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EXCLUSIVE PHOTOS OF BROOKSVILLE, FLORIDA CONTACTEE John F. Reeves!



Photo above shows contactee John F. Reeves with cast of alleged footprint of strange being. Also pictured (not necessarily at correct location) are several of the descriptive signs at the Reeves home. See story and photos inside.

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A R E P O R T O N U F O A C T I V I T Y I N T H E A R E A
O F C A R T E R S V I L L E , G E O R G I A

According to a preliminary report¹ compiled by the present writer at an earlier date, our first indication of unusual activity at Cartersville, Georgia came through a UPI wire report² in January, 1967. The report concerned sightings above the Etowah Indian Mounds. Apparently sightings took place on two successive nights, January 11th and 12th, 1967. On the night of the 12th, the UFO was apparently reported to have hovered above the mounds, then darted from the scene. Police, allegedly arriving rapidly on the scene, saw only an airplane.

According to a local account⁴ the earliest witnesses, if we understand correctly, were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tumlin and Mr. and Mrs. Harold McDonald. Their sightings on Wednesday Evening, January 11th, apparently created considerable local interest. On the following night, January 12th, at one point at least as many as 15 or 20 cars were gathered at the Etowah Mounds⁵. The police department received at least six telephone calls from UFO witnesses during the evening⁶. The following is a run-down of sightings on the evening of January 12th, 1967 as reported in The Daily Tribune News of Cartersville, edition of January 13, 1967, as recounted in our preliminary account:

(1) A family group which thought it had a rational explanation for a UFO they had apparently seen saw another UFO at a different location.

(2) Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Graham spotted a group of moving lights which they later identified with a large crane with lights on it⁷.

(3) A group of young men in the area of the Mounds reported an object with individual moving lights.

(4) Two men in the Peoples Valley area claimed to have seen an object with changing colors.

(5) A man told police of some type of UFO in the area (over) the local Junior High School.

(6) In the area of Cartersville Federal, witnesses saw a blue flash of an electric type appear to engulf a two-story building⁸.

(7) A man from Oakland Heights saw a UFO and called police in a somewhat hysterical condition⁹.

(8) The Superintendent of Schools, Ray M. Hill, and his daughter saw a UFO which appeared and then began moving away. They observed the light from the roof of their home where they had been observing the skies.

(9) Perhaps the most significant report was that of a landing case on or in the area of the Brown farm in Stilesboro. The unconfirmed report described the UFO as coming straight down, staying on (or near) the ground for a time, then taking off straight up again.

Cartersville is a moderate-sized North Georgia community, only a short drive from Atlanta. The Etowah Indian Mounds are administered by the Georgia Historical Commission, 3 miles to the west of U. S. Highway 41¹⁰. The Mounds show links to other such sites including Moundville in Alabama and Spiro, Oklahoma¹¹.

From the information we have been able to gather, the Mounds and village site were apparently inhabited between 1000 A.D. and 1500 A.D., but by the time of the earliest published descriptions in the early 1800's the local indians seemed unaware of their significance. All information on the mound builders has therefore come from archaeological research¹².

The significance of such historical sites in relation to UFOs has been noted previously. Jimmy Goddard, a British UFOlogist, has done some work in this direction.

The present writer has made several trips to this area since the "outbreak" of UFO reports. Our first skywatch party included a professional photographer armed with infra-red film and a telephoto lens (we understand, however, that the photographer, Mr. Curtis Harris, was at the time not familiar with infra-red photography and may well have failed to get a photo for technical reasons alone).

A UFO was, indeed, sighted by our party at approximately 7:00 PM. The object appeared orange in colour and was seen at a great distance both with the naked eye and through 7X50 binoculars. Within a few minutes an object of the same description was seen 'hovering' above a ridge in the opposite side of the sky. As the present writer watched through binoculars, the object sank gradually behind, onto, or into the ridge. Photographic attempts, as mentioned above, proved unsuccessful. While the former object might have been an artificial earth satellite, the latter was almost certainly not.

