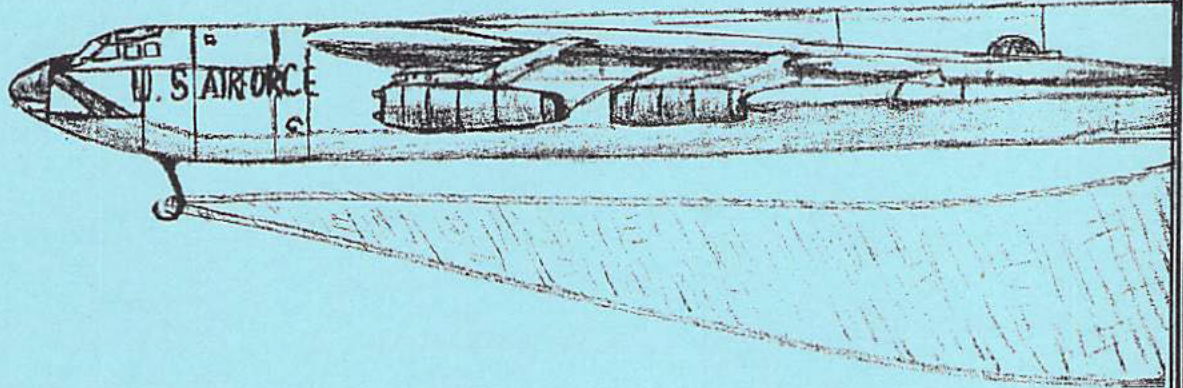


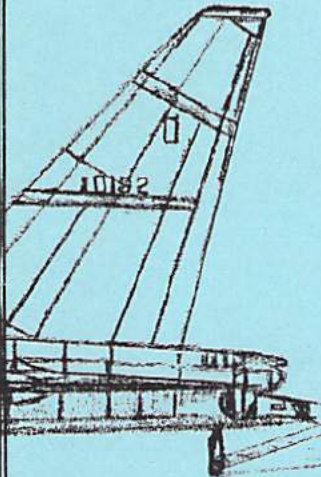
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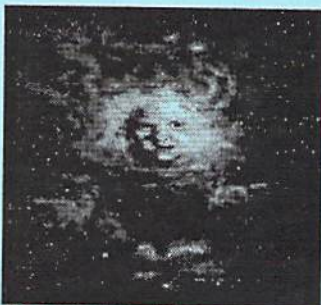
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William Baker, CIA Spokesman to the Press

"One of the side benefits of ending a conspiracy is that it will shut up all of those conspiracy nuts."

Jonathan Frakes, 1996

1994 - 1995 Northwestern Ohio

by John P. Timmerman, Lima, Ohio of the J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies May 25, 1996

Beginning in the Fall of 1994, a mini-flap of sighting reports began to come to my attention from a four county area of northwestern Ohio. My wife and I live on Orchard Island at Indian Lake, but I was raised and lived in Lima from 1923. We were married in 1952 and moved to the lake in 1983. I retired in 1992, but still have an active contact with life-long friends in the Lima area.

With my high public visibility due to business and other activities in Lima, my interest in the UFO phenomenon became well known in the 1950s and has resulted in many sighting reports being directed to me for an "explanation." As with most long time students of the subject, I was able many times to find some reasonable explanation for what had been observed. However, the majority of the reports remain unexplained, primarily due to either insufficient information, or to my lack of time to pursue the case properly.

But, let's look at what has been happening lately in my area.

It all began with a phone call on the morning of October 19, 1994, from a woman who had seen something "very strange" while on her way to work at about 4:30 that morning. The sky would have been still dark with the moon overhead and not easily visible from the car she was driving at the time of her sighting. It was reported as a large, white ball of light moving from ahead of her to behind her low

in the sky at the left of her car as she was approaching and stopped at a country road intersection. She said it looked like a "small moon" and she heard no sound.

The character of the witness and the care with which the experience details were related to me suggested that the sighting was worth pursuing, so I phoned a reporter to whom I had previously given an interview for *THE LIMA NEWS* and asked if he would be able to publish a small article in the next issue requesting any information from others who may have observed something unusual at that time and in that general area.

To my surprise, the short notice appeared at the top of the right column of the front page two days later and my phone began to ring. Others had seen what may have been the same thing, but most of the calls were from witnesses to other incidents at other places and at other times. The mini-flap began to appear for my area.

In this article, I want to concentrate on those which involved the sighting of unidentified lights at the same time and place where numerous "light aircraft" were seen. Similar reports in parts of south-central Ohio came to my attention and were referred to Bill Jones who will discuss them elsewhere in this issue. [See: "Dancing Red Lights, Logan, Ohio" by Paul Burrell who, along with Delbert Anderson, conducted the investigation.]

Case #1: On November 29, 1994, I visited the country home of a family east of Waynesfield, Ohio, for a conversation with them about several events they had observed. Beginning that October, they had seen lights low in the night sky east of their home. At first, they thought the lights were approaching aircraft, but when the lights moved into and maintained a hovering position for several minutes just above the tree line or near the ground then moved off suddenly to the north, they became puzzled. The witnesses said they were familiar with the kinds of aircraft normally seen flying over or near their home in the daytime and at nighttime. But these other incidents, involving sudden disappearance of the lights, caused them to call me for a discussion.

Their first incident occurred on Wednesday, October 5, 1994. (I have other reports from other witnesses in the area near that date, but no aircraft seen.) At between 8 and 9 p.m. that evening, the wife looked out the kitchen window and reports seeing bright white lights and thought an aircraft was about to crash. They ran outside to the end of the driveway and watched the lights for another "ten or fifteen minutes." The son jumped into his truck and drove east on State Route 67 to attempt to locate and identify what they were seeing.

The son said, "When I [got] in my truck

and went down there, traffic was pulling off the road [their turn lights blinking and brake lights on] watching it. By the time I got down there, I had a clear view [of the anomaly] on my right...there was all kinds of traffic...in the air. You would not believe the aircraft in the area." He stated further, "The [anomaly] was in the southeast [and] all of a sudden...it was gone...like they [had] shut out [the] lights."

I asked him what kinds of aircraft. He replied, "...these were planes and jets." He couldn't tell if they were military, but they lingered in the area.

The wife said she saw lights again on Wednesday, October 26, 1994 and that "it had lots of red lights and a few blue. [She] watched it for about a half hour." She called a friend about three miles away in the direction she was looking and he had seen what she said was "the same thing."

Again on November 2, 1994, a Wednesday at about 8 p.m., her daughter and a friend jumped into a truck and drove toward the red glowing light which vanished "just [as] quick as it was there." However, the daughter observed it through a pair of binoculars and saw "two bright lights...on one side and two on the other side...[and] all of a sudden it just started turning, rotating, and then it was gone."

As with many other interviews, our conversation, with four people uncertain about dates and other details, ended with some confusion. But, they agreed that they saw many light aircraft in the sky above where the lights were observed.

Numerous other reports from farmers in the area caused me to hold a meeting on Thursday evening, December 1st, with about seven of them at the home of one, a farmer who flies his own light aircraft.

That Fall, he had reported to the National UFO Reporting Center in Seattle that on midweek evenings during the first three weeks of October after 8 p.m. he had observed unusual lights moving westward toward him. Seattle notified me and I met with him and took some daylight photos of the region in which he had seen the lights.

At around 8:30, the phone rang and our host's wife answered it. The caller was the wife mentioned above living east of Waynesville, only about a mile away. She was extremely excited and wanted to talk to me immediately. She told me that "they are back again" and for me to come over right away.

We all piled into two cars and sped over to see what was exciting her. She took us out to the east side of a barn near the house and pointed to lights near the eastern horizon, about a mile or less away and with trees and the usual farm lights visible.

I looked carefully but could not detect anything unusual and told her so. We all looked for what she had seen, but she said the "strange lights" were now gone. Our meeting host, the farmer/pilot, remarked that there were quite a few light aircraft in the air and I counted at least seven of them flying at what appeared to be from a high to a low altitude in random directions above where the woman said she had seen the lights which "suddenly disappeared."

Seeing that many planes at night flying in what appeared to be circles just above where this very excited woman had described unidentified lights doing what lights don't normally do, changing positions without changing brightness, hovering, then taking turns to dash off to the observer's left (north) and disappear, were enough to keep me interested in finding some reasonable explanation for

her as well as for myself.

Earlier, I had checked with an experienced flight training instructor at the Allen County Airport, located about 8 1/2 air miles to the northwest of Case #1's location. After describing to him these sightings involving light aircraft after dark on random flight paths near where unusual light phenomena had been reported, he could give me no easy explanation, except to say that private pilot rallies are called whenever the pilots wish to do so and no records are kept at the Allen County Airport of arrival or departure of private flights. The office is not open 24 hours a day and many private pilots fly from private landing strips on property many places throughout the area. Discovering the source of such a rally would be quite time consuming, if at all possible.

Case #2: Friday morning, December 2, 1994, I received a call from a man living a mile or so southwest of New Hampshire, Ohio, in southeast Auglaize County, not far from where many other sighting reports had been emerging. He told me that the night before, Thursday, his wife was driving west on Route 33 and she began to notice two bright yellow-orange lights in the distance behind her car and to her left and seeming to be matching her speed and direction. She made a turn to the left toward home and still saw the lights, but now they were to her left, clearly not on the highway, and that they had come to a stop.

She then made a turn to her right toward her home, a turn to her left into her driveway, ran into the house and calling her husband to come outside. They stood beside her car and looked east to watch "two round balls of light, exactly straight across from each other" hovering not far above the ground and less than a mile away. Lacking reference for details, they could not be sure of the distance from them, but they guessed them to be about

a quarter mile away.

Her husband said they seemed to be not more than a couple school bus lengths apart. As they watched, the hovering lights slowly rotated toward and away from each other until they changed places, like swinging a pencil end-for-end. They saw nothing between the lights. After about three minutes standing there, hearing nothing, the lights started to move slowly to the left and faded from view in seconds.

The lights and their interesting maneuvers are what excited the woman who called us at the meeting. The above man and his wife, a much less excited couple, were what I regard as careful observers and good witnesses.

Now we skip ahead to 1995 for another sighting by the same woman on the night of October 10 or 11th. This time she was driving south toward her home and, looking out the driver side window, she says she saw two very bright lights, one slightly higher than the other, smaller and apparently at a greater distance than the 1994 sighting. She slowed her car almost to a stop and saw them both "swoop...northeast up into the sky...one seemed to go faster and higher than the other."

Then, on Friday, October 13th, only a few days later, "[she] was sitting in the living room and happened to look out the window and say an object in the same area as the one we saw a year ago. Kind of right above our neighbor's house. Only these were further away...kind of twinkly things. We looked out the window and then he and I both ran outside."

I remarked, "I remember a year ago, you told me that shortly after or maybe coincident with seeing the lights that you saw some light aircraft in the area."

He said, "That's one of the first things I mentioned in 1994...I said 'look at all of the aircraft'. That was this time, too...maybe a dozen...doing nothing, just flying...northwesterly or north...scattered through the sky. You could see the running lights on them."

Case #3: Finally, another family, living in southeastern Auglaize County, Ohio, just north of Indian Lake, first reported sightings from the 21st to the 25th of October, 1994. The husband said, "That's when we were out here...going to the barn and I just turned around and walked out there and I said 'Oh, my God, there it is out there in the field, you guys, come look at it.' So I ran in and got my wife and we watched it and it just kind of...moved that night. It didn't just up and disappear. It kind of went up and kind of faded off."

One of his two sons continued, "From my point of view, it looked like it was setting on the ground or close to the ground. It rose to above tree level and it kind of lifted a little bit and just kind of started back. It looked like it went back about...I'd say two miles...straight back...and then it started off toward the north. It was going along there and...the white lights just seemed to go out. It went right around the horizon...due north, and it was gone."

And the farmer's wife added..."but then when it was gone, we saw a lot of air traffic. Seemed like the aircraft was looking for [the lights]...because they just seemed...to merge...in that area."

Again, exactly one year later on October 25, 1995, between 8 and 9 p.m., a clear night, the father and one son had just dumped a load of corn and were in their truck driving north from the farm. Looking east they spotted "a set of lights in the sky." There was no moon. They had another detailed sighting of a pair of lights hovering, then a single red blink-

ing light slowly disappearing to the north, but there were no aircraft in the area that night.

Case #4: Remember the farmer mentioned in Case #1 who is also a private pilot and in whose home we held the December 1st, 1994 meeting? Finally, in the Fall of 1995, I sent him a copy of a form letter and reply form which I had sent to the 30 or so individuals who had reported seeing lights over the past 14 months. He very kindly replied that on a Thursday afternoon at his farm during the first three weeks of October, 1995, he had watched four military helicopters fly over his farm heading east. He said they were flying "one behind the other."

He wrote further as follows: "I have seen the lights three or four times again this Fall [1995] and was able to [use my] telescope with tripod on them. I am fairly sure they are military helicopters flying east to west one behind the other with landing lights on. With the telescope you can identify the rotating beacon common on all civil aircraft. They fly west for about ten minutes, approximately the length of [these reported] sightings and they then turn north. This enables you to see the landing lights, but with the telescope you can still see the rotating red beacons moving on a northerly route."

Does this sound like the solution to these sighting reports? Is it possible that there is a seasonal, scheduled flight of military units going and coming through this part of the state on a designated route? I have not been able to verify this possibility. I intend to pursue it. But, what of the small (apparently) private aircraft? Were they really just planned rallies, at night, and over flying the scheduled military helicopter caravan just for the fun of it and often at the same times and places? If so, how are they able to plan the rendezvous so accurately? There are other questions which remain unanswered. Occam's Razor will be applied,

if it fits. Regardless of the mysterious descriptions by some and the excitement of misperceiving witnesses, we must apply the reasonable test of highest probability. Sound tests will be made. Phone calls will be made. A search for night flying private pilots will be made. Another article will appear when I am certain that these reports have a mundane explanation.

Until then, I hope the patient readers of this article will maintain a high level of skepticism and objectivity when examining sightings of anomalies. Based upon the thousands of reports I have taken and read about, I feel certain that I am living in a time of extremely interesting unexplained encounters by highly credible witnesses. There are UFOs, but we must provide "extraordinary proofs" for the "extraordinary claims", as stated by those scientists who are unable at this time to devote their talents to this study.

The frustrations are many, but the "evidence" to which I have been exposed over the years from thousands of good witnesses assures me that the ultimate explanations will unquestionably be worthy of pursuit.

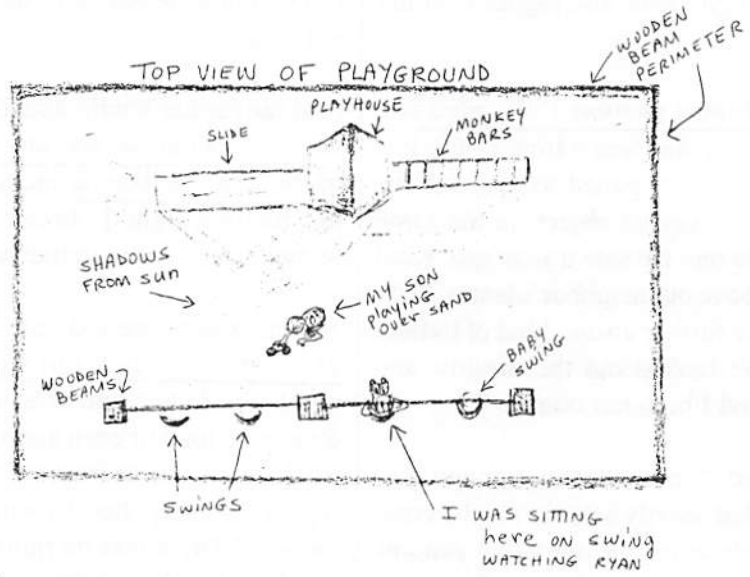
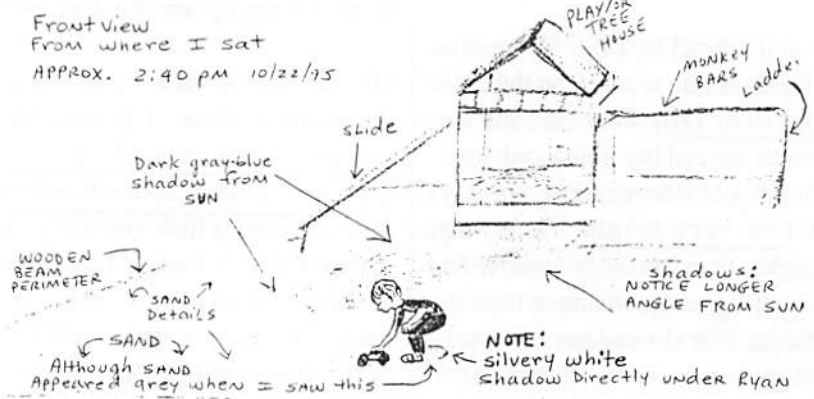
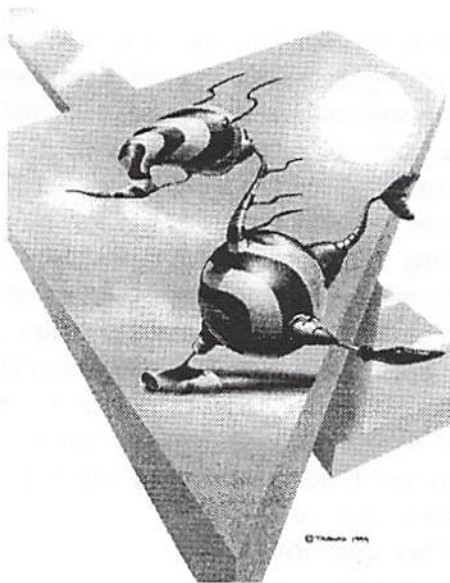
October 24, 1994 Charlotte, North Carolina

by Victoria S. Clark

On this day at about 2:30 in the afternoon, I took my young son to the playground at the apartment where we live. It was a Monday, clear, bright and sunny with rather cool temperatures that day. I had to leave at about 3:00 to pick up my daughter at her elementary school.

As my son played in the sand, I sat on a nearby swing and watched him playing. I noticed a fleeting feeling of "compression" or maybe even a sort of a "double shock wave" going over me that lasted for less than two seconds. It felt as if my nervous system was suspended for a moment, and

that even my heart missed a beat while I was being compressed somehow. Suddenly, even with my sunglasses on, I could tell that the color of the sand was slowly turning a very faint grayish color. It was as if I had lost my color vision capability. Then to my utter surprise, I noticed another shadow directly underneath my son that was NOT coming from the direction of the sun. Instead it was coming from directly overhead. I also noticed that it was absolutely silent; I heard nothing at all. I instinctively held my breath in total fear and slowly raised my head straight up...



Victoria Clark 10/23/95

Ross and Highland Counties, Ohio February 1996

by William E. Jones and Irena Scott

Initial Report

Terri and Tim Brannan live about a mile south of the Fort Hill State Memorial in the far eastern portion of Ohio's Highland County. On two mornings in late December 1995 or early January 1996 they had two UFO sightings. The exact dates are uncertain, but they are sure that both days were weekdays since they were getting their son ready for school on each occasion. Their home overlooks the Fort Hill State Memorial which is about 3/4 of a mile to the northeast. The memorial is a heavily wooded park land that encompasses a large hill. On the first morning Terri happened to be looking out a window and saw a bright white light coming from the east. The light appeared to her as the size of a quarter held at arms length. It stopped over the hill and then descended behind it. It was approximately 6:30 AM and just beginning to get light. The sighting lasted for about ten seconds. Nothing further was seen.

Two days later at about 7:00 AM both Terri and Tim both saw a light which looked like the previous one rise up from behind the hill, stop, then proceed eastward for a moment before it just disappeared. They have no idea if these sightings were connected to the experience which followed, but they wonder.

On Friday, February 2, 1996 Terri and her sister Sandy Rickett had driven up into Ross County north of Bainbridge to pick up Sandy's new puppy, a golden retriever. It was dark, between 7:30 and 7:45 PM. Sandy was driving and Terri was holding Sandy's young son in the front passenger seat. They were southbound on Benner Hill Road and had

Almost directly above us and very, very high up, I noticed two extremely brilliant white, perfectly round objects of the same size moving in a south to north direction, one following the other in a straight line. Each appeared to me as the size of a dime held at arms length. Their brilliance held me fascinated as I watched, because they looked as if they were composed of many giant static or stationary sparks. The sparks did not seem to jump all about these objects in any movement at all, but instead appeared to have a photographic quality of complete stillness to them. I noticed the sparks were arranged in concentric rows exactly the same on each object. The outer two to three rows appeared to be very white in color, then a singular fourth row was yellow, then one or two more white rows, and then there were about four or perhaps six large black sparks in the very center grouped very tightly together. I presume that is where the shadowing effect on us must have come from, these strange BLACK sparks. At no time did the two objects come between us and the sun. Each spark had jagged edges. Some had tiny splinters of blue and red in them. I could barely see between each spark, the gap between them being relatively small. None of them moved at all within the object itself.

This sighting (the very first in my life) probably lasted only about fifteen to eighteen seconds or less. As I watched, the trailing object all of a sudden zoomed up quite rapidly to the first object and was instantly deflected away from it to the right side of the first object in a very small loop. It then repeated the same movement quickly and was once more deflected off again to the right side, again in a small looping movement, with speed that was as quick as an oil drop dancing on the surface of water when dropped from above. It moved back a little more to its trailing position and rapidly approached the first object once again, this time to be deflected on the left side of the first object, once again in a very small, tight looping movement. Then it moved back exactly to its original starting posi-

tion, which was in my estimation, probably about 1/4 mile back, and then suddenly and rapidly zoomed up to the first object for the fourth time and silently and successfully merged right with it. It probably either overlapped or perhaps could have been right under the first; I don't know, because it was too high up to discern with accuracy. I suppose these looping movements were caused by the second object trying to line up its own axis completely straight and perfectly even with the first object's axis, because the failed attempts and deflections on both sides seem to support this idea. I desperately struggled to understand the deeper mechanisms and physics of their wondrous flight as I watched them.

