

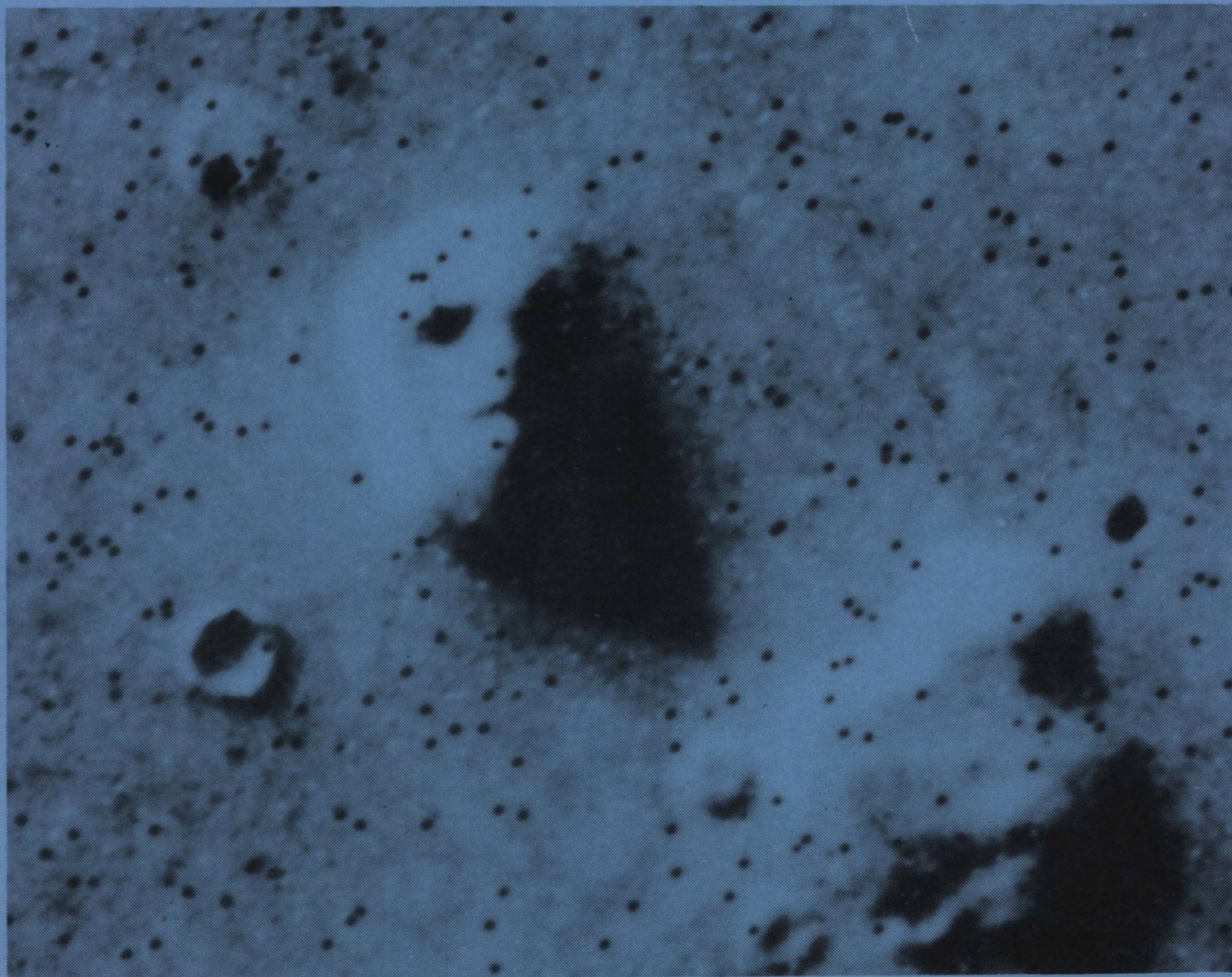
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Mission Accomplished - with Courtesy

One of the first in a series of pictures sent back by Viking 1 immediately after its momentous landing on Mars last July was a shot of the gleaming white lander itself showing the Stars and Stripes and the U.S. bicentennial emblem brightly painted on its side. Off into the background stretched the desolate, rock-strewn yet fascinating landscape of the Red Planet.

The picture deserved all the attention it received. Not only was it among those providing the first-ever ground-level look at the Martian surface but also it symbolized the memorable success of the U.S. in having a vehicle there at all. To bring the lander into a pinpoint blind landing on ground more than 200 million miles away (to say nothing of a second successful landing soon after) was a feat remarkable by itself. But then to guide the machine into performing duties with the dexterity of a human craftsman, meanwhile overcoming unexpected problems, was an operation barely short of magic.

Wonderful though it was, however, that brilliant technical achievement is not the point we have in mind for these few words, for it has all been said before. What was just as memorable was the untiring resourcefulness, and seeming optimism, with which it was all carried out. Whenever the news for one day ended on a note of difficulty, it never sounded like despair, and sure enough in the next day or two the project would be back in business.

It would be simple to attribute the success of the landings to American ingenuity, which of course was the case. More specifically credit must go to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Somehow this remarkable organization has achieved a fine blend of brains, enterprise - and courtesy. We include the last point with feeling because we had a taste of it. First seeing the Mars photo here shown on page 12 carried in another publication, we wrote NASA asking if a print was obtainable and at what cost?

In view of all the publicity demands on NASA, some delay was likely and perhaps a stiff price. But there was neither. The photo arrived from Washington, D.C. within a week, and without charge. We felt as if we had made our own small excursion into space.

More Mystery in Wisconsin

Readers will recall that an area around Frederic, Wisconsin, has been the scene of strange activity, aerial and otherwise [vol. 3, nos. 5, 6, 7]. Two notable experiences were those of William Bosak who had a highway encounter with a part-animal humanoid, and of Mrs. Ruth Christiansen who with her husband discovered unexplained tracks in the snow. In that same period the Christiansens saw puzzling nocturnal lights which at one stage revealed a floating vehicle with wheels.

In the following article, illustrated by pictures she took, Mrs. Christiansen reports on another mystery in the same area.

by Ruth Christiansen

CLAM FALLS - Even though he takes a "You gotta show me," viewpoint on UFOs, Bruce Dou admits there's something strange, or at least different, about a large ring of sterile ground on his property in Polk County. And it's right in the world-renowned Bill Bosak "UFO" area, too!

Three years ago come August, Bruce and his wife, Joyce bought an 80 acre piece of land in Clam Falls Township.

Not to live on, but to have as a wonderful place to spend weekends and vacations with their children.

It's a beautiful wooded piece of property, very hilly, with one 6-acre spot at the top of a hill level enough to plant crops on. This year it's soy beans, and the family has been climbing the hill back of their "hunter's shack" over a path leading to the field, where they pick stones from the field to make cultivating easier.

It was the hikes over this path which led to the discovery of the "UFO" circle. In fact, the path leads right through the circle, although they didn't think much about it at first.

Joyce's father is the "UFO nut" of the family. He'd had a natural interest in UFOs and, Joyce says, he really thought this strange sterile ring might just be a UFO landing place of some earlier time. Last fall he brought a group of teachers to the spot for observations. They took soil samples but Bruce didn't know what the results were. Others have made appointments to examine the ring. Another interested party took soil samples to plant seeds in.

Tiny red ants and ant eggs were

present in all samples; and the outside sample contained live rootlets whereas the other samples had none. The latter fact might be just a coincidence. The teachers who visited the spot had many theories, Bruce said, and no conclusions. Some even had hair-raising suggestions which made others feel the site was "spooky."

Bruce's father-in-law brought their attention to the unusual and unexplainable sterile ring. The perfect circle is exactly 22 feet across., measured at all sides. The rim, of sterile ring is approximately two feet wide all the way around.

In a secluded hillside clearing located about one-eighth mile from the main road, the circle has remained constant, growing neither larger nor smaller, and appearing the same in either wet or dry weather, Bruce said.

Near the edge of the circle grows a 3-foot ironwood sapling, vigorous enough but short for its bushy width. About two feet from it grows a wild shrub of about two and on-half feet tall. Inside the ring grows a scanty amount of quack and canary grass, along with several short clover plants and a few weeds of various kinds, all appearing



These two photos taken by the author show all but a narrow center section of the ring she describes. It will be seen there is little growth on the ring itself, and the inside part is also quite sparse compared to growth where the onlookers are standing. The ring is not a path, nor is it the remnant of a building site.

hardy but much shorter than grass and weeds growing outside the circle. Dead grass and leaves are spread over the inner circle.

The rim, or ring, is nearly bereft of growing things, but a very few spindly weeds and several dwarfed wild strawberry plants were seen growing in the "sterile" area. There were no pebbles or small rocks of any kind inside the circle. But just at the edge of the ring, on the inside of the circle lies a huge trap rock. It is about four by seven feet in size, and about 14 inches high. A step for little green men? One can only guess.

Outside the circle the greenery is lush and noticeably taller than that growing inside the circle. Soil samples taken from a distance of two feet beyond the ring contained earthworm pellets, whereas samples taken from inside the ring had none.

Besides this circle, Bruce said his father-in-law had located a smaller one on the same property. But the acreage is very wooded and hilly, making it hard to visit and even hard to find.

The Dou's said they hadn't kept the sterile ring a secret; neither have they advertised it. It's definitely not a "fairy ring" nor could it be the remains of some building, such as an old silo. Certainly no building of any kind would have been built at such an unfavorable site, on a hillside with a thirty degree slope.

Also, the huge rock at the edge of the ring would have prevented it.

There has been the conjecture of an old Indian pow-wow ring, but that would have left a worn path. This ring shows no indication of ever having been a path of any kind, nor does it show any signs of having been part of some building.

Someone suggested the ring should be called an infertile ring instead of a sterile ring. This is probably true, since there are scattered grass and weed growths within the circle. Soil from the sterile sample has a strong, unpleasant odor whereas the other samples have no odor.

The samples have shown interesting results. Two peas and two beans were planted in each of four transparent plastic cups. The soil was weighed and same amount placed in each cup. Water was measured for each cup.

In two days the seeds had begun to sprout in all cups except the one with

sterile soil. Rootlets show, growing to the bottom of the cup. But it was four days before a bean seed appeared (no others) in the sterile soil. Two more days showed that it had not uncurled, and had made no advancement in growth, nor had it sent roots out, while on the fourth day the beans in the other cups were several inches tall.

The Dou's have never heard any legends about their circle, and don't know how long it has been there. It appears old. A hidden UFO landing place? Well, maybe.

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Around Frederic, which is in the western section of Wisconsin, the mystifying activity reached a peak in the winter of 1974-75, but the visitors had by no means left that attractive part of the country bordered by the Great Lakes. Nor are they ever likely to because, as we have seen, Wisconsin for some reason is a UFO favorite. Later in 1975 another piece of the incredible drama was acted out on the other side of the State.

This was how it was reported by Carol Wahlen in the Northeast Post:

Are people from outer space visiting our planet?

Anne and Peter E. of Wauwatosa think they are. In fact, they believe they had such visitors last year (1975).

Pete, 64 who was a foreman with a local construction company for over 30 years until his retirement in 1973, still gets excited when he speaks of the experience.

Anne, 59, says she wouldn't believe it if she hadn't seen it herself.

It was in November, the tenth to be exact. Pete remembered the date as if it were branded on his memory. The doorbell rang at 7:50 p.m.

Anne, going to answer the bell, peeped through the curtained window on the door as was her usual practice. Standing just below the stoop, about four feet from the door, was a strangely dressed person of average height. He was grasping a five foot white staff with his left hand.

Opening the inner door, Anne quickly locked the screen door; even though it was November, Pete hadn't put on the storm door because it had been a mild fall and the cold Wisconsin winter hadn't arrived.

"Yes?" Anne asked through the screen door. Hearing no reply, she

again said, "Yes?"

At this point, she turned to her husband for assistance. "Come here, he doesn't talk," she said.

Pete went to the door. Upon seeing the strange looking person, he remarked, "What the hell is this, something left over from trick or treat?" With that Pete unlocked the screen door and opened it in order to get a better look.

The lights from the house clearly lit the visitor.

"The skin on his face was the same as smoked meat and the face was lined with deep grooves," Pete said. He went on to describe the stranger's mouth as a small puckered opening, no bigger than a dime. Other than recalling that the visitor had a very pointed chin, Pete could not remember any other facial features.

Anne also drew a blank when it came to describing the rest of the visitor's face but she did remember his hat.

"It was shaped like a man's straw hat except the brim was more narrow," she recalled.

Pete added another item to the description, the person had tufts of hair sticking out from either side of the hat. He could not remember the color of the hair.

As Pete leaned out to grab what he at first thought was a prankster, the visitor raised his white staff and rapped it on the sidewalk. The staff made three clicking sounds and the stranger moved away.

"He didn't step back or jump back, he just drifted away from me," Pete said.

It was then that Pete became aware of four other creatures out on the lawn and in the street. "They were all dressed alike and all carried a white staff in their left hands," Pete said.

"One of them was heavier than the rest. He was out in the middle of the street. He was rapping his staff on the asphalt and floating two to three feet above the ground each time it clicked. The staff seemed to be some kind of an energy stick. That roly-poly one seemed to be having the time of his life, bouncing up and down like that. He looked like the astronauts looked when they jumped on the moon, only he seemed to have more control over his movements than they did."

Pete described the other three visitors as just moving across the lawn.

"Their feet were making walking motions but they were two or three inches above the ground," he said excitedly.

All of them, he said, had a deformed look. He described their hands as looking like arthritic claws and their legs as being bent and bowed.

"They looked like over-sized gnomes," he said.

"As I leaned out, Anne grabbed hold of the suspenders on my overalls and pulled. When she got me back inside, I must have gone into a state of shock. I know I knew exactly what they looked like when I was leaning out the door, but once I was inside the house, I couldn't remember much about their faces or dress," Pete said.

"As I fell into a chair, Anne looked out the front window," he said.

"I could see only three of them," Anne said, "The one that had been at the door was drifting across the lawn. He turned and raised his hand to me. It wasn't a clenched fist, just kind of bent, that's how all their hands were naturally."

Both Pete and his wife agreed that they did not feel threatened by the visitors.

As to why they came to his house, Pete could not give a reason. He thought that their way of communicating was probably different from ours because their mouths were so much smaller. He wondered if they could eat with such a small opening and concluded that maybe they could drink liquids through a straw.

Officer Daniel Anderson, after receiving a radio message about strange looking people annoying residents on Beverly Place, surveyed the area around the Menomonee River Parkway. The Parkway is two blocks from the home.

Pete called the police the next day and the day after that to see if the police had found anything.

On the third day, Officer Anderson came to the house to say that he had found nothing.

Anne and Pete said they got the impression that Anderson thought that they were a couple of nuts.

Apparently that must have been the officer's opinion because he did not write up a report about the incident.

Peter and Anne still believe they were visited by spacemen even though they have had to take a lot of kidding from

friends and relatives. "My own son walks hunchbacked and says click-click just to kid us," Pete said.

Only one neighbor has been receptive to the story. He and his wife saw a strange vehicle in the sky while driving through the Menomonee River Parkway two years ago. His neighbors never told anyone about it until now because they were afraid people would make fun of them.

Report from Alberta

UFO with Base & One That Heard

(Two interviews by W. K. Allen,
with thanks for the first to Mrs. Nellie Harwood.)