UFOlogist James W. Moseley was one of a later party to visit the locale, but no further UFOs have been seen by the present writer in the area.

At the approximate time of the beginning of the Cartersville "wave", a rather bizarre rumour was circulating in the Atlanta area, as well as in Cartersville¹³. The rumour, in the Atlanta report, concerned an alleged plan by the flying saucer people to abduct all of the girls between the ages of 13 and 18. The story seemed linked to the date Friday, the 13th. The Cartersville UFO scare was, as far as we know, not reported in the Atlanta newspapers.

The source of the abduction rumour is unclear. Some apparently attribute the report to psychic Jeane Dixon. There is reason to think that the rumour may have hit other parts of the country, perhaps at varying times.¹⁴

notes

- 1) Preliminary Report on Phenomena Cartersville, Georgia, October 2, 1967, unpublished, by Allen H. Greenfield. Much of the material herein is taken from this unpublished report.
- 2) JM448PES1/13
- 3) *ibid*
- 4) Daily Tribune News, Cartersville, Georgia, January 13, 1967
- 5) *ibid*
- 6) *ibid*
- 7) Same area as the Tumlin-McDonald sighting
- 8) The newspaper identified the building as a residence
- 9) We are confused as to whether the man sounded hysterical on the phone or seemed so subsequently.
- 10) "Etowah Indian Mounds", pamphlet, Georgia Historical Commission
- 11) "Explorations at Etowah Indian Mounds Near Cartersville, Georgia, Seasons 1954, 1955, 1956", Kelly and Larson, Archaeologists, Georgia Historical Commission booklet
- 12) "Etowah Indian Mounds", pamphlet, Georgia Historical Commission; same as "10".
- 13) Atlanta Journal, January 13, 1967; Daily Tribune News (Cartersville), January 13, 1967 and January 16, 1967.
- 14) It is unclear whether this bears any direct relationship or, indeed, any relationship at all to the Cartersville "wave".

COVER STORY: JOHN REEVES

(report and photos by editor)

Photos at left were taken at the home of Brooksville, Fla. contactee John F. Reeves, on August 1, 1968.

Top photo shows Reeves by sign in front of his home, clearly visible from highway at right.

Middle photo shows one of the many signs Reeves has at his home.

Bottom photo, taken behind Reeves home shows giant model saucer built by Reeves. Reeves holds sign and cast (see cover).

Again, please note that signs depicted are not necessarily in correct locations.

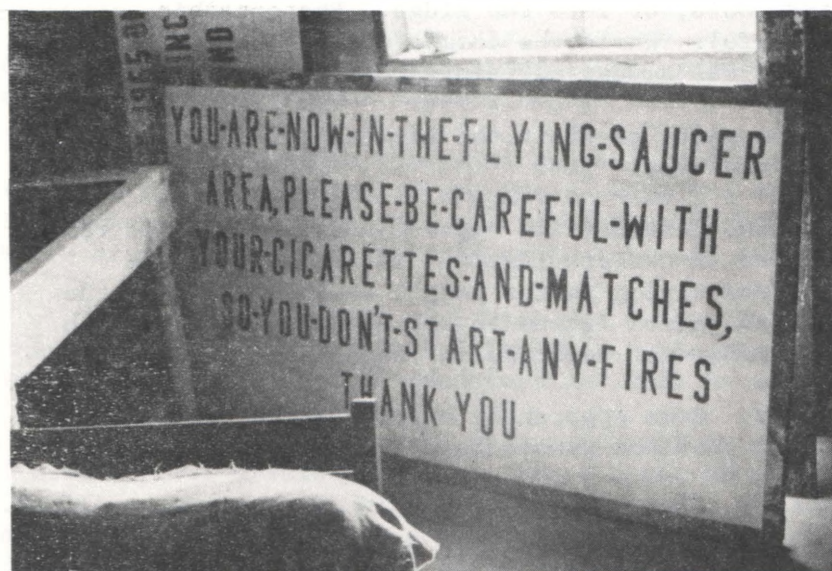
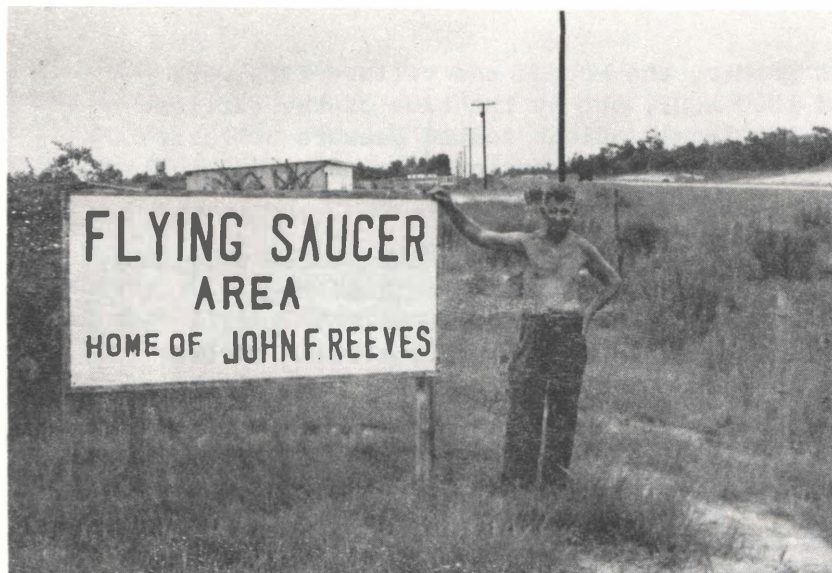
John tells us that he moved to Brooksville on May 10, 1961. His first contact came on March 2, 1965.

