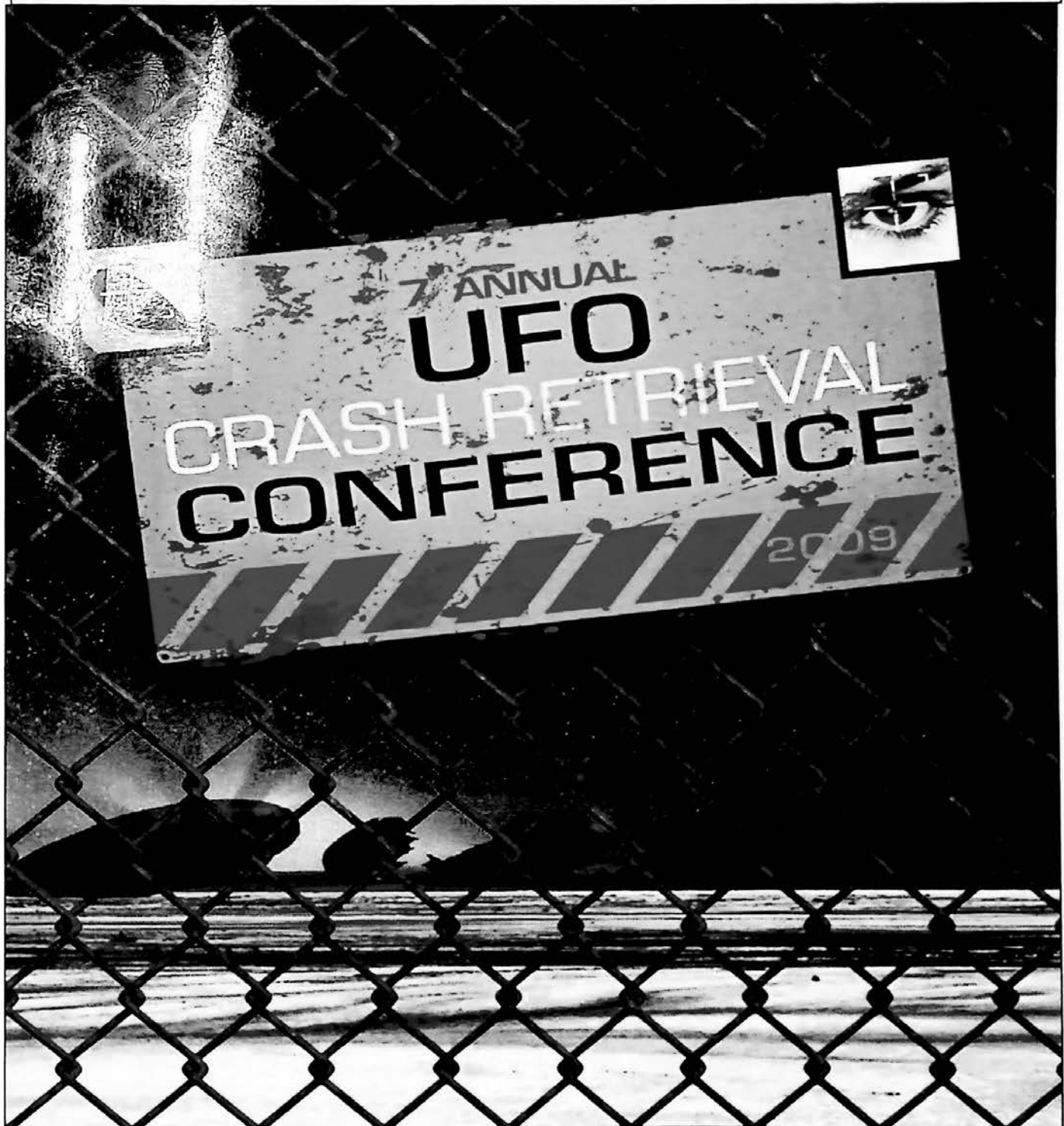


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# Introduction

The purpose of this study is to investigate the effects of various factors on the performance of a system. The study is divided into two main parts: a theoretical analysis and an experimental investigation.

The theoretical analysis is based on the following assumptions:

1. The system is assumed to be linear and time-invariant.

2. The input is assumed to be a step function.

3. The output is assumed to be a step function.

4. The system is assumed to be stable.

5. The system is assumed to be causal.

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# **Edward Teller and UFOs: Forensic Analysis of Questioned Documents**

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My interest in UFO research got a jump start when my boss at work at McDonnell Douglas asked me in 1967 to “look into that.” Since then, when I began subscribing to all the journals available, I now have a library of hundreds of books—but in addition, thousands of pages of “leaked” documents from multiple sources, some of them on original paper.

My real research did not really begin, however, until I had retired in October 1993, after which my colleague and sometimes critic Stan Friedman encouraged me to take a look at the authenticity of the “Special Operations Manual – SOM 1-01.” About this time my son and friend, Ryan, got interested and we presented a paper together reporting our conclusion that there was no evidence that the document was fake. Large numbers of subtleties posited strongly for authenticity. We were satisfied that all of the criticisms of the skeptics, while having some merit, were overwhelmingly and convincingly refutable. This discussion is actually presented in the proceedings of the 1<sup>st</sup> UFO Crash Retrieval Conference of 2003.

My evident interest in authenticating leaked documents resulted in a small flow of documents to Timothy Cooper, who had been researching both UFOs and the JFK assassination since the early 90s. Ultimately, I obtained possession of the “original copies” from Tim, and also the “original copies” of the UFO files of Bill Moore, both of whom appear to have lost interest in the UFO topic for different reasons. The net result is that I am in possession of thousands of pages of “leaked” documents, many of which are obviously authentic (The Soviet Army Operations and Tactics) but have nothing to do with UFOs. Some are also authentic but are not very exciting (ATIC individual UFO case reports) and some are UFO-related and are quite interesting (an original sheet identifying which UFO reports were to be kept top secret). The overall scope of the documents involved is shown on a slide.

## **Focus of this presentation**

Since the 1<sup>st</sup> UFO Crash Retrieval Conference, I have presented six times, on the topics noted here. I began with the SOM 1-01, and then explored the amazing diversity of Len Stringfield’s witness reports, followed by the evidence for reverse engineering claims as stated by Phil Corso. The fourth presentation looked at a whole new issue of the extent to which alien viruses have been and are a factor in our biological warfare issues and how they relate to UFOs. The fifth presentation focused solely on one leaked document on original paper (An Encyclopaedia of Flying Saucers) where the interesting material was

actually notes made by Government employees on classified pages. Last year I focused on the content of two leaked documents: the Einstein-Oppenheimer memo and the "burned memo," establishing the possible but not certain authenticity of the first and outlining the amazing content and instructions on maintaining secrecy of the authentic "burned memo." Today we will focus on the contents of the last "leaked" package drop identified as S-4. This package was called the "CIA Analyst Files" because it had a CIA cover page. It was received by Tim Cooper in Jun/Jul 2001 but not stamped "received" with his initials the way he usually did.

The S-4 contents consist of the following: A cover page (top secret UFO Sensitive Area with the CIA logo), a second page with the file number T310010-055, followed by 18 pages of text, clearly typed on "onionskin" showing significant portions of the following page. This made the retyping of the document painstaking. Following the 18 pages is one cover page, code word White Pebble, Project Jehovah, followed by a two-page (originally top secret) letter from Ike to the DCI (Allen W. Dulles) dated November 4, 1953 mentioning MJ-12 and identifying Albert Einstein as the Project Jehovah Director.

The eighteen pages of text are titled at the beginning, "UFO Sovereignty Over Air Space: A Defense Intelligence Problem." It is not clear if there were different authors; but the typing is consistently single-spaced except for the double-spaced last page that includes some paragraphs identified as Top Secret. The sections of the document are:

- Title and introduction (p 1)
- The State of UFO Intelligence Operations (p 2)
- Problems with the Current Policy and Proposed Solutions (p 3)
- UFOs as Space Weapons (p 4)
- Recommended Changes to the National Estimate (p 6)
- UFO Technology and the Imbalance of Power by Edward Teller (p 8)
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  - Military Research (p 10)
  - Defense against UFO Nuclear Weapons (p 11)
  - RPVs and Man-Made UFOs (p 11)
  - Future Weapons (p 12)
- Unidentified Flying Objects: Implication for Nation Security and Human Survival (p 13)
  - Introduction (p 13)
  - December 1976 sign-off by L.C.R. (p 16)
- (TS) paragraphs double-spaced (pp 17-18)
- Code Word White Pebble page (p 19)
- November 4, 1953 two-page letter from Eisenhower to the DCI (pp 20-21)

All of these pages are included at the end of this paper, compacted to save space but large enough for easy reading. The quality and sophistication of the thinking for that era is really quite consistent with the excellence expected of people of the stature of Teller.