"I'm Grace Thomson of Strathmore (Alberta) and I live at Wheatland Lodge. One night (spring of 1976) at about two thirty or a quarter to three, I was sleepless and was sitting looking out the window and I saw in the distance what I thought was a beautiful star. And then I looked down, just for a second, and up again, and this object came over a house just across the street from us, and missed the telephone wires and came down - there was about 10 inches of snow upon the ground - and hovered for about five minutes all told.

"I was so surprised and so excited, I jumped up and went to the window and I don't know whether they saw me or what, but they just took off right up over the telephone wire again and went directly south and then turned eastward. That was the last I saw of them."

Allan: Have you any idea about how large it was or could you tell me more about the shape or any colour?

T. Yes. It was so very bright it was almost like looking directly into the sun.

A. Did it hurt your eyes?

T. It did hurt my eyes and for days afterwards my eyes felt almost as if I'd been looking at an acetylene torch.

A. Did you report to the doctor that you had sore eyes?

T. Yes, and he said it would correct.

A. Could he see that they were inflamed at all?

T. Yes. Oh my eyes were quite red.

A. What was the doctor's name?

T. Dr. Medway in High River. But he laughed at me. He thought it was a joke. But anyway I watched it and I would say it was about 65 feet long; and you've seen the trays in the hospitals that they

"You know, they were right. No one takes us seriously. They all think we are making it up or that someone pulled a joke on us. I'll believe it was a joke when someone shows me those staffs," Pete said.

"Besides, the whole thing took about two minutes. Who would go to so much trouble for just two minutes? And how could anyone get people to float all over my lawn?"

put over hot meals?

A. Like a half an egg?

T. No, it's almost like a musical top.

A. Oh yes, round.

T. Yes, and then there were all windows about a third of the way down. And then it was solid and looked as if there was a piece, oh I'd say about 18 inches deep, below that right in the centre, and from that there was a black object almost as big as the flying saucer itself. And I believe it was driven from that mechanism.

A. In other words the saucer was about 60 feet.

T. Sixty-five feet.

A. Sixty-five and this black part would be nearly that big (in diameter)

T. Almost that big and it would be at least 20 inches deep (thick). And what amazed me was: there was no sound, and there was no exhaust, absolutely none and I couldn't believe it. But I wouldn't say anything because I thought everybody would think I was crazy.

A. What was the shape of these windows in the upper part?

T. Just the same as these windows.

A. Could you see vertical lines between them?

T. Yes, just as if that window was put in the saucer.

A. Now this bright light that hurt your eyes, was it coming out of the windows?

T. No. Right from the machine itself.

A. All the machine?

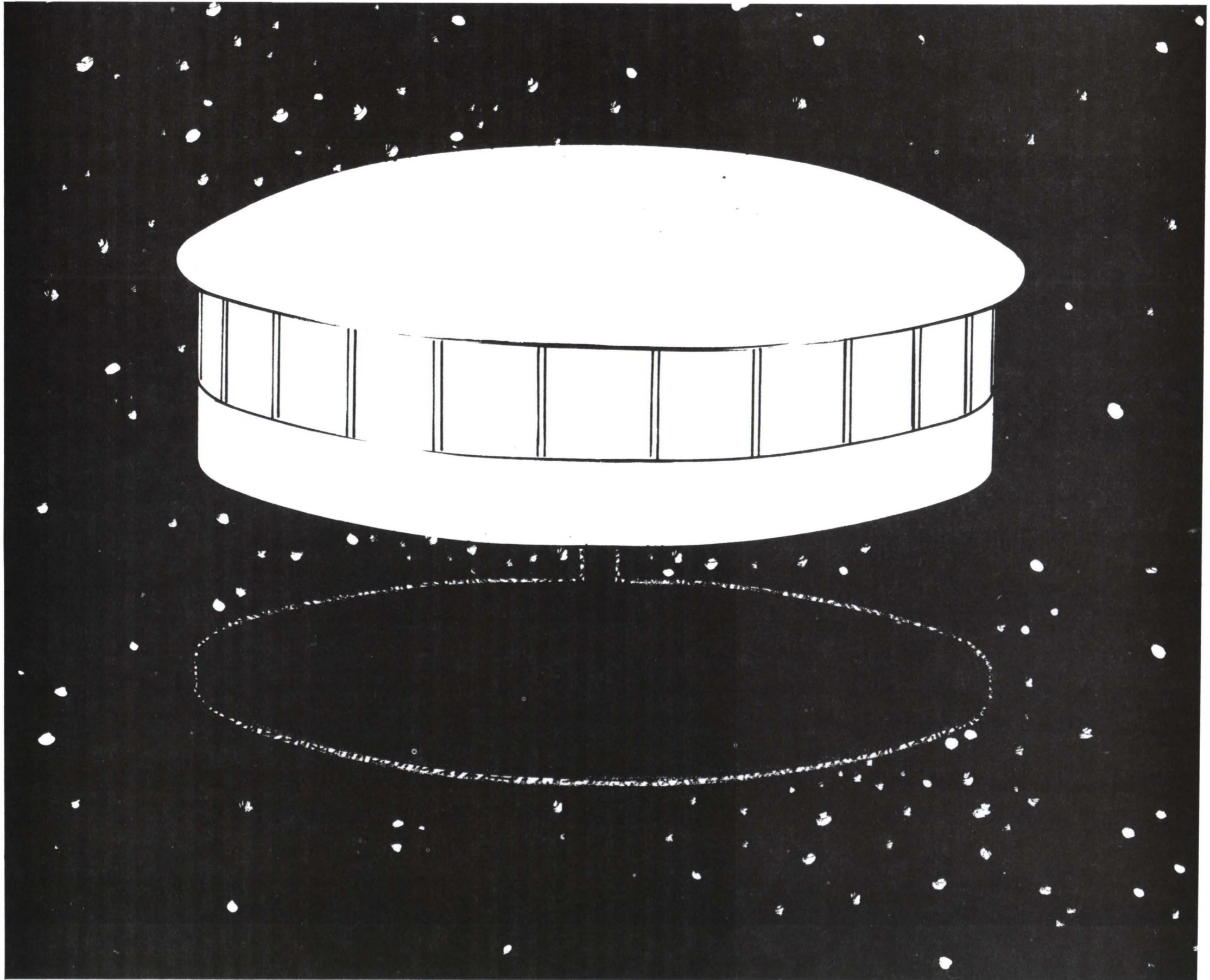
T. All the machine itself. Yes.

A. Did the windows seem darker or about the same?

T. About the same.

A. You couldn't see any sign of anything through the windows?

T. No, not at all. But I think it likely they



drawing by Brian James

saw me standing at the window and they didn't want to be seen and just took off.

Mrs. Thomson pointed out that there are three evergreen trees left here but before this event there was a whole hedge. "About five trees died and they pulled them out in the spring and they don't know why they died. (It was a very mild winter.) Nobody has any idea. But it was right over the trees when it was hovering." The nearest remaining tree of the row measured 64 feet from the window where she stood, so she was close enough to see details.

This intensely black 20-inch thick disc, 65 feet in diameter, joined by an 18-inch long column to the bottom of the dazzling white craft differs from those in the majority of UFO reports.

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My name is Bessie O'Connor and I live about two miles south of Calgary city limits. Last August, 1975, about 11:30 at night I was going to bed when I suddenly had a feeling that I would see a UFO. So I took my sleeping bag and went out into the pasture to sleep in the pasture all night to watch. I had just lain down and went right off to sleep when suddenly I was wide awake, sat up facing north, and there was a saucer coming toward me. I would say it was a mile high; it was an oval shaped whitish light, it came not too quickly and as it got closer the underneath seemed to have pulsating either green or bluish lights mingled with red. I looked up at it and sent a mental message, "signal me" and it undulated three times, passed over me and went directly south. Allan: Could you estimate the apparent diameter of it compared to a full moon if there had been a full moon near it. Would it be much larger or much smaller?

O. I would think it would be about the same size or a little larger.

A. Looking out the window here, it is a good place to see saucers for you have an almost unlimited horizon to the south.



Report from Ontario

PHOTO SIGHTING

On March 24, 1976 at 4:15 p.m. two St. Catharines high school students were in an open field at the northern end of the city taking pictures of the area when the object was photographed. The witness who took the photograph stated "we were taking photos of the area when a high-pitched noise from behind caught our attention, we turned around to see this metallic thing about 30 feet or more in diameter hovering in the air. We could see a sort of depression in the top and the UFO was more than 800 feet away from us. I quickly took the photo and after about three seconds, the UFO took off to the northwest." The entire episode lasted about six seconds. The photo and enlargements were developed in his friend's darkroom.

The witnesses stated that they wish their names to be withheld for the fear of ridicule from persons who would doubt their authenticity due to the amazing clearness and detail observable which one rarely finds in UFO shots. However, one of the witnesses clearly stated, "I know what I saw, I photographed something out there which my friend and I can't explain."

Investigators of Project S.U.M. [Solving the UFO Mystery] at St. Catharines, Ont. who examined the original negative found no emulsion flaws; defects or forgings could not be found. Therefore they concluded the negative had not been tampered with.

PHOTOGRAPHIC DATA

Camera: 35 mm range - finder, Petry Racer Type camera

Film: Kodak Tri-X Pan Black & White film [ASA 400]

Focus: Infinity [anything closer than 71 feet out of focus]

Shutter Speed: 1/500th

F-stop: Half-stop

Attachments: Sun shield

ANALYSIS

On the original photograph, a study of light and dark portions of the metallic object and also the position of the sun during the shot indicates that at the time the UFO was photographed, the sun had been in the same position as to where the witnesses had described. Also, since the camera was set at

infinity, the 35-foot tree in the foreground is blurry.

In order to study the object in detail, several progressive blow-ups were studied. One is shown here.

A study of a 41x enlargement shows that the disc is not completely circular on the left portion. It seems to be a bit distorted or 'lopsided'. Also, examining the UFO, a slight depression can be found on the right side of the craft.

A study of a 250x enlargement reveals two structures within the top depression. The central structure resembles what appears to be an "occupant" or "being" looking at or "studying" the witnesses. One of our consultants on photography suggests that we put the original negative through several special tests before forming any definite opinions as to what is in the craft.

Examination of the structure just to the right of the central portion shows what appears to be some kind of an "instrument" with a box shape and what appears to be an antenna on the top. Could these two objects be the result of a mere misinterpretation - or are they an extraterrestrial creature with an instrument panel?

The two students have been questioned extensively and have also filled out many forms in order for every aspect of the report to be studied. We have had a UFO expert and several specialists examine the photograph, and in their opinion - they regard it as authentic.

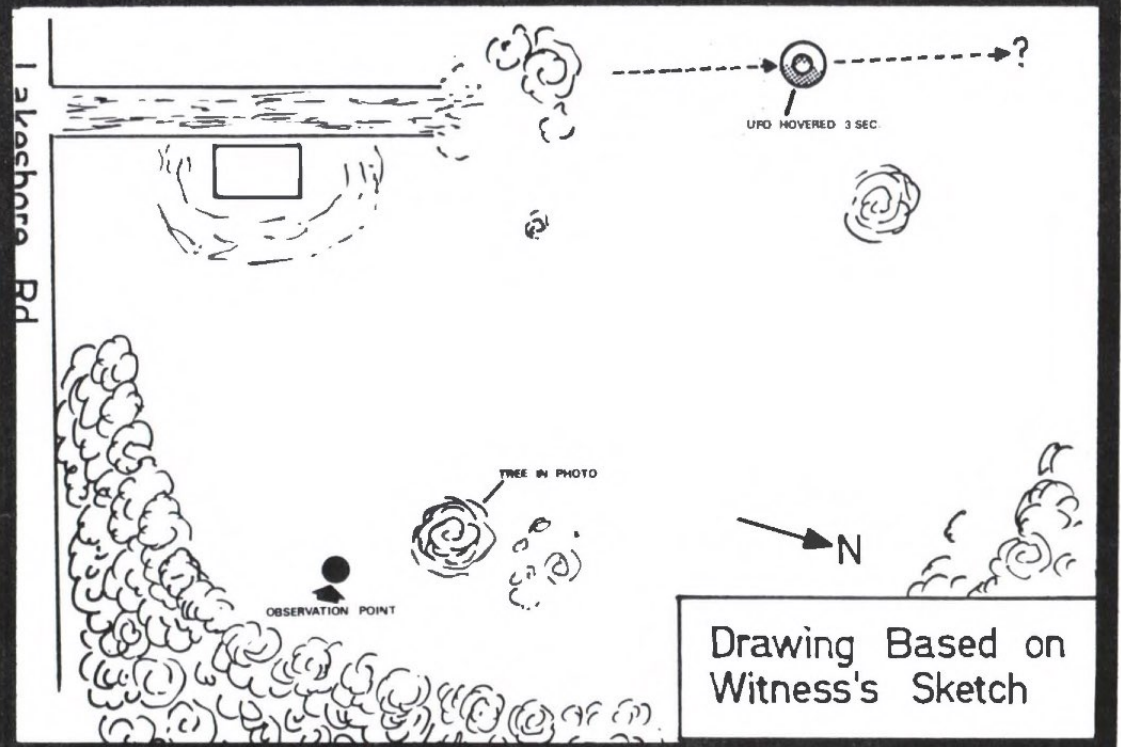
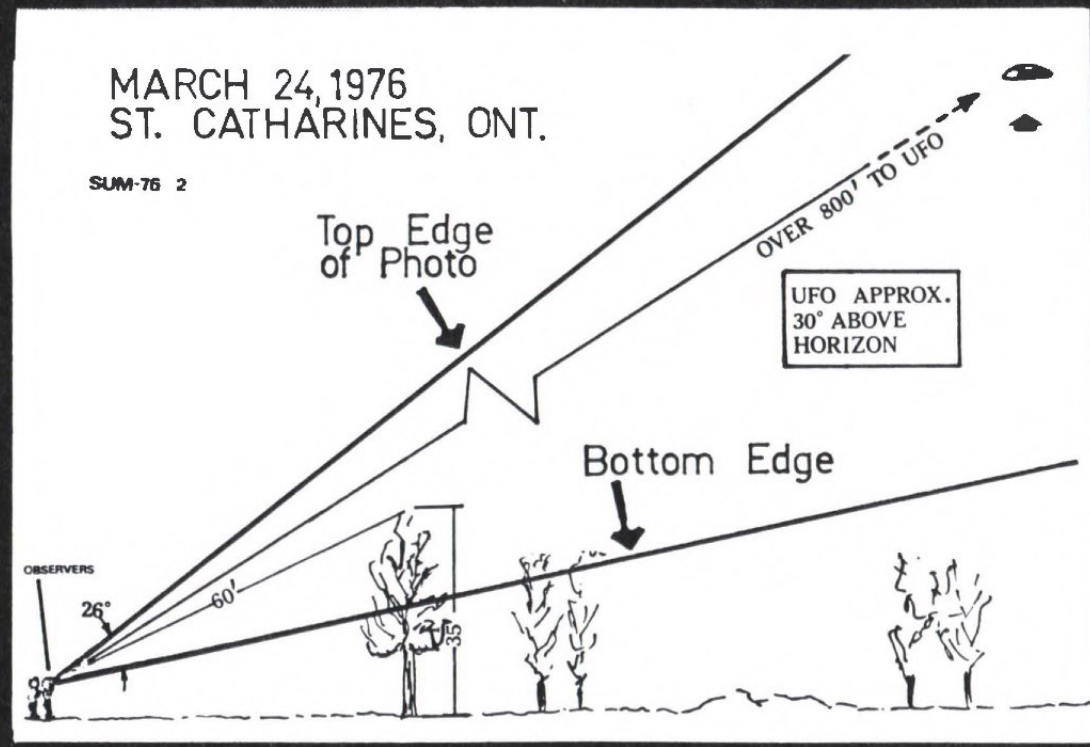
Through nearly six months of exhaustive study, no contradictions have arisen and in the official opinion of Project S.U.M., the photograph is genuine.