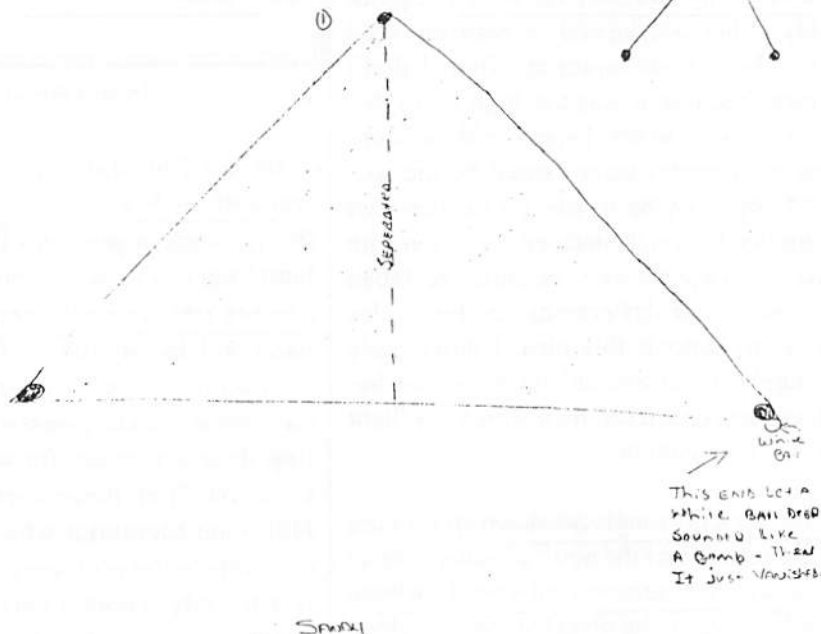
I then took my sunglasses down off my nose for a second and the now "singular" object appeared to be dimmer, but when I put them back on again, the object seemed brighter. They were an inexpensive general purpose type." What a strange affect," I instantly thought to myself. "Why would it seem brighter with my sunglasses back on?"

They traveled together for another mile I would venture to say, and then quickly split apart in a 'V' shaped movement into two objects again. The object on the top right remained brilliant white, while the one that shot off to the left side was grayish and seemed to be on a slant, so I instantly noticed the shadow of a round dome on the top of it. They split apart so rapidly, it seemed as if the same force that deflected the trailing object in the beginning was also used to repel them. Then at the same precise microsecond, they both abruptly and completely vanished from my view without any indication of movement, speed [acceleration] or direction.

I felt giddy with shock. Dozens of ideas raced through my mind! I sat on the swing for awhile thinking about what had happened. I then took my small son by the hand, collected his toys and began walking back to our apartment. The sighting caused me to look at everything around me in a brand new way.

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A Triangular shape which at one point Separated forming an object like this



just gone around a curve in the road near where the road ends at Route 41. In the sky low and to the west was a large triangular shaped object with a red light on each of the three corners. On the right rear corner of the triangle was also a white ball which was very close to the red light. Sandy got out of the car to watch, holding the young child. The white light dropped with the sound of a dropping bomb often heard in World War II movies. Before the light got to the ground it went out and the sound stopped. Terri was yelling at Sandy to get into the car, which she did. She had been out of the car about a minute. They drove a short distance to the stop sign at Route 41.

At this point an eighteen wheel semi-truck was coming north on 41. It turned onto Benner Hill Road, slowed, and passed them. Terri was looking to the left past Sandy's head when she saw two lights which looked like the headlights of a large older car. She saw no form behind the lights but reasonably assumed that it was a car. Sandy remembers Terri saying, "Here comes a car." They were

also still watching the object through the windshield of the car. A second light was dropped from the same location on the triangle. It too went out before it hit the ground. The odd thing, both women point out, is that the car never got to them. It didn't pass by them northward up Route 41 nor did it turn on Benner Hill road and go past them as the truck did. They have no idea what happened to the "car" in those few moments since their attention was back on the triangle.

At some point during their second brief stop, Terri had exited the car a second time to watch the triangle. Moments after the "car" disappeared, they noticed that the object seemed to turn toward them and the front red light separated into two distinct red lights and gave them the impression that the object split into two pieces. It also seemed to move toward them. Sandy yelled at Terri to get back into the car, which she did. Like before, she was outside the car for about a minute. They quickly turned left and sped on into Bainbridge, less than two miles to the south. The sighting lasted perhaps

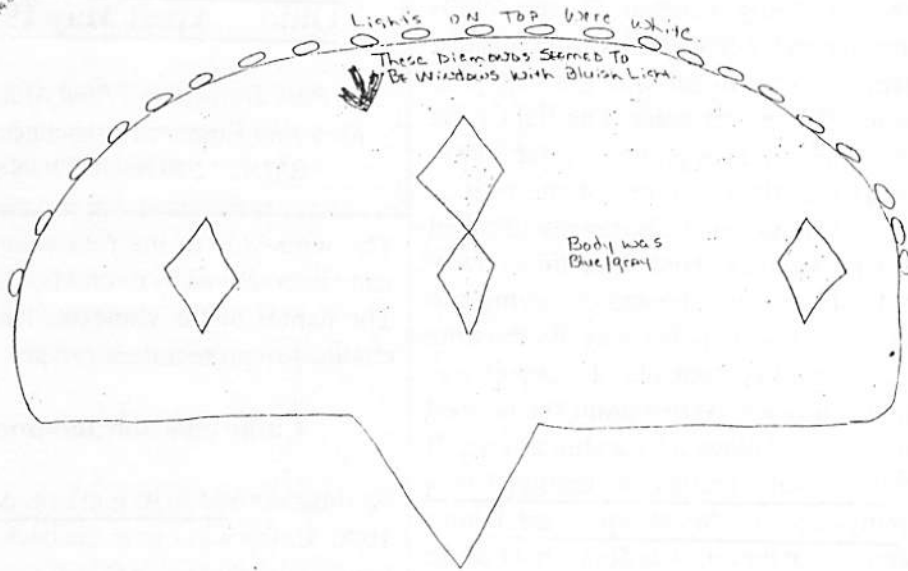
three minutes. Neither the baby or the puppy seemed to react to what had happened.

As they got near Bainbridge, Sandy stopped the car after they crossed the railroad tracks and changed places with Terri; Terri was now driving. They stopped for gas at Hirn's Corner on the corner of Routes 41 and 50 in Bainbridge. Hirn's Corner is a Marathon gas station that also sells food, bait, tackle, and hunting supplies. The women told the men there about their experience after gassing up and before heading on home. They said they were scarred and excited. This part of the story was confirmed by both Charles Hirn and Dave Roberts when we stopped there during our investigation. Both remembered that two women and a child stopped to get gas and told the story related above.

Terri and Sandy left the gas station and drove south out of Ross County and into Pike County toward Sandy's home in Highland County west of Sinking Springs. The trip normally takes twenty to twenty five minutes. They drove south on Route 41 and then west on 124. While on 124, still approximately two miles from Sandy's home, they saw two bright lights to the southwest. The lights were white, appeared to be the size of a dime held at arms length, and orbited around one another in a counter clockwise direction. Sandy described the lights as being "like headlights in the sky." They didn't stop and soon lost track of them.

Terri and Sandy drove to Hizer Road and turned south about a mile and then turned right onto Sinking Springs Road heading west north west towards the driveway of Sandy's home which is just up the road. As they got to the driveway and began to turn right, Sandy briefly saw an object up in the sky to the west that she finds hard to describe. Because Terri was now driving, she didn't see this object. Sandy has the impression that her first

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view of the object was its bottom. It was oval in shape with two "somethings" that she calls "nuggets" near both ends of the object. The shapes were like poorly drawn multi-pointed stars. At the center of the oval was a protrusion that appeared to point outward in a pyramid effect, like the effect one gets if he or she hangs a sheet on a clothes line and then pushes outward at the sheet's center. The object was blue/gray in color. Her next quick view of the object appeared to be toward its side; given that this all happened in just a few seconds, it must have turned or changed shape.

The object, still blue/gray, was bowl shaped with a pointed protrusion at the center of the bowl's bottom. White lights were seen all along the rounded portion of the bowl. There were four large bright blue diamond shaped "windows" on the side, one at each end and two in the center, one directly on the top of the other and touching. The blue appeared fluorescent in color and glowed. She described the color as "warm." Sandy yelled out, "We're being invaded," and then lost sight of this object.

They drove up a long curving mud driveway to Sandy's house and got out of the

car, quite shaken. However, their experience was not yet over. As they got out of their car they looked up. The sky was full of "many" small red lights everywhere they looked. The lights were the size of the red lights seen on airplanes at a distance. However, there were too many lights for them to have been on airplanes and they didn't move as airplanes do. They bounced around. The lights flashed and flickered. The women didn't count them, saying there were too many. The red lights would change to balls of white light, which would then go out. These lights were about the size of a quarter held at arms length. The women weren't sure if the red lights changed into the white lights or if the red lights went out just before the white lights appeared below them. The lights all didn't change at the same time; the change appeared to be random all over the sky. It was quite a spectacle. They ran into the house where their husbands were playing guitars and talking. Excitedly, they told them to get outside. It was bitter cold that night and a brisk wind was blowing. The men could only stay outside for a few minutes, not having put their coats on. They both saw the same display. Before they were forced inside by the cold, all four, and a friend, saw yet another display to

the east. A white light about the same size as the others came on up in the sky at about a 45 degree angle and then went out. A second light appeared a few degrees to the south and then went out. Then a third came on a few degrees further south and it too went out. All of this occurred in just a few seconds. Because of the cold, the experience was over for these people as they went inside although the red and white lights were still in view. When they looked outside later everything appeared to be back to normal. The light show was over.

But was the experience over? On Monday, February 5th at 1:30 AM Sandy looked out of her kitchen window to the west. There in the sky only a few degrees above the distant tree line was a line of large red balls. This line extended across about 40 degrees of sky. There were many of these lights; Sandy didn't count them. Suddenly three white balls of light appeared just below this line all touching each other in the form of a triangle. This triangle then moved toward the house. As it went over and out of sight from the window, Sandy heard a distinct humming sound.

Sandy wonders if these experiences are really over. Normally she has a good memory, but she said that it seems as if she is forgetting what has happened more and more as time passes. She is also scared to be alone at night. All of this is not normal for her.

As our first day's investigation on February 10 drew to a close, we stopped at the gasoline station and general store in Bainbridge known as Hirn's Corner. As noted above, Sandy and Terri had stopped there to get gas after their initial February 2 sighting. Two workers at the store confirmed that "two women and a child" had stopped in to get gas that night and told about seeing the strange object north of town, thus confirming a small part of the story. As we talked to these two

people we learned that other sightings of strange aerial lights and objects had occurred in and around Bainbridge over at least the past two years. A local teacher had stopped by the station one night and reported seeing something triangular shaped in the sky that dropped lights, reminiscent of Terri and Sandy's initial sighting. This object was reported to have had a neon colored tube-like light running from its forward point to the rear. The workers did not know the name of the teacher, so no follow up is possible.

The store's owner, Dave Roberts, dropped by as we were talking to his employees and he told us of a sighting that he had about two years previously. Mr. Robert's lives across the road from the store on top of a hill. He was looking to the south out of his living room window one night and saw three white lights in the sky moving slowly westward. These lights formed a triangle. When the lights got nearer to him the three lights changed into approximately twenty. It moved out of his vision in a couple of minutes, and he did not go outside to see if he could see where it went to. A few days later he was talking to his ex-wife who lives nearby. She had apparently seen the same lights when she was returning from work. Her description of the lights was the same as his, Mr. Roberts said.

Follow Up

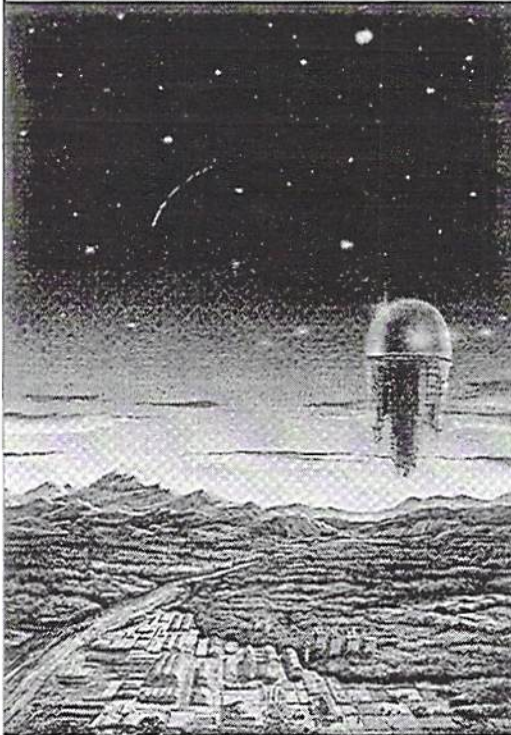
We kept in touch with Sandy and Terri in the weeks that followed. Indeed, their experiences were not over.

On Monday, February 13 at approximately 12:30 AM, Sandy's dog acted as if it wanted to go outside by scratching on the door. Sandy put on her coat and went out with the dog. As she was standing on the wooden walkway, she looked up and saw a "huge" triangular shaped object moving slowly to the northeast

toward Fort Hill. She said she felt like she was being watched. "It sent chills through me. I felt like I was being dissected." The object was glowing in a white fluorescent color. The light from this object did not go beyond the somewhat indistinct borders of the object. There was no sound. She ran in and called Terri who lives about three miles away and told her what she was observing and that it was heading her way. By the time Sandy got back outside, the object was in the distance. At this point she noticed that it was followed by a similar one. "I felt the same feeling, as though I was being dissected. My skin prickled. I don't know what the pup was doing, but I could hear the neighbor's dogs and it sounded like a hundred coyotes raising hell. I ran back in and tried to wake my husband, but he wouldn't budge. It was like he'd been drugged."

Terri later told Sandy that she had seen both objects from her place.

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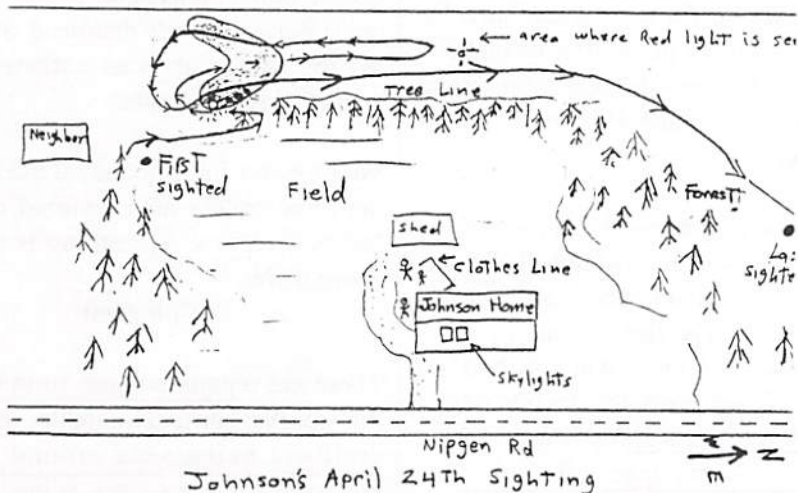
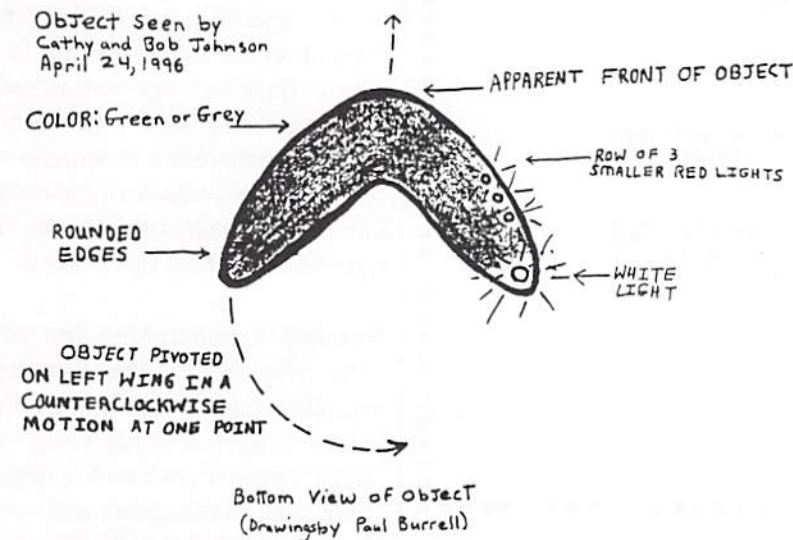
The witnesses to the following events were interviewed by us on May 25, 1996. The names of the witnesses have been changed to protect their privacy.

Cathy and Bob Johnson

At dusk around 8:30 p.m., on April 24, 1996, Cathy was out in the back yard of her rural northwestern Pike County home collecting clothes off the line with her four year old daughter and her small dog. Her husband, Bob, was in the shower. Suddenly, she felt the hair on the back of her head go up as if something were watching her. She looked up to the east and saw "an Army green or dark gray, boomerang shaped" object, which appeared to be two or three times the size of the B-2 stealth bomber, which she had seen several times on television, above the tree line behind her house about an eighth of a mile away. She said it seemed about 200 to 300 feet in altitude.

The object had one white light and a row of three red lights on the left wing and it made a low humming sound "like an electric motor humming in the sky", as it slowly moved along. The object had rounded edges and the surface was totally smooth. It moved slowly across the sky, stopped, moved back, and then pivoted counterclockwise around its right wing.

Her husband came out of the house as it was leaving the area. He said it appeared to be as large as a football field. When asked if there had been any strange reactions from animals in the area, Cathy replied that her dog, which normally stays by her side, shied away, tucked its tail



between its legs, and ran back to the house. The sighting lasted about a minute.

Cathy contacted Wright-Patterson Air Force Base and asked the spokesman if they knew what was going on. She said that she seemed to get "a run around." They said they knew nothing about the object. While not connected to the sighting, Cathy said that military aircraft are often in their area, apparently conducting training exercises.

In the early morning hours of May 4, 1996, the boomerang returned. Cathy was up sometime between 3 to 4 a.m. to get a drink of water when she happened to look up through one of their roof skylights. She saw something and heard the same humming sound. She proceeded to

look out the window and saw the object above their house. She decided not to wake her husband, watched the object for a short time, and then went back to bed.

Cathy and her husband noted that from time to time they see a red light above the tree line behind their house, which they first assumed was on a radio or water tower. They've since hiked the area several times and have seen no towers of any kind, nor any other indication of a possible source of the red light.

They also noted that they hear or feel ground hums or vibrations every month or so which they cannot account for. It lasts for about 15 or 20 minutes, usually in the evening. Cathy pointed out that there is a General Electric jet engine test facility about 20 miles away, so this could

be the source of the sounds.

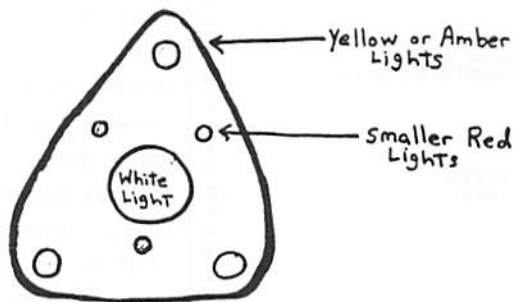
Cathy stated that her neighbors have also seen UFOs. In April of 1993 or 1994, the wife saw something land in the area some distance behind their home. The woman "would just shake" when she told them about the event two or three days later, and apparently didn't want to talk any further about it. Recently, in the spring of 1996, the neighbor's husband said he saw a big light in the sky just hover over the area; he didn't provide much detail to them.

Cathy went on to say that her first husband's father, a Lt. Col. Charles Harris Cooke, told them that he had worked for Project Blue Book, and was one of the pilots who chased UFOs during the well known incidents over Washington, D.C. in July, 1952. He would talk to the family about the case from time to time, but it would upset him and he was more disturbed by the fact that the government didn't brief the pilots regarding UFOs. The pilots thought they were going after Russian planes invading U.S. airspace. Cathy said he told her, "When they [the other pilots] got there [over the D.C. area], it wasn't what they were told it was." She recalls her father in law was the second pilot behind the lead pilot. He described the objects as silver. She states that on the day of his funeral in 1973 in Cooperstown, New York, seven years after he had retired from the Air Force, people who identified themselves as being from the CIA taped off his house for four hours and didn't let anyone in. They ended up taking many of his files, much of it concerning UFOs, that he kept in a locked cabinet.

Jim Miller

Jim is 44 years old and has a younger brother, Jack, who lives nearby on the same rural county road and about a mile or so away from the Johnson's. Jim states that about a week before the Johnson's

Jim's Sighting From Late 1993



Bottom View of Object
(Drawing by Paul Burrell)

April 24th sighting, he was driving home from Chillicothe, going south on Route 772. At approximately 11 p.m., not far from Harris Station Road, he saw lights in the trees on a knoll to his left. The lights were red, amber, and white or bright yellow. He drove down the road for a short distance and it appeared the lights were sitting just above some high power lines. The lights were in a semi-circular pattern and were silhouetted against the hill. The lights were no more than 60 feet in the air and about 150 feet away. No sound was associated with the lights. Although he didn't see any more of the lights, he had the impression that they were going around something. This episode lasted about 45 seconds. When he got home not too far away, all of the dogs in the area were barking.

On May 14th, Paul Burrell received a call from Jim at 10:40 p.m. He reported that two jet aircraft appeared in the sky over his house. He observed there were two globes of lights near the aircraft. Jim took a video of these lights and it appears they may be flares of some sort. Jim his brother, and the Johnson's, who Jim had called to come over to his house, all observed this activity.