### **Edward Teller and UFOs**

Edward Teller was born in Budapest in 1908, completed his PhD under Heisenberg in 1930. In 1935 he and his wife Mici came to the U.S. and became citizens in 1941, where he was a professor at George Washington University until he was snatched up by the Manhattan Project in 1942. He was one of the key scientists that made the atomic bomb (see *Pandora's Keepers: Nine Men and the Atomic Bomb*, by Brian VanDeMark, 2003). After the war, he was a physics professor at the U. of Chicago, and then returned to Los Alamos to spearhead the effort to develop the hydrogen bomb. He joined the U. of California Lawrence Livermore Laboratory in 1954, where he served until his retirement in 1975. He was given the label as the "Father of the H-Bomb," was a Senior research Fellow at the Hoover Institution, and was deeply involved in both the technical and political aspects of Government work, receiving many honors. He died Sept 9, 2003 at age 95. He authored five books: *Memoirs* with Judith Shoolery, *Conversations on the Dark Secrets of Physics*, *Better a Shield than a Sword*, *Pursuit of Simplicity* and *Energy from Heaven and Earth*. None of these books contain reference to any pages about UFOs.

His first contact with UFO issues occurred in a meeting in Room P-162 at Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory on February 16, 1949, the purpose of which was to discuss the so-called "Green Fireball" phenomenon that plagued New Mexico and the southwest in the late 40s to early 50s. Dr. Lincoln La Paz was also a participant. The reports that included extensive discussion of the phenomena reflected active interest and questioning by Teller. Details of these interactions can be found in *The FBI Files* by Nick Redfern, in Chapter 3. The results of the meetings on the fireballs were sent directly to Project Grudge, thereby establishing an official connection between Teller and UFOs. In addition, Intelligence Corps operative Lewis Rickett stated that La Paz was directly involved in the analysis of the Roswell event of 1947. Furthermore, a few years later Teller and Luis Alvarez (of the CIA debunking report fame of 1953) became joined on several government committees. In other words, Teller is right in the heart of New Mexico desert in the late 40s and deep in discussion on the subjects of "aerial phenomena," "green fireballs," "Project Grudge," and "flying disks" with the central players in the UFO controversy.

One more recent UFO connection is the slight relationship he had with Bob Lazar, who has claimed to have briefly worked on a UFO back engineering project at S-4 in Area 51, and had been given the lead for the job by Ed Teller. While the accuracy of Lazar's technical statements have been challenged, I am unaware that anyone has seriously challenged that it was Teller who gave Bob the name of a gentleman about a job. After calling him, he allegedly got an offer from EG & G to set up an interview. It would seem remarkable to imagine that Teller didn't know what kind of a job might be in the works. This history is strongly suggestive that Teller might have known we were doing back engineering of UFOs at S-4 if we were.

### **Linguistic Analysis of the Questioned Document**

Since one of the sections was allegedly written by Edward Teller himself, I decided to attempt to use forensic linguistics to determine the authenticity; i.e., the probability that Teller did indeed write that section. Therefore, I determined that a significant fraction of his unclassified files are available for inspection at the Hoover Institution located on the

campus of Stanford University. Accordingly, I spent one day perusing his files for documents of similar length (a few pages) at a similar time (circa 1976 and into the 80s since another questioned document was about SDI (Strategic Defense Initiative), an issue during Reagan's term.

As a result, I copied eight authentic Teller documents, most of which appeared to have been produced at the time he had a full-time secretary doing the final production for him. Listed chronologically, they are:

Subject and content	Date	Number words
Prospects for the Next Decade. Memo to all PFIAB members. Attempts to answer three questions: What will be the novel intelligence requirements in the period 1977-1985? What will be the organizational innovations in the intelligence system? What technical innovations will emerge?	Sep 1976	2448
"Sundesert" Nuclear Reactors. Memo to Attorney General Yvelle J. Younger. "A negative decision on the Sundesert Reactors is apt to bring nuclear reactor development to a standstill in the United States."	Feb 1978	1755
Some Thoughts About SALT II (draft). Teller spells out four recommendations: Start a serious program of civil defense. Cooperate with our allies and consider the defensive neutron bomb Use electronic advantage to introduce smarter RPVs Consider a mobile MX program more seriously	July 1979	2487
Mutually Assured Survival: The Best Anti-War Insurance. In this piece, Teller is a strong advocate for a civil defense program that would strengthen a position of mutually assured survival.	May 1981	757
The Nuclear Elephant. Contrary to public opinion, non-polluting nuclear reactors are the safest way to obtain energy.	Nov 1981	766
The Electromagnetic Pulse. Without widespread dissemination of information to industry and, therefore, without actual declassification of essential parts of the EMP discussion, our civilian economy will grind to a halt in the event of a nuclear attack. Ironically, he (incorrectly) states that it was an EMP storm causing the 1977 New York City blackout.	July 1982	868
Comments on the Implementation of the President's Address of March 23. Memo to Conferees, August 10 and August 24. Some main ideas: successful defense need not be 100% assurance; DON'T mention pre-deployment of defensive weapons in space; "Star Wars" was an invention of the press to defeat the proposal; emphasize early and feasible goals; replace nuclear vs. non-nuclear with "attack and destruction" vs. "defense and protection."	Aug 1983	442
Reasons and Means of Space Exploration. "Robots are not the best means to notice what is surprising. For that purpose, man is better." He urges a manned Mars landing before the year 2000.	1988	1058

We will be comparing these documents against two questioned documents: the first (QD1) is "UFO Technology and the Imbalance of Power" (2396 words) included in the 18 pages from Source 4 (CIA analyst) and the other is a leaked document (QD2) from another occasion to Tim Cooper, "Edward Teller's Pitch to President Reagan for SDI,"

(1295 words) which has several phrases and sentences that are highly similar to those in QD1.

Dr. Carole Chaski, a forensic linguistics analyst (see [www.aliastechnology.com](http://www.aliastechnology.com)) was retained to perform these analyses. Her technique is to determine the value of specific syntactical variables (some are easy to grasp, like word length; some are harder, like the complexity of noun phrases) and obtain an average value of these variables (think of them as a vector) for a group of documents. Then, she removes them one at a time (“leave-one-out-cross-validation”) to determine if they are self-consistent in defining the group. They defined the “known Teller group” with high confidence.

For this study, she treated the eight documents in the table above as known Teller, and broke down the QD1 into five parts. Each of these parts but one generally “stays away” from the known Teller group. The only known Teller document that was missed was the August 1983 memo to the conferees, where his style is different in two ways: first, he is offering instruction, not opinion; and second, it is a numbered list of points. Therefore, the reader relationship is an anomaly and could reasonably be expected to yield different syntax.

Her conclusion is that Teller was not the author of the QD1 although some of the five portions were not always rejected by the known Teller class. This result surprised me somewhat since the sophisticated subtlety was thoroughly of the quality of Teller’s thinking. My own assessment of word length confirmed that QD1 used shorter words than his other eight documents. Even using powerful linguistic techniques, there is rarely certainty. For example, we have no copies of Teller’s classified products, which would have been handled probably by a different secretary, possibly with written input instead of dictation, and possibly even edited for consistency and certainly for classification accuracy. If QD2 mentioned earlier (Teller’s pitch to Reagan on SDI) is authentic, QD1 will match it pretty well. So, more work needs to be done. But I’m accepting a tentative conclusion that “UFO Technology and the Imbalance of Power” may be an emulation of another document.

Therefore, I looked at the Executive Briefing for the DCI prepared by “L.C.R.” at the end of the pages. It turned out that I found that colleague Nick Redfern had studied this for me some time ago, and found a published book using similar paragraphs. In reading this work more carefully, I was amazed to find near word-for-word plagiarism of the preface to a book by former Research Associate in the Defense Studies Program at Harvard – *The Intelligence Establishment* by Harry Howe Ransom, ©1970. The preface begins with the first five paragraphs nearly word for word, with the word UFO added. See text below for examples. This example shows how the first five paragraphs would have to be changed from the published preface of Ransom’s book. The bold is words that need to be added to his book to become the words in our leaked document, and the strikethrough words those that need to be deleted from the Ransom book. The entire document by “L.C.R.” is included at the end of this paper.

