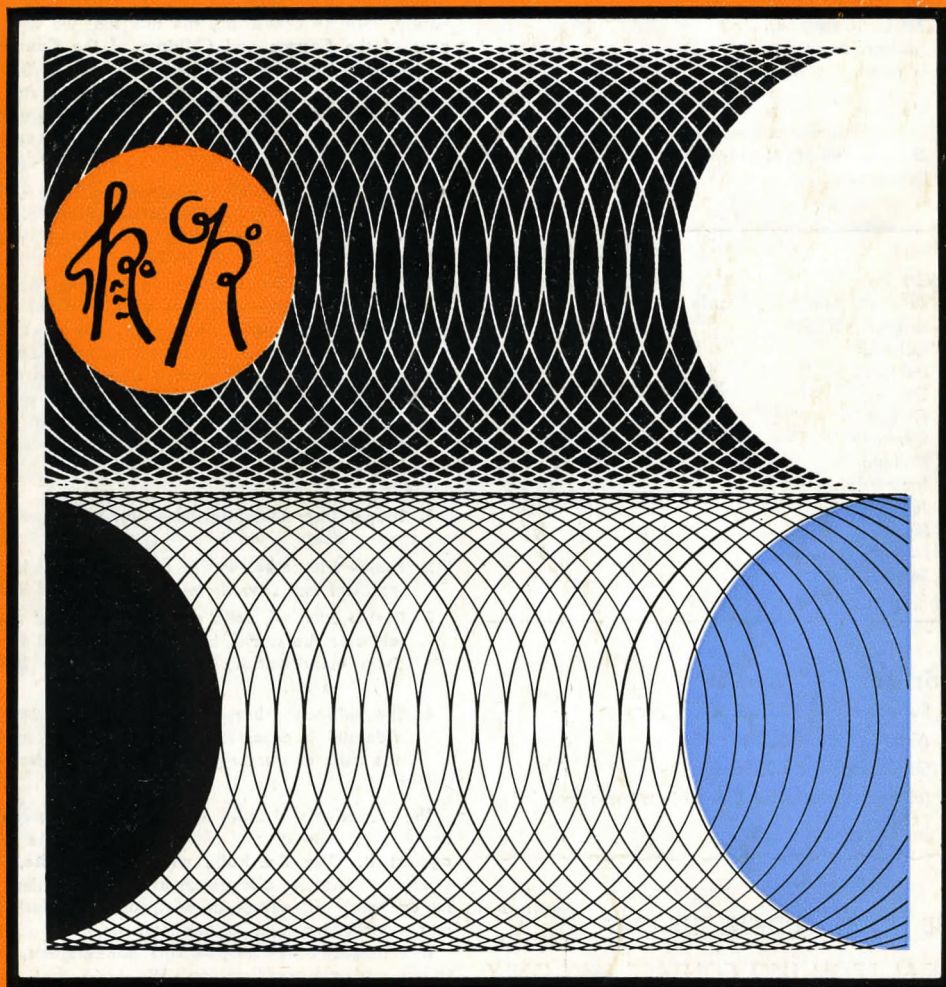


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The Editors.

Purpose and scope

This magazine has been dedicated to
MR. GEORGE ADAMSKI.

Mr. Adamski launched the IGAP – International Get Acquainted Program – in 1959, based on the philosophy that people in all parts of the world should be given the opportunity of knowing what is going on everywhere in the field of flying saucers. His hope was that as many as possible would discover the truth of the present age and turn to face the time to come – to learn to accept, through conviction, the fact that we are all citizens of the Cosmos and Children of the Cosmic Power whose Laws run through the entire Cosmos. These Laws we can learn to comprehend through study and understanding of the „Science of Life“ brought to our attention by the presence of friendly visitors from other worlds.

The magazine is sent to civil and military authorities all over the world, to leaders in the United Nations, in the Vatican, in scientific circles, and to Press, radio and TV authorities.

The purpose of this magazine is to bring to everyone, everywhere, news of events from all quarters of the globe in all its varied aspects. This means any news that can possibly be of value in our endeavour to bring to mankind an understanding of what is going on in our world all the time. We shall try to detect any and every move in the direction of that truth which we have accepted, but which is not yet officially accepted or recognized in broader circles.

1. People from other worlds in our system are visiting our planet.
2. People from other worlds are in contact with certain political and scientific circles in East and West.
3. People from all walks of life, official and unofficial, all over the world, have been contacted by people from other worlds; such contacts have been kept secret so far.
4. The philosophy brought to the world by Mr. George Adamski is considered and aid helping to uncover the truth of our origin and our future destiny.

The magazine will make no attempt whatsoever to fight anyone, in spite of any action which may be launched against it. Only the truth, whatever its guise, will be brought to bear, to allow each to decide for himself what he can and will accept in this wonderful world on his march forward to new experiences.

This magazine is non-political, non-religious, non-sectarian and non-profit-making. We hope that **you** may profit from reading it, and that you will tell as many as possible about it, – especially if you find it of value. Please write to us if you find it without value or if you have any suggestions or comments to make.

Sincerely yours,
The Editors.

Editorial...

IN A WORLD whose Everyday is filled to the brim with wars, pillage, lust and murder, where violence and treachery vie with drunken power and squalid poverty to reach first to the headlines of the daily Press, there is one small word that, shameful though it is, seems relatively unimportant, almost harmless in its impact, when compared with the „big guns“ of these other, more explicit, more descriptive and hateful words.

With unfettered youth breaking out into festering sores of collective and individual brutality — like its fathers, — into rebellion against the „authority“ of its elders whom it feels it cannot trust — and who can blame them for this? — this overburdened and surfeited world would consider laughably puny the consequences of a very small word that conveys nothing except for an accusation, an almost abstract gesture of protest against an unjust state of affairs.

That word is LIE.

Lie is a definition of a falsehood, an untruth. Unlike the other words, the degrees of lying can range enormously — after all, a war is a war and murder is murder; — lying, however, can graduate from the simple „white lie“ to the premeditated breaking of a solemn international pact on the attainment of a certain objective.

The lie we are dealing with here comes in all its degrees and nuances, from the subtle to the outrageous, from the bluffing and blustering, to the silently insidious, ON THE PERSONAL LEVEL AND ON THE GOVERNMENTAL LEVEL.

THIS LIE IS AN AFFRONT TO HUMAN DIGNITY AND A DENIAL OF THE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS OF MAN. IN ITS MANNER IT IS AS DEADLY AS A WAR AND AS FRIGHTENING AS A MURDER.

IT IS AN AFFRONT TO THE WORLD.

Who first started lying about the „flying saucers“? How has this battleworn subject toiled on through 20 years, championed, ridiculed, affirmed, denied?

It was not *always* Sputniks and space-capsules, — they came in only halfway through. It was not *always* just balloons and birds, aircraft and hoaxes and (strangely recurring) „natural phenomena“. These items were fitted in by the „experts“ in their field, just as the psychologists called them „hallucinations“ and „psychoses“. In fact the Russians, whose scientists have now claimed to have solved the mysteries of Venus, were those most vociferous in the 1950's in shouting that the flying saucers are a Western, an American „war-psychosis“. One wonders if the KGB, in the manner of the CIA with the U.S. Air Force, ordered *its* scientists and military spokesmen to debunk the flying saucers.

We've had the Menzels and we've had the Hyneks, — and the science of physics has never been the same since. We've had the Woolleys and their „utter bilge“, and the Lovells and their „meteorites“, and our astronomical horizons have not been enlarged one bit; rather our respect for the reputations of those who have scorned the multiplying evidence has diminished as a result. Oh, Hynek does not know scorn the multiplying evidence — it hit him very forcibly in the eye after about 19 years. But his is a different story.

These men — in the main — are the clowns, not the knaves. Their claims and denials are based on scientific arrogance and egoistic ignorance rather than a wish to wilfully delude the public. We repeat, — in the main. Though not all are blameless —

The real villains are those who know the truth and conceal it.

First it was individuals, men stumbling on an amazing truth. The high echelons were informed. These, seeing the danger to their positions in the ego-inflated society of this world by the advent of people from space who could obviously teach them a thing or two, covered up. Smoke-screens were raised, „projects“ begun and ended, — but carrying on „underground“ with other names, — and gradually a curtain was raised between those „in the know“ and the general public. A BRASS CURTAIN. A „TOP BRASS“ CURTAIN OVER WHICH WERE LAUNCHED ARROWS OF RIDICULE AND CHOKING, SMOTHERING CLOUDS OF „EXPLANATIONS“ — „DE-BUNK THE FLYING SAUCERS!“

The lies came thick and fast. And „people“ became involved. Names and personalities were banded around. USAF Captain Mantell and the Venus, sky-hook balloon explanations became a legend. RAF Lieutenant Salandin and his „balloon“ became a classic. Airlines Captain Peter Killian, his crew and five other pilots and their crews saw first the Belt of Orion, (according to the USAF), then a KC-97 tanker refuelling aircraft in the mid-air, (according to the USAF) — this tanker re-fuelling explanation is coming into vogue again during the October „flap“ over Britain, — and then Captain Killian had been drinking, (according to someone in the USAF). Finally, Captain Killian „got the message“ from Washington, — and the incident was „closed“.

Civilians and scientists were not to be spared. Adamski is a prime example of the principle of „— if you can't prove him wrong, then call him an academically-uneducated liar and charlatan.“ If you can't beat him in an argument, blacken his character.

And these LIES of which we speak bounced backwards and forwards between the power-hungry and vainglorious in high office, and those lesser fish wielding their bureaucratic whips lower down, — those LIES became normal procedure when dealing with the subject of UFOs, „flying saucers“.

No-one has yet explained why Project Bluebook

was not disbanded years ago, as it has only „proven“ that UFOs do not come from outer space. *We shall explain why.* Project Bluebook is not there to investigate sighting reports. It is there to „de-bunk“ them. Bluebook is an integral part of the „system“. Commonly known as „the front“. Ordered long ago by the champion exponents of intrigue and stealth, the Central Intelligence Agency, to call everyone a fool, a drunk, or a liar, who claims to have seen a flying saucer.

There was another „project“. An honest project, led by a respected and sincere man. This one WAS disbanded years ago. This project is now receiving the „de-bunking“ treatment. The scientist who ran the project, battling against the „system“ during his lifetime, died with his hopes unfulfilled. His name, too, is now being given that „tarnished“ look. And the insidious, the silently-menacing propaganda seeks to belittle *his* work, as it belittled Adamski's. **THE LIES ARE COMING IN.**

Five years ago this month, on December 27th 1962, Canadian government scientist, Wilbert B. Smith, died of cancer in the Sacred Heart Hospital at Hull, Quebec. He was 52 years old, a man still in his prime, a man of great ability and understanding.

The latter years of his life were pioneering years, dedicated to the study of flying saucers. In those years he changed from a sceptic to a confirmed believer, accepting not only the technology of these aliens from space, by reason of personal experience, but the philosophy on which their conduct, their very existence, was based. His early death was not only a loss to the community in which he lived, it was a grave loss, also, to all those in world-wide „saucer“ research.

Because of the manner in which Wilbert Smith's last years were spent, seeking the answers to a riddle for the benefit of humanity on Earth; because of the manner in which his work has since been treated by certain persons in offices of government in Canada, we feel that a number of questions needs to be asked and a few matters straightened out.

In this issue of UFO CONTACT, we intend to nail the LIE, to remove the DOUBT which has been insinuated into the minds of honest researchers by those lesser men in office today.

For this reason, we address our first Open Letter to:

The Prime Minister of Canada —
LESTER B. PEARSON.

*Please tell your friends
about UFO CONTACT!*

An open letter - one

PARLIAMENT HOUSE,
OTTAWA.

DECEMBER 1967.

TO THE PRIME MINISTER OF CANADA, —
LESTER B. PEARSON.
Sir,

In approaching you as Prime Minister of Canada, we are addressing a man whose country is fast emerging in world affairs as a trusted mediator in tricky international altercations, a referee in incidents of bloody strife and threats to world peace.

In addressing you in a more personal capacity, we speak to a man who has himself gained international respect by his efforts in the Suez Crisis of 1956, later to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

Mr Pearson, with all sincerity, may we be allowed to say that far worthier rewards even than international respect and peace prizes are to be won by the first true World Statesman who breaks the bonds of hypocrisy and silence which shroud a truth that has become of paramount importance to the future of our world. History, which will one day show up the iniquities of this present era, will also reveal as a true world benefactor the man who breaks this conspiracy of silence.

In your country, as in many other nations of this world, there are forces working actively to conceal news of the visitations here of beings from other planets. This statement is, in itself, in all of its aspects, of such a fantastic nature as to be laughed at and derided by many wilfully ignorant people. We do not place the Prime Minister of Canada in that category.

Within the pages of this journal you will find evidence, not only of the Canadian contribution to this tremendously important UFO study and research, but pointing also to the duplicity of men in office who have denied the important work done by Canadian pioneers in this field, and specifically that carried out on behalf of his Government by a scientist at the Department of Transport, Telecommunication and Electronics Branch, in Ottawa.

Mr Pearson, it was during your own term of office as Secretary of State for External Affairs that the world's first official „flying saucer“ sighting station and observatory was set up at Shirley's Bay, 10 miles from Ottawa. Some years and a number of embarrassing Parliamentary questions later, the project was dropped, at least officially, and Project Magnet was carried on as a private venture by scientists who had, by then, become fully convinced of the existence of interplanetary, alien space-craft, which were visiting Earth.

One presumes that, as a leading member of the Liberal Administration at that time, the project at Shirley's Bay was known to you, not least because of questions regarding the function and federal financial disposition of this unusual project, which were brought up in the Canadian Parliament.

Official acknowledgement and support of such a way-out activity as flying-saucer research might well be political suicide, Mr Pearson, and to a certain extent, we can understand the necessity for a quick cover-up. At that time — 1954 — flying saucers and all that that phenomenon signified was „strictly for the birds“. Understandably, perhaps, the Governmental department concerned wished to disassociate itself from this embarrassment, which was inflamed to a certain extent by misguided journalists seeking sensational copy.

However, as recently as 1964 and 1966, requests for information directed to the departmental branch in question elicited the response that the activities referred to, i. e. investigation of unidentified flying objects, was purely a personal hobby of the scientist in question.

„We have no Departmental information on the subject —“ was the gist of the reply.

We regard as deliberately mis-leading also, another letter from that department which states: „In reply to your question we reiterate that at no time has this Department carried out research in the field of unidentified flying objects.“

Sir, whatever „Departmental information on the subject —“ may or may not be available now, it may interest you to know that files on the subject were at one time held actually in the Department of Transport's offices in Ottawa. It may interest you to know that the then Deputy Minister of Transport was himself personally interested in investigations being carried out.

In fact, as you will know, Mr Pearson, 13 years ago, at around the time when Project Magnet was *officially* dropped, a large area of government-restricted land in Alberta was made available by the Canadian Government as a landing site to any flying saucers that might choose to drop in. This highly-secret project was disclosed recently by none other than Canada's Defence Minister, Mr Paul Hellyer.

