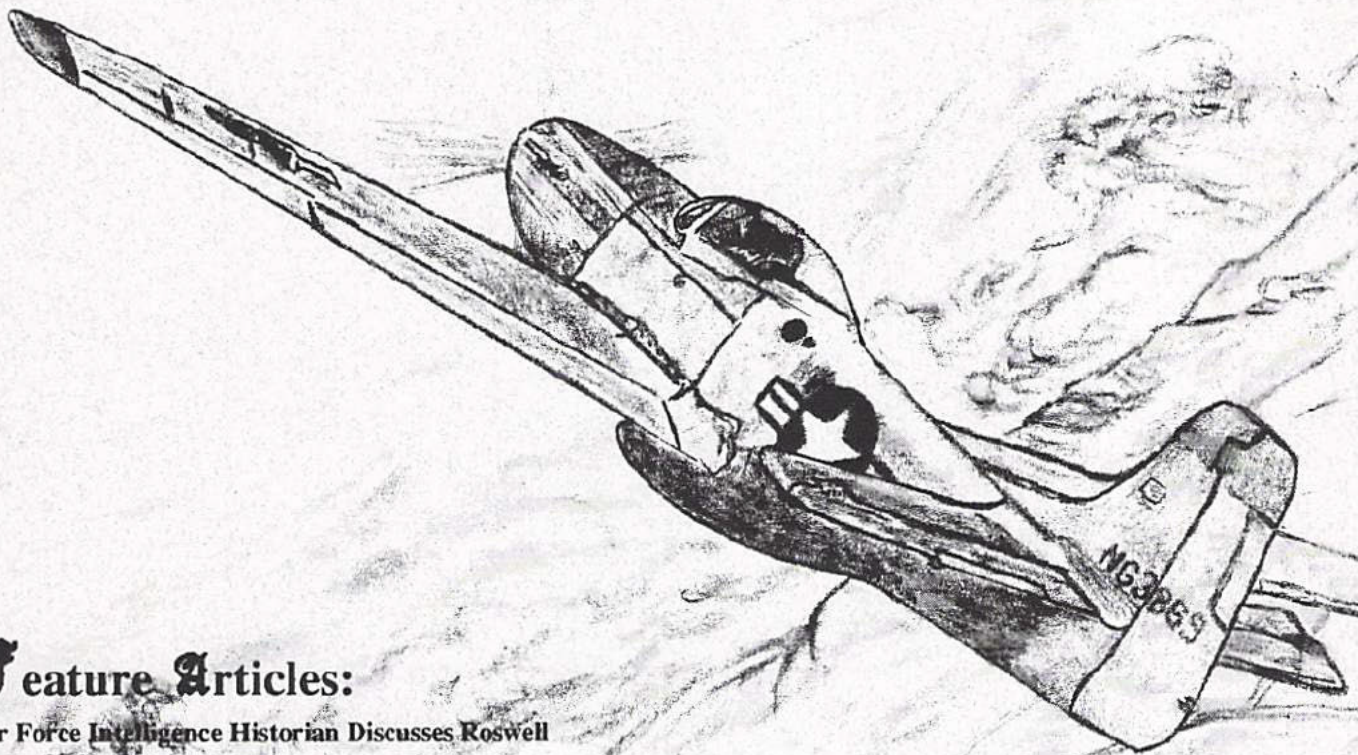


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Richard F. Haines, Journal of Scientific Exploration,
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Wright-Patterson Air Force Base Historian Investigates the Roswell, New Mexico Flying Saucer Crash Story *Irena Scott, Ph.D. and William E. Jones, JD*

The General Accounting Office (GAO) investigation initiated on behalf of U.S. Representative Steven Schiff, R-NM, has filtered down into the ranks of the Federal Government, in particular that part under the jurisdiction of the Department of Defense, an organization that many UFO investigators believe has custody of at least part of the documentation concerning the flying saucer crash that allegedly occurred near Roswell, New Mexico in July of 1947. In the Summer of 1994 we had the good fortune of meeting with one of the probably dozens of DOD employees who have been given the task of going through the records of their respective organizations to determine if any documentation concerning the Roswell event can be located. This particular employee works for the National Air Intelligence Center (NAIC) at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio. NAIC is the predecessor of the Air Technical Intelligence Center (ATIC), later renamed the Foreign Technology Division (FTD), which conducted the Air Force's very own UFO research project named Project Blue Book until the project was closed in 1969. The employee is named Bruce Ashcroft and he is the Center's historian. Because of this position, he was given the task of combing through the Center's files and records for any evidence that the Center was maintaining files and materials concerning the Roswell

event.

We think it would be safe to say that Bruce is, first and foremost, a historian. Because of this, he has approached this task with enthusiasm. He has also developed a personal interest in the Roswell story and has spent some of his own time and funds collecting and analyzing information on the story from outside sources. As part of his personal efforts, he has talked with many people, including Stanton Friedman, Robert Todd, Philip Klass and Carl Pflock. At the same time, it must be said, he has kept his work for his employer and his personal pursuit of the story separate.

As a result of his research he has reached the conclusion that it is likely a prosaic explanation can account for the Roswell story if the information and evidence can be located. As an historian, he recognizes that evidence disappears and might never be located. While expecting a prosaic explanation, Bruce admits that the reports of alien like bodies do present a problem for this point of view, so he is keeping an open mind.

If the material taken from the debris field was extraterrestrial in source



and represented material that was beyond of the then state-of-the-art, later U.S. Government sponsored materials research should have been affected by the knowledge that was gained from the Roswell material. The Government would have tried to replicate the material that was found. Bruce studied reports from the "hottest" materials research projects undertaken by the Air Force during the 1947-1951 time period and could find no evidence of new directions in research which might have resulted from the Roswell material as it has been described in the UFO literature.

He pointed out that one explanation for the dearth of material on Roswell in the Government's files might be that the event was not deemed all that important by the people who were involved with it. Documents could have long since been discarded. He found no reports on the Roswell event nor references to it in any of the files he searched, which included those of his own organization, those at the Air Force library and archives at Maxwell Air Force Base in Alabama and at the military records center in St. Louis. As a result, he looked for secondary type records such as reports on expenditures, possible related project reports, and facility reports. He found nothing that related back to the event in those records either.

Bruce observed that if alien bodies had been found at Roswell they

would most likely have been taken to the Aeromedical Research Laboratory at Wright-Patterson. He hope that this source will be looked into by the GAO investigators.

We asked Bruce about the rumored tunnels at Wright-Patterson. He replied that he only knew of tunnels used to go from one building to another during inclement weather. He reminded us that a Dayton, Ohio TV reporter by the name of Carl Day had investigated reports of tunnels. Building 739, pictured on page 30 of the July 1993 issue of the *Ohio UFO Notebook*, reportedly has a vaulted steel door with a combination lock. It is site on a concrete pad and has its own ventilation shaft. The building is rumored to be an entrance to underground chambers. Day reported that investigators did not locate a rumored tunnel between it and the Avionics Laboratory. Bruce added that engineering maps he had seen of the base do not show tunnels, so he really can't add to what is known nor detract from what is rumored about the infamous tunnels.

In the July 1993 issue of the *Ohio UFO Notebook*, page 22, we reported on several apparently original photographs that were shown to us by an informant which were reportedly used on the TV show "UFO Cover-Up Live." One of the photographs had an identifying number which read "FTD-SYD, Veh Type WHDDD4." We asked Bruce if this was an identification numbering system that he was familiar with. He replied that he was not familiar with that type system.

As noted above, the reports of alien like bodies found as a result of the Roswell event is something that he can not adequately explain, at least at this time. He has not talked to anyone during his investigation who

reported direct *knowledge* of the bodies. [Someone would have to have been on Mars for the past 25 plus years not to have at least *heard* about the Roswell crash, given the media coverage it has been given.] However, if the bodies are real, the matter would most likely be considered security information, so that doesn't surprise him one way or another. Bruce noted that he had once lived in Texas and New Mexico and knew some of the people mentioned in the Randell and Schmitt book, *The Truth About the UFO Crash at Roswell*. He recently returned there and, after visiting both UFO museums in Roswell and talking with some of the named witnesses, he has seen no convincing evidence that a craft and bodies were ever retrieved in 1947.

Inquiring about the history of Project Blue Book, we asked Bruce to identify the building Project Blue Book had been located in. He replied that Project Sign, the earlier UFO study, had been located in Building 287 and later moved to Building 263, possibly in 1953. It was later moved to Building 858 and then 275. All of these buildings except Building 858 have since been torn down.

Bruce is concerned that some may think that because he works for the federal government he has been paid to distort information or present disinformation on the Roswell story. He views himself as sincere and would be personally bothered to think that others feel differently. He is doing the best job that he is capable of doing to respond to the request that came down through the chain of command from Rep, Schiff through the Secretary of the Air Force. Because of the work he has done, he has developed a personal interest in the case which will go on after his professional assignment is completed. No one in the Center has

attempted to discourage this personal interest. He emphasized that any efforts of his regarding the Roswell case in the future will be undertaken on his own time.

One of the things which drives Bruce "crazy" he says is FOIAs. While he realizes that the FOIA process is a useful way for obtaining information, he thinks in the case of the Roswell incident and UFOs in general, "It is being used to death." One researcher, for example, asked for copies of all documents that Bruce looked at. He pointed out, he had used computer data bases to look for information. With several million pages of records represented in each data base, the FOIA request had no real meaning. In Bruce's position as the historian for NAIC, he is running a "one man shop." He points out that FOIA requests have seriously interrupted the research he is doing. Bruce recommends that FOIA requests about the Roswell investigation be first directed to Congressman Schiff's office since so many government agencies and private sector researchers are directing their information there. "If I were a UFO researcher, that's where I would start," he said.

Based upon the research he has done, Bruce believes the debris field found by Mac Brazel on the Foster Ranch was the remains of a balloon launched as part of Project Mogul, a subject that has been written about extensively elsewhere, including in the report by Karl T. Pflock entitled "Roswell in Perspective" dated 1994. (This report can be purchased from the Fund for UFO Research, Inc., P.O. Box 277, Mount Rainier, MD 20712.) The project was classified Top Secret at the time and, according to Bruce, this would explain the secrecy of the reported recovery

effort that followed Mac Brazel's find.

The Roswell story has obviously not been fully told at this time. Our meeting with Bruce came as the story was undergoing dramatic change and we thought it would be of interest to document that meeting here. We appreciate the time that Bruce spent with us and we believe we haven't heard the last word from him, just as we are certain that we haven't heard the last word from all of the other researchers who have taken an active interest in this story.

Correspondence

Since that meeting last summer, Bruce has continued his work on the Roswell event, finishing up the work for his employer and doing his own personal research, as his family life will allow. We have written to and talked with him on occasion, and have received two *personal* letters. Following are a few meaningful quotes from these letters.

Letter dated December 12, 1994: "I am absolutely convinced that no ET craft, materials, or bodies were involved."

Letter dated December 19, 1994: "While all of the ins and outs of why people believe what they do about the Roswell Incident would take more than a simple letter to do, let me say that:

"1. I think that the debris field Mac Brazel found is unquestionably Mogul balloon related. The description of the purple flowers and the testimony of Charlie Moore are the two most convincing pieces of evidence for me.

"2. Of all the hundreds of people that R/S claim as eye witnesses,

there are only a very few who were adults in 1947 and who actually claim to have seen the material remains and/or what they believe to be bodies. The material described is almost always consistent with the balloon material. I'm not sure that anyone on the plane [that flew the material to Wright Field] remains who actually saw any of the material.

"3. The bodies are a stumper for me. Here are three quick working hypotheses [Emphasis added by the editors so that it is clear that these hypotheses are not construed to be explanations.]:

--Glenn Dennis, et. al., are confusing two or more incidents. There may have been some sort of disease/death/airplane accident to account for the bodies and Glenn is mis-remembering it as part of the "UFO" incident.

--The Roswell newspapers describe a missing commercial flight from El Paso (I think) to Roswell. The bodies /debris may belong to that.

--There were (and still are) lots of illegal immigrants that work the farms and ranches around Roswell. The bodies described by Kevin Randle sound very much like the Mexicans-Indians of northern Mexico to me.

"4. I think the testimony of Gen Exon is open to question, as he himself points out...

"5. I am skeptical about some of the "threats" to people not to talk. When I visited Walter Haut in Roswell, he said that he had never been asked/told not to say anything. Of course, he is not a first hand witness to material or bodies. Again, this may also be a case of jumbled memories.

...

"6. The nurse remains an open question. There are those who believe she is still alive. Again, we do not have her first hand story, just Glenn Dennis' recounting of the nurse story.

"Ultimately, 'true believers' (please excuse the slang) will not be convinced by anything anyone has to say contrary to their belief...Please don't take what I've written to be official Air Force or NAIC position on the subject. I may be as closed minded as those at the opposite end of the spectrum, but nothing I have seen convinces me that anything extraterrestrial was involved at Roswell. There are too many plausible, if not yet fully articulated, explanations for the material and the bodies that do not need an ET origin."

An Original Crash Story Remembered

Because of all of the interest currently being directed toward the Roswell crash story, we thought that it would be worthwhile to reprint an article from the Spring 1955, Volume 1, Number 1, issue of the British journal, Flying Saucer Review (FSR). Gordon Creighton, the current editor of the journal, had this to say in a letter dated July 5, 1994 to MORA's William E. Jones: "With regard to the Hughie Green story, I enclose, as requested, a copy of FSR's original report. And I might add that years later, my predecessor as FSR Editor, Charles Bowen, met Hughie Green and received from him in person oral confirmation of the accuracy of our account." (The FSR is still published. For information write FSR Publications Ltd., P.O. Box 162, High Wycombe, Bucks, HP13 5DZ, England.)

Star Puzzled

"Broadcasts reporting a Flying Saucer crash picked up on his car radio as he drove across America has baffled stage and radio star Hughie Green since June, 1947.

"He was driving alone from Hollywood to Philadelphia for a business appointment and was tuned to broadcasting stations most of the time "because it's a long boring trip.

"But let Mr. Green take up the story.

"About 250 miles out of Philadelphia,' he said, 'a commentator interrupted the programme to announce that a Flying Saucer had crashed in New Mexico and that the Army were moving in to investigate. Later the programme was interrupted again and quite a few details were given. Several news flashes about the incident from various stations followed. The last I heard was just before reaching Philadelphia. The announcer promised further bulletins. None followed.'

"When I got there I bought all the newspapers I could lay my hands on. But not one carried the story. And questions at the radio stations just drew a blank. It's mystified me ever since.'

"This is not the first time the story has been heard. But it is the first time someone who actually listened in to the transmissions has been interviewed. The question arising from Hughie Green's account is: 'Do the Americans have a Flying Saucer in their possession?' Reports from America suggest that the U.S.A.F. has more than one. One, or parts of one, at Wright Patterson

Field, the American Farnborough, and another at Edwards Air Force Base, the U.S. equivalent of the Ministry of Supply's experimental station at Boscombe Down.

"Flying Saucer enthusiasts all over the world believe there is some truth in the story but that it is being as carefully guarded as any atomic or military secret for fear of causing public panic.

In the London the Air Ministry persists in not having a clue about Flying Saucers. And the indications are that they would give a lot to know what they really are."

(One has to wonder what our level of knowledge about UFOs would be if this story had been taken seriously when it was first reported and pursued with the professionalism and vigor that is now being applied to these type stories. But, thanks to Frank Scully and his discredited book 'Behind the Flying Saucers', this never happened and perhaps, as a result, we are still living in the Ufological Dark Ages.)

The Ohio Connection

Timkin Roller Bearing Company

In the last issue of the *Ohio UFO Notebook*, dated Summer 1994 we reported on the story of Ralph A. Multer, a Timkin Roller Bearing Company truck driver who had told his family that he had hauled a truck load of material into the Canton, Ohio plant which was alleged to have been part of a flying saucer. This event was said to have occurred in the summer of 1947, probably August or September. This is only a month or two after the reputed crash of an extraterrestrial vehicle near Roswell, New Mexico.

Since the publication of that story, MORA investigators have tried to determine if this story might be true by contacting retired employees of Timkin who worked at the plant during the summer in question. MORA contacted six retired management and plant/engineering people who had worked at the plant, including George L. Deal, a 35 year employee who served for many years as their Vice President of Finance. None admitted to having heard any-

thing about the story, but one did admit that it could have happened without him knowing about it. He noted, "Timkin could keep a secret."

Battelle Memorial Institute

October 22, 1954 was a glorious warm fall day and the whole sky was blue. The pupils of Jerome Elementary School in Marysville, Ohio had been granted an extra recess that afternoon as a reward for their good behavior. As the children ran and played in the school yard their attention was directed toward a dazzling bright cigar shaped object that was circling high in the sky above their school. After a short time, some of the children called out for their principal, Mr. R. R. Warrick. In response he stepped out onto a fire escape in time to see this strange interloper hanging motionless in the



sky just before it sped off at a tremendous speed, disappearing rapidly from view.