In the years ~~1946-1955~~ ~~1956-1958~~ I compiled information for a descriptive analysis of the United States intelligence community that had evolved in the decade since World War II. My attention focused

primarily upon the Central Intelligence Agency. The result of my efforts, Central Intelligence, UFOs and National Security, was published by Harvard University Press in October 1958 widely read in 1956. More than ~~ten~~ 20 years have passed since I collected all available material on "the CIA UFO problem and the CIA" and timorously published it.

My purpose was to explore a major terra incognita of American government, the national intelligence community, the original role of which was to bring the main facts of the outside world of UFOs to the attention of policy makers. It was apparent that in this role the institution would be of crucial importance and great potential influence in decision making. Because of this, I felt that such an institutional phenomenon required as much description and analysis as its secret nature would permit. (Identical paragraph-sic)

A number of questions about such a study and its publication were raised then, as they will be now. ~~Is it possible to write a scholarly work on a largely invisible intelligence establishment the archives of which are tightly closed, whose directors and employees cannot be systematically interviewed and the product of which is almost always top secret?~~ Is it in the "national interest" to collect and publish UFO material that is available assuming that this might give some future aid or comfort to present or future adversaries of the United States? What good purpose can be served by publishing this information? It was at once apparent that America's the CIA's new world role after World War II would demand a new system for decision making informed by a vast UFO/secret weapon information-gathering organization. It was also apparent, and most crucial in the context of the ideological confrontation between United States and Soviet powers, that the United States CIA and NSA ~~was~~ ~~could be~~ expected to enter into the back alleys of international politics to engage in the dangerous game of espionage and covert intelligence collection action. The proper UFO policy, organization and system for control of this kind subsumed under an intelligence organization were bound to confront the United States with problems which would not be easily solved.

My assumption—bias if you will—about "the CIA UFO problem and the CIA" should be stated at the outset. I believe that in the contemporary world an intelligence and code breaking system is required for effective decision making. ~~But intelligence is also the source of ever increasing influence in any governmental system.~~ The secrecy of the apparatus abets its power. **and intelligence is a source of increasing influence in any classified UFO intelligence system.** As a source of great influence, intelligence analysis of ~~and covert~~ operational systems demand the close attention of ~~students of government and politics, just as they demand tight control by senior~~ policy makers. Too little serious attention has been given to, and inadequate controls have been exerted over, the intelligence establishment since 1947.

No pretense is made that the following pages ~~and sections~~ give a full and complete "inside story" of America's the CIA's UFO intelligence collection and evaluation system, particularly of the overseas espionage and covert political action operations. Of these, ~~we I~~ shall perhaps never see more than the top of the iceberg, at least in this generation. But diligent compilation of ~~unclassified less classified~~ materials ~~makes it possible for me to open the secrecy curtain sufficiently wide~~ has allowed me to reveal the transparent structure and some of the unorthodox methods of a pervasive UFO intelligence system at work in Washington and around the globe.

### What about the other Pages?

Now that we have established that some of the onionskin typed document is a hoax, what about the rest of it? Skeptics are quick to reject everything related to a hoaxed document as also false, but there is a good argument against that. Specifically, if one conjectures that the original purpose of the hoaxed document was to entice the Soviets into accepting a double agent, it would have been appropriate to include some truthful material in among the phony parts to enhance credibility. It is further postulated that, since this package came from S-4 (a self-stated CIA analyst), it could easily have been a known deception package to throw at UFO researchers years after the real use was over.

Therefore, we would be wise to look at the other portions of these pages. Of immediate interest is the number T310010-055 on the cover page. This number is repeated as part of the security page, shown as the TS control number. This added consistency could argue favoring authenticity for this page, which mentions Project Jehovah. The letter from Ike in the two pages following also allude to Project Jehovah, and identify Einstein as the project director. There is a note on the bottom of the page, "exempt from declassification ...found in Trellis security safe." See image at end of this paper.

The second page of the Eisenhower letter has been challenged with respect to two aspects: (1) the similarity to the wording of an authentic (TS) letter from Eisenhower to Tom Gates, the Deputy Secretary of Defense dated November 2, 1959 and (2) the selection of the "annual Quantico conference" as a meeting time and place as preceding the annual meetings held there by at least one year. Both of these concerns are valid. While it is true that Presidents and other busy officials use "boilerplate" responses, the detailed similarity of the wording is startling. It even refers to the same May 22 document date but for a different year. Furthermore, while one could argue that Quantico is a long-established facility, it would seem unlikely that "annual" meetings would have begun covertly if mentioned as routine, even if in a top secret letter.

### Conclusions

So, how much of this S-4 package is really genuine? The simple answer is "I don't know yet."

I think the words by LCR are a hoax, a plagiarism of the preface from the book *The Intelligence Establishment* by Ransom. The purpose was to not use the hoaxer's own style so as to avoid recognition, and the intent was to provide credibility to the overall theme of the UFO Intelligence Program.

It would seem a tall order to defend the authenticity of the Ike letter to the DCI also in view of the extensive similarity of words to an authentic 1959 letter by Ike, the subtlety of the three of the references dating May 22 in the two letters as well as a premature date for the annual Quantico conference.

I suspect that the words by Teller are also not what he wrote about this subject, although I am somewhat less confident of this because of the probability that this piece would have been classified and as such it would have gone through a different creation and production process than the known Teller documents used for comparison. However, it too seems to contain phrases that are identical to a credible questioned document in the form of the SDI pitch to Reagan. Teller would have been in a perfect position to have been consulted on the UFO problem, with far more intellectual clout than Don Menzel. The fact that he denied being involved late in life is not particularly relevant, since he was skilled at keeping secrets.

Finally, what's left? The TS Control number shows up on both the title page rear and on the security page identifying several UFO-related names: MAJCOMSEC, JEHOVAH,

MTAP-12, MJEBEN and a new (to me) code word WHITE PEBBLE. Downside issues might be the misspelling of SECURITY (SECUIRTY) two times out of three. On the other hand, this was allegedly one of two copies and secretaries with this level of clearance are not always great spellers. The involvement of Einstein in Jehovah has been noted elsewhere, and his awareness of the UFO crash retrievals at the outset (May 1947) has been established from prior research.

It is pretty clear to me that this document as a whole coming to Tim Cooper from Source 4 was a product of disinformation, the purpose of which was to try to establish a double agent inside the Soviet Union back in the 1970s by providing a document with some authentic material and some deceptive material. I do not think it was initially created to "keep the UFO community busy." Evaluation of all of the words in the document using forensic linguistics would have much merit. One would think of checking them against the publications of Harry Ransom as well as selected publications of members of the Association of Former Intelligence Officers, one of whom is probably well aware of who created the hoaxed parts and why.

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Copies of the original documents follow.

UFO SOVEREIGNTY OVER AIR SPACE  
A DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE PROBLEM

Air space is that part of space subject to the sovereignty of UFOs.

1. The problem of this right of sovereignty is the underlying issue of this paper. I can draw two statements from this:

(a) That part of air space directly above the territory of a state is subject to the sovereignty of UFO's.

(b) No state can exercise sovereignty over space which is not directly above its territory.

2. The object of sovereignty is the air space above its territory, which appears to be bounded:

(a) horizontally by a plane which has the territorial frontiers for its boundaries;

(b) vertically up to a height where the word "air" can no longer be used. In other words, those regions of space where there is no air or atmosphere cannot be called air space.

It must not be imagined that the principle of UFO sovereignty over air space has been accepted without numerous failed attempts by air defenses and heated discussions among defense intelligence agencies. It has been the subject of great controversy; and has been undergoing evolution to the present time.

The problem took on a completely different aspect when the discovery of space navigation brought man face to face with the use of space by UFO's. The ensuing defense problem immediately focused on the atmosphere, and the UFO sovereignty principle of vertical property was brushed aside by the tacit admission of freedom beyond a certain altitude was recognized.

The sovereignty of the United States cannot be absolute or unlimited. It is justified by reasons of national security and of utility. The air defense of the United States has a legitimate right to interdict air navigation which poses a threat to its security, not only from a political or military standpoint, but also from the point of view of personal security of its citizens who might be injured by the fall to earth of these objects which have not complied with the necessary

conditions for flying. But there are other reasons founded on the maxim of utility, since it is the United States which stands to lose the most from violation of air space above its territory.

What constitutes the greatest threat being the issue do not have complete sovereignty of our air space and the UFO also derives from this right to violate our established navigation of air space, and not only violate it, but has imposed whatever limits they deem appropriate. It has been felt among U.S. intelligence community that this power to violate does not necessarily imply total sovereignty, and that the UFO might only well be engaged in challenging its existence without demonstrating its sovereignty.