Some years before, in September 1993, while driving home one night from the local community college, Jim observed what appeared to be a large airplane in the distance. The "plane" had four fuzzy, ruby red points of light where the fuselage and

wings would be (in a cross pattern). He decided it wasn't a plane after he realized he could see the stars through what should have been the fuselage. He soon lost track of this object.

Upon his arrival home, he informed his then 14 year old son of what he had seen. He went back outside and walked down the road a bit. The lights came over the hill from the direction in which he had last seen them. They floated down into a field about 500 feet from Jim's house. At that distance, the lights appeared to be "basketball sized, but they were farther away, so they were probably bigger." By this time, the lights were changing their positions somewhat. It looked like they were going to land, but they didn't. He said the lights did not cast any light, "they just were light." Then, a couple of jet aircraft flew over and the red light which was highest in the air shot off at a high rate of speed, got "way out front" of the lead jet, and curved off in a wide circle.

Jim said it was as if the lights were dancing or playing in the field, moving "like a ballet." This lasted for about an hour. Jim went inside to make a phone call to alert his brother, who was living in Chillicothe at the time, and when he came back out, he looked straight up and saw over 100 different colored blue, red and orange lights, "just like something out of Close Encounters." The aircraft continued to circle the area.

Jim said that after the lights left the area he saw several quick flashes, the way a camera would flash, way up in the sky. These flashes were witnessed by his brother and other family members who had come out from town to witness what was occurring. This case is, in some ways, similar to the October, 1995 Logan, Ohio case reported elsewhere in this issue.

A couple of months later, Jim was driving to his wife's house - they were separated - and saw some red lights off in the distance. When he arrived at her house, he saw a large triangular craft with a large circular white light in the center and smaller yellow or amber lights at the points of the triangle moving slowly overhead. Surrounding the white light was a triangular pattern of three red lights.

We probably have not heard the last from the three county area reported on in the last two reports. Something is going on down there.

Comment

There are reports coming from the Dayton area that unusual triangular shaped aircraft are being seen around Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, sometimes during the day. An unmarked white triangular shaped craft has been seen on several occasions in the air near the base. It is unmarked, smooth, and rounded, without the angular shaped trailing area to the wing as with the B-2 stealth bomber. It is the approximate size of a Boeing 737 but has only one window area in the front, probably for the pilot. The most fascinating aspect of the craft is its apparent ability to fly very slowly, sometimes seeming to almost hover. For the record, F-117 stealth fighters have also been seen in the area during the day; this white aircraft is not being confused with the F-117. Much of what is occurring in the southern part of the state may be the results of governmental experimental efforts and flight testing. Who knows what is being tested there? Ohio may have its very own Groom Lake and most of its inhabitants are not aware of it.

New Abductee Trend

by Donna Higbee, CHT

People all over the world have been reporting encounters with non-human entities. We don't know the origin of these entities, whether they are physical beings from another planet or interdimensional beings who have been here with us since the beginning of our history. Most researchers believe that we are dealing with both. We have thousands of reports from people who claim they have been kidnapped by non-human entities and subjected to physical examinations and psychological/emotional studies. Health care professionals and hypnotherapists have been seeing the marks and scars, the physical evidence of these kidnappings, on the bodies of their patients and clients, and hearing their traumatic accounts of abduction. Surgeons have removed small implants from the bodies of several people in California. These implants are now being studied by electronics and chemical engineers and a university where electron microscopy and photospectrometry is being done. Because I strongly feel caution should be exercised when encountering all non-human entities, I offer the following article to help people having these encounters think seriously about what they are accepting as their truth.

Brainwashing...that is a strong word but I use it purposely, as I question the sudden change in abductee's attitudes all over the country. I'm a hypnotherapist in Santa Barbara, California, and the director of CEIT (Contact Encounters Investigation Team) an abductee support and research group. I noticed a drastic change earlier this year in the attitudes of several of the abductees from one meeting to the next. People who had been traumatized all their lives by ongoing abductions and had only anger and mistrust for their non-human abductors suddenly started saying they had been told/

shown that everything that has happened to them was for their own good, that the abductors are highly spiritual beings and are helping them (the abductee) to evolve spiritually. By accepting this information, the abductees stopped fighting abduction and instead became passive and controlled. When I checked with other researchers, I found that this was a pattern that was repeating itself over and over again around the country. I became concerned that abductees were accepting these explanations from entities that we know can be deceitful, use screen memories to mask real memories, use virtual reality scenarios to implant images into abductees' heads, and manipulate and abuse. I wrote an article for the MUFON UFO Journal (September 1995) and encouraged abductees to seriously think about what they were accepting as truth, in light of the evidence, not the explanations offered them by these non-human entities. I invited comments from the readership.

The correspondence I received from other researchers reflected, for the most part, my own observations and feelings about this abductee attitude switch. But the letters I got from many abductees accused me of insulting their wonderful space brothers. I'd like to give a few quotes from some of the letters I received.

A non-abductee writes: "Growth is a personally achieved occurrence from within one's own being, whether it is physical or spiritual. If these aliens are wanting us to believe that they are gifting humans with spiritual growth, I see this as a ploy for their own purposes. If this is not a tactic of their doings and is, instead, the abductees way of justifying what has happened to them, then they are deluding themselves. Either way one looks at it, this is like justifying a cult leader who

uses his members for experimentation and has sex with them for purposes he calls spiritual and sanctioned by God. We have seen this type of activity in human cults...and have been appalled by it. What makes this same type of activity acceptable with aliens? Their actions speak for themselves."

One of the few abductees who agrees with me writes: "I was of this mind set a few years back and had to force myself to back away from it. I knew myself enough to know that it was not 'like me,' a very independent thinker, to be compliant or to trust so easily, but I do know programming when I see it. I still find myself being 'pulled' down the path of the 'Friendly and Caring' entity mind set, but the reality is - they are not. Their actions are not ethical. Like thieves in the night they have plundered our lives. If their intent was noble, they would not have to hide it. I agree, a spiritually advanced race would not behave as they do. It's pure logic, and yet I still have to keep reminding myself of that. Up until 1992, I was incredibly compelled never to share my abduction experience with anyone; to do so would be a 'betrayal' of my 'space friends.' I cannot express how strongly compelled I was toward silence...to utterly, believing they were here for our benefit...Maybe it was because I went so much with the feeling of infatuation that I got to thinking, 'Whoa...listen to yourself...you sound like some kind of fanatic.' That's when it clicked. If anyone should've known better, it was me; and yet they still managed to manipulate me. I backed away from the entire issue and grew mistrustful of these idealistic proclivities both within myself and in literature I'd read. My only goal was to change my attitude towards them, and to see them for what they are. It took me two years to do this

to the point where I could come into a group setting and TALK about it!! To do so would be betrayal! It was not and still is not easy, but I knew I had to stop protecting my 'captors'...my 'abusers'...no matter what they said or promised me. It was hard for me to go from 'Special-Chosen-One' to 'Intergalactic Mutineer' but the point is, I had to FORCE the resistance. I still do...and will, until our little cosmic terrorists fess up and become accountable for their actions."

Another abductee writes: "Once you've been cut open and can see your insides over and over, it becomes old hat. It's life!...Some people who experience abduction are always under their control. They need to be. How else can they be cared for? Or perhaps I should say monitored?"

A Native American wrote to me: "Native Americans are very aware of the beings that are 'visiting.' I have been told that they do not believe that these beings are extraterrestrial. In the old days the Star People visited and interacted with the people. Today the Wakan Sica (in Lakota), or the darker side, has come and has impersonated the Star People. This was they (the dark beings) who could move into our culture, through the public fascination with UFOs."

An abductee writes: "Abduction is part of the grand plan...the plan to change humans genetically so we will be able to adapt to a changing environment, such as that brought on by radiation, more pollution, etc. At present our genes are breaking down under the stress but they are fixing all that. They will save us as a species and make us able to continue living here. We should be terribly thankful to them for all their help."

A MUFON State Director writes: "...your article had an impact on me, for it put into words my own approach to

abductions...I suggest caution be the name of the game as we continue to explore the phenomenon. I, too, am able to equate spirituality with taking someone against their will. Whatever the agenda may be surrounding alien abductions, I am sure we are not being told the truth or, at the very least, being manipulated into cooperating with it."

An abductee writes: "How can you say we are being manipulated and controlled when we agreed to all this before we came into this life? In a pre-life agreement, the one you call an abductee agreed to being used to aid his brothers from the other dimensions/planets. If this means experimentation, fetus removal and the like, then that is fine because it was all agreed to. The abductee has just forgotten the agreement. It will further his spiritual growth to be of service in such a manner." [An editorial comment from the *Ohio UFO Notebook*: If the Nazis had come up with this excuse to justify the abduction, torture and murder of 6,000,000 plus Jews and others prior to and during World War II and this abductee had been a judge at the Nuremberg trials, the purpose of all of this pain would have been to uplift the spirituality of the tortured and dead Jews. Thus, the Nazis would have been released as spiritual heroes. Perhaps we should bring back the Nazis to further our own spiritual growth in this country. Bull!!!! This abductee's thinking is as dangerous as it is sick. MORA salutes author Donna Higbee for exposing this dangerous trend in abduction research.]

Not an abductee himself, but has an abductee in the family: "...let's not be suckered into believing getting hit in the head with a baseball bat is fun. it could very well lead to our demise as an independent thinking race of beings. I feel one of the greatest gifts we have is our independence as individuals. I won't give up my independence without a fight."

An abductee writes: "If abductees are more at peace by accepting their abductors as spiritual, what's wrong with that? Abductee brainwashing? I don't think so. The body is controlled, not our feelings."

A researcher: "Your paper dovetails nicely with a lot of information that I have gathered. I really appreciate your using the terms 'brainwashing' and 'kidnapping' because that is exactly what is going on. One of your major theses is that abductees are changing their stories from feeling traumatized and abused to finding new-found enlightenment and deep spirituality. What is indeed amazing is not only the drastic change of the abductee's new-found tolerance but that they themselves don't realize that they have been deceived."

An abductee writes: "My first memory was so wonderful. At first I was scared but then a woman (alien) lifted me out of my crib and held me...and said, 'You're my baby now.' ... They control my body and what it does but they don't control my mind. I make my own opinions...If there is a problem, they fix it. They watch over me. They are my God."

Feelings and opinions on abduction run the gamut and we certainly have no set answers. However, I continue to question the motives of the abductors and their behavior. I would strongly suggest that every abductee do the same. The question was asked above - why not believe that the abductors are spiritual if it makes you feel better? My answer to her is "because it's not the truth."

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Small Strangely-Shaped UFOs

Small Triangular Object With A Jet-Like Sound

by Steve Sandstrom

It was a very fine summer's day in June, 1994 (exact date unknown) when Martell Astrom decided to go out in the boat that he has by a small lake not far from Floda, Sweden, where he lives. Floda is a small village about 60 kilometers SW of the north-Swedish town Skelleftea.

There was not a cloud in the sky. Martell took his boat to his favorite fishing area and sat there idly for a long while. The only sound was the waves lapping against the sides of his boat. Suddenly he heard another sound, a sound foreign to the area.

At low altitude, maybe 50 meters, and almost in zenith, there suddenly came an unknown flying object. It looked like an arrow head and was black in colour. Martell could clearly see that the object wasn't very big. He estimated it to be about two meters long.

First Martell thought it was an ordinary jet fighter. The sound reminded him of such a plane. He is completely convinced, however, that it was no such plane. His view of it, against the clear summer sky, was too good for such a mistake. This was probably a misunderstanding since the object was by then only a small black spot on the horizon. There are no other witnesses to the incident but I see no reason to doubt the sincerity of the observer.

The most difficult task is to try to judge whether...Martell Astrom did in fact see an ordinary jet, maybe a Viggen air force fighter, but was somehow mistaken in the strong sun-light. Probably not so. Even

though there is still a chance for such a mistake at a certain angle, Martell could follow this object for quite a distance and he saw it quite distinctly. [He was] dead certain [concerning his] description of the object's appearance.

Small objects have been spotted many times in our area in the last [few] years. We cannot turn away from them. I have a feeling that many answers to the UFO mystery depend on the way we treat and analyze this very special category of cases.

This case was taken from the *AFU Newsletter*, issue 39, September 1995. The newsletter is published quarterly by Archives for UFO Research (AFU), P.O. Box 11027, S-600, 11 Norrkoping, Sweden. It can be received in exchange for other UFO publications or by subscription. Recommended by MORA.

*Walthan, Quebec
March 19, 1996*

According to a report received recently over the Internet, eight people saw a

small UFO land and take off near Walthan, Quebec, which is approximately 20 km from Pembroke, Ontario. This UFO was described as diamond shaped, 2 1/2 feet high by 2 feet wide, and shiny like it was made of foil. It fell like a feather to the ground in a lumber yard. No noise was heard from the object. It had no markings on it, but had what one witness described as a "bulb of mercury" hanging from it. The sighting began at 11:26 a.m.

The primary witness to the lumber yard landing got within 10 feet of the object. Thinking it was a kite of some sort, he was planning to take it home to his daughter. The object rose into the air and remained in a fixed position approximately 150 feet in the air for about 10 minutes before it left. It then seemed to land again on an island in the Ottawa River. No one reported having seen the object leave the island. There were no traces of the object left in the lumber yard.

Report initially received from Darren Stevens, an announcer at CKQB radio, Ottawa.



Rectangular UFOs

by I. Scott

This sighting occurred around 4:00 PM. on 23 February, 1984 over Hamilton Hall on the Ohio State University campus in Columbus, Ohio. When I first saw the object, I was walking down a flight of stairs between the 2nd and 3rd floors and glanced out an east facing window. The object looked like an upside down ice cream cone, with the ice cream (one scoop) part glowing a bright white. It was moving so slowly that at first I thought it was hovering. I assumed it to be a balloon and continued to watch it. I didn't expect to see a UFO, so I watched for quite a while before calling anyone else. The object was near the flight path of airplanes taking off from Port Columbus on Columbus' east side, and a low jet plane which was landing appeared to pass under it as I watched. The jet appeared to be much lower than the object. From my viewpoint, the object seemed to pass over Neil Hall, the building directly across the street. Also, it looked as if the object had just passed over Hamilton Hall. I went to the second floor and got MC, a physiology graduate student, to look at it with me. I asked her if it looked like a balloon. She replied that she didn't know.

The object would appear bigger and then smaller – it seemed to change appearance at regular intervals – giving the impression of rotation. When it was big, it looked like an upside down ice cream cone, but when it was small it looked like a thin rectangle. The shiny bottom part was very bright white - like a white light or possibly like sunlight reflecting from a shiny surface. If there were other features in this part, I couldn't see them because of the brightness. The top part looked darker, possibly reddish. It may have been solid; I couldn't tell. Some of the time, I could see lines in the top portion. I think some were parallel to the

ground and others were perpendicular, but I am unable to draw them. They seemed to be black and red. Sometimes the top part looked like a somewhat solid body, but it seemed to have girders or beams, as if a portion of it was made of an erector set-like material. These lines were visible only part of the time.

The object would also appear for a while and then disappear. After it was big and white-glowing, it would become smaller. Next, there would be a shape I couldn't quite understand that looked somewhat like a rectangle with perhaps three beams sticking out of it parallel to the ground. Then, a real clear and obvious rectangle would appear that lasted for a while and seemed to be red or brownish. Then it would either look like a thin line or disappear or go toward its large shape (I can't remember which). It made a complete cycle in its shape change like this at regular intervals of perhaps once a minute. It didn't just twist randomly in the wind. In addition, during the first part of the sighting the top "girder" portion appeared to have a fog in it and surrounding it. The fog wasn't a cloud; it was small and traveled with the object.

The object may have been shaped like an ice-cream-cone cut-out which was thick, so when viewed from the side it looked like a rectangle. When viewed front-on it would give the appearance of an upside-down ice-cream-cone or a triangle with its broad base down. Thus, as it rotated this shape might give the appearance of first a triangle and then a rectangle. It's rotation, or shape change, was at regular intervals throughout the sighting. No part of the object looked balloon-like. I have seen many balloons and this did not look like any of these.

I and the others who were also watching this phenomena with me opened the window to get a clearer view. We watched for a while, and then went to the third floor office, room 312 — half-way down

the building, to watch. It was still there. We asked Dr. C, a professor, to watch. He looked briefly and said it looked like a box kite. Then we went to the end of the building and asked Dr. B, another professor, and JD, a graduate student, to take a look. Dr. B watched it for a while and asked if it were a balloon. He thought that perhaps the top part was the balloon part of a hot air balloon. I didn't think so. The baskets of these balloons are small compared to the balloon itself. In this case the dark part above the light appeared smaller than the bright part. After several more minutes he said sarcastically, "Maybe it's a UFO." He then left.

When I first watched the object from the window in room 312, it seemed to be straight east. Near the end of the time I watched it, it was to the northeast. From my line of sight, its apparent position moved from directly east over Neil Hall to over the tall dormitories along Tenth Avenue. It looked as if it had traveled quite a bit further (its apparent size was smaller) and looked as if it were traveling across Columbus to the northeast - or roughly on a path that would take it a little north of Port Columbus.

By then I could clearly see it drifting and was sure it wasn't a box kite. There were buildings, trees, and electric lines in the way. It would have been impossible to fly a kite on a string around these obstacles. In addition, the air was still; it wasn't even slightly windy.

MC and I asked several people if there was a telescope in the building. We were unable to find one. By this time the object had drifted further to the northeast. At around 4:20, I called Warren Nicholson, who worked at the nearby Battelle Memorial Institute and who investigates UFO sightings as a hobby, to tell him what I was witnessing. Afterwards, I looked again and the object was out of sight.

The sighting had lasted around 20-25 minutes. Many people in north Columbus should have seen this object, especially some of the thousands of students at Ohio State University. It was one of the first warm days of spring and lots of people were outside. Thinking about it now, perhaps I should have called a radio station.

Mr. Nicholson later told me that he had checked with Port Columbus immediately after I called him. They told him the wind velocity was 0, so our object shouldn't have been a box kite. They couldn't see it on radar. That was strange because, when we last saw it, it was between OSU and Port Columbus, traveling on a trajectory that would have taken it north of Port Columbus. Also, it had been over the Port Columbus landing slope when we first spotted it. Mr. Nicholson also had looked for it from Battelle, but had been unable to see it.

Mr. Nicholson called me that night to say a family had also seen something odd later that afternoon. They saw four lines in the sky. The father had taken pictures through a 1200 power telephoto lens with ASA 400 color film. The wife described the lines as tear-drop shaped and the husband described it as shaped like an airplane's wing section. In general, the lines seemed comma-or oblong-shaped. They were in the west and were dark. They were not objects reflecting light. They then flew away in four different directions. Mr. Nicholson thought that many sightings in one day was a 'flurry' of activity.

Willy Smith, then of the CUFOS UNICAT PROJECT, said of this report, "Numerous observations of anomalous objects were made from July to September, 1985 from different parts of the world which turned out to be high-altitude balloons launched by the French from Pretoria, in South Africa. They

managed to survive for a long time, enough to go around the world and reach Argentina, where they were immediately assumed to be UFOs. One of the associates of UNICAT in Buenos Aires took great interest in those sightings and managed to link them to the launchings. We had collected incidents from other places, which in fact follow the path of balloons around the world. The six entries in [an] enclosed computer printout indeed do not refer to a single balloon, but probably to several as many were launched during that period. (These were all 7-9, 1985, sightings)"

"When I read your report, I asked my contact in Argentina to check if launching had also taken place in the Northern hemisphere. It took him a long time to reply and although he contacted the proper agencies, he was unable to obtain exact launching dates. But he found out that the Japanese have been launching 15 probes a year from Sanriku Balloon Center located in Sanriku-Cho in the east coast of Iwate facing the Pacific Ocean."

"I suspect what you saw was one of those infra-red high-altitude balloons, as the descriptions, and even the drawings match quite closing. I am enclosing a listing of the sightings corresponding to the Pretoria launchings, as well as two drawings sketched by me. No. 1 is taken from the original drawings received from witnesses in Argentina. No. 2 is a copy of a (secret) photo taken by the Argentinean military, and of which I was fortunate enough to obtain a copy. They called it, of course, a UFO. You look at the drawings and tell me if they are like the object seen by you and your co-workers at Ohio State." They were not.

So far the object has never been identified. We need to find if there are balloons that rotate regularly, and that can assume a rectangular appearance. One characteristic noted by all witnesses was its rect-

angular appearance. No balloon shape was seen above or below the rectangle. Since this was a daytime sighting, if the object had been supported by a balloon, the balloon should have been visible. Also it is unknown how the regular rotation/shape change was powered. It would be quite difficult for a balloon to continually rotate regularly, because wind currents would prevent this. This regular rotation in a balloon in itself would be quite a feat. In addition, such rotation would have to be powered. There would need to be some sort of power plant and a method of propulsion in the balloon set up in order to allow it to maintain its rotation.

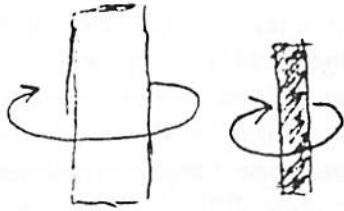
All witness were credible. All are now PhD's and have been or are university professors. The reports were collected from each individual witness independently within a few days of the sighting. Each witness was asked to write a description and make a drawing of the object. The witness to the other sighting that day was also described as highly credible. This sighting is similar to later reports of groups of objects.

Included are drawings and descriptions by the witnesses. These were made immediately after the sighting and dated.