So why is everybody hiding the fact that for years Canada has had an official interest in the study of these objects? WHY ARE THESE LIES BEING PUT OUT BY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN REPLY TO HONEST INQUIRY?

Very soon now, Mr Pearson, this particular pot is going to boil over. The loss of confidence engendered by such a revelation of facts long denied WILL HAVE REPERCUSSIONS ON GOVERNMENTS IN ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD. THE PUBLIC DOES NOT LIKE BEING FED WITH LIES, MR PEARSON.

According to Defence Minister Paul Hellyer, the special Canadian committee, checking out reports of

UFO sightings over Canada, ceased to function about 10 years ago. „Special scientific committees set up in Canada and the United States —“ in the 1950's and late 1940's were referred to in the interview with Mr Hellyer.

„The proposed National Research Council study committee will check into the current crop of UFO sightings and presumably seek to determine whether there is justification for launching a *new scientific investigation of the UFO phenomena*.“ OUR emphasis, Mr Pearson.

If, as the Director of Telecommunication and Electronics Branch, Department of Transport, says, his Department at no time carried out such research, but did, on the other hand, operate a „small program of investigation in the field of geomagnetics — between 1950 and 1954 —“, then we have news for the Director.

This „small program of investigation“, — this „minor investigation“, — was the special government scientific committee referred to by the Defence Minister.

And Mr Wilbert B. Smith, the government scientist who led the Shirley's Bay project, whose activities were referred to by the Department as „a personal hobby“, was a member of that special scientific committee. The findings arrived at by Mr Smith after years of research, both Government-sponsored and private, were to the effect that alien space-craft were visiting Earth and that contact had been made with human beings from other worlds.

This, apparently, was too much for certain other persons, including a leading member of the National Research Council.

„Wilbert started out with a logical program,“ he said, „but then later became involved in spiritualism.“

If scientific experiments carried out on the suggestions of non-scientific „contactees“ and purportedly proposed to them for this specific purpose by human extraterrestrials — is becoming „involved in spiritualism,“ then Wilbert Smith was a spiritualist.

If these entirely alien experiments in physics proved 100 per cent successful, as Wilbert Smith claimed they did, then „spiritualism“ is a proven fact.

WE prefer to think that spiritualism was NOT involved in any way, and that the unusual results obtained by such radical means have caused other so-called scientists to adopt the dog-in-the-manger attitude so often taken up against real pioneers by lesser contemporaries. It is also an easy matter to denigrate a man when he is no longer able to answer back.

Mr Pearson, evidence offered in this journal will go on record to show how the UFO-case in Canada, as in the United States and other countries, has been criminally misrepresented to the general public. We ask you to examine the evidence.

Whatever reason may be „offered“ for the mystery which has been deliberately injected into the UFO-case, whether it is „in the public interest“ of „for

security purposes", THERE IS NO ETHICAL REASON THAT CAN POSSIBLY BE INVOKED THAT WILL JUSTIFY THE CONTINUAL DENIAL TO THE PEOPLE OF THIS PLANET THE KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT IS NOW TAKING PLACE OVER EVERY COUNTRY IN THE WORLD.

Acceptance of this truth and action taken to remedy a situation such as has never before been encountered in the history of our civilization, will earn for some true World Statesman a reward far exceeding international respect and the physical acquisition of worldly tokens.

His reward will be the sure knowledge in his innermost heart that a just and right act of his own has helped to take his fellow-man one step upwards on the ladder of human progress and evolution.

WE LOOK FOR THAT WORLD STATESMAN NOW.

Sincere Best Wishes,
THE EDITORS.

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Colman VonKeviczky in Europe

*Resolution On International UFO Research Institute
Forwarded to 131 Governments.*

MR. COLMAN VONKEVICZKY, known to readers of UFO CONTACT for his approaches to the United Nations, arrived via SAS in Copenhagen, Denmark, on Wednesday morning, October 25, at the beginning of his European lecture tour. He was met by Major Hans Petersen at the airport and interviewed by the Danish TV network for its „Aktuellt“ program.

Mr Von Keviczky spent a week in discussions with Major Petersen and his colleagues, then flew to Mainz, in West Germany, where the 7th International UFO Congress, organised by Mr Karl Veit, was to be held.

The Congress, attended by a number of eminent scientists, among them Professor Hermann Oberth, and leading UFO researchers from 24 nations, covered a period of 3 days, 3—6 October, during which time a Resolution was proposed and unanimously accepted by the assembly.

The text of this Resolution, which has since been submitted to leading statesmen of 131 nations, to the United Nations Secretary-General U Thant and Cabinet, and to eminent figures in politics, church, science, military and many other circles, is presented here in UFO CONTACT, the international UFO journal which has closely followed the UN, political and other aspects of this case over the past year.

On his return from Germany, Mr VonKeviczky lectured to large audiences in Copenhagen and in Kolding, where he presented a massive documentation

in the form of photographs and other evidence for the existence of alien spacecraft in and around the Earth's atmosphere.

Before returning to New York, Mr VonKeviczky spent several more days in discussions with Major Petersen, and Mr Ronald Caswell, who had travelled to Copenhagen from England to be present at the talks.

Here then, is the text of the Resolution with which the Intercontinental UFO Research and Analytic Network will seek support from all parts of the world.

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Resolution of the 7th internationale ufo congress

November 3—6. Mainz, West Germany.

Governmental authorities, i. e. USA. — USSR. — Canada, Czechoslovak Republic, Brazil, Argentina, etc. have established research bodies investigating the existence or non-existence of outer space intelligence.

Many Scientists of international repute on the basis of physical evidence of observation have urged immediate government and United Nations investigation of this global problem.

In consideration of this the International UFO Research and Analytic Network, represented by dir. Colman VonKeviczky MMSE, maj. ret. representing the United States of America main speaker at the 7th International UFO Congress of researchers at Mainz, Germany, Nov. 3—6, 1967 offered conclusive, scientifically analysed proof of the existence of intelligently guided devices in our aero-space and test-landings originating from outer space.

As a result, the Congress, represented by UFO scientists and researchers of 24 nations, urged the Intercontinental Network to submit the following resolution to 131 legal world governments; His Excellency the Secretary General of the United Nations, U Thant; the General Assembly of the United Nations; UNESCO; the Ambassadors of the United Nations Missions and Observers; to His Excellency Dr. Kurt Waldheim, Ambassador of Austria to the United Nations and Chairman of the Outer Space Affairs Committee; prominent scientists; UFO researchers and the distinguished representatives of the Press and other News Media.

RESOLUTION:

THE 7th INTERNATIONAL UFO CONGRESS UNANIMOUSLY STATES AND PROCLAIMS THAT UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS — UFOs — ARE IDENTIFIED VEHICLES FROM OUTER SPACE, AND THAT IT IS A QUESTION OF A VITAL PROBLEM CONCERNING THE WHOLE WORLD.

ALL NATIONS MUST UNITE IN MUTUAL

RESEARCH AND SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION TO INVESTIGATE AND SOLVE THIS PROBLEM FOR THE COMMON CAUSE AND FOR THE MUTUAL ADVANCEMENT OF OUR PEACEFUL RELATIONSHIP IN OUTER SPACE.

PART »A«

The UFO Question as a Global Problem.

I.

During the past two decades, certain governments, statesmen and some of the world's leading scientists have identified the UFOs as of physical appearance, as aerial vehicles „not manufactured by any nation on this Earth“ and originating from other celestial bodies.

This statement has support in the United Nations, but despite this facts not even one single customary Note of Protest had been filed with the UN Security Council which refers to the UFOs as a known or unknown power endangering the territorial sovereignty of any state.

It is a regrettable fact, that after 20 years of observations no official explanation regarding these extraterrestrial space-ships has been made available to the anxious population of the world.

II.

CONSEQUENTLY, during the last two years and parallel with our space explorations, the greatly increasing UFO reconnaissance activity combined with continued testlanding on the Earth's surface has resulted in a dangerously misinformed public, fear of panic as to the „unknown“ — and the nations' „highly confidential“ files have grown rapidly in number and have created even more of a problem.

The present alarming situation calls for immediate and expert investigation in order to calm the public, *before it is too late.*

III.

The above-mentioned global reconnaissance actions originating from outer space appear to observe, and sometimes to endanger, the nations' outer space —, atomic and military installations, air-, water-, and highway networks and public service and communications systems. To some, their behaviour seems to show a rather more unfriendly than friendly approach to our Earth and its nations, as they give no hint as to their assignment nor apparently have they made any official attempt to contact our governments.

Global security requires as an imperative measure an internationally organized, expert and scientific evaluation and research of all UFO sightings for the sake of:

- mutual *information*,
- establishing *official contact* with extraterrestrial beings and their governments,
- for preparing a *global emergency* in case of eventual landing of planetarians.

IV.

UFOs and their occupants on occasion seek contact with the population but avoid facing the nations' armed forces.

Consequently a world wide observation activity must rely fundamentally on the population and work in close cooperation with the governments, scientists and with those pioneer UFO researchers who have, for decades, been voluntarily working for the cause of humanity.

No private organization or individual can monopolise the investigation of a global problem for its own or any other nation's benefit.

V.

Through expert investigation of UFO and contactee cases THE FACTS must definitely be separated from SCIENCE FICTION, thereby serving the welfare of mankind.

VI.

Global UFO investigation has to stay apart from all temporary hostilities among nations, differences of race and religion or political or governmental structure.

For public and scientific registration of UFO activity and for any eventual official contact with representatives of outer space powers, the nations should ESTABLISH AN INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE LOCATED ON GROUNDS DECLARED BY ALL NATIONS AS EX TERRITORIAL.

PART »B«

UFO Problem Related To The United Nations.

The representatives of the nations and the organisations at the 7th International Congress of UFO researchers in Mainz, Germany — take the liberty of calling the attention of the United Nations' Assembly to the following:

I.

The Constitution of the United Nations must primarily provide for the security of our globe and its 3 billion inhabitants, representing a highly developed civilization, against any action which could eventually originate through our peaceful exploration of outer space, thereby endangering our lives and our planet.

II.

The United Nations should be constitutionally authorized as the supreme authority in outer space. Astro-cosmonauts must be the legal representatives of the General Assembly in outer space and on celestial bodies.

III.

The Ionosphere of our Planet, between 50 miles (80 km) Theodor von Karman Line — and 550

miles (880 km) should be declared SOVEREIGN SPACE TERRITORY OF THE EARTH (SECURITY BELT TO OUTER SPACE) UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS, to be appended to the 1919 Paris Convention of Aerial Navigation and the International Civil Aviation Convention in Chicago, 1944, or to any other relevant treaty.

IV.

The Intercontinental UFO Research and Analytic Network as a non profit making organisation proposing the Resolution, issues its Global Security Project, which outlines cooperation amongst nations, their UFO researchers, scientists, governments, and through the United Nations a world wide and centrally organized

INTERCONTINENTAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE: the same to be constructed on publicly donated ground, *declared extraterritorial*, in order to achieve the aims detailed above.

With this world-wide Resolution, the Intercontinental Network respectfully requests:

Heads of States, Government Leaders, Church Authorities, military, air, naval and security forces, scientific, educational, industrial, trade and agricultural establishments, private foundations, international enterprises, individuals and the United Nations for MORAL, INTELLECTUAL, FINANCIAL AND ALL NECESSARY SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE in the establishment of an

INTERCONTINENTAL UFO RESEARCH INSTITUTE.

November 6, 1967, Mainz

Respectfully yours,
Colman VonKeviczky, MMSE, maj.ret.,
Director of Intercontinental UFO Research and Analytic Network, originator of Project-G (Globe).
35—50 75th Street A1C Jackson Heights, N.Y. 11372, USA.



In conjunction with the above, UFO CONTACT directs its second Open Letter to a leading figure at the United Nations:

An open letter - two

UNITED NATIONS ORGANISATION
NEW YORK. DECEMBER 1967.

To: His Excellency
Dr. Kurt Waldheim,
Austrian Ambassador to the United Nations,
Chairman of Outer Space Affairs Committee.

Your Excellency,
In recent months your Committee has received a

great deal of documentation and photographic evidence concerning the subject of UFOs (Unidentified Flying Objects.)

Also in recent months certain persons engaged in UFO research have been granted hearings before the Outer Space Affairs Committee, a situation which we, as an organisation and as international UFO research analysts, heartily applaud.

For those who are not hopelessly blinded by scientific bias and egotism, this is evidence, at least, that unidentified flying objects are categorized by this UNO Committee as having a possible connection with Outer Space. This is, indeed, a step in the right direction, as far as we are concerned.

It is our understanding, — and here again, there is ample evidence for this statement, — that a greater part of the material your Committee has considered had been of a nature not readily accessible from official sources. It has, in fact, been provided by a small section of that dedicated group of private researchers and unofficial organisations who have spent a major part of their leisure time, in some cases for years past, in collecting and correlating reports, in investigating and analysing cases, and all the time in the face of official denial, scientific disdain and public ridicule.

At last, however, there are signs of movement in some official bodies and scientific circles, owing to increasing incident reports and the growing public interest resulting from these reports and, not least, the endeavours of private research organisations and individuals.

At last, it seems, the world is waking up.

Our reason for addressing this letter to Your Excellency will be made clear in this issue of our international journal. It is our wish to inform you, as many other international figures are at present being informed, of a resolution agreed to by representatives of many nations, which we feel is a most decisive step forward in the international investigation of the global pattern of „flying saucer“ visitations.

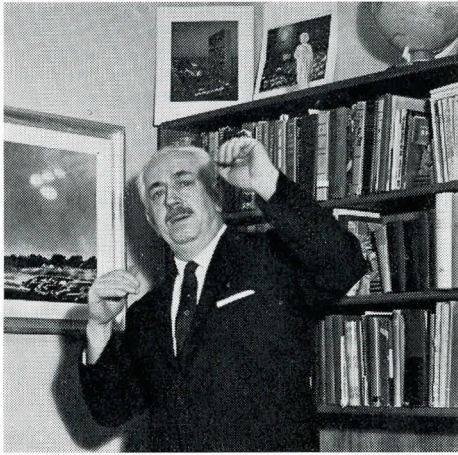
This resolution, in outline, proposes the setting up of an International UFO Research Institute or Centre, at which will be conducted scientifically-guided investigations of reports from all over the world.

The Centre to be under sole United Nations jurisdiction with full executive powers bestowed by the Assembly of the United Nations Organisation.

Details of proposals concerning financial disposition, legal application of guiding principles and the establishment of this superanational institute are contained in the text of the resolution made public on November 6, 1967, by Mr Colman VonKeviczky, MMSE.

We sincerely hope that Your Excellency will find merit in the proposals contained in the resolution and will give valued support to this truly international effort to clarify and finally solve the enigma of the „flying saucers“.

With respect,
THE EDITORS.



Mr. Colman VonKeviczky, MMSE.



BY THE WAY!