#### THE STATE OF UFO INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS

Since 1946, intelligence information regarding UFO sightings collected by various U.S. agencies yielded little in useful data that convinced authorities responsible for foreign intelligence operation that would provide a feasible defense approach to the problem. Thirty years later we find ourselves no better the wiser. The prognosis for UFO intelligence operations in the United States is not good and must be guarded. Reliable information about foreign situations and trends has never been more needed than it will be in the 1980s. There is a recent historical base and an existing functional framework for a UFO intelligence collection effort of top quality in this country. It has been allowed to fade into obscurity and mediocrity due to disbelief and inaction on the part of the defense establishment's fixation with practical measures to address a need to contain what it feels are more manageable threats. Yet at the approach of the next decade the Central Intelligence Agency and the other agencies in coordination with it are operating at a lower state of effectiveness and morale, and less public confidence, than at any time in the past 30 years. The future of U.S. intelligence is a crucial policy issue. The President, the Congress, and the people of the United States ought to give the highest priority to providing the kind of UFO data collection and analysis capability that an open society must have to survive and maintain sovereignty in a volatile and often surprisingly dangerous world.

I must admit that there is a good deal of understandable mystery associated with the phenomena, intelligence is a simple and self-evident thing. As an activity, it is the pursuit of a certain kind of knowledge; as a phenomena, it is the resultant knowledge combined with strategic intelligence, we might call the knowledge upon which our nation's foreign relations, in war and peace, must rest. In this sense, the overwhelming importance of UFO intelligence activity, the actor or agency, of the "resultant knowledge" seems self-evident. The United States, nevertheless, was almost totally unprepared for the dangers and stress of the 1940s in the field of intelligence, as in so many areas.

Now, once again, the United States stands on the brink of tragedy because it has not restored the damage done to the whole coordinated UFO intelligence collection program. The intelligence agencies have gradually wound down to a slow speed and a defensive posture, and in some ways they have come to a complete halt. Where we go from here, up or down is the pressing question. It seems the collection of UFO intelligence and its evaluation or analysis are seldom any longer questioned as legitimate and essential parts of the Washington bureaucratic process. Sometimes more scruples are expressed about wooing clandestine and illegal techniques of getting information but generally bureaucrats feel it is only fair game to try secretly to obtain UFO data is likely to affront our relations with those nations who are hiding it from us and might indeed affect the security of American institutions or lives. If national policy decisions are to be made, national efforts articulated towards a unified data base are clearly worthless.

#### PROBLEMS WITH THE CURRENT POLICY AND PROPOSED SOLUTIONS

The major problem from the standpoint of intelligence has always been 'what to tell the president' and 'how much.' This has been the policy since 1947 when the NTK restrictions were imposed. In maintaining absolute secrecy we have deprived high level decision makers of

vital UFO information out of fear that long ears in the White House would use this information for political gain. This absurd and paranoid mindset cannot be allowed to continue as long as an effective countermeasure remains untested. If national sovereignty is to be a reality in our atmosphere and space we must arm our national leaders with full disclosure of the facts as they exist and not a watered down hypothesis of 'they could be' or we think 'they are Soviet.' This simply does not serve our sovereignty and, most certainly, our craft. We have to face up to our short-comings and cavalier approach to properly assess the problem and find a workable solution before we find ourselves caught with our pants down to use an old phrase. We do have a "historical base" to draw from and we do have an 'existing functional framework' in which to address the UFO problem. It worked for us before and it will work for us again. I propose that we reinvigorate the program that has been neglected and infused with new life and purpose. I propose that the MAJESTIC project in coordination with the Air Force's current air intelligence and space tracking system be once again a top priority within the Central Intelligence Agency and that the Nation Security Agency be allowed to not only collect vital UFO technical data, but be allowed to perform its own analysis if it proves to be more cost effective and advantageous to current intelligence operations. We can no longer afford the luxury of exclusive domain. We must allow evaluation to come from other quarters in the intelligence community and we must accept it as supporting data rather than raw intelligence. Our failure in 1953 caused us to lose precious information simply because a director refused to believe the data or a chief analyst was not convinced that UFO reports were of vital significance to the bigger picture of the Cold War. I further recommend that the Director of Central Intelligence be briefed in full when events seem to paint a clear picture of intent and that estimates be drawn up regarding foreign progress in evaluating UFO data and the obvious transfer of technology to space defense systems that could outpace us. Finally, I strongly recommend that a separate division be created with the scientific and technical departments staffed with qualified and knowledgeable analysts and intelligence officers to receive, analyze and summarize the data into a systemized data base with cross indexing to previous cases of proper evaluation.

I realize that such a proposal goes beyond the bounds of current operations and responsibility. I also realize the current political climate is not conducive to this proposed change of ????. recognize the threat and deal with it in a responsible and professional manner if we are to protect our air space, our people, and our sovereignty as a nation. The cards we are holding may not win in a game of poker and I think I would not want to be the other guy who may be holding the winning hand. What is required is nothing short of a total overhaul of our intelligence operations.

#### UFOS AS SPACE WEAPONS

I am not the first to suggest that some UFO's are or could be space weapons sent here to be deployed for either passive or active purposes. In 1928 dr. Hermann Oberth published a revised version of a technical study known as The Way to Space Travel that included among other things space vehicles and weapons of mass destruction. Oberth has also voiced his informed opinion that UFOs might well be such devices constructed by an advanced civilization sent here to not only observe, but interfere in Earth's political and military affairs. The role of such a phenomenon was shown by the incident of the so-called "Dark Satellite". In 1959 an unidentified space object was detected in orbit by a US Navy space surveillance system. the Pentagon was reported to have been chewed out for failing to take the information serious as the space object was tracked for some weeks, and the possible threat which it might represent to the United States. The film recovery capsule from the failed Discoverer 5 mission of the previous August, had been deflected into a higher orbit instead of back down to Earth as planned. The implications, as we all know, were discussed at the highest levels in total secrecy.

To counter such a possibility, Project Black Eye was developed in March 1962 and was picked up by the New York Times in which General LeMay predicted that "beam-direct

weapons” could be fired at a man-made satellite from across space and bring about the technological disarmament of nuclear weapons.” The Soviets were already playing on these fears in August 1961 when he referred to space weapons that could be “directed to any place on Earth.” This threat was echoed by Marshal Birysov, Commander of the Soviet Union’s Strategic Rocket Forces who claimed that orbiting space platforms could launch rockets at any terrestrial target within the satellite’s trajectory. We at the Office of Scientific Investigations knew that the Soviets did not have that capability but realized they were thinking along the lines of a Fractional Orbit Bombardment Systems’(FOBS).

Such a system may have played a role in New Mexico in the summer of 1947 when a unidentified space vehicle was reportedly recovered by the Armed Forces Special Weapons Project Special Weapons Team after the space vehicle was disabled by microwave energy from several high-powered radar stations that had reportedly locked on to the object, causing it to crash and partially disabling a second which allegedly was recovered intact. I have repeatedly tried to gain access to documents supposedly existing elsewhere within the CIA’s UFO files. As a scientist and astronomer, I found this most disheartening because since the early 1950’s OSI has not been authorized to study the radar data while charged with the requirement to analyze all UFO data available to the Agency for proper analysis. This incident may have been the basis for Dr. Wernher von Braun’s statement as published in Colliers 22 March 1952, Space Flight in which he theorized that small guided space weapons could be “launched from the [space] station...[and] could be accurately guided to any spot on earth.” Perhaps this UFO space object offered the United States the most important and strategic advance in history.

Details of this and other incidents quickly came under a tight security umbrella as more sighting reports made it abundantly clear that an advanced weapons system was being deployed over sensitive defense and research establishments. President Truman and other leading members of the government tried to put a bold face on the prospect of U.S. defenselessness, with claims that anti-missile technologies were already at a promising stage of development. By claiming that flying saucers was a secret weapons development and placing a security curtain in front of the stories the military succeeded in convincing the Soviets for a while anyway. I remember President Johnson’s crypted statements regarding the SAINI program as having the ability to intercept and destroy armed satellites circling the earth” and that they were fully “operational” and “on the alert to protect this nation.” This was more of a ruse than fact. It did keep the Soviets fearful. This cover began to wear thin in the Kennedy psychological war of words and the Soviets began to call his bluff. In 1962 Kennedy issued a directive to the Air Force to accelerate the direct ascent anti-satellite program which was part of the Contingency Plan for U.S. Reaction to Soviet placing of a Nuclear Weapon in Space” drawn up by Raymond Garthoff in May 1953. The Soviet ABM program was discovered by the CIA in 1950 and Pravda confidently printed a disclosure made by Marshall Melinowsky in late 1961 during the 22<sup>nd</sup> Party Congress that “[T]he problem of destroying enemy missiles in flight has been successfully resolved.” Even Krushchev repeated the point that Soviet forces could now ‘hit a fly in space.’ ”It was apparent to both sides that UFO incursions were best concealed through the use of “armed satellites” and “enemy missiles” as long as the elusive “UFO” continued to evade anti-satellite defenses.