EXTRA NOTES

When Project S.U.M. had first learned of the photos, we were pretty skeptical about the whole thing. However, now after almost half a year of investigation, we are certain that the photos are authentic. Who would want to go through six months of investigating and tricky questioning knowing that his photos are fake?

Many people who examine the UFO photograph might readily jump to the conclusion that "the photograph is phony - probably done with a hubcap or frisbee". One can never say anything is phony until he examines the facts.

It should also be remembered that there were two witnesses and they both



Before giving an opinion on the authenticity of the picture, CUFOR photo analyst George Potts wrote Project SUM raising these points: "I am not familiar with the camera mentioned so do not understand the 'half-stop' shown on the diagram. It seems it would refer to about 8f? The statement that objects closer than 71 feet would be out of focus, with this aperture would not be correct. Also it would appear that the trees in the distance should be in focus whereas they are further out of focus than the closer group. This would seem to show that the object in question is within 50 ft. of the camera. I would appreciate your opinion of my theory."

saw the same thing. The witness who photographed the object made it clear that "It's as real as the nose on my face and do you really think that I would put you (Project S.U.M.) through this much trouble if I didn't sincerely think my photo and story checked out to be true? All I can say is, I don't know what it is . . . if you know what it is, tell me . . ."

It is inevitable that in the course of UFO research, investigators will come across UFO reports that are merely the result of misinterpretations and hoaxes.

Project S.U.M. has made an effort to weed out these "misidentifieds" since they only present misleading results.

We want to solve the mystery of unidentified flying objects as much as anyone else, and if we were not certain that the photograph was genuine - we wouldn't be putting all our time (and money) into this photo case.

In our opinion, there is no question as to the authenticity of the photograph. Those who disagree may write Project S.U.M., 21 Prince Charles Dr., St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada.

[At the last moment before going to press **Canadian UFO Report** received a reply to the letter quoted on p. 6. Was this case true or false? For the answer see p. 23, col. 3.]

Report from Peru

Action in the Incas' Sacred Valley

The following article by Zizi Ghenea is reprinted from *Inforespace*, the fine bimonthly UFO review published by SOBEPS, Boulevard Aristide Briand, 26 1070 Brussels, Belgium. As a special service to English-speaking readers the Society recently started publication of *Sobeys News*, a translation of principal articles in which this account also appeared.

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by Zizi Ghenea

Some forty kilometres from Cuzco, not very far from the road leading to Urubamba, the Incas' "Valle Sagrado" (Sacred Valley), lies a pleasant little lake: the Huaypo. Having a triangular-like shape, it is roughly two kilometers long and surrounded by mountain reeds that venture more or less twenty metres into the water. This still and serene

area, located near to 4,000 metres above sea-level, is girdled by rolling mountains that stretch out as far as the eye can see, and appears to be a favourite visiting ground for UFOs.

The UFOs generally show themselves during the night, usually after 18:00 hrs. until 06:00 hrs in the next morning. Observations have also occurred not far from there over another little lake located near an abandoned mine. In most cases the objects are seen diving into or emerging from the water. Such acrobatics have been noted over all Peru but the UFOs tend to favour the Pacific Ocean (southern part - east coast).

But let's go back to the "laguna de Huaypo". Besides objects, there have been various observations involving unexplained luminous phenomena although no ruins or houses are to be found in the vicinity. And it's only the few rare travellers tramping near the lake that report such occurrences.

The latest strange event that came to pass in this region took place on Sunday, August 3, 1975. It was witnessed by two engineers of the National Electricity Company "Electro Peru" who were returning from Urubamba's Sacred Valley. It was near to 01:00 hrs when the engineer, seated next to his friend who was driving, noticed level with the lake a luminous beam darting out between the reeds bordering the lake's bank. They immediately stopped the car to watch. The two men saw that the luminous beam (described as a "laser beam") directed towards the Huanacaure mountain located on the opposite side, was being obliquely emitted and was thus touching the middle of said mountain. Of an orange-reddish shade, it gave the impression of a neon tube as if it was a "solid" or "coherent" light. Now and then the beam would contract, as if it had been cut short, which enforced the idea of it being "solid".

Suddenly, the colour's intensity increased and the "tube of light" took on a glowing red tint. At that moment, the beam lighted up a globe-shaped object which appeared to be resting on the middle portion of the mountain that was jutting out. From the road the witnesses estimated the UFO's diameter as being roughly fifty metres. When the red tint became stronger it would alter the silvery-white or golden object's colour to red. Equally, when the beam became shorter the dark vertical stripes visible

on the craft's surface would disappear as the ray curtailed and grew lighter in colour. Curiously, each time the beam pulled back the ducks living among the reeds would set up a terrible racket. However, once the beam extended itself back towards the mountain the birds became dead silent.

After some ten minutes or so of these goings-on, a second beam flashed on and heading in the same direction as the first one, stopped quite some distance away and further down. A few seconds later, another UFO with exactly the same shape and characteristics showed itself and undertook the same exhibition: variations in colour, the appearing and disappearing of dark vertical stripes on the object's surface and the contracting and protracting of the beam repeated itself. The only difference concerned the UFO's position. Whereas the first craft had positioned itself on the mountain, this one was hovering in the air.

The two engineers continued watching this strange display for two hours. It was only when shivering with the cold that prevailed at that altitude (1), overcome with the desire to sleep and completely stupefied by the events they had seen, did they decide at 03:00 hrs to travel on towards Cuzco. The strange manifestation kept up behind them.

The witnesses insist that the two "light" beams were emitted from the lake's bank towards the objects and not vice versa as occurs in the majority of other cases. Their impressions were that the successive contracting and protracting of the beams, accompanied with a variation in colour, would constitute a kind of message, whereby the rays in a regular emission towards the two UFOs would be replied by the appearance of the dark vertical stripes on the object's surface. The engineers also state that they clearly saw the shadows of the reeds on the lakeshore each time the beams contracted.

Moreover this is not the first time that the "laguna de Huaypo" is the site for UFO phenomena. It came to pass that in 1974, near end of November, a peasant whose wood cabin slightly overhangs the lake, was abruptly awoken in the middle of the night (2) by the barking of his dog and the gruntings of his sow. As she was very near to farrow, the peasant thought that the piglets had already been born and thus went out to check. It was as he stepped out of his cabin that

he saw a "fireball" slightly flat in appearance, flying over his fields at high speed and travelling towards the lake on a perfectly horizontal trajectory. When the sphere was nearing the middle it suddenly dived into the watery depths. Even in spite of the distance, the splashing of water could be distinctly heard in the silence of the night. What is most remarkable is that this "fireball" threw itself into the lake after effectuating a right-angled turn.

This sighting was conformed by a youth who, at that very moment, was on the road leading to the peasant's hut. Aged 14 years-old, this young lad worked for the countryman. He leaves his home in the middle of the night and walks to the lake Huaypo, a distance of several kilometers. This second witness had also seen the "fireball" crossing the sky just as it had changed its direction. He was unable to say whether the ball did itself go into the water since from where he was standing the lake was hidden. The two witnesses agreed nonetheless on the size of the UFO of which they compared in dimension to "the first grocer's shop upon reaching Cuzco", thus giving a diameter of roughly six metres.

Although the general description tends to give the impression of a meteorite (fireball), such a hypothesis cannot be held in consideration owing to the "abnormal" trajectory undertaken by the object. And on this point the two persons are categorical: the globe arrived at the Huanacaure mountain, proceeded towards the lake and then suddenly "dropped into the water".

Two years earlier in April, 1972, a former president of Cuzco's Court of Justice was returning from Urubamba and was driving along the road bordering Lake Huaypo. Having welcomed a few friends arriving from Spain and accompanied with a few persons from Cuzco, they had all taken this excursion towards the Incas' Sacred Valley. The group was made up of four cars and seventeen persons of which two were children.

It was near to 20:00 hrs when, just as they were level with Huaypo the four vehicles abruptly stalled and stopped. Worried by this outcome the four drivers, assisted by five or six persons, stepped out of their cars to examine the engines and comment on what had just transpired. While talking, they unexpectedly heard a slight humming

sound coming from the north and soon after there appeared in the sky a disc. The silvery blue object, surrounded by an orange halo, had loomed up behind the mountains and its diameter estimated by the witnesses, was in the order of ten to fifteen metres.

At full speed it flew obliquely and in a straight line towards the lake and diving, gradually submerged into the water. Curiously, following its submersion, the colour of the water turned to the same orange tint as that of the object's colour in the vicinity of the impact.

Two to three minutes later the car engines came back to life, much to the relief of the spectators who were quite scared after their observation. This sighting was much talked about at Cuzco and even as far as Lima.

To close the first in this series of unusual phenomena, of which the 'laguna de Huaypo' was the focal point, we shall tell of another incident which came to pass one Saturday evening in 1967. The witness was a Cuzco shop owner who was returning to his second home, situated near Urubamba, for the weekend. For him that evening was to be the biggest surprise of his life.

The time was about 21:00 hrs, the sky being cloudy as the witness drove along the road bordering the lake. As he was nearing one of the summits of the triangle that forms the Huaypo, at approximately fifty to sixty metres from the banks, his car engine stalled and died. Getting out of his vehicle, a small lamp in hand, he proceeded to open the bonnet to see what had caused the breakdown. As he was probing about, suddenly a violent flash of light illuminated the whole region and the distinct sound of falling water was heard from the lake.

There, to the witness' right side appeared a discoidal object emerging from the water to remain stationary some 50 metres above it. The object, near to eight metres in diameter, had a metallic shine to it with greenish glints. "portholes" were visible although he could not say if they were round or oval and on top there was a kind of dome, which slowly turned.

After a few minutes the object speedily moved off and climbing, passed over the road. The dome, spinning more rapidly, sent out luminous alternate green and orange flashes.

Without delay the witness jumped back into his car and restarted his motor without any problems. Instead of continuing his journey, the shop owner doubled back and returned to Cuzco where he immediately told of his adventure.

These therefore are the main incidents that have befallen the "laguna de Huaypo". If the "underwater" UFOs are rare, one must nonetheless admit that this region has been honoured by their visits. Why this is so and if it is owing to a permanent base - is another question altogether.

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1. It should not be forgotten that Peru lies in the southern hemisphere and that August is in the heart of the winter.
2. Since the witness had no watch and alarm clock this "middle of the night" is most unreliable. It is more than likely that the observation commenced near dawn, according to the young lad's testimony.

And in Tasmania . . .

Mme. Ghenea's article appeared in Inforespace issue no. 27 of May, 1976. Soon after we read it another case with certain striking similarities came to our attention. As carried below, this was reported in a news item from King Island, Tasmania, dated April 14, 1976. It will be seen this also involved a "solid" light beam in a remote country area though here the source was visible. An additional mystery was the appearance of "broken shafts" of light which have been noted on rare occasions before as part of the UFO phenomenon. For examples see Ernst Berger, vol. 3, no. 8, p. 11. Here is the Tasmania report:

A well known King Island duck shooter had an unnerving experience in the early hours on Saturday morning as he waited for dawn to break on a remote part of King Island.

The King Island man, who wishes to remain anonymous, had driven to a wild and uninhabited part of the coastline near Whistler Point well before dawn in order to shoot ducks along the shore at first light.

He had been parked for more than ten minutes when at about 5:30 a.m. - there was no sign of dawn - when looking

north easterly direction he noticed what first appeared to be a beam of light such as could be emitted by a powerful torch or motor-bike headlight moving across the brow of a hill less than half a mile away in a westerly direction.

This puzzled the shooter as he was familiar with the terrain and knew there was no track which would permit free movement in that area. Nor could he hear any sound of a motor.

He also had the impression of some object moving behind and with the light.

As he watched, the movement turned in his direction and he was amazed to see that the beam of light was much bigger and more "solid" than he had first thought.

The source of the light appeared to be a cross-like object about the size or smaller than a small plane. This was travelling nose-down through the air following the terrain down the hill in the shooter's direction at a steady speed and maintaining a fixed altitude above the ground.

As it approached the object emitted an inverted cone of bright orange light which shone groundwards at an angle in front of the object.

This cone of light was defined by brighter shafts of light at its extremities and front centre and these were interspersed on each side by two broken shafts of a different degree of brightness.

As this object continued to move in his direction the shooter became convinced that it had been attracted by his car so he left the vehicle to watch its approach from the other side of the small hill on which he was parked.

When closest to him, the cone of light appeared to be about 30 yards across at its base, and about 60 yards from its base to its source.

The object continued its forward approach for about a minute or less then it reversed its direction and moved back in a direct line from where it had come, disappearing over the skyline.

Again the shooter was at no time conscious of hearing any noise which could be associated with the object.

Although somewhat unnerved the shooter remained at the spot until dawn, but abandoned duck shooting for the day.

To avoid publicity he had not intended to report what he had seen, but curiosity has got the better of him, and

he is anxious to know if any other early riser on Saturday saw anything peculiar.

Report from Brazil

Strange Craft Examine Towers

In introducing this report Mme. Granchi explains the account originally appeared last February in the Barra do Pirai newspaper Centro-Sul, a week after the incident occurred. One of two witnesses was Jorge Pedroso de Lima, a technician at a micro-wave communications tower in Vassouras, whom Mme. Granchi met when she arrived to investigate night-light sightings in a nearby village. Her report consists of excerpts from the newspaper and her own tape-recording.

by Irene Granchi

Jorge and his fellow-worker, Carlos Alberto Hoqueira, were sent to repair the microwave tower at Vassouras, 24 km. away from Barra do Pirai, on Feb. 1, a Sunday.

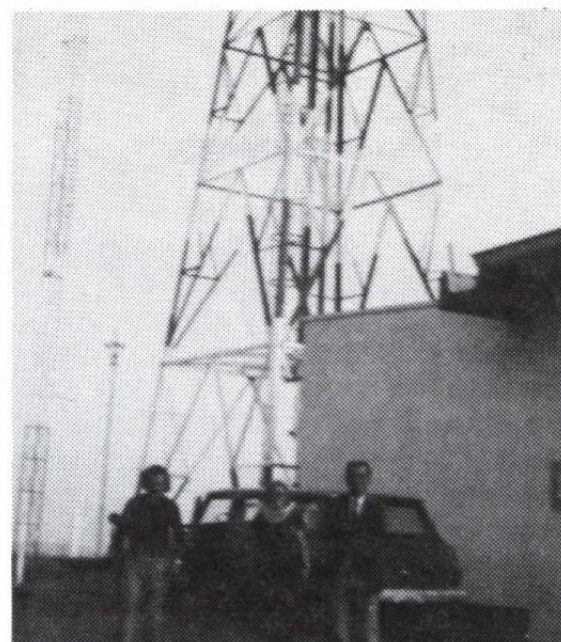
Their work was pressing, for on that day general University entry exams were being held in Vassouras, which made communications a priority. Vassouras is a little university town, a summer resort, and lies 415 m. above sea-level.