When we talked to him on August 1st, 1968, John didn't seem to know why all of this had happened to him, but he doesn't think the UFO beings are coming just to visit him. He seems to think that the area itself may be the reason for the visitations.

It is quite true that it is not John alone who has reported strange occurrences in the area. This writer has seen UFOs in the Brooksville area himself.

What really is going on remains a mystery.

Cover photo also by editor.



Date: June 21, 1968

What is Our Justification for Existence?: An Open Letter to the 1968 Congress of Scientific UFOlogists at Cleveland, June 21-23.

In this the twenty-first year of UFO investigations, it is time to analyze the saucer movement. I think that any of us with any sense at all, long ago realized that we have gotten nowhere and that we are no further along than when the first investigations were started.

We are civilians, which in itself cannot be held against us. The private sector of this country along with the public and in our particular case the military are all part of the system as it exists. We are, even though many of us work full time on UFOs, amateurs. Those of us who do admit we are amateurs, are part-timers, "hobbyists", whose methods are anything but scientific. Those who have made a profession out of UFOs are approaching the subject from the same amateur viewpoint.

What do we do and what have we done? Mostly we admit to printing our magazines and investigating cases. There have been reams of paper and tons of magazines printed since 1947. Has anyone bothered to use that rather questionable data? The answer is no. Has anyone bothered to authenticate what they have published? Very few, and those who have, have been lost behind the sensational claims of people who also claim they are serious.

Whatever happened to the glorious plans made in past years, especially those by the Congress of Scientific UFOlogists? They went the way of everything else. The plans made at the Congress were not money-making.

Why do we delude ourselves with making a buck? No one has ever made any money from UFOs. Wait you say, you know of people who have. Really, have they? Haven't they pumped every cent they have made back into ufology and eventually come up with nothing? Okay, you say, but someone has made money. Oh yes, the contactees have made some money, but not enough to keep them going. Even they are eventually ignored by the public.

Now you must wonder, who am I to criticize? I am a scientific ufologist. Good term isn't it, scientific ufologist? I don't have a degree to my name and as for ufologist, just a name somebody dreamed up to be different from contactee.

So what have we done? You say we have informed the public of the existence of UFOs. Have we now? Would those five million people who believe in UFOs according to the Gallup Poll still believe in them if we weren't around? Of course they would. To a minor degree we have made noise, alot of confused noise.