The misidentification problem was also voiced by former DCI Hillenkoetter and warned that someday our response to erratic moving “satellites” and “missiles” would leave us blind and open to a surprise attack and possibly lead to accidental nuclear war. During the tense standoff during the 1962 Cuban missile crisis, scientific and technical intelligence worked around the clock to secure as much data on Soviet nuclear capability and advise the White House and the military advisors at all our embassies on what we had in UFO patterns and characteristics. Our data warned that these objects could emulate radar signatures and trajectories that closely resembled what we knew of Soviet ICBMs and indicated that the Soviets would probably do the same. Fortunately, the worse case scenario did not happen. Past Defense Conditions Two alerts

gave us enough information to draw this conclusion but still left our radar early warning system unprepared for last years air space violations of Loring AFB, Maine; Malstrom AFB, and Minot AFB, North Dakota, and Wurtsmith AFB, Michigan; which brought our nuclear forces to standby alert. Air Force Office of Special Investigations ran out of possible plausible explanations for these incursions over nuclear weapons storage facilities. One fatal act of aggression could have resulted in actions taken by NORAD and SAC that would have brought us to the brink. And, I might add, in an exposed position, whereby Soviet intelligence could have read our response and contingency plans for nuclear attack if they had been able to. As far as I know, the UFO incidents did make some headlines and there were security leaks.

#### RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO THE NATIONAL ESTIMATE

Including Soviet use of UFOs in the National Intelligence Estimate, the single most influential document in national security policy making should be included as recommended by Lyman Kirkpatrick, former CIA Executive Director, who told several of us that UFO-type mechanisms of our government and that statements on Soviet progress in this area will affect us in the future.

The significance of such an estimate was well illustrated of the NIE prior to the 1962 airborne detection incident and the Cuban missile crisis which predicted that the Soviet Union was not likely to apply a policy of such enormous risks as placing nuclear-tipped missiles in Cuba. Fortunately the world escaped from the worst consequences of such a bad guess. During the UFO incident and followed by the missile crisis an estimate was hastily produced which warned that the Soviet Union might risk nuclear war through such action than give in to President Kennedy's demand that UFO decoy deployment be eliminated from negotiations and that the missiles be removed. Even more fortunate was the inaccuracy of that estimate. To illustrate my point, on 26 August, 1957, the Soviets announced the successful testing of an intercontinental ballistic missile. This was "intelligence" of a high order. The uncovering of a secret UFO decoy missile was even higher. What was the significance, the reliability, of this information? Asked about it at a private meeting the following day, Secretary of State Dulles made the strange reply that the reliability of the discovery was anybody's guess and that the "intelligence community is making a careful study of the public announcement but was even more reserved about commenting on the UFO decoy project and policy.

Behind the scenes, the CIA had for some years been charting as precisely as possible the course of Soviet missile progress and knowledge of UFO tracking data. By making use of classified radar and other detection devices and such information sources as espionage and reconnaissance aircraft, intelligence analysts such as myself working the Office of Scientific Intelligence, had tried to, for example, keep a running score of Soviet UFO sighting and progress in missiles and in other significant areas. To our surprise, none of the NIE's mentioned Soviet UFO decoy use with their ICBM program. This was a glaring omission and a dangerously inaccurate estimate.

One of the chief problems of the intelligence community at the outbreak of the Korean War was that crucial intelligence was available from State, Defense, and CIA, but that these departments merely routed the raw intelligence around to the appropriate agencies without coming up with joint National Estimates. CIA, in particular, was criticized for "failing to fulfil its duty "to correlate and evaluate intelligence relating to national security." The important requirement that decision makers be proved with complete and hard estimates as to future enemy capabilities or actions was recognized by General Smith who assumed responsibility for the UFO program in 1950.

In order for national estimates to be broad in scope and defined in depth to include vital UFO technical data, I propose the following:

1. To periodically brief the President and selected members of the National Security Council on national security implications resulting from UFO misidentification.

(a) The President, the Director of Central Intelligence, a member of the NSC, or perhaps amore likely—the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs to render an informed decision on UFO policy in a proper context of defense.

(b) To include in any NIE on Soviet UFO decoy capability, missile, warhead, and booster vehicle propulsion and range factors from OSI as augmented intelligence for final intelligence product.

2. Terms of reference be defined by the Board of National Estimates. This group can initiate study or as usually the case, to act in response to a specific UFO date request from an intelligence consumer.

(a) Define the problem, divide into feasible components and then assign to appropriate intelligence agencies. Staff studies should include the Office of National Estimates and assign a representative to integrate material received.

3. A straight estimate be divided into two categories—the knowable and the unknowable.

(a) Coordinate UFO data collection with Project Blue Book at the Top Secret level and forward to OSI.

(b) Task military intelligence with requirements for forwarding raw UFO reports to OSI through the Office of the Director of Central Intelligence.

(c)Coordinate feedback to appropriate intelligence agencies.

4. Ultrasecret net estimate handled by the NSC rather than the Board of Estimates or the U.S. Intelligence Board.

5. The Watch Committee and National Indications Center be allowed to alert CIA of any unusual or impending changes in Soviet power structure through a crash estimate when needed.

6. A Joint Committee be formed to appraise the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy and the Material Assessment of the Joint Intelligence Committee (MAJIC) in the coordination between CIA and authorized intelligence agencies concerned with physical and trace evidence recovery operations in foreign countries.

Past and current members of the Council of Foreign Affairs be brought in the intelligence loop on an on call basis to provide quick and ready reviews to hard questions regarding Soviet back channel contacts and sources on advancing Soviet and allied progress in missiles, spacecraft, launch vehicles, payload capability and political discussion among their scientific defense communities.

## UFO TECHNOLOGY AND THE IMBALANCE OF POWER

by

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Today all on earth are close neighbors: the First World, which is liberal; the Second World, which is dictatorial; and the Third World, where changes are rapid and often violent. The fate of all hinges on the development and use of UFO technology. If we want to understand and influence the future, we should review and understand humankind's new tools.

Some say the generation just past accomplished more in technology than all generations to come. Comparisons of the past accomplishments with contemporary ones are misleading; more important than comparisons of temporary ones are of comparisons of quantity and quality. Probably the same will be said of the generation to come. If we compare the horse and buggy with a rocket to the moon, quantitative comparisons become arbitrary.

Similarly, old and new methods of warfare hardly affected by new technology are either analogous or easily comparable. But, in all cases we are talking about war and survival. The Napoleonic wars were hardly affected by new technology. The nineteenth century saw some relatively minor changes. In our century, technology entered warfare in full force. In part, this was due to a new style of linking extraterrestrial scientific ideas with terrestrial technology.

A revolution of ideas, ideas totally lacking in empirical knowledge burst on the first forty years of this century, a revolution so great that the vast majority of highly educated persons has

not yet grasped the new ideas. To most of us the word relativity signifies at best, a maze of mathematical formula—which relativity is not. Terms such as atomic theory, hot and cold fusion, or the more specific quantum mechanics, to most people mean nothing, yet from these three sets of ideas, occurring entirely within one generation, have emerged developments stranger and vastly more important than the once revolutionary idea that our earth is not the whole universe, or even its center.

From the extraterrestrial scientific revolution of ideas sprang consequences of a different kind. Terrestrial science and technology have become twins. As a result, applied UFO technology is developing rapidly and in unexpected ways. With each new practical scientific application, new technologies emerge that can be used in warfare. There is no separation between UFO technology for peace and UFO technology for war, and I believe the two will remain inseparable.