The two men worked hard all day at the top of the hill, high above the little town, and finally, towards evening, got back into their car for a well-earned rest before returning home.

They then saw an 'object' appear, surrounded by a bright light (I am now quoting from the newspaper) sparkling and of an indefinite shape, emitting an orangy light, with slight changes of position in its circular flight. For the duration of the sighting, all the lights inside and outside the tower went off.

At first the two men chaffed each other, pretending it was a plane, though they knew it was not. That is a regular flight route for planes. During the sighting, every time a plane flew by, the UFO turned off its own lights and became invisible. Jorge is well-experienced with planes, as he worked for 14 years as aviations mechanic, with many hours flight experience of his own.

(I am now quoting from my own tape-recording of the interview.) He



Tower at Barra do Pirai visited by Jorge de Lima, left, Vice-Mayor Tinoco and wife.

noticed the UFO had irregular borders, though it was impossible to make out its true shape. It kept at a half-way distance between Barra do Pira and Vassouras, i.e. about 10 km. distant, a little lower than the towers, but on a line with the communication waves, and quite a height above the land lying below.

It was spinning, size comparable to that of the moon, and its light was reflected by the low clouds above it. The day was still cloudy, and it had rained earlier. The UFO's true size, the men decided, must have been that of a car or a helicopter. It was soundless. They tried figuring out its shape, unsuccessfully, because of the brightness of the light surrounding it. They stayed on for half an hour, and finally returned to the tower, only to find the light in the cabin out, and neither of them had turned it off. They did not wait to see if the UFO had left, and went away.

Jorge told me of other events involving the micro-wave towers. He said that the year before Itamar was caretaker at the Barra do Pirai tower and nightwatcher combined. This man rang the CTB (telephone company) offices and the Barra do Pirai police on several occasions, in a panic, saying there were prowlers on the premises, and he had locked himself in. This occurred whenever lights appeared in the sky above the tower, causing the lights on the tower to go out. After Itamar's calls, when the police went up to check, they found nothing. But

Itamar always found circles of charred grass on the ground surrounding the tower, after each experience. He was finally dispensed from the Company, and there has been no one to replace him.

Jorge de Lima took me and Mr. Tinoco, the Vice-Mayor of Barra do Pirai, to visit the Barra do Pirai tower, where I took photos of the site. On our return down to the town, we stopped at Itamar's house, and spoke to his wife, for he was out. She confirmed her husband's experiences, saying he had often complained and come home panic-stricken. She herself had often seen lights traveling in the direction of the tower, and her children, who were with her, as well.

Report from France

ANOTHER

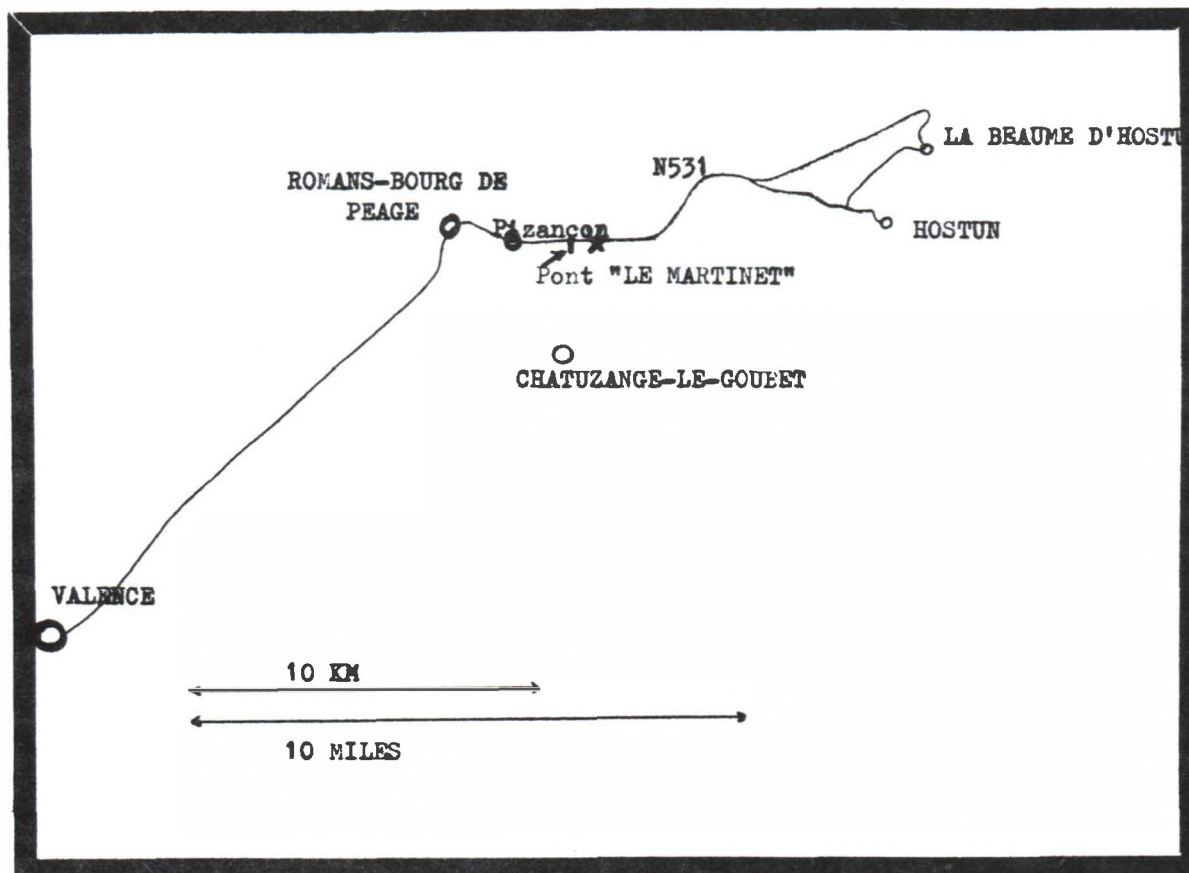
"Interrupted Journey"

by Jean Bastide

A French civil servant, Miss Helene Giuliana, who is twenty years old and is honorably known in the town of Hostun (Drome, France) by all the inhabitants and the mayor of the little city (for she is employed in the town-hall), has lived a very strange adventure during the night between June 10-11, 1976. She has said about this: "I was afraid to tell this, I was frightened, for they would have laughed at me." But she has finally made up her mind, somewhat reluctantly, to tell this fantastic story.

She was driving her car on the Route Nationale 531 from Valence (Drome) to Hostun (where she is living) when all the facts occurred. She had attended a film in a cinema of Valence, and had just a drink of black coffee after, always in Valence (and nothing can explain the following story, for she had not drunk even a single glass of wine . . .)

It was just after she had crossed the bridge of "Le Martinet" (little after Pizancon, on the "Commune" of Chatuzange-Le-Goubet) that she recorded an unexplained reduction of the car's speed. She stopped her car, opened the door and examined the level of the petrol in the car's tank, which was quite normal. She remounted into her car, but the internal combustion engine failed at several occasions, and abruptly all the head-lights went off, while the engine stopped. It was approximately 1:30 a.m.



At 15 m (50 feet) in front of the car, a strange thing was standing on the road. It was a luminous mass of orange colour . . . Miss Giuliana was afraid by such a thing, and she bolted all the doors in a hurry. She remembered covering her eyes with her hands after this and finally glancing up but the thing had disappeared, after an unknown time.

She remembered that the car started perfectly, and that she was panic-stricken to such a point that she had failed to follow the well-known way home and therefore had made a long way around by La Beaume d'Hostun. As she said: "When I arrived home, it was 4 o'clock" (4 a.m.) but the journey should have taken 30 minutes only, not 2h30.

The strangest part therefore is that nearly two hours elapsed during which the car was immobilized, and that she cannot remember exactly what occurred during these two hours just as in the Betty and Barney Hill case . . . As Betty Hill said, under hypnosis, "and the motor died, the car stalled." All ufologists have read what happened after . . .



DOSSIER PHOTOS FROM inforeospace

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So as to take some photographs of the famous Tokyo tower, a young student from Tokyo (Minato Ward) Yoshiaki Kato, installed himself on the balcony of his home on September 19, 1973. The time was 19:30 hrs.

He wanted to show the photographs during the next exposition organized at his school. He took three photos in all with an exposure time of 30 seconds. His camera was a Canon FTb, FD 50mm lens, with a 5.6 diaphragm.

At the time of his photographing the young man did not see anything particular. However, his mother and a few friends were observing at that very moment the manoeuvrings of a UFO very close to the tower itself. One of the witnesses went immediately to notify the local police (an official report was drawn up).

Yoshiaki Kato was most surprised to find that once his photos were de-

veloped, the three pictures he had taken on the Wednesday evening (negatives No.22, 23 and 24 on his film - and documents 38, 39 and 40 in the D.P.) showed clear sharp outlined UFOs.

The photos appeared a few weeks later in Tokyo's Sankei Shimbun newspaper dated October 28, 1973.

Situated in the centre of town and at the highest region of the Shiba Park, the Tokyo tower was built in June 1957 and was finished in less than 18 months later. Of a height of 333 metres, the tower has two observation platforms of 150 and 230 metres respectively from the ground, and thus serves as a T.V. and telecommunications aerial. The two highly illuminated platforms can be clearly seen in these documents.

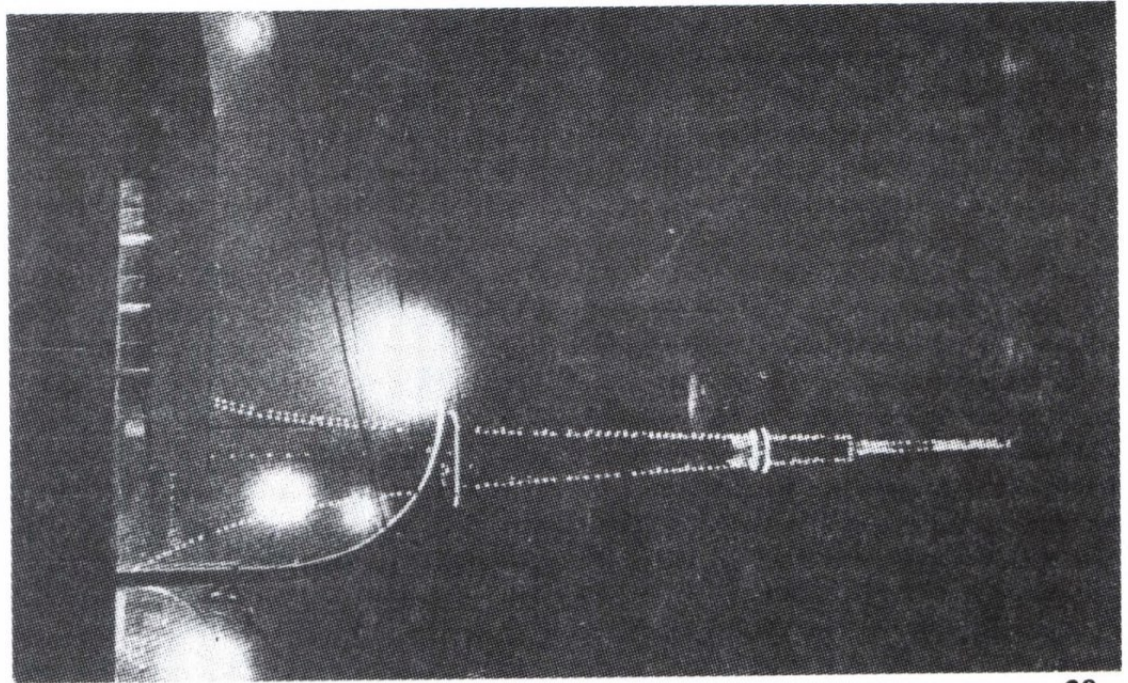
Minato Ward is also in the centre of Tokyo and the photos were taken a few hundred metres or so from the foot of the tower.