Russian researchers study »Saucers«

Moscow (AFP) — THE AUTHORITIES in the Soviet Union are taking the reports of „flying saucers“ so seriously that they have founded a special research institute to study this remarkable phenomenon.

In a TV program this evening it was disclosed that the new research institute is situated in Moscow and that it is directed by an anonymous general. The institute collects all information and reports of observations which it considers can cast some light on the numerous aerial phenomena seen over the Soviet Union in recent years.

The leader of the institute took part in the program and showed a number of photographs of unidentified objects. Some of the pictures were taken by pilots, other by ordinary citizens.

One of the pictures showed an object, clearly shaped like a saucer and surmounted by a kind of tower. Comparison with a photograph of an aircraft of the Tupolev 104 type showed that the „saucer“ was just as large as the plane.

The picture was said to have been taken at Tiskis near to the Arctic Circle.

From: „Expressen“, Sweden.

Saturday 11. November 1967.

Credit: Gustav Fallquist, Stockholm, Sweden.

Translation: Ronald Caswell.

In defence of Wilbert Smith

by RONALD CASWELL.

THE LETTER WAS dated February 23, 1959 ...

„— I appreciate your efforts in trying to bring to the public attention the facts concerning flying saucers, but I must advise you that many sequences are yet to be fulfilled before the public generally will be able to accept the reality of the people from elsewhere — — .“

„For your information EVERY nation on this planet has been officially informed of the existence of the space craft and their occupants from elsewhere, and as nations they must accept responsibility for any lack of action or for any official position which they may take. There is nothing more to be done along these lines, and efforts in this direction is effort wasted — —.“

UNQUOTE.

Many sequences are yet to be fulfilled —

It was during my 3 years' residence in a gold-mining town in Northern Ontario that I decided to write Wilbert Smith, to see if he could help me in any way in my group work and approaches to the newspapers regarding flying saucers, and to ask for information on recently-reported UFO activity. I talked with newspaper editors, and Mr Smith was agreeable to have some of this articles published in the local press, — with one proviso only. That biographical details were excluded from the account; though his name and home address might be used. He wanted the text of the articles to stand on its own two feet, not to influence readers with his qualifications.

His friendliness and dedicated sincerity have remained with me as one of the strongest supports in my own small efforts to spread the news of the flying saucers.

Wilbert B. Smith died five years ago, on the 27 December 1962.

Perhaps it could not be more appropriate, in detailing part of the life of this Canadian scientist, than to use some of the words of the Editorial — In Memoriam in the Winter-Spring 1963 issue of „Topside“, the bulletin of the group founded by Mr Smith, the Ottawa Flying Saucer Club, (now the Ottawa New Sciences Club.)

„Wilbert Brockhouse Smith was born in Lethbridge, in the province of Alberta, Canada, on the 17th of February 1910. He displayed early in life an eager interest in the nature of things and at the age of fifteen wrote a treatise on the controversial concept of perpetual motion. He was also the author of several scientific novels. After having obtained his B. Sc. and M. Sc. degrees in Electrical Engineering from the University of British Columbia, he joined the staff of radio station C.J.O.R. Vancouver in 1935, where he remained for four years and became chief engineer. In 1939 he joined the Department of Transport of Canada, where he continued his work in the

Broadcasting field and deserved much credit in advancing the technical aspects of broadcasting in Canada. He participated in the development of Frequency Modulation and Television Broadcasting agreements between Canada and the United States of America.

„During World War II he was engaged in the engineering of Canada's war-time monitoring service. In 1947 he was responsible for the establishment of a network of ionospheric measurement stations throughout Canada. In 1957 he was appointed Superintendent of Radio Regulations Engineering, responsible for the engineering aspects of all matters concerning the use of radio in Canada, including equipment standards, radio relay stations, broadcast facilities and interference studies.

„In December of 1950, following his request to the Department of Transport, Project Magnet was authorised and permission granted to make use of the Department's laboratory and field facilities, in a study of Unidentified Flying Objects and the physical principles which might be involved. Unfortunately, the program was plagued by well-meaning but misguided journalists, to an extent where those who were involved in the project, and the Department, found themselves in an embarrassing position. Project Magnet was therefore officially dropped in 1954 and continued to operate strictly as a private venture.

„His interest in UFOs was but one aspect of his activities. Although a sceptic by nature, he welcomed new ideas and encouraged their discussion. His investigations carried him into the field of physics, philosophy and religion. As an engineer, he was foremost in his field and the holder of several patents. He undertook a thorough study of gravity and devised several gravity-control experiments which produced limited but encouraging results. His correspondence was voluminous. The depth of his insight was well reflected in both his correspondence and his conversation, and he was known for his ability to express himself clearly and convincingly on a wide variety of subjects, both orthodox and unorthodox —“

UNQUOTE.

It is easy enough to understand how the considered findings in this field, unorthodox — even fantastic — as they were, of a man of W. B. Smith's scientific background, could generate friction of a kind among his contemporaries, who could see their own standing diminished in the „heretical“ theories expounded by this much-too-straightforward man.

Some of this „friction“ shows through at the end of an article by Mr Smith, about a newly discovered phenomenon, for which, on suggestions claimed by him to emanate through certain physical contactees from space people, he and his group had built certain recording devices.

„— It would therefore appear that this business of reduced binding would stand quite a bit of further serious investigation. Unfortunately, because of the unorthodox source of this information, efforts so far to obtain official recognition have resulted in more letters being added to the „crank file.“

Could one imagine the arrogance of those who placed in the „crank file“ experimental material and findings of a man of proven scientific ability in his field? This, surely, is part of the fundamental truth of the flying saucer „opposition“, the negative attitudes of those in office who fear and ridicule the unorthodox and attempt to negate the results of honest research.

Wilbert Smith was *not* an arrogant man. There is something very revealing in his manner of writing. In an article describing his beginnings and methods in UFO research, he wrote: „— I started the investigations out of curiosity and as an extreme skeptic, fully expecting the phenomenae to be due to man-made or natural causes —“

He went on to explain his initial findings which raised all kinds of queries in his mind as to the entirely alien pattern of events. Working with other scientists who were likewise intrigued by the phenomenon, he came to the conclusion that: „— we had established the reality of the craft from elsewhere, and of the intelligences associated with them, and while we were able to establish that these people all told the same story, was that story the truth?“

He continued: —

„The inevitable conclusion was that it was all real enough, and that these people from elsewhere were probably just what they claimed to be. The science however was definitely alien and possibly forever beyond our comprehension. So another approach was tried, the philosophical, and here the answer was found in all its grandeur!

„I will not go into detail on the many revisions in ideas and basic thinking which had to be undergone, beyond stating that there were, indeed, many. The people from „elsewhere“ displayed great patience and understanding in helping me to overcome many of the prejudices and stores of misinformation which I had spent many years accumulating. I began for the first time in my life to realise the basic „ONENESS“ of the Universe and all that is in it. Science, philosophy, religion, substance and energy are all facets of the same jewel, and before any one facet of the jewel can really be appreciated the form of the jewel itself must be perceived.

„One of the most important things I had to realise was that we are not alone. The human race in the form of MAN extends throughout the Universe, and is incredibly ancient. Also, its appearance in physical form is but one of its many manifestations along the path of progress. Our civilization here on this Earth is only one of many that have come and gone. This planet has been colonized many times by people from elsewhere, and our present human race are blood brothers of these people. Is it any wonder that they are interested in us? To orthodox thinkers this may seem strange, but not nearly so strange as our ideas on evolution!

„The question might be asked, „If these people really are our brothers and are interested in our wel-

fare, why do they remain so aloof?" We have been given the answer. There is a basic law of the Universe which grants each and every individual independence and freedom of choice, so that he may experience and learn from his experiences. No-one has the right to interfere in the affairs of others. In fact, our Ten Commandments are directives against interference. If we disregard this law we must suffer the consequences, and a little thought will show that the present deplorable world state is directly attributable to violation of this principle."

UNQUOTE.

For those who have read George Adamski's story, these findings of Canadian government scientist Wilbert Smith will come as a revelation. Smith's findings were the result of a number of methods of investigation, one of which included close examination of the accounts of contact claimants, and a kind of questionnaire „interrogation“. In this, Smith was almost unique in the ranks of „scientific“ investigators, who, in the great majority, totally ignore and, in fact, scorn the possibility of contact having been made. From a number of these questionnaires Smith was able to establish a certain pattern; by eliminating those „contactees“ whose claims were inconsistent with a particular coding of related answers to questions, obtained from entirely unconnected and apparently trustworthy sources, as a basis for further investigation.

Wilbert Smith's findings over the years of his investigations show a remarkable similarity in many ways to the information George Adamski received in face-to-face meetings with the Space Brothers, information which was to become the basis of Adamski's so-called Cosmic Philosophy.

Information such as:

The human race abounding throughout the Universe.

Our present civilization being one of many here on Earth.

The colonization of Earth from outside by these „blood-brothers“.

The basic universal law of „non-interference“ in the independence of others; of individuals, of nations, of planets.

This being the main reason for our visitors apparent reluctance to „force the issue“, to force Governmental and public recognition of their presence in our skies, which they were obviously quite capable of doing.

Wilbert Smith also came to believe in the fact of re-incarnation, a viewpoint liable to cause many to look upon him with suspicion, despite the fact that many millions of people in the Eastern countries hold this as a part of their religion. This belief was shared by Adamski, and is also held by another great UFO pioneer, „father-of-the rocket“ Professor Hermann Oberth.

I asked Adamski once, referring to these remark-

able „co-incidences“ of extraterrestrial data shared with the Canadian scientist, whether he had ever met Wilbert Smith. GA answered: „I had a very short introduction to Professor Smith when I was in Canada but there was not much said at the time. I would not even know if he might remember me.“

Certainly Wilbert Smith's findings were not based on the account of George Adamski.

Smith had a habit of calling his extraterrestrial „helpers“ — The Boys Topside. He referred to them as „the people from elsewhere“ or „our friends from elsewhere“. It was a remarkably frank acceptance of alien intelligences, but, mark you, on a human plane, a solid plane, though we understand that The Boys Topside always used a „middle-man“ as contact. And whereas Adamski, for example, denoted the planets from whence his contacts came, i. e. Venus, Saturn, Mars, etc., — I believe that it was only in private that Wilbert Smith conjectured in this way. And Professor Oberth, in an interview in Denmark, where he was asked his views on reincarnation: „Do you believe that, perhaps in 50 years' time, you will find yourself on Jupiter and I on Mars — or the other way round?“, answered: „Yes, it is not impossible.“

Wilbert Smith worked on a number of scientific experiments, the lead-up to which, in each case, was suggested to him by non-scientific „contactees“; these experiments were in an entirely alien branch of research, results of which proved them 100 per cent valid.

Telling me of the work of his group in Ottawa, he wrote:

„Several of our members are interested in basic research and we are busy trying to learn something of the science of these people from elsewhere. Needless to say we are all in the kindergarten, but we are learning and have uncovered quite a bit of interesting material, all of which can be substantiated by rigid laboratory experiment.“

It was as the instigator and head of the Canadian Government's UFO investigation program, Project Magnet, that he became known in saucer research circles. Major Donald Keyhoe, director of NICAP, a large private UFO research group in the United States which does not take kindly to „contact“ stories, several times met Mr Smith on his various visits to the States. Keyhoe wrote glowingly of the Canadian scientist in several of his books and could not speak highly enough of his work, despite the fact that Wilbert Smith was convinced that contact had been made with human extraterrestrials. Keyhoe's denigration of, and many verbal attacks on, George Adamski, bears witness to the former's attitude in this regard, an attitude typical of those who can find merit in the academically-educated but not in the unacademically.

Of Project Magnet, Wilbert Smith wrote in another article:

„Project Magnet was authorized in December 1950, following a request made to the Canadian Department of Transport by W. B. Smith, for permission to make use of the Department's laboratory and field

facilities in a study of unidentified flying objects and physical principles which might appear to be involved.

„The Program consisted of two parts. The first part was the collecting of as much high quality data as possible, analysing it, and where possible drawing conclusions from it. The second part consisted of a systematic questioning of all our basic concepts in the hopes of turning up a discrepancy which might prove to be the key to a new technology.

„Unfortunately, the program was plagued by well-meaning but misguided journalists who were looking for spectacular copy, or copy which could be turned to political account, to such an extent that both those who were working on the project and the Department of Transport found themselves in an embarrassed position. (Subsequently, the Canadian Government became embarrassed by questions being asked in the Canadian Parliament about the Shirley's Bay station.) Consequently, when the Project Magnet Report was made and permission sought to extend the scope of the investigation through Federal financial support, the decision was finally made in 1954 that this would not be advisable in the face of the publicity from which the whole project had suffered.

„Project Magnet was officially dropped by the Department of Transport in October 1954, although the Department indicated its willingness to permit the continued use of laboratory facilities, provided that this could be done at no cost to the public treasury. The project has been continuing under these conditions, and to this extent may be said to have gone underground. The Government of Canada are not participant in the project and not in any way responsible for its conclusions.“

UNQUOTE.

Though not in his life-time, it seems that this was the point later to be used by spokesmen at the Department of Transport to discount Wilbert Smith's findings and to belittle the program which he had carried out. Possibly in line with the general policy of „de-bunking“ the flying saucers in the U.S., as recently disclosed by Dr. James E. McDonald of the University of Arizona, the Canadian governmental department concerned has since spoken of Project Magnet as a „hobby“ of Wilbert Smith's, for the purpose of which he was allowed to use certain facilities, and upon which he was only to spend his own free time. Correspondence with officials in Smith's former division of Telecommunications has resulted in a rather pathetic attempt to cover up the governmental part in the Project. Wilbert Smith did, in fact, propose the project, and for this he must be given due credit. But the subtle denigration of his work and its importance is a guideline on the tactics and subsequent policies adopted by not only his own government but others, including the British and U.S.

A well-known French engineer and UFO researcher, Aimé Michel, wrote in his book „The Truth About Flying Saucers“:

„With the funds supplied by these two depart-

ments, (Ministry of Transport and the Department of Military Research), the observatory has been established at Shirley's Bay, about ten miles west of Ottawa. It is directed by Mr Wilbert Smith, Telecommunications Engineer at the Ministry of Transport and electronics specialist. Some of the electronic apparatus installed at Shirley's Bay by Mr Smith himself is „absolutely secret and unknown,“ according to a communique of December 2nd, 1953.

„Mr Smith has gathered round him a team of specialists in various branches of science: Dr. James Watt, a physician from the department of military research; Mr John H. Thompson, another telecommunications specialist; Professor J. T. Wilson, of the University of Toronto; Dr. G. D. Garland, the Dominion Observatory's gravitation expert, and other research workers.

„It was actually made known in December 1953 that the project had the strong support of two of the highest Canadian scientific authorities: Dr. O. M. Solandt, President of the Military Research Department, and Mr Dean Mackenzie, ex-President of the National Council of Scientific Research.“

UNQUOTE.