Public awareness is more advanced in the case of scientific applications—in computers, for example. Exposure, however, does not guarantee comprehension. The consequences of widespread lack of understanding often manifest themselves as deep-seated fears. We should strive to eliminate some common misunderstandings. The new events and possibilities are surprising, frightening, and large in scale. When confronted with something greater than ever before, the human mind frequently jumps to the conclusion that it is facing something infinite, something limitless. That conclusion is mistaken. When we are overly impressed by progress in any given development, we lose our sense of proportion: we then enter the realm of what is called the unthinkable.\* (footnote) –

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“Greek fire,” consisting of the irreconcilable elements of fire and water (actually a mixture mainly of unslaked lime, sulphur, and naphtha), which stopped the first Muhammadan onslaught on the Constantinople, was such an unthinkable weapon. It was secret, and it was outlawed by the Pope. The secret was kept much better than that of the atomic bomb. Similarly, the “fire” of an extraterrestrial type first proposed by Einstein was initially met with the same unthinkable skepticism until Otto Hahn proved its feasibility in a laboratory which sent shock waves through the scientific community in 1939. The splitting of the atom was considered “monkey shine” to many leading physicists of that day. Of course, since the theory was correct, and with a little guidance, inspiration and hard work, we did master the technique of fission with non-terrestrial metals and atomic transmutation of uranium and plutonium isotopes.

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### SECRECY

Shortly after the end of World War II, Niels Bohr, the founder of atomic theory, made a statement I shall never forget. In the coming Cold war it would be reasonable to expect each side to use the weapons it can handle best. The best weapon of a dictatorship is secrecy. Secrecy, unfortunately, is habit-forming. We can scarcely imagine how we could get along without it. We should remember, however, that secrecy was actually of greater advantage to us when we had secrets to keep. Today, when Russia almost certainly knows all of our secrets, especially technical ones, is apt to have many secrets of which we are ignorant of.

Of course, if we reveal our greatest secret, the Russians will not reciprocate. Are we not, therefore, speaking of free energy applications to a revolutionary mode of transportation? The answer is in our hands secrecy boomerangs—instead of hurting our adversary with it we hurt ourselves.

The boomerang of secrecy is also at work in our relations with our allies. Annoyance about secrecy was a strong motive for de Gaulle to terminate full French participation in NATO.

Perhaps, the main reason for eliminating secrecy is make-believe? It does not for a free society. It affects our own law-abiding scientists, even deters them from participating in the development of super weapons. But secrecy puts no obstacle in the way of foreign governments determined to learn or rediscover the secret. To put it simply, a secret known to a million people, in fact, is no longer a secret.

When arguing for openness in extraterrestrial technology, I do not mean to actually throw open our laboratories to all foreign observers. The type of secrecy practiced by America's private companies does work. But the principles of discoveries should be open. There are no secret formulas, though the chemists sought them. (The one fact the alchemists proved was that science and secrecy are hardly compatible—except, perhaps, under the iron heel of a dictator.) What can be kept secret, at least for some time, is what we call "know-how."

It would not be realistic to propose that secrecy should be abolished forthwith. We can, however, greatly reduce it. Today we are smothered by millions of "classified" documents. A determined move toward openness is firmly recommended. Its purpose is threefold: to stimulate research on military applications of UFO technology within our scientific community; to promote cooperation with our allies in the same field; and to inform the American public through various means the true state of UFO reality, so far as such knowledge can be made available to our intelligence.

A more detailed proposal is difficult to make especially since we want it to be realistic and acceptable. Yet such a proposal is made here, both to give an example of what could happen and to begin a concrete discussion on the important issue. We could continue "classification" of UFO documents and, therefore, secrecy, in its present form. But we could impose the condition that all classified UFO documents should be published within two years of issue. That would fully preserve tactical secrecy but exclude strategic and technical secrecy. A small number of documents might need to be kept secret for longer periods, but in those cases a few highly responsible persons would have to certify, year by year, that continued secrecy is required. The rule should be: when in doubt, classify.

#### MILITARY RESEARCH

—We are not engaged in an arms race, but rather in a race of perfecting an integrated program of UFO technology. The former emphasizes the quantity of arms, the latter their quality and particularly the element of novelty. Comparison of quality would be difficult even in the absence of secrecy. Since secrecy prevails and since it is effective on the side of Russia, comparison becomes virtually impossible.

It is widely believed in this country that American and Russian UFO defense are roughly equivalent. In greater detail, it is stated that Russia is ahead in quantity and we are ahead in quality. It is somewhat disquieting that the Russian advantage lies in the area that is more easily checked, while we are supposedly ahead in those respects where verification is more difficult.

One individual familiar with military UFO technology and with Intelligence, Dr. John S. Foster, Jr., (director of defense research and engineering for the Department of Defense for seven years under both Republican and Democratic administrations, estimates that in 1960 the United States and the USSR spent equal percentages of their military budget on UFO research and development, while in 1976 the percentage was three times as high in Russia as in the United States. Actually, more money is necessary but not sufficient. First, a rapid budget increase is apt to lead to low efficiency. The change must be gradual. Second, more money can be spent well only if more scientific talent is available. Military UFO research is unpopular among scientists, partly on account of secrecy. (In regimented Russia, where scientists are not free to choose their careers, this latter argument is less valid. Actually, the Russian leadership seems wise enough to add inducement to coercion.) This is one reason why we should abandon or at least reduce secrecy.

But our scientists will not turn to national defense unless they perceive an actual danger to the United States. A danger was perceived in 1939, only two years before a UFO was captured and Pearl Harbor. It is vital that scientists should perceive the danger now, before it is too late. What is at stake is not only the prevention of defeat, but prevention of cosmic war. Nevertheless, convincing the American scientific community that military UFO research is a most difficult undertaking.

### DEFENSE AGAINST UFO NUCLEAR WEAPONS

What have Russia, China, Sweden, and Switzerland in common? They all have placed great emphasis on civil defense as a countermeasure to nuclear attack. Anyone who seeks reliable and complete defense against nuclear attack will search in vain, but the two large totalitarian countries and the two small free countries just mentioned have found it worthwhile to take some precautionary measures.

In the United States a counterforce strategy, presently favored by many is supposed to destroy space borne targets, including UFO nuclear weapons before they are launched. Implementation of this strategy would be exceedingly difficult, particularly if our nuclear forces are not numerically superior and inferior to those of, say, extraterrestrial plasma weapons and EMP devices. Furthermore, our weapons would be apt to miss and accidentally hit Russian or Chinese territory because of poor targeting systems. Worst of all, preparation for a counterforce strategy could dangerously resemble the preparation for a first strike by the United States.

The idea is basically sound but fool hardy in its conception, and I believe it should be abandoned. One suggestion has been put forward. It is the "fire on warning." It would be prudent and wise to at least inform Russia and China of our intent, and, by doing so, might even be given support. It is conceivable that the alarm could be false. There might even be situations in which the Russians would simulate an attack to draw our fire. Above all, to fire on warning is apt to destabilize a situation that already possesses much too little stability.

### RPVs AND MAN-MADE UFOs

Remotely piloted vehicles (RPVs) have been mentioned. Radiation with its continuing refinement, promises sophisticated remotely piloted control weapons. If UFOs can use elaborate communications systems information, pictures, accelerations, anything that can be noticed could be transmitted from a space vehicle to the decision making operation. We have attempted this kind of defense weapon in the past with marginal success. If control is to be exercised over short distances, high flying RPVs should be used instead of satellites. For these weapons, speed may not be so important; it might be more essential to equip them with the means of self-defense. Indeed, RPVs could play the role of a small fighter planes or small rockets to defeat an attack on the mother ship.

It is probable that these weapons of the future, designed for information gathering, and more expendable to include fighting or bombing, will be smaller, cheaper, more flexible, and more suited for other missions. It is important to note that such weaponry will not necessarily result in greater damage inflicted upon the enemy, but may instead result in damage inflicted where it counts militarily, but with minimal injury to noncombatants.

The possibility of RPVs exists for Russia as well as for us. But in this special category, there is one reason why we may be able to outdo the Russian effort by a great margin. That reason is that RPVs require electronics, and in this respect our technology is still superior to that of any country. Further emphasis on electronics is therefore recommended.

The use of RPVs was first explored by the U.S. Air Force in the early 1950s. It can also be applied to small naval vehicles and to small but effective tanks.

An ingenious new man-made UFO-type aircraft is now in the experimental stage of development. A delta wing is used in this design, pivoting at its center. The wing is a triangle configuration with vertical takeoff and landing, but at high speed the entire wing unit is pivoted; then what appears as the right wing points forward while the left points backward. Peculiarly enough, this almost asymmetric configuration works. Because the torques cancel at the pivot and effective pivots are easier to design, this compares favorably with present all wing aircraft where the needed pivot is under considerable stress. This new design (based on wind tunnel models and UFO technical data) has been flown only as a small-scale experimental model and is not yet capable of carrying a man. It could easily be launched as a small RPV that could fly as

high as 4.7 times the velocity of sound. This aircraft could also be developed into a full-scale passenger carrier, again demonstrating the close connection between wartime and peacetime technology.