Mr. Warrick called to Mrs. George W. Dittmar, one of the school's teachers, who came out too late to see the object, but in time to witness a very beautiful scene. As the object sped away there appeared another strange and wonderful sight. The air was filled with "the most beautiful and soft white-looking tufts like cotton slowly floating to the ground." Mr. Warrick said that as soon as the object had disappeared this material began to show in the sky. The spectacle of the falling "cotton" lasted for approximately 45 minutes.

The children rushed around and gathered up this material as it fell over their school yard. They brought some of it up to Mr. Warrick and Mrs. Dittmar to examine. According to Mrs. Dittmar, "the substance had long fibers, very much as if someone had taken strands of 'angel hair' and pushed some bunches toward the middle or end, leaving a trail of fibers attached to it. It was very fine and soft to touch. It did not stick to our hands, but when we held two ends and pulled, it stretched without tearing. When it stretched it has a shiny appearance. The part we held between our fingers very quickly seemed to go to nothing.

"However, we could roll it between our fingers into a very, very tiny ball. In a short while our hands had a green stain on them. I soon washed my hands in warm water and the stain rinsed quickly off." Mr. Warrick said he was leaving his on his hands to see what would happen. He later said his hands became clammy and finally the color disappeared of its own accord.

Mrs. Dittmar went on to say, "When we left the school, we noticed it clinging to the grass, flagpole, and some on the cars. I believe the thing that impressed me even further was what we saw as we drove the three miles to the Columbus road. The telephone wires were completely woven shut, as if hands had carefully spread 'angel hair' out very evenly. Not only this, but the telephone wires were connected to the electric wires on the other side of the road, so that it was like a misty canopy over the road for three miles. No more seemed to be coming down by this time."

A similar event occurred over the San Fernando Valley in California on November 16, 1953, where a silvery ball was observed to move "up and down and even sideways. Finally a long streamer of white stuff - almost like a vapor trail - spewed out its back end. It detached itself from the ball and began settling earthward. It spread out, stringy, sort of like white wool being shredded, and it dropped down all over the neighborhood like cobwebs." Wires running into the homes turned white, and still sparkled in the street lights that night. According to the newspaper, *Valley Times*, samples of this material were secured by an engineer of the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation. Other engineers from North American Aviation and from Douglass Aircraft also reportedly obtained samples. According to the newspaper, the material "could not be analyzed." The material looked like finely shredded wool or spun glass. When held between the fingers, it dissolved into nothing. It had static like qualities, often seeming to jump from a bush or tree and cling to one's hair.

Until recently, no one has reported

that the Marysville, Ohio material had been analyzed. According to a recent book by one time Flint, Ohio resident Lillian Desguin, who investigated the event first hand, Mrs. Dittmar had some of her students gather up samples of the material with sticks and place it in jars. The jars were reportedly sent to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio. Air Force officers later came out and interviewed some of the children.

The story doesn't end here. According to Mrs. Desguin, a friend of hers who worked at the internationally prestigious Battelle Memorial Institute in Columbus, Ohio saw a jar of "webby white stuff" in a Battelle lab marked "Marysville, Ohio." Battelle is the same institution that did much of the Project Blue Book analyses for the U. S. Air Force. Mrs. Desguin identifies this person as "'J.P.'" in her book. "J.P." is - actually "was," having passed away in the late 1970s - Jack Pickering. Jack is known to us at MORA. He reported to our predecessor organization, the Civil Commission on Aerial Phenomena, in 1977 prior to his passing that he had heard the transmissions between Captain Mantell and the tower at Godman Field on January 7, 1948 as that historic event unfolded. He was stationed at Lockbourne Air Force Base south of Columbus at the time and the transmissions were sent from Godman to Lockbourne for some reason. Later that night he and others at Lockbourne saw a UFO come down and circle that base. (For a complete report of this story see the *MUFON UFO Journal*, Number 264, April 1990, pp 18-19.)

According to Jack, as reported in the Desguin book, the Marysville, Ohio marked jar was in the posses-

sion of a colleague of his. Jack was allowed to look at the material under a microscope. Each thread seemed to consist of 4 or 5 smaller threads. His friend told him that they had been unable to identify the substance. Nothing was said about who was paying for the analysis of this strange material. The indicators

of Battelle UFO research beyond Project Blue Book continue to surface. (See "The Ohio UFO Crash Connection," *Ohio UFO Notebook*, Summer 1994, pp 19-20.)

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Correction-No Crash Near Medford, Oregon

On page 44 of the Summer 1994 issue of the *Ohio UFO Notebook*, it was incorrectly reported that John Timmerman told "about 3 to 6 beings reported in a crash SW of Medford, Oregon" at the April 2, 1994 "Ohio UFO Investigative Organizational Meeting" held in Columbus, Ohio. So that another rumor of a crashed UFO is not let loose on the unsuspecting world of ufology, John asked that we set the record straight.

John wrote to us on August 17, 1994: I wish to re-write the final statement about my remarks. It should have read as follows: "He (Timmerman) played an audio-taped interview made in a mall in Medford, Oregon, during which a retired Air Force physician reported a conversation with another Air Force physician years before who stated that he had assisted in the examination of 4 or 6 victims of a crash and that 'they did not appear like any human being he'd ever seen.'"

The transcript of John's (J) conversation with the physician (P) follows:

(P) I'm a physician who was in the U.S. Air Force from about the late 1960s to late 70s. During that period of time I met an OSI agent in the Air Force and I was very friendly with him and got to know him very well. And he related a story to me which I am very, very sure is true, that he was involved in a situation in the Air Force where apparently some sort of an alien space craft had landed somewhere in the southwest, at some point in time, made some sort of a crash landing. The beings on that space craft, he relates, were not anything that he could identify from our planet. They did not appear like any human being he'd ever seen, but they were obviously not anything else. They obviously were living beings and some of them were injured. Most of them were dead. They were taken by he and a number of other individuals to Wright Patterson Air Force Base, at that particular point in time. And he said they were put there for later evaluation, identification, examination, by the Air Force and by the military. And that's the sum of what I know about it.

(J) Do you recall any of the circumstances relating to the object from which they...were some way con-

nected?

(P) Only that he said that it had crashed and that the victims were...I think he said there were either four or six victims that were obviously not maimed badly but some of them appeared to be dead, some of them appeared to have serious injury, and they were told they were not to...tell anybody about this. You know, it was a high level secret endeavor and they went...to Wright Patterson.

There was another individual whom I think might be interesting...he is...a nuclear physicist at Sandia. I met him in 1972 in Batesville, Texas where he worked on the...Mary West Ranch...a cattle ranch there and he was an overseer or manager. And he told me a number of stories ...[about]...what went on in New Mexico and around White Sands...in the '50s and the '60s when he was working there that had a lot to do with UFOs.

...

(J) You were a physician with the military, Air Force, I presume?

(P) Yes, I was.

Results and Reasons for the Roswell Crash

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The author of this article is a French ufologist, researcher and writer. The first part of this article appeared in the December 1992 issue of the MUFON UFO Journal which was entitled "Roswell and Its Possible Consequences on American Policy." Dr. Irena Scott, who is on the Board of Directors of both the Mutual UFO Network and MidOhio Research Associates, Inc., was the translator for the original article and the one that appears herein.

The most important event in all UFO history, and maybe even in the history of human societies since the Coming of Christ, probably is the Roswell crash during the night of July 2 or 3, 1947.

All the researchers now know the details of the case, thanks to the perseverance of investigators like W. Moore, S. Friedman, K. Randle, D. Schmitt, D. Berliner and many others, and to the financial help from the Center for UFO Studies and the Fund for UFO Research. As it is superfluous to come back upon what they found, the publication of their findings having been largely diffused, we will not summarize them and will only thank very heartily all those who worked to have this outstanding incident known by the public.

But what seemed to us interesting to do was to try to go beyond this research in order to attempt to determine the results and the reasons of the crash, going back to the original historical events.

The Results

The Roswell crash allows us to offer a postulate which assumes a superior

intelligence willing to reach, in this circumstance, the following goals:

- (1) To identify itself, face to the authorities, as being extraterrestrial in origins.
- (2) To suggest a potential threat in the mind of the military.
- (3) To induce the U.S. to secretly enter into an agreement with the U.S.S.R. to confront this threat from the "invaders."
- (4) To stop the process of a war between the two Superpowers which ran the risk to be a disaster for all mankind.

In a text published in 1990 and recently summarized for possible publication in the MUFON UFO Journal, I was able to demonstrate that the Roswell crash, known by the authorities as soon as the 6th or 7th of July 1937, was the source for the following situation:

- (1) Signature, the 26th of July 1947, of the National Security Act which allows the creation of the National Security Council during the Truman administration.
- (2) Installation of a huge security apparatus within the American administration structures for (probably) monitoring the information about UFOs, particularly with the creation of:
 - the Intelligence Advisory Committee (IAC), secret consulting group directly under the orders of the NSC.
 - the Central Intelligence

Agency (CIA).

- the Office of Scientific Intelligence (OSI) within the CIA.

(3) Upkeep of a decoy situation, the Cold War, between the U.S.A. and the U.S.S.R. to justify the stockpiling of weapons by the two "enemies" and their respective allies, after secret agreements between them, as they must have envisioned the worst scenario: an extraterrestrial invasion. (Footnote 1.)

The Reasons

To allow the reader to better follow our reasoning, I must tell her/him that after long researches lasting several years and concerning several centuries of our history, I finally was able to build the following hypothesis:

- (1) The UFOs are decoys coming from a superior intelligence, not extraterrestrial spaceships.
- (2) The superior intelligence has been present in our planetary environment since the dawn of civilization and manifested itself under different decoys according to places and times.
- (3) These decoys are made either by a "proteiform intelligent energy" or by spiritual entities with unlimited abilities, with the power to materialize objects and living beings.
- (4) The UFO wrecks and the humanoid bodies found in New Mexico in July 1947 belong to a highly sophisticated decoy camouflaged into an accident, in order to convince the American (and the Soviet) authorities of the reality of a situation considered

in the Results part of this article.

This option (which is only an assumption) maybe will be the subject of an article to be published by me later. My purpose here is to determine the exact causes, as much as possible, which can explain the Roswell crash, of course within the hypothesis of a decoy, under the light of the planetary situation during the few weeks before and after the incident.

For doing this, I used the newspapers from the time, in this case the daily "LE FIGARO" published in Paris, with a national coverage. My American colleagues can eventually proceed to the necessary verifications and refining with their own country newspapers.

The dates quoted are the ones from the newspaper:

- 1/2 June 1947, p2: President Truman signed the bill, previously adopted by Congress, to grant \$350 M credit to help rebuild the different countries of Europe and Asia devastated by war.

- 5 June, p3: President Truman asks Congress to adopt the compulsory military service. He declared it was essential "against a possible aggression" (without naming a particular country) and for "speeding up the universal disarmament and the peace."

- 7 June, p3: The Marshall Plan does not contradict the "Truman Doctrine."

- 8/9 June, p3: President Truman warns the Americans against the decrease in the size of their military forces.

- 11 June, p3: Marshall completes his staff organization.

- 12 June, p1: The U.S. accuses Russia of "obvious intervention" in Hungary.

- 14 June, p3: In his proposals for economic help to Europe, General Marshall does not preclude the U.S.S.R.

- 17 June, p3: Rejection by the U.S.S.R. of the British and American protestations regarding the Hungarian matter.

- 21 June, p3: Mr. Molotov, Foreign Affairs Minister for the U.S.S.R., requests complementary information about the Marshall Plan.

- 24 June, p3: Announcement for a conference in Paris to study the Marshall Plan, between Mr. Bidault, French Foreign Affairs Minister and Mr. Bevin (Great Britain) and Mr. Molotov (U.S.S.R.). The U.S.S.R. accepts Mr. Bevin's invitation.

(Let me remind [the reader] that it is the 24th of June that Kenneth Arnold made the first official flying saucer sighting, but LE FIGARO does not mention it.)

- 25 June, p3: General Eisenhower resigns from his position as Chief of Staff.

- 27 June, p1: First meetings between M.M. Bidault, Bevin and Molotov at the Quai d'Orsay in Paris to study the Marshall Plan.

- 28 June, p1: Paris conference: Russia is standing against the wall (title).

- 1 July, p1: Mr. Molotov is hostile to a general program for Europe's rebuilding. According to Mr. Bevin, the situation is hopeless.

- 2 July, p1: Upon a French proposal, the conference is reported.

The same 2nd of July, around 7 P.M., Mr. Molotov, furious, leaves the Paris conference slamming the door, after expressing doubts about the U.S. real motives. His aggressive tone and underlying threats are considered by Washington as a warning. This constitutes without any doubt the breaking point (the point of no return) in the relatively friendly relationship between the U.S. and the and the "official" start of what will be called a little bit later, the Cold War.

During the night which followed this noteworthy day in the history of human civilization, an "accident" involving the crash of a UFO (maybe a collision between two of them) happened not far from [the Roswell Army Air Field, home of the 509th Bomb Group, the only aircraft wing in the world armed with atomic bombs].

Following what was said earlier, it cannot be, in any case, a coincidence.

- 3 July, p1: The conference of the three is a failure. Mr. Molotov rejected the last proposal from Mr. Bidault. An ill-fated decision. A dramatic session. The diatribe from Mr. Molotov.

-4 July, p3: In the U.S., they are concerned about the consequences of the break. {Germany is worried.}

- 5 July, p1: President Truman declares he is for the economic cooperation of the world. The end of the illusions. The risk from this failure: increased tension between the two Superpowers.

- 5 July, p3: From General Eisenhower: the nations must cooperate or they will perish. "If not, mankind could support the new cataclysm of a Third World War." This is the first quotation of its kind. "Either the nations will work together for the common good or they will perish, one after the other, whether in a slow decline, or under the shock of a total war toward which the future seems to go."

- 6/7 July, p5: Warning from Mr. Bevin to the U.S.S.R. during a dinner at the American Society for Independence Day.

On Sunday Mac Brazel visits Sheriff Wilcox with material from the debris field. By Monday Jesse Marcel is investigating the site, according to some accounts.

- 9 July, p3: The American Army announcement of having found a flying saucer appears in LE FIGARO. The weather balloon explanation for the event never appears in this newspaper later.

- 11 July, p3: Moscow prepares an economic reorganization plan for Eastern Europe.

- 12 July, p1: Opening of the Sixteen Conference in Paris.

- 24 July, p1; It is announced that the U.S.S.R. will be building atom bombs.

- 27/28 July, p3: The U.S.A. announces that its national defense system will be reinforced. (This is an allusion to the NSC and to what was said at the beginning of my article.)

Analysis

If you have a look at this in retrospect, you can realize that the esca-

lation of verbal violence between the U.S.A. started immediately after the Paris conference failure on July 2, 1947. It was the real beginning of the international tension between the two Superpowers which was going to scare the world, especially Europe, for many years. The fact that one UFO, maybe two, had "accidents" only a few hours after this historical event of major importance, consequently, cannot be attributed to chance. Historians, of course, do not reason as us as they never mention the Roswell crash.

According to Jacques Portes, the struggle against the Stalinist ideology, proposed by the Americans, started in March 1947 with the "Truman doctrine" which offered help to Greece and Turkey, two countries which were victims, at that time, of Communist subversion. It would be more accurate to say that it was the "Truman doctrine" which provoked the Soviet hatred as it was based on the following principle: "Poverty being the ideal base for Communism, by suppressing poverty we suppress Communism. Thus, we must help countries ravaged by poverty." The same historian acknowledges also that the same kind of help was offered to the Soviet Union, as we saw earlier, as much by economic than by political interest. (Footnote 2.)

Portes mentions also the NSC and the CIA creation, which he qualifies as "real revolution for a country opposed to any permanent militarization." (Footnote 3.) This makes another strong argument against the justification of such a decision and reinforces our suspicion.

Andre Kaspi places the beginning of the Cold War at the...announcement of the "Truman doctrine" in front of Congress on March 12, 1947. The Marshall Plan, according to this his-

torian, from an economic point of view, allowed the United States to get rid of food surpluses that the American farmers could not sell, just to cite one example. From a political point of view, it was the introduction of the American ideas in the supported countries. In short, multiple interests were at stake. (Footnote 4.)...Nevertheless, Kaspi admits that the Cold War interpretations are not clear and that the question...if it was unavoidable is still not decided.

...
Kaspi mentions clearly that the July 26, 1947 law about national security "created an upheaval in the habits," with the creation of a new position: Secretary of Defense (which will be filled by Mr. James Forrestal), who will become the President's advisor "for everything regarding national security." I emphasized the last part of this sentence because of its meaning, under the light of the Roswell crash, gets another resonance than the one understood by the historians. Furthermore, the Secretary of Defense was put in charge of coordinating the activities of the Navy, Army and Air Force Secretaries. This means that the three branches were unified during peace time when they were independent during the war. (Footnote 6.) This is another aspect which reinforces my convictions about an exceptional conjuncture which was hidden from the public.