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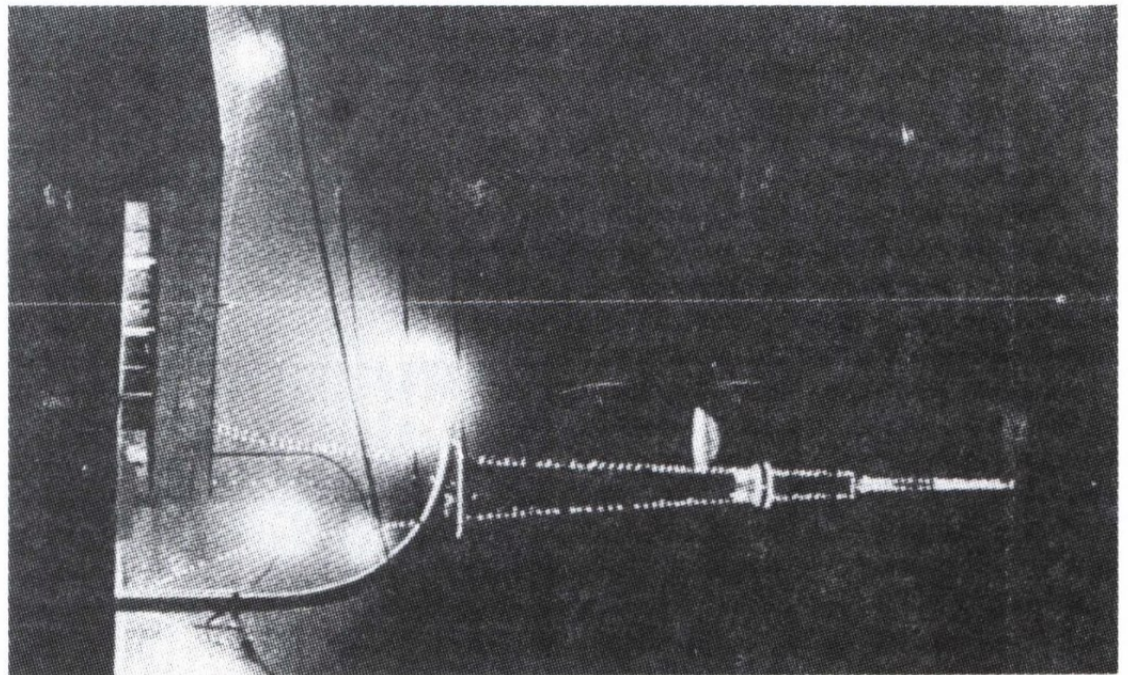
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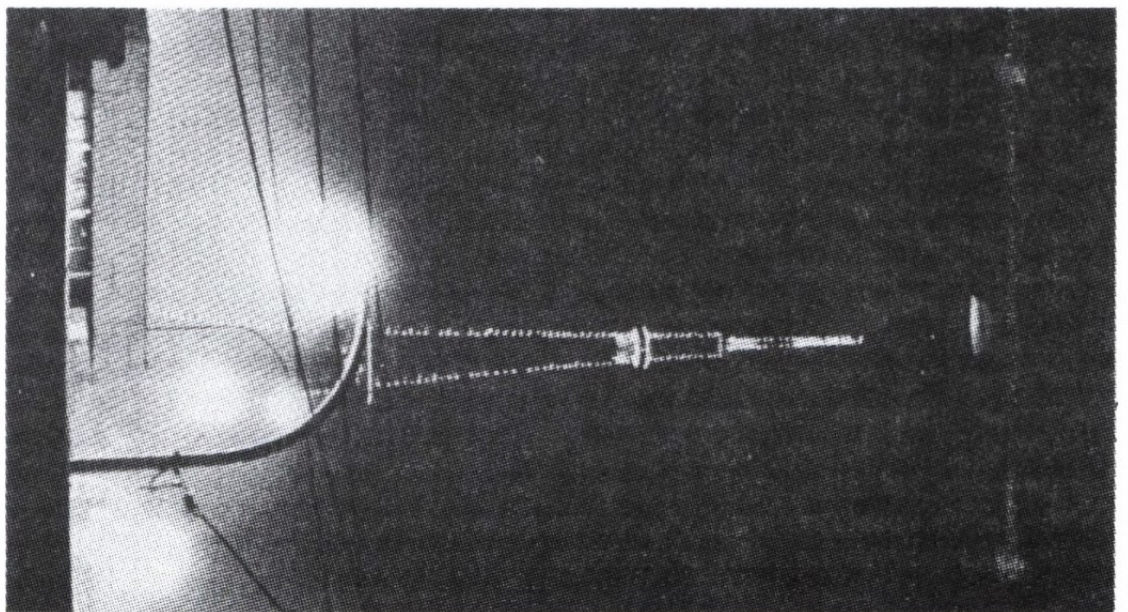
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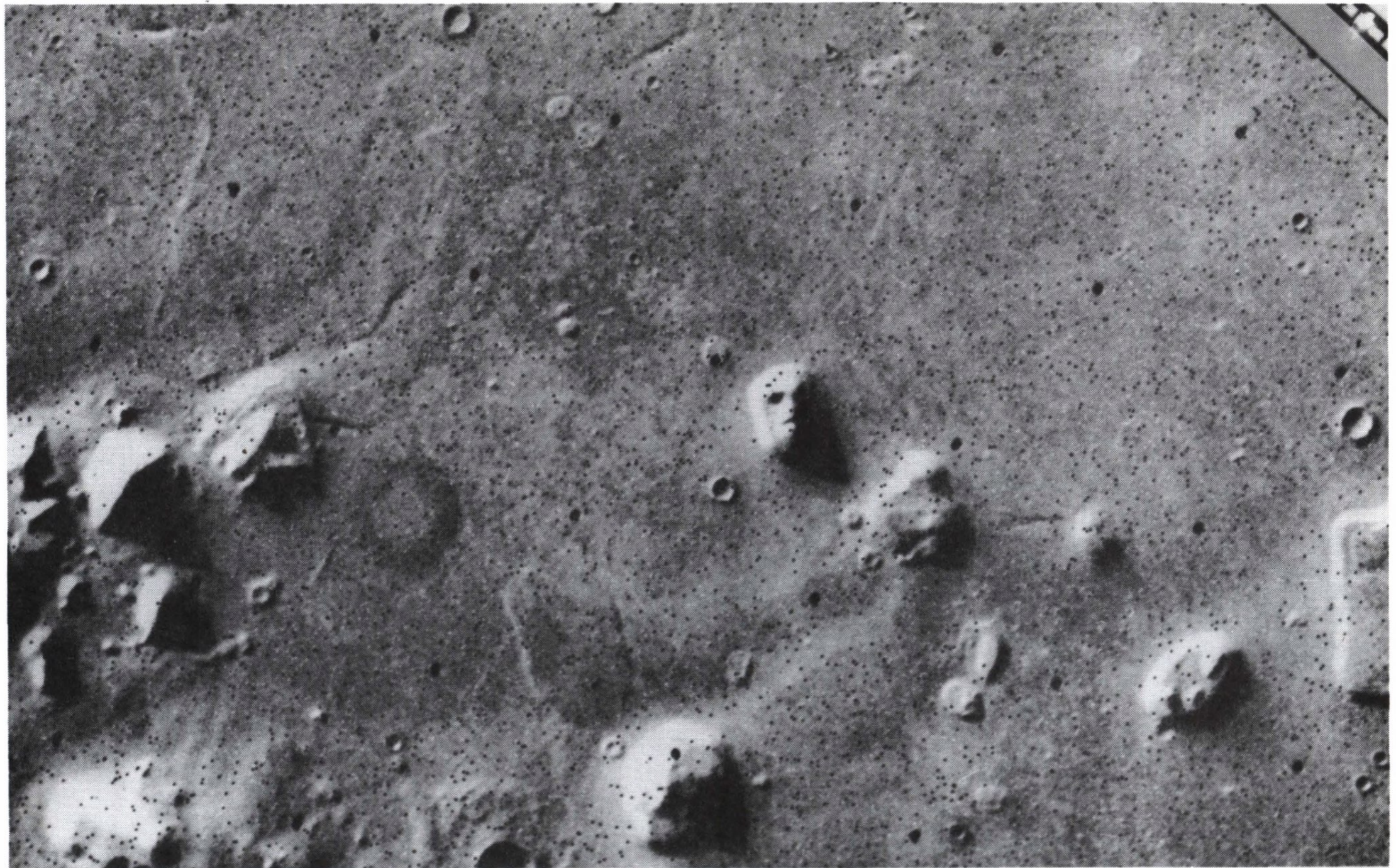
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This striking photo was taken in northern latitudes of Mars by the Viking 1 Orbiter in search of a landing site for Viking 2. In its caption, NASA says: "The picture shows eroded mesa-like landforms. The huge rock formation in the center, which resembles a human head, is formed by shadows giving the illusion of eyes, nose and mouth. The feature is 1.5 kilometers [one mile] across. The speckled appearance of the image is due to bit errors emphasized by enlargement of the photo. The picture was taken July 25 from a range of 1873 kilometers [1162 miles]."

Despite its presumably natural origin, this feature has details other than the face which give it an artificial look. At far right is an unusual rectangular formation resembling a possible crypt, while at center left there is an indentation as if the ground had settled around a circular structure. At top left of this there is a T-shaped set of lines leading to a sharp-edged rock which is topped by a noticeable black mark or opening. The whole area is suggestive of a special place of assembly.

Photo by NASA

THE INTERPRETIVE DILEMMA

(First of three parts)

by P.M.H. Edwards, Ph.D.

Like an iceberg, the significant portion of ufological literature is the tip which protrudes above the water; the submerged remaining seven-eighths are very little more than conjecture, or even foolish fantasy. It was my good fortune that the first ufological book to fall into my hands was M. Aime Michel's initial treatise, *The Truth About Flying Saucers*; the evidence presented by this scientist author showed me at once that we are in the presence of a very real phenomenon, one which merits early attention on a global scale. From that excellent book, I delved more deeply into the matter, and, to my consternation, (not to say disappointment), at least two important facts became clear:-

The first was the inescapable fact that, deliberately or accidentally, the UFOs have been affecting certain persons' psychic or mental processes; we do not know the reason for this. 1.

The second was that the visits had obviously not merely begun in 1946-47, but that they had been going on sporadically throughout past centuries, not to say millenia. The reason why this had not dawned on the world's population, was to be found in the manner in which past visitations had been interpreted. For instance, early manifestations were, more often than not, regarded as activities of "the gods" or simply of God. Only in our century of materialistic science and astronautics have these sightings been attributed to extra-terrestrial (ET) aliens and their presumed space vehicles. On looking back through the centuries of recorded history, wherever sightings of inexplicable craft and occupants have been recorded in literature or carvings, the overall descriptions of them and of their actions and words, run closely parallel to present-day accounts.

Interpretation is, of course, the key-word: a wrong interpretation can cause untold confusion, perhaps for centuries. And, as our minds are conditioned by our experiences, our inherited cultural values and taboos, our prejudices and religious beliefs, we

have difficulty in assessing unfamiliar phenomena in a truly objective and dispassionate manner. It is, therefore, important to remain open-minded, to refrain from premature conclusions that may have to be discarded later, and to concentrate, now, on matters of the greatest importance, not squandering our energies on considerations of secondary import. Therefore, my suggestions farther on, are intended to be just that, and not theories; I trust they will stimulate further dialogue.

Since it is men's minds that govern the world, we must try to discover how and why the ufonauts are affecting the psychic and mental processes of some people. They may be doing so accidentally, - or deliberately. If deliberately, then we may expect to find that they have been meddling with world affairs in various subtle ways, far more than we at present suspect. This could be very serious indeed for all of us. 2. However, if the effects on some people's minds have been accidental, we will almost certainly find that certain individuals react more positively to electro-magnetic (EM) and other types of radiation, and that these have been the reluctant and puzzled contactees who can not understand why they appear to have been selected for so much notoriety and trouble.

The ufonauts' techniques and propulsion methods are also highly interesting, for it is energy that runs our industries; the country that succeeds in solving this mystery (if indeed it is possible to solve it), could finally rule the Earth. But, the purpose of this article is to discuss briefly some aspects of the effects that UFOs have had on the human mind; this is far more important than discussing the crafts' propulsion technology, at this stage.

Psychologists assert that the sub-conscious mind acts and reacts in unpredictable ways; we tend to shun things that we can not understand; or else, we explain them away with reference to spiritualism, or magic, or a parallel universe, or the like; if we are faced with a phenomenon which appears to

disobey the laws of science as we know them, we sometimes state that "it couldn't have happened"; or some people who hold specific religious beliefs invoke divine intervention as the explanation - the ancient concept of *Deus ex machina*. This kind of reaction to the unexplained, so dear to ostriches, has bedevilled the interpretations of ufological incidents for a very long time, and it continues to do so, to some extent, even today.

The sub-conscious mind comes to the surface when the subject is in a trance-state, as under hypnosis, for example; and the hypnotist can blank out of our conscious memories a specific event, or a period of time; so that, upon returning to our normal waking state, we retain no recollection of it consciously. However, it is important to recall that the sub-conscious mind never forgets anything at all; this is why, for instance, Mrs. Betty Hill of Portsmouth, N.H. and her late husband, began to suffer from recurrent nightmares shortly after their encounter with the UFO at Indian Head, as related by John Fuller, in *The Interrupted Journey*. They remembered nothing consciously; yet, their sub-conscious minds could not erase the memory of that traumatic experience, and the memory rose to the conscious level through dreams, later on. Skeptics who may have felt that the Hills' experience was only imaginary, may like to know that recently, the air force has confirmed that it was, in fact, tracking an 'unexplained' at that very time, and in that same locality, by radar; it is unfortunate that they took so long to decide upon making this announcement; had they published it much sooner, it could have saved the Hill a great deal of embarrassing criticism.

Many a witness of UFO activity has experienced delayed-action effects of one sort or another; some effects were largely favorable, but the majority were undesirable, or even harmful; and, these sub-conscious effects must have warped some contactees' memories and interpretations of what really trans-

pired. Moreover, I have in a couple of articles in the British *Flying Saucer Review* (London) - numbers 16-6 and 19-3 - suggested that the postulated electro-magnetic (EM) force-field of the UFOs may, on occasion (accidentally, or perhaps deliberately?) trigger a witness's S.S.P. (Suprasensory Perception; less correctly E.S.P.), and that the result of this may manifest itself as *sudden* clairaudience or - clairvoyance, or sudden telepathic ability, or the capacity of by-passing the language-barrier through the hypnotic trance-state. We have only to become acquainted with the vast literature of ufology, to confirm this for ourselves. We have long passed the point of ambivalence.

A most important avenue of research is the scrutiny of all alleged verbal communication between aliens and humans, for this could yield valuable clues about the ufonauts' technology, or their motives. As the interpretation of "messages" could well be revealing, I pondered long over the intriguing question as to whether a hypnotized subject were able to react to commands or statements spoken to him in a language that he does not understand, in his normal waking state. For a long time, I was unable to clarify the question to my satisfaction, no psychiatrist whom I was able to consult having ever considered this matter. In ufological literature, there are many examples of human contact with speaking ufonauts, and from all these, four categories have emerged:

1. The ufonauts allegedly spoke the witnesses' language, either fluently, or haltingly, and were understood by the humans. 3. (Halting speech, I realize, could point to their having tried to learn terrestrial languages).

2. The ufonauts spoke in what sounded like the witnesses' language, but they were not understood by the humans. 4.

3. The ufonauts spoke a strange language, yet the witnesses were somehow able to understand what was being said, without knowing how they managed to do this (Cases of this kind have also been reported, at times, in alleged conversations with ghosts, or spirits. 5.

4. The ufonauts spoke in an incomprehensible language, so that no communication was possible between them and the humans.

Cases 1 and 4 are of lesser interest here: we might with advantage concern ourselves with the second and third types of contact, above.

Case 2 deals with bemused humans, who are unable normally to *filter* sounds that seemed nevertheless to be familiar to them; footnote 5 discusses this kind of incident.

Case 3 seems to bear upon the matter of understanding an unknown language, when one is in a state of trance, or of hypnosis, perhaps. It was, therefore, with considerable satisfaction that I later discovered instances relating the experiences of hypnotized subjects who found, to their later surprise, that they were indeed able to understand commands given to them in unfamiliar languages, and to obey them when under hypnosis; upon regaining their normal waking state later on, they expressed astonishment about this feat. There are a few cases of this in the literature; the first two cases that I found, are in Ostrander's & Schroeder's *Psychic Discoveries Behind The Iron Curtain*. This ability to understand unfamiliar languages when one is in trance, has a direct bearing upon many a ufological report that was branded as "rubbish" by skeptical readers and even investigators. If a witness, then, becomes bemused or entranced - deliberately by the UFOs and ufonauts, or accidentally due to the EM force-field of the craft - he may quite easily be enabled to by-pass the language-barrier, so that he comprehends and interprets the unfamiliar speech of the alien beings; but, upon returning to his normal state, he may largely forget what happened, or he may only recall what he was programmed to recall.

In the *Flying Saucer Review* (London, Eng.), Vol. 16, Numbers 1 and 2, I attempted to resume the various descriptions that have been given from time to time, of such incomprehensible alien speech: people have reported sounds that seemed Soft, Diphthongal, Guttural, Sibilant, Strident, Cackling, a Mixture of B-z-z-z-z and M-m-m-m-m, Mooing, sounds resembling Grunts, Growls, Harsh staccato noises, Gurglings, etc. In some cases, the sounds were even said to emerge from the aliens' bodies, rather than from the face or the mouth . . . Certain witnesses even reported a very few "words" which they felt that they had heard; of course, as these reports are so scanty,

and as they were nearly always made by people with no linguistic background, it is difficult to place much reliance on these descriptions, especially when one knows that the witnesses were afraid and tense at the time, - if not in an actual state of trance.

It would now appear that nearly all reported cases of "language" in ufology may very well be those of either deliberate or fortuitous mind-control or meddling, and that the witnesses were probably in some form of light or deep trance; 6. the deeper the trance-state, the greater would be their ease in by-passing the language-barrier, and interpreting the "message". It also occurred to me that the EM force-field could have been responsible for spontaneously activating the S.S.P. of witnesses, as I have already hinted, above; this would possibly explain why flap areas experienced such strange manifestations as Poltergeist disturbances in homes, individual personal psychic phenomena, and the reported sudden development of unusually high I.Q.'s or of unusual powers, in certain people, almost overnight, *often* after they had reported seeing visions, or UFOs, or apparitions.