Another Rectangle Seen

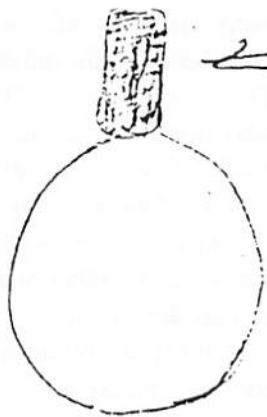
A similar object was sighted on Sunday the 12th of December 1993 at about 5:00 PM on a partly cloudy day. It was still daylight. The witness was northbound on Hamilton Road (Columbus, Ohio) almost to the I-70 overpass. He looked to his left upon entering the westbound freeway and saw a black rectangular cube drifting (not flying) in a northwesterly direction. The object appeared to be 1500-2000 feet up and about 75- to 100 yards away. He said the object didn't appear to be extremely large, maybe 10 feet tall, though he couldn't tell for sure. The ob-

**SELECTED EXERPTS FROM DESCRIPTIONS OF OBJECT SEEN
OVER OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY ON FEB. 24, 1984.**



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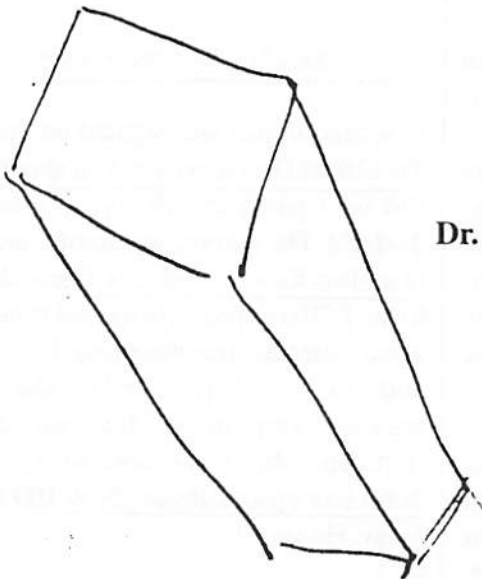
"On Thursday, 2-24-84, I observed an object in the eastern sky, from the 3rd floor (room 312) of Hamilton Hall, OSU (1645 Neal Ave, Columbus, Ohio 43210). It appeared to be stationary, but rotating as if around a central axis. It was rectangular in shape, oriented perpendicular to the ground. As it rotated slowly, it would change color from a highly reflected shiny white, to black, and then it would disappear. This pattern was repeated over and over during the appros. 5 minutes I watched it. The rectangle appeared larger when shinny & thinner when black. I can't estimate the altitude, but my impression was that it was not so high in the sky. It was quite a distance from us as so looked small." JD 2/27/84



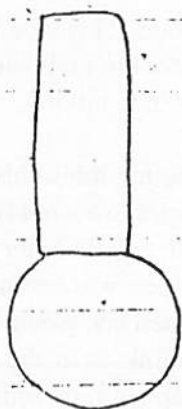
Dark
Bright shiny

"...It appeared to be rotating; so that at times, the bottom was barely visible (i.e., not reflecting), and at other times the bottom was very bright (making it "appear" to be larger than the top). It seemed to be slowly "drifting" away to the east."

Dr. B 2/23/84

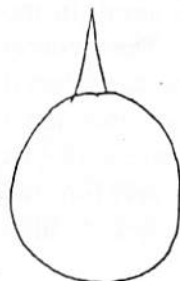
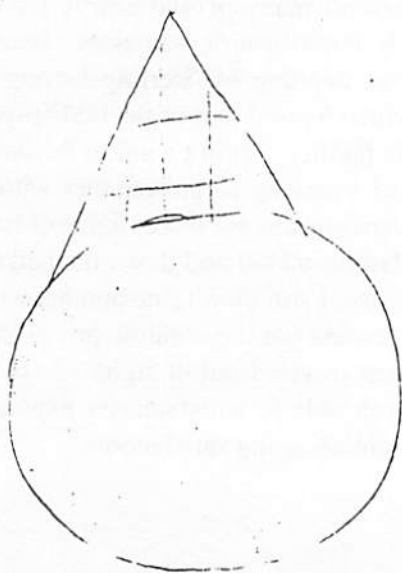


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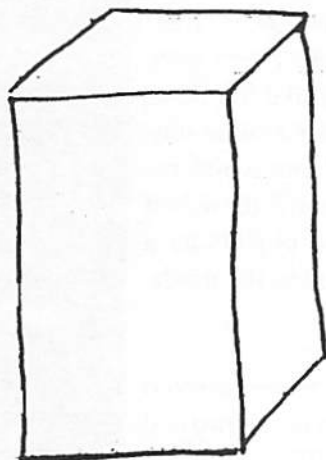


"Directly to the east and very high up in the sky (too high for a kite in my opinion) there was a shiny round object. It would come in and out of view periodically (every 30-60 sec.). There seemed to be another component to it above the shiny portion...although the object was not well defined in shape, it did appear to be rather squarish or shaped in a rectangular form. My first impression was that the upper part of the object was rectangular and the bottom was round...However, this configuration later was lost. Also the object drifted in and out of view, but ...after a while it disappeared from view (going East)."

MC



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Investigated by Jodi Baker

ject was in his visual field for about 20 minutes. He is not sure if the object disappeared, or just drifted out of sight.

Investigated and reported by Jodi Baker

Yet Another Report

On what is best estimated as June 24, 1995 (plus or minus one day) in southern Delaware County on Bale Kenyon Road farm, a woman went for a morning stroll in her back yard. Looking to the north, she saw what she first interpreted to be a kite. It was darkish, had a rectangular configuration and was in front of a nearby fence approximately 100 feet away. When she compared it to the fence, she thought it to be around 2 to 3 feet high 2 to 3 feet wide.

The object was bumping or wavering along the ground. Wondering what it was, she began to walk toward it. It then rose into the air and then landed around 30 feet closer to her. It then made another bump on the ground and then climbed into the air to the southwest.

Once in the air, it began to look white and spherical, or discoidal. It sailed quite high, gaining in elevation as it went. It seemed to travel as if it were powered. She did not notice much wind at the time. It took a straight course, not the zig zag course of a wind blown object. When she last saw it, it was quite a bit higher than the trees across her field and continued flying until it was no longer in sight. She heard no sounds from the object during the event.

Ohio State University Again

This sighting occurred on February 24, 1984 at 3:27 PM on a slightly cloudy day, after a bad snowstorm on the previous night. I saw the object from the fourth floor north most, east facing window in Hamilton Hall. Unfortunately, the object

flew away before I had any chance to get other witnesses.

The object was a small, black and slightly brownish, round, dull textured object and was seen over Neil Hall. It looked to be about 1-2 feet in diameter and maybe 20 feet higher than Neil Hall. The object was probably less than 100 feet away from me. It was amorphous, like a pillow, bread dough, or a bean bag, and seemed to change shape as it moved around. It moved up and down and around over the same spot for a while. It seemed to have more or less a random motion around but stayed pretty much over the same spot. It's shape change reminding me of bread dough being kneaded.

Then it took off rapidly to the southeast in a straight line, not fluttering in the wind. I watched it recede. The sighting took about one or two minutes. When it took off, it flew rapidly and assumed a spherical shape. It seemed to contract its outside surface, or become more firm and didn't change shape. It also looked a little darker.

Yet Again at Ohio State University

This sighting occurred in the daytime north of Hamilton Hall on August 24, 1984. I saw what looked like four bright lines in the sky to the southwest. I assumed they were balloons. There were five objects each looking like Venus or Jupiter when they are visible around sunset. However, unlike balloons which reflect as they twist in the wind, these had an even appearance. The objects as a group were slowly moving to the northeast.

Individually they sometimes moved slowly, sometimes darted, (moved quickly and then stood still), sometimes hovered and sometimes several remained still, while others moved. Part of the time

they were near a cloud. This cloud was thin and wispy so I couldn't tell whether they were behind or in front of it.

One thing that made me think this was odd was that sometimes two would come together. I couldn't tell whether they merged, or whether one was behind another. Sometimes when one would blink off another would blink on at the same time. This would happen repeatedly for a period of time for just two of the objects.

I stood there watching the objects for about five minutes. It was finals week for the OSU summer quarter and there weren't many people nearby for me to get as confirming witnesses. Because I was standing by Sterling Loving Hall, which housed part of the OSU psychiatric facility, I didn't want to be too obvious in trying to get another witness. I went upstairs for three flights of stairs in Hamilton Hall and down the hall to my office. I still didn't find another witness. I looked out the window just as the objects traveled out of sight. I have never been able to satisfactorily explain this sighting to my satisfaction.



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June 20-21, 1985 Columbus, Ohio

by William E. Jones and Irena Scott

Scott* was visiting with his brother and a friend at the friend's home in the 800 block of Harvest Lane Court on the far east side of Columbus. It was around midnight when Scott and his brother stepped outside for a bit of fresh air. The air was cool but Scott cannot remember if the moon was out. To the east, they saw something which Scott describes as "fragments falling down." Neither was sure what they were seeing and they watched this phenomena with interest. Suddenly the area of the sky they were looking at was "blacked out." This unexpected situation startled them, even more so when they realized that some sort of huge dark object was the cause of the "blackout." The sky between them and the falling fragments in the distance was entered by something unknown moving north to south.

Suddenly, they heard a "blaring sound" come from the direction of the object. Lighted areas of various colored hues, mostly blue, appeared on the object in various locations and they were able to see that the object was covered by various protrusions, engravings and constructs, some of which reminded Scott of symbols. The light was diffuse, not appearing to come from a point source. The object appeared to be metallic and highly polished. Some sort of circular constructs could be seen on the side of the object. The blaring sound stopped after a few seconds. Then a light beam shown down to the ground and seemed to briefly light up the backyard area before going out. The blaring sound was then replaced by the sound of heavy machinery, a sort of banging sound. This sound also ceased after about 30 seconds, followed by complete silence from the object.

Scott said, "My mind couldn't comprehend what I was seeing." The object was moving very slowly in a north to south direction, taking several minutes to pass over. It was rectangular in shape but the corners and edges were not squared off; they were rounded somewhat. He described the object as both cigar and fuselage in shape, "As big as 10 C-130 military transport planes, perhaps 1000 feet in length. He felt that the object was low. "If I had a .22 rifle I could have bounced bullets off of it easily," Scott said. He also said that the object reminded him of a "city in the sky."

After the object passed over. Scott could see the rear end of the object. It was not round, but rectangular in shape. Four openings on the back end glowed white. As the object moved further south it tilted upwards and the openings appeared to get much brighter. The object seemed to pick up speed as it climbed higher into the night sky, ultimately to become point of light before disappearing altogether several minutes after it started upward.

Scott's next door neighbors arrived home as this sighting was in progress. We'll name this couple Ken and Linda, for they wish to remain anonymous. Both are respected business people and they still reside in the same house some eleven years later.

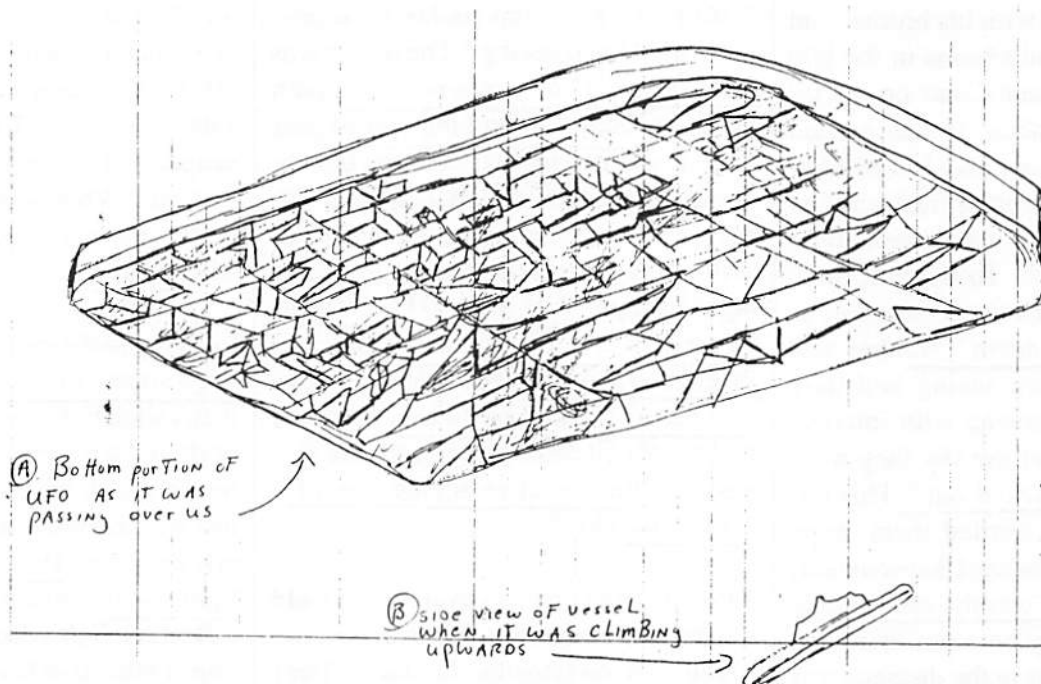
Ken and Linda were coming home from a concert. Ken remembers the sky as being "crystal clear." They were driving north on McNaughten Road, nearing Olde Orchard Road where they would turn to the right to get back to Harvest Lane Court where they lived. McNaughten and Harvest Lane Court run parallel to each other. Linda saw the ob-

ject first at a point where they were approximately even with their home about 200 to 300 yards to the east on the other side of a school. Linda was in the passenger seat looking to the right. She said to Ken, "What is that in the sky?" Ken turned the car on Olde Orchard Road, stopped and both got out of the car.

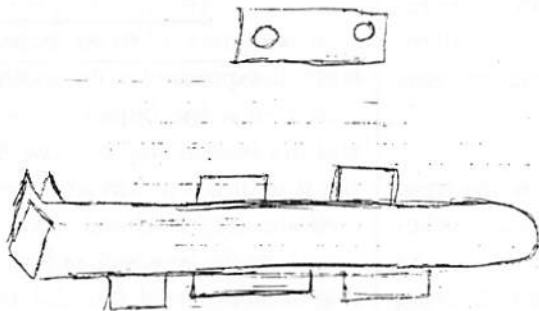
Looking to the east south east they saw a huge silent "inverted city in the sky", as Ken called it, floating above their neighborhood at a point just about over their house which was to the south. This object was traveling silently in a southeasterly direction. He remembered seeing no lights on the object, but it seemed to be reflecting lights from the ground. This object may have been slightly convex on the bottom - it was so huge he couldn't get a view of its top - and was covered with all sorts of 90 degree angled constructs, which gave it look of an inverted city. Ken estimates that the object was 200 to 300 feet wide and 500 feet long; he estimated its altitude at between 200 to 300 feet above the roofs of the houses. Ken said that the object was so big and so low it blotted out the sky above them.

The object was moving very slow. Ken and Linda said they had it in view for approximately 30 to 40 seconds as it silently disappeared to the southeast. They didn't view the object as long as Scott and his friends did because they didn't see it until it was already over their immediate neighborhood; Ken and Linda didn't see the approach or hear the sounds that Scott reported. Nor did they remember the object leaving in the manner described by Scott. Ken remembers that when he and Scott later compared notes of the experience ten years later they had somewhat different memories of the

A drawing of the object by Scott's brother



Scott's drawing of the object



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event, which seemed natural to them both. They each saw the event from a slightly different viewpoint and different things about the event impressed them.

When Ken pulled in his driveway he hadn't seen Scott and his friends in the yard next door. Ken said that Scott scared him by banging on the roof of Ken's car asking, "Did you see that? Did you see that?" As soon as Ken's heart slowed down from Scott's sudden noisy arrival, Ken replied that he had. Ken said that he has never forgotten his sighting. He was so impressed by what he saw he went outside every night for the following three weeks to see if the object would return. It never did.

When Ken got into his house he called Port Columbus International Airport about a mile west of their location to see what the people in the control tower had seen. He was astonished to learn that the control tower had neither seen nor detected the object on radar. He also called the Franklin County Sheriff's office and the Columbus Police Department to see if anyone else had reported seeing this object. No one had.

The newspaper reported that the Soviet Cosmos 1530 satellite reentered the atmosphere that night over Ohio. It's point of impact was reported to be in the Atlantic Ocean to the east. The falling fragments the boys saw to the east could have been from this satellite. Was the object Scott and the other witnesses saw really a part of the re-entry phenomena that the witnesses couldn't identify? It is impossible to say. However, Ken is absolutely sure that what he saw was not the burning reentry of a satellite but something huge and not of this world. He added that he thought there were news reports of sightings from Michigan through Ohio, W. Virginia, and North Carolina. If anyone knows of such a newspaper article, please notify MORA.

Scott's brother, who stood directly under the object and watched it for longer than Scott did, for some reason, doesn't like to talk about this experience and their friend has moved on. Thus, these two confirming witnesses are unavailable to us.

Scott furnished us with two newspaper articles from the Citizen-Journal (6/22/85 and 6/22/85). He was quoted describing the object as like a "giant aircraft carrier," or "a city in the sky." He also noted that it was a solid object.

West Side Sighting

The year has been forgotten, but it was sometime between 1982 and 1985. It was in the summer. During the evening of interest a Russian satellite was reported to have broken up over Ohio. Two witnesses saw what they describe as a "city in the sky." It seems that we may have located other witnesses to whatever it was that Scott saw - and these witness saw their "city in the sky" on the far west side of Columbus, some eight or nine miles west of the location of Scott's sighting.

The reporting witness described the event as follows: "My friend, Kathy, and I were jogging east on Sullivant Avenue in the general area of the Confederate Cemetery [Camp Chase] and Chase Road. It was probably around 11:00 p.m., as I believe we were at the end of our jog. I remember looking up [to the east, in the direction of Scott's location] and slightly to the right, although I don't remember hearing anything. Kathy was also looking up. We saw something, but within 5-10 seconds it was gone. It did not gradually disappear, it was just gone. Kathy and I looked at each other and Kathy said, "Wasn't a plane." I replied, "Wasn't a helicopter." Kathy then replied, "It wasn't a balloon." My final reply, "You know what that leaves."

"It has always been difficult for me to

put into words what I saw, as it was unlike anything I had ever seen. In general, it was of enormous size with many lights. The lights were individual as opposed to being from a fire (like something re-entering the atmosphere). I believe the lights were mostly white, but it seems I also remember red. The color of the craft appeared dark gray. It remains difficult for me to judge the size. It was so big it appeared to be close, like a low flying plane, so I should have felt the wind change or sound - but I didn't. Therefore it must have been further away - which means it was of unbelievable size. It looked like a city traveling through the sky...I can't remember anything else about this event, but it remains in my mind as a frustrating memory, because I can't describe it any better."

Unidentified craft or the re-entry of a Russian satellite? Since satellite re-entries are not an everyday event, we can expect that witnesses won't know how to describe it. Therefore, it is hard to say what these two witnesses saw, although it isn't unreasonable to assume that they saw the same phenomena that Scott and his witnesses saw.

*Scott does not want his last name published.

Thanks to MORA's Paul Burrell for obtaining the west side sighting report.



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Dancing Red Lights Logan, Ohio October/November, 1995

by Paul Burrell Co-investigated by Delbert Anderson

On the nights of October 24 and November 4, 1995, multiple small, flashing red lights were witnessed "dancing" for nearly five hours above a corn field five and a half miles south of the rural southeastern Ohio town of Logan by up to nine people, including three deputy sheriffs. The two main witnesses were interviewed on November 5. They live across Route 93 from the corn field. One is a male, the other female. Both wish to remain anonymous; therefore I will call the male witness "Mark" and the female witness "Cindy."

I became aware of this case when I saw a report October 25 on WBNS-TV, Channel 10 in Columbus. Marcy Fleisher was the reporter. Her report stated that the FAA, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, and the Ohio National Guard were contacted and all said there were no aircraft in the area at that time. The radio log of the sheriff was shown on TV and it noted Mark's report and other radio traffic regarding the UFOs. Sheriff's personnel had no comment other than they had received several calls about UFOs the night before. I contacted Ms. Fleisher and she put me in touch with the two main witnesses.

Mark's Account

I interviewed Mark on October 26 when he contacted me after receiving my number from Ms. Fleisher. He began by describing how he had gone out to walk his dog at 7:45 p.m. on Tuesday, October 24. It was a cloudless night, and he noticed 10 to 20 red lights about the size of stars in the corn field across the two-lane highway (Route 93) from their house. The lights were viewed from 15 degrees up to 30 degrees off the horizon. They were hovering and moving erratically, bright-

ening and dimming, sometimes with a short "white funnel, or a fan, below." He said they made no noise and moved "left to right, or horizontal, they would raise, they would lower." Sometimes they would execute maneuvers of "a type...no plane could possibly do." When asked how far away the lights were, he replied it was difficult to tell because they were widespread, but he guessed that some were as close as 100 to 200 yards on a horizontal plane and that they flew no more than one-quarter to one-half mile up. None of the lights touched the ground. He said, "They were certainly close enough that if they had been something that we could understand, I'd have been able to hear them." Shortly after noticing the lights, he alerted his girlfriend, Cindy, and her teenage daughter to what was going on outside.

Everyone observed the lights blinking on and off, and Mark said, "There were times we would be watching one and have another appear next to it." An apparent attempt at interaction by one of the lights occurred when it left the group and briefly followed a southbound car along the road. The speed limit on this road is 55 m.p.h. Mark recalled: "There was a car coming in the distance from the direction of town and I'd been watching one over the corn field, and it actually went to the left and hovered above this car and then followed it down the road above it. It stopped short of the house by 100 or 150 yards and hovered and let the car pass." It was at this point, around 8:20 p.m., that Mark decided to call the sheriff. he said they treated the call seriously and a cruiser with two deputies arrived about 20 minutes later.

When the deputies arrived, they said they

didn't know what the lights were either. While they stood in the driveway with the primary witnesses watching the lights, one left the group and went behind the house. About that time a wheezing sound came from the corn field across the road and one deputy commented that it was a deer. Mark, who is an avid deer hunter, replied, "I've heard hundreds upon hundreds of deer snort and grunt, and this was not a deer making this noise." The deputies stayed for about 15 minutes, then filed their report and left.