The creation of the CIA, because of its charter, also aroused a lot of criticism, including those of Mr. Allen Dulles...who regretted...that this agency was under the direct authority of the National Security Council which was composed, according to him, of representatives of the armed forces. According to me...it was composed only of civilians...In fact, he wanted to speak

about the Intelligence Advisory Committee (IAC), a secret consultative group for the NSC, created in September 1947, which comprised only one civilian out of six members:

- Mr. W. Park Armstrong, Jr., Secretary of State, Special Assistant for Research and Intelligence.

- Major General Stephen J. Chamberlain, Director of Intelligence, General Staff of the Army.

- Rear Admiral Thomas B. Inglis, Chief of Naval Operations.

- Major General George C. McDonald, Director of Intelligence, U.S. Air Force.

- Major General Walter E. Todd, Deputy Director of the Joint Staff for Intelligence.

- Rear Admiral John E. Gingrich, Director of Intelligence and Security, AEC. (Footnote 7.)

In fact, as the IAC was a secret group, Mr. Allen Dulles was careful not to mention it.

Conclusion

Evidently everything concurs to show that the creation of the National Security Council, July 26, 1947, as well as the giant size of the security branches decided on the same date, were not justified by a few biting discussions between American and Soviet diplomats, as the situation was not as dramatic as some thought it necessary to emphasize, to explain, decisions which, according to the two historians I consulted:

- "constituted a real revolution for a country opposed to any permanent

militarization." (Jacques Portes)

- "represented an upheaval of the American habits." (Andre Kaspi)

In this sense, the Roswell crash fits perfectly well as it suppresses any ambiguity and the uncertainties dividing the historians. The trick, for the authorities, was to let the public believe that it was the threat constituted by the Communist hegemony in the world which was the origin of the changes. Besides, from this historic date of July 26, 2947, and at least until 1953, the American policy was oriented towards the devilization of the Marxist ideology (Footnote 8), of which the top was McCarthyism.

Identically, the starting Cold War was the object of a cult beyond measure and carefully nursed, only with words, for easy to understand reasons, in a class more strategical and economical than political. It was a clever trick which mostly helped the United States (and also the U.S.S.R.). It particularly enabled the weapons industry to develop and to be fully productive during a good number of years, and in the mean time helped the other areas of commerce and the industry. Those who had a need to know wanted their allies to be equipped with a maximum of defensive weapons. Those without a need to know assumed that business is business and that the economic situation of the country was improving.

Within this eventuality, it is possible that the SDI ("Star Wars") is another additional decoy, intended to give an impulse to the up-to-date technologies appearing at the end of the '60s, like robotics, computers, spatial engineering, communication by satellites, artificial intelligence, etc.

I did not check yet this aspect of the

problem but if there are some candidates among our American colleagues to do this research, as well as to check and refine mine, it will be another step towards the truth.

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Analysis of Alien "Hide"

by Jean Sider

This story is taken from longer article written by Jean Sider entitled "Results of the Roswell Crash (Part III)" which may be published in full in a future issue of this notebook.

My initial source is the French author Jean-Charles Fumoux, who

published all of the details of his story in a book edited in 1981 (Fumoux, Jean-Charles, *Preuves scientifiques ovni: L'isocelie*, editions du Rocher, 1981, Monaco, pp 155-159). More, I sent the main data of the Fumoux's assertions to Len Stringfield, who published them in one of his famous "status reports" (UFO-Crash/Retrievals: Amassing the Evidence. Status Report III, June 1982, pp 27-30, case B-8) with additional clues by him from another French researcher, Jean-Francois Gille, Ph.D.

Fumoux claimed having chatted in the mid-1970s with a friend of his, Leon D. Visse, Ph.D., retired French scientist who worked with several French government agencies. During the conversation, Dr. Visse claimed having obtained with an American colleague, an agent for a U.S. Government laboratory, the opportunity to perform analyses on a sample of hide taken from an unknown creature found dead in a "crashed" UFO in the U.S.A., date and location not given. This creature had a human morphology, but the results of the analyses proved that she had cells with an histonic weight strongly different from ours.

Dr. Visse gave numerous other details relative to the two bodies of such creatures who were kept in special cryogenic conditions in the laboratory. Moreover, what is important here, he specified that these corpses were found after the collision of two UFOs. (Is this confirmation of part of the Freidman/Berliner version of the Roswell crash?)

Later on, when Dr. Visse was interviewed by other French researchers, he acknowledged having falsified some details of the story given to Fumoux because he feared to be identified in spite of the anonymity

preserved in the Fumoux book. Meanwhile, he claimed that his statements were done to Fumoux on a basis of truth, but eluded the main questions.

Recently, in 1992, another French researcher, Jean-Luc Chaumeil, learned with Dr. Visse (by phone) that this former scientist was busy writing a book devoted to the exobiology field, in which he would insert a special chapter regarding this extraordinary story of analysis performed on so-called sample of "alien" creatures, without "make up."

I cannot certify the authenticity of this last information, but I think that all the clues of this testimony will incite my American colleagues to readjust their judgments and thoughts about this new development in the Roswell UFO crash saga. Some battles amongst researchers are unprofitable and negative, particularly in our quest of truth.

No UFO Cover-Up

by Lillian Crowner Desguin

Mrs. Desguin was active as a UFO investigator in Central Ohio in the 1950s and 1960s until she and her husband retired to Florida a few years ago. She lived in Flint, Ohio, a small settlement outside of Westerville, all of her married life. This is her view of the alleged Government UFO cover-up.

The Government is unfairly accused of withholding the truth about UFOs. Not so! Rather, a complicated way of educating the public has been underway for years to educate the public without causing a world-wide panic. By slowly spoon-feeding the general public, the Government hopes to overcome the blow which must be

faced when people learn "life" just isn't quite what they thought it was.

President Truman gets credit for this procedure. It was he who rounded up a handful of scientists in 1953 and told them the facts about UFOs. It was their job to find an answer to this bomb shell. Ultimately, the "Robertson Panel" was responsible for the way the bomb was to be handled. Imagine the strain a half dozen or so men were under to make this decision. They would be damned no matter how they proposed to handle it. They were faced with a problem that is a little like telling a five year old child that the "Santa Clause stuff" is for the birds. After that shocking revelation, you tell the child, "Now it's time to face life. You must start giving in order to receive." However, there seemed to be another way that would achieve the desired result without causing serious shock waves throughout society.

There never was a plan to withhold information, but rather a way to present facts and do less damage to the society's psyche at the same time. To work, it was decided that the official knowledge must remain secret. Everything would be placed on the table, but it would be placed there so that it would not be immediately obvious. This is why we have been fed so much science fiction. This is why information about the search for extraterrestrial life, exobiology, UFOs and the like are presented in all sorts of media and from so many different points of view. It's a way of "infiltrating" the human mind with information and disinformation. Each person is then free to believe what he or she wishes to believe.

It was determined at some point in the process that the tabloid is one of

the most useful tools to reach the public eye. People pay their money, and they make their choice. Recently we have had our mentors upgraded. The prestigious magazine "OMNI" carried a six part series on the "Cosmic Conspiracy." CBS's well received "48 Hours" news program featured an hour long program on UFOs. The March 1994 issue of "Popular Science" did a cover story about the super secret base at Groom Lake, Nevada, called by various names including Dreamland and The Ranch. The U-2, the SR-71 and the F-117A were all developed in secret there. Serious stories about UFOs are appearing in every major media outlet. No one can keep from being exposed to this stuff, it's just that they, the Controllers, won't confirm it. It's up to each person who is exposed to this information to make a decision.

Hillary's cross-breed adopted baby shown on the front page of "Weekly News World" is a good example. What is it that you, the reader, were being told? The story let the reader know that there are babies who are a mixture of human and Alien parentage. It tells the reader that humans are abducted and have sperm and eggs taken from them. It confirms the abduction of females, including their occasional impregnation and the return harvest of the resulting fetus. A more recent issue of "Weekly World News" carried pictures of a dozen or so government officials and told the readers that these folks are Aliens. Big deal! What do you think?

The stories themselves are "far-fetched" but it calls for the reader to ferret out the truth for him or herself. This is what your Government wants of you. Help share the load of those above you.

There is a public information campaign going on with regard to UFOs at this very moment. It just isn't easily detected, even though it is right there in front of our collective noses. When the truth finally reaches a point of acceptance in our society where it is no big deal, the campaign will finally be over - and perhaps the Aliens will at last meet with us as equals.

(I use a capital "A" with the word Alien because I believe that this term represents a group of living thinking entities who deserve recognition.)

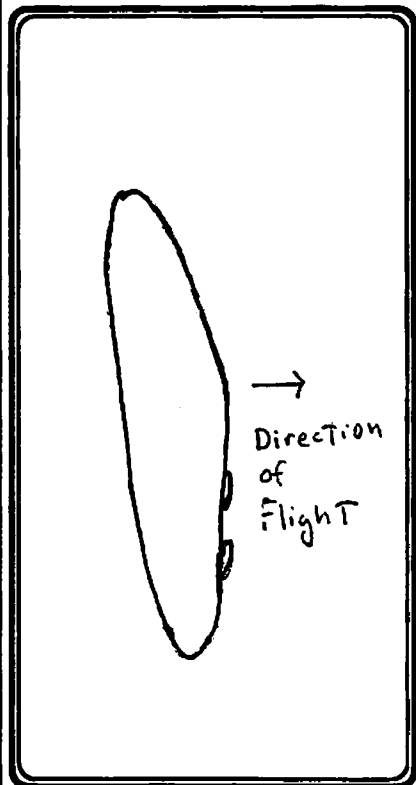
1947 Grove City, Ohio Sighting

Mildred A. Myers was a 19 year old high school graduate in the summer of 1947. She had graduated from high school two years previously and was hopeful of attending college. Early one summer evening - she is sure it was prior to the middle of August and believes it was around 6:30 P.M. - she walked outside of her parent's downtown Grove City store to confront something that she remembers to this day. It was sunny, with the sun setting low into the western sky. As she remembers, there was no wind.

Five or six men were sitting in front of the "M.V. Kegg" general store next door. She remembers that one of these men was the general store owner, one her high school history teacher, another a science teacher, and one was the Superintendent of Schools and a past Major of Grove City. She doesn't remember who the others were; the four she knew are now deceased. As she appeared on the sidewalk, she was facing to the east, the front of her parent's store and the general store being on the west side of the street. The men called to her and told her to look up in the sky. She did so, looking

upward at an approximate 40 degree angle. There, over the intersection of Broadway, the main north/south street in Grove City, and Park was an unusual white object. Mildred remembers that other people nearby were also looking up into the sky watching the object as well.

The object was "a round disk or dish shape" with no wings. It was moving slowly to the west and was oriented vertically. (See the drawing included with this article.) It appeared to be at a low altitude, but since there was nothing familiar in the sky next to the object, Mildred admits that she can't be sure. There were two small red lights on the edge of the object closest to the ground and on the side toward the direction of travel. When asked, she said that she doesn't remember these lights blinking. There were also two small round openings - she said "perhaps windows" or perhaps exhaust openings - of different sizes on the opposite side of the disk, but



a bit higher up the edge of the object than the red lights. These "holes" appeared to be recessed and were the same color as the object itself. There were no markings on the object, there was no vapor or exhaust observed coming from it, and she heard no sound that could be associated with it. She is certain of one thing - it wasn't a balloon. It remained in her sight for approximately three minutes as it moved slowly to the west.

The men that pointed the object out to her assumed that it was some sort of unknown experimental craft since it was heading in the general direction of Wright Field near Dayton far to the west. They did not report the sighting to anyone, as far as Mildred knows.

An interesting side light to this story is that years later, after her marriage, she moved with her husband, a civil engineer, to Socorro, New Mexico where they lived for two years. Shortly after their return home to Grove City, they read of the sighting there by police officer Lonnie Zamora on April 24, 1964. She felt she may have missed an opportunity to see another flying saucer. She has had no other experiences of this nature in her life.

Investigators: Dr. Irena Scott and William E. Jones

Tunnels

Underground bases and deep underground tunnels and facilities are a part of UFO lore and have been for a number of years. Rumor has it that these tunnels have been built and staffed by various military, intelligence and other covert Federal Government agencies. Some say that these underground

facilities are staffed by alien beings who are using them for the subversion of the human species and/or are operating with the consent of and the cooperation with these human agencies. The stories are intriguing and a bit exciting, but proof of these allegations is lacking.

Interestingly, according to abduction researcher Dr. Karla Turner, in her new book ("Taken", 1994, Kelt Works, P.O. Box 32, Roland, Arkansas 72135), underground tunnels and facilities and cooperating humans (most of a military nature) are very much a part of the abduction scenario. In this book, Dr. Turner disturbingly reveals that a number of nationally known abduction researchers, who she does not name, have run across this connection in their own research but have chosen not to reveal this to their readers. They are concerned that this will make public acceptance of abductions even more difficult. It seems that, for all of their concern about the alleged government UFO cover-up, they have created one of their own.

Up until recently, public awareness of the fact that tunnels and underground facilities have been constructed by the Government in secret has been low. Now, thanks to recent disclosures about the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and their previously secret bunker under the Greenbrier Hotel in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, this is changing. In fact, there has been tunnel information available in the open/unclassified literature for a long time, but no one had bothered to pull it together, until now. Thanks to a New Mexico graduate student by the name of Richard Sauder, a volume is now available that is essential reading for anyone interested in this subject. Mr. Sauder did not find any aliens in the

tunnels and facilities that he writes about, but it is clear that what he has uncovered barely scratches the surface of the full story.

The volume is entitled "Underground Bases and Tunnels: What is the Government Trying To Hide?", 1993, 156 pages; P.O. Box 81543, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87198, \$25.

As a publication focused on Ohio related publication, we take note that Mr. Sauder has revealed in his report that we may have our own secret tunnels in the state. According to Sauder, "In 1960 the Rand Corporation published a study under contract to the Air Force in which twelve specific locations across the country were selected as possible sites for deep underground installations." All were assumed to be more than 1000 feet underground. Two were in Ohio, Barberton and McConnellsville. The Barberton facility was to be "in a limestone mine near Barberton, Ohio, about eight miles from Akron." The McConnellsville facility was to be between the towns of Marietta and Zanesville. One entrance to the McConnellsville tunnel was near the Muskingham River. The tunnel was to be excavated downward under a hill at a slant to a depth of almost 1000 feet into a limestone strata. It was level for several hundred feet and then was to be excavated back upward at a slant to the surface. The distance between the two entrances was over two miles. It is unknown if this facility was constructed or what its purpose was. An effort to learn more about these two possible installations would make for a good research project.

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Cattle Mutilations and UFOs

An Editorial Comment

We are including several articles about the 1994 New Mexico cattle mutilation occurrences in this issue of the *Ohio UFO Notebook* because so little information has been available concerning the situation out there to those of you who do not live in and around that area. We at MORA believe that the readers of this publication should be aware of what has been occurring, not because we necessarily believe that the cattle mutilation phenomenon is related to the UFO phenomenon, but because objective UFO researchers must be informed about current events in these areas if they are ever going to be able to do their jobs properly. Keep in mind that the following information comes from articles that were recently published in New Mexico newspapers. These are not exhaustive research reports and the truth of what is happening out there may turn out to be quite different after a proper and exhaustive investigation. However, private researchers are undertaking such investigations and have confirmed much of what has been reported in the newspapers.

Also, please keep in mind that the connection between cattle mutilations and UFOs have not yet been made with certainty. Linda Mouton Howe in her books ("An Alien

Harvest," Linda Moulton Howe Productions, 1989 and "Glimpses of Other Realities, Volume I: Facts and Eyewitnesses," 1993 - available from Linda Moulton Howe, P.O. Box 538, Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006) and videos has argued persuasively that there is a connection, but she and the rest of us have a long way to go with our research efforts. So, with this in mind, here is at least part of the story concerning the New Mexico cattle mutilation "flap" of 1994.

Cattle Mutilations on Rise in Northern New Mexico

by Richard Benke, Associated Press

This article appeared in the Albuquerque Journal, Sunday, August 14, 1994, p G4.

Reports of mutilated cattle, suggestive of cases around the nation 20 years ago, are on the rise again in northern New Mexico. In the past 16 months, nine ranchers reported 27 cattle mutilated, the largest number near Eagle Nest, ranchers and livestock inspectors say. They repeat stories first heard in the early 1970s.

No animal tracks are found near the carcasses, no blood. Genitals have been removed, tongues sometimes cut off at their roots, anuses often cored out, one eye usually gone. Sometimes ears are missing. Incisions seem heat-cauterized. Some people speculate that aliens may be responsible. Other blame poachers or natural predators. State livestock inspector Jerry Valerio rules out coyotes, bears, birds, dogs and mountain lions.