The nature of Wilbert Smith's findings was sure to bring coals of fire upon his head from certain authorities and individuals. As we have seen so often in the history of our society, so it began to happen to Wilbert Smith. Yet strangely he was up-graded from his position at the time of the Project's inception, which was engineer in charge of the Transport Department's broadcast and measurement section, telecommunications division, to become Superintendent of Radio Regulations Engineering, which position he held until the time of his death.

Yet, before he died, he too began to experience the „brush-off.“

Many were the experiments he and his colleagues worked on, at the behest of the „people from elsewhere“, — the „Boys Topside“, as he began to call them. Gravity-control experiments, new types of drive units; — many of the results proved the fallibility of the science Smith had been trained to follow throughout his life. Old concepts were proved wrong, new „alien“ concepts were brought to light.

An example of the „brush-off“ attitude adopted towards Wilbert Smith's work was shown in a letter quoted in the July-August 1964 issue of the well-known Flying Saucer Review.

Mr Wilfrid Daniels, a British UFO researcher, had made certain inquiries of Canadian authorities regarding the authenticity of Project Magnet.

Quoting Flying Saucer Review:

„Mr Daniels, on April 29, 1964, received from the Canadian Government's Department of Transport in Ottawa the following reply to his enquiry. The letter is signed on behalf of Mr F. G. Nixon, Director, Telecommunications and Electronics Branch. The letter reads as follows:

„Your letter of April 2 requesting clarification of whether the Department of Transport investigated unidentified flying objects between 1950 and 1954 and whether Mr W. B. Smith was in charge of such an investigation has been referred to this branch for attention.

„In reply to your question we would reiterate that at no time has this Department carried out research in the field of unidentified flying objects. As stated by Mr Dupuis in Hansard on December 4, 1963, a small program of investigation in the field of geo-magnetics was carried out by the Telecommunications Division of this Department between 1950 and 1954. This minor investigation was for the purpose of studying magnetic phenomena, particularly those phenomena resulting from unusual boundary conditions in the basic electro-magnetic theory.

„Mr Smith operated this small program of investigation in the field of geo-magnetics; but he also had a personal interest in this matter and he was permitted to use, in his spare time, the specialized equipment employed for the investigation during periods when it was not required by the Department. This personal project was at no expense to the Department, nor did it have any Departmental sponsorship, it was merely a private effort on the part of Mr Smith.

„We trust the foregoing will clarify any misunderstanding about the activities of this Department in the field of unidentified flying objects.“

UNQUOTE.

The insistence on the „small program of investigation“, — „this minor investigation —“ and again „— this small program of investigation“, surely shows a certain superfluity unbecoming to a governmental department.

The mention of Smith's „personal interest —“ — „in his spare time —“, „this personal project —“ and „merely a private effort on the part of Mr Smith —“; all these reiterations and denials in one short letter indicate, surely, a certain hysteria on the part of someone chosen to refute known facts. And someone must have bothered Mr Dupuis about it, too, to cause him to bring it up in Parliament in 1963, nine years after the „small program of investigation“ was closed.

The cover-up is continued in a reply to a request by a technological student in England, made to the same department, who asked merely for help and information on field theory, to assist in work on which he was engaged at the time. The student mentioned „the report on a project started in December 1950 and officially wound up in 1954.“ He mentioned Project Magnet and Mr Wilbert Smith. He did not mention UFO's or flying saucers at all. I know that this young man is working on experiments in field control, and this was his sole reason for writing to the department concerned.

The reply came, dated March 23, 1966.

„Dear Sir, — In reply to your recent letter request-

ing information on unidentified flying objects, I regret to advise that we are unable to be of assistance to you. The late Mr W. B. Smith, who was employed by this Department, was quite active in that field but this activities were purely a personal hobby and we have no Departmental information on the subject, Yours Truly,“

(and signed for Mr F. G. Nixon.)

Once again, „purely a personal hobby.“

What must be considered a downright insult to the memory of this respected and dedicated man was contained in an article on UFO's published in the „Peterborough Examiner“ issue of the Canadian „Weekend Magazine“, dated November 12, 1966.

In an article by R. J. Childerhose, himself a one-time pilot in the R.C.A.F who presented a photograph taken by himself of a UFO hovering in clouds, appeared the following:

„Over the years various governments have set up investigative bodies. In a most un-Canadian fit of scientific zeal, the Federal Government allowed employee Wilbert Smith, to set up „the world's first scientific flying saucer station“ at Shirley's Bay, near Ottawa, in 1953.“ (This is not the correct date — R.C.)

„At that time Smith was a respected expert in communications. The government allowed him the use of some magnetometer and gravity-recording devices for his personal UFO researches.“ — (Once again, one can perceive the source from which Mr Childerhose drew his information. „for his personal UFO researches.“ — R.C.) — „Smith hoped to correlate reports of UFO activity with scientific proof of the event.

„Nothing ever came of it and the government withdrew its support in 1956.“ — (again the wrong date — R.C.)

„Dr. Peter Millman, head of the National Research Council's upper-atmosphere branch, knew and respected Wilbert Smith as a scientist. „Wilbert started out with a logical program,“ he said, „but then later became involved with spiritualism. He died in 1962 believing that he was going to continue UFO research in another realm.“

„Topside, the magazine of the New Sciences Club, which was started by Smith, continues to reflect his interest in the occult. The mimeographed quarterly contained other-world message from „the Space Brothers.“

UNQUOTE.

To connect spiritualism and the occult to flying saucers is a favourite pastime of sceptics. Here an apparent believer in saucers has used the term when referring to a contact claimant, for whom some „believers“ hold an almost religious hate complex. That the „Space Brothers“ might conceivably be a name given to human, flesh-and-blood contacts from other planets would be past the comprehension of such as write criticisms of those who believe in the existence of alien visitors to Earth.

That Wilbert Smith's years'-long examination of, and investigation into, the phenomenon of the UFO's, should be so arrogantly cast aside by his contemporaries is the ultimate in human egotism.

For reasons known best to themselves, Wilbert Smith's earlier associates in the Ottawa saucer group declined to offer public denials of this kind of misleading article. They would give it the silent contempt which it deserved. The pity was, that, as the public did not know of this silent contempt, then the public was left to believe that Wilbert Smith was, after all, only a poor spiritualist who got led astray. Unfortunately for some, furtive „brush-off“ moves and overemphatic denials often rebound on the heads of those who issue these denials.

Now we discover that the Canadian authorities had a very REAL interest in flying saucers. Canadian Defence Minister Paul Hellyer has recently disclosed that „the Canadian government 13 years ago made available the defence research board experimental station at Suffield, Alberta, as a landing site for Unidentified Flying Objects.“

„The special Canadian committee, checking out reports of UFO sightings over Canada, ceased to function about 10 years ago, according to Mr Hellyer.“

The interview with the Defence Minister, reported in the „Ottawa Journal“, goes on: „The investigations in recent years have been cursory and on a hit-or-miss basis, it is understood.“

(This obviously indicates that the earlier investigation was a more thorough affair. — R.C.)

„The proposed NRC (National Research Council) study committee will check into the current crop of UFO sightings and presumably seek to determine whether there is a justification for launching a new scientific investigation of the UFO phenomena.

„Wilbert Smith, who died a few years ago, was a member of the earlier committee. He was to become an expert in Canada on UFO research and investigation. He set up at Shirley's Bay near Ottawa a specially designed apparatus that could detect and record any metal object passing overhead —“

UNQUOTE.

And so Wilbert Smith WAS a member of the earlier government scientific committee investigating the UFO phenomenon.

The Canadian Government, despite the impression of disinterest allowed to circulate in past years, in line with other governments, DID AND DOES HAVE AN INTEREST IN FLYING SAUCERS, enough to authorize the top secret project of a flying saucer landing-ground in one of the restricted defence zones.

And Mr C. P. Edwards, former Deputy Minister of Transport, (and, as such, a head of the Telecommunications and Electronics Branch of the Department of Transport), was a supporter of Wilbert Smith's UFO research work during the days of Project Magnet, when files were actually kept at the Department's offices in Ottawa.

IT WAS MR EDWARDS WHO OFFICIALLY CLOSED DOWN PROJECT MAGNET.

„For your information EVERY nation on this planet has been officially informed of the existence of the space craft and their occupants from elsewhere, and as nations they must accept responsibility for any lack of action or for any official position which they may take —“

Are these the words of a crank or a spiritualist? Or are they words that now ring true more than ever before since they were written all those years ago?

Perhaps now, before it is so late as to be worthless, others who know far more than I about the work of this dedicated Canadian pioneer, will find the guts to speak out —

IN DEFENCE OF WILBERT SMITH.



SCIENCE

VENUS

SOME OF OUR READERS may have noticed in the Press a recent report from Russia referring to the conditions on Venus as signalled back from their Venus IV space-probe which landed on that planet on the morning of October 18.

To sum up our views on that report, and on the „findings“ of the U.S. Mariner V probe which passed by Venus shortly afterwards, we would have to go back over 7 issues of UFO CONTACT to offer our full comment. We would rather that the reader did this for us. If, at the end of it, we do not appear to have given a good enough argument as to the scheming, the denials, the ridicule, the bombastic arrogance, the scientific egotism, etc, which has shown through time and time again in the explanations and attitudes of „authority“ towards the saucer phenomenon, then we invite the reader to discontinue reading this journal, as he will never see the light.

For years past, we — the public — have been the pawns of power politics, disregarded, until our votes were needed or our tax-money necessary to bolster up the national economy; as „saucer-believers“ we have seen the lengths to which the „top brass“ and their underlings will go to conceal the truth about our visitors from space.

Knowing this, do *you* place a great deal of trust in what American or Russian official spokesmen say regarding extraterrestrial life?

To keep the record straight, we present here the „findings“ as briefly issued to the Press, of the Russian and American probes.

It might be a good moment to recall the findings

of the earlier Russian and American earth satellites sent up in 1957—58. The signals sent back after spectroscopic observations of the Earth's atmosphere showed that there was NO OXYGEN in that atmosphere. Recent reports say that Venus has NO OXYGEN in its atmosphere. Come to think of it, the scientists did not shout out very loudly about those findings in 1957—58. Astronomer Patrick Moore explained that *those* signals had apparently malfunctioned, but were soon rectified.

Well, they *had* to be wrong, didn't they?!

Why did Russian scientists ask for the assistance of Britain's Jodrell Bank radio telescope in monitoring Venus IV's descent? To verify to the world that the probe actually had arrived? That's fine.

The information regarding the planet's atmosphere was issued by the Soviet agency TASS only seven hours after the signals were picked up by the Jodrell Bank telescope. To those of us accustomed to waiting for days and weeks so that the various space probes' signals could be analysed, checked and re-checked by the scientists, this seems to have been done in one almighty hurry.

But, of course, for certain reasons known to about 100 per cent of the world population, Russia had to get her information in first, before the American probe passing 2,000 miles from the planet pipped them to the headlines. One might almost think that the Russians acted indecently, from a staid and scientific point of view, to bring out their considered findings in such a short time; — taking into account the communications first between the scientific research station analysing the signals and translating them into readable language for the benefit of their political masters of the Kremlin, waiting to celebrate the October Revolution. It is from these men that the word GO must come before anything so important and *helpful* to the rival Americans (whose probe might have failed after all) could be given out FREE to the listening world.

Why don't the Russians exchange *all* their space information with the Americans, and vice versa? As they did a couple of years ago, when the „signals from a super civilization in space“ claim was ridiculed out of hand by Western scientists. — Is this the beginning of a new era of scientific understanding between the great Powers? One might think so until one reads U.S. Secretary of State Robert McNamara's recent announcement that Russia appears to be developing a new sub-orbital „space-bomb.“ One might then begin to think that the recently-signed space peace treaty was, after all, just another piece of paper.

Or is that *too* cynical, like thinking that this Venus business is just another great big put-up job?

„Psychedelic Venus“! Of course, that word *had* to come into the headlines, didn't it.

From an American scientist analysing the U.S. Venus probe, we have been informed that owing to the density there „a man could see the back of his head because the image would completely circle the planet and appear in front of him.“

Having had many experiences of this nature, no doubt, this American space expert feels that he should pass this information on to the world.

Bearing this in mind, may we suggest that a new Venus space-craft is sent up, working in fine international co-operation, manned by the scientists of the U.S. and Russia who gave out their recent findings. Add to the crew certain officials of the Pentagon and the U.S.A.F. and their Russian counterparts, plus a sprinkling of British and other „experts“, all of whom have been denying for years that space craft from other planets are visiting Earth.

When they arrive and, we hope, have landed safely, each and every individual will then be in an authoritative position to describe and verify a truth that we of IGAP and UFO CONTACT have known for years.

THAT HE IS TALKING OUT OF THE BACK OF HIS HEAD.

This is where WE came in —

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Official - Venus is too hot to handle

CONDITIONS on the planet Venus are impossible for human life. It is far too hot, and there does not appear to be any oxygen in the atmosphere.

These are the first conclusions that scientists have drawn from the signals relayed to Earth by a capsule from the Russian spaceship Venus IV which made a spectacular soft landing on the planet early today.

The information was released this afternoon by the Soviet agency TASS, seven hours after the signals were picked up by the British radio telescope at Jodrell Bank. The signals were transmitted for one and a half hours.

The spaceship radioed back that the mysterious silver planet's atmosphere resembles that of a super-heated hot-house.

Temperatures on the surface of Venus range from 104 to 504 degrees Fahrenheit, and its atmosphere is made up almost exclusively of carbon dioxide — perfect for green plants, but poisonous to human life.

HYDROGEN FOUND.

The spacecraft's instruments detected hydrogen and other vapours amounting to about 1½ per cent of the planet's atmosphere, but no noticeable traces of nitrogen, TASS said.

The absence of any mention of oxygen was taken to indicate that none of the gas needed to sustain any form of earthly animal life was found.

Atmospheric pressure varied from equal to that on Earth to about 15 times as great.

The main body of the spaceship crashed into Venus and ejected an instrument capsule which parachuted

to safety through the thick, cloud-shrouded atmosphere.

The world's first news of the Russian triumph came from Jodrell Bank, where the radio telescope „watched“ the historic event as it happened.

Signals from the Russian rocket sounded like electronic bag-pipes as the rocket approached Venus. At 5.38 a.m. they ended abruptly.

The scientists at Jodrell Bank thought it was all over — another crash-landing like that made by Russia's Venus III spacecraft on March 1st last year.

A TWO-TONED WARBLE.

Suddenly Jodrell Bank chief, Sir Bernard Lovell, rushed out of the satellite tracking room to tell reporters: „I have a very surprising announcement to make. We are now receiving signals from a package which appears to be on the surface of the planet.“

The signals had started 15 seconds after the other signals stopped. And then we heard them over a loudspeaker: a weak, two-toned warble a bit like a car-horn, arriving from the surface of the planet through about 50 million miles of space.

Sir Bernard could hardly contain his excitement. „This is a most tremendous moment,“ he said. „We cannot interpret these signals, but the Russians will know for the first time what conditions on the surface of Venus are like.“

SET OUT LAST JUNE.