It is entirely possible that some readers may wonder why so much mention is made of the EM force-field effects; in the copious literature on this topic in ufology, a researcher will find hundreds or thousands of cases involving the stalling of cars' motors, in the vicinity of a UFO; it has been observed that, as a rule, diesel motors do not seem to be affected to the same extent as internal combustion engines, when a UFO is present; however, a few cases of diesel malfunctioning are also known, though rarely. We have therefore assumed that the craft must radiate some sort of EM force-field in their vicinity.

Doctor Karlis Osis of the American Society of Psychical Research, once stated that researchers hoped to find out how to activate and produce S.S.P. (E.S.P.) *at will*, by exposing subjects to an EM force-field; this is highly interesting, and it may already have been accomplished. Moreover, it was very interesting to find, in Doctor R. Crookall's books, especially in his *The Study And Practice Of Astral Projection*, evidence pointing out that there is some radio-activity around the "human double" or astral form; experiments are

quoted showing that some radio-activity is also observable in the trance-state, sometimes causing Poltergeist activity, psychic phenomena, and telekinetic manifestations, around the "focal" person. On the other hand, Crookall repeatedly warns against irresponsible meddling with this sort of thing, against attempting to project one's astral form: there is great danger in these matters, to certain types of people.

In addition, we are told by Crookall that the "silver cord", mentioned in the Bible and in many Oriental texts on mysticism, is of an electric or magnetic nature. Also, in Pollak's book on Gerard Croiset, the Dutch paragnost in Utrecht who collaborates with the police in finding lost people, it is stated that Doctor J. Kistemaker of Amsterdam, a Dutch physicist, believes that there is also some relation between telepathy and the world of EM radiation.

The disappointing fact is that we still know very little about the mechanics of astral projection, telepathy, Poltergeist, psychokinesis, hauntings, and apparitions. All that we are now able to do, is to keep an open mind, to put together the disparate pieces of the gigantic puzzle, and to continue to ask a great many questions.

(The next two parts of Dr. Edwards' article will appear in the two succeeding issues of CUFOR.)

FOOTNOTES

1. Cr. my articles listed below:-

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In addition to psychological after-effects, there are also numerous incidents when people have been physically harmed, even killed, - whereas others have allegedly been physically healed, in the presence of UFOs.

2. Many writers openly theorize that seemingly supra-natural events, described in the Bible and other ancient writings of different cultures, are probably instances of extra-terrestrial (ET) intervention in human affairs.

Many French authors have espoused this idea; but Charles Fort is possibly a little less certain, although he makes some interesting points, in his four books.

3. Many critics of ufology ask how aliens from other solar systems are able to learn our languages. Some believe, though probably without much foundation, that aliens might perhaps succeed in learning terrestrial languages by eavesdropping on our radio and television programs; if they have been attempting this, they must be full of consternation when they hear us using from 3,000 to 4,000 languages & dialects. It is possible that they have learnt some of our vernaculars from the hundreds or thousands of sorry humans that they have been abducting; we can only hazard guesses as to their motives in taking away samples of human beings, along the orthotenic corridors: they may be learning languages from them, though this is probably unlikely; they may be conducting biological experiments with them - and the accumulated evidence tends to make this suggestion plausible; they may be using them for beef; or they may be breeding a race of pure humans (or of hybrid creatures), either to seed them on some other planet, or to return them here as fifth-column agents, later on; or . . . However, it is definitely known that people are being abducted, mainly along the orthotenic corridors; and we are still ignorant of the invaders' reasons for doing this.

4. While gradually succumbing to the effects of an anaesthetic prior to a surgical operation, many years ago, I clearly recall hearing the doctor's and the nurses' voices in familiar (English) speech, yet I was unable to understand what they were saying, because in my condition, half-anaesthetized, I could not filter the familiar sounds normally, - hence I failed to identify them as English sounds, and the meaning eluded me. I believe, however, that there are cases in ufology when some electro-magnetic (EM) force-field from the craft has so affected the witnesses, that they were unwittingly caused to imagine that the sounds were familiar; on the other hand, the same force-field could have equally well prevented them from filtering familiar sounds normally; and although they felt the speech was familiar, the meaning somehow eluded them. Of course, this is merely a theory;

but it appears to elucidate parts of a puzzle that I can explain in no other way. In a very minor way, recently, I felt strangely giddy and unwell when standing in the middle of the Oregon Vortex, a magnetic anomaly near Gold Hill, Ore., and my concentration on and understanding of what was being said, were impaired temporarily. (It might be worth while to compare *Genesis XV, 12 and 17*; and *St. Luke IX, 32-33*. See also case 3, and footnote 5.

It should be unnecessary to apologize for giving Biblical references in this article; if we are to approach a solution of the mystery, no piece of evidence, ancient or modern, should be neglected. 5. Mrs. Betty Hill, in John Fuller's *The Interrupted Journey*, stated that, in retrospect, she is no longer so sure that the ufonauts spoke to her in English. Yet, she maintains that she and they were able to communicate intelligibly. She was, at the time, under the impression that they were speaking English to her; and her uncertainty stems from the time when she was later asked, by an investigator, in what language communication took place. Her husband, the late Barney Hill, - like Calvin Parker at Pascagoula, Miss. - was so afraid, that he slipped into a coma during the entire episode.

6. Hypnosis, trance, prayer, meditation, day-dreaming, etc. are but different ways of describing varying degrees of the trance-state; thus, it is hard to distinguish between someone who "is" in a trance, and one who "is not" in a trance. Perhaps the best rough-and-ready test to determine whether a trance-state is deep or shallow, might be to ascertain whether the individual remembers what he did, while in the trance-state(?).



You and Me

by Brinsley Le Poer Trench

In vol. 3, no. 8, I suggested that when the time was ripe ideas were planted in the minds of a number of human beings by space people, so that a new "invention" would be developed for mankind.

Let us delve in to this amazing business a little more. In this connection it is interesting to recall Charles Fort's famous statement to the effect that we are all property.

Yes, we are all property in one sense, if you accept the view that we were seeded here aeons ago by people from outer space. Perhaps, we were and still are a breeding experiment, and from time to time the initiators come and check on our progress or otherwise, and when we are ready for another 'shot in the arm' it is administered unobtrusively.

As I hit the keys of my typewriter I am speculating about all these fantastic matters. It is quite legitimate to speculate, as long as it is made clear that you are doing so, and not ramming unproven data down people's throats as facts. So, let us continue to have fun and to speculate. Anyway, it is a good exercise for the little grey cells!

If the initiators of the breeding experiment keep giving us 'shots in the arm' in the form of ideas being planted in a few of our human minds for development as new scientific discoveries, we could ask another question.

What is the long-term result that the initiators of the project are aiming to achieve?

A mind-boggling answer comes back! "We want to make you all eventually in to a race of super-men like us."

I think that from time to time mutants arrive among us with fascinating abilities. Here is an example of what I mean.

Recently I read Dr. W. Gordon Allen's absorbing book *Enigma Fantastique* about Nikola Tesla and Rudolf Steiner. In one chapter he described how Tesla, while quoting Goethe's "Faust" suddenly saw in his mind pictures in colour of his alternating current machine. The invention he was to give to the world! He did not have to

use a laboratory. In an instant he saw it all in his mind and exactly how everything worked.

Dr. Allen wrote: "Rudolf Steiner tells us that this ability to see in pictures has been developed in man only since the 1500's. Man before that time did not have the ability that most of us have today, that of picturing something in the imagination - in dreams yes, but not when awake.

"Now, in the closing days of the nineteenth century. Tesla came forward with this advanced ability and said that he could arrest the fleeting pictures of his imagination and maintain a specific problem in his mental workshop. He could deliver to his fellow men, without experimental confirmation, the finished working product that he was certain would perform as it did in his own mind."

Jacques Bergier and Louis Pauwels in their fascinating best-selling book *Morning of the Magicians* discussed the possibility that a mutant race had been born just after the second world war, as a result of the genes been disturbed by radio-activity from the Bomb! They gave some expert opinion from those who ought to know about such matters, indicating that the children born at that time had an exceptionally high I.Q.

In one of my books *The Eternal Subject* I took this matter further and found that those children were about nineteen years old around 1964. This was the approximate period when the Beatles arrived on the world scene. And just look back and see what happened then! A complete revolution in hair and dress styles, music, the arts, and attitudes to Life, among other things.

Now, we have Uri Geller bending spoons, forks and keys. That, in itself although phenomenal, seems pointless. But of course it is not. The whole exercise is indicative of potentially what the human race will one day be able to accomplish. Not just bending keys but a complete control and mastery of mind over matter.

I have heard of many other young people who are able to emulate the feats of Uri Geller. So this is yet another major step on our path to being able to take our places in a galactic civilization along with advanced cosmic beings.

We all hear a lot about the Common Man. However, the time is coming when it will be the turn of the Common Super Man!

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Strange Visitors in Manitoba Skies

by Gregory M. Kanon

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To a UFO investigator, the word "flap" is synonymous with excitement, yet tedium; reward, yet frustration. It is, as they say, a "mixed bag."

Flaps, you will recall, are periods of unusually intense UFO activity. A prime example is the flood of sightings reported in the southern United States during the summer and fall of 1973.

While flaps usually provide investigators with some excellent UFO sightings, most turn out to be anything and everything but genuine UFOs. In short, a lot of honest people make a lot of honest mistakes.

Sometimes, however, things are different.

Shortly after 2:00 a.m. on March 27, 1975, several residents of Stephenfield, Manitoba, awakened by a thunderous noise, sighted an immense, luminous mass which bathed the ground in an unearthly-looking red light as it passed low overhead.

At about 9:10 p.m. on April 10, Bob and Elaine Diemert were strolling along a highway near the neighbouring city of Carman when, suddenly, they spotted a large, saucer-shaped object with a pulsating red light flying slowly and eerily towards them. Moments later, the strange object swooped down over the highway, finally disappearing beyond some trees in the distance.

Three weeks later, near the tiny community of Morden some 25 miles to the south, Mr. and Mrs. Abe Hildebrand were awakened in the early morning hours by a bright light entering

their bedroom window. The couple's dogs began howling wildly.

Running to the window, the two were astonished to see a bright object - twice the size of a car - resting on the ground behind a nearby clump of trees. The Hildebrands, terror-stricken, continued to watch the mysterious device for nearly an hour, before it finally disappeared from the area.

By early May, sightings in and around the Carman area had reached epidemic proportions. Police and RCMP switchboards were swamped by callers reporting strange - and oftentimes close - encounters with UFOs.

On the night of May 7, a red-glowing object raced low over Carman's Friendship Airfield. The following night, RCMP Constable Ian Nicholson chased the same or a similar object for several miles in his cruiser. Shortly before midnight on May 9, Carman resident Paul Sanders spotted a strange craft with several portholes on its underside flying near the outskirts of the city.

Then came the night of May 13.

One mile north of Carman, two cars were parked, engines idling, alongside a highway. A Winnipeg-based film crew were busily checking their camera. Others stood about scanning the sky - waiting.

Suddenly, a curious object, similar to the others, shot into view.

One of the cameramen excitedly focused on the UFO and began filming. The rest of the group jumped into the cars and, with gears grinding, sped off after the thing.

Just outside the neighbouring community of Graysville, the mysterious object began rapidly descending and, to the amazement of its pursuers, set down briefly in a farmer's field. Then, with a sudden burst of speed, it raced off to the north and disappeared.

Several days later, two scientists from the Winnipeg Planetarium, Ed Barker and Ernst Speelman, were dispatched to the landing site. Geiger counter readings taken in the area showed levels of radiation four times normal.

Possible evidence of still another UFO landing - a 30 by 39 foot burned patch displaying distinct tripod markings - was discovered on June 25 in a farmer's beet field near Halbstadt, located about 45 miles southeast of Carman.

The extremely desiccated plants at the site were later studied by the

Winnipeg Planetarium team. As Barker recently told me: "You could crunch them up in your hand."

Clearly, such things as seared beet plants, films showing a wildly manoeuvring object, and high radiation readings lie outside the realm of "honest mistakes." They are, most assuredly, part of the unknown.

UFOs, Gods, and the Bermuda Triangle: The Intimate Connection

by Stuart W. Greenwood

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UFOs, ancient astronauts and the Bermuda Triangle - is there a connection between any or all of these mysteries? Larry Kusche (Ref. 1) labels them the products of pseudoscientific writers, so a simple conclusion might be that the connection between them is that they are all contrived mysteries. Another possibility is that ancient astronauts from Venus established underwater bases off Florida which are now used by submersible UFOs and that some of the disappearances in the area are associated in some way with their operation.

There is an intellectual chasm between these options. If you go for the first, you presumably expect that the mysteries will fade quietly away if we refuse to be conned by the literary hucksters. If you go for the second you're out on a limb and it is at least wise to be sure how you got there - even before you begin to contemplate the implications (which are awesome).

I slipped in a reference to Venus in the opening paragraph, and that is being too specific - or is it? Venus is our nearest neighboring planet. It has about the same size and surface gravity as the Earth and is sometimes regarded as its twin. Now Quetzalcoatl, the ancient Mexican god, can be translated as "Precious Twin", and he was identified with Venus. We'll come back to him again in due course. However, the atmosphere of Venus is almost all carbon dioxide, and at the planet's surface it is extremely hot and the pressure is tremendous - about 94 times

that at the Earth's surface. You have to go down to about 500 fathoms in the Earth's oceans to experience such a build up of pressure. So to reproduce the pressure level of their home planet that is perhaps what any astronaut from Venus would do - go down to 500 fathoms (Ref. 2).

Now all this is conjecture - we are not asserting that this happened but simply exploring the possibility to see where it leads us. Well it leads us to the ocean floor to the south and east of Florida and other areas near the Bahama Banks. This area is the most extensive anywhere having depths around the 500 fathom level.

Now we note that Charles Berlitz relates some harrowing tales of personal experiences in the Bahamas area in the Chapter "Some who escaped" in Ref. 3. We'll regard that as part of the Triangle connection. Now back to the ancient astronauts from Venus.

When Quetzalcoatl, the Mexican culture-bearer, departed toward the east from Mexico he is believed either a) to have entered the sea or b) to have risen to the heavens to become the planet Venus. Well, perhaps he did enter the sea to return to one of the underwater bases, or perhaps he travelled to Venus. An eastward launch is desirable to take advantage of the sling-shot effect of the Earth's rotation, and the location of the area close to the Tropic of Cancer makes it suitable for flights to the planets of the solar system.

If you were to view Florida and the southeastern United States from above while facing eastwards you would see a snake with wings (Ref. 4). Quetzalcoatl also means "Plumed Serpent" or "Water-bird-serpent." Quetzalcoatl was perhaps a human programmed by extraterrestrials to influence ancient Mexico, along the lines indicated by Dr. Roger Wescott (Ref. 5). We here speculate that he took his name from the appearance of the land mass adjacent to the underwater bases.

Of course we must admit that he may have done nothing of the sort. The name "Plumed Serpent" or "Water-bird-serpent" may have a completely different explanation. For light reading I recommend the attempts of various writers in the fields of anthropology and mythology to furnish a satisfactory explanation. Believe me, their explanations are hardly less fantastic than my own.