"I'm not saying anything about UFOs," Valerio says. "I'm saying I don't know. But, by golly, if I could get a clue that I could go on, I will find out, even if it takes me a long time."

The Associated Press reported in 1985 that deputy sheriffs in Alabama and Texas staked out carcasses and saw birds carve wounds similar to those blamed on mutilations. But Valerio says he and ranchers watched mutilated carcasses and found that predators wouldn't go near them.

State Livestock Bureau director John Wortman of Albuquerque says he's aware of the resurgence of mutilation reports. "If there's somebody up there that's butchering livestock, that's who we want to go after," Wortman says. Eagle Nest rancher Eli Hornet (sic) [correct last name: Hronich] has suffered the lion's share - 11* cattle mutilated so precisely, he and Valerio insist, that it could not have been the work of predators. "Some people are scared and say it's predators, but it is not predators," Valerio says. Hornet, who runs 2,500 head here, says he's seen hundreds of cows dead on the range in the 25 years of ranching, and "when you see a mutilation, you know what it is." The most recent death was July 24.

Reports include one other mutilation in Eagle Nest, eight in the Jemez Mountains, two in Questo, one in Taos, one in El Prado, one in Arroyo Seco and two in an area one livestock inspector wants left unidentified, pending completion of his investigation.

Rancher Kay Moore says she found a mutilated yearling steer in a pasture overlooking Eagle Nest Lake in August 1993. "I've seen cattle killed



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by bear, and I've seen wildlife like deer killed by a mountain lion and coyotes. And they don't just leave them intact after they ate the anus out. They usually devour them," she says. "I think this is definitely human." Motivation? "I have no idea. I think it's something nobody will ever know. I'd be amazed if we did find out."

Hornet says, "I think somebody does know, somewhere. That's what bothers me...It's somebody that's got some money and equipment. It's a sophisticated deal." Too high-tech, too clean, he says, for cultists. UFOs? I wouldn't rule 'em out, wouldn't rule 'em in," he says.

Valerio, whose Taos-based area included Eagle Nest, says many ranchers have clammed up about finding mutilations because previous reports went unheeded. The only way to fight it, he says, is for ranchers to report cattle deaths - even those readily explainable by lightning, poison, predatory attack, disease or accident. "A lot of people think if they don't say anything, it'll go away," Valerio says. "But it doesn't."

One who doesn't believe in staying silent in Gail Staehlin of Albuquerque, a volunteer mutilation sleuth, fascinated by unexplained phenomena. "It's the mystery of it," she says. Valerio says that Staehlin has helped him by helping organize ranchers and encouraging them to report suspected mutilations. Staehlin and a friend, Gene Nieri, head out on a moment's notice with video equipment when mutilations are reported.

The UFO phenomena fringe frustrates former FBI agent Ken Rommel of Santa Fe, whose govern-

ment-commissioned 1980 report blamed previous mutilations on predators. Rommel says that UFO buffs fan false rumors. He calls them "the garbage grapevine." Valerio says he's still infuriated by Rommel's report 14 years later. But Clair Hibbs, a veterinary pathologist who retired in 1989 as head of the New Mexico Agriculture Department's Veterinary Diagnostic Service, also blames most mutilations on predators attacking after cattle die. "I have looked at these in three different states - Kansas, Nebraska and New Mexico...I would say over 90 percent are due to predators of some type," Hibbs says.

Denver pathologist Dr. John Altshuler says that two of the recent spates of cattle deaths were most likely caused by "massive confluent bilateral bronchopneumonia," but he doesn't know who or what may have mutilated them.

Some deaths remain unexplained for lack of information, Hobbs says, adding that thorough post mortem examinations are necessary - preferably on entire carcasses. The state doesn't routinely conduct cattle post-mortems. The current Veterinary Diagnostic Service director in Albuquerque, John Thilsten, says the only way the agency would get involved would be if veterinarians referred cases. He says this hasn't happened.

The veterinarian who works in the Taos area with Valerio and ranchers there hasn't reported any cases, Thilsten says. The vet, Tim Johnson, repeatedly refused comment through aides when contacted by the Associated Press.

*As of late August, this number had increased to 15 according to the *NM MUFON News*, Number 19,

September 18, 1994, page 2. (Address: c/o Carolyn Duce-Ashe, P.O. Box 2786, Corrales, NM 87048.

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Cow Mutilation Mystery in Truchas Three Cattle Killed, Butchered in Night *by Zack Van Eyck*

This as an extract of an article that appeared in the August 23, 1994 issue of the Santa Fe New Mexican newspaper, page A-1 and A-3.

TRUCHAS - Three of his cows have been mutilated, their genitalia and udders removed, their bodies left to rot in a sun baked field just west of here. That's all Max Cordova knows for sure. The Cordova family discovered the three bodies Friday morning. The udder and vagina of each cow had been removed, and the tongue of each was cut off at the root. The anuses of two animals had been removed. There was no blood or evidence of struggle.

"I've butchered a lot of cows and when you take the tongue out, you really have to work at it," Max Cordova said, marveling at the apparent ease with which the tongues were extracted. "You could tell it wasn't predators because they always yank. It was a perfect cut. It was pretty gory."

The carcasses were mutilated in a manner consistent with about 30 other cases reported by nine Northern New Mexico ranchers in the past 16 months. A rash of cattle mutilations also was reported in

Northern New Mexico in the 1970s.

Max Cordova believes the cows might have died early Wednesday morning, when area residents reported hearing an increase in vehicular traffic along the dead-end Llano de Abeyta Road.

It's a serious matter to the Cordovas.

All three cows were believed to be pregnant. The calves would have been sold next year to help the family make ends meet. Max Cordova said the cows were worth about \$2,250, including the value of the unborn calves - a major financial blow to the family.

Max, Alberto and Max's son David - the only family members who handled the dead cows - reported feeling ill shortly after their initial contact with the cows. Max said he felt "achy" and said his son developed flu-like symptoms and had to come home early from work. He said his father was sick Sunday.

Gail Staehlin, an amateur volunteer cattle mutilation investigator based in Albuquerque, said Monday that people who touch mutilated cows often experience ill effects. She said Eagles Nest rancher Eli Hronich put his hand into the mouth of one of his cows that had been mutilated and his thumb "felt like it was on fire for a week."

Max Cordova said last week's mutilations, combined with reports of similar mutilations elsewhere in the region, are unfortunate for more than one reason. He is concerned people might get hurt if ranchers are careless in trying to protect their cattle.

Some people who have studied cattle mutilations suggest they are the work of natural predators and

scavengers. Others suggest lightning strikes, a secret government experiment, extraterrestrials or satanic cults are to blame for the strange killings.

"It's a bunch of garbage," says Ken Rommel Jr., who investigated 90 Northern New Mexico mutilation cases in 1980 through a grant from the First Judicial District attorney's office. "I'm not saying there's not some nuts who will go out and do anything, but (the mutilations are actually due to) normal deaths of livestock, normal scavengers and predators, and a hell of a lot of creative writing on the part of the media."

"UFOs? I personally find that hard to believe," Max Cordova said. "We need more facts." Whatever the cause or motivation behind the mutilations, Max Cordova is worried the trend will not disappear. That's why he wants someone - a state official or law enforcement officer - to examine his cows and document what took place.

Bizarre Cow Mutilation in Luna Canyon

by Andrea L. Buchanan

This is from an article which appeared in the September 15, 1994 issue of the Santa Fe New Mexican, p A1.

A cow was found bizarrely mutilated and two others were reported missing in Luna Canyon Tuesday evening, said Mora County Sheriff's Deputy, Greg M. Laumbach. Larry Gardea said he witnessed a strange occurrence Tuesday evening. He was taking care of cattle belonging to Estevan Sanchez of Chacon Canyon. Gardea said he was out about 5:30 p.m. checking on the cows when he heard a loud hum. "At first, I just thought it was someone nearby or something," he said.

Gardea said all of the cows began running away from the noise. Three who appeared to be pulled, struggling, by a strange beam through the trees toward the sound. "They were struggling and bawling and were pulled through the trees," Gardea said. "I shot at the beam with a 30.06 rifle and the hum stopped and the cows stopped bawling." The ordeal left one cow dead and mutilated, one cow injured and the other one missing, he said.

He became frightened, so he returned to the house and called the sheriff's department, Gardea said. Laumbach responded to the call and told Gardea to take him to where the attack occurred. Laumbach said they examined the dead cow, and discovered the jaw to be skinned on the right side and the animal's tongue removed. Also removed were the anus reproductive organs. The rest of the animal was intact.

"The wounds looked like they were done with a really sharp instrument, or something," said Laumbach. "There was no blood or anything - they weren't jagged." Laumbach said he saw no sign of a gun shot wound. He had no comment about Gardea's strange account.

"I haven't heard of anything like this since the late '70s or early '80s. I've heard of the same kind of things being reported but not recently," said undersheriff John Sanchez.

Many Theories, Few Answers in Mutilation Mystery

by Zack Van Eyck

This article appeared in the September 19, 1994 issue of the Santa Fe New Mexican, pp A1 and A-2.

In the late 1970s, at the height of cattle mutilation activity in the U.S., sheriff's deputies in Costilla County, Colorado witnessed a cow floating through the air in a beam of light. Ernest Sandoval, Costilla County sheriff 1970-86, vividly remembers the report he received from his startled deputies. A helicopter, the two men told him, had taken the cow away.

"I used to keep a 24-hour surveillance or patrol at certain places," the retired sheriff said recently in a telephone interview from his home in San Luis, Colorado, about twenty miles north of the New Mexico border. "One thing they did observe was a chopper carrying a cow from one place to another, which makes sense because we couldn't find any tracks around the (mutilated) animals or a place where a chopper landed or anything. There was a sort of harness hanging from the chopper."

In another instance, Sandoval said, a local couple saw a helicopter hovering near a county road and witnessed a man "on top" of a cow in a nearby pasture. The couple drove to Sandoval's office six miles away, and the sheriff immediately went with them to the scene. "The only thing we found when we came back was the cow - mutilated," Sandoval said.

Those eyewitness accounts and other sporadic reports of unidentified, low-flying helicopters in the area led Sandoval to conclude that some type of secret government or military operation was to blame for the mutilations. "We had the CBI (Colorado Bureau of Investigations) and the FBI down here and according to them it was predators doing this," Sandoval said with a chuckle. "We laughed right in their face."

Government or military involvement is one of the leading theories among cattle mutilation investigators - at least those in local law enforcement and the private sector. Official government or court-commissioned studies, like the one conducted by [ex-FBI agent] Ken Rommel, Jr. in New Mexico in 1980, have consistently determined that predators are to blame. "I'm not saying there's not some nuts who will go out and do anything, but this cattle mutilation business is a bunch of garbage," Rommel said recently, adding that the cases he examined were "absolutely normal deaths of livestock (due to) normal scavengers and predators and a hell of a lot of creative writing on the part of the media, and a lot of statements made by others unsupported by fact. You can see anything you want to in this world, particularly if you have a very good imagination."

The mutilations have continued throughout the country and across the world in the 14 years since Rommel's report. They have increasingly been associated with bizarre phenomena including UFO and Bigfoot sightings. But many remain convinced of the predator explanation. "I've looked at Ken Rommel's report and I think its conclusions are completely reasonable," said John Smallwood of Santa Fe, a co-founder of New Mexicans for Science and Reason. "I think that this is one of those things that would be very romantic and had mysterious things surrounding it, but I don't think the facts support it."

Those who have investigated cattle mutilations in an up-close-and-personal fashion say the cases do defy logic. "It's way beyond me," Las Animas County, Colorado sheriff Lou Girodo said. "I'm still puzzled by it...What I've handled,

there's no predator on the face of the earth that could do that. If there is, I wouldn't want to run into him."

If the mutilators are not natural predators, skeptics ask, why would the government or military need to massacre cows when they could easily raise their own herds or purchase cows for experimentation? One idea, proposed by several people - including writer and long-time mutilation investigator David Perkins - is that mutilators might be testing animals from areas of environmental contamination.

In a study conducted in the late 1970s, Perkins found that countless mutilation reports occurred downwind or downstream of nuclear power plants, nuclear weapons laboratories, nuclear test sites, military bases and government installations. In New Mexico, he discovered mutilations were reported near uranium mining operations in Grant and Hildalgo counties, near the site of 1960s underground nuclear detonations, and near the then-proposed site of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant. His research also revealed that mutilations in Sandoval, Santa Fe and Rio Arriba counties formed a tight ring around Los Alamos National Laboratory.

Perkins, a part-time Santa Fe resident, notes that more than a dozen cattle mutilations have taken place in the last 16 months near Eagle Nest, N.M., where "blue snow" fell on May 17 and 18 of 1955, causing some local residents to become burned or sick. A nuclear detonation had taken place in the Nevada desert on May 15 of that year. But whether such a pattern indicates government involvement is questioned by Perkins himself, and other researchers. "My theory is the government doesn't know any more

than us," Perkins said.

Some of Perkins' peers - and for a time Perkins himself - have looked to the most far-reaching and unbelievable explanation for the mutilations. They believe extraterrestrial beings may be responsible - perhaps in an effort to discover what environmental damage humans have inflicted on their own planet.

Linda Moulton Howe, who has written two books and produced two documentary films on cattle mutilations, is convinced the mutilations are the work of aliens. Seven people, she said, have told her they saw small gray beings carry cows away. Two Colorado ranch hands, she said, saw two of the beings "float" across a fence and into a corral to reach a cow.

Howe's belief has strengthened in more than 15 years of research, which began when she was a television producer at KMGH-TV, the CBS affiliate in Denver. "I thought, naively, 'I will get to the bottom of this. It's probably a government contamination problem,'" Howe said recently from her home in Pennsylvania. "In the first month I logged 50 or 60 interviews with deputies, ranchers and only one veterinarian, and everybody was telling me the same story about their encounters with gigantic orange discs over pastures where the mutilated animals were finally found."

A more down-to-earth but equally disturbing hypothesis is that satanic cults are responsible for the mutilations. Historically, cult activity has been among the first possible explanations mentioned when a mutilation takes place, but it rarely goes beyond speculation. "How could satanic cults or the U.S.

government finance and operate a worldwide multi-national intrusion into pastures after animals of every range of nature, including wild animals, for over 30 years?" Howe asks.

"I studied the occult for quite a while and there's always worshipping signs or something left at the scene," Girodo said. "We're not even getting footprints, tracks, not anything, and satanic cults will always leave something at the scene."

Because no one apparently has ever been caught in the act the puzzle lives on. "It's more complex than I think anybody realizes," Perkins concluded. "On the face of it, what's happening is impossible."

Special Thanks: Tom Adams, Paris, Texas for this and other articles on the cattle mutilation mystery.

Man Claims 'Sound' Linked to Mutilations

by Andrew Stiny

This is most of an article that appeared in the September 20, 1994 issue of the newspaper Journal North. It expands on the case reported above concerning mutilated cows being cared for by Larry Gardea.

A Mora County man says that as he stood near a mutilated cow he found last week, a mysterious sound beam seemed to drag a second moaning cow through the brush, while he fired two shots toward it. The incident that Larry Gardea says took place last Tuesday is the talk of the village of Chacon, about 13 miles north of Mora.

The 900-pound cow lay in an aspen grove - its tongue and sex organs gone. More than thirty cattle mutilations have been reported in northern

New Mexico in the past 18 months, prompting an investigation by the state Livestock Board. Gardea said in an interview at his home Saturday that as he was coming out of Lujan Canyon after a hunting trip about 5:30 PM Tuesday, he came across some cows that he caretakes intermingled with a neighbor's cows. He said one cow was dead. Another had a hole in it and a cut on its mouth, but he couldn't tell if the animal was alive or dead, he said.

"I heard a strange noise like a humming sound and the rest of the cows started running," Gardea said. "I kept hearing the humming sound...Another cow was laying there. I couldn't tell if it was dead or alive...I started getting closer and a third cow, it was being pulled by that beam through the brush. The cow (being dragged) was trying to get back on its feet. It was bawling, like an animal being hurt or tortured. I got my 30.06 (rifle) and shot twice through the brush where I heard it and the sound stopped...I wasn't about to go back in there."

Gardea, who declined to be photographed for this article, said he went to a phone and called the Mora County Sheriff's Office. He said when he returned to the area later, the cow being dragged and another cow were no longer there. "Whatever it was, it came back for the two cows," he said.

Estevan Sanchez, the owner of the dead cow, said all of his other cows are accounted for. Lonnie Clark, grandson of Lorraine Hurtado, who lives about one half mile from the dead cow, took a Journal North reporter and another witness to the site on Saturday. Clark said he visited the site the day after the cow was believed to have been killed. The dead cow lay against two small

aspen trees in an aspen grove about 40 yards from an abandoned cabin. It had a symmetrical hole, 8 to 10 inches in diameter, below its tail. The wound was about 8 to 10 inches deep and was divided in half by a bone. Blood had pooled in the lower half of the wound, although no blood appeared on the ground. The cow's mouth was open and most of the tongue was missing, but again, no blood was visible on the ground. Flies buzzed over the carcass, but the body was intact.