The RPV, using advanced UFO electronics, may represent the right way to re-establish rough equivalence with the kind of technology exhibited in UFOs.

#### FUTURE WEAPONS

\_\_\_ In thinking about future weapons, most people envision a sophistication of existing weapons. This unimaginative view has not been borne out by development during recent decades in which technology has become ever more important in military ?????????? is always the practical use of chemical and biological weapons.

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In the years 1946-1955 I compiled information for a descriptive analysis of the United States intelligence community that had evolved in the decade since World War II. My attention focused primarily upon the Central Intelligence Agency. The result of my efforts, Central Intelligence, UFOs and National Security, was widely read in 1956. More than 20 years have passed since I collected all available material on "the UFO problem and the CIA" and timorously published it.

My purpose was to explore a major terra incognita of American government, the national intelligence community, the original role of which was to bring the main facts of the outside world of UFOs to the attention of policy makers. It was apparent that in this role the institution would be of crucial importance and great potential influence in decision making. Because of this, I felt that such an institutional phenomenon required as much description and analysis as its secret nature would permit.

A number of questions about such a study and its publication were raised then, as they will be now. It is possible to write a scholarly work on a largely invisible intelligence establishment the archives of which are tightly closed, whose directors and employees cannot be systematically interviewed and the product of which is almost always top secret. Is it in the "national interest" to collect and publish UFO material that is available assuming that this might give some future aid or comfort to present or future adversaries of the United States? What good purpose can be served by publishing this information? It was at once apparent that the CIA's new world role after World War II would demand a new system for decision making informed by a vast UFO/secret weapon information-gathering organization. It was also apparent, and most crucial in the context of the ideological confrontation between United States and Soviet powers, that the CIA and NSA was expected to enter into the back alleys of espionage and covert intelligence collection action. The proper UFO policy organization and system for control of this kind subsumed under an intelligence organization were bound to confront the United States with problems which would not be easily solved.

My assumption—bias if you will—about "the UFO problem and the CIA" should be stated at the outset. I believe that in the ?? contemporary world of an intelligence and code breaking system ?? required for effective decision making. The secrecy of the ?? apparatus abets its power and intelligence, is a source of increasing influence in any classified UFO intelligence

system. As a source of great influence, intelligence analysis ?? operational systems demand the close attention of senior??? policy makers. Too little attention has been given to, and inadequate controls have been exerted over, the intelligence establishment since 1947. No pretense is made that the following pages and sections give a full and complete "inside story" of the CIA's UFO intelligence collection and evaluation system, particularly of the overseas espionage and covert action operations. Of these, I shall perhaps never see more than the top of the iceberg, at least in this generation. But diligent compilation of less classified materials has allowed me to reveal the transparent structure and some of the unorthodox methods of a pervasive UFO intelligence system at work in Washington and around the globe.

Formidable difficulties exist for an astronomer on call who sets out to describe the history, structure and principal methods of UFO intelligence without compromising my secret involvement in the invisible world of the NSA. What I been allowed to do is to perform careful library intelligence that has permitted me to overcome many of these difficulties. I have never been an active member of the professional intelligence guild. Were I privy now, or had I been in the past, to top secret information about the intelligence system, security inhibitions would impinge upon my profession.

Fundamental problems exist in even attempting an accurate historical survey of certain kinds of intelligence experience because military archives remain closed to certain documents or have been destroyed systematically for security reasons. This problem is illustrated by Project Blue Book staff and the Air Technical Intelligence Center about the intelligence experience in investigating the New Mexico flying saucer radar detection near Los Alamos and White Sands facilities from 1944-1949. The files I have seen recounts how "Top Secret" intelligence digests containing the most up-to-date operational radar intelligence were destroyed as soon as they had been evaluated during certain periods of intense and reliable flying saucer incidents in that state. And even though two digests were kept for the record, one U.S. Army Headquarters, and one in U.S.A.F. Intelligence Headquarters, when Project Sign was terminated both copies were destroyed for security reasons not known to me. While one is prompted to wonder whose security may have been at stake, this practice was so common as to make unlikely an objective review of the UFO intelligence system and performance in many important past events. At any rate, this illustrates one aspect of the difficulty of scholarly research in this field. Nonetheless, the subject is far too important to be left unexplored. And on the question of whether this briefing document will aid the CIA's adversaries if it is published outside of normal channels or not, I am convinced that you know far more about the United States intelligence system than most observers outside the system will ever know.

While there have been a number of publications on the subject during the 1950's and 1960's, authentic works remain scarce, and bibliographic indebtedness will be detailed in footnotes and bibliography in the revised draft, but reference should be made to some groundbreaking treatises on UFO intelligence which influenced the development of serious scholarship in this and on my own writing on the subject. Included are George S. Pattee's The Future of American Secret Intelligence (Washington, 1946), an analysis of World War II deficiencies, with suggestions for the structure of an intelligence system. Sherman Kent's Strategic Intelligence, written shortly after the Central Intelligence Agency was established, is an incisive discussion of intelligence as a kind of knowledge for specific UFO sighting evaluation, a type of organization and a unique activity. Dr. Vannevar Bush's Modern Arms and Free Men (Simon and Schuster, 1949), written for policy makers and defense science regarding technology's role in preserving democratic institutions and he? is believed to be now heading up the classified UFO study program. Roger Hilsman's Strategic Intelligence and National Decisions (Glencoe, Ill., 1956) remains the only attempt to explore the nature of intelligence doctrine among policy makers in Washington.

My original book, Central Intelligence, UFOs and National Security, was the outgrowth of materials prepared for use by the Defense Policy Seminar of the Defense Studies Program,

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To: The Director of Central Intelligence

I have studied the MJTWELVE Operations Plan of June 16, 1953, on the subject of instructions for the expenditures of the National UFO Intelligence Program, and more specifically, the Special Operations Instructions to be issued to Unified and Specific Major Commands and Commanders. In connection with my Classified Basic Authorization of March 22, 1953, and the Implementing Instructions of January 23, 1953, I have no further instructions to add.

All the provisions covered in your NSC letter of May 22, 1953, are satisfactory to me, and I approve them, including the changes recommended by your intelligence staff, with the following exceptions:

(a) The penultimate paragraph, page 4 of Inclosure Number 1 to your letter needs to be revised. I am concerned that this paragraph as written could be misinterpreted by Regional and Local Commanders CONUS as giving them license to go beyond the restrictions set forth in these documents if the situation were to appear serious enough as to threaten hostile Soviet action. It seems best to me to eliminate this paragraph. It has been suggested that this difficulty could be averted by deleting the words "utilizing the criteria and procedures set forth in these instructions" and substituting therefor "observing the criteria, procedures, and restrictions set forth in these instructions." I would prefer the deletion of this paragraph altogether from this and all related documents.

(b) With regard to the basic letter of May 22, 1953, I would like to have added to paragraph 2.b the words "subject to COMINT agreements in accordance with NSA and CIA intelligence collection directives."

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I cannot overemphasize the need for the utmost discretion and understanding in exercising the authority set forth in these documents. Accordingly, I would like you to find some way to brief the various Authorizing Commanders on the subject to ensure that all are of one mind as to the letter and spirit of these instructions. Preferably, I would like to see this done in a closed meeting to be arranged through the Director of the National Security Agency, yourself, and representatives of the MJ-12/Special Studies Project. I specifically want Project JEHOVAH director Professor Albert Einstein and Doctor Robert Oppenheimer to inject any useful comments to the briefing as they are most informed on the physics related to the subject. Perhaps the annual Quantico conference could provide an opportunity to do this without the publicity which would call attention to a special meeting.

