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PHYSIOLOGICAL EFFECTS MARKS NEW YEAR'S DAY SIGHTING

It was the evening of January 1. Mr. and Mrs. Francois Perez were driving near Valence, France, when they observed an oval-shaped object like "a big glowing star" that chased their car, stated the *Los Angeles Times*, January 9, 1977.

An hour after the initial encounter, the couple returned to the scene and saw the UFO landed in a field 400 yards away. It was 30-40 yards in diameter and "surrounded by a halo of white light." Ten minutes later, the lights on the object "began flashing and the craft zoomed off at a 45-degree angle."

The witnesses reported their eyes hurt for the next two days. Perez added his wrist watch "had not worked since the episode."

PLANE CRASH, PILOTS ATTEMPT TO FIRE AT UFOs TOP 1976 SIGHTING REPORTS

A UFO that caused a small plane to crash, knocking its pilot out; pilots who allegedly tried to fire on UFOs; jets that chased an object; UFOs that hovered over a telecommunications satellite base, near an Energy Research and Development Administration (ERDA) site, and over an airport; an object that hit and dented a mailbox; another that disappeared as a jet plane approached the area; a mysterious craft that stopped near the front porch of a home; a UFO that formed a halo around a cloud; an object that shone a light to the ground; another as large as a 747 jet; UFOs that paced a car, were tracked on radar, caused electromagnetic (E-M) interference, landed, were photographed, caused physiological effects, left wind physical evidence, caused a witness to suffer temporary loss of memory, emitted sounds and frightened witnesses; and an occupant were characteristics of sighting reports from at least 10 states and three foreign countries during the July-December, 1976, time period. Witnesses included pilots, control tower operators, Air Force (AF) personnel, meteorologists, and police.

Witnesses in Massachusetts saw the strange craft.

Frank Morgan was driving near Berry Hill around 1 a.m., September 7, when he observed a huge, bluish-white object hovering about 100 feet over his car, reported the *Lewiston, Mass., Journal*, September 7, 1976. The witness, who was "scared to death," stated "his car lights dimmed during the incident."

Police officers and others in several towns around the Boston area, including Bellingham and Framingham, reported seeing "a brightly lit object that rapidly changed colors" at about 2:45 a.m., October 17. According to the October 17, 1976, edition of the *Framingham South Middlesex News*, the radar scopes at Boston's Logan Airport tracked the object for about an hour.

At about 6:10 p.m., November 16, Terry Cunningham was at a bus stop in North Amherst. She spotted a bullet-shaped UFO "the size of two cars" hovering behind a tree, stated the November 17-18, 1976, editions of the Northampton, Mass., *Daily Hampshire Gazette*. The gray object had a flashing red light on top and "mirrors or windows in the sides" from which white flashing lights were emitted.

The witness said the UFO moved when she moved. She added it appeared to be "photographing her because she saw a number of flashes of light that she thought must be flashbulbs going off." It was only about 50 feet away. The alien craft suddenly vanished as the witness' attention was briefly diverted.

Ms. Cunningham reported that, after the incident, "her memory nearly completely blacked out."

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At 2:45 p.m., December 17, James Thibodeau observed a metallic, gray UFO ascend over a dump near the Norton-Rehoboth city line.

"I guarantee it was no cloud," Thibodeau said in the Attleboro *Sun Chronicle*, December 18, 1976. "I know what I saw. It was a flying saucer. There was no doubt about it."

The huge, inverted pie plate-shaped object was an estimated 200 feet in diameter and 50 feet high. Thibodeau said it rose at about 30-35 m.p.h. and flew fast toward Attleboro. The witness dashed for his Polaroid camera and "snapped a quick shot."

Richard Owen was driving nearby when he saw it "pass over his car." He said the saucer "had an outside ring that was spinning about the center, which did not turn as it moved forward." Another witness said Owen's face "was as white as a sheet."

Other reports indicated there were E-M effects to citizen band, police and fire department radios.



UFO Photo by Police Officer Peter Winter, Danbury, Conn., August 30, 1976

(Courtesy: Daily Times)

"It was a red-hot pie-shaped object with completely smooth surfaces all around the circumference," the pilot continued. "There was a window at the front which resembled a captain's window on an airliner. The UFO was clearly under intelligent control and was only a few feet away from me."