"All kinds of things crossed our minds," said Lorraine Hurtado when asked about the mutilation. "We wonder if it's something from outer space or by God. It's spooky, very spooky."

Larry Gardea lives in a trailer next to a house under construction, also about a half mile from the incident. He's from Carlsbad and has lived in Chacon for two months, helping build a house for his boss who's from Connecticut. He says he didn't see anything the night of the incident. "No helicopters, no planes, no nothing...It's just a 'beam.' It was just like a sound wave." Gardea describes the beam as sounding like an arc welder and says he has heard it before in Chacon. Tuesday's beam "right away reminded me of the noise I heard," Gardea said. "Some neighbors think they heard that type of noise at 2 PM" the day of the incident.

Gardea says he is scared, but "not out of my wits. Its a little spooky." He says when he goes into Chacon, a remote village at the end of NM 121, people point at him and stare.

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Estevan Sanchez, owner of the dead cow, said...that when he arrived Tuesday, the cow's carcass seemed to have been dead longer than the 1

to 1 1/2 hours that Gardea estimated. Sanchez said another cow was mutilated in the area six or seven years ago.

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Silent Helicopters

Silent helicopters are part of the lore surrounding the cattle mutilation phenomena, and have been so since at least the 1970s. One has to wonder when and where this technology was perfected. It is known that NASA has been conducting studies concerning how to make helicopters more silent for at least the past fifteen years, but this work by itself has probably not developed the technology to where it must be today.

McDonnell Douglas Helicopter Systems has now publicly introduced their new model MD 520N. This helicopter features a new drive train system which features a simple design for easy maintenance, much better reliability, mechanical flight controls, and something called a "NOTAR" anti-torque system. ("NOTAR" is a registered name.) The helicopter is five-bladed rather than the two or four blade rotors found on most helicopters.

The most unique feature of the MD 520N is the lack of a tail rotor. The NOTAR Anti-Torque System incorporates a fan-driven air circulation control, a thruster, and vertical and horizontal stabilizers within the aircraft's tailboom which allows for this feature. The lack of a tail rotor makes the aircraft safer to operate, eliminating many accidents. It also makes the craft quieter to operate,

up to 50% quieter than competitive aircraft. It can't be heard over the noise of a typical urban street. The craft can hover steadily in a 30-knot cross wind. Also, the aircraft can operate much nearer heavy foliage and high voltage power lines than normal helicopters, and it is also able to take off and land in confined areas. This makes the aircraft much more useful for law enforcement and power company purposes, as well as for emergency evacuation purposes on highways and in cities. It also sounds like the sort of craft that have been frequently reported in connection with cattle mutilations. One wonders if McDonnell Douglas got much of its technology for this helicopter from ultra-secret black work undertaken on behalf of the U.S. Government.

For more information on the MD 520N contact McDonnell Douglas Helicopter Company, 5000 E. McDowell Road, Mesa, AZ 85205.

One of Ours or Alien Craft?

by Pete Hartinger

Director, Roundtown UFO Society

On Sunday night, August 21, 194, at 10:35 PM, a triangle-shaped craft was observed flying over Route 23 in front of the DuPont plant, just south of Circleville, Ohio. It was heading northeast at about the 3000 ft. level and approximately 300-350 mph. It was first seen below the full moon for about 3 or 4 seconds. The whole sighting lasted about 20 seconds. These figures are of course estimated. No sound could be heard above the outside plant noise (which was moderate). The bottom of the craft was seen from the 5th floor of the plant. The craft looked grayish in color. It appeared to be a little longer than the fuselage of a Boeing 707. Two large white blinking lights were on the

Neil Armstrong and Len Stringfield

by William E. Jones

end. Both lights blinked at the same time. Another small red light appeared in the middle. Two small white lights were in [the] front bottom of the craft. These lights also blinked. [The] witness - who was I - was outside and looking toward the moon, which was high up in the Eastern sky. It was cloudless at the time in that section of the sky. The outline of the craft could be clearly seen because of the moonlight. The craft was last seen just east of the local General Electric plant, still flying horizontal. I later called Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base [south of Columbus]. No other calls had been received [by them about this sighting] at that time.

My personal feeling is that it could have been one of our secret craft or a stealth bomber, because the lights looked conventional. Further investigation will be required. Our chief investigator, Delbert Anderson, took my signed report. Delbert is also the Assistant State Section Director [in the area] for the Mutual UFO Network.

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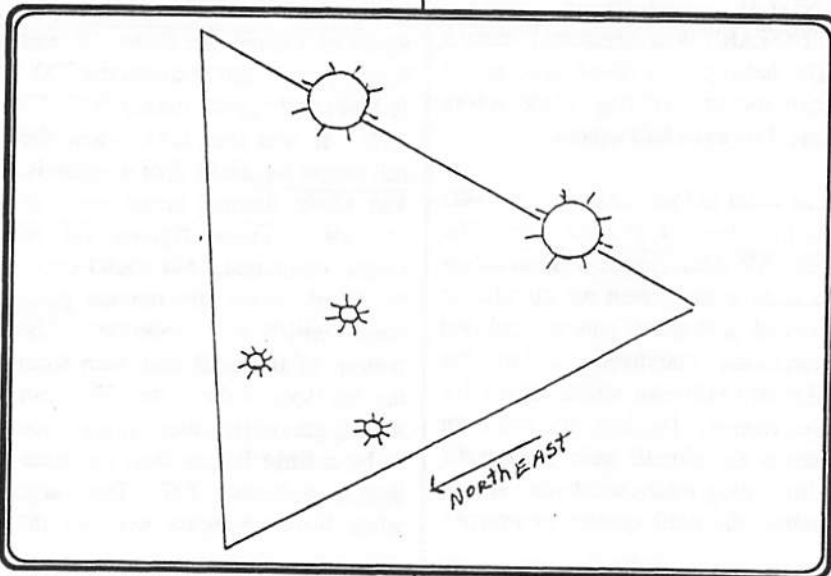
Len Stringfield died on December 18, 1994. One of the early pioneers in the field of ufology, Len truly made his mark on history with his work on flying saucer crash retrieval stories, an area of research which he legitimized with his hard work, integrity and willingness to protect the identity of his sources. Almost everyone who read Len's status reports or heard him speak about the stories his sources told him wanted to know who those sources were. Len's critics correctly pointed out that without the identity of the sources, the stories were not evidence of the truth of what the sources were telling him. Len recognized this criticism, but he replied that if he didn't protect his sources he would get no further information from them, or anyone else for that matter. More importantly, Len pointed out that he gave his sources his word to protect them and he would not dishonor his commitments. Who could ethically argue with that response? However, most

of us still hoped that we would one day know who the sources were.

Now that Len has passed on, I can relate a story that he told me about two special people who wanted to know the identity of his sources. The importance of this story lies in their identity. One is a person who, as far as I know, has never made a public statement about the UFO phenomena. The other was a person who, in many respects, defined the best of what ufology has to offer to this day. One is dead and the other still doesn't speak about UFOs. If this story is true, and since Len Stringfield is his source I am sure that it is, then there is a bigger story here than any of us know, and it may be more important than the identity of Len's sources.

A number of years ago when retired astronaut Neil Armstrong was on the Board of Directors of a Cincinnati, Ohio bank, he and Dr. J. Allen Hynek (astronomer, consultant to the Air Force's now closed Project Blue Book, founder of the Center for UFO Studies, and a true gentleman) both approached Len in person with a proposal that was designed to protect the names of Len's 40 to 50 plus first hand government related informants who communicated with him about crash/retrieval matters. Armstrong told Len that he could put the list of names in a lock box at Armstrong's bank, to which it was assumed Armstrong would also have access. Thus, in the event of Len's death, the names wouldn't be lost. To Len's credit, he turned the offer down.

There are rumors currently circulating within the UFO research community about the disposition of Len's



records, including that coveted list of names. The most recent and unlikely rumor has it that Roswell crash story researcher Karl T. Pflock was given the names. A person close to the Stringfield family has stated that this and other rumors are untrue. Len's files have remained in the family. This is perhaps where they should stay.

Good bye, Len. You were respected and loved by many. I hope we meet again.

U.S.S. Franklin D. Roosevelt CVA-42- Part II

The Summer 1994 issue of the *Ohio UFO Notebook* contained an article about UFO sightings from the now scrapped aircraft carrier U.S.S. Franklin D. Roosevelt. Ufologist Chet Grusinski (19780 Vermader,

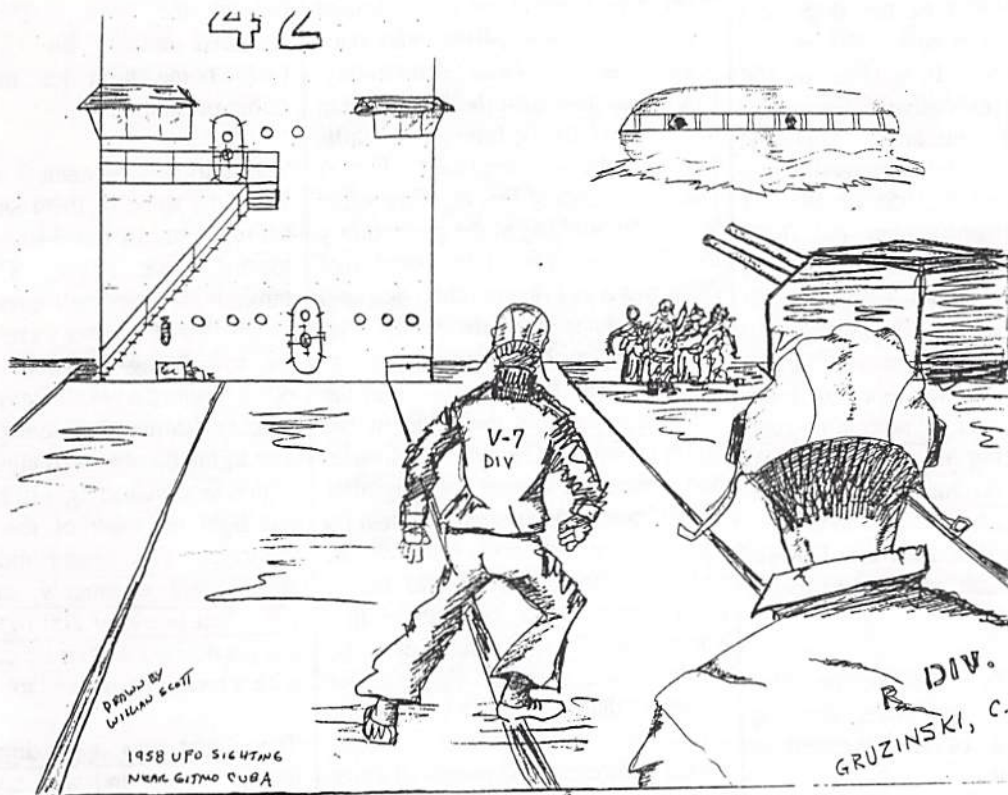
Clinton TWP, Michigan 48035) provided the information for the article. His major research interest is locating witnesses to these events. In this follow up article we learn about Mr. Grusinski's own sighting from this historic ship.

The U.S.S. Franklin D. Roosevelt was on a shakedown cruise near Cuba when Mr. Grusinski's sighting occurred in September or October of 1958. It was between 8 and 10 PM. in the evening. The sky was clear and the air was warm. Mr. Grusinski had gone up to the ship's flight deck when he was not on duty; by rights, he should not have been there.

He and others saw a "small light" following the ship. Suddenly the light caught up with the ship. It

appeared to be a cigar shaped craft. As described by Mr. Grusinski, "It had a row of windows with figures inside watching us. I could feel the heat from the object on my face. It was silent." He estimates that up to 25 other men on the flight deck saw the object. He remembers that the bridge watch was paging over the ship's speaker system for the officer of the deck or bridge to return on the double. Suddenly the object turned a red-orange color and took off very fast. The sighting may have lasted five minutes or more.

Investigators came aboard ship later on the pretext of investigating below deck gambling, but they questioned many sailors about the sighting. Mr. Grusinski thinks that some of these investigators were from the Central Intelligence Agency. His First Class



TV Show Encourages UFO Reports

by Frank B. Reams

Petty Officer questioned him about what he had seen. He replied that he didn't know what it was. After that he heard nothing more about the incident.

Years after leaving the Navy Mr. Grusinski joined the F.D.R. reunion group so that he could be in touch with people who had been on the flight deck when the sighting occurred. He heard of other UFO researchers who had documented other sightings from the F.D.R. and he wanted to document his own sighting. He identified one person who had been on the flight deck, but he was deceased. The wife of this witness stated that her husband had discussed the sighting on occasion, saying that he had observed a "big red ball leaving the ship."

In March of 1978, a Randolph W. Liebeck of Marion, North Carolina was looking into reports of UFOs seen from the F.D.R. and located the Executive Officer of the ship from the time period at issue. His name is C. L. Burbage. In a letter to Mr. Liebeck, the executive officer gave the following comments: "This is in reference to your letter concerning an alleged incident in 1958 or 1959 of an object hovering over the flight deck of the Franklin D. Roosevelt. I regret that I cannot glamorize an incident as it would undoubtedly make for good reading and further lend credence to the theory of flying objects. However, I know of no such thing happening during the shake-down period at Guantanamo Bay or at any other place. I was aboard for the entire period and am sure I would be aware of such an incident had it happened."

Mr. Grusinski's search goes on. Can you help? (A copy of a drawing made by him of the incident is included herein.)

Approximately four years ago in the *Ohio UFO Notebook*, I reported an incident which occurred in 1966 at the old Ohio Penitentiary in Columbus, Ohio. At the time I was only able to talk to one witness who remembered the event and another who remembered it poorly because he had two strokes in the 1980s. In May of 1994 MORA produced a television program in Columbus on the Public Access cable channel and one of the cases featured was this one. We requested that anyone having knowledge of this case to contact us. The request brought results.

We were contacted by Ralph White who currently works in the state correctional system who said that he had heard stories of this sighting and thought he could put us in touch with others who knew about it. He helped me contact Frank Miller who once worked at the Ohio Penitentiary. Frank had also seen the TV program and he said that it brought on chills because he remembered former guards discussing this sighting when he started working at the penitentiary in 1968. (It should be noted that there was a gag rule in effect that said anything happening inside the Pen was never to be discussed on the outside.) Mr. Miller told us that the supervisor on duty the night of the sighting was a Captain Smith who had committed suicide not long after the sighting had occurred. He had no idea if the two incidents were related. Frank Miller said he would see if others might have been there that night and, if so, would they be willing to talk about the sighting. He preferred that they contact me, so he refused to give me addresses or telephone numbers. The names of Dave

Stokes, Russell Brisnton and a "Joseppi" were mentioned. So far no one has contacted me.

While this helps confirm that the incident occurred, further direct testimony is needed, and we hope some of these folks or others will ultimately come forward. For the record, the story as we told it on TV was very close to what Ralph White and Frank Miller had heard from other employees at the Pen.

Gary Spadlin is another individual who contacted us about his UFO sighting after seeing our TV program. Gary had his sighting on Wednesday, October 17, 1973. It was during the 1973 UFO flap that has attained almost mythic proportions in UFO lore. He was 14 years old at the time. The sighting occurred outside his Grove City, Ohio home with his mother and father present.

The time was between 9 and 10 PM when the three of them saw unusual acting lights in the distance coming toward their house. They went through the usual self questioning as to whether the lights were a helicopter, low flying plane, or had some other common explanation. They quickly dismissed these explanations. The lights became a triangular object with a large white light in front and a red light on each of the two rear corners. The object moved very slowly and eventually came right over their house at 200 foot altitude. Gary said he felt like he could hit it with a rock if he wanted to.

The object was approximately 200 feet in length and was a dull gray color. The surface was smooth. The

observers heard no sound until it was directly overhead and then they heard a hum like that heard from a AC motor. The object was traveling southwest to northeast, which means it was heading toward the center of Columbus. Even though it was a clear night, after the object passed drops of moisture fell from the sky.

MORA member Erinn Nicely checked the newspaper files and found several UFO reports in the local *Columbus Dispatch* around that date. The newspaper for October 18, 1973, notes that there were 150 UFO reports made to the Columbus and Franklin County law enforcement authorities on Wednesday, October 17. This was reportedly the largest number of UFO reports made to the Columbus Police Department for a twenty four hour period ever. A *Dispatch* reporter took pictures of a formation of four UFOs over the Grove City area at around 10 PM Wednesday night. The photographer Ken Chamberlain said, "I was scared. I didn't know what it was. I just knew I had to get a picture of it." UFOs were reported that night at Blacklick, Grove City, over Frank Road and Harrisburg Pike on Columbus' southwest side, and in Madison and Perry townships. There were 40 to 50 UFO reports each of the other days from October 16 through 22 in Franklin County.