Sir Bernard added: „We have never received signals from a Russian spacecraft so far away before. It is an amazing technical achievement.“

Sir Bernard described the last few minutes of the 2½ ton spacecraft's journey to the cloud-covered planet at the end of a voyage which began last June.

From: „The Evening News“, London.

Wednesday October 18, 1967.

U.S. data show weird, psychedelic Venus

by Henry Miller.

New York, Tuesday: — The planet Venus seems singularly misnamed. As more of the data from America's Mariner-V spacecraft are examined, Venus is shown to be a weird, psychedelic place, a „hell-hole“ where the sun appears never to set.

Dr. R. von Eshleman, a physicist at Stamford University, described the planet nearest our own as: „Not only a hole, but a hell-hole.“

The electronic probing by Mariner-V, which flew past Venus last Thursday, generally confirms what was radioed back by the Russian Venus IV before it crashed on the planet 36 hours earlier.

A spokesman in Washington said there were no plans to exchange information on the Venus probe with Russia. But he stressed that the United States makes all information on such matters available to scientific organisations throughout the world.

Dr. von Eshleman said the data from Mariner-V indicated that the planet's atmosphere was at least seven or eight times as dense as Earth's. The atmosphere on the surface might well reach the densities reported by Russians, 15 to 22 times that on earth.

MAN DOWN, HORIZON UP

At such densities, the atmosphere traps and bends light close to its surface in extreme ways. A man would have the impression that he was standing in the bottom of a bowl and looking up at the horizon.

A man could see the back of his own head because the image would completely circle the planet and appear in front of him.

If he moved around he would see numerous images. If a ship sailed away, it would appear to rise in the sky instead of disappearing over the horizon.

From „The Daily Telegraph“, London.
Wednesday 25th October, 1967.



Venus observed

More Circumstantial Reports Needed.

(A „letter to the editor“ of the
„DAILY TELEGRAPH“, London).

Sir,

There can be no doubt that the performance of both Venus 4 and Mariner 5 represents a staggering technological achievement. It is nonetheless true that the scientific accounts of the results so far published are woolly and unsatisfactory, and something more precise and circumstantial would be welcome, the more so as the Russians have revealed nothing about the nature of the experiments planned or instrumentation used by them.

Truth may be stranger than fiction, but it is distinguishable from the latter in that it must square up with other known facts, and this is the quality that appears to be somewhat lacking in the views attributed to Dr. R. von Eshleman on October 25.

The solar day of Venus deduced from the radar data is 117 days, which is no doubt rather long, but a good deal short of eternity. Now if the sun never sets on Venus, which seems to be attributed to the intense refraction in its atmosphere, how is it that one side of Venus as seen in the telescope is always dark? Indeed the boundary between the day and night hemisphere is quite sharp. True, what we observe is the upper cloud layer of Venus. If, however, the sun shines right round the globe of Venus some of the light from it should reach us through the clouds, as it is through the self-same clouds that it reaches the surface in the first place. Of this, though, there is no sign.

The dark side of Venus is sometimes seen faintly illuminated by the so-called „ashen light“, but spectra of this light have been obtained (by Kozirev in the Soviet Union and Newkirk in the United States) and consist of bright emission lines, such as are produced by electrically excited gases. According to the tentative identification by Mr. Bryan Warner, of London University, most of these lines appear to be due to oxygen; nitrogen has been identified as well.

But the point is that scattered or refracted sunlight would give a continuous spectrum with dark absorption lines.

Yours faithfully,

V. A. Firsoff.

London W 1.

From: „Daily Telegraph“,

Saturday 4, November, 1967.

Credit: Ian Taylor, Dover, Kent, England.

COMMENT:

WHAT WAS NOT INDICATED IN THIS MODESTLY SIGNED LETTER TO A LEADING NATIONAL NEWSPAPER WAS THAT PROFESSOR V. A. FIRSOFF, FELLOW OF THE ROYAL ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY, IS A NOTED BRITISH AUTHORITY ON THE PLANET VENUS.

HIS VIEWS ON THE FINDINGS OF THE RECENT VENUS PROBES ARE THEREFORE WORTH NOTING.

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Anonyme Else supporting this teory?

Wiliam C. Patterson.

I HAVE finally arrived at the view that the data received by Jodrell Bank about the Soviet Venus landing may well be a put-up job — a pre-recorded screed incorporated into the probe before it was launched from earth.

It just does not make sense to me, in view of the size of this operation, that the Russians would make the United States a free gift of such vital factors as atmospheric temperature, pressure, and composition.

RECORD.

If the Russians have achieved such sophistication in design that they were able to land the probe in the manner they describe, then some intelligent engineer would have grasped the absurdity of throwing away such a pay-load on a mere one-shot landing, for the sake of a brief record of atmospheric conditions.

He would have proposed *two* probes. The second of these, hidden from us, would be a highly specialised relay transmitter, like the Telstar satellite, designed either to go into orbit round Venus or to pass slowly on a parabolic orbit-path.

It would pick up data from the probe already on the planetary surface, and transmit it back to earth.

If the purpose was to keep this relay beam secret from the Americans, who would have their own

detectors suspiciously focused on Venus, how could this be done?

The answer would be to direct the beam, not at earth itself, but at some powerful reflector in the vicinity of earth, so that the data would then be reflected on to earth from another direction than that on which the American and British detectors were focused.

Such a reflector would have to be sufficiently massive for the directional apparatus of the Venus relay to lock on to it. In other words, the moon.

PROBLEM.

The probe would send out a swift stream of data along its own beam. This would be reflected off the moon and picked up by a Russian on earth.

It is as simple as that. The only problem from our point of view is to find the point in the moon's orbit at which it is an effective Venus reflector and you have found the right time to scan the moon with the Jodrell Bank radio telescope.

From: „Daily Express“, London.

28 October 1967.

COMMENT: Mr Patterson appears to be another realist. Anyone else supporting this theory?

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Boys find Space Giant

RUSSIA IS BELIEVED to have put up — and possibly recovered — a spaceship big enough to hold a crew of five, in a „dress rehearsal“ for a new space spectacular.

The spaceship was located on an egg-shaped orbit round the earth during the night, but its signals ceased at dawn, leading to the „recovery“ theory.

With the November 7th 50th anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution nearing, there has been talk of four or five cosmonauts being sent up in one satellite — perhaps including a woman.

A group of schoolboys from Kettering Grammar School, Northamptonshire, were first to track the new space giant.

They were one up on the experts at Jodrell Bank where a spokesman said: „We haven't picked up the signals yet.“

Led by Mr Geoffrey Perry, the senior physics master, the boys used primitive equipment which they built themselves.

„It is composed entirely of ex-Government radio equipment picked up from junk shops,“ explained Mr Perry. „The receiver cost £ 25 and the signal generator was borrowed three years ago.“

TRIUMPH.

Hours after the boys' triumph the Russians announced that they had sent up the unmanned research satellite. That made three in 24 hours.

The boys of the school had been tracking Russian spacecraft since 1959.

Almost a year ago they discovered a launching site in the Arctic Circle before American experts, who have equipment worth millions of pounds.

From: „News Of The World“, London.
Sunday 29. October 1967.

COMMENT: It is enlightening to note that even the experts have their limitations.



Science *misellaneous*

Is this secret of long life?

by Douglas Coupar.

For centuries man has searched for an elixir to lengthen his life. Now, it seems, the miracle may form part of the very air around us.

Experiments by a medical team lead by Dr. R. A. Duffee and Dr. R. H. Koontz of Battelle Memorial Institute, Columbus, Ohio, suggests that people living in atmosphere loaded with negative ions (electrically charged particles) live longer, healthier lives.

The researchers used two groups of rats. The two groups were tested in a water maze. The construction of channels was filled with very cold water, and led finally to a comfortably heated box containing food.

First the rats were tested in normal atmospheric conditions. The first group of young rats found its way through the water maze to warmth and shelter faster than the older rats.

The old rats swam just as fast as the young ones, but their reaction and reasoning times were much slower.

But as soon as the two groups were placed in an atmosphere charged with negative ions, it was found that many of the old rats out-stripped the youngsters in thinking and reasoning times.

And when old rats from a normal atmosphere were matched side by side with rats living in an atmosphere of negative-charged ions, the difference in performance was staggering. It was, as one researcher put it, as if „they had gained a new lease of life.“

Within a week the old rats were perkier than the young ones, yet they had been exposed to negative-charged ions for only 48 hours. Their hair and skin also took on a newly acquired sheen.

The demonstration that negative ions improve the learning ability of older rats more so than the young ones confirms important results from 1959 by Dr. J. Jordan and Dr. Boris Sokoloff, of the Southern Biological Research Institute at America's Florida Southern College.

While there were slight differences in levels of ionisation and ages of the creatures, there was enough available proof to show the results were almost similar.

A single experiment is not enough to satisfy scientists that the results are absolute and prove anything. But when one or more researchers are on the same

track and reach the same goal, then there is ground for further experiments.

From the experiments carried out there is evidence to suggest that negative ions have marked beneficial effect on the learning power of older creatures.

Since the ageing processes are similar in man and animals it is reasonable to believe that negative ion treatment would improve the health and learning abilities of the world's senior citizens, as it did with the laboratory rats.

But until further experiments are carried out scientists won't know exactly what negative ions do to the chemical imbalances involved in the ageing process of humans.

Russia has many centenarians. They may live in atmospheric conditions where the negative ion concentration is above normal.

One of Russia's leading researchers in this field, Professor Mikhail Borodnov, at Leningrad's Science Institute, is this year taking a party of researchers to the Urals to study the conditions of atmosphere in which many of these folk live.

Many Soviet hospitals regularly prescribe ion therapy for bronchial asthma, healing ulcers and slow-healing wounds. Tissue, they report, mends and grows faster under ion treatment.

From: „Manchester Evening News“, Lancs,
England, 23rd March 1967.
Credit: Dennis Cowdy, Manchester, Lancs, England.



»Elixir of life« by plant scientists

by John Stevenson.

Scientists have discovered a process to create plant life in a test tube.

They have grown more than 100,000 carrots from a speck of carrot tissue the size of a pin head.

This was revealed by Professor F. C. Steward, head of biological sciences at Cornell University, U. S., yesterday.

He was speaking at the meeting in Leeds at the British Association for the Advancement of Science.

Professor Steward said the process used was a substitute for the plant's normal sexual processes.

The secret of it lay in coconut milk fluid which acted as „an elixir of life“.

American scientists had bathed the speck of carrot tissue in this fluid.

OWN ROOTS

Suddenly the tissue started to grow. After 20 days it was 80 times its original size.

The scientists found that by scraping cells from the tissue they produced more plants — until, finally, 100,000 „embryo“ carrots filled the dish.

Each developed into a complete, edible, plant, with its own roots and flower.

The coconut fluid had nourished the minute, embryo-like cells.

Similar experiments have been successfully carried out on other plants.

Later, Professor T. A. Bennet-Clark, Dean of Biological Sciences at East Anglia University described the work as a „major breakthrough.“

From: „Daily Sketch“, London.

Tuesday, Sept 5th, 1967.



Wired for sound

Is There Another Kind Of Evidence Of Our Visitors' Presence On Or Above The Earth? Are „They“ Listening In To What We Say?

By RONALD CASWELL.

An account of an amazing instance of extraterrestrial „influence“ on earthly artifacts was conveyed to me some time ago by a friend in Ottawa, who told of a „happening“ which must have taken place in the work-room or study of Wilbert B. Smith, Canadian government scientist and pioneer UFO researcher, and leader of the Canadian „Project Magnet“.

Part of his correspondence with people was carried out on tape recordings. Thus it happened that, in the course of taping a „letter“ to a well-known „contactee“, an engineer, Wilbert Smith — himself an engineer, — in the enthusiasm of the moment, inadvertently allowed scientific information received by him from extraterrestrial sources via contactees to go on to tape. He had forgotten that, for the time being, the information was to remain confidential.

Some time later, the tape was returned by his puzzled correspondent, with a covering letter. Wilbert Smith ran the tape through, and found to his amazement certain blank spaces, slightly sticky to the touch, which he knew had not been left blank during the taping session. He realised with some sense of shock that the „blank“ spaces were those areas on which the special, confidential information had been recorded. They had been wiped clean!

STRANGE SEQUEL.

There is a truly strange sequel to this account, received by me from my correspondent in Ottawa. Within the same week as this information arrived, George Adamski's Co-workers in countries throughout the world were receiving news of an incident that occurred during a lecture which GA was giving to an audience of U.S. Air Force Reserve officers.

One of these officers, a major, had set up a tape-recorder, unknown to GA, and intended to take down the lecture for his own purposes, whatever they might be.

It happened that when the officer later attempted to play back the lecture, not only was there no lecture recorded but the lead-up part recorded by the major himself was erased. The man later came to Adamski and asked if he might take a copy of Adamski's own

tape — a precautionary measure GA adopted at these talks in case of future claims of misrepresentation — and GA willingly agreed. He later obtained the story of the incident from another source.

On another occasion GA told of a meeting at which someone attempted to read on to tape the account of a woman „contactee“ in South Africa. Several times an attempt was made, but the play-back was blank. Subsequently the whole tape-recorder had to be „de-magnetised.“

The „coincidence“ of these erased tapes is matched only by the „coincidence“ that I should receive identical data from two entirely unassociated sources during the same week —

MAGIC?

One might ask how or why such apparent „manipulation“ took place. In the case of Wilbert Smith, at least, where the tape had been erased at certain specific points and no-where else, there is no question of failure of the machine to record.

What happened, then? Surely there was no „magic“ involved, no „spiritualist“ breakthrough to the Earthly plane to tamper with the instruments? Was the taped letter intercepted in the post and „fixed“? Apart from the difficulties involved in such a procedure, this would not explain the instances referred to by Adamski, where the tapes would appear to have been retained from recording to „playback“.

From the evidence, there seems to be only one possible explanation. (This explanation would also cover the incidents reported whereby strange, unknown voices or coded messages are received via tape, on machines, the owners of which claim there was no earthly possibility of recording, owing to the position of the switches, or for other very good reasons. No „earthly“ possibility might well be correct.) Regarding the „erased“ tapes; is it not possible that the tape was „de-sensitized“ on the small area travelling between the magnetic head and the take-up spool, *a split second after the moment of recording?*

But surely, even if an intruder could have accomplished this in the more public atmosphere of the Adamski meetings, in the case of Wilbert Smith it would have been impossible for anyone to have achieved this without his knowledge.

How, then, could these tapes be erased in circumstances where physical tampering seems to be out of the question? I believe the explanation to be as equally straightforward as it is fantastic. And in this I am not using contradictory terms.

Our space visitors are widely understood to operate their craft on electro-magnetic principles. Manipulation in this field would probably be a very simple matter to people who must have spent centuries in perfecting the art of space-travel via the magnetic forces existing between the planets.

