Case of the Cattle Killings" by Jerome Clark p 79-90 Aug. '74 "Fate". When a sheriff goes to higher echelons of law enforcement with a theory that the bizarre animal mutilations in Colorado and Kansas are related to UFOs he needs all the corroboration he can get!

W.K. Allan,  
Kelowna, B.C.

With the above letter Mr. Allan enclosed this snapshot of a "crumpled oblate spheroid" found two years ago near Calgary, Alberta. "It is most definitely not a balloon," he wrote, Efforts are being made to find it again.

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