Interestingly, October 10 through 22, 1973 included some of the best UFO cases on record, including the Hickson-Parker abduction in Louisiana, the Coyne Helicopter case from near Mansfield, Ohio and a sighting by then Ohio Governor John

Gilligan.

The TV show brought us some interesting cases and it was fun to do.

The Mantell Case - A Final Answer

Reference: Greenwood, Barry, "The Mantell UFO - A Smoking Gun? Maybe! Part Two." *Just Cause*, June 1994, Number 40, pp 8-12. (c/o Citizens Against UFO Secrecy, Box 176, Stoneham, MA 02180)

On January 7, 1948 a truly historic UFO case occurred. It is noted in almost every book and magazine article which discusses the history of "ufology", the name given the yet to be "officially" recognized science of the study of unidentified flying objects. On that day a twenty five year old Kentucky Air National Guard pilot died in the crash of his F-51 pursuit aircraft southwest of Franklin, Kentucky. Many people came to believe that Captain Thomas F. Mantell Jr. died chasing a flying saucer. The evening edition headline of the *Louisville Courier* read, "F-51 and Capt. Mantell Destroyed Chasing Flying Saucer." A legend was born.

At 1:20 PM on that fateful day, a tower operator at Godman Field, the air field serving Fort Knox, took a call from the Fort Knox military police who were passing along a report from the Kentucky State Highway Patrol about an unusual object over Mayville, a town about 80 miles to the east. The tower checked in with Wright Field in Dayton, Ohio to see if they had any aircraft in the vicinity; they reported none. Reports from the Patrol kept coming in from other locations describing a westbound circular object 250 to 300 feet in diameter. Soon thereafter, the tower operators

themselves saw an unusual object characterized by one as a "parachute with the bright sun shining on top of the silk...an ice cream cone topped with red."

As this event was unfolding, four F-51's approached the Field on the way from Georgia to Standiford Air Field in northern Kentucky. They were led by Captain Mantell. The tower asked the flight to investigate the object, which by then was within the sight of the airmen. One of the planes, low on fuel, continued on to Standiford. The other three went in pursuit. Mantell reported that the object was "in sight above and ahead of me, and it appears to be moving at about half my speed or approximately 180 miles and hour." Asked to describe the object, he replied, "It appears to be a metallic object or possibly reflection of the sun from a metallic object, and is of tremendous size." The flight turned sharply and climbed to get closer. At 16,000 feet the pilot of the only plane in pursuit with oxygen, put on his mask; some reports indicate that none of the three aircraft were equipped with oxygen. It is certain that Mantell's aircraft had no oxygen. The planes went to 20,000 feet. One of Mantell's wing men did not see what Mantell described, observing only a small bright-appearing object that seemed to be very far away. At 22,500 feet, with oxygen running low, the two other aircraft broke away as Mantell continued to climb higher. Mantell was not heard from again. According to ground witnesses, his plane was seen circling and then power diving slowly into the ground. Mantell was killed in the crash.

Since that time various explanations for the Mantell object and the

reason for the crash have been postulated. Venus, a Skyhook balloon from Clinton County Air Base in southern Ohio, and a lethal ray shooting spaceship have all been used to explain the event. Now perhaps, thanks to Mr. Greenwood, we may have the answer.

In late 1992, researcher Robert Todd received an assortment of photographs of various balloon launches from a Professor Charles Moore, one of a team of researchers who performed balloon-borne scientific experiments during the 1947-49 time period. The date on the back of one was "1-6-48." Todd recognized the date as one day prior to the Mantell incident. Knowing of Greenwood's interest in this incident, he contacted Greenwood and provided him with Moore's telephone number.

According to Professor Moore, the balloon's purpose was to hoist a cosmic ray experiment into the stratosphere, part of a series of experiments being conducted during that time. The instrument package hung below an unpacked parachute, both of which were attached to the lower portion of the balloon. Upon the triggering of a clock timer, the instrument package would be released and float to earth by means of the parachute. This particular experiment malfunctioned and was presumably lost after passing off the east coast near the Georgia/South Carolina border.

This balloon was launched at about 8 AM from Camp Ripley, Minnesota, located near the town of Little Falls. When airborne, the Skyhook balloon drifted southeast, confirmed by theodol-

ite tracking. Sometime subsequent to the balloon drifting over the horizon, Moore recalled radio reports of a flying saucer over Illinois, and later Kentucky and Tennessee. With the time lag between the camp Ripley launch at 8 AM on January 6 and the first reports from Kentucky at 1 PM on January 7, which led to the Mantell pursuit, the time lag of 29 hours (factoring in a drift speed of 18 to 25 MPH) is a reasonable one to put the balloon over Kentucky at the right time to explain the sighting. The distance from Camp Ripley to northeastern and central Kentucky is between 700 and 750 miles. It appears that the Mantell UFO case has been solved.*

There is an interesting sidebar story associated with the Mantell case. Captain Edward Ruppelt, the one time head of the Air Force's UFO research effort, Project Blue Book, suggested in his landmark UFO book "The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects" that the Mantell UFO might have been a Skyhook balloon launched from Ohio's Clinton County Air Base. Ruppelt noted that people who worked on Skyhook projects remembered operating out of that airport in 1947, but he could not confirm a January 7, 1948 flight. Professor Moore, who did work on Skyhook projects, ruled out such a flight, saying that, "...the first Skyhook-type balloon launch ever from Clinton County airport occurred on July 9, 1951. The first flights from that site were made in the summer of 1951 by members of the New York University under Air Force Contract AF 19(122)-633 and are described in New York University Research Division Technical Report 172.1 dated October 15, 1951. I can state with assurance that no large polyethylene balloons

were ever launched from Clinton County prior to 1951."

According to the Barry Greenwood report, Professor Moore recalled meeting with Ruppelt and discussing the Clinton County balloon launch explanation. Greenwood naturally asks, if this is true, why did Ruppelt continue to support the Clinton County launch story? He answers the question by postulating that the Navy, which funded and directed the Skyhook program, did not want to be held responsible for Mantell's death, even after the program was later declassified. Further, admitting that the truth behind the original story was suppressed would possibly have aroused unwanted suspicions that the government was not being truthful with it's UFO related statements. So, the facts were denied the American public and another government lie lived on for many years.

If you wish to learn more about this explanation, we strongly recommend that you write Barry Greenwood and obtain a copy of the full report referenced above. (A copy of this report has been filed at the Ohio State University Main Library, Special Collections Division, where it will be on permanent retention for current and future research use.)

*For further information see David R. Saunders and R. Roger Harkins, *UFOs? Yes!*, New York, Signet Books, 1968, p64 and 65.

We have included several stories in past Ohio UFO Notebooks on the Mantell case and we include this article here since it is the most likely explanation for the legendary case.

'Doomsday' Plane at WPAFB

The so-called doomsday plane that would carry the President aloft in the event of nuclear war or other national emergency will use Ohio's Wright-Patterson Air Force Base as one of its three alternate bases. WPAFB is replacing Indiana's Grissom Air Force Base, which has been converted to a reserve base. The home base of the E4-B, a militarized version of the Boeing 747, is Offutt Air Force Base in Nebraska. The plane, one of four such aircraft, is moved periodically to other bases to decrease its vulnerability. Known officially as the National Airborne Operations Center, the aircraft is crammed with communication equipment designed to allow the President, the Secretary of Defense, and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff to direct military action in the event of a nuclear war or other serious national emergency. The aircraft can also be used by the Federal Emergency Management Agency during lesser emergencies and natural disasters.

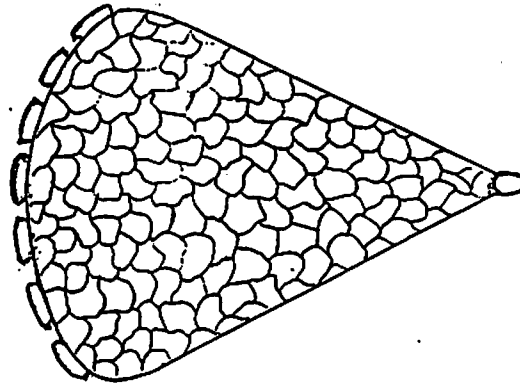
Source: Sandusky Register, Sunday, October 23, 1994. Special thanks to Vera Perry.

Five Indiana Witnesses Observe Strange Object

by Francis L. Ridge, MUFON State Director for Indiana
Norma J. Croda, MUFON Field Investigator

Friday, September 9, 1994, 8:30 PM.
Raccoon Lake, Parke County, Indiana. Five witnesses observed a strange "parent object" approximately eight miles west of Rt. 231 on Rt. 36.

Evelyn Easson received a call from Steve Buchanan telling her that beach-ball sized green balls of light had come out of the woods over near



Robert Taylor

Sept. 9, 1994, 8:30 PM. RACCOON LAKE, IN. PARKE COUNTY

his employer's house (Dave) at about 8:30 PM.

Mrs. Easson: "Steve and Linda had seen the same lights on February 4. My husband and I went to pick up Steve to go to Dave's and, just as I pulled into Buchanan's lane (about 9:20 PM) I noticed a strange light in the sky. Steve, Bill and I watched with us. The object moved in a zig-zagged way a short distance. When we had been watching 15 minutes, Steve called Dave (who had been watching from his home and had made the initial sighting) and he came over and watched with us. Suddenly a white speck of light zoomed over us to our right going east to west and hovered over the object. A light came up and (it) took it in. The a second speck of light flew east to west over us, but to the left of us and went into the rounded edge of the object. About a half hour later the object spun around, green light now at top, red light at bottom. A speck of

light came out of the right side as the object had spun around, and another from the bottom. It then zig-zagged to the right a short distance and the specks each flew back west. The object flared when we shined a spotlight at it. Other times (it) flared as well. Back light blinked a couple of times."

Bill Easson reported that his vision was not sharp enough to see the detail his wife had reported and drawn. He just saw a bright light several times brighter than any star, which exhibited several colors. The object had hovered for over two hours, but distinctly moved twice, once to the right, then once to the left.

The object did not "leave", but the Earth's rotation took it below the horizon. In sight approximately two and a half hours. Venus was in the southeast, nowhere in the vicinity of the strange object. During the next

few nights the witnesses looked in the same area but never saw the strange object.

We hesitate labeling objects beyond the close encounter range, not necessarily because of the distance, but due to the usual lack of detail for identification purposes. However, in this case we don't have to worry about a witness with poor vision or a witness who stretched the facts or one who simply couldn't figure out what he/she was seeing due to ignorance. There were five adult witnesses and the FI (field investigator) feels that these people simply reported what they saw.

The main object, possibly a "parent craft", and smaller objects, possible other craft or "probes", was observed for two and one-half hours. The main object moved a couple of times, but mostly hovered. The main object report passes the Natural Source Test. This was not a star, nor a planet. Venus was visible at the same time in the southwest.

This report also passes the Man-made Source Test for the same reasons mentioned above. Blimps can hover, but the description and length of time observed rules this out. Everything else has to move to stay in the air or, in the case of balloons, don't hover that long, nor do they have lights of that type. Man-made fixed structures were ruled out. Hoax by witnesses was ruled out.

This report has been given the preliminary identification of UNKNOWN, Significant, because it was some kind of craft with other objects coming and going from it. Main object was observed over a long period of time. Berliner Strangeness Scale: 02 (Night Object), Berliner Credibility Scale of 02 (Multiple Average Witness). Speiser Strangeness Scale: S4

(Strange, does not conform to known principles, Speiser Probability Scale P4 credible and sound).

Ten days later, on the 19th of September, the investigating FI and her daughter observed a strange object in the same general direction.

However, this time from the northwest corner of Indianapolis. The object appeared to be only about a mile away. The event started at 9:00 PM.

Norma Croda had gone outside to talk with some neighbors and noticed a bright light above a house, which was a half-block to the west. She was very bright red and green lights flashing, went inside to get binoculars and watched through the upstairs window. When focused in, the colored lights, red, green, and yellow, appeared in a band around the center of the white light. The colored lights seemed to be rotating. Her daughter, who saw the object for only about ten minutes, took the binoculars and after 3-5 minutes said it was turning and moving. The light slowly moved to the northwest. They tried to follow it in their car but lost it. Observation time: 45 minutes.

The next evening and subsequent evenings there was no similar object observed, therefore this was not an astronomical object. The length of time observed by a trained observer also eliminates aircraft. The case is still under investigation by Indiana MUFON.

Virgin Blimp Mistaken for UFO

According to the September 3, 1994 issue of Elyria, Ohio's *The Chronicle-Telegram*, a mini-flap of UFO sightings in the area was

caused by the misidentification of a large blimp owned by Virgin Lightship of Orlando, Florida. The company was reportedly formed in 1989 and is one of several companies in the Virgin Group of Companies, including a record company which records such acts as Janet Jackson, The Rolling Stones, and Smashing Pumpkins. The blimp company owns two lightships is the U.S., one in England and one in mainland Europe.

According to company representative Bruce Renny, this lightship was traveling from Minneapolis to Lakehurst, New Jersey. It traveled 1,200 miles in 31 hours in what the company hopes to be record time. The companies blimps are referred to as "lightships" because they are illuminated from the inside. Thus, they appear as huge saucer shaped objects from some angles. "They're often mistaken for UFOs," said Renny. The European lightship once attracted the attention of about 400 drivers in Germany which was advertising a Pink Floyd concert. The drivers followed it for miles before recognizing what it was or giving up. We bet a terrific traffic jam was created in the process.

References: *The Chronicle-Telegram*, September 1, 2, 3 & 9, 1994; *The Morning Journal*, Lorain, Ohio, August 31 and September 2 & 3, 1994.

Source: Galen F. Kelley, Vermilion, Ohio

The Government Cover-Up, A Viewpoint

Attorney Daniel Sheehan, graduate in the Harvard Law School Class of 1970, founder, president and general counsel of the public interest law firm called the Christic Institute, had

the following to say during an America Online computer based discussion on behalf of the Institute for the Study of Contact with Non-Human Intelligence conducted on January 15, 1995. Mr. Sheehan has become one of the top experts in the country on the subject of government secrecy and covert operations because of his work on the Karen Silkwood case against the Kerr McGee Nuclear Corporation, the Greensboro Civil Rights case against the Ku Klux Klan, attempts to reveal and prosecute participants in the "Off the Shelf Enterprise" related to the Iran-Contra scandal and other similar high profile cases. (Q. is a question, S. is Mr. Sheehan.)

Q. When we talk about government cover-ups of UFO materials, what government are we talking about? The intelligence services and military?

S. Yes, we are talking primarily about the Operations Directorate of the American CIA, the National Security Agency, the Defense Industrial Security Command, and the U.S. Pentagon. This also includes the intelligence services and military of the Soviet Union and NATO.

...
It is perfectly clear from the FOIA [Freedom of Information Act] litigation that's been conducted that numerous agencies of the federal Executive Branch of the American Government possess numerous files directly related to the UFO phenomenon which they are refusing to share with the American public or the world.

I have had a personal experience encountering this secrecy phenomenon back in 1978 when I recommended that the major national religious denominations undertake

an investigation of the UFO phenomenon. I was informed by the Congressional Research Service of the Library of Congress that significant information was being withheld from the American public by the Executive Branch.

Q. Daniel...have you ever come across information that would implicate the involvement of the Vatican?

S. We do not yet know exactly what the configuration is of the national or international structure that coordinates the gathering and evaluation of UFO and ET data. This will be one of our objectives to be determined by the investigations of the organizations and individuals to whom I will be counsel...With regard the Vatican, I know there is a significant amount of data in Rome at the Vatican Library concerning the UFO and ET phenomena, but this is classified and was refused to the U.S. Jesuit headquarters when requested in 1978.

Q. [It has been said] that [President] Clinton has issued a directive for the controlled release of UFO information. Any comments on this?

S. Efforts are underway to obtain such a release by President Clinton, but this has not been secured yet.

Q. One popular theory holds that the Government doesn't know much more about the alien existence than we civilians do, and that their reason for covering up what they know is to avoid the anarchy they know would erupt if they were to admit total lack of control over our airspace, i.e. national security. Your comments?

S. It is very unlikely that the U.S. Executive Branch has not devoted many hundreds of thousands of hours to the study of the phenomenas of UFOs and ET intelligence.

However this does not mean that it is by any means certain that they have been able to come up with any single definitive set of answers. I do not personally believe the...ETs or any subset of the ETs has established a direct working relationship with the U.S. Executive Branch. I believe that the ETs are intelligent enough not to trust these people. As to exactly what the U.S. Government concluded based upon their significant investigations in these areas, has not yet been determined. This will be another important area for our determination during the following year.