And what of the UFO mystery? There are two well-researched accounts dealing with submersible UFO activity, both of which were connected with the purported existence of underwater bases and both of which involved the probing of the witnesses under hypnosis. Only certain essentials of each account are given below. The cases are documented more fully elsewhere and should be examined in their entirety by serious students of the mystery.

Raymond Fernandez and Juan Garcia reported encountering a UFO which rose from the waters between Cuba and Florida and which saved them from pursuit by a Cuban patrol boat. (Ref. 6). Juan Garcia told of a recurring dream he had since the experience in which the UFO travelled to an underwater base and entered it. Under light hypnosis he was asked whether the UFO occupants were from another planet - he replied that some of them were.

Herbert Schirmer, a policeman in Ashland, Nebraska, reported a UFO contact at the edge of the town back in 1967. The case is reported in detail in Ref. 7. Under hypnosis Schirmer stated that the UFO occupants said that they are from a nearby galaxy and had bases on Venus and other planets in our galaxy. He recounted that there are a number of UFO bases on Earth including one located off the coast of Florida. In an earlier book (Ref. 8) this base is stated to be off the Eastern coast of Florida. Schirmer described the insignia worn on the uniforms of the UFO occupants - it looked like a snake with wings. He speculated that it may have been the insignia of their planet. Eric Norman notes the possible connection with Quetzalcoatl (the feathered serpent).

If the second option we presented earlier has even the slightest prospect of being true we should embark on some major research projects around Florida in the deeper regions beyond the shallows.

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UFOs: Fact or Figment?

[This article is carried with thanks to W.K. Allan whose son in the air force saw it in Flight Comment Edition 2, 1976, of the Canadian Armed Forces. Written by a member of the National Research Council, it may represent a significant change in the council's view of UFOs, even though "landing traces" still receive scant attention.]

by Robert Rickerd

National Research Council

In the early morning of November 11, 1975, the staff at CFB Falconbridge tracked unidentified radar blips moving upwards at altitudes between 42,000 and 72,000 feet in the vicinity of Sudbury, Ontario. Visual sightings were also made by the military base personnel and members of Regional and Provincial Police Forces, but U.S. Air National Guard jets sent to investigate found nothing.

The event was described in newspapers the following day, adding to the thousands of worldwide reports recorded since 1947 when the current era of the UFO started. But like all solid sightings that went before, which could not be attributed to hoax or natural phenomena, the Falconbridge report had no bottom line - no answer to this intriguing riddle which had been taunting observers for 28 years.

The scientific community cannot be said to have conducted an all-out research program designed to get to the bottom of the UFO enigma, but there have been notable exceptions, and some of the aura which had been built up around it has as a result been stripped away. For example, a widely publicized piece of "evidence" held up by believers of extraterrestrial visitations by UFO's had been the discovery of doughnut shaped "burns" in fertile soil which was thereafter unable to support any form of vegetation.

One of the earliest recorded examples of these rings in North America had been the source of no little awe and superstition for two centuries on Chatham County, North Carolina. Called the "Devil's Tramping Ground", legend had it that the devil himself had created the sterile 40-foot circle during the nightly walks while plotting fresh troubles to plague humanity!

In recent years, additional rings were "found" in widely separated parts of the world - Brazil, New Zealand and at several sites in Canada.

Two interested Canada Department of Agriculture scientists working in the Soil Research Institute at Ottawa, focussed their attention on one of these areas near Sterling, Ontario. Samples of soil were exposed to the full spectrum of analysis and it did not take too long to ascertain that the soil contained a sufficient amount of anhydrous uric acid to inhibit the growth of vegetation. From there, it was not too difficult to connect this substance and the ring shape to a quite common and down-to-earth cause - the "Fairy Ring" Mushroom. The "burned" rings were thus discredited once and for all as evidence of space-craft landings.

But not all vestiges of the UFO phenomena can be disposed of so easily-especially multiple sightings like the Falconbridge one made by responsible members of the community, and one type of observation which is particularly difficult to discount is the in-flight report by airline and military aircrew. There are no hoaxes thousands of feet in the air and crews are trained to recognize sun dogs, the planet Venus, meteors, lightning, St. Elmo's Fire, and Radiosonde balloons.

The American Institute of Astronautics and Aeronautics published some scientifically baffling cases based on aircrew and radar reports in its journal "Astronautics and Aeronautics" for study by its members. Although no conclusions were drawn it was evident that this august body felt that the UFO subject deserved further study.

The Condon Committee and the U.S. Academy of Sciences who endorsed their half-million dollar report agreed that 1) no important information was being held back from the public by the government; 2) the unidentifieds posed no threat to national security; 3) nothing of scientific value had been learned in

the previous 21 years; 4) there appeared to be no reason to set up an investigative agency to study the phenomenon on an ongoing basis, but they also concurred that there were important areas of atmospheric optics, radio wave propagation and atmospheric electricity where science did not have all the answers.

Therein may lie the clue of clues to the identity of the UFO and in the interest of flight safety every effort should be made to legitimize the phenomena and bring it out from behind the "laughter curtain". For whether they are "real" or not, UFO's are visible, and as such could cause an involuntary reaction which could pose a potential danger to passengers, crew and aircraft, especially at night.

The airline crew and passengers in the following widely publicized UFO cases undoubtedly would have agreed with the last statement. The unidentifieds are good dinner conversation and may even serve as a diverting side show on a summer evening, but where aircraft occupants are actually shaken up or hurt that is a different matter.

2:45 a.m., July 23, 1948, at 5,000 feet between Houston and Atlanta, an Eastern Airlines DC-3, piloted by C.S. Chiles and J.B. Whitted, had to take evasive action to avoid a "brilliant object" near Montgomery, Alabama.

9:35 p.m., December 5, 1948, Pioneer Airlines Flight 63 DC-3 service to Albuquerque was approached head-on by a "green fireball" and the captain was forced to pull the aircraft up into a tight turn to avoid it.

12:10 a.m., October 19, 1953, at 8,000 feet, an American Airlines DC-6, piloted by Captain J.L. Kidd between Philadelphia and Washington, was forced into a dive to avoid a "gleaming light". First aid was required for several passengers who were not wearing their seat belts.

Just before midnight on April 14, 1954, at 5,000 feet, United Airlines flight 193 over Long Beach, California, captained by J.M. Schiedel, was forced into a sudden climbing turn by a bright red light, breaking a stewardess' ankle and the leg of one of the passengers.

3:30 a.m. March 9, 1957, a Pan American DC-6A flight 257 en route from New York to San Juan, Puerto Rico, 150 miles east of Jacksonville, Florida, was yanked into a sudden climb by Captain Matthew Van Winkle to

avoid a collision with a beam of "brilliant light". Four other plane crews reported similar sightings in the area. A stewardess and several passengers were injured.

July 17, 1957, Flight 655 Dallas - Los Angeles, with 85 passengers on board, was thrown into a dive by its pilot Captain Ed Bachner to avoid a strange "object" 100 miles east of El Paso. Two passengers were hospitalized.

10:15 p.m., July 22, 1957, at 18,000 feet, TWA Constellation Flight 21 near Amarillo, Texas, was put into a dive by Captain G.M. Schemel to avoid a big red and green "light" which approached on a collision course. The plane was forced to return to Amarillo, where first aid was administered and one passenger was hospitalized.

It is unfortunate that corporate policy and ridicule has combined to shut off the sources of this type of report in recent years, for upon reading them, one must wonder, if in certain flight modes, such incidents might not contribute to, or actually cause, a fatal mishap. This consideration alone should be enough to warrant a broad ongoing government funded scientific investigation of these occurrences. But as far as is publicly known it has not had this effect.

In Canada, the National Research Council serves as a repository for what are called "Non-Meteoritic Sightings". The Council inherited the Armed Forces' file when the military opted out of the UFO business. The file, which is open to the public, is expanded and maintained without special staff or funding. NRC, therefore, can only investigate reports that show promise of new or valuable scientific information.

In the United States, J. Allen Hynek, for 20 years UFO consultant to the U.S. Air Force, heads up the Centre for UFO Studies at Northfield, Illinois. Dr. Hynek is a noted astronomer and Chairman of the Lindheimer Astronomical Research Centre. He believes the solution to the UFO enigma is the responsibility of science and has gathered around him interested engineers and scientists who are prepared to give of their time to help solve the riddle. The Centre has no government affiliations; technical facilities are provided by private industry, and public donations provided its funding.

Commercial and military aircrew make the best nonscientific observers of

aerial phenomena because of their training and professional competence. They literally live in the sky and the safety of their passengers and multi-million dollar aircraft depend on their knowledge, skill and judgment.

It is to be hoped that the UFO will somehow return to fashion, permitting these observers to once again report freely on their sightings without fear of ridicule. In the meantime, the occasional good solid human and electronic reports by earth bound witnesses like the Falconbridge sighting, will continue to taunt the believers.

For Your Bookshelf

The Invisible College. What a Group of Scientists Has Discovered About UFO Influences on the Human Race. By Jacques Vallee. E.P. Dutton & Co., Inc., New York. Published simultaneously in Canada by Clarke, Irwin & Company Limited, Toronto and Vancouver. [Hard-cover, 216 pp.]

In a chapter titled *The Confrontation* the author lists seven "strangeness" categories for objects observed, ranging from a small flickering light to something huge blocking the road that affects driving ability and causes a memory lapse. He then explains his own interest lies in the psychic cases at the end of the list and "cases that may even go beyond the chart entirely because we cannot yet think of a classification for them."

His remarks in that chapter are the key to what this unusual book is all about. Although Vallee, a computer expert, is known for his careful documentation of cases, those who have read his *Passport to Magonia* will realize his scientific training does not deter him from exploring a land way out where pixies dwell. But with science as a whole moving closer all the time to metaphysics, that may not be the paradox it seems at the moment.

Vallee himself touches on a similar point in the UFOs' own framework when he asks:

"What do we know of the nature of the communication that is reported to occur between human witnesses and the UFOs they perceive? I have earlier commented that, on the surface, such a communication appears to be simply

absurd. The word 'absurd,' is misleading; I prefer the expression 'meta-logical.' When a witness meets a UFO occupant who asks, 'What time is it?' and replies, 'it's 2:30,' only to be bluntly told, 'You lie-it is 4 o'clock' (this actually happened in France in 1954), the story is not simply absurd. It has a symbolic meaning beyond the apparent contradiction of the dialogue. Could it be that the true meaning of the dialogue is 'time is not what you think it is,' or 'any measurement of time can only be relative'?

So what has all this to do with the Invisible College? Perhaps not very much. As Vallee explains it, the College is composed of about a hundred scientists in five or six countries who are challenging accepted ideas by claiming that UFO sightings deserve to be investigated and that "no theory about them - no matter how fantastic by human standards should be rejected without further study." Despite such liberal ground rules, however, the consensus of the College seems modest compared to Vallee's own thinking. While the author's interest takes him well into a study of psychic cases, the attention of the others is said to be at the middle of the list in the "strangeness" ratings. This would mean they are not greatly concerned at the moment with anything beyond the physical features of UFOs and their occupants.

Consequently the book's title is not altogether relevant to its contents. With or without the presence of the College, this is Vallee's own sort of work and readers will see it in a better light if they pick it up with that in mind. The author is distinct in his field and has things to say that have not even occurred to others. He needs no vaguely defined company for reference.



Socorro 'Saucer' in a Pentagon Pantry. By Ray Stanford. Blueapple Books, P.O. Box 5694, Austin, Texas 78763. [Illustrated, 211 pp. Hard-cover \$8.95.]

For a UFO case with all the elements needed to make it an outstanding one, the so-called famous landing incident near Socorro, New Mexico, in April, 1964, has always remained strangely obscure. Generally it is remembered

that a police officer named Zamora came across an unusual egg-shaped vehicle standing with legs on the ground and saw small beings in white coveralls nearby. On being discovered, the vehicle made a quick flaming departure.

The incident rated attention because of its proximity to the White Sands proving grounds, the presence of humanoids outside their craft and the known reliability of the witness plus the details he was able to provide. Yet somehow it became vague even in the minds of those who follow the UFO story. In our own case, possibly because of uncertainties that surrounded the report, we formed an impression the sighting had occurred at night and involved an overly excited witness.

In establishing the scene as a bright afternoon in which the descent and departure of the craft were fully visible, as well as its parked position and the actions of the humanoids, and in naming other witnesses as company for Zamora, Stanford puts this important case into better focus.

But he goes much farther than that. For the first time we learn that the case involved a rare instance of hard UFO evidence. This was discovered by the author when he found metallic particles where a foot of the craft had scraped a rock in landing. When it was submitted for analysis, however, the evidence apparently fell afoul of a cover-up conspiracy, providing Stanford with some of the most important though disappointing material in his book.

Without having been part of the action and not knowing what rebuttals, if any, could be made, a reviewer cannot in fairness to those concerned join with Stanford in naming names, which he does very specifically. But to show the nature of what happened, this was how one authority replied when asked if the Socorro evidence was now "lost to the world?"

"Absolutely," Sweeney (a pseudonym) insisted. "This shows how little you do-it-yourself revelators of UFO facts really know. You just gave your evidence away into the hands of what you apparently consider to be the enemy. I couldn't be happier. You had no right to that kind of dynamite. What do you want to do? Blow up the whole economy, the entire social structure and every other human institution worth keeping? That's what you UFO boys will

do if you keep prying into things that the world, according to the evaluation of the leaders that you have helped put into power, is simply not prepared to confront."

Sweeney seemed to know what he was talking about. But appraising his words just a dozen years later, one wonders.

"... discretion must be exercised," he continued. "If that knowledge (sought by private UFO investigators) will harm the world or insult the authority which you have chosen over you, then you are better to forget it."

Suddenly he sounds old-fashioned. Since that time in 1964 there has been Watergate in the U.S. and assorted bribery scandals touching the highest levels of government around the world. Acceptance of elected or appointed authority is not quite what it used to be, yet somehow the UFO mystery remains intact. While those agencies charged with a cover-up may have a partial answer, it is probably much less that they are given credit for. The effect is to make cases like the Socorro incident more enigmatic than ever.

Thanks, however, to Stanford's vigorous investigation, the Socorro enigma is no longer the Socorro confusion.



SPOT NEWS

This report appeared in *The Sun-Herald*, Sydney, Australia, Sept. 12, 1976:

KEPSEY - A former timber worker described today how he fought for his life for 10 minutes with an "ape man."

Mr. George Gray, 63, said the 4 ft. tall, hairy, web-toed creature dragged him from his bed in a lonely bush hut and tried to carry him off.

The attack took place eight years ago, but Mr. Gray said he had not talked much about it in case workers boycotted the nearby mill.

He told of the attack after learning that the director of the Mount York Natural History Museum, Mr. Rex Gilroy, was compiling reports of Yowie-type creatures seen along the North Coast.

Mr. Gilroy said in a letter to North Coast newspapers that a creature or creatures had terrorised timber-cutters around Kempsey since the mid-eighties.

Mr. Gray said the ape man attacked him while he was asleep on a moonlit night.

He added: "We were wrestling on the floor. I was punching it and getting pretty tired.

"I tried to get my right arm over to put an arm bar on it, but I couldn't hold it. The skin was sort of loose, like it had no muscles.

"My hands just sank in. It was like trying to hold something slippery. I could feel the bones. I couldn't feel the flesh at all.

"I could see the hair on it - dirty grey hair, bristly like a pig's.