With this in mind, we can consider the fact that both Wilbert Smith and George Adamski were well-known figures in the UFO field. They both claimed

some kind of contact. It seems logical, then, that they were both under surveillance.

TELEMETER DISCS.

Adamski has several times mentioned occasions when telemeter discs — small, remote-controlled recording devices — have been observed operating in the vicinity of his former home at Palomar Gardens. For a detailed explanation of the operation and apparent purposes of these tiny „saucers“ one can read the article by Major Hans Petersen in the February 1967 issue of UFO CONTACT.

In my own added notes on that article, on Page 76, one might come to understand fully the implications of Wilbert Smith's erased tape recording. But first I must briefly outline the principles of guidance of these unmanned discs.

Some telemeter discs are understood to be capable of receiving sound and pictures, much in the fashion of the television camera, but using a fantastically simple innovation in the science of physics that would put our transistorized electronics to shame. Other types of discs record atmospheric pressures, temperatures, etc, as well as registering the multitudinous phenomena in space itself. The tiny devices are guided by electro-magnetic impulses beamed from the larger craft.

In this matter of recording information on „magnetic“ tape, which is becoming widely used in many fields, *including the political, the military, the scientific, etc*, it is feasible to suggest that these small devices could be made to „lock-on“ (though not physically) to the recording-head of a particular machine which is being operated. Even copying of tapes, not requiring „sound“ or amplification, could be monitored in this way. The information could then be „beamed“ back to the mother-craft from which it was sent.

From this, one could theorize that, on hearing „confidential“ or „harmful“ information being passed on to a tape recording, the operator of the disc could cause a magnetic impulse to be directed onto the tape, or the head itself, either to erase certain chosen portions or even to completely de-sensitize the whole spool, or even, in extreme cases, to „neutralize“ the recording-machine itself.

If one considers the modern espionage methods of such bodies as the CIA, or the Soviet Intelligence, with their bugging devices and other electronic marvels, then one must perceive how simple it would be for a vastly superior technology to intercept any message, anywhere in the world, which is transmitted over radio and television frequencies, or passed through devices such as the everyday tape-recorder.

What kind of evidence is there for this assumption? Why should one attempt to connect tape-records with the elusive flying saucers?

Here, in excerpt, is the incident reported on Page 76, of the February 1967 issue of UFO CONTACT. Read it, digest it, — and come to your own conclusions.

„In a lecture to members of the Vancouver Flying Saucer Club in March 1961, Mr Smith was speaking of the peculiarities of a newly-discovered force which was apparently associated with the UFO's. This he called the „tempic field“. He came onto the subject of the telemeter devices.

„— We had very good reason to believe that a certain conversation we were having with a friend of mine was being monitored by one of these little fellows. So when we came out of the house, we made a definite effort to locate it. It was down in a ditch just in front of the house, and as soon as we spotted it, apparently the people who were controlling it became aware of the fact. As soon as we spotted it we saw what appeared to be just like a heat-wave, something like a foot in diameter. Popped out of the centre of this was what appeared a little disc about so big, and it just took off like that and disappeared into the great blue yonder.

„— I think the whole operation probably occurred in less than, maybe two seconds, but we were looking right at it, and there were three of us, and we all saw the same thing. And knowing this trick about the field, we figured that that was how it was down. —“

UNQUOTE.

One may ask how they could have had „very good reason to believe“ that they were being monitored? Wilbert Smith was an electronics specialist. One might assume that, in his years of investigation and research into the UFO's, he would discover a means of detecting, magnetically, the presence of „these little fellows.“

Perhaps he learned his lesson via a tape-recorder?

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»When the Antarctic was ice-free«

„NEW YORK, Saturday, (from our own correspondent, Gunnar Leistikow).

IN THE YEAR 1929 an old chart, which created a great deal of excitement, was found in the old Sultan's Palace in Istanbul. It was dated the month of muharrem in the year 919, which corresponds to the year 1513 according to our calendar, and was signed Piri Ibn Haji Memmed, Admiral in the Turkish Navy.

In many respects it was a most remarkable document. It was a chart of the Atlantic dated 1513, i. e. exactly 21 years after the discovery of America by Columbus. Notwithstanding this, it showed not only the Caribbean and the islands that Columbus had explored, but also most of South America and even the Antarctic area.

Most disconcerting, however, was the precision with which the chart had been drawn and which far surpasses anything one is otherwise accustomed to from that era. For example, the bulges of Africa and Brazil corresponded perfectly in relation to each

other. The Andes, too, are fairly accurately drawn. Of course, that does not mean that the chart was without faults. The Amazon River, for instance, has no less than three estuaries and yet it is clearly marked out on the chart. And the Antarctic has been drawn as if it were connected with South America.

The Piri Re's chart, at it is called — (re's means admiral) — is based on other sources and charts older than the material brought home by Columbus. Yet one would hardly credit that anyone — be it Turkish admiral or whoever it might be — could draw such a chart only 21 years after the first voyage of Columbus. It is one thing to be able to understand navigation, but quite another to draw a chart.

The discovery of the chart caused great excitement and was widely discussed in the Press all over the world. Among those who read about the chart with great interest was the then U.S. Secretary of State, Mr Henry Stimson.

He was especially interested in the sources of material available to the admiral, the more so because Piri, in a marginal note to the chart among other things, remarked that he had made use of 20 charts, including one drawn by Columbus himself. In the western part of the world it was known that Columbus had made such a chart, but neither the original nor any copy is to be found. In the hope that Piri's sources could also be found in the Sultan's Palace, Stimson started an investigation via the American Embassy in Istanbul. The Turks were very helpful but the search came to nothing and the whole affair was then apparently forgotten.

However, in 1956, Piri's chart once more came to light. The Turks had not forgotten the Americans' interest in the chart, and when a Turkish Navy officer visited Washington D.C., he was assigned the task of bringing a reproduction of the chart as a gift to the U.S. Navy Hydrographic Office. Here it was submitted to a close scrutiny by experts, among them a certain Commander Arlington H. Mallery, who, after a chequered career as an engineer, naval captain, archaeologist and writer, had settled down to the study of old maps and charts.

Mallery was particularly taken aback by some of the details contained in the Piri Re's chart concerning the South Polar region. That a part of the Antarctic was included was not surprising in itself. During the Renaissance period there were many charts which showed a terra incognita in the far south. The greatest geographer of that era, Gerhard Mercator, believed in its existence. It was only after the famous explorer, James Cook, had ascertained in the eighteenth century that there was no land at the place where it was assumed that the south polar continent was situated, that the belief in such a mainland was abandoned.

And yet the continent existed, though further to the south than Cook had reckoned with. This was discovered in the year 1818.

Quite another thing fascinated Mallery, namely

that the chart from the fourteenth century (sic) tallies, at various points in Queen Maud's Land, with what has been found during the last 30—40 years. From this, Mallery came to the daring conclusion that the Piri chart must be based on sources from ancient times, when the Antarctic was partly or completely ice-free. Piri himself gives a hint of this by stating that one of the charts he used dates back to an earlier chart in the most famous library of olden times, the one in Alexandria, the remnants of which were destroyed by the Arabs in the seventh century.

But when can the South Polar region have been ice-free?

This was a question which fascinated Charles H. Hapgood, professor in the history of science at the University of New Hampshire, in Keene, N.H. For many years he studied this and allied problems, and now he presents the conclusions of his research in a newly-published book, „Maps Of The Ancient Sea-Kings“ (Chilton Books, Philadelphia and New York 1967, 316 pages, \$ 14.50). To readers not possessing special geographic knowledge the book is not readily comprehensible, but the results of Hapgood's research may well come to be of revolutionary significance. However, it is so fascinating, also to readers without a scientific background, that it is worthwhile summarizing.

Hapgood relates how, during Christmas time 1959, he was sitting in the Library of Congress in Washington D.C., scrutinizing ancient maps and charts. He turned over a page and sat as if turned to stone. Before his eyes was a map of the world drawn in 1532 by a man calling himself Oronteus Finaeus. On this map, a very prominent place — almost too prominent in relation to the rest of the world, — is taken up by the Antarctic, with details one would believe could only be drawn by someone with a thorough knowledge of the whole area. First and foremost there is the Ross Sea stretching like a huge bay into the Central Antarctic and almost reaching the South Pole; there are mountains and rivers and fiords where today there are mountains and glaciers.

Of course, the map is far from being correct in all particulars. Above all, the so-called Palmer Peninsula is missing — (according to recent investigation it is really an island) — which like a crooked finger reaches out towards South America. The resemblances become greater the more one studies the map. In a geographic table in the book Hapgood lists no less than 53 localities that he considers he has ascertained from the map of Oronteus Finaeus. Among these no less than 28 are specified as being absolutely and precisely in position.

The South Polar regions can hardly have been ice-free in what we commonly call historical times, because, if the ice-cap of that region had melted in the course of an age from which we have contemporary or practically contemporary records, then the water level in the seas of the world would have been raised so much that all sea-ports would have been inundated. Such a flood, which would obviously have taken

place gradually would have caused a catastrophe that could not have been forgotten so quickly. But even from the earliest civilizations we have no reports of such events.

In other words, we must turn to prehistoric times to find a date when such disasters may have occurred. That they really have occurred is apparent enough because all races seem to possess traditions concerning towns like Vineta or entire continents like Atlantis which have „sunk into the sea“. Unfortunately, legend do not furnish clues as to dates.

And yet, geology gives support to our investigation. During one of Admiral Byrd's expeditions to the South Pole, in 1949, drill samples were taken from the sea-floor in the Ross Sea on the assumption that the great numbers of rivers debouching into this sea when the region was still ice-free would have carried quite different sediments into the sea than the glaciers from a later epoch. A closer investigation revealed that during the last million years three periods with a mild climate must have existed, according to which the Antarctic must have been completely or partly ice-free. Drill samples were made in three different places and all three samples indicated that the latest ice-free period must have come to an end about 6000 years ago or about 4000 years B.C. This was about the time when the first civilizations began to blossom in Mesopotamia and Egypt.

We know from pictures from Egypt's „first dynasty“, 500 to 1000 years later, that the earliest Egyptian ships were anything else but primitive vessels and that naval architecture of that era must have been the result of a long period of development. In many cases they were far more refined vessels than „Kon-Tiki“ and the outriggers by means of which the Polynesians much later sailed from one group of islands to another.

Yet it seems to be quite out of the question that races such as the Egyptians could have had any connections with an ice-free Antarctic. Their vessels were typical coast vessels and should they even have managed to round Africa a few thousand years before the Phoenicians did, it must be considered quite out of the question that they could have succeeded in travelling over the tremendous distances that separate Cape of Good Hope from the South Polar Continent.

Anyway, according to Hapgood's conception it is not unlikely that thousands of years before the era of the Sumerians and the Egyptians, in Southern Africa or in South America or even in the ice-free Antarctic, nations may have existed which could have developed a very high culture of which we know nothing, because, even until this date we have found no remains of such cultures. But archaeology is full of mysteries, and during this century archaeologists in both Asia and Latin America have found indications of highly developed civilizations the existence of which our ancestors never suspected. Should it be regarded as impossible that the ice cap in the South Polar region conceals the relics of a culture which may have been originators of navigation and the drawing of maps and charts?

Hapgood points out that trigonometry and other higher mathematics, according to Greek authors from antiquity, have been applied for the preparation of the charts of that age, an art which was later forgotten and not revived until the last couple of centuries. Yet, it is hardly the Greeks who have invented cartography. Presumably they got that knowledge from the Phoenicians, but these — although navigating in the Mediterranean about 1700 years B.C. — were not the very first mariners of ancient times. We do not know the name of these pioneers, we do not know of the vessels they used or how far they ventured into the seas of the world. But, in acknowledging the discoveries made by archaeologists during the past few decades, it seems presumptuous to write off the possibility that both navigation and cartography are much older than we thought, and that these arts may have been handed down from civilization to civilization for thousands of years before reaching the Phoenicians and the Greeks.

From: „Vestkysten“, Denmark. 4th March 1967.

Translation: J. S. Boye Petersen.



Evidence of life from outer space?

by Karl R. Edgerton,
Sun Telegram Military Reporter.

Infinitesimal pear-shaped forms that once may have lived on another planet have been discovered embedded in a centuries-old meteorite by researchers at the China Lake Naval Weapons Center.

Using a powerful new instrument, one of only six in this country, Charles M. Drew, research chemist in the center's Chemical Kinetics Branch, and Bartholomew Nagy, professor at the University of California in San Diego, say the microscopic forms they discovered have all the appearance of extraterrestrial life.

With the aid of the research center's new Stereoscan scanning electron microscope, described by Drew as „an unprecedented tool for focus and depth,“ the two scientists found „30 to 40“ pear-shaped lumps they say represent a microscopic form never before seen on earth.

Total weight of the evidence so far indicates the strange lumps were formed by means of a life process somewhere in outer space, according to Drew.

However, there could be another explanation, the scientists say, including the possibility that the meteorite dates back billions of years to the „dawn of life“ on earth.

Called the Chondrite Orgueil meteorite, officials at the Navy research center say it fell near the town of Orgueil in France in 1864.

„We don't really know where the meteorite came from,“ Drew admits. „It could have come from our solar system, or it could have been broken off from the earth in the pre-Cambrian times and returned in 1864.“

If it is earthly stuff, and if the object embedded once lived, then they may show a form of life existing some 3.5 billions year ago.

And that would be about 1.5 billions year after what is now considered earth's approximate birthdate, according to the researchers.

From: „Inland Empire News Review“, U.S.A.

Sept 14th, 1967.

Credit: Mrs M. Lindermayor, California, U.S.A.



UFOLOGY

*In 5.000 devastating words —
flying saucers are pie in the sky*

From today, the world of Flying Saucer spotting will never be quite the same again. Up to now, science has tended to ignore the tomfooleries of Ufo-logy, as the spotters call their hobby.

But today, Science, America's most eminent scientific journal, turns its big guns on the subject, with a masterly 5,000-word thesis by a distinguished professor of physics, William Markowitz.

Markowitz relies on the well-tried laws of physics as allies in his argument.

In effect, he says that if the laws of physics are valid, Flying Saucers cannot be Spacecraft under the control of extraterrestrial beings.

Discussing alleged landings of Unidentified Flying Objects, he points out that there is never any sign of a Cape Kennedy-like launching. So chemical rockets can be ruled out.

If nuclear energy were being used, the Flying Saucer would sear the ground beneath it with an 85,000 degree Centigrade blast, many times hotter than the Sun's surface. And it would leave fission products like those of an A-bomb.

Flying Saucers travelling from the stars would have to move at very near speed of light for many years.

DUST

In which case, says Markowitz, they would meet interstellar dust and atomic particles at the same speed and that would be fatal for both Spacecraft and occupants.

With the detachment of a scientist, Markowitz dismisses other forms of propulsion as „magic“, and declares: „Anyone who wishes is free to accept such magic properties, but I cannot.“

Sadly, he ponders the effect on our descendants of our preoccupation with the Flying Saucer myth.