Q. How many people and how much money does our Government put into UFO research and surveillance?

S. This is probably one of the components of the "black budget" and therefore will be difficult to determine.

For a somewhat different point of view, see the letter from Robert J. Durant in the Letters to MidOhio column.

Special thanks to Jim Spangler for this transcript.

Abduction Transcript

A man we shall name Chuck came to several MORA meetings before admitting to one of our members that he was interested in having someone hypnotize him. He stated that he had partial memories of events in his life which he believed were related to abduction like experiences and he wanted help in learning more about them. After evaluating him and his situation, a qualified hypnotist was located and two sessions were held. The results were not unusual for those familiar with the subject, but we are includ-

ing part of the two session transcripts here for the record and for your information.

(I. indicates questions from one of the two investigators involved. C. is Chuck's response.)

An event that Chuck wanted to review occurred when he was asleep on his girlfriend's couch with an afghan pulled over his head. He determined later that his girl friend had been asleep in her bedroom and could not have been the figure he remembered seeing.

C. A shadow went from my left side past my feet to my head.

I. Look carefully at the shadow in slow motion. [Chuck could see through the holes in the afghan.]

C. [The figure has] a small waist. It has a belt. The belt is like a bunch of cords. It is blue gray...I see the shirt. It's cut different from ours. It doesn't have buttons down the front. It seems attached at the side...The thing I notice most is the eyes. Black - bigger than ours. I can see its cheek bones. They're small. It has a small ear. It's almost like it has two small holes.

I. Does it have any hair?

C. I don't see any. It really doesn't have a nose. The eyes are shaped a lot like ours but bigger and no white. Just all black.

I. How big is this shadow?

C. It seems tall, but its face is close to me and it doesn't seem to be bending over.

I. Did you see anything about its hands?

C. Hands are real skinny.

I. Are they as big as yours?

C. Maybe as long, but narrower.

I. Are you afraid?

C. I feel like I should be, but I'm not.

I. Did he communicate with you?

C. I understood.

I. You understood what?

C. It wasn't going to hurt me.

I. He told you that?

C. I just knew it. ... He touches my shoulder. His hands are cold.

I. What does he do next?

C. He touches my face.

I. Which side does he touch?

C. Left side. He's putting pressure under my left eye. ... He goes back the side of my head, my neck and pulls up my hair. He moves my head to the side and it feels warm behind my ear.

I. What does he do next?

C. He's just standing there.

The first session is ended soon afterward. Before the second session, Chuck tells the hypnotist that he is starting to remember being in a white room which is bright and does not seem to have any corners. This is where he asks the second session to begin.

I. How did you get on this vehicle?

C. They take me.

I. From where...from your bed?

C. Yeah.

Chuck describes being led up the stairs in his house, through the dining room, and then outside past the tennis court and swimming pool. He is led down a path and across the road into a corn field where he sees a "ball." He hears only a hum. He is led underneath this ball into a "circle." He and one of the beings stand in this circle. A white light then comes on which seems to lift them up into the ship. It was "like an elevator, only faster."

Chuck then finds himself on a table, which he describes as having "white legs, four legs. It's waist high. It's metal, There's a ridge on the edge. It's for drainage. There's a hole in it. It goes around the edge...a smooth rounded edge."

I. How many are working on you at this time?

C. Three. ... They bring some kind of machine down to my mouth and it holds my mouth open. It hurts a little. I feel like gagging...I can't swallow ... There's something in the tube...it's like a cable. [Chuck starts gagging badly so he is told to move ahead in his memory.]

I. What are you thinking?

C. I just want to get out.

I. How do they keep you on the table? Are you restrained?

C. I don't know. I just don't move.

I. When they put his thing down your throat you didn't try to resist, close your mouth or something?

C. I tried to put my head back.

I. And what did they do?

C. Just moved it forward.

Chuck is then asked to describe the room he is in.

C. The walls are all white. ... It's not real bright, but it's very well lit.

I. Are they like our lights?

C. It's just bright.

I. You mean everything is white?

C. Not everything. But the walls, the floor.

I. Where are you at the present time? What are you doing?

C. I'm on a table...lying on my back. ... Something's covering my eye.

I. Which eye?

C. My right eye. ... I just can't see out of my right eye. It's like it's closed. But I can see out of my left.

I. What do you see with your left eye?

C. I see a panel in the wall to my left across the room. Somebody is standing or sitting. I can't tell if they're standing or sitting. ... And it looks like he's going through charts or something.

I. What do you mean, somebody? Is it a person?

C. No.

...

I. Does he communicate with you in any way?

C. They seem kind of cold. It's like it's just their job.

I. What happens next? What is he doing?

C. He's looking down at me. He has a light, like a flashlight or something. I know it shines in my eye.

I. The eye that's open or the other eye?

C. My left eye.

I. What does he do next?

C. He reaches for something. It's to my left. I can't see it.

I. Can you hear anything when he reaches for it?

C. Yeah. It's metal. It's like he pulls it across the room, like it's on wheels. It's not big but it's kind of bulky. ... He pulls it over to the table. There's an arm that swings toward my face. ... He moves it down and I'm looking up and see there's a almost like a tube and lowers it down to my left eye. That's all.

I. Did it hurt?

C. Something goes in. ... I can feel it go in. It goes in the eye.

I. How's the pain?

C. I just feel weak. ... I feel something under my eye. Something is holding my eye open. It's something...something pushing on my socket.

I. And does it hurt yet?

C. It's not excruciating, but it hurts. ... Well, it's like it's in there holding my eye open. My eyelids won't move.

I. What happens next?

C. There's someone standing at the end of the table. [There are now two

individuals working on him, on by his head the other at his feet.] He has something in his arms...his hands. He has a [small] tray in his arms. [He's] just standing there. I think he is doing something to the arm.

I. To your arm?

C. No, to the arm that the needle's [attached to].

I. Do they pull it out of your eye now?

C. Yeah.

I. What do they do next?

C. The one by my head moves the arm.

I. Which way did he move the arm?

C. Over my right shoulder.

I. What happens next?

C. He puts his hand under my arm and helps me get off the table.

I. How do you feel?

C. A little unsteady.

Three individuals, two behind him and one in front, escort Chuck into another room. He remembers wearing something around his neck at this time. He states that it is like an apron which feels as if it is made of plastic.

I. You mean it comes down your front?

C. Yeah. But there's no strings and it doesn't go down my back and it has a pocket.

I. Which side is the pocket on?

C. On my left breast.

Chuck describes the room as "kind of dark." There are benches that come out of the wall, the tops of which are dark and the sides gray. The individuals leave, but he notices that there is another person in the room with him. He describes the person as male, older, with brown hair but "kind of bald on top." He does not attempt to talk to this person because the "beings" did not want him to, explaining that "it's sort of like against the rules." When asked how he knows this he replies, "I've been here before."

Chuck reports that his left eye feels OK at this point and his right eye is no longer covered. He can see with both eyes.

The beings return and take Chuck "to the pad outside." He still has the apron or collar on. He states that he did not attempt to remove it during this experience. When the beings released him they removed the apron.

I. Was there anything said to you mentally?

C. They'll be back.

I. What makes you say that?

C. It's just the feeling I get.

I. The next place you find yourself is where?

C. At home, in bed.

I. Do you think it was a dream?

C. Sort of...I'm cold.

Chuck was brought out of the hyp-

notic state at this point. We do not know if he will continue with any more sessions. He seemed satisfied with the results of these two sessions, and may not wish to pursue the matter further.

Investigators: Frank B. Reams and Mark Savage

Abduction Near Pocomoke

Tracy, a 21 year old woman, was working for the National Park Service as a ranger along the Virginia Eastern Shore of the Chesapeake Bay at the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge at the time of this incident in early August of 1983. One evening she and two friends, a young man and a young woman who worked with her, drove north into Maryland on Route 13 to attend a movie and have dinner in the town of Salisbury, Maryland. After the evening was complete they returned home via the same route. Tracy was driving and her two friends were napping beside her.

The last main intersection before the one they had to turn on to return to Chincoteague is at Pocomoke City, Maryland, a short distance north of the Virginia border. At this point they were approximately a thirty minute drive from home. It was about 9:00 PM. While sitting at the intersection waiting for the light to change Tracy noticed an unusual light in the sky to her left. Then, as she was trying to figure out what the light might be it appeared almost instantaneously on her right. The next thing she remembered was waking up and asking her friends where they were. They looked at their watches; almost two hours had passed since they were at the intersection in Pocomoke. Soon, after returning to the main highway,

Route 13, they found they were near Hallwood, well south of the turnoff to Chincoteague. They had no idea how they got there or how so much time had passed. This event has bothered Tracy ever since and she asked one of our investigators to arrange a hypnosis session to see if anything could be uncovered. What follows is a partial integrated transcript of two hypnosis sessions which were conducted eight months apart, both of which covered the same event. The only differences in the outcomes from the two sessions were occasional differences in wording or a response to a previously unasked question. The results were remarkably similar.

(M. indicates questions either of the two investigators involved. T. is Tracy's response.)

M. What happens as you're driving along? What gets your attention?

T. I'm coming up to the light on the highway and you go over the bumps before you get to the light.

...
M. So what happens to get your attention?

T. I see something out of the...to the left.

M. What is it?

T. Blue lights. Blue and white lights...They're side by side.

...
M. So what happens next? Does the light change so you can go?

T. Yes.

M. The other car moves too? [There was a car beside her at the light.]

T. Yes.

...
M. When you're driving...what does your speedometer say?

T. 55.

...
M. What next catches your eye? Is the light still with you?

T. I can see it. I turn to see it. [She drives on. When asked what happens next she replies, "I have to turn in here" When asked why, she replies, "I have to. I have to turn in here. I have to go up this road." When asked how she feels about turning up the road, she replies, "I don't know why I have to do that." The light is no longer there. She then says that she is no longer driving the car.]

M. What happened?

T. I turned off the car.

M. Why did you do that?

T. Because I had to.

M. What's taking place around you?

T. There's a bright light. It's very white. It's dark out, but it's bright...lighting up the clearing.

M. Are your headlights on?

T. No.

M. Is the car stopped?

T. I'm not driving the car.

M. Are you out of the car?

T. No. No. I'm in the car. [Her friends are still with her.]

M. The lights are off?

T. The lights are off.

M. Did you turn them off?

T. No. [She then notes that 'it's like we're in the woods.']

M. You're in the woods with your friends, Is there anybody else there?

T. No. There's a light coming down.

M. Are you afraid?

T. A little bit...I'm afraid for my friends.

M. But not for yourself?

T. I don't think so.

M. What happens now?

T. I have to get out of the car and go to the light.

M. Did somebody ask you to get out of the car?

T. No.

M. How do you know you have to do this?

T. I have to get into the light.

M. Why do you have to do this?

T. I don't know.

M. Continue on.

T. It's very bright. it almost hurts your eyes. Nothing has color. It's just bright white light all around.

M. What occurs.

T. I'm walking along the car towards the light. Now it's blue. There's a blue light now in the center of the circle. There's someone in the

blue light.

M. What does this someone look like?

T. The light's behind the...the light's behind him. It's just a black figure.

M. How big is it?

T. It looked really big from before but now as I walk closer it's not that big...It's like a small person, maybe. Maybe. [She hears nothing.]

M. How do you feel?

T. Drawn, towards the figure.

...
M. Does this thing have clothes on?

T. The light's shining too bright behind it.

...
M. Does this dark shadow come up to you?

T. it's in front of the car.

M. Are your friends awake?

T. No.

M. Are you out of the car?

T. Yeah.

...
M. What does this figure do now?

T. He draws me toward him. [She isn't sure why she refers to "he." It just feels right.]

M. How does he do that?

T. He holds up his hand...lifts his arms and hand.

M. As if he wants you to come?

T. Uh-huh.

M. Do you come?

T. Yes. Yes. I'm out of the car.

M. Do you take his hand?

T. Yes.

M. Do you reach this figure?

T. Uh-huh.

M. What happens next?

T. We're going up.

M. How does this occur?

T. I don't know. We just go up...into the blue light.

M. How does your body feel while you are doing this?

T. I'm just floating up very quickly.

M. Where?

T. Into the light.

M. And the light is white?

T. Blue and white.

M. Where are you?

T. He's not there now. I'm just standing...in a room. It's...it's very bright and very cold...very metal.

M. You say it's very bright? Bright, meaning light?

T. No, silvery like. It's very bright and silvery, like metal all around. [Tracy reports that she can see nobody there, including the figure that brought her. She is standing and can look around, but she doesn't walk around. She says that she can't. She again says, "It's just very bright and cold."]

M. Describe the room.

T. It's sorta got a dome, like. It doesn't have a flat ceiling. It really doesn't have any corners or walls. It's sorta round and domed. It's very cold. There's a table, or seat or something behind me over there. Everything is very clean or cold.

M. Is there any color noticeable?

T. Bright, sorta white, stainless steel like color. Silver. White. Cold.

M. Are there any sounds?

T. There's no sounds. There's like a vibration...it's not really a sound.

T. There's something to the right...behind me. I don't know what it is.

M. What does it look like?

T. Like a shelf or a table of metal. Everything's very shiny.

M. Is the table supported?

T. It comes from the wall. [The table is "about waist high."]

M. What happens next?

T. I'm on the table.

M. Are you laying on the table?

T. Yes. [She is on her back, unable to move. She is not fastened down. This table came up to her and then she was laying on it.]

...

T. Something touched me. He's back now. [He tells her that she is OK.]

M. Where?

T. Back here. [She points to the right

side of her neck.] It pinches. [The being tells her after the pinch that it's OK.]

M. Do you see anything creating that pinching condition?

T. No.

M. Look above you. Can you see anything above you?

T. There's a domed shape.

M. Are there any lights in the ceiling?

T. No. No. Just bright.

[Tracy then notes, "There's somebody behind me." She can't see anyone, but just knows that somebody is there. She can no longer feel the pinching on her neck and she still can't move. Tracy then states that she can see the figure that was behind her. It has apparently moved to her front.]

T. Very, very soft eyes.

M. Soft eyes. What color?

T. Brown. They're large and brown. [Not like human eyes.] They're soft and warm...It's hard to see anything but the eyes.

M. What kind of eyes does this thing have? Are they round?

T. No. They're...not like animal eyes. They're more...don't know, but they're very large, very brown, very soft. [She describes the being as having a "triangle shaped opening" where the nose would be. It has "a slit below the triangle" where the mouth would be. The head "is there for the eyes because the eyes take up so much" room. It's chin is small. The clothes, if that is what it was, are

brown right up to the neck. She remembers two long fingers on the hands that she described as "warm and soft" when he touches her. He doesn't speak, but seems to communicate with "his eyes."

...
M. Are you afraid?

T. No, not after I saw his eyes.

...
M. Is he doing anything special to you?

T. No, he's just looking at me.

M. Is he looking at your face?

T. At my eyes. [When asked what happened next, Tracy responded that something pinched her stomach. "It was a sharp feeling." A long needle was inserted into her stomach area and she later says that she could feel it been taken out. She stated that she wasn't supposed to watch him do this procedure. Then she reported that something, perhaps a long tube, had been inserted into her right leg or calf, down by the ankle. It didn't hurt her, but she didn't like it being done. At one point the figure touched her right arm and the touch felt warm. "Soft like fur, but just...like soft." When asked, she replied that it didn't feel like our skin. "No, that's slime. No. It's not that...it's like very, very short fine fur. Very soft, very...gentle."]

[It is interesting to note that Tracy reported other beings in the room with her, but they weren't warm like the first one. She stated that these other beings didn't look at her. It seems that the warm feeling she perceived came from the eyes of the being when he looked at her.]

M. What does it [the thing inserted

into her leg] look like?

T. Looks like a long tube., but it's white and then it's red.

M. Is your blood being taken out?

T. I think so. Yeah, I think so.

M. Why do they need to do this [the procedures]?

T. To see...what's changed? [She stated that like a question.]

M. How do you get off the table?

T. I'm just standing up now.

M. How did you stand up? Did you get off the table yourself?

T. No. I'm standing now.

M. What's the floor look like?

T. White.

M. Let's go back to the table...see how you get off the table.

T. It just, like it stands up on end.

...
M. Puts you on your feet?

T. Uh-huh.

M. How did [your] clothes get on?

T. I don't know.

M. Did they help you get your clothes on?

T. They must have because I can't move.

...
T. I'm cold again. I'm still in the room, but...it's...it's scary now.