"It wasn't a pig. It was a man of some description."

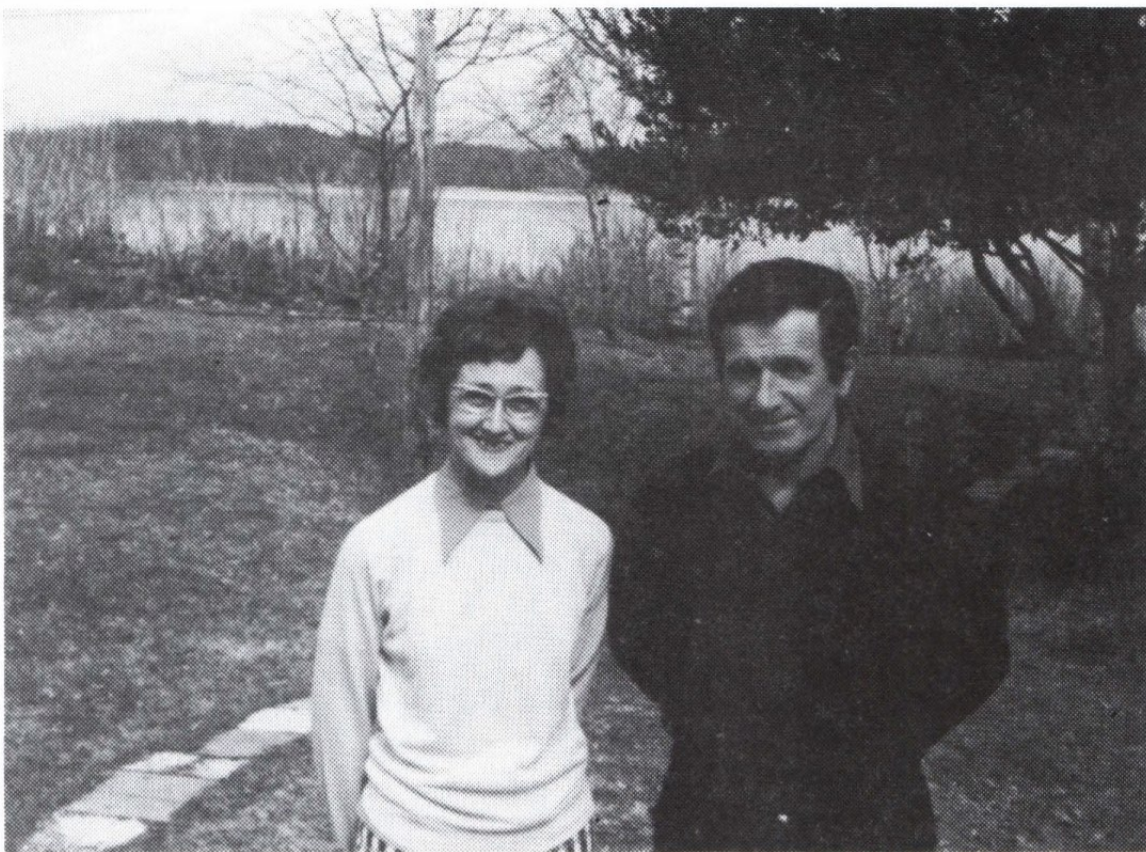
Mr. Gray said the creature had eyes like a human's with deep creases under them. The face was copper-coloured and hairless, and the nose big and flat. "The funny thing was it didn't seem to be angry. It had a look about it as if it was trying to wake me up and get me out of the door."

During the struggle the creature made no sound and seemed not even to breathe.

It had a deep chest and shoulders and was so strong that it could shake him like a dog.

"All of a sudden it let go," he said, shuffled out the door and disappeared in the bush."

(Thanks to Paul Norman, Brighton, Victoria.)



An airborne craft which looked and sounded like a large jet but which stopped and hovered in mid-air was the mystifying sight witnessed one winter night two years ago by Bert and Gladys Steven of Bella Bella, B.C. on the west coast. Bert said at first he casually noticed what sounded like a plane passing high over their home. But a few seconds later his curiosity was aroused when he heard the sound return and, looking up, saw an object with lights along its side which could have been an airplane, though no wings were visible in the darkness.

Suddenly the craft came to a halt almost directly overhead and the sound stopped. Bert called to his wife and together they watched the object for several minutes until it darted off abruptly at a right angle to its original course. Bert, a shipwright and a former gunner for the British navy, figured the craft was at the airlines' usual altitude of about 30,000 feet, though an exact estimate was difficult without knowing its size.

Besides other peculiarities, the object's sudden return to a point overhead also seemed to eliminate it as a conventional aircraft. In fact, did it fly backwards to get there so quickly?

Reprinted from the *Res Bureaux Bulletin*, Kingston, Ont.:

Date uncertain but likely on July 14th, a black cloud made its appearance over the home of Augustine Seles in St. Catharines, Ontario.

"I was watering cabbage in the back yard when I looked up and saw this huge black cloud about 200 feet long. Then big pieces of ash fell straight down all over everything. After that little bits of white stuff followed. I looked around to see if there were any airplanes or smoke from an explosion, but there wasn't. I just can't imagine where it all came from."

Well neither could the police who investigated the scene and collected samples of the ash. As the ash fell, the air was filled with a sulphurous odor, and it was noted that some of the ash was quite hot, (*Hamilton Spectator*, July 17, 1976).

One of the most intriguing items in our visitors' bag of tricks is their use of what appears to be an incredibly sophisticated radar system, or an equivalent. So advanced is their technology in this respect that they seem at times to prefer it to visual methods of

control and often construct their craft without windows.

One extraordinary case of many that come to mind occurred when a flat craft about 100 feet long and devoid of openings was seen to flip on its side and enter a narrow forest trail (vol. 1, no. 4, p. 9). Then there was an incident when a windowless object seemed to study a ship at sea one night in murky weather (vol. 3, no. 7, p. 6).

Now for the record we have another case of expert flying control without visual aid. It was described to us by Alex Macdonell, a neighbor of Bert and Gladys Stevens, whom we also saw

during our recent visit to the island community of Bella Bella with a field agent Dan Radford. At the time of the incident in 1965, Alex and a shipmate were on coastal patrol duty for the federal fisheries department. While anchored one clear September afternoon at the mouth of a bay, they noticed something glinting above a mountain about five miles away.

"It was like the sun shining on ice and we couldn't make out what shape it was," Alex said. "But then it started coming down toward us and against the green background it was easy to see. It was elongated and bright metallic, and we could follow it all the way down. It came down from about 5,000 feet to about 600 feet and hovered over the water just over a mile or so in front of us. It made absolutely no noise."

Through binoculars Alex had an almost close-up view of the object, although looking at it edge-on, as he believed, he could not determine its full dimension. However, he could see distinctly that it was bordered by a bluish-gray haze and that it had no portholes or other openings.

As the two craft confronted each other, Alex flashed his searchlight at the stranger. There was no immediate response but after a moment the shiny object staged a performance of its own. Still facing the witnesses edge-on, it quickly slipped 2-300 yards off to the right, hovered over a point of land, then slid back to its first position as precisely as if it were on rails. Again it hung there for a minute or two before shooting down a channel that led to the bay.

Like all other windowless UFOs it performed as if it had a full view of everything. Darting away so fast it seemed to dwindle in size, the strange vehicle sped toward a bend in the channel a few miles away. It made the turn in a flash and was gone.

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VIENNA (AP) - A team of archeologists has reported the finding of cave drawings dating back to 200 A.D., including a man in bird-like camouflage with head antenna. Walter Klappacher, a group spokesman, told a news conference no explanation has been found for the "antenna man." The find was made in Salzburg province.

(Thanks to Mrs. W.H. Cross, Victoria, B.C.)

Letters

Sir:

Am sending you the rough notes of a talk I gave to Heralds of the New Age open meeting here in Auckland in connection with the subject of humanoids and animals appearing in energy cells as mentioned in your Canadian UFO Reports (vol.3, nos. 2, 4, 5, 7).

My reason for doing this is because of a remarkable incident which occurred to one of our HNA members in Sydney, Australia on the night of the same day on which this talk was given.

As you can realize Sydney is a good distance from Auckland, N.Z., and there was no way, except by telephone, in which this member could have been aware of the subject matter of the talk. It is certain no one rang her and in any case she is not interested in the UFO phenomenon.

Well, she was in her darkened bedroom just before retiring when suddenly she saw a number of small brilliant lights, blue and silver and then a large brilliantly lit globe built up and inside of it was movement which seemed as though something was going to materialize. Unfortunately just at that moment her husband came into the room and spoke and the whole phenomenon vanished.

She wrote and informed our Organizer of her remarkable experience so now a copy of the notes of the talk have been sent her.

Mrs. Phyllis D. Dixon,
Auckland,
New Zealand

Sir:

"Do you believe in flying saucers?" My answer, usually with a laugh, has been "I don't know, but there must be something so many people have seen them." Now I answer, "Me, too!"

I had gone to bed early the night of last Aug. 11 and been sound asleep when I awoke very alert and glanced at my time 11:05 p.m. As I always do, I looked out to see the shore line. Now I said to myself that's a strange place and time for a plane to be coming in. It seemed to be over Bazan Bay near the

Patricia Bay highway about two miles east. All the lights were red and evenly spaced. No green or amber lights were visible at all. The whole thing was outlined in red.

As I watched it glided noiselessly toward the East Saanich hilltop area, about two miles to the south-west.

By this time I had my binoculars and was out on the deck.

Then it hesitated and returned to hover over the water. It remained stationary and I could see a fin-like structure also outlined in evenly spaced red lights. There it folded down and the thing glided off rapidly and noiselessly toward the Washington Ferry wharf to the north. It was difficult to keep it in focus as it moved off rapidly.

Then I thought what a scary thing and answered my question, "Yes, me too!"

Lillias Milne,
Sidney, B.C.

Miss Milne included a sketch which showed the "fin-like structure" as a triangular formation on top of the craft. Like the rest of the object it was outlined with red lights. The witness told friends she had the impression it was some sort of hatch-cover which was closed as the object moved off.

Sir:

Regarding the article "Humanoid Capture Case" by Hayden C. Hewes, vol. 3, no. 8:

In those close encounter cases involving prolonged contact with beings believed not to be native to this planet is to be found the greatest abundance of viable data. Here far more is involved than the mere physical examination of a human witness.

Even if all reference to past contact is deleted from the field of consideration, and all efforts are concentrated upon just the past 30 or so years, any nonhuman visitors who had engaged in the observation and study of Homo Sapiens must surely have become knowledgeable regarding human anatomy and physiology. All available evidence points to these observers being of a highly evolved order.

Then why the continued examinations and why the continued revelations of open contact with humanity in the near future? It makes little sense unless one assumes that the physical examinations are but a cover-up for a more important

objective - the imparting of data which would otherwise be rejected. Because of the all too frequent human reaction of fear and its resultant violence when suddenly confronted by the unknown, coupled with an unwillingness to believe in anything not completely sanctioned by the officialdom of bureaucracy and science, a more circuitous means of imparting specific data would have to be employed by members of a highly evolved society if seeking open contact at some as yet unspecified future time.

An excellent method of pursuing this goal would be to randomly contact isolated individuals the world over. In these encounters, only the aliens themselves can say whether or not more information is obtained regarding the human physical/psychological makeup. However, it can unequivocally be stated that in each such instance humanity has an opportunity to learn more about its observers.

In the case of Staff Sgt. Charles L. Moody, further data of a corroborative nature was obtained regarding the physical appearance of the being. Beyond that is to be found the recurrent phenomenon of the prophecy that within a specified period our alien visitors plan to "make themselves known to mankind." While incidents involving the close approach of strange craft and their crews do markedly increase, the mentioned open contact with the world's population fails to materialize. Why?

I propose that such incidents as the above are not what they appear to be. Far below the surface is to be found the true motivation: the testing of the reactions of a chance human witness to a sudden and unexpected confrontation with the unknown involving a prediction that concerns his entire world, and a further testing of the reactions of those who learn of the incident.

To date, the vast majority of people do not learn of such incidents, much less have the desire to attempt to fathom something of the purpose behind it all. Thus, I feel that incidents of this nature can be expected to slowly but surely increase. Until our alien visitors can approach both individuals and small groups of people without

having to "fear for their lives," contact of a more involved nature with all of mankind is not feasible.

Beatrice M. Zimmer,
Fairfax, Virginia

Sir:

Your article in vol. 3, no. 8, titled "Missing Planet" prompts me to write.

We have in our possession a series of lectures which were put on tape in the early 1950's that have among them one which tells of the destruction of "Maldek". This was the "missing planet" and was inhabited by an advanced civilization of many millions of people. We are told there were two principal cities on this planet. It happened that scientists in one of the cities were experimenting with nuclear devices when one accidentally exploded over the other city. It caused tremendous havoc and the fallout from it caused a strange illness to become prevalent among the people of that area of the planet. These people could not forgive this mistake and accused the other city of intentionally causing the damage. The upshot was that a frightful war came about between the two cities, culminating in a "hydrogen" bomb being set-off which disintegrated the entire planet.

The timing of this tragedy is of course something else and may be speculated on from several viewpoints. Velikovski has written in his book *Worlds in Collision* his theory that a comet which afterwards became the planet "Venus" in brushing very close to our earth caused much damage and much phenomena, which has not had other natural explanation, such as the Biblical account of the world standing still 24 hours, the rain of red dust which the Egyptians thought had turned water into blood, and more. This information source we have, telling of Maldeks' destruction, says that these disturbances were caused by that explosion which seriously affected the other planets of this solar system.

I may say that the lecture I refer to was one of a series of six which were presented over the air by a radio station in Southern California and were known as the "Galaxy Series." They were originally recorded by Gayne Meyers on tape and were received via "tensor beam" from outer space beings. These "beings" are vitally disturbed by our

again accounts for many of the frequent UFO sightings since 1947 after our first nuclear bombs were detonated. Also as Brinsley Le Poer Trench mentions when he quotes Adamski as having a conversation with a spaceman, there are numbers of people presently living who believe they have contacted "space people" who are going about among us and helping to keep the lid on where there are hotspots.

John Squance,
Victoria, B.C.

St. Catharines's Photo

The case was false. In a letter to photo analyst George Potts, Project SUM's director Ken J. Kroeker said:

"We considered your opinions on the f-stops on the camera, and agree to them. We were quite convinced that the photograph was real until we had a chance to examine the negative more closely. It had been in a Niagara Falls investigator's hands for a considerable period of time since he was very reluctant in returning the negative to us.

"Under the suspicion that it was a hoax, we contacted the witness and finally he admitted that it was hoaxed using a Volkswagen hubcap dented in on the top. The whitish portions showing a 'creature' could only have gotten there by mere chance probably due to the angle of reflected sunlight on the disc.

"We were angered by the fact that we had gone through much trouble with the photo and now realizing it as a hoax. This has taught us that we will scrutinize any photograph to the fullest extent possible before making any confirmations of it being authentic.

"This photo case has shown us that many photographs being published in the larger UFO publications today may be disproved as being hoaxes."

"I certainly hope the above information has been of help to you and *Canadian UFO Report*."

Yes, it has. Despite the outcome we have kept the case intact as a good example of what to look for in examining alleged UFO evidence. We commend the St. Catharines group for facing up to a tough answer - Editor.

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