„I am afraid,“ he says, „that 21st century science will contemplate with wonder the fact that in an age

of science such as ours, the U.S. Air Force was required to sponsor repeated studies of UFO's.“

From: „Daily Mirror“, London.

21st September, 1967.

COMMENT: It is evident that, as with other eminent (?) scientists, Dr. William Markowitz has not studied the subject of flying saucers very closely before making his momentous statement. Let us, then, leave Professor Markowitz to his ponderings, — though let us remember his name, along with Menzel, Lovell, Woolley, etc — and turn to an equally eminent scientist who HAS learned his lesson.



A Leading American Scientist Says:

»Yes, flying saucers come from others planets«

„There are Flying Saucers. They come from other planets. Advanced beings man the controls. Millions of people have seen them. And our Air Force — charged with proving their existence — has spent 20 years ducking its responsibilities.“

These jarring statements come not from the lunatic fringe that surrounds any novel idea. They come from one of our nation's top young scientists — Stanton P. Friedman. Currently working at the Westinghouse Astronuclear Laboratory in Pittsburgh, Pa., Friedman is involved in the field of radiation shield design.

More specifically, he researches methods to protect human beings and radiation sensitive components from atomic radiation during the use of space or mobile nuclear propulsion systems, and in the development of advanced radiation shield systems for spacecraft with nuclear engines.

Friedman, 32, gained his Masters degree in physics from the University of Chicago in 1956 and has done graduate work at the University of California, Berkeley, in physics.

He has been a Senior Engineer at the General Electric Nuclear Propulsion Department in Cincinnati, Ohio, and was in charge of radiation shield design for General Motors' Allison Division in Indianapolis, Ind., before coming to the Westinghouse Astronuclear Laboratory.

He is also a member of the American Nuclear Society, the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics and the American Physical Society.

In addition to his „official“ positions, nuclear physicist Friedman has long been a member of a little-known underground of scientists who think it's about time UFO investigation was made scientific.

The only organization equipped to handle the job, they feel, is the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

Until now, hundreds of underground scientists have met privately to exchange notes, fume about Air Force bungling — and keep their thoughts among themselves and out of the professional journals.

On August 28, James E. McDonald, senior physicist at the University of Arizona, told a Seattle, Wash., meeting of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics that there is no alternative to the belief that UFOs are visitors from outer space sent by highly intelligent civilizations.

Friedman, like McDonald, is one of the first to surface and make public plea for a scientific Saucer study. Risking his professional reputation, he has accepted dozens of invitations to address laymen and fellow scientists, building support for an all-out national effort.

"The trouble with the Air Force," he told the ENQUIRER, "is that they're not interested in UFOs. All they talk about are IFOs — Identified Flying Objects.

"They assume that all sightings can be explained. So, they're eager to write them off as weather balloons or nearby planets.

"What they should be doing is zeroing in on the high percentage of inexplicable sightings and trying to identify them.

"That would be the scientific approach. A scientist will throw out all the „knowns“ and focus on the „unknowns“.

"With Air Force reasoning, you could say that since a drug company concocts 100,000 new compounds to come up with 22 useful drugs, that drugs are therefore useless.

"But this is typical of the totally unscientific approach the Air Force has taken toward the UFO problem.

"They don't make as thorough an investigation into sightings as you'd expect from a cop checking out a house burglary. The cop goes looking for crime, and when one happens he interviews all witnesses.

"But the Air Force waits for UFO reports to come to them. And when one does, they don't actively look for other witnesses. These investigators, typically, are not scientists equipped with appropriate instruments. They don't use any!

"There are other phenomena which cannot be reproduced in the laboratory — tornadoes, earthquakes, eclipses. Scientists have learned to set up instruments in advance to study these occurrences. We have seismographs ready to measure earth tremors. We have balloons fitted with instruments and ready to launch when cosmic radiation varies. This is how the scientist works. But not the Air Force!"

The American military establishment has traditionally been anti-anything-new, Friedman said. He points out that:

The Wright brothers had to sell their first military aircraft to the French ... Billy Mitchell was court-martialed for his belief in the value of air-power ... In 1940, the Army announced that jet aircraft had no future ... The first 50 rockets launched in America were captured from the Germans ... The world's first real H-bomb was Russian-made — for Russia erased

our 4-year lead in nuclear weaponry by perfecting a deliverable hydrogen bomb before we did. Friedman explained that although the U.S. had created the first hydrogen explosion, at Eniwetok in 1947, it used liquid hydrogen and required a large amount of space and energy to store and ready its components. Russia's first hydrogen explosion in 1949 utilized a device deliverable in the form of a bomb or missile warhead.

Friedman continued: "The Air Force has had the UFO project almost as long as there's been an Air Force. And they haven't done the job.

"Their only positive statement has been that UFOs pose no threat to our national security. They've lead the public to believe that most sightings are astronomical phenomena or aircraft. But if you break down the sightings, and group them as 'poor,' 'doubtful,' 'good' or 'excellent' — depending on the reliability of the observer, his nearness to the object, how long he watched it — you'll find that exactly one-third of the 'excellent' sightings defy natural explanation."

THE EVIDENCE THAT SAUCERS EXIST IS OVERWHELMING.

Friedman is personally convinced that a good number of these unidentified objects are space vehicles; that they are manned by "humanoids" — advanced creatures from other planets.

When asked if he himself had ever seen a Saucer, Friedman replied: "No, I've never seen a Saucer or bumped into any little green men, but the evidence that Saucers exist is overwhelming. I've never seen a neutron, either, but I've been working with them for 11 years."

As a member of the National Investigation Committee on Aerial Phenomena — a group which investigates Saucer sightings across the nation — Friedman often researches UFO sightings.

He continued: "The 'evidence' I am talking about is the testimony of competent witnesses.

"The military is skeptical of witness reports, and with some good reason. Look what happens in a criminal case. Someone sees a bank being robbed and describes the bandit as about 6 feet tall, about 180 lbs. He's described nearly half the adult population of this country.

"But if he says he saw a large round object hover just above the earth, then rocket off at 5,000 mph — he could be grossly inaccurate and yet be describing something unique!

"Skepticism has made the public timid. In Air Force files, there are more than 11,000 sighting reports — but a Gallup Poll taken recently has shown that more than 5 million adult Americans have reported sighting UFOs."

"And contrary to popular belief, there have been quite a number of excellent sightings of UFOs reported by responsible observers.

"One of the most important, to my mind, was the sighting and photographing of a UFO in early 1958 near Trindade Island, off the coast of Brazil.

„It was during the International Geophysical Year of 1957—58, a time when many nations of the world cooperated in gathering all kinds of scientific data. The Brazilian Navy had converted its training vessel, the Almirante Saldanha, into a floating scientific laboratory.

„The ship with its crew of scientists and sailors was in the lee of Trindade Island, 600 miles out in the Atlantic from Brazil, when a disc-shaped object suddenly appeared over the island. Professional marine life photographer Almiro Barauna was on the deck of the ship at the time, with his camera in hand. During the approximately 30 seconds the UFO was in view, Barauna obtained four good exposures. The object was also watched by other scientists and the ship's crew members.

„When Barauna developed his film in the ship's darkroom, the negatives bore out what he and the others had seen — a disc-shaped object hovering over the island.

„Officials of the Brazilian Navy, who were given the negatives, tried to hush-up the incident and the evidence, but the personal intervention of the then Brazilian President, Juscelino Kubitschek, resulted in the publication of the pictures in the Brazilian press.

„So here was an incident where you have both pictures taken by a professional scientific photographer and additional sightings of the same object by other scientists and ship's officers and crew. This is what I would call an excellent sighting by competent witnesses.“

Friedman also questions the Air Force for its recent decision to give the University of Arizona \$ 313,000 for a „scientific“ Saucer study. „That is not enough money for a comprehensive study,“ he said.

„They couldn't have picked a better man to head the new project,“ Friedman states. „Dr. Edward U. Condon is a world-renowned scientist, and he's very outspoken. Nobody's going to hush him up.

„But he has a staff that knows little about Saucers, and much time is spent bringing them up to date on the subject.

„They haven't the time, or money to set up a comprehensive instrumentation program or to make as many on-the-spot studies of new sightings.

„However,“ Friedman said, „I have learned that among the small number of sightings being given a completely thorough scientific analysis and checkout is the Trindade Island incident.

According to Friedman, the needs of UFO study are obvious to any scientist. He said: „You need:

„1. An electro-magnetic monitoring program. Strong E-M effects have long been associated with UFOs. Auto engine stops, there's TV interference, compasses go crazy, and even scientists at our geophysical station in Antarctica have told me their electro-magnetic measuring devices go off scale when UFOs are spotted in the area.

„2. Radar monitoring. We need specially-equipped installations primarily responsible for checking on UFOs. Our present equipment is geared to scan com-

mercial airline traffic, and wasn't designed to track extremely fast vehicles.

„3. Rapid-response investigation teams. Scientific teams should be stationed all over the world, in constant communication with each other, ready to check sightings instantly. Each team should have experts in physics, biology and astronomy, and possibly a psychologist. For example, there have been reports from areas where UFOs hovered that no sign of their presence was noticed until someone dug up grasses and discovered the roots burned. It's entirely possible that intense E-M can have this effect, and a botanist or biophysicist should be on hand to study it.“

Friedman wants Saucer investigation turned over to NASA. Why? He says:

„UFOs fall into many areas with which NASA is directly concerned. Who has a deeper interest in: — high-speed flight in the atmosphere? — interplanetary travel? — interstellar, interplanetary long-distant communication? — life support in space? — variable radar profile?“

Friedman describes a vast underground of scientists who share his beliefs.

„I've held posts across the country, and everywhere I've found reputable scientists who believe we're being watched from outer space.

„The notion that Saucers exist just isn't respectable, because there's never been an article on them in the scientific journals.

„When I began speaking out, I braced myself for a barrage of ridicule. It hasn't come. The public is willing to listen to reason.

„Maybe the time is at hand when the politicians and the military will follow and give UFOs and Saucers the attention they merit.“

— Peter Thompson.

From: „National Enquirer“, New York.

October 1967.

Credit: Mrs Jane Cooke McEvoy, Florida, U.S.A.



UFO researcher faces problems

Boulder, Colo. — (AP) — The head of the U.S. Air Force's study on unidentified flying objects said that he is „almost inclined to think such studies ought to be discontinued unless someone comes up with a new idea on how to approach the problem.“

Dr. Edward U. Condon who heads the study, which is based at the University of Colorado, said, „What makes it difficult is that reports don't come in soon enough. It's always over before you get there.“

He suggested a nationwide network of trained observers, but conceded this would cost about \$ 50 million a year — a hundred times his operating budget.

Commenting on an article by Marquette University physicist, Dr. William Markowitz, which criticized the study, Dr. Condon said he thought the article was good in its dealings with certain aspects of the problem.

Dr. Markowitz said if the known laws of physics are valid it would be impossible for manned ships to travel to and from earth. Studies of the phenomena should be left to interested scientists and amateurs, Markowitz said.

Dr. Condon said his study should be completed by next June and the results released through the National Academy of Science in the fall of 1968.

From: „The Miami Herald“.

Thursday 28th September, 1967.

Credit: Mrs Jane Cooke McEvoy, Florida, U.S.A.

NOTE: It is understood from an American TV program shown in England, that the Colorado University UFO study is to be extended a further six months — it was originally an 18-month program — and the original budget of \$ 313,000 to be doubled.



What Adamski said

Whatever view you take of George Adamski, for or against, ask yourself, — does this make sense?

World disturbances

Many disturbances are now occurring in the world and will continue for several more years. This is because the world and even the system itself is in a great transition period. Not only geophysical disturbances will occur, but many will occur in society itself. Those occurring in society will be of many shades and variations.

The certainty that man hopes for, peace of mind and of the world, will not come until the transition period is over. Most informed people are aware that the Earth is shifting its position, but they are not generally aware that the same thing is occurring to the system also. All planets within our system will be affected, some to a much greater degree than others. The Earth is one of those to be affected in a major way. It could be compared to a man standing on his head. Blood would rush to his head and all organs in his body would be distorted. All molecules would seek new positions. So it is with Earth.

The Earth is undergoing a slow change to a given point. As it moves toward this new position all elements within it are shifting their positions toward the same end. As man is also composed of these same minerals and elements he will be affected also. Just as man responds to the subtle changes in weather and atmosphere, so also will he respond to the coming changes. The uncertainties will prevail in his mind so long as nature undergoes evolution. When

the Earth change is over, man will find an end to his feeling of uneasiness and uncertainty.

This is the reason for the many different prophecies of what is supposed to come in the future. Two and a half billion people are broadcasting thoughts of expectation as to what they think will occur. Most prophecies are nothing more than the influence of these thoughts. People with little understanding of the human mind receive these thoughts and believe they are messages from space people or a revelation from God. Because a small percentage of these thoughts must of necessity be correct, people become ensnared and believe they are in contact with actual entities, or Cosmic Cause.

Prophecies of the future will continue to result from such expectations until the Earth itself settles down. When this takes place humanity itself will settle down.

In the meantime, during the present state of uncertainty, catastrophe could take place. In not realizing what is affecting him, man could do something disastrous trying to correct the involved situations around him. With a little patience, and an understanding of what is really going on, man could let nature take its course without interference. You might say the elements are changing in such a manner as to render man even greater service in the future than in the past. This is the reason some impressions reveal a great future while most are only of disaster. Disaster through impatience and lack of knowledge as mentioned above.

You can see this taking place all over the world at this time. It is occurring among both individuals and nations. In most cases unpleasant situations exist, yet this seems the only way progress is made. Nature has her way of doing things, man has another. Nature sometimes does many things that seems unpleasant to us. This is due to improper understanding of Nature's Laws. The odor of fertilizer is unpleasant also, but as King Solomon said: „Out of the fertilizer grows the lily.“

To understand what is going on, do not lend yourself to emotional upsets. Keep calm and do not lend yourself to the exceptions around us all.

To get to a beautiful meadow one may have to cross a swamp, but he will never enjoy the meadow unless he does. We might say we are in that sort of a swamp today. We are surrounded by all kinds of ideologies, each composed of both good and bad. The old must go before the new can be born to fulfill its services to mankind. The wise will observe each act of the change, the fool may run amuck and destroy himself.

GEORGE ADAMSKI — January 1962.

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subscription?

UFO-reports

BRITAIN'S UFO WEEK

IN ONE WEEK of sightings, October 24—31, Britain has established a new high in UFO activity. In all parts of the country, though mostly in the South, observations have been reported with almost monotonous regularity. The surprising thing is the great number of sightings made by trained observers, the majority of whom were members of various police forces about the country. One case involved a UFO apparently hovering over a police-station, sighted by a radio operator mystified by the interference on his receiver, which caused him to go outside to investigate. Three officers saw the object, described as approximately 50 feet long and 10 feet in diameter, with portholes, giving off a bright glow, appeared to be metallic, with a low whirring sound coming from it, cigar-shaped, with no visible means of propulsion — It hovered about 250 feet above the police-station, and was sighted for several minutes!