After the deputies left, Mark went into the house and called his father to tell him what was going on. At about 9:00 p.m. while he was still on the phone, he heard a loud noise outside. He ran outside and saw a white "life flight like" low flying helicopter coming from the south. It made one pass over the house and left. About five minutes later, two small propeller driven planes arrived in the area flying slowly and at low altitude. They flew in a grid-like pattern, as if they were surveying the area below. This continued until past midnight. The lights remained in the field the entire time. At one point, to the witnesses' amazement, a light again left the group in the field going up to one of the airplanes and following it for a short period.

Around 10:00 p.m., a second police cruiser arrived and the deputy viewed the lights and the planes for a short time. He had been in another county and had heard about the sighting on the police radio and wanted to see the enigma for himself. The lights remained in the area, blinking on and off, appearing and disappearing in different numbers and the planes continued their grid-like search pattern. Both witnesses had to get up early for work

the next day and went to bed shortly after midnight.

Cindy's Account

In my interview with Cindy, which I conducted separately from Mark's, she said at about 7:45 p.m. on October 24th, Mark came into the house and wanted her to see what he was seeing in the sky. She and her daughter went out onto the porch and saw red lights "flashing and blinking in various areas of the sky." Sometimes there were only two or three, but at times she counted at least ten visible at the same time. She said, "They would move up and down, they would go back and forth."

She also witnessed one of the lights leave the group in the field and follow a car south on Route 93. The light followed the car for a short distance and around a bend in the road just past the witnesses' home, and then shot up the side of a hill next to the road and just beyond their yard. This spooked a group of deer down off the hill. The deer would normally cross over the road into the corn field, but this time went in another direction.

At this point, about 8:20 p.m., Mark decided to call the Hocking County Sheriffs Department. Both witnesses watched the lights for another 15 to 20 minutes until a cruiser arrived with two deputies. The deputies observed the lights also and didn't know what they were. While the deputies were with the primary witnesses in the front yard, they heard a wheezing sound coming from the north end of the cornfield. Cindy described the sound as being like "a cow that had a really bad cold or "a person who had a really bad case of asthma and they're having trouble trying to catch their breath." One deputy thought it was a deer, but she said she had heard deer before and it didn't sound like a deer to her. This sound continued for about five minutes. The deputies stayed for about 15 minutes. A short time

later, two family friends came over to view the lights with them. When Cindy asked her friends later what they thought the lights were, they replied that they had no idea.

Cindy said the lights would create a half moon formation over the field at times. They never touched the ground and never came low or close enough so she and Mark could determine what they really were. She described them as ball-like and said they made no sound. At times she would stare into an area where there were no stars visible and then all of a sudden a red light would appear.

When I asked Cindy if anyone had gone out into the field while the lights were there, she said no, they were afraid to. I personally went into the corn field and looked for anything out of the ordinary, but found nothing.

When asked if she had other sightings, Cindy replied that in 1976 she and her aunt observed a UFO for 30 minutes not far from her aunt's house in Logan. The craft was oval shaped, hovering low to the ground, and it made no sound. It had red, white and blue lights that rotated counterclockwise around the edge. While they were viewing it, the craft disappeared.

Cindy also gave an account of some family friends who were hunting in the area when one of them saw a light he could not explain. It terrified him so much he ran back to a truck and locked himself in. When the other hunters arrived, they couldn't get him to unlock the doors and they had to pry one of the windows down.

In my conversation with my co-investigator, Delbert Anderson, following our separate and independent interviews with the witnesses, it was revealed that, shortly after the initial sighting on October 24, Mark alone observed an anomalous ob-

ject with a row of square, red sequentially blinking lights. It passed silently over the area once and left. I wasn't able to get any specifics from Mark regarding the object's shape and speed, but it appears the object was of some size and at the same altitude as the small red lights.

November 4, 1995 Sighting

On November 4, the lights returned. The witnesses were watching "Saturday Night Live" with the same family friends who had been there the night of October 24, when someone noticed the lights outside. When Delbert and I interviewed them the next day, we were pleasantly surprised to find out that Mark and Cindy had taken a three-minute video of the lights with a video cam they had borrowed after their previous sighting. The lights were not as numerous nor as active as they had been during the previous sighting, and were viewed for only 30 minutes. The video included five flashing red lights, varying in intensity and rate of strobing. One interesting part of the video includes a formation of three dimmer lights which, in slow-motion video, blink on and off at different rates and then blink on and off in unison. The sighting lasted from 11:30 p.m. to 12 midnight, and was witnessed by the two family friends as well.

Other Ohio Sightings the Night of October 24, 1995

While driving to bowl in Mt. Sterling, Ohio at 9:30 p.m., the head custodian of the school where I work saw two unusually bright, stationary white lights about one-quarter of a mile high and 20-30 yards apart. He was unsure of the distance between him and the objects. He was about two miles north of Mt. Sterling, traveling south on Route 62. He believes the lights were near Mt. Sterling on I-71 South. He was so intrigued, he slowed his car and viewed the objects

for two or three minutes before he had to turn off of Route 62. He continued to observe the lights in his rear-view mirror for a short time. He reports that he had never seen anything that bright in the sky before.

This sighting occurred 45 miles northwest of where the Logan sighting took place. I know this person well, and he is not the type who would make up a story. He said that he did hear the report about the Logan sighting the next day.

Info From the Internet

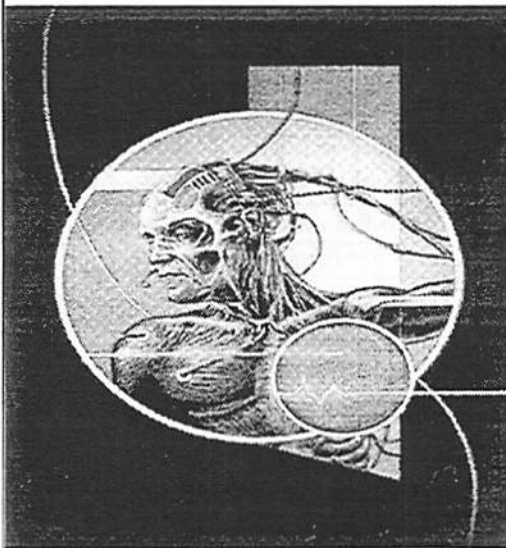
With regard to the wheezing sounds heard by the witness, Whitley Strieber, in his new book *Breakthrough*, describes hearing a similar sound during an encounter with the visitors. I e-mailed Mr. Strieber a report about this sighting, and he responded, "I have heard this, too! It's close to the sound of a deer, but not the same. I could see the beings doing it - short, dark figures. Sneezey is real???"

In the weeks following these two sightings, I found a posting on the Focus UFO Internet news group: "Subject: Whoosh in the night - 10/24/95 near WPAFB [Wright-Patterson Air Force Base]. Time: approximately. 8 PM. Description: Unusual sounding aircraft take-off out of WPAFB escorted by 2 F-16s (planeforms allegedly seen in the night sky). Flight path of the trio after takeoff was east. The incident allegedly generated 80 police reports as reported on a local TV station. Sound was of rushing air through a tube. Three minutes behind the party a large helicopter was heard to pass over." I don't know if this is related to the Logan sighting, but both occurred at roughly the same time. It is interesting to note that Curtis Peebles describes on page 259 of his book, *Dark Eagles: A History of Top Secret Aircraft Programs*, a similar account which attributes the sound to the Aurora aircraft.

Based on information I have received from my UFO newsgroups, it seems light-type UFO activity was high nationwide during this time. I found this report from J.S. Kinsley on the Internet in late November. "On Monday 20 November 1995, at approximately [8:30 to 8:45 p.m.], there was a strange bright red light moving slowly from the northeast to the southwest here in Canton, Ohio. I noticed it while on my way home from work. I spotted it when I got to the top of the hill on a road that was just reopened that day. It was in the southwest sky about 35-40 degrees off the horizon. The object was a very bright red light. There was no blinking. It was moving very slowly to the southwest."

In closing, I believe this case is significant. The lights' apparent attempts to interact with both a car and an airplane, the strange wheezing sound heard, an anomalous object; the number of credible witnesses, including police officers; and other odd events in Ohio on that same day make this case intriguing from several different investigative standpoints.

Any new information and the results of an analysis of Mark and Cindy's videotape by MUFON will be reported in a future issue of the *Ohio UFO Notebook*.



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Breman, Ohio
August 28, 1994

It was between 4:00 and 4:30 A.M. on a Sunday. Leslie Neal, a 21 year old student at Ohio University, had stayed out late watching TV with friends and she was hurrying home to get a few hours sleep before the new busy day would begin. She was driving east bound on State Route 37 east of Lancaster, Ohio in Rush Creek Township and was approaching the intersection with Route 664 less than a mile north of Breman. The weather was a bit foggy; it had rained earlier in the evening, as she remembers. She had just passed Thomas Road which enters Route 37 from the north when she noticed a light in the dark field to her left. She glanced over and what she saw frightened her.

A large circular disc as big as a house hovered over the field about two hundred yards to her left. It was lighted by small circular lights around its middle and another diffuse light that was coming from its bottom. The color of these lights was white, with a touch of yellow, much like an incandescent bulb. The disc was clearly hovering over the field; it had not touched down. Something that looked like a "ramp" was on the bottom right of the object, although Leslie could see no entry way into the object that would signify that this was truly a door of some sort. This ramp seemed to be rotating clockwise around the bottom of the disc. The lights around the object's center did not move. She glanced away for a moment to look at the road and when she looked back the ramp was on the left side of the object.

At that moment Leslie crossed a single line railroad track that is situated on a north/south axis between Thomas Road and Route 664. At this moment the car radio, which had been playing, went

dead. She was well past the object, still driving to the east. Leslie, now becoming more concerned, continued east on Route 37 and up a hill. At the top of this hill, which rose perhaps 70 or 80 feet in elevation above the field, intersection and railroad track, was a grave yard on the south side of the road. At this point Leslie turned and glanced back. She could still see the object, now apparently rising up into the sky. At this point her radio came back on. She was approximately eight tenths of a mile from the object at this moment. At no time was her automobile's engine or headlights affected. She turned her attention back to the road and hurried home to call her boy friend to tell him of the event. She did not look back again. She estimates she had the disc in view for between 30 and 45 seconds.

Leslie says she slept well that night. She had no unusual dreams. She was scared when the sighting occurred, but was not frightened the next morning when she told her mother about the event. When specifically asked, she stated that she did not experience any missing time. She had no unusual experiences in her life before this event and has had none in the two years since.

Several days after Leslie's sighting, her father drove by the site where the event occurred and saw that the area of the field over which the object hovered was dark in color. The next year, the plants in that area appeared to be somewhat greener. No test samples were taken from this area, unfortunately, and it appears to be back to normal this year. Attempts will be made to confirm this observation. So far, attempts to contact people living in the immediate area have been unsuccessful.

When interviewed in May of 1996, Leslie is still a student at Ohio University and is still going with the same boy friend. She assured us that she saw something

strange that night that she still can't explain. She volunteered she had not been drinking that night. Before the event, she said that she was a non-believer in UFOs. Her experience has changed that opinion.

Investigators: William E. Jones and Irena Scott.

Jackson, Ohio June 5, 1996

A brother and sister, she 17 years old and he 23 years old, were witnesses to an unusual event at their rural southern Ohio home at the intersection of Big Rock Road and Limerick Road, approximately four miles northwest of Jackson, Ohio. Two events involving a prop-like sound and strange lights in the sky occurred, one at 10 p.m. and the other between 10:30 and 11:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 5, 1996.

The first was detected only by sound. The witnesses were inside the house and they heard what sounded like a large prop driven plane fly low over the house. While the sounds of aircraft are not unusual in the area, the sounds are usually either from jet aircraft or from small private propeller driven airplanes. This sounded different. Half an hour or so later they heard the sound again and ran outside to see what it was from.

Naturally it was dark. What they saw didn't appear to be an aircraft. They could see only a long line of green lights covering a linear area longer than a football field. The lights were alternately large and small, with the smaller light appearing the size of a star. There were a number of these lights; they did not count them. The space between the lights was the same. At the rear of the formation, based upon the direction of flight, was one very bright red light. None of the lights were flashing. Since it was dark

and no structure could be seen behind the lights, although the witnesses had the impression that they were a part of something quite large.

The lights traveled from east to west and were in view for perhaps a minute or so before they passed over a hill. The loud propeller like sound, which shook the windows of the house, was heard during the entire event. They described their feelings while the event occurred as "awed" and "shocked." The sister, however, said that she hopes "it will come back." She wants to see it again.

A few minutes later as they stood outside they noticed four dots of pale yellow light very high over the valley they live in. One came north to south, one south to north, one east then curving north, and one east to west. They were not flashing and they made no sound. As they traveled away from each other they got smaller until they seemed to go out of sight. This sighting lasted approximately two to three minutes. They said they had no idea what the lights were and couldn't say that they were in any way connected to the earlier sighting. They just thought they ought to mention these lights because they seemed unusual.



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Laurie, Missouri July 9, 1995

Two men and two women, all in their early twenties, were on their way to visit a friend when they noticed an unusual object hovering above the trees over a nearby field. It was approximately 11:00 PM. The object consisted of a large disc on the bottom and a smaller disc on the top connected by a rectangular shaft. Extending from the bottom of the craft were four beams of light. The four witnesses observed a continuous flow of white balls of light descending through the beams to the ground.

One of the women, witness 1, was afraid and did not want to stay. Witnesses 2 and 3 wanted to stay and see what happened next. Witness 4 saw the craft and was disinterested. He went to sleep in the back seat of the car, where he remained for the rest of the night. Witness 2 and 3 agreed to take 1 to her car so that she could continue on to their original destination and wait for them there.

When 2 and 3 returned to the site, the double saucer was still there. On the ground in the nearby area were a multitude of unusual beings of the following descriptions:

- Very thin, seven foot tall, brown skin, bald head.
- Big and brawny with mid-length ponchos or capes.
- Cream colored and in robes.
- Invisible, human shaped outline containing flecks on light.
- Little, purple, muscular. They would appear in and instant and then disappear.
- One individual, dressed in white, who

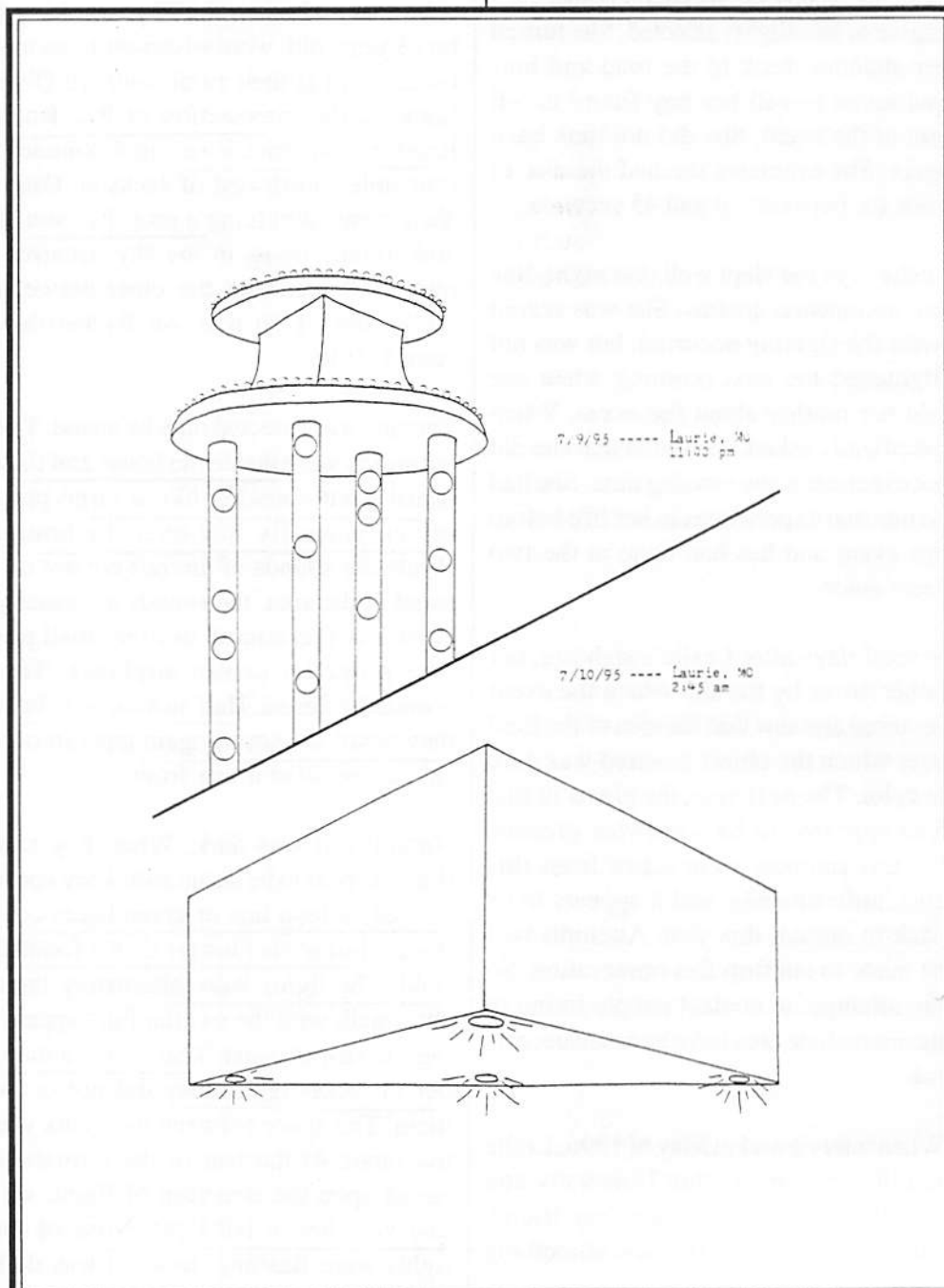
was digging in the ground.

Some of the beings milled around slowly, as if looking for something, while others were running very fast. The different types of beings seemed to stay in clusters of their own kind.

Witness 3, a male, could not see the be-

ings in the field. He could only focus his attention on the craft. Witness 2, a female, could no longer see the craft, but she could see the beings.

At one point, one of the invisible, light flecked beings came running toward the witnesses. Terrified, they jumped into their car. As it ran pass them into a nearby woods, it left behind a trail of light flecks.



The lights gathered around the car, closed in, and passed into the car with the witnesses. That was the last thing they remembered.

Meanwhile, witness 1, who had been waiting for the others to meet her at their friend's trailer, began to worry. At approximately 2:30 AM she finally decided to look for them. Driving alone in her car, she got about halfway to the original site and was overcome with fear. She could not continue on and decided to go back. As she turned the car around in a gravel parking lot, she noticed above and in front of her four blue lights, each about two feet wide. On closer inspection she noticed that they were attached to a huge triangular craft that hovered about 6 feet above a nearby tree line. The craft spanned a distance of approximately two acres from corner to corner, with a height of about 6 stories. The top and bottom of the object were triangular, with three flat vertical sides. On each of the bottom corners was a blue light with a fourth light in the center of the back. The terrified woman left quickly, for another friend's house about a ten to fifteen minute drive away.

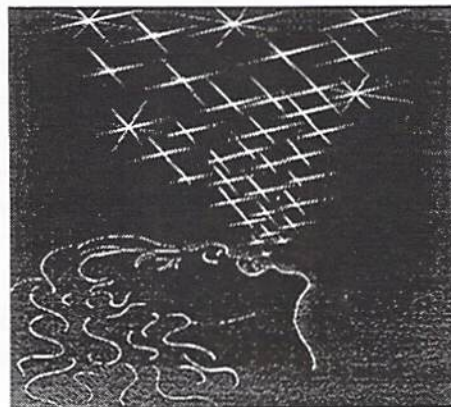
When she arrived she told her friend, who we shall call witness 5, what had happened so far that night. He told her that he had also seen unusual things before and knew how she felt. He promised to stay awake with her until sunrise, but then almost immediately dropped off into a deep sleep. She could not awake him.

She then noticed that outside of a window next to her friend's couch stood a very big, seven foot tall blond human-like man with transparent bluish skin. With him was a Caucasian male about 5'9" in height whose skin seemed to glow, and a being of similar height that appeared to be "made of energy." Out in the yard was a mixture of twenty to thirty of these various type beings. The energy

like beings were all walking in a north to south (right to left for her) direction. As they disappeared from her view to the left they were replaced to the right by more. Occasionally she would see for a brief instant a glowing lavender troll-like being with messy brownish hair that stuck out all over its head. When one of these beings would try to look into the window at her, the tall blond would push it back so it could not see her. She watched these beings for awhile until she was overcome with sleepiness. She tried to fight it, but dozed off anyway. She awoke briefly to see a large black box above her head as it closed into itself and disappeared. That is the last thing she remembers.

For the remainder of the week, sightings and unusual events seemed to occur to this group of witnesses. a saucer, an egg shaped object, and an object of undetermined shape were seen by witnesses 1,2 and 3. White balls of light were also seen frequently both day and night by the witnesses, whether they were together or alone, sometimes at a distance and other times much closer. This occurred for many weeks and, at last report, was still occurring. Actaeon investigation into this case is reportedly continuing.

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The Lebanon Correctional Institute April 8, 1993

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On Thursday evening, April 1, 1993 a woman in Waynesville, Ohio reported observing an unknown object embodied by a triangular-situated headlight arrangement. The object floated silently overhead near Route 73. A week later on April 8 on Township Line Road at 1:45 A. M. a female motorist accompanied by several friends was reportedly pursued to her home by an object that she originally assumed was an airplane. It was triangular in shape and had four headlights. This object hovered over the woman's home for an extended period of time. As they watched other objects came from a distance and approached the first object, some seeming to merge with it.