If we didn't exist, people would still believe in UFOs. Before we came on the scene people saw UFOs. If tomorrow morning civilian ufologists disappeared from the face of the earth, people would still see UFOs.

You may now say that I am a cynic, but a cynic has no program for betterment. I am not saying that my ideas are better than anybody else's, but they aren't all my ideas and most of them have been proposed before or are ones we have chosen to ignore.

All ufologists believe that his ideas are the ones to be promoted and everyone else be damned. We got together four times at Congresses in Cleveland and New York. We wrote a Code of Ethics that states ideas which no one in ufology follows. Some would say, let's pass a resolution on this problem. We don't need anything new, let's just follow what has already been passed.

There are two myths in ufology that we love to perpetuate. One is; no structure and no centralized control and the other is; no monolithic sphere of influence (in other words; not to have any single philosophy for action in ufology). Some will disagree with me and say that the last idea means that there is no one ideology, such as the one set forth by NICAP, but in reality we all have our own to replace NICAP's.

We all say that we will work together but we have no visible structure for cooperation and anyway who cooperates? Everybody has his own ax to grind. When in 1966, a project was agreed upon by the Congress, what happened? Everybody went his own way and in a few months even the original backers of the idea threw up their hands in disgust.

We have no overall philosophy. We all say we are trying to discover an answer to UFOs, but it is always going to be our answer. We must this year decide which courses of action seem to be the most likely to bear fruit. We should decide at this year's Congress which ones we will follow for a six month period. At the end of six months, a report by those working on such projects will be sent to each member group of the Congress. The groups will discuss the idea among themselves, with other groups, or with whomever they want and then vote and decide which projects should be continued and which terminated. New ones can be created to take the place of the dropped ideas.

Distasteful as the next idea sounds to some ufologists; some specific structure for the Congress must be created with enforcement capabilities. Whatever is done, the Congress must decide to police its own members before it can hope to decide on a reasonable course of action.

There also must be financial support given to the Congress from all members. Right now the load falls on those few who put up with the closed sessions each year. These people recoup by putting on UFO shows that are nothing more than giant selling extravaganzas created to get money from the same public that ufologists say they are educating.

The Congresses' Code of Ethics has a supplement for editors of UFO publications that urges members to not publish falsehoods, fake photographs and other material of doubtful value. This must be made mandatory and must be enforced.

A genuine effort must be made this year or else now is the time to disband the Congress. I will say for myself that I can see a cycle of ufology coming to an end this year; the Condon Committee can come out with a negative report, the Congress did nothing, the publishers continue printing, UFOs keep getting themselves sighted and we continue as before. If nothing is done, I for one will publicly get out of ufology, go join Dr. Hynek, or the Air Force or even the space people, but I will never again have anything to do with these people who call themselves scientific ufologists.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed)

Edward M. Biebel;

President of CAPIC, Managing Editor of UFO Magazine, NICAP Member, OSUR Member, APIRC Intl. Advisor, NSAPRO member, and Parliamentarian for the 1968 Congress of Scientific UFologists.

P.S. Since this letter was written the 1968 Congress of Scientific UFologists has occurred. The sentiments expressed in this letter were, for the most part, universally accepted by the delegates. Since it is a first step by someone to admit a problem exists, I feel that the Congress is now on the right path in the investigation of UFOs. Because of the assurances I received and the progress made at the 1968 Congress, I will continue for at least another year in active scientific ufology, hopeful that I will not have to make threats of dropping out to get things accomplished.

T E N E T S O F T H E A L T E R N A T E R E A L I T Y T H E O R Y

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The points herein stated are not to be regarded as a matter of final understanding but rather are points of working theory, suggested by certain trends in the available evidence. These points do not reflect directly upon the opinions of those other than the present writer, nor do they reflect official policy of FPA.

(1) The universe-framework wherein we reside is in fact only a portion of the totality of reality. True Reality in full perspective is made up of an unknown number of realities, each with their own scientific laws which may or may not coincide with the corresponding laws in other universe-frameworks.

(2) These realities are quite separate in that they can exist in what appears to be the same point in space and/or time without overt influence of a visual, tactile or other nature upon one another.