Senjanec's aircraft struck the ground. It bounced back up, then came down again as the pilot vainly struggled to retain control. The plane then swerved into a patch of woods. Both wings were sheared off, "and Senjanec was briefly knocked unconscious."

Other Martinsburg residents also reported seeing a UFO at about the same time. One of the witnesses, State Trooper David Shumaker, said "it was a definite UFO." Air National Guard officials at the local airport received sighting reports, and a Martinsburg citizens group reportedly called upon Congress to investigate.

Robert Cafarelli was looking out of his kitchen window in Lancaster 12 hours later -- at approximately 6:40 a.m., November 17 -- when he saw "a large, bright red smoky ball in a field" behind the house.

"The lights in our house flashed off and on and we heard a weird humming noise," Mrs. Cafarelli, who heard the sound, stated in the *Clinton (Mass.) Daily Item*, November 17, 1976.

After the object disappeared, the E-M effects cleared up.

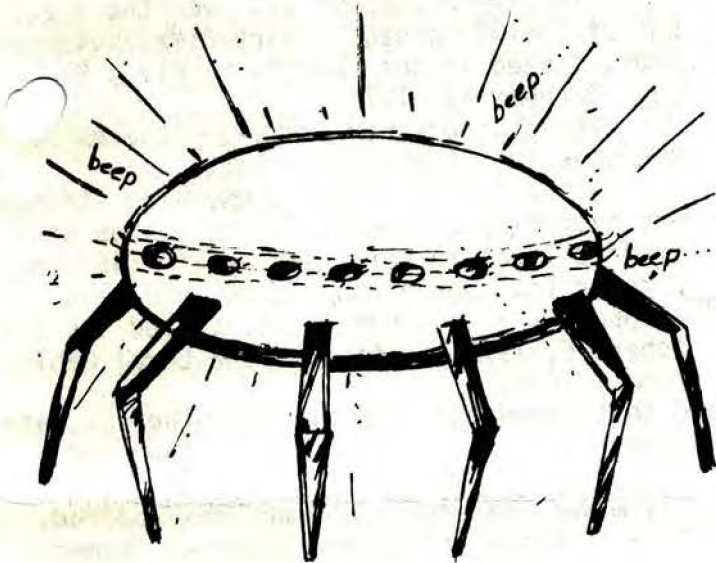
Mr. and Mrs. Everett Baer and Mrs. Jim Weeks also saw the object, noted the E-M effects, and heard the sound. Other reports of area sightings were phoned in to WTAG-Radio.

Police Officer Peter Winter and several others observed an object "with flickering red, white, blue and green-colored lights" that "zig-zagged across the southwestern sky" over Danbury, Conn., on the evening of August 30. According to the Peabody, Me., *Daily Times*, September 2, 1976, Winter photographed the UFO with "a 600 mm telephoto lens and Tri-X film rated at 800 ASA." (See photo, left).

Leon Senjanec was practicing daylight take-offs and landings in his Cessna 150 in Martinsburg, W.Va., on September 7. During a landing approach, he saw "a bright, almost blinding light" following him.

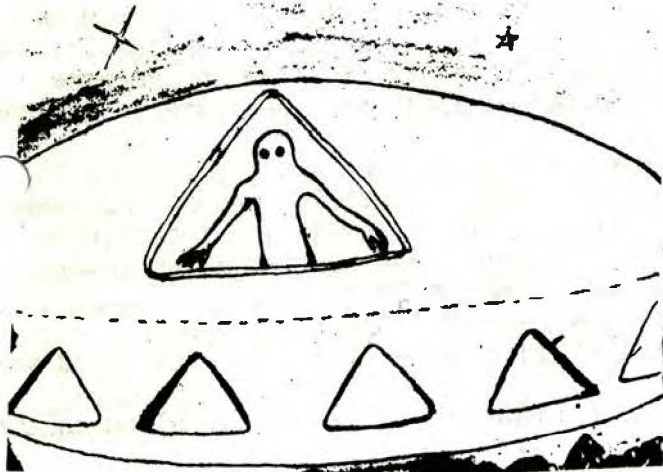
"At first I thought it was another airplane," he related in the December 20, 1976, edition of *Midnight*. "Then I made out the saucer shape and realized that the craft was zig-zagging from side to side, in a very peculiar way. I knew immediately it was a UFO."

The fast-moving object was on a collision course with the small plane. Senjanec pulled the control stick back, and the Cessna hurled toward the ground. Then he saw the UFO in detail.