One hour later the Ohio Highway Patrol (OSP) was called by a startled motorist calling from Lebanon, 16.5 miles from Waynesville. The call was received at 2:41 A. M. The caller stated that a UFO was presently under observation, hovering directly over the intersection of Routes 63 and 741. The intersection is adjacent to The Warren County Correctional Institute (WCCI), The Lebanon Correctional Institute (LCI), and a Department of Transportation facility. Some later reports put the object at the strangely low elevation of just 40 feet from the ground.

At 3:35 A. M. a guard at WCCI called the Ohio Highway Patrol and advised them that the guards and a supervisor were presently observing "the lights" hovering over the adjacent LCI. A Warren County Deputy Sheriff, now a Lieutenant, was promptly dispatched to the

scene. The OSP log notes that several persons at both Institutes witnessed the UFO. Some reports list the witness tally at seven while other reports list eight. In the sheriff deputy's report a tower guard is reported to have said that she thought the object was a helicopter.

The object was described in subsequent media reports as being 40 feet off the ground and changing shape. One newspaper reported that a sound was heard, but did not give a more specific description of that sound. No media report noted how the object departed the scene. As the sheriff deputy approached the scene he monitored the radio communications between the two prison facilities which described the UFO as playing along between the two facilities and near the water tower. The deputy maintained that the event was over by the time he arrived on the scene.

Interestingly, a Captain at WCCI who was identified by others as having seen the object, denied that he had done so even though he was on the range as shift commander for the duration of the episode. He acknowledged that a report of the incident had been made, but had no current knowledge as to where the report might now be. The Captain gave differing accounts as to who was thought to have seen the object, but he refused to provide names. One investigator had a female officer tell him that she recollected seeing red lights in the area that would appear and disappear.

The only details about how the object left the area was said by the reporting deputy sheriff to be found in his report. The report was said to have noted that the object was observed to have made its departure northbound along Route 741, over the Auterbine Retirement Village. However, when a copy of the report was obtained later, no such information was included in it.

The reporting deputy sheriff advised his department that they should contact Wright-Patterson Air Force base in nearby Dayton, Ohio about the incident. he was told that this had been done. They had denied having an experimental aircraft in the area nor having made any radar track of the reported object. In response to a later FOIA request, Wright-Patterson replied that they had no record of the event.

An interesting admission was made to investigators by a dispatcher at the Warren County Communications Center (WCCC) in Lebanon. He stated that Wright-Patterson had been alerted to the presence of the object by WCCC via a confidential phone number that gives WCCC direct access to the base. When asked for the number, the dispatcher refused to disclose it, saying that it was a confidential restricted line, not releasable to the public.

Investigators heard rumors that the object had been video taped by the security cameras at one or both facilities, but attempts to confirm this were either directly negative or rebuffed. A shift commander at WCCI who had been on the scene admitted, "We did swing the cameras around trying to locate it in the control room, but nothing I could see." He stated that he had no knowledge of any recordings that could have been taken from the LCI facility, which is independent from the WCCI facility.

It is obvious to the investigators of this incident that something happened at the two facilities on the night in question. However, due to the minimal information gathered from witnesses who were none too cooperative, it is hard to say just what. We record it here for the record, in hope that one of our readers, either now or in the future, might have more information about what occurred at two Ohio prison facilities in April of 1993.

Roswell Research Note The Reward II

by Robert R. Young
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It seems that there were at least four and perhaps five rewards offered in early July 1947 concerning flying saucers. Stanton Friedman was kind enough to forward a clipping from the Los Angeles Evening Herald Express to me:

1) The World Inventor's Exposition at Los Angeles offered \$1,000 for the delivery of a "flying saucer" to Pan-Pacific Auditorium by 6:30 PM, July 11.

2) In Spokane, Washington, the Athletic Round Table offered \$1,000 to anyone who brought a disc to its headquarters.

3) One E. J. Culligan of Northbrook, Illinois also proffered \$1,000 for anyone capturing or presenting the "true explanation of the phenomena [sic]."

4) The above may represent the \$3,000 offered by a mid-western newspaper (Jacobs), or the \$3,000 mid-west "rewards" and their claimants discussed by The United Press (Schumach), or they may not.

5) Documents reproduced in the 1995 Air Force report (McAndrew and Weaver) discuss reward tags attached to the New York University balloon flight ("Project Mogul") devices and show an example.

Mark Rodeghier and Mark Chesney (1995) argue that because the Army Air Force officers at Roswell Field issued a press release calling the wreckage a disc, no reward tag must have been found and that the most likely explanation is that the debris could not have been from Project Mogul. This is not so for any one of the following reasons:

1) The tag was recovered but the officers did not know. Perhaps Brazell intended to claim the reward offered on the tag, but kept his to himself.

2) The tag was recovered and they did know. They may have concluded that the device had been responsible for one or more of the saucer reports, such as that of the Wilmot's on July 2 (Roswell Daily Record), or even the Brazell wreckage report. Ex-Warrant Officer Irving Newton told William L. Moore (1988) that he had been told that Marcel believed that the stuff was from a flying saucer. A more recent source (which I cannot place) quoted Newton as saying that Marcel had tried to convince him that the markings on some of the pieces were extraterrestrial (was this term in use in 1947?), but he was unconvinced.

3) Perhaps they knew that Mr. Brazell was interested in claiming, legitimately, one or more of the rewards. If so, the release was not false because the wreckage was, indeed, one of the "discs" being reported. Hence, no nefarious origin of the infamous press release is required.

4) The tag was recovered, they knew, and they were party to a hoax, perhaps in the hopes of sharing in the rewards. There is no evidence of this. Stanton Friedman, Karl Pflock, Phil Klass and others do not believe these men, in such responsible positions, would have participated in such a scheme. This possibility seems unlikely.

5) The tag(s) were not recovered. Rodeghier and Chesney say, "We know that the Air Force recovered all of the debris." How could anyone know if all the debris of an unknown object was present?

6) There was no tag. If the debris was from an early June test launch of meteorological balloons and reflectors, prior to

the arrival of the Mogul instrumentation, as believed by Charles Moore (1995), a participant in the balloon launches, no tag may have been used because the wreckage had little value.

Karl Pflock has called my attention to an August 12, 1989, personal interview with Norris Proctor, Loretta Proctor's brother-in-law, covered in the first Roswell book by Randle and Schmitt (1991). Proctor recalled that Brazell as urged to try to claim the rewards being offered for proof that saucers were real. Thus, Brazell knew of the rewards, and had been urged to try to collect. Perhaps that is why he went to the sheriff with his story of what he had found.

Friedman, Pflock and Allan believe that the word "loan" was a mistake in the wire service copy and that the word was "flown."

Stanton Friedman says that Marcel did not keep anything, but took some of the debris to his house for a while. He believes that this claim [about Marcel] by participant Sheridan Cavitt is suspect.

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This follows up an earlier article in the Ohio UFO Notebook, #11, 1996, pp. 15-16. Mr. Young welcomes comments about these articles. He can be reached at 329 South Front Street, Harrisburg, PA 17104.

A 'Snag' Retrieval

We are reporting here what we have been told and only what we have been told. The information is sketchy and, so far, there is no independent information to support this story. You can call this story a rumor, if you wish. Most of the flying saucer retrieval stories are like this, with only one witness to provide whatever evidence is available, such as it is, to support the story. We are telling this story for basically one purpose; to see if anyone else has heard it. We have reason to believe that a UFO book published by the early 1970's may have mentioned the story, but we have been unable to identify the book so far. Can anyone out there help us?

We call this a "snag retrieval" because the flying saucer involved didn't crash into the ground, nor land in one piece to be somehow captured. This retrieval involves the craft being accidentally snagged out of the air by a large net strung between two B-52 aircraft. A net strung between two B-52s? Preposterous you say? Well, that is what we thought at first, and we still do. But, for what it is worth, what follows is what we were told by two people who appear to be attempting to tell the story the best they can as they heard it.

The prime story teller here is, as is so often the case, unable to provide further assistance. He isn't dead, but he is ex-

tremely ill. The story as we have it comes from his wife and daughter, who have requested to remain anonymous. The story includes as much as they presently remember of what their husband and father told them twenty five years ago.

The husband and father worked for a large defense contractor in the mid-1950s, and he continued in this business until he retired. He wasn't in the habit of talking about his work with his family because much of it was highly classified. He would occasionally talk of his work when it was not classified or when it became public knowledge. In this instance, he had been called upon to work on a captured flying saucer and never talked about it until he and the others on the project were told by their superiors that the government's knowledge of alien visitors and flying saucers was soon going to become public knowledge through a public announcement by then President Eisenhower. Before this announcement occurred our story teller felt free to discuss his involvement in the captured saucer project with his family. When it was later decided that this announcement was not going to be made, he had to advise his wife and daughter that they should not talk about what he told them outside of the immediate family.

Perhaps the most potentially preposterous part of this story is the alleged government project that had nothing to do with flying saucers. According to the father, the project involved flying two B-52 intercontinental bombers with a large net between the two. The purpose of the flight was to retrieve "some kind of ammunition" out of the air in the net. The



net was attached to the aircraft in a manner similar to aerial refueling procedures. During one of the flights, possibly in 1956, a flying saucer was accidentally caught in the net. The "snagging" of the saucer in the net almost caused the two aircraft to come together in a mid-air collision. This didn't occur and somehow the pilots were able to get the saucer back to their base. (The mother thinks the base was located in Kansas; the daughter believes it was Dayton, probably Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.) The ammunition was reportedly from a government installation located in Omaha, Nebraska.

Three alien bodies were found inside the saucer when it was opened. They were approximately 5' 4" in height. Their skin had a golden hue and pores which were much larger than ours. Their eyes were also larger, but not so much so that they didn't look human. They apparently did, to a surprising extent. They were not what we have come to call "grays." Their brains were not multi-lobed. It was one uniform organ.

Our story teller was called in to study the exhaust which came out of the craft. Apparently government project personnel were able to start the craft, although they couldn't make it fly. The exhaust was described as "web-like." (This sounds suspiciously like the so-called angel hair which was seen on occasion coming out of disk shaped craft in the 1950s.) Interestingly, the controls in the craft were thermal. These controls could be activated through body heat when a hand was passed over them, much like some elevator controls in use today, except contact with the control surface was unnecessary. The seats in the saucer would swivel and were designed to absorb g-forces on the alien bodies when the craft was turned quickly.

The craft was large enough that it had to be hoisted onto a large flatbed semi-truck trailer when the B-52s got it back to their

base.

The wife remembers her husband talking about a "Project April Showers" but does not know if that name was associated with either the B-52 net project or the study of the saucer.

That's what we have been told. Can anyone out there add to the story?

Independent Perspectives

As preposterous as this story sounds, it is possible that it might be coming to us in some way distorted from reality. There might be a kernel of truth in its telling, distorted by the family members attempting in good faith to remember what their husband and father told them when he was free of the increasing affliction that is now consuming him.

In April of 1996, in order to see if there might be some truth to the concept of linking two large B-52 aircraft together with a large net, the purpose of which was to retrieve something from the air, we wrote letters to the Air Force Association, the National Air and Space Museum of the Smithsonian Institution, the U.S. Air Force Museum, the Air Force Historical Agency at Maxwell AFB, Alabama, and the National Air Intelligence Center to see if such a project had ever been seriously considered, much less conceived. We did not mention the UFO aspect of the story. By mid-May 1996, we heard from three of these organizations.

Thomas M. Alison, Curator of the Aeronautics Department of the National Air and Space Museum of the Smithsonian Institution, responded with the following observation: "No one here...has heard of a project such as the one you describe in your letter. Further, it would be hard to imagine the B-52 aircraft used in a project where the two aircraft were connected to each other with a large net while

inflight.”

D. Menard of the U.S. Air Force Museum in Dayton, Ohio was much more colorful in his response: “I have been with the USAF for 40 some years now, 22 1/2 on active duty, the rest of the time here at the museum with the civil service. In all of that time there hasn’t been even a hint of such a preposterous scheme as you described, i.e. stringing a net between two B-52s!...I can imagine that it was proposed, but when cooler heads, such as aircrew members, got involved, the idea died...And [I] just cannot imagine SAC turning loose two of their 52s for such a project, either, when there were plenty of C-130s around that might have been better able to do such a thing. And even if they caught these larger loads, they sure couldn’t land with this thing hanging under, and there is no way to safely put it into one or the other’s bomb bay while hung up in the “net.” No, Sir. I think this is a good story, but it never got off the drawing board (thank goodness)...It never happened.”

Robert S. Dudney, Executive Editor of Air Force Magazine, wrote as follows: “Two B-52s catching satellites with a large net strung between them? Nope. Nobody has heard of such a thing. Two obvious places to go for information would be Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio and Edwards AFB, Calif. Edwards, I know, has an historical office, and maybe Wright-Pat does as well.

“Don’t bet on finding anything, though. Most of that satellite stuff still is classified. DOD released material only on the earlier satellites—Corona, Argon, and Lanyard. Nothing has been made public about any of the later systems. If this B-52 apparatus had anything to do with the later systems, it probably will be classified, too.”

Astronauts Speak Out About UFOs

Apollo 14 Astronaut Dr. Edgar Mitchell

Apollo 14 astronaut Dr. Edgar Mitchell recently talked about the subject of UFOs, among other topics, on NBC’s Dateline news program with correspondent Dennis Murphy. This several minute discussion has taken on seemingly mythic status among some of us who are interested in UFOs, if the comments coming over the Internet are representative of our thinking. All sorts of meaning is being attributed to Dr. Mitchell’s comments. Some see this as evidence that the government is preparing us slowly for the ultimate big announcement that UFOs are indeed real and extraterrestrial. Whatever the purpose behind his comments, so that we don’t forget, here is what Dr. Mitchell’s said about UFOs on the program. (EM: Dr. Mitchell; DM: Dennis Murphy.)

DM: And now Mitchell is taking another step beyond...This man who has been to the Moon is saying publicly for the first time that he believes we have been visited by inhabitants from other planets. Extraterrestrials. Here, he says he has talked to people who have had close encounters of the third kind.

EM: I have no first hand experience. I have had the opportunity to meet with people who, in the course of their official duties, claim to have had personal first hand encounter experiences. [Emphasis by MORA. Think about what he said. Did he really mean it? If so, WOW!]

DM: With extraterrestrials?

EM: With extraterrestrials.

DM: From some other place?

EM: That’s what they claim.

DM: Take for instance what may be the most famous sighting of ufology, the wreckage of something that fell out of the sky and was found in the desert of Roswell, New Mexico in 1947. Mitchell is in the camp of those who believe it was a space craft. He scoffs at the government’s explanation of a crashed high atmosphere balloon.

EM: The people that were there said that’s utter nonsense. Come on, let’s have the truth.

DM: Do you think it’s more likely than not that extraterrestrials have been to this planet?

EM: From what I now understand and have experienced and seen the evidence for, I think the evidence is very strong. And large portions of it are classified.

DM: Classified by whom?

EM: The government.

DM: You are saying it not only likely happened, but there’s been a cover-up?

EM: I think if it has happened the way it seems to be, there has definitely been a cover-up.

DM: Mitchell wouldn’t name names, but he says some of his information comes from former highly classified government employees. People who say our government picked up some engineering secrets from UFOs. The Department of Defense declined to comment on Mitchell’s allegations, but gave us the U.S. Air Force’s standard handout on unidentified flying objects which states “there has been no evidence indicating that sightings categorized as unidentified

are extraterrestrial." Case closed.

Mitchell on Hoagland

If you think Dr. Mitchell will support the subject of UFOs and related matters in a knee jerk fashion, hear what he has to say about Richard Hoagland and the position Hoagland has taken with regard to what the Apollo astronauts allegedly saw on the Moon. This conversation took place on Art Bell's Coast to Coast radio program on April 26, 1996. (EM: Dr. Mitchell; AB: Art Bell.)

AB: Richard Hoagland claims that there are great glass structures on the Moon. And he presents photographs including one I might add - of you on the Moon in which he claims reflections in your visor are showing things that were in front of you that you have not admitted were there.

EM: The kindest thing that can be said is what the Washington Post said. It's green cheese and baloney - it simply is not true. It's pseudo science. It's just nonsense. Alan Bean, I think a quick comment, a proper comment. I happened to be out of pocket at the time this [Richard Hoagland's] press conference took place a month ago. But Alan Bean's comment is absolutely correct. "Had we discovered such a thing, we would have been totally delighted to reveal it to the public." And he also said tongue in cheek, "I would have loved to have gone to collect the Nobel Prize for having such a discovery." No, there simply was nothing like that.

Note

On May 15, 1996 Mr. Hoagland and Dr. Mitchell discussed the Apollo 14 moon landing mission and Hoagland's theories about Lunar alien constructs on the Art Bell Coast to Coast Radio Program for three hours. This discussion was full of fascinating information and insights. The

complete transcript of this copyrighted radio program can be found on the World Wide Web at <http://www.enterprisemission.com/debate.html>.

Linda Moulton Howe Interview of Edgar Mitchell

Linda Moulton Howe plays the tape of an interview with Dr. Mitchell on Art Bell's Dreamland radio show on April 28, 1996 and seemed to learn much more than Art Bell did as noted above. (EM: Dr. Mitchell; LH: Linda Moulton Howe.)

LH: I wanted to recap for our Dreamland audience what former Apollo 14 astronaut and physicist Edgar Mitchell said about his NBC Dateline appearance on April 19th, in which he stated that government officials in the U.S.S.R., Belgium and the United States told him they have had face-to-face meetings with extraterrestrials. And I know you did a long interview with him on Coast to Coast Friday night. Many people here were talking about it, Art. And I talked with Dr. Mitchell briefly on Friday night as well, in the morning just before I left. And here for a recap is...Edgar Mitchell.

(LH activates a tape recorder.)

EM: What I said was that these people claimed to have been in meetings, or places, where contact between E.T.s and our people took place.

LH: OK!

EM: And, there are some that claim that they are back engineering to learn how to build, to learn the technological side of E.T. craft. There are new ones coming forth that have been reluctant to speak out, that are getting quite elderly now, and want to try to clear the record before they die. All I can say is that I was impressed by what little I gleaned in these

meetings; the purpose of the meetings was to open the doors to get the classification released. To get these people granted amnesty from their security provisions. It was not to get the information out to the public, because these folks will tell their stories under the right circumstances.

(The tape recorder is turned off.)

LH: Those "right circumstances", Art, means an Executive Order, by the President of the United States, to give amnesty to all the insiders who have been in on the extraterrestrial UFO story and who have signed oaths. And I wondered if Dr. Mitchell had received any warnings not to talk so straight forwardly about an extraterrestrial presence, and this is that exchange.

(The tape recorder is turned back on.)

LH: Has anybody ever come to you from an intelligence group, or anybody in the government and said, "Dr. Mitchell, don't talk about this?"

EM: No, but I am expecting it. (He chuckles.)

LH: If you are expecting it, what is your response going to be?

EM: Go to Hell.

LH: Um...hummm.

EM: Gimme your badge number, and we'll talk about it in the press.

LH: And you feel this strongly now, because why?

EM: The evidence is mounting.

(The tape recorder is turned off. Linda Howe reads a closing statement by Dr. Mitchell.)

LH: I asked Dr. Mitchell if he thought that the current status-quo that is being held by the insiders could be released now, before we hit 2000. And I thought Dr. Mitchell's comment was appropriate because it reflects also what Whitley Strieber and others are talking about today on a panel. Dr. Mitchell says, "This is like the last fight of the dinosaurs, to keep the jungle like it was. And that there are events that are moving us forward...that things are changing around us regardless of the old paradigms. They are apparently being swept away. And what's in front of us is a new cosmology, a complete re-definition of the universe, of space-time, of our relationship to it, and our ability apparently to move in a universe in ways that we have yet to learn."

Astronaut Gordon Cooper

Edgar Mitchell isn't the only astronaut talking about UFOs. Colonel Gordon Cooper, one of the "original seven" astronauts chosen for Mercury and the last American to fly in space alone, has also come out in public recently to talk about UFOs. (See: Huneus, J. Antonio, "UFO Chronicle - Astronaut Gordon Cooper Speaks Up About UFOs", *FATE*, July 1995, pp18 & 21.) This isn't Cooper's first sojourn into this arena; he had actively promoted the subject of UFOs up until sometime in the mid-1970's when, according to the late Leonard Stringfield, he was silenced. (See the *Ohio UFO Notebook*, #10, p18.)

On May 7, 1996 Gordon Cooper (GC) appeared on the TV show "The Paranormal Borderline", hosted by actor Jonathan Frakes (JF) of "Star Trek: The New Generation" fame. Cooper was interviewed by Yolanda Gaskins (YG). So that we don't forget what Colonel Cooper said about UFOs on this show, here it is.

(YG) I've read about this incident you

had in 1951 and you said you saw literally hundreds of unidentifiable [sic] flying objects.

(GC) Yes, they were flying quite high. How high, we couldn't tell because we couldn't get anywhere near their altitude, but they were either very large craft way up or smaller craft still well above what we could get to.

(YG) For a day and a half, all of this happened, but then no one wanted to talk about it?

(GC) Well, we sent a report forward on it and the answer finally came back months later that they were probably high flying seed pods, which didn't sound very logical.

(YG) There are always a lot of excuses. there's always weather balloons - I've heard that one before...

(GC) Weather balloons are frequently, by the way, are often mistaken for UFOs. I chased one one time in an airplane and, boy, it really looked like a big saucer very high and I had an after burner going and got as high as I could get in this airplane and as I started pulling up along close to it, I had a very shamed face look on my face when I realized it was a big weather balloon with the radio package hanging under it.

(YG) But still the point is that you could get close to that. In 1951 you couldn't get even get to close to the things that were flying overhead. You or anyone else that was flying with...

(GC) Faster. Higher.

(JF) Six years later Cooper again encountered a UFO. This one definitely was not a weather balloon. While supervising flight testing at Edwards Air Force Base, his military camera crew actually filmed

an unidentified saucer shaped object landing near the site.