(3) The separating factor between these realities may be partly of a physical nature, but also possibly of a partly psychological nature. This separating factor can be overcome and in fact is overcome both in nature at certain coinciding points or reality warps on a temporary or permanent basis, and through artificial means.

(4) Artificial transition through this barrier may be affected through the utilization of various forces of either mechanical and/or psychic nature.

(5) Such reality translations have in fact been affected on countless occasions between our own universe-framework and one or more other universe-frameworks.

(6) While overt contact has not taken place within modern times, the inhabitants of one or more alternate realities have been in touch with human beings throughout the history of mankind

(7) Some of this contact has been for purposes generally friendly to mankind while other contact has been for neutral and directly hostile purposes.

(8) A purpose of the latter seems to be the domination of mankind through covert manipulation at times, overt control at other times.

(9) Contact is at present so integrally tied to mankind that it is ubiquitous. An unknown number of human beings are in a covert cooperative relationship with these beings.

(10) Of the forces malevolent to mankind, there is a subgroup which seems virtually purposeless in its action; a degenerate sub-group or a group from another alternate world than those described as being similar to humans. This subgroup seems to constitute the "little man" type as opposed to the more nearly humanoid.

(11) One group of entities seems to be interested in combating the malevolent forces. These may in fact be wholly or partly a group of humans living in symbiotic relation with mankind as we know it. They may be the descendants of an ancient Earth civilization, possibly destroyed by the outsiders.

(12) Beings from other planets as well as other realities may be involved in this struggle.

The theoretical possibilities of variation on these points are diverse. One variant of a historical revision follows:

In legendary times a civilization on Earth developed a high degree of technology, advancing into astronautics and beyond. This civilization developed contacts throughout our universe and with alternate worlds.

Some of these contacts proved friendly, while others led to hostility. The Earth civilization held its own for some time, but was eventually laid waste by its enemies and fell into ruin, plunging the Earth into a dark age. The remnants of this civilization, however, aided by those outside forces of a friendly disposition, continued to hold some influence on the Earth and continued to exist as a diffuse group within the new civilizations that developed on Earth. These new civilizations were much inferior and constituted the civilizations of, in conventional history, ancient times. The remnant of the old civilization now manifested itself in society in the form of "gods", "magicians" and "mystery cults."

In ancient times the remnant held enormous prestige. Their hope was to fend off mankind's enemies long enough for man to once again reach a high level of civilization. The enemies of mankind were dedicated to enslavement and/or destruction. The Remnant's plan seems to have been working quite well with setbacks off and on until the first few centuries of the common era. At that time the antihumans made enormous gains and human civilization fell into disarray. We recognize this era of antihuman success as the Dark Age.

About 1400 AD or so the prohumans again began to get the upper hand. This continued down to around 1800 when, although human advancement continued, the prohuman hold again began to weaken. We stand at present at a point of high human development, but with increasing manifestation of the antihumans.

It is beyond the scope of this paper to deal with the details of evidence that could lead one to the above hypothetical reconstruction of history. However, the area to look in would be that of an expanded scope of human history, incorporating a non-mythic assessment of phenomena previously considered mythic or considered from a supernatural rather than a rational scientific standpoint, e.g., the serious consideration of "little men" myths of history as objective, albeit somewhat distorted fact rather than superstition or subjective psychological phenomena, in light of modern research, including possible association in modern times with the UFO phenomenon.

Such historical reconstructions potentially give us, if not a true picture of history, a more realistic set of alternatives than those offered by more conventional concepts of human development.

There is another point, too, that might be of help...perhaps the most startling point of all and, in this listing it is

(13) That outside space, outside of time there exists a malevolent force interested in manipulating human history to its own ends.

Or, in theoretical reconstruction, sometime in the future mankind is destined to triumph. And something, outside of time in the usual sense has for aeons been attempting to manipulate things to form a different conclusion, while something else has been trying to counteract this manipulation. If this is true we deal with something a good deal more profound than "little green men from Mars". A good deal more.

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