Sketch of UFO Seen Over Gastonia, N.C.,
November 1, 1976

(Courtesy: Gazette)



Sketch of UFO Seen by Richie Britts,
Lake View, S.C., October 28, 1976

(Courtesy: Morning News)

At about 6:30 p.m., November 1, Mrs. H.L. Amor observed an egg-shaped object with blinking white lights around its center in Gastonia, N.C. (See sketch, left). It also had "a lot of long legs lighted up."

The UFO was also seen the following night and on the evening of November 4. Mrs. Amor's husband and a friend were additional witnesses. The object was in the southeast the first two nights. On the final evening, it was in the east, then "took off and moved to the south," the November 5, 1976, edition of the *Gastonia Gazette* reported.

It was about 10:30 p.m., October 28. Richard Britts and his son, Richie, stepped onto the front porch of their home in Lake View, S.C. They saw a bright light "speed across the woods" in front of them, close to the trees. Shivering from the cold night air, Britt thought little of the incident and retreated back into the house.

Richie, now alone, saw the object reappear, emitting red, light blue and green lights. As it "moved in one direction, it revolved in a counterclockwise direction and when it moved in another direction it would revolve in a clockwise fashion."

Then, as the boy watched in awe, the UFO "suddenly turned and flew down toward him and stopped near his front porch." The colored lights were gone, but the craft emitted a white light. The UFO appeared to be constructed of smooth aluminum and "was about the size of a large automobile." There were triangular windows along the lower part. (See sketch, left). A larger triangular window "was situated on the upper portion."

It was what Richie saw in that large window that badly frightened him -- a pale white creature with smooth skin, claw-like hands, two dark eyes, and no neck.

Gripped with fear, the witness began screaming.

"He was real hysterical, almost out of his mind," Richard Britt, who saw nothing after he entered the house, stated in the *Florence, S.C., Morning News*, November 14, 1976. "He kept saying 'it was horrible, don't let it get me.'"

Richie "began shaking all over almost as if he were in a trance." Dr. James Twombly was called and gave the boy "an injection to calm him."

"He was hysterical....," the doctor confirmed. "I don't think he was faking the hysteria."

Twombly added Richie's "emotions were uncontrollable."

Police Officer Kermit Page also confirmed "the boy was hysterical." The Rev. John Wilkinson, the family pastor, saw the boy the next day and, "to Richie it was all a rjity."

Observers in Florida also had reports to submit.

Two Palm Beach Gardens residents spotted UFOs that flew "at a very high rate of speed" and "seemed to be following each other" at about 11:30 p.m., September 23.



UFO Photo, Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.,
September 23, 1976

(Courtesy: Weekday)

Overhead was "an eerie-looking dark gray cloud that stood out from all the others... and a pleasant golden reflection glowed luminously from behind." Above the strange cloud was a large, brilliant, white saucer "the size of a 747 jet" with a dome on top. The body of the object "spun continuously" and moved up and down. It moved into the cloud and disappeared, "but a colossal rainbow of pale, soft rays of light -- in blue, yellow and green -- formed a halo around the cloud."

Residents in the Midwestern state of Michigan were added to the impressive body of witnesses.

NORAD officials confirmed their radar scopes in Port Austin tracked UFOs early on the morning of September 8. The official statement reads:

"Radar operators at the 754th Radar Squadron at Port Austin AFS, MI, reported seeing radar returns at approximately 0145 hours E.D.T. The returns were kept under observation for approximately 30 minutes. Some personnel on duty also visually sighted [*sic*] lights in the sky in the same approximate area. The NORAD Combat Operation Center located in Cheyenne Mountain, Colorado, was informed. The radar returns posed no apparent threat and no actions were taken to dispatch aircraft to the scene."

According to newspaper reports, there were "seven or eight bright glowing objects that changed color, shape, and moved horizontally and vertically at incredible speeds" that were observed by Carl A. Bailey and Becky Gish over Lake Huron. The witnesses saw the objects from the Port Austin Shores campground, where Bailey is manager, and alerted Huron County Deputy Sheriffs Gregory Gordon and Gary V. Krug, who also saw the UFOs.

At 5 a.m., two airmen from the 754th joined the observers at the campground.

"The airmen told us the objects were moving on the radar scope at 30,000 feet in 30 seconds (681.6 m.p.h.)," Gordon wrote in his report.