M. Go forward until something happens.

T. It's very bright. I'm going down...I'm on the ground.

M. Looking up?

T. Uh-huh. I see the light.

M. How'd you get down?

T. On a light. But it's not as bright as it was.

M. Where are your friends? Are they still in the car?

T. Uh-huh.

[The light "drew in, went up, and it's gone." Tracy gets back into her car and her friends are still asleep. She starts the car, backs it up and pulls out onto a road. After driving for a short time her friends wake up. The young woman asks Tracy where they are, and Tracy replies that she doesn't know. They are driving south and come to realize that they have driven past the turn off to home. Tracy turns the car around in a fruit stand parking lot and heads back, getting home without further incident. The friends don't seem to be upset, even when it is clear that they are arriving home very late. All three seem to accept the unusual nature of the timing of the trip without question. Tracy doesn't even remember her apparent abduction.]

After the second session Tracy admits remembering bits and pieces of three other unusual events, one from her childhood when she was nine years old. The memories seem to be coming back to her in her dreams. One event occurred to her in a cabin with a close friend. MORA hopes to continue working with Tracy and will attempt to help verify at least one of these events by

later working with the friend. Tracy has agreed not to talk to this friend about what she is learning.

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Articles and Books of Note

(1) Weiss, Robin, "Of Myths and Mischief," *Discover*, December 1994, pp 36, 38, 40, 42. Over the years the study of UFOs has become more and more politicized. Conspiracy theories have become apart of the UFO literature. If, as we suspect, the Government has been conducting a conspiracy of silence with regard to UFOs, then they partially share the blame for this situation by creating the atmosphere in which this has been happening. One of the most insidious of these theories as it relates to UFOs, is the one dealing with the AIDs virus. It has been claimed that this virus has been intentionally let loose on the world by an unidentified Secret Government group for the purpose of reducing the human population of the Earth. The genesis of this theory is outside of the UFO community, but it has been brought in by a few irresponsible UFO personalities. They are suggesting that the disease was intentionally created by man and the alleged holocaust has been conducted by, or at least on behalf of, an alien presence on our planet. The evidence for this theory just isn't there, and it's time to put this unsupported claim to rest in ufology. We have a big enough job to do to establish the reality of the UFO without having to carry this type of heavy baggage with us. Read this article, which discusses the myths that have grown up around the AIDs disease. Think. Think again. Do your own research. Then make an *informed* decision.

(2) Rich, Ben R. and Leo Janus, *Skunk Works - A Personal Memoir of My Years at Lockheed*, Little Brown and Company, New York, 1994. This book is essential reading for anyone who is interested in the "secret" base in the Nevada desert at Groom Lake that every student of aviation knows exists but the Government continues to deny. Known by various names, including Dreamland and the Ranch, you won't learn much about the base from this book, but you will learn about Kelly Johnson, the founder and first head of the world famous Lockheed Skunk Works, and the black aircraft which were built there, including the U-2, the SR-71, and the F-117A. You will also learn nothing about the alleged and so-called HPACs (human piloted alien craft) and the back engineered flying saucers that some claim are studied at the Groom Lake site. But this book contains essential, if incomplete, background information of a down-to-earth nature which you must know if you hope to speak intelligently of more unearthly matters. Of special interest to those of us who have been following the Bob Lazar and John Lear saga is this comment from Ben Rich, the author of this book and the person who replaced Kelley Johnson at the Skunk works, "A young colonel in the Air Force 'black program' office at the Pentagon, named Buz Carpenter, arbitrarily assigned the funding code name Aurora [to the stealth bomber program]. Somehow this name leaked out...and the rumor surfaced that it was a top secret project assigned to the Skunk Works to build America's first hypersonic airplane. That story persists to this day even though Aurora was the code name for the B-2 competition funding. Although I expect few in the media to believe me, there is no code name for the hypersonic plane, because it

simply does not exist."

(3) "The Flying Artichoke," *Popular Science*, December 1994, p16. An advanced stealth aircraft has been reportedly seen over test ranges and Air Force bases in New Mexico and California. Resembling the F-117A but perhaps twenty percent larger with a multifaceted spiked trailing edge to the diamond shape, this aircraft reportedly can carry as many as six 2,000 pound laser guided bombs, three times the payload of the F-117A. It is crewed by a pilot and a weapons specialist. The builder is probably Lockheed's Skunk Works and the Rockwell Corporation. A top view drawing is included in the article.

(4) Brown, Stuart F. and Steve Douglass, "Swing Wing Stealth Attack Plane," *Popular Science*, January 1995, pp 54-56, 86. A cover article about yet another stealth attack aircraft which might be designated the A-17. This aircraft - a *swing wing* version - is the possible replacement for the venerable but aging F-111, which is to be retired by the end of 1995. The new aircraft resembles a cross between the F-111 and Northrop's YF-23 advanced tactical fighter prototype. Thus, it is believed that Northrop and the Grumman Corporation are to be its builders. Cannon Air Force Base in remote Clovis, New Mexico, which is going through an expansion as other bases are being down sized and even closed, is the possible future base for this aircraft. The authors ask an interesting question, "Was the triangular craft seen refueling over Britian's North Sea in 1989 actually an A-17 - and not the rumored Aurora hypersonic spy plane?"

(5) Heard, Alex, "Alien Brothers, Come on Down," *Outside*, September 1994, pp 81-83, 85, 151-

155. Not all scientists use the scientific method in their work, and this article illustrates the problem all too well. Ufology needs trained, skilled, experienced and dedicated scientists schooled in the scientific method to do its work if we ever hope to solve the mystery that the UFO presents to us. Wishful fuzzy cult-like thinking just won't do it. This article is a very unflattering portrait of Dr. Steven M. Greer, emergency room physician and the founder of the Center for the Study of Extraterrestrial Intelligence (CSETI), and the philosophy and methods which he brings to the study of UFOs. If you are concerned about why an educated public still doesn't take the subject of UFOs seriously and why scientists won't stake their careers on it's study, this article will provide part of the answer. Let's all hope that Dr. Greer doesn't gain a position of real influence in the UFO research community.

(6) Perkins, David, "Heart of Weirdness- Myth and Mystery in the San Luis Valley, *Spirit*,* Fall/Winter, 1994-95, pp20-25. A good review of the cattle mutilations, UFO sightings, Bigfoot sightings, unmarked helicopters, and other strange events that have been occurring over the years in the San Luis Valley, "a sweeping expanse, about three times the size of Delaware...[which] runs north/south for 125 miles from southern Colorado into New Mexico."

**Spirit Magazine*, P.O. Box 346, Walsenburg, CO 81089; 719/738-2832.

(7) "Element 110 Makes A Very Fleeting Debut." *Science*, November 26, 1994, Vol. 146, No. 22, p 356. If you have been reading anything about UFOs over the past few years,

you know about Bob Lazar's claim that he worked to help reverse engineer an alien spacecraft at a facility known as S-4 somewhere near the secret Groom Lake air base in Nevada. An undiscovered element with the atomic number of 115 was alleged to power this craft. He claimed that it was not found on Earth, but probably could be found in a very large star with a huge gravity field. The number of elements discovered by the human species has now reached 110. A German research facility in Darmstadt reported evidence of an isotope of element 110 with an atomic mass of 269. An international scientific team produced the isotope of 110 by bombarding an isotope of lead with nickel atoms. The element was short lived for just milliseconds, before beginning a chain of decay. If Bob is right, one day evidence of element 115 will be found and it will be a stable element, unlike 110 and most of the other heavier elements.

(8) Dane, Abe, "Flying Saucers: The Real Story," *Popular Mechanics*, January 1995, Volume 172, No. 1, pp 50-53, 121. Articles on flying saucers and UFOs seem to be appearing everywhere these days. This interesting article focuses on flying saucer like vehicles designed and made by humans, including mention of the Groom Lake air base. Have you ever heard of the Chance Vought XF5U-1 "Flying Flap Jack," the Weapon System 606A, the VZ-9V Avrocar, or the Moller M200X? Read this article for an introduction to a side of ufology that perhaps doesn't get as much attention as it deserves.

(9) Turner, Karla, "Masquerade of Angels," Kelt Works, P.O. Box 32, Roland, Arkansas 72135, 1994, pp 257. This latest book by experienc-

er and abduction researcher Dr. Karla Turner describes the life of a noted psychic by the name of Ted Rice and his introduction into the world of aliens and abductions through his own experiences. If you believe firmly that all aliens are here to save us from ourselves and that they bring us nothing but love and light, or if you are starting to have doubts that the aliens have our best interests at heart, this book is a must read. They may not want to eat us for dinner, but they apparently don't think of us as "equals to be" either. As Dr. Turner has said before, "Aliens sometimes lie." Don't believe anything that sometime liars say.

(10) Wilson, Katharina, "The Alien Jigsaw," pp 314, 1993 and "The Alien Jigsaw Researcher's Supplement," pp 126, 1993, Puzzle Publishing, P.O. Box 230023, Portland, Oregon 97281-0023. As with Karla Turner's book noted above, these two books are a must read if you wish to keep current with the new thinking regarding the abduction phenomenon.

(11) Moses, Sam, "Alien Nation," *AutoWeek**, February 7, 1994, Vol. 44, No. 6, pp 17-20. The author travels to Sao Tome das Letras, Brazil, a small town where UFOs ("ofoes") are reportedly seen a lot more often than they are in most places that I frequent, except for a little seedy bar that I know about on a back street in Albuquerque, New Mexico, named *Beckie's Beer Trough*. The article is mostly about the \$34,000 Chevrolet Vectra GSI that the author drove over back roads where Jeeps would have been more comfortable. With a top speed of 129 mph, a 2.0 liter, four cylinder, 16 valve, 150 hp engine, five speed transmission and anti-lock brakes, this automobile would

make a great UFO investigation wagon for MUFON, if only a well known Las Vegas real estate personality would pay for it. One learns nothing about UFOs in this article, but I am amazed at where the UFO theme shows up these days.

*AutoWeek, 1400 Woodbridge, Detroit, MI 48207-3187

Information Sources

(1) Aerial photographs covering the United States are for sale to the public, but probably not photographs of Dreamland and Area 51: Customer User Services, EROS Data Center, U.S. Geologic Survey, Mundt Federal Building, Sioux Falls, SD 57198; 605-594-6151.

(2) Ninety four rolls of microfilm containing more than 2.3 million pages from the USAF's Project Blue Book files: Richard Peyser, National Archives and Records Administration, Military Reference Branch, Washington, DC 20408; 202-501-5385. Indexes are available for a nominal fee.

Letters to MidOhio

Dear Bill:

On the topic of whether the U.S. intelligence agencies would likely infiltrate UFO organizations and keep an eye on prominent researchers, the answer is a resounding "yes," and one need only refer to the CIA's Robertson Panel report for a very specific policy statement.

Although I have maintained an interest in "people watching," I have not written any more on this topic [like his paper on C. B. Scott Jones], and probably won't. This is very time-consuming, and nobody cares, so why bother? Also, I have not found

a "smoking gun," although the Moore-Doty business comes close, at least in my opinion. Those two, and their activities over at least a decade, are dismissed as a bad joke by every prominent ufologist. I see the story entirely different terms, but when even your friends and colleagues think you are whistling Dixie...

I am now inclined to believe that there is no formal cover-up or program. If such does exist, it must be at a low level, closely connected with the collection of UFO reports, if even that happens systematically, and kept out of the chain of command. Possibly this is entirely in the hands of the military, and they, with their well-known and probably well-founded distrust of the civilians in government, particularly the elected /appointed civilians, have done a twist on the old saw, "War is too important to be left to the Generals."

I don't know. And where three years ago I thought I had uncovered a cabal, probably the administrative branch of "The Agency," I now believe that all these individuals are convinced UFOs are real, but don't know what to do about that, and hang out with each other simply because of their common interest.

My preferred scenario for the history of government involvement is that in the first years the military and intelligence community concluded that UFOs are extraterrestrial, and that then they brought in the scientific community, which demanded hardware, partly for good reasons, partly because of an irrational conservatism which is typical of the post-Enlightenment thought process of Science with a capital S. The Robertson Panel and then 13 years later the Condon Committee being object examples. Our technocracies depend

almost absolutely on committees of experts, and if the committees said UFOs are nonsense, the great mass of admittedly circumstantial evidence to the contrary, the committee's decision would prevail. In my view, this is precisely what happened. Because of the robust nature of the evidence, and the continued events, a very loose, ad hoc interest has been maintained within the relevant government circles, as it has in the civilian research community. But in neither area has there been a formal program to deal with the UFO issue.

Moore-Doty more probably had to do with cover and deception programs connected with the development of the "Stealth" aircraft. I have always thought that flying saucer stories were used as counter-intelligence training opportunities, to the point where some cases might even be complete fabrications by the government. This is my "read" on nearly everything that Len Stringfield collected, but that is another story for another time. Moore-Doty coincides with the time frame for stealth development and much of what they cranked out, such as the alien base under the ground at Dulce, New Mexico, coincides geographically with the sites to be protected. In fairness, though, I must admit that the same can be said if Moore-Doty is viewed as a cover/deception for Roswell. They managed to eat up about a decade of good research time on Roswell with all of their MJ-12 and "aliens are eating us" bunk, and as it turns out, a decade in which many critical witnesses died off. Let's have a big round of applause for Bill and Rick, and of course for the geniuses who wrote the scripts for them.

Getting back to the heart of the

discussion, the only unambiguous statement we have from a truly highly placed person comes from Barry Goldwater. I have recently seen a compilation of what he has to say, and it is really "negative" evidence. That is, Goldwater recounts his request to Curtis LeMay, who was, I think, by then Chief of Staff of the Air Force, to see the "blue room" at Wright-Patterson AFB. And Goldwater goes on to say that he was rebuffed in the strongest terms. Not that he was told there is no "blue room," or that flying saucers don't exist, but rather, no, Senator, you can't go there. Goldwater has recently been approached by colleagues of mine in connection with Roswell, and has written a letter making it clear that he thinks UFOs are real, but saying little else. Perhaps he will leave a testament of some sort. Or maybe there is nothing more to be said. When one thinks back to the credentials this man had, his inability to visit the fabled "blue room," and the nearly violent reply by his close friend LeMay speak to an awesome level of secrecy surrounding UFOs. In this case, it points to a cache of parts and/or bodies. This could well exist simultaneously with the pooh-poohing of scientific committees I alluded to above.

I recently challenged a person who has been close to Laurance Rockefeller along these lines: A Rockefeller can get anything he wants on any topic or person. Why not UFOs? The "person" replied, without hesitation, that Rockefeller has had "...the same door slammed in his face as Barry Goldwater." I would need to know something more specific about Rockefeller's inquiries and how they were met. Goldwater is

entirely specific. What I have heard is that Rockefeller is being treated very politely, and being told, in effect, that there is no Blue Room in the first place.

My efforts in recent times have waned, and I really don't expect to do much more than sit back and see how this plays out. But I do very much appreciate getting the excellent publication that you guys produce.

Robert J. Durant
Pennington, New Jersey

The above was that part of a recent letter from Bob that discussed, among other things, the possible government cover-up of what some of its members might know about UFOs. Bob's critical thinking is always welcome in the pages of this publication.

Dear Mr. Jones:

I appreciate your comments about my book, *The Alien Jigsaw*. I can also appreciate your honesty in describing my experiences, and stating that they are similar to dream sequences. It was not my intention to add further to the debate, but I'm certain it will get worse before it gets better.

The skeptics will no doubt use the dream description to describe my experiences, but it is important to understand that I wrote my book for other people like me: abductees and experiencers. I'm not insisting that the world believe me simply because I'm saying that extraterrestrial beings are coming here. I shared my information to help other people who are remembering abduction sequelae, and to let them know that they are not alone.

There are two things for the skeptics to consider: (1) My experiences are as real to me as my waking reality. I have been psychologically tested by two clinical psychologists. One did not believe in UFOs and was not affiliated with the UFO community, and the other was a MUFON consultant. I was found to have no psychological abnormalities. (2) Dreams do not leave behind puncture wounds, scars, and blood on people's sheets. If all of my experiences are simply dreams, with the exception of the ones that leave behind physical aftereffects, then what do we do about those?

As far as knowing what to believe and what not to believe about abductions, all I can say is, there are two extremely well-orchestrated cover-ups going on: one by the government, and the other by the aliens. Hopefully, if we work together and keep plugging away at it, we will determine what it is they are trying to bury. Books like mine and Karla Turner's may not be what people want to hear, but to quote Budd Hopkins, "Truth, no matter how unsettling, always contains the seeds of its own resolution."

Katharina Wilson
Portland, Oregon

Dear Bill:

You and Dr. Scott did a tremendous job on the Hilliard case. [See the *Ohio UFO Notebook*, Summer 1994, Issue #8.] Imagine, all of these years with no connection being made between the Jaroslaw photos and the Hilliard drawing. This is enough to make a person wonder about what other surprises are lurking among the many older UFO cases that have borne the brunt of time.

Galen F. Kelley
Vermillion, Ohio

Amen to that. People interested in ufology who claim they can find nothing current to investigate should consider reviewing old publicized cases from their communities. As with the Hilliard case, we may find part of

our history being rewritten.

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Keith Thompson, *Angels and Aliens* 1991, p 245.

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