(GC) As they were sitting there filming, a little saucer came floating - I say little saucer, it was a saucer came flying over their heads, put down three little landing gear and landed right on the dry lake bed. And they picked up their cameras and started over toward it, filming as they went, and when they got in fairly close to it, it lifted up and put the gear back into the wheel wells, tipped up, and took off at a great rate of speed. And so they came into my office and told me what had happened and I sent 'em over to develop the film. And I had to go through all of the proper regulations of reporting this and we wound up having to send the film forward to Washington and they - by airplane - and I don't know whether anyone has ever seen it since.

(YG) Now, the vehicle that you just described, how similar was it to the very first sighting that you had in 1951?

(GC) Basically the same planform vehicle. They were double saucers - lenticular. If you are going to be going in and out of the atmospheres, like Earth or other places might have, you certainly need a little more aerodynamic type vehicle, and a saucer, it has the capability of going through the air at tremendous rates of speed, and handling the bow and trailing wave without making shock waves so it can be very silent while traveling at great speeds through the atmosphere.

(JF) But sightings of UFOs weren't limited to the military. Cooper has commercial airline pilots who have also seen UFOs.

(GC) Yes, a friend of mine, the captain of a major airline at night was flying along and noticed this, suddenly a big glow came off his left wing, and he

looked out and this big saucer was sitting right off their wing. And so he turned and moved away, turned back and it had moved back in position, turned to his copilot and said. "Do you see what I see?" And he said, "Oh god, yeah I do." And it trailed along with 'em for quite a period of time and then tipped up and climbed very steeply away.

(JF) For years many rumors have circulated about astronaut sightings of UFOs in space. Cooper believes most of them are false, with one exception.

(GC) To my knowledge, the only thing that was ever seen on any of our space flights - and believe me, all of us would like to have seen something - was on Jim McDivitt's Gemini 7, where they saw this glint of something metallic off in the distance, reported it and nobody had it listed on the ground. So he tried getting a picture of it, but the sun unfortunately was glinting off it so all you got was just a glint. There was no detail on what it was, but never any further sighting at all of it.

(JF) Years later Cooper approached the United Nations with a proposal for a committee that would explore the UFO phenomena.

(YG) Tell me about the letter to the UN.

(GC) The letter to the UN was in conjunction with a meeting that I had with Kurt Waldheim in the Security Council of the UN to try and encourage the UN to establish a committee to start preparing notes and data and information and to really look into all of this from an unbiased neutral point of view.

(YG) Here's a quote from your letter. "I believe that these extraterrestrial vehicles and their crews are visiting this planet from other planets and are obviously a little more advanced than we are here on Earth." And you are saying that is ex-

actly why governments have been trying to keep this information private because of that obvious advancement?

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(GC) I think we'll see our government having a totally different approach to the UFO situation, or extraterrestrial, or whatever you want to call it. I think the pressure that comes to bear on the government, for whatever reason they withhold information, is certainly getting more, and more, and more. So, I would like to think they are going to really release all of the information.

(YG) Did you ever think that we were the only ones in this vastness of space? Did you ever think that there was the possibility that we were the only planet that actually had some kind of a life form?

(GC) No, I've always felt that there were a lot of other planets that had life forms. With all of those numbers of potentially inhabited planets out there, I think we're kind of vain to think that God would inhabit only one of them.

*Comment
by William E. Jones*

I need to make a comment at this point about the Edwards Air Force Base sighting that Colonel Cooper talks about above. In 1995 MORA set up a booth at a UFO and "new age" exposition in Dayton, Ohio at the Hara Arena in an attempt to promote our organization in that area. While there, a female security guard showed some of us a fading Polaroid picture of a disc shaped vehicle sitting on three wheeled landing struts behind some sort of building. A large camper type vehicle could be seen parked nearby. The tripod landing gear seemed to be about five feet high. The gear appeared to be constructed so that they could be retracted up inside the disc. The disc itself

was about three feet in depth. It was approximately 25 feet in diameter. A small cockpit appeared on the right side of the vehicle as viewed in the picture. This was clearly a man made vehicle of some sort, but it was not one of the saucer shaped test vehicles that have been shown publicly, such as the Canadian Avrocar.

The security guard whom we talked to said that she had taken the picture at an Air Force base in Florida. It was parked outside of a hanger and, when she was spotted by base security, she was told to leave the area. They apparently didn't realize she had taken the picture, although it was apparent to her that no effort was being made to keep this saucer shaped vehicle from being seen. She didn't want to provide us with more information or a copy of the picture. She said that she was hoping to sell it to a TV show.

If this vehicle was ever tested at Edwards AFB and landed near Colonel Cooper's people, it would fit the description of the vehicle described by him. We can't rule out that Cooper's people filmed a then secret test device that has never been shown to the public.

*Mercury Astronaut
Deke Slayton*

Deke Slayton was one of the original seven Mercury astronauts who is remembered as the one who did not get to fly in space during that initial program for medical reasons. He hung in there longer and knew more about the manned space program than anyone else and ended up running the Astronaut Office. He chose which astronaut would fly which mission; Neil Armstrong will be forever remembered for being the first man to walk on the moon because Deke Slayton picked him for that role. He finally got into space on the Apollo-Soyuz mission thirteen years after he believed he should

North American Aviation, Columbus, Ohio Test Site For UFO Materials?

have.

We have heard a lot about UFO sightings by astronauts during their space missions. If anyone was in a position to know if that occurred, it was Deke Slayton. Here is what he had to say about UFOs in his book, *Deke! U. S. Manned Space: From Mercury to the Shuttle*, Tom Doherty Associates, Inc., 1994, pp 49-51.

"I was up about the middle of one afternoon [in 1951] - a nice sunny day - wringing out this particular 51. I had just come out of a spin at about ten thousand feet over the Mississippi River, near Prescott, where the Mississippi and the St. Croix meet, about twenty-five miles from the Twin Cities. I was heading back to Holman Field when all of a sudden I saw this white object about my altitude, at one o'clock.

"I didn't think anything about it. My first thought was that it looked like a kite. But logic said nobody's flying a kite at this altitude. So I started kind of watching it to see what it was.

"I was closing on it, but I still didn't think too much about it. The closer I got, the more it looked like a weather balloon, and I'm thinking, that's what it's gotta be. Then I flew past it a little high, about a thousand feet off. It still looked like a three-foot diameter weather balloon to me,

"My guess on the dimensions couldn't have been too far off. I had plenty of gas, so I figured I'd make a pass on it. Burn some gas and have a little fun. I pulled into a turn.

"But when I came out of that turn and headed straight at it, all of a sudden it didn't look like a balloon anymore. It looked like a disk on edge!

"I thought, that's strange. Then I realized

I wasn't closing on that son of a bitch. A P-51 at that time would cruise at 280 miles an hour. But this thing just kept going and climbing at the same time at about a forty-five degree climb. I kept trying to follow it, but he just left me behind and flat disappeared."

Deke didn't tell anyone about the sighting for two days, but over a couple of beers at the officers club, he decided to tell his boss. His boss immediately ordered him to give the intelligence people a briefing in the morning, which he did. The people he briefed responded by admitting that a local high altitude research balloon company had been tracking a balloon that day with both an aircraft in the air and a station wagon on the ground when they saw apparently the same object come up beside their balloon. The object appeared to hover, then took off at an extremely high rate of speed. The people on the ground were using a theodolite and computed the object's speed at four thousand miles and hour. Deke never heard anything more from the intelligence people about the sighting.

Slayton was later contacted once by Dr. J. Allen Hynek, the Air Force's consultant on UFOs, about his sighting. He admits in the book that, "I don't know what it was: it was unidentified." He admitted that he wondered if his report made it into the Air Force's Project Blue Book files, but he apparently never checked. As far as astronaut sightings are concerned, Deke wrote, "There have been two or three space program reports that have gotten picked up by the UFO people, but those weren't legitimate."

We will probably never learn anything further about Deke Slayton's UFO experience or if he knew any more about the alleged astronaut sightings than this. Deke Slayton passed away in June of 1993 before his book was published.

The North American Aviation aircraft plant is still located at the Port Columbus International Airport complex on the east side of Columbus, Ohio, although it is no longer used for manufacturing aircraft. It was originally used by Curtis Wright to build airplanes during World War II and was then leased to North American Aviation. Since then a number of military aerospace companies have leased part or all of the facility to build various airplanes, missiles and aerospace related parts.

Roy Beck - he apparently had no middle name, but said the military required him to come up with one, so he chose Robert - was a mystery man to his family. He was reportedly born February 15, 1904 to Abraham and Lila (Pfeiffers) Beck in Missouri. Roy's wife and two daughters never knew much about him. He was secretive, sometimes seemingly to the point of paranoia. The family moved almost every year, but they stayed within the mid-Ohio area. He was married to this wife, Nora Beck (Adams) in 1944 in Columbus, Ohio. Nora's name was actually "Norabelle" but she never used it. The family learned after his death in January 1975 that he may have had several previous wives and at least one son. His early work history is murky and sometimes doesn't seem to completely hold together. One of his daughters remembers "men in suits" coming to their house on occasion and talking to their father in secret. Most of his jobs that the family was told about involved security, private investigative work, and aerospace manufacturing.

According to notes that Roy kept and the family still has, from August 1, 1944 to

March 15, 1947 he and his wife ran Beck Electric on North High Street in Columbus. According to a yellowing news paper ad, they seemed to have specialized in the repair of carpet sweepers and radios. He worked as a supervisor guard at the Ohio Penitentiary from November 1, 1947 through August 31, 1950 and at North American Aviation from April 14, 1951 until he retired in 1971. But there were other interesting parts to his employment and perhaps volunteer work history. He was a Army of the United States, Auxiliary Military Police "member" during World War II, receiving certificates of service from The Timkin Roller Bearing Company, probably the Columbus plant, on September 5, 1942; from The Jeffery Manufacturing Company in Columbus on October 16, 1943; and from The Ralston Steel Car Company in Columbus on March 20, 1944. He was also a deputy sheriff in Madison County, Ohio - the family has a picture of him being sworn in - and he also told the family that he was a U.S. Marshall. Plus, there were rumors of mob involvement during Prohibition when he was a young man. If all of this is true, or if some of it is bravado, the family can't really say. But there is slight evidence for most of it. What it all means, if anything, is unknown. However, Roy Beck had an interest in and possible classified knowledge of UFOs.

Ohio Penitentiary Sighting

It was an event at the Ohio Penitentiary that apparently convinced Roy Beck that UFOs were real. According to his daughters, Roy told the family that he had seen a flying saucer over the pen. They aren't sure when this happened, because they were only children at the time, but they think it was in 1949 or 1950. According to their father, a saucer that seemed to be as big as the penitentiary yard came in from the north unnoticed and suddenly appeared to the staff and prisoners be-

low. It was night, at approximately 3 A.M. It then floated out over the south wall and should have been visible to anyone on Spring Street. It was low, 100 to 200 feet off the top of the wall.

The saucer looked like two dinner plates placed face to face, with a center portion between the two. This center portion rotated. The upper part was not as convex as the lower, and thus appeared to be smaller. The upper part had what appeared to be port holes. The lower larger portion also contained port holes and was flat in the center. When it got over the south wall the lower portion became partially transparent and humanoid like beings could be seen silhouetted inside. It appeared that these beings were looking down into the pen to see what was going on. The guards got scared and started to break out the machine guns, but Roy being a supervisor ordered the guards not to shoot. It seemed to him that this would be futile; this was no prison break attempt. After a few minutes the saucer took off at a high speed; it almost seemed to disappear.

North American Aviation

After leaving his employment at the penitentiary, Roy went to work at North American where he stayed until his retirement. One day in 1963, Roy called Etta, his older 13 year old daughter, into a back room of their home. He wanted to show her something. He pulled out a large manila envelope and said he wanted her to know that flying saucers were real. He also told her never to tell anyone about what he was going to show her. If she did, he could get in big trouble. Inside the envelope were two black and white photographs of alien bodies and several more of machinery parts, which Roy said came from a crashed flying saucer. The alien was dead. It looked like what we call a "gray" today, except its eyes were only slightly larger than ours.

It had skinny long arms and legs, and a stomach which was distended. The body reminded Etta of pictures she had seen of starving children. One picture was a facial shot and the other was a side shot of the entire body on a table. No clothes were visible. An apparent second body was seen in the background on another table covered by a sheet.

Roy told her that the craft had crashed. One had exploded and the other had come down near it. He didn't say why the second craft was unable to leave. There were two aliens in each craft. One was dead and the other severely injured in the craft that had exploded. Of the two from the intact craft, one was shot and killed, and the other captured, later to die in custody. He said that he learned about this because of his work at North American where they had been asked to attempt to determine what the material from the flying saucer was made of and how it worked. He told her that they couldn't even scratch the stuff. He said he borrowed the pictures from a file there.

She believes that work at North American on the flying saucer parts took place in 1953 or 1954. Many of the parts were big. She remembers her father saying that they had to use at least one very large truck to move the parts out of the plant and back to Wright Patterson Air Force Base.

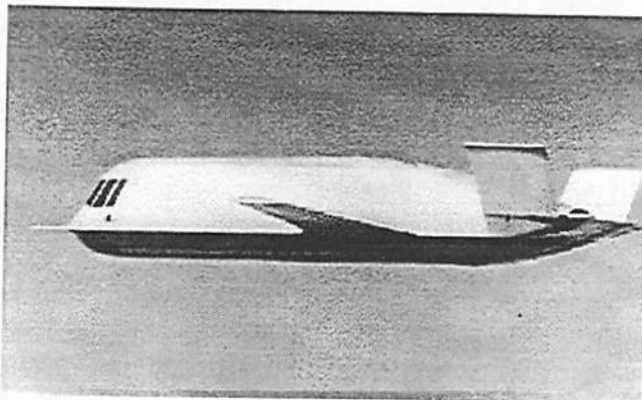
Is any part of this true? MORA has another report of a UFO close encounter at the Ohio Penitentiary. Both of Roy's daughters denied having heard the story other than through their father; they were pleased by our seeming confirmation of his story. However, our other report has the event happening in 1966. Two such events seem highly unlikely. (See the *Ohio UFO Notebook*, August 1991, pp.7-9.) The work done at North American sounds suspiciously similar to earlier work that was reportedly done at the

Timkin Roller Bearing Company plant in Canton, Ohio. (See the *Ohio UFO Notebook*, Summer 1994, p. 19.)

The two daughters of Roy Beck are looking for more information about their father. So are we. If any reader of this article knows something, please contact us. This is an interesting, puzzling, and suspicious story.

Tacit Blue

The U.S. Air Force, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, and Northrop Corporation teamed up for the Tacit Blue Technology Program from 1978 to 1985. By building and operating a unique stealth aircraft, this program validated a number of innovative technology advances. Most notably, it was the first aircraft to demonstrate a low radar cross section using curved surfaces, with a low probability of intercept radar and data link. The aircraft showed that an aircraft could operate close to the forward line of battle with a high degree of survivability, providing targeting information in real-time to a ground command center.



The aircraft made its first test flight in February 1982, subsequently logging 135 flights over a three year period. It has a wing span of 48.2 feet and a length of 55.8 feet. It weighs 30,000 pounds. One commentator describes the aircraft as resembling "an upside-down bathtub with stubby wings." The program reportedly cost \$165 million, which covered development, construction, and flight test. As the prime contractor, Northrop received a \$136 million contract to provide one aircraft and a partially developed back-up airframe. The resulting engineering data helped significantly in the design of Northrop's B-2 stealth bomber. No longer secret, Tacit Blue can now be seen publicly in the U. S. Air Force Museum at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, in Dayton, Ohio. One wonders what sort of aircraft have taken the place of Tacit Blue in the secret hangers at Groom Lake and other such installations around the world. We hope they too end up in museums once they have served out their useful purposes.

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Bits and Pieces

Sighting Over Battelle

In 1950 or 1951 Battelle Memorial Institute in Columbus, Ohio was the largest independent research and development laboratory in the world; it still holds this prestigious position today, although it is much bigger now than it was then. The Institute's main campus is located at 505 King Avenue in the heart of Columbus and at the southern edge of the Ohio State University campus. During the summer of one of those two years a Battelle engineer by the name of James Keith Stevenson sighted a bright orange object in the sky over the Institute. It hovered there for several minutes and was seen by a number of Battelle employees as they left work in the evening. Suddenly it sped away at a tremendous speed. No sound was heard to emanate from the object at any time. Mr. Stevenson later told his wife and children about his sighting and said that the object moved faster than any jet plane he had ever seen. According to his daughter, Nancy, her father never forgot this experience. Years later he would recount the story and marvel at what he had seen.

It is probably too late to find the other witnesses to this sighting. Mr. Stevenson passed away a few years ago and his colleagues most assuredly are long gone from the Institute. Interestingly, some years later Battelle became a major contractor and consultant to the U.S. Air Force on it's Project Blue Book UFO project. Was the sighting a harbinger of things to come? Probably not, but it's fun to think so.

*White Sands Missile Proving Range
1965*

This sighting was described on the

Internet on April 24, 1996. MORA did not investigate the sighting. This report is an extract of the Internet text. We are reporting it here only because the description of the object and the manner in which it departed is interesting to us. We trust that this sighting has been honestly reported.

"Back in '65, I saw with my mother, two younger brothers, my [sister] what I call a NOTWOVE [Not of This World Vehicle]...At the time of the sighting, my mother worked for the commanding officer of the White Sands Missile Proving Range (WSMR). She held a Top Secret clearance. My father was a guided missile man, and stationed at Fort Bliss, Texas...Once per year WSMR would hold an 'open-house' for dependents and spouses. During these open-houses' WSMR would hold a demonstration guided missile 'shoot-down' of a target drone. My family and I were enroute to witness one of these 'shoot-downs' or as some called it, 'missile shoot.' We were in our car about 20 miles 'out of town'...there is nothing but flat desert...telephone poles, that is all.

"We stopped along side of the road to let one of my brothers 'tinkle.' [It] was around 10:30 AM. It was a cloudless beautiful day...While we were standing there waiting, I noticed something shiny in the sky about 15 degrees off the horizon. I watched this object for about 3 minutes before realizing that it was stationary and not too far away, and yet I could hear no sound. I pointed my mother in the direction. She being a licensed pilot, glanced at it and shrugged it off as being a helicopter. I continued to watch it for another three or four minutes before again attracting my Mom's attention to it. This time, she too was puzzled. By now everyone was watching. It looked cigar shaped. It remained stationary for another three minutes after which time it

slid sideways directly over us. It appeared to be about the size of a quarter [held] at arm's length. It was perfectly round, and very shiny like polished chrome. Again there was no perceivable sound emanating from the machine. It hovered there for about two minutes and then dropped straight down toward us, until it was about the diameter of a child's swimming pool at arm's length. This acrobatic scared the 'crap' out of us.

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"There were no observable features such as lines or creases in the metal. I assume it was metal. It was shiny like chrome. There were no discernible windows or openings I could see of any kind. But we could see our reflections on the surface of the vehicle. There was no sound at all, and it was absolutely motionless. It cast a shadow on the ground over us.

"[It was] hard to determine how high it was, but my intuition said about fifty feet. It was a flying saucer. It was beautiful. [It] hovered there for another three or four minutes and the zipped up vertically to about the size of a grapefruit at arm's length and stopped. It then began to wobble up and down about its midpoint at about 1 to 5 hertz. The motion reminded me of a spinning bicycle wheel while holding it by the axle and then trying to move it...[It] did this for a few moments, maybe 15 to 20 seconds...and the saucer tilted to about 45 degrees. It then hovered for another 45 seconds, and then it accelerated straight up until it was about the size of a dime at arm's length, and then the sky around it looked like blue paper mache, and the sky went 'flat.'

At this time the flying saucer went black. [It] looked just like it punched a physical hole in the sky. It was gone. Again there was no sound, no sonic boom, just a gentle breeze when it first came down and when it went up.

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"The car would not start right away, and the radio never worked again. All of our

wrist watches stopped at the same time. My mother's and mine never worked properly again. Mine has been repaired at least six times, and it always stops working after awhile."

The witness relates that his mother later told her boss about the sighting and various people questioned them on and off for the next two weeks. He states, "They were very polite, but they were serious...We were treated very well. There were never any...threats, or any other form of government misbehavior."

UFO Shoots Down Aircraft

In the Summer, 1994 issue of the *Ohio UFO Notebook*, page 11, MORA reported that a retired military informant had told us about a military jet aircraft which was shot down by a beam of light near Japan in 1958 or 1959. The pilot of the aircraft reportedly had been ordered by ground control to fire on the UFO. As he attempted to do this a light beam was directed at the aircraft. The pilot made an evasive maneuver. However, a moment later heard his "blood curdling scream." Our informant was in the control tower when this event was taking place. The aircraft and the pilot were never found. This person refused to tell us more. What we didn't report then is that this individual is rumored to be a member of Bill Moore's so called "Aviary", although he is not Richard Doty nor Robert M. Collins, both of whom have letters published in this issue of the Notebook. MORA considers his identity to be confidential.

It is now being reported that Timothy Good, author of the book *Above Top Secret - The World Wide UFO Cover-Up*, is coming out with a new book which will also report on this event. According to his information, the jet fired missiles which exploded harmlessly before reaching the saucer. The pilot is said to

have screamed, "They've turned on some sort of beam and they're turning...they are coming after me." The two blips on the screen of the ground control radar became one and the pilot and plane were never seen again.

He also will report on a similar event. According to Mr. Good, in 1983 two U.S. Air Force jets were scrambled from the NATO base at Incirlik in Turkey and were seen by witnesses circling a much larger UFO before all three headed out to sea. Only one jet returned.

We eagerly await the release of Mr. Good's book. We hope that he has more information about these alleged events than we do.