While driving to the campground, the deputies were informed that a burglar alarm on the base had malfunctioned.

"Air Force personnel advised us the burglar alarm had never malfunctioned before....," Gordon continued. "We observed one very bright light in the sky. Its shape was round; the color of the object changed from bright white to a dull white and then to a light mint green and back to the first bright white. The color scheme repeated itself continually. The shape would also change. But it would always come back to the initial round shape.... And then it would descend very rapidly, looking as if it were going to land. It would then return to its original height at a very high rate of speed. It moved so quickly it was unbelievable. At one point, one of the objects was over Lake Huron and the next instant, it was over land. It moved so quickly, our eyes were unable to follow it.... It started out over the lake and came right over the top of us."

AF officials said the sounding of the burglar alarm "coincided exactly" with the "sudden disappearance" of the objects from the radar scopes.

(Sources: Bad Axe, Mich., *Huron Daily Tribune*, September 8, 1976; and Saginaw, Mich., *News*, September 25, 1976).

At around 10:10 p.m., September 20, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Davis and their son watched "red and green flashing lights" in the sky northeast of their home in Manistee, the *Manistee News-Advocate*, September 21, 1976, stated. The witnesses spotted two oblong-shaped UFOs apparently "made out of an aluminum-like metal."

"They were jumping all over the sky," one of the witnesses, a part-time photographer, stated in the Lake Park, Fla., *Weekday*, October 13, 1976.

The photographer snapped pictures of the objects. (See photo, left).

Alina Santos figured something strange was happening as she pulled to a stop at a traffic light in Coral Gables at 7:45 a.m., October 11. Seven other cars were also stopped -- at a green light, stated the October 16, 1976, edition of the Coral Gables *Times-Guide*.

Harry and Joyce Polen, neighbors, also saw the objects, which "pulsated faster, then disappeared" and reappeared. Mrs. Davis said she saw "a beam of light come from one of the UFOs, like a spotlight, and shine on the ground."

A jet flew over the area at about 10:30, "and both UFOs disappeared," then reappeared once the plane left the area. Both objects had disappeared for the final time by 11:00.

Unexplained objects were also seen in the Lone Star State of Texas.

On August 2, two boys saw a "flattened out object" that hovered approximately 200 feet above the ground near El Paso, stated the *El Paso Times*, August 31, 1976. About two minutes later, it "shot off" toward the Franklin mountains.

A burned area was found on the ground after the UFO disappeared.

At about 8:30 p.m., September 29, Albert F. Young, Palestine, was looking out of a window in his home when he heard "a squeaking noise." He first thought it was the sound of car brakes. Then he saw a fast-moving, bright object (he was able to discern only a light source) fly over some trees and head toward his house.

"It [came] down near the ground, then rose up and turned in another direction," the witness stated in his report to UFOR dated January 3, 1977.

As the UFO left the area, it apparently lost control and hit the mailbox of Ray Bullard, a neighbor.

"It dented the mailbox," Young reported.

Young is a World War I veteran who fought in France and Belgium.

Idaho witnesses were also involved in sighting reports.

UFO Over ERDA Site

Milton Havemann, a businessman, was driving near Birch Creek on Idaho Highway 28 at about 6 a.m., September 28, when he spotted a UFO.

"It was just breaking daylight and the object came into view from the direction of the Grand Tetons," Havemann related in the October 8, 1976, edition of the *Pocatello, Idaho, State Journal*. "Within a matter of seconds it had dropped close to the ground, then shot forward and out of sight near the Lost River Range. It looked like it crossed over the Atomic Energy Commission [now ERDA] site in the desert 25 miles away."

The witness said "intense heat waves" were emanating from the object, which he estimated to be "50 feet in diameter, 10 feet high and two feet high on the outside edge."

"It was built in the shape of a discus used in sports, flat underneath and concave on top," he continued. "Its color was robin egg blue in the front half of the circle and faded to a real light blue in the rear. Toward the back end were tentacles or exhaust pipes. The tail end was just as long as the saucer part. The exhaust was cherry red, like metal real hot.... The object was traveling in a counterclockwise motion; the heat waves were coming off in a circular motion."

Phillip Goodell and Bob Thomas, who were in a pickup in front of Havemann, also saw the flying craft.

While looking through her patio doors at 2 a.m., October 10, Mrs. Oliver Molyneux, Twin Falls, saw a large, brilliant light that "suddenly began to move up and down and back and forth in the sky."