Venus, meteorites, aircraft-refuelling, re-entry space capsule, balloon, rain-drops on overhead cables, secret weapons, — you name it, we've had it during the busiest British UFO week on record.

The authorities have yet to clear up the case of the mysterious object over the Lancashire police-station, though. I don't envy them their job!

Radio and television news and special programs have inundated the air with UFO reports and inquiries.

More than ever before, the man-in-the-street is ready to talk about flying saucers. More than ever before in this country, the public is becoming impatient with outworn explanations by authority and foolish, ignorant articles written by petty-minded journalists out for a laugh. More than ever before are these journaists being forced by events to write objectively about the subject which many realise now, they know nothing about.

Now read on:



Z-Car chases something in the sky

Two policemen in a patrol car today chased an unidentified flying object for about 12 miles.

The officers said it was „very large, bright and in the shape of a cross.“

During the chase — at speeds of up to 80 mph — the object flew at about tree-top height virtually over the road.

Later the policemen reported seeing the object

again, and this time it was joined by a second, similar object. They were in sight for about an hour.

PCs Roger Willey and Clifford Waycott were in a patrol car at about 4 am when they first saw the object on the Holsworthy to Hatherleigh road in Devon.

MARRIED

PC Willey is based at Okehampton, and PC Waycott at nearby Winkleigh. Both are family men in their 30's.

The nearest they got to the object was about 40 yards.

A police spokesman said: „It left them. It appeared to stop in a field, and they stopped and got out, but it disappeared.“

The constables were joined by a motorist, Mr Christopher Garner, at Hatherleigh.

The police spokesman said: „He told the constables that he thought he was having a nightmare.“

From: „Evening News“, London.

Tuesday 24th October, 1967.



Well, Mr. Healey, what did they see in the sky?

by Leslie Hinton.

The unidentified flying objects spotted in such profusion over the southern England may have been British secret weapons. Or they may not.

But Tory MP Mr Peter Mills (Torrington) wants to be quite sure.

That is why he is to ask the Defence Minister, Mr Denis Healey, if Britain is perfecting a bright, star-shaped weapon which travels 30 miles before disappearing. (Cynics may say we have plenty of these).

ANOTHER PLANET?

Or dark, oval-shaped weapons 50 ft across. Or flocks of bright lights in V-formation.

Or, in fact, anything at all which may explain the many mysterious sightings in Devon, Cornwall, Hampshire, Sussex and Oxfordshire.

Says Mr Mills: „I think the Minister should tell us whether we are looking at our own equipment, or machines from another country, or, indeed from another planet.“

Mr Healey's reply will be eagerly awaited by the two policemen who chased a „bright star-shaped object“ for 30 miles near Holsworthy, Devon.

And by another two policemen who watched the two „dark, oval-shaped objects“ for three minutes before they vanished at high speed near Chipping Norton, Oxon.

And by retired Wing Commander Eric Cox, aged 56, who saw seven brilliant lights in formation near his home at Hyde, Hants.

Sadly, though, Mr Healey's reply will probably be along the lines of a statement issued yesterday by the Chief Constable of East Sussex, Mr George Terry.

FADING

After studying the statements of no less than 11 members of his force who reported strange objects, Mr Terry concludes that there was nothing suspicious about them, and that his men had probably seen one star — Venus, which is at its brightest now.

At the Royal Observatory at Hurstmonceux, Sussex, an astronomer agreed that it could have been Venus.

The planet could have shown through the clouds and appeared to inexperienced observers to be „flying“ below them, he said.

The planet might also have appeared to „disappear“ when it faded away as dawn broke.

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Defence are diligently „looking into“ the reports and asking all possible departments if they can explain the sightings.

From „Sun“, London,

Thursday 26th October, 1967.



MY UFO

More sightings of brightly shining Unidentified Flying Objects were claimed in the South of England yesterday.

And the UFO enthusiasts became quite excited.

So did a number of people who once did not believe in them.

Last night retired RAF Wing Commander Eric Cox drew sketches of seven bright lights he and his wife saw gleaming in the sky at 9.45 pm on Tuesday.

The strange lights, he said, were about 200 ft up, six miles away over the Fordingbridge to Cadman road in the Hampshire New Forest.

CROSS

At first the lights formed a perfect V; later they formed a cross — just like the one that two Devon policemen said they saw around dawn on Dartmoor the same day.

The 56-year-old wing commander said at his home in Fordbridge: „They certainly seemed to be under some sort of control. The formation was so perfect.

„It was a very clear night. The moon was just coming up behind us and we were stone cold sober.

„There was no noise. The lights were whitish to yellow coloured and it was impossible to estimate their speed.

„They were below radar height. You just cannot believe these things until you see them.“

ELEVEN more policemen saw a „fiery cross“ in the sky yesterday, this time over East Sussex.

It was first seen by a patrolman on a motor-cycle.

After he radioed headquarters in Lewes, the two-man crews of five police cars reported seeing the cross.

The chief constable, Mr George Terry, interviewed nine of the officers and then said that he was satisfied that the fiery cross was just the planet Venus (the Royal Observatory theory) or a satellite reflecting moonlight.

'SIGHTINGS'

„This incident,“ he said, „does not match up with what we are told was seen in Devon.“

Two other policemen in Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire, reported seeing „two very dark, oval-shaped“ object moving towards Banbury at about 500 to 600 feet.

REPORTS of UFOs received by the Defence Ministry in the last six months now total 153.

Some are still being investigated, said the Defence Parliamentary Under-Secretary (RAF), Mr Merlyn Rees, in a Commons written answer last night.

Commonplace explanations had been found for the rest.

OFFICIAL explanations that the strange lights are just the planet Venus, which is very bright just now, do not convince the UFO enthusiasts.

Mr Brinsley le Poer Trench believes that Britain is now under observation by extra-terrestrial beings, just as Sweden was in 1946, the U.S. and South America later, the Mediterranean countries in 1954.

Mr Trench is the chairman of Contact — formerly International Sky Scouts, which changed its name because of confusion with the Boy Scouts.

DECOY?

The editor of The Flying Saucer Review, Mr Charles Bowen, is particularly impressed with the Devon sighting.

He says that some years ago a U.S. police car was lured away from ammunition dump by a UFO while another one hovered over the dump and perhaps landed to inspect it.

The Dartmoor light could possibly have been another such decoy to let a real UFO land, he claims.

TO CLEAR UP the mystery once and for all (he hopes) Tory MP Peter Mills is to ask the Government if the objects seen recently are British secret weapons, if they belong to another Power — or, indeed to another planet.

It was in Mr Mills constituency (Torrington, Devon) that the two policemen saw the fiery cross on Dartmoor on Tuesday.

From: „Daily Express“, London.

Thursday 26th October, 1967.

The thing drops in at Enfield

by Victor Toddington.

An Unidentified Flying Object made an appearance over Enfield, Middlesex, today.

A small, round orange ball of light, „which grew quickly into a really big star“ was seen by Mrs W. Hindell, of Goat Lane.

She said: „It hung in the sky to the west for about two minutes at 7.15 am., before gradually getting smaller and disappearing altogether. Its place was taken by a small, black object with two pin-point lights. These went out as it moved south and disappeared.“

The Thing was seen also by Mrs Hindell's husband, Raymond, and their son, Andrew, 15.

MOON GAZING

From Whetstone, a few miles away, came reports that a Thing was also having a look at the moon.

Mr Peter Butterfield, a technical development manager, of Wentworth Road, Barnet, and two friends were standing outside a Whetstone bank when, soon after 11 am they saw the moon on the wane.

Said Mr Butterfield, „The sun was shining on half the moon. The other half was in shadow. There was a very bright pin-point of light below the moon, which looked like a star.

„This star, or whatever it was, rushed toward the moon, taking about three minutes to orbit the side in shadow. It then moved away and disappeared after about seven minutes.“

A Thing was seen twice within three hours by policemen patrolling the edge of Dartmoor early today.

Mysterious lights were also spotted at dawn over Gloucester.

From: „Evening Standard“, London.
Thursday 26th Oct, 1967.



Grape fruit joins the ufo riddle

GRAPEFRUIT JOINS THE UFO RIDDLE.

The Great Mystery of the Unidentified Flying Objects continued throughout southern England yesterday.

Included among the sightings were things that looked like a giant grapefruit, a saucer and a Maltese Cross.

The „grapefruit“ was seen by two policemen in a car at Holsworthy, Devon, at 2 am.

One of the policemen, PC Roger Willey, 29 — who reported seeing a star-shaped object last Monday — said: „It looked bigger than an ordinary aircraft.“

The saucer was seen three hours later, from the same police car.

It was spotted by Constable Willey's duty replacement, Constable Keith Drouge, 24, and news agency reporter Ted Hines, 23.

STOPPED

The Maltese Cross was reported at Middleton Cheney, near Banbury, Oxfordshire.

It was seen by 27-year-old Nick Baldwin and his wife.

At Saltdean, Brighton, Corporation bus driver Leslie Pearce stopped his bus after seeing a cigar-shaped object travelling swiftly through the sky.

In Surrey, secretary Caroline Fisher, 18, and her mother reported seeing a UFO near Guildford.

In Somerset, sightings were reported from Taunton, Minehead and Yeovil.

And three boys in Hayling Island, Hants, reported seeing a UFO hovering for five minutes before disappearing over the sea.

From: „Daily Mirror“, London.
Friday 27th October, 1967.

More and more spot 'things' in sky

by Peter Fairley.

More and more people joined in the new national game — UFOpoly — early today, and reported fresh „sightings“ of strange object in many parts of Britain's night sky.

The „fiery cross“ now seen by nearly a dozen reliable witnesses — was once again spotted by police officers and by a policeman's wife.

The same „fiery cross“ was also seen by BBC engineers manning a transmitter on Dartmoor.

SWINGING

Six constables from the Cheshire force reported seeing it over GLOSSOP, Derbyshire. It hovered for threequarters of an hour, they said, swinging first from side to side — then up and down.

Cheshire police headquarters at Chester sent out a patrol car to verify the report.

It then told the Ministry of Defence as soon as identical reports began coming in from several places.

A bus driver at BRIGHTON reported seeing a „cigar shaped“ object over the coast of Saltdean. „It had a bright green glow, sparks were coming from its tail,“ he said.

A Scottish coastguard reported seeing a „silver cartwheel“ above WIGTONSHIRE.

From: „Evening Standard“, London.
Friday 27th October, 1967.



Ufo? »There's some thing there«

The Royal Observatory stepped cautiously into the great UFO mystery yesterday and announced: „There is something up there which is not a star or planet.“

The announcement came after a spate of sightings of unexplained „flying objects.“

But it was inspired by one sighting in particular — made on Wednesday by 25-year-old amateur astronomer Peter Baker, a Hastings, Sussex, hospital clerk.

Said the Observatory: „Since Wednesday morning was very cloudy it is certain that the bright object Mr Baker saw was on this side of the clouds, and that there is something up there which is not a star or a planet.“

In Cheshire: Sir Bernard Lovell, director of Jodrell Bank, said last night: „I am convinced that most sightings are merely Venus or manifestations of some other natural phenomena.“

At Saltdean, Sussex, Brighton Corporation bus driver Leslie Pearce jammed on his brakes last night and jumped out to observe when he saw an object „surrounded by a bright green glow and emitting multi-coloured sparks.“

FORMATION

And in Surrey, eighteen-year-old student Caroline Fisher and her mother of Shamley Green, near Guildford, reported seeing UFOs over the Hog's Back.

Said Caroline: „I saw four objects in formation a hundred times brighter than the brightest star. Then they seemed to go off in different directions.

„Ten minutes later we saw three more.“

Warders at Dartmoor, local police, and troops on manoeuvres, saw circling lights.

But later it was announced that an air refuelling exercise was in progress over the area „which would require a lot of light.“

In Somerset, four sightings — „cross shaped and football shaped“ — were reported, two from Taunton, one from Minehead, and one from Yeovil.

From: „Daily Express“, London.

Friday 27th October, 1967.

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Yes, something strange flits about up there

Say Royal Observatory.

An unidentified flying object was sighted over Southern England, the Royal Observatory cautiously admitted last night.

They dismissed an earlier theory that a „flying cross“ reported by a respected amateur astronomer was the planet Venus.

Said an Observatory spokesman: „There is obviously some good evidence now, that there is something flying around up there.

„As it was very cloudy when the sighting was made at Hastings, it is certain that the bright object was on this side of the clouds, and that there is something up there which is not a star or a planet.“

The object's movements also made it „highly improbable that it was a man-made satellite.“

DENIAL

The spokesman added that they could give no explanation of the object „because if it is not astronomical it does not concern us.“

But they have passed all the available information on the sighting to the Ministry of Defence.

A Ministry spokesman said last night: „This reported object was apparently 40 deg. to 50 deg. south of the position of Venus at the time. The report is being investigated along with the information we have of other sightings.“

He denied suggestions that the objects were a British „secret weapon.“

The amateur astronomer who caused the Royal Observatory announcement is 25-year-old Peter Baker, of Milward Crescent, Hastings, Sussex.

He said yesterday that the sighting was made at about 6.40 am on Wednesday — „in the south-eastern sky, a terrifically bright object in the shape of a cross.

„I watched it for about half a minute. It was much larger than Venus and emitted a silver-white light, which gradually diminished in size and eventually disappeared.“

The Hastings sighting is not many miles from the „bright light“ reported by two police patrols.

SHINING

More sightings of mystery lights in the sky were reported yesterday as far apart as Dartmoor and Dulwich.

Two shining objects appeared in Devon at almost the same spot where a „flying cross“ was spotted there on Monday.

One of the policemen who reported the new sightings was Police-constable Roger Willey, who was concerned in Monday's incident.

First they saw a „bright object travelling low in the sky“ for about a minute at 2.5 am when his patrol car was near Okehampton.

Three hours later, the car was travelling towards Hatherleigh, with one of its crew changed when for „a matter of seconds“ they saw a bright object which they described as „a cross, travelling at a fast speed at tree-top height in the direction of Holsworthy.“

BRIGHT

Two mystery light over Gloucester were reported at dawn by Mrs Gillian Hyett, of Highnam, who watched them for an hour with her eight-year-old daughter, Susan.

Gloucester meteorological office said that from the description of the objects and their movements it was „out of the question“ that they were weather balloons.

At 3 am. yesterday an East Dulwich woman told police she had seen „a bright object in the sky.“ The police officer who investigated the call said he had also seen a bright, cross-shaped object in the sky.

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„How the hell could it be us—we haven't enough aeroplanes!“

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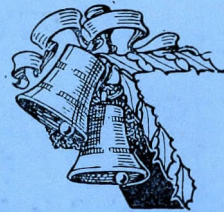
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Thank you!

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To all our frinds around the world,
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We wish A HAPPY CHRISTMAS
and
MAY 1968 BRING PEACE AND
GOODWILL TO ALL MEN.

Sincerely,
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