*Apple Computer Communicates
With Aliens via Project EON-4*

On October 20, 1992 a "fully fledged mathematics based message" is received at the Harwich Station at Greenwich from a highly advanced alien civilization. The government is notified and a super Top Secret project named Project EON-4 is set up at the Groom Lake, Area 51 facility in Nevada supported by the Apple Computer corporation. Over 1200 scientists and technicians become involved. Messages are passed back and forth between the project and the alien race. We soon learn how to transport matter, including living creatures, to the alien's home area. Three explorers are ultimately sent on a journey to meet with the aliens. On May 15, 1996 messages begin to come back from this intrepid team of explorers. They have arrived at their destination and, thus, an end of Twentieth Century saga begins.

Apple Computer is conjunction with American Cybercast, The Digital Entertainment Network, is supporting this new science fiction episodic story line on the World Wide Web at <http://>

www.eon4.com/nlindex.html. Log in every day as the story is updated through messages between Groom Lake and the explorer team. Contribute to the story line through a public access portion of the site where you can leave your comments and ideas. While not dealing with UFOs, this story is of interest to us because of its potential for helping acclimate the public to the challenges of dealing with alien contact. Perhaps more importantly, it is FUN.

Recommended!

*Triangular UFO Sighted Near
Carlisle, Pennsylvania*

Sunday night, May 12, 1996, at 10:30 p.m., a 19 year old male driver heading east on Route 76, the Pennsylvania Turnpike, spotted a UFO just north of the highway. He said, "I looked up and saw a huge black triangle. It was not moving. It had a bright light at each tip." At the time of the sighting, the witness was heading home after a visit to his girl friend's house in Pittsburgh. There were no other cars on the road. The UFO was seen hovering above the Conodoguinet Riverboat two miles west of Carlisle, near the Army base there. At the time he spotted the UFO, the witness was listening to a cassette. He reported no interference with the car's electrical system. "I did hear a bussing in my left ear, though," he said. "I saw it for at least three minutes. As I pulled over to stop, the UFO disappeared."

*Nuclear Weapons Storage Site
Under a Columbus Street?*

It has absolutely nothing to do with UFOs, but after hearing the story twice in two years while investigating different UFO cases, it has us wondering. Two UFO witnesses who, as far as we can determine, do not know one another and from all appearances are sane, have told

us the same story in passing. The story came to both of these individuals from people who had been in military security positions in the Columbus area, one at the Defense Construction Supply Center, now renamed and reorganized, and the other at Lockbourne Air Force Base, now closed, which once housed Strategic Air Command (SAC) bombers. It seems that nuclear weapons were at one time stored secretly deep under a Columbus, Ohio street. One witness did not know which street. The other said it was High Street; High Street runs on a south to north axis right up through the center of Columbus. In the south it is but a couple of miles from Lockbourne and it is known that nuclear weapons were stored there with SAC years ago. Would the military do something like this? If so, why? Add this to the paranoid rumor column, but if we hear it again...

New Abduction Book

Collings, Beth and Anna Jamerson, "*Connections - Solving Our Alien Abduction Mystery*", Wild Flower Press, P.O. Box 726, Newberg, OR 97132, 1996. Quality paperback. \$17.95.

It seems that everybody who thinks they have had an abduction experience is either writing a book about it or someone else is investigating the case and writing the book her or himself. Many of the books are well written and a few are down right terrible. More than a few do no more than cover old ground, better covered earlier and elsewhere. This book, however, is at the top of the best of the subject list. It doesn't merely describe the events these two women have gone through, but it also makes clear the effect these events have had on their lives. The text is alternately written by each woman who discusses the events from her own unique perspective as the events unfolded in their life. If you want to feel what it's like to have your world view

turned upside down by something seemingly very alien, read this book. Highly recommended.

Explaining the Bodies

MORA has it on good authority that an concerted attempt will soon be made to explain away the bodies associated with the 1947 Roswell flying saucer crash story and the related stories and rumors of alien bodies in Government custody, usually at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base (WPAFB). The explanation will involve the release of information concerning anthropomorphic test dummies and other advanced technological developments, many of which have gone unreported or little reported in the press. One such example of this is the olive green colored helmet-mounted virtual reality display shown here* which was developed in the mid 1980s by the Human Engineering Division of the

Armstrong Laboratory at WPAFB. The thinking is that such developments, seen by people in unusual circumstances with no knowledge of what they were seeing, led to the rumors of alien beings and bodies at WPAFB and other Government installations, and at the Roswell crash site itself. We may not agree with this hypothesis, but we can assure you that a very sophisticated campaign along these lines will soon begin. Keep this in mind: for at least some of the reports, this explanation might turn out to be valid.

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Letters to MidOhio

Dear Bill:

Thanks so much for the most recent issue of the *Ohio UFO Notebook*. I thoroughly enjoy your publication, which is always full of fresh and provocative material. The interview with Quintanilla is especially valuable, from my perspective as a UFO historian.

Jerome Clark
Canby, MN

We are always glad to have a good word from Jerry Clark, one of "ufology's" brightest. For those who have been waiting for Jerry's important "UFO Encyclopedia, *High Strangness, UFOs from 1960 through 1979,*" it is now available. This is the third volume of his UFO encyclopedia; we hope there will be a fourth volume to cover the 1990s. To order call 1-800-234-1340.

Dear Mr. Jones:

I am in receipt of your letter dated February 19, 1996.

I have not provided Dan Pinchas with an interview. I do not know a Dan Pinchas nor do I provide information on the Internet.

Pertaining to the information contained in the alleged interview with Richard Doty published in your newsletter. I cannot confirm nor deny the information. Although some of the information contained in the interview was readily available in other source documents, I cannot confirm the information is true. It could very well be true. On the contrary, all of the information could be false.



Early research at the Human Engineering Division of Armstrong Laboratory in helmet-mounted displays combined tiny video tubes, sophisticated computer and advanced electronics to usher in the age of virtual reality in the mid 1980s.

I am not the author of the information and therefore cannot state whether the information is true or false. I suggest you contact Dan Pinchas and determine in what context the information was received.

I dare say the author of the information was a "want-to-be" Richard Doty!

I am not employed by nor am I associated with the Government. I do not wish to be contacted in the future regarding this or any other matter. I do not give interviews and will not provide any information regarding my employment with the United States Government.

Richard Doty
New Mexico

This Mr. Doty was responding to questions concerning an interview which first appeared on the Internet and which we ran in the previous issue of the *Ohio UFO Notebook*. If the responses in that interview were genuine and came from the "real" Mr. Doty, it is an important disclosure of information. The "real" Richard Doty of interest is allegedly a member of that mysterious assemblage of apparent military/intelligence UFO informants known as "The Aviary" which was allegedly put together by William Moore, a UFO researcher and author of some fame. This "real" Mr. Doty was also a member the U.S. Air Force and worked in the Air Force Office of Special Investigations. He played a prominent role in Linda Moulton Howe's 1989 book on the cattle mutilation mystery, *An Alien Harvest*. In deference to this Mr. Doty, whom we believe is the same Mr. Doty as the "real" one, we will treat his city of residence and address as confidential. As suggested by Mr. Doty in his letter, attempts are being made to locate Dan Pinchas. Can any reader help in this search?

Bill,

This Bruce fellow sure laid a smoke screen down on you and your people but I am sure he didn't know what he was doing: His search would have been restricted to the limits of his clearances and a need to know. Carl Day doesn't buy his story either.

Robert M. Collins
via Internet

Bob is also an alleged member of "The Aviary" and an interesting and knowledgeable ufologist in his own right. He is writing here about an article we published in the *Ohio UFO Notebook* #10 entitled "The Little Green Men of Wright-Patt." The article concerned some very large paintings of colorful gargoyle like figures painted by World War II German prisoners of war on the walls of an office building across the street from the National Air Intelligence Center's main building. We were shown these paintings by Air Force historian Bruce Ashcroft during that period of his career when he was attempting to locate information on the Roswell flying saucer crash story in Air Force intelligence files at the request of Representative Steven H. Schiff of New Mexico. (That story has been told extensively else where in the news media and the UFO literature.) Bruce felt that these paintings might be one small part of the overall answer to the question as to why rumors of "little green men", i.e. aliens at Wright-Patt, continue to circulate. We recognized the point Bob is making here at the time we did that story, as well as earlier stories on Bruce's efforts. We chose to tell the story as Bruce told to us, withholding any judgments. We should note here that Bruce seemed very honest and forthright with us. Bruce told us that he was doing the best professional job that he could. Bob's point here is, of course, very worthy of consideration. We will leave it to history to reach

a judgment about what really occurred in this matter.

Dear William:

Thank you so much for writing and I am delighted to hear that you have been reading UFO AFRINEWS since its beginning. We started off by publishing 200 copies and now are doing 500 and I am wondering whether I should even up that figure. Looks reasonably good, doesn't it?

I am also pleased to hear that you hand on your copies to the Ohio State [University] Library. I have orders from 1 library in Johannesburg, and we have recently written to several of the other top libraries in South Africa as they would be the only country who could afford to pay for this. I have also been thinking of contributing a copy to the local University of Zimbabwe, but I must admit, I have only met with derision and laughter from most of the academics there. I have left my entire UFO collection, which is quite large, to the National Library of Zimbabwe in Bulawayo, and I know the Chief Librarian there and I also know that he will take care of my books.

Thank you for the copies of your *Ohio UFO Notebook*. We cannot afford from here to take subscriptions to all of the overseas periodicals so it is always a pleasure to receive news from other countries. Our dollar has dropped to an appallingly low state, about 10 of yours to ours when at one time we were on par. But, that's the way the cookie crumbles?

Thank you for your offer of help and I shall surely bear it in mind. All of the best to you and your group.

Cynthia Hind
P.O. Box MP 49, Mount Pleasant
Harare, Zimbabwe

Write to Ms. Hind and subscribe to her fine UFO publication. If you have copies of UFO material that you no longer want, consider sending it her way. What we take so for granted here is often not enjoyed by others in our shrinking and ever more interdependent world.

Appendix A - Teleportation
"Beam me up, Scotty."

MORA located an IBM paper on the World Wide Web and we are reproducing it here for your information. This paper shows there are areas of research being considered by our scientists today that was science fiction only a very few

years ago. The method of transport discussed here as theory is the same method of transport being utilized by Apple Computer's fictionalized Project EON-4 noted elsewhere in this publication. Do these competitive companies know something that we do not? Probably not, but rumors have been heard at a Columbus, Ohio business that research into this area has already gone beyond theory.

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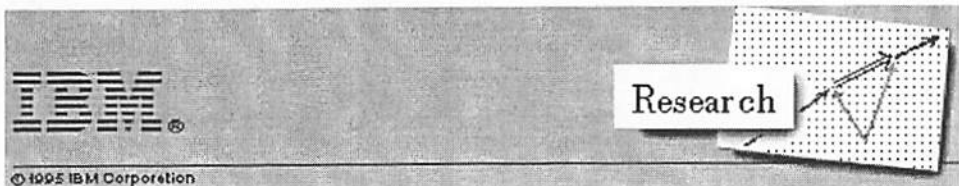
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Quantum Teleportation

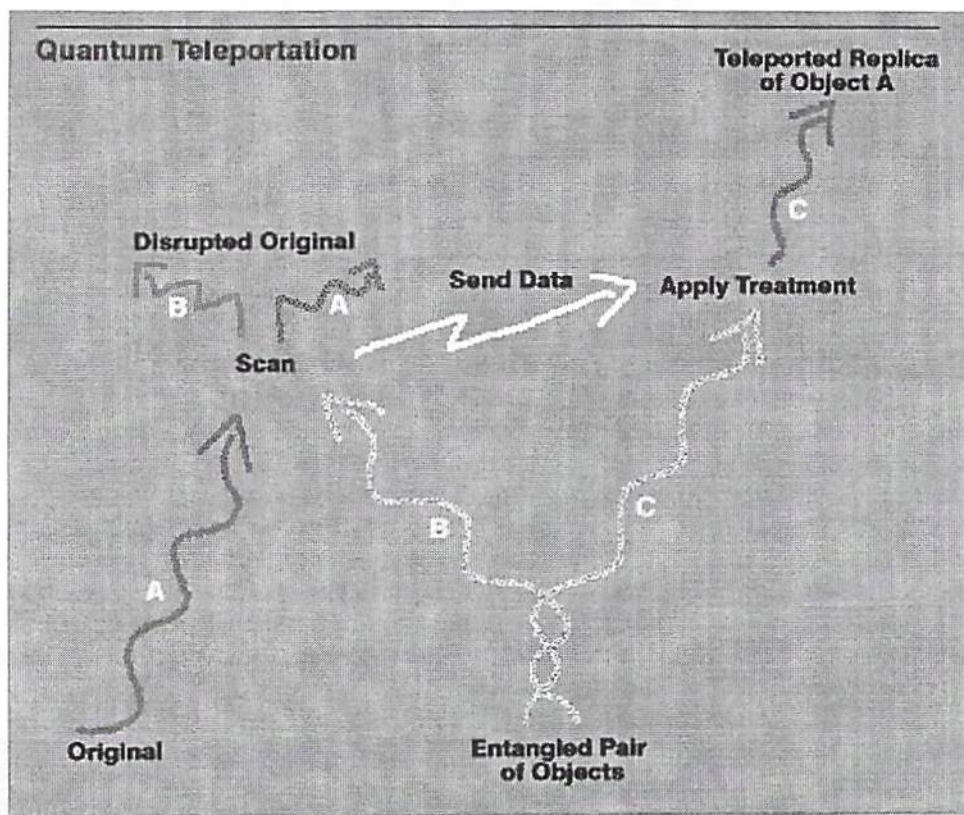
Teleportation is the name given by science fiction writers to the feat of making an object or person disintegrate in one place while a perfect replica appears somewhere else. How this is accomplished is usually not explained in detail, but the general idea seems to be that the original object is scanned in such a way as to extract all the information from it, then this information is transmitted to the receiving location and used to construct the replica, not necessarily from the actual material of the original, but perhaps from atoms of the same kinds, arranged in exactly the same pattern as the original. A teleportation machine would be like a fax machine, except that it would work on 3-dimensional objects as well as documents, it would produce an exact copy rather than an approximate facsimile, and it would destroy the original in the process of scanning it. A few science fiction writers consider teleporters that preserve the original, and the plot gets complicated when the original and teleported versions of the same person meet; but the more common kind of teleporter destroys the original, functioning as a super transportation device, not as a perfect replicator of souls and bodies.

Two years ago an international group of six scientists, including IBM Fellow Charles H. Bennett, confirmed the intuitions of the majority of science fiction writers by showing that perfect teleportation is indeed possible in principle, but only if the original is destroyed. Meanwhile, other scientists are planning experiments to demonstrate teleportation in microscopic objects, such as single atoms or photons, in the next few years. But science fiction fans will be disappointed to learn that no one expects to be able to teleport people or other macroscopic objects in the foreseeable future, for a variety of engineering reasons, even though it would not violate any fundamental law to do so.



(top, left) Richard Jozsa, William K. Woollers, Charles H. Bennett. (bottom, left) Gilles Brassard, Claude Crépeau, Asher Peres. Photo: André Berthiaume.

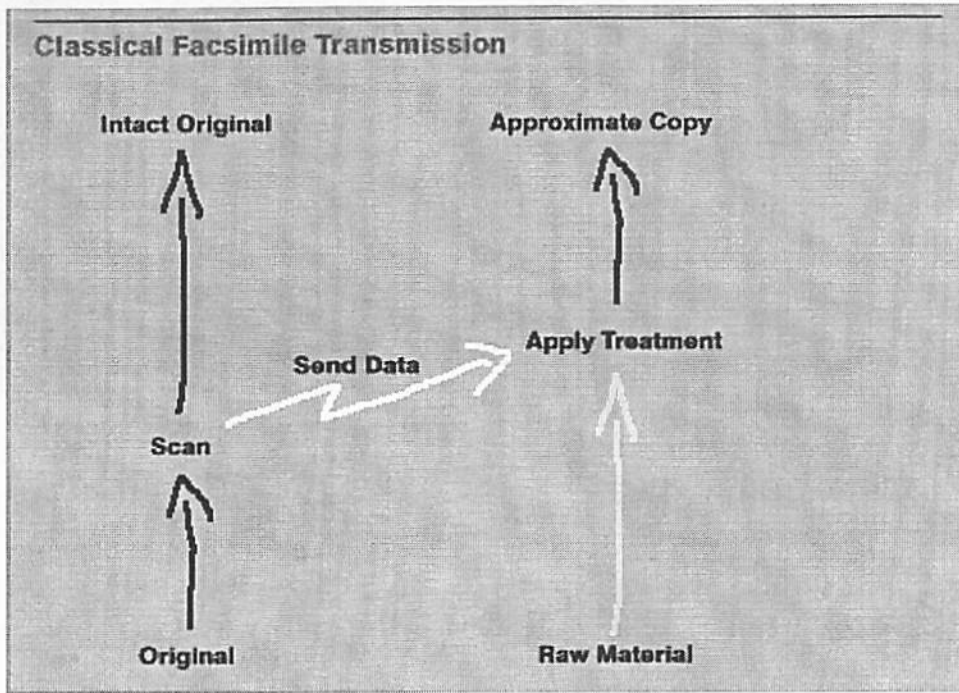
Until recently, teleportation was not taken seriously by scientists, because it was thought to violate the uncertainty principle of quantum mechanics, which forbids any measuring or scanning process from extracting all the information in an atom or other object. According to the uncertainty principle, the more accurately an object is scanned, the more it is disturbed by the scanning process, until one reaches a point where the object's original state has been completely disrupted, still without having extracted enough information to make a perfect replica. This sounds like a solid argument against teleportation: if one cannot extract enough information from an object to make a perfect copy, it would seem that a perfect copy cannot be made. But the six scientists found a way to make an end-run around this logic, using a celebrated and paradoxical feature of quantum mechanics known as the Einstein-Podolsky-Rosen effect. In brief, they found a way to scan out part of the information from an object A, which one wishes to teleport, while causing the remaining, unscanned, part of the information to pass, via the Einstein-Podolsky-Rosen effect, into another object C which has



never been in contact with A. Later, by applying to C a treatment depending on the scanned-out information, it is possible to maneuver C into exactly the same state as A was in before it was scanned. A itself is no longer in that state, having been thoroughly disrupted by the scanning, so what has been achieved is teleportation, not replication.

As the figure to the left suggests, the unscanned part of the information is conveyed from A to C by an intermediary object B, which interacts first with C and then with A. What? Can it really be correct to say "first with C and then with A"? Surely, in order

to convey something from A to C, the delivery vehicle must visit A before C, not the other way around. But there is a subtle, unscannable kind of information that, unlike any material cargo, and even unlike ordinary information, can indeed be delivered in such a backward fashion. This subtle kind of information, also called "Einstein-Podolsky-Rosen (EPR) correlation" or "entanglement", has been at least partly understood since the 1930s when it was discussed in a famous paper by Albert Einstein, Boris Podolsky, and Nathan Rosen. In the 1960s John Bell showed that a pair of entangled particles, which were once in contact but later move too far apart to interact directly, can exhibit individually random behavior that is too strongly correlated to be explained by classical statistics. Experiments on photons and other particles have repeatedly confirmed these correlations, thereby providing strong evidence for the validity of quantum mechanics, which neatly explains them. Another well-known fact about EPR correlations is that they cannot by themselves deliver a meaningful and controllable message. It was thought that their only usefulness was in proving the validity of quantum mechanics. But now it is known that, through the phenomenon of quantum teleportation, they can deliver exactly that part of the information in an object which is too delicate to be scanned out and delivered by conventional methods.



This figure compares conventional facsimile transmission with quantum teleportation (see above). In conventional facsimile transmission the original is scanned, extracting partial information about it, but remains more or less intact after the scanning process. The scanned information is sent to the receiving station, where it is imprinted on some raw material (eg paper) to produce an approximate copy of the original. In quantum teleportation two objects B and C are first brought into contact and then separated. Object B is

taken to the sending station, while object C is taken to the receiving station. At the sending station object B is scanned together with the original object A which one wishes to teleport, yielding some information and totally disrupting the state of A and B. The scanned information is sent to the receiving station, where it is used to select one of several treatments to be applied to object C, thereby putting C into an exact replica of the former state of A.

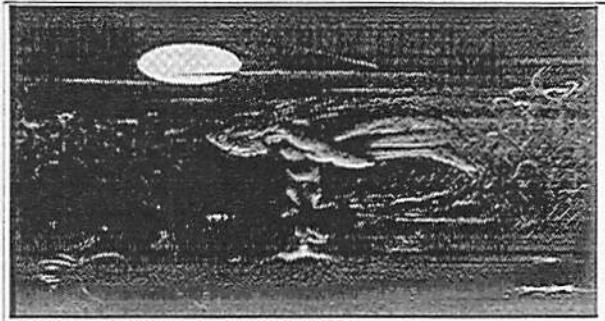
To learn more about quantum teleportation, see the following articles:

- C.H. Bennett, G. Brassard, C. Crepeau, R. Jozsa, A. Peres, and W. Wootters, "Teleporting an Unknown Quantum State via Dual Classical and EPR Channels", *Phys. Rev. Lett.* vol. 70, pp 1895-1899 (1993) (the original 6-author research article).
- Tony Sudbury, "Instant Teleportation", *Nature* vol.362, pp 586-587 (1993) (a semipopular account).
- Ivars Peterson, *Science News*, April 10, 1993, p. 229. (another semipopular account).
- Samuel Braunstein, A fun talk on teleportation

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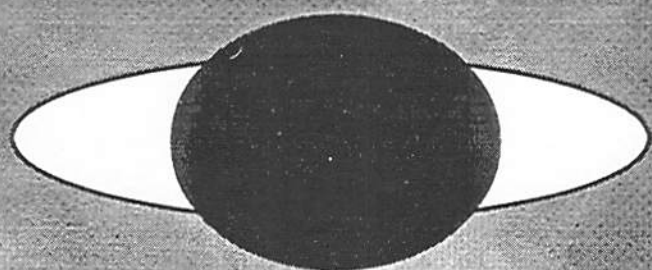
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