"After it moved up and down, it began coming toward me and getting brighter," the witness related in the *Twin Falls Times-News*, October 11, 1976. "It was spraying off sparks like a firecracker or fireworks display.... As it got closer, it would get a little bigger, maybe eight to 10 inches across. Then these white spears would come spearing out from it. It bothered my eyes to look at it, it was so bright.... Then I went back to bed and shook, I was scared so bad.... I didn't believe in [UFOs] before, but, by dang, I do now."

The Golden State of California was also visited by UFOs.

While driving near Oroville at about 4:15 a.m., August 27, Laura White and Gloria Mir saw a UFO with "blue and red flashing lights and one headlight" that flew just above some telephone poles. According to the August 28, 1976, edition of the *Stockton, Calif., Record*, the object paced the car "for some distance," then "changed direction and disappeared..."

At about 3 a.m., August 29, Richard Golding observed a silver-gray saucer land at an intersection in Santa Cruz.

"It was about 10 feet across and maybe eight feet high, thick in the middle," the witness related in the September 1, 1976, edition of the Santa Cruz *Sentinel*. "It didn't have any lights or legs."

Golding reported hearing "a clicking sound, and green gas began to flow from the object. It began to glow." The witness alerted his housemates, who saw the smoke.

"The smoke or cloud hung about four feet in the air," Terry Galey stated, "then began to descend and disappeared."

The men approached the intersection, "but retreated when they heard a humming, and a sudden pop." Returning to the site, they discovered "ceramic bits scattered around the street." The chalk-like pieces "had a film of dark green glassy substance on one side, and bits of dull yellow on the other."

Several witnesses reported seeing two mysterious objects "hovering near each other" over the Telesat station between Hanover and Durham, Ontario, Canada, early on the morning of August 25. The site "is the control, transmission and receiving base for Canada's domestic communications satellite, ANIK," the Kitchner, Ontario, *Record*, August 25, 1976, said.

At the time of the sighting, there was "a rash of difficulties in microwave transmissions across Canada." Telecommunications network officials blamed atmospheric conditions.

Witnesses in Argentina observed UFOs July-September.

Meteorologists Walter Gallo and Edgardo Barbero, Gobernador Castello Airport, Viedma, Rio Negro, and three others sighted two "luminous discs" at 5:30 a.m., July 14. During the sighting, there was "alteration of the barometer which indicated a sudden... fall in atmospheric pressure," according to the September 16, 1976, edition of the Buenos Aires *Clarion*.

Gallo also saw a large object over the airport on September 12.

The following day, the meteorologists and others observed three UFOs over the air field some time after 8 p.m. Two smaller objects "escorted" a larger UFO "at high speed." Two hours before, the barometer registered a "violent and inexplicable fall of the... pressure."

Around 7:30 p.m., September 14, the airport was visited by "a luminous body" that zig-zagged. The control tower operator also saw two small and one large objects for an hour.

On the evening of September 18, a UFO "flashing alternate red, blue and green lights" was sighted at an altitude of approximately 6,000 feet over Tehran, Iran, by Mehrabad Airport control tower officials, according to the *Tehran Journal*, September 20, 1976.

Control tower authorities called the AF, which sent two Phantom jets "off in pursuit." They caught up with the "round body" south of the city. Then the object increased velocity to "many times the speed of sound" and reversed course "to chase the Phantoms." According to one of the pilots, the jets "broke the sound barrier," but "it was impossible to catch up with the object."

An *Ettela'at Evening Daily* reporter said "highly informed sources... told him that the pilots tried to open fire on the object when it became obvious it was changing its course against them, but, inexplicably, their electronically operated devices failed to respond." The source added that "once the object came into a five kilometer radius with the Phantoms all electronic appliances on their aircraft went out of action and they lost radio control."

During the chase, one of the pilots reportedly saw a "bright object" break from the UFO and fall into the hills.

After a short while, the strange craft disappeared over the hills south of Rey.

Other witnesses on the ground also reportedly observed the phenomenon.

The September 21, 1976, edition of the *Kayhan* (Iran) *International*, however, contended the real facts weren't quite so dramatic. The paper said an "official source" stated the jets were scrambled and "one of the pilots reported seeing an object with a light so bright it illuminated the ground below. But the apparition soon disappeared and... that's it." There were no flashing lights seen, no chase by the UFO, no E-M effects, no lost radio contact, and no attempt to fire on the UFO. The official did say, however, "there was no apparent explanation for what the pilots DID see."

PHILOSOPHERS DISCUSS EXTRA-TERRESTRIAL INTELLIGENCE (ETI)
(Book and Film Reviews)

The book, *Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence: The First Encounter*, edited by James L. Christian, philosophy professor at Santa Ana College, Calif., is a series of immensely

interesting and thought-provoking philosophical essays marred somewhat by negative UFO comments. In his essay, Christian says that wherever we look in the universe, from our sun to Galaxy 3C 123, eight billion light-years away, we find the building-blocks of life. "It is a virtual certainty that extraterrestrial creatures who are intelligent, aware, and sagacious do in fact shore our universe," he remarks. Famed science and science fiction author Isaac Asimov relates a fascinating history of how man has looked to the skies via science fiction literature. In the 2nd Century B.C., for instance, Syrian writer Lucian of Samosata "wrote the first interplanetary romance that we know of -- about beings on the moon waging war upon creatures of the sun. Francis Godwin, an English clergyman, wrote *Man in the Moone* in 1638. The revolutionary German astronomer, Johannes Kepler, published *Somnium* in 1634. Even the legendary but historically real Cyrano de Bergerac composed *Voyage to the Moon* in 1650, in which he prophetically suggested using rockets to travel to the lunar surface. Kendrick Frazier, *Science News* editor, suggests the National Science Foundation consider a study of the consequences of contact with ETI. Actor Leonard Nimoy relates that, six years after completing the role of Mr. Spock on TV's *Star Trek*, "I am still affected by the character." He "began to study human behavior from an alien point of view. I began to enjoy the Vulcan position: 'These humans are interesting, at times a sad lot, at times foolish, but interesting and worthy of study.'" Ronald Smith, a Santa Monica City College, Calif., astronomy instructor, said "recently astronomers have undertaken what might be called the 'royal flush' -- the ultimate decentralization of man. The royal flush denies man... any position of unique or supreme intelligence." Joseph Royce, founder and director of the Center for Advanced Study in Theoretical Psychology, University of Alberta, Canada, agrees. He adds that "cosmic man might well doubt the overall intelligence of life-forms on planet earth, judged by the record of its most intelligent species." A rather remarkable essay by still another University of Alberta scientist -- Herman Tennessen, philosophy and senior research professor -- is included. In 1975, Tennessen writes, he journeyed to Norway and found the "mortal and literary remains" of Hilary Finley von Habermann. Beside Habermann's badly decomposed body was a manuscript telling, supposedly, of Habermann, who said he lived to be 178, visiting the planet Zetetica. The inhabitants of the planet, circling Alpha Centauri, were allegedly regularly exploring other planets. As laudable as these series of essays are in philosophically exploring the possibilities of ETI, UFOs get negative mention, sometimes to the point of being ludicrous and downright false. This is probably due more to ignorance of the subject and scientific negativism, however, than to any attempt to deliberately deceive. George Abell, professor of astronomy at the University of California at Los Angeles, for instance, says that "virtually all professional astronomers (perhaps all)... consider the extraterrestrial hypothesis the *least likely* explanation for the UFO phenomena." As any UFO student knows, this is hardly a true statement. Such negative comments, however, should not serve to dissuade the reader from an otherwise fascinating and laudable philosophical exercise in what may become a totally revolutionary and mind-bending happening -- ETI contact.

[James L. Christian, editor, *Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence: The First Encounter* (Prometheus Books, 923 Kensington Ave., Buffalo, N.Y. 14215, 1976), 303 pgs., \$4.95, Paperback, Photographs, Appendix, Bibliography]

Alan Landsburg, executive producer of the popular TV series, *In Search of...*, said he assembled six "experienced field teams" -- nearly 40 people -- who covered the nation gathering information for his new book, *In Search of Extraterrestrials*. He claims spending "hundreds of hours" on physical evidence/trace cases alone and conducting hundreds of interviews. If so, little of it is utilized in the work. Despite this, however, the book is several cuts above the general mishmash of UFO literature flooding the market. He does engage in intriguing speculation and makes some thoughtful, if not new, comments. "All of us are at the mercy of our experiences," he says. "We have an unconscious bias as to what is possible in the universe. We think that all conceivable life must conform to the preconceptions for which our experiences have programmed us." His discourse on the black holes theory merits attention: "Perhaps black holes will provide us with an answer to the UFO enigma. In fact, one highly respected astronomer conjectured that UFOs may have been trapped in these suction pits and are emerging now on earth -- another part of their universe in a different epoch." He adds that "black holes may be corridors to elsewhere.... It might be possible to reach other parts of the universe faster through a black hole than by the more usual route." Landsburg cites two interesting, prophetic examples in the history of man's attempts to look toward the sky. In 1600, Giordano Bruno, an Italian philosopher, was burned at the stake for postulating that "innumerable suns exist; innumerable earths revolve about these suns in a manner similar

to the way the seven planets revolve around our sun. Living beings inhabit these worlds." In 1864, Jules Verne published his forward-thinking *From Earth to the Moon*, in which three men boarded a projectile-shaped spacecraft on the west coast of Florida. The ship was 12 feet high, about 15 feet in diameter at the base, weighed 12,230 pounds, traveled at 25,000 m.p.h., circled the lunar surface within 25 miles, and returned to earth on December 29. The old sci-fi master was remarkable close: in 1968, three American astronauts blasted off in a cone-shaped craft from Florida's east coast. Their ship was 12 feet high, 13 feet in diameter at the base, weighed 12,392 pounds, flew at 24,200 m.p.h., circled the moon within 75 miles, and landed on earth on December 27! While the book is short on well-documented case histories and long on much speculation that has been expounded elsewhere, it is still worth reading.

[Alan Landsburg, *In Search of Extraterrestrials*, foreward by Leonard Nimoy (Bantam Books, Inc., 666 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y. 10019, 1977), 162 pgs., Paperback, \$1.95, Photographs, Bibliography]

The film, *Mysteries From Beyond Earth*, rather unconvincingly attempts to establish a relationship between just about every kind of psychic phenomena one can imagine and UFOs. This, of course, is nothing new, and, with the possible exception of a few rare films from behind the Iron Curtain, the serious UFO or psychic researcher will find little new in the otherwise well-done documentary. For the novice, however, it is probably a fascinating, well-documented effort. It fails mostly on a speculative level. UFOs are the focal point of the screenplay by Ralph and Judy Blum (also the co-producers) and Don Scioli, and the now-classic Pascagoula, Miss., abduction case of October 11, 1973, is the inner focal point of that -- as in the Blums' well-received book, *Beyond Earth; Man's Contact With UFOs*. Photographs (some of them of dubious veracity), films and interviews with such experts as Stanton T. Friedman, Dr. Robert M.L. Baker, Jr., Maj. Donald E. Keyhoe, and Congressman J. Edward Roush (D.-Ind), and witnesses, including Charles Hickson and former astronaut James McDivitt, set the UFO tone, sometimes in a rather eerie light, as narrated by host Lawrence Dobkin. At times, the film even borders on the sensational. Example: the "vast, cool and unsympathetic" UFOs that "drew their battle plans against us." There are fascinating discourses on Kirlian photography, cryonics, communication with plants, psychokinesis (including an extraordinary film showing a woman from behind the Iron Curtain actually moving small objects via power of the mind), the Bermuda Triangle, the pyramids, Stonehenge, Easter Island, Atlantis, Bigfoot, haunted houses, witches, cloning, black holes, and, even, Hawaiian firewalkers. Appearing in one sequence, Blum himself unconvincingly theorizes there could be a link between ghosts and UFOs since both have been known to materialize and dematerialize. Even the "hollow earth" theory, generally discredited by serious UFO researchers, is given cautious optimistic treatment. Though the producers and host continuously hint at a link between all these phenomena, it is never convincingly forged. Far better if the Blums and director George Gale had limited themselves strictly to a straightforward look at all these mysteries and left the speculation out. Still, the film is considerably better than most such mass theater and drive-in offerings.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS SUGGESTS UFOs MAY BE ET

In response to inquiries about UFO information, the Library of Congress' Congressional Research Service suggests UFOs may be ET.

The key paragraph in the form letter reads: "The study of UFOs is particularly popular today, especially in the United States, because the existence of UFOs may suggest the presence of extraterrestrial intelligence."

The letter also directs persons interested in current magazine articles to consult the *Readers' Guide to Periodical Literature*, the *Public Affairs Information Service Bulletin*, and the *Applied Science and Technology Index*, available in most large libraries.

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