Sincerely,

Dwight D. Eisenhower

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## Maury Island Revisited

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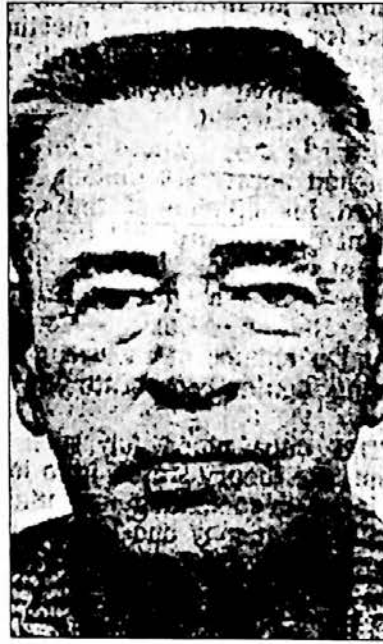
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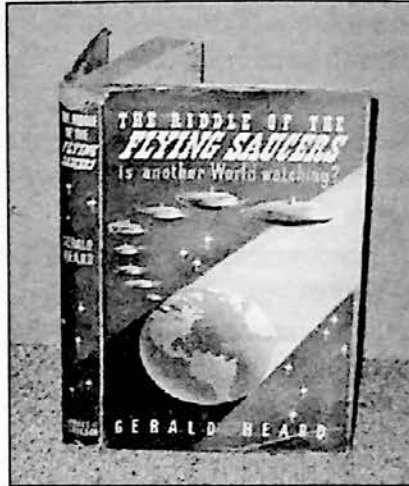
The release of Oliver Stone's movie *JFK* in 1991 was the last reminder many people had of the national brouhaha brought on by Jim Garrison's 1968 prosecution of John F. Kennedy's murder and it taught many others about it for the first time. Stone's movie carefully notes that Garrison believed the man he wound up prosecuting, New Orleans businessman Clay Shaw, represented only a "toe-hold" on a much larger conspiracy. What it didn't present, and what most people still do not understand, is that Garrison never had enough acceptable evidence to bring to court the man he believed to be the shooter on the grassy knoll, a man named Fred Lee Crisman. UFO historians recognize Crisman as one of two main witnesses—the other being his business partner Harold Dahl—of the earliest flying saucer sighting of the post-war UFO era, three days before Kenneth Arnold's famous Mount Rainier sightings. Known as the Maury Island incident, it involved several spinning discs that spewed weird substances over the shore near Puget Sound in Washington State, and in fact Arnold was hired to investigate it. Later, the Air Force itself sent in two investigators as well, and they died in a plane crash trying to bring the substances in for tests.

That happened in 1947. Jim Garrison subpoenaed Crisman for his role in the JFK assassination in 1968. That's strange enough for an often overlooked true history fact, especially considering all the crazy claims that JFK was killed because he was going to expose the Roswell crash. Roswell happened a month after Maury Island and some researchers think that it, Maury Island and Arnold's Mount Rainier sightings might all involve the same saucers. JFK scholars often tangle up the assassination in a hard-to-follow tapestry of anti-Castro Cubans, mafia figures and the CIA and try to stay clear of the alien connection for the sake of already shaky credibility issues. For that reason and the obverse—UFO scholars not wanting to mix it up with the rancorous JFK research community-- little scholarly work has been done to fill in what is known about this

blatant connection between two enormously controversial areas of study in American history. My book about the incident, *Maury Island UFO*, came out thirteen years ago, and another one has not been written since. My talk at this conference will review the case and will include new material for an updated edition planned for next spring from Feral House.



Credibility issues surrounded the Maury Island case early on. The chief witness, Harold Dahl who worked with Fred Crisman salvaging runaway logs in a harbor patrol boat, later claimed it was all a hoax. This was an early occasion for UFO researchers to dismiss it and many have treated the story that way ever since, even though the slightest review of the historical record shows that Dahl made that claim to protect himself and his family after his business was sabotaged, his son was kidnapped and his wife was threatened. Dahl had suffered an early visit from the infamous Men In Black and was told to keep quiet about what he saw. Thereafter, Dahl declared it all a hoax. That was never an official conclusion, however, since the official Air force investigation ended with the plane crash deaths of its two investigators. Nevertheless, Edward Ruppelt put a thinly disguised version of the story in his *Report on Unidentified Flying Objects* suggesting hoax and the British philosopher Gerald Heard removed his chapter on the subject from the US edition of his 1950 book, *Riddle of The Flying Saucers*, thereby setting up a pattern of scholarly avoidance. (Although in 1950 also, the first Hollywood movie about UFOs, *The Flying Saucer* was released, a cold war drama that took place among harbor patrol boats in the Pacific northwest.)



Crisman may not have seen anything at all at Maury Island. He came down a day after Dahl's sighting and claimed he saw a single saucer on his own. Dahl had multiple witnesses to his sighting and the mystery substance spewed by his saucers actually killed his dog and injured his son's arm. Although the harbor boat was registered to Dahl, he reported the incident to Crisman, who he regarded as his boss in the lumber salvaging business. Crisman later went out on his own, to make sure Dahl and the others had not simply gotten drunk and wrecked the boat, and had his sighting without any other witnesses. Nevertheless, when the Air Force finally sent its two investigators, it was Crisman who gave them a *Kellogg's Corn Flakes* box filled with the substances left behind by the UFO at Maury Island. The box and its contents went up in flames, along with the two airmen, when the Air Force B25 crashed in Kelso, Washington, leading some to suspect that Crisman may have even sabotaged the plane.



According to the most fanciful speculation, Crisman would have done that in order to keep control of the alien substance, as blackmail to stay employed in the covert world, even to get choice assignments like the JFK hit. Serious researchers have speculated that Crisman's involvement with Maury Island may have had to do with covering up top-secret radar-fogging discs or the dumping of nuclear waste from the nearby Hanford plutonium reactor or other possibilities short of holding on to proof of an

extraterrestrial invasion, threatening to expose it to the world if he didn't get what he wanted from the world of spooks and spies.

Crisman wanted people to believe that last scenario. In early 1968, he corresponded with a well-known UFO researcher named Lucius Farish as the contact person for a group he called Parapsychology Research, under the pseudonym Fred Lee. The pseudonym, which only dropped his last name, provided Crisman with a means to discuss himself in the third person, telling Farish, "Mr. Crisman is probably the most informed man in the United States on UFOs and also one of the hardest to find—as the FBI has learned several times." Crisman presents himself as a man with secret knowledge of UFOs, on the run from the government. In real life at the time Jim Garrison was on Crisman's heels as a suspect in JFK's murder. Following in the same letter, Crisman notes: "An interesting fact – one of our members sent a copy of one of the current TV series, 'The Aliens' [sic—*The Invaders*]. It was my understanding that Mr. Crisman was not disturbed or angry, as few things seem to disturb him." Implicitly, however, he ostensibly had a shock of recognition. Previously, in late August 1967, another UFO researcher, Gary Leslie, received a letter about the show from Crisman (writing as Dahl): "There is a TV series running now that I swear is based in the main on the life of F. Lee Crisman. I know him better than any living man and I know of some of the incredible adventures he has passed through in the last twenty years. I do not mean that his life has been that of this TV hero on the 'Invaders' show...but there are parts of it that I swear were told to me years ago by Mr. Crisman...and I know of several that are too wild to be believed...even by the enlightened attitude of 1967." The show's production company, Quinn-Martin, also produced a series entitled *The FBI*, based on true cases with actual back channel access. The real FBI had final say over that series' cast, and one of its technical advisers, Mark Felt, later confessed to be the "Deep Throat" of Watergate fame.

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Mr. G:

Out on the coast is a man you should talk with. Trace this information out. His name is Freddie Crisman, of Tampa, Wash. He flew to New Orleans recently, 1967 given times. 1968, 17 times 1966, 22 times, 1967 24 times. He is the first man that Clay called after being told he was in trouble and he is the first man that Washburn called also. He was questioned by both CIA and FBI in 1966 but he is able to call Wash. and they laid off of him in a hurry. He is very good friends with the Cubans and especially Del. in Dallas (he goes there too) and J. H. in Wash. D.C.

Mr. Crisman is a very odd man. He supplied the money for Latin political campaigns and in return in very much protected by both Sen. Holloman and Wash. main people. He has a diplomatic passport issued on the word of a senate chairman of a committee. He seems to have no income and certainly spends a large sum of money on air travel. He is friends with E. Grassillan of your state. His private office has an unlisted number (226 Pa 7-4780) and it is the meeting place for many odd characters from Cubans to political figures. Ask him to take a lie detector test out then ask him where he put the \$200,000.00 dollars delivered to him by Beck in August of '67. (Cuban Money) Money that is used to recruit children to be sent to Cuba to try for Castro see him if it is not true that he has sent a difficult man to S.A. in Dallas for final briefing. Make Crisman talk and you will have the answer to why there has been fighting among certain Cuban families over the money in certain buried places. You know this is true because some special Cubans have dropped out of sight. (Dropped in Corpus Junction) Crisman is also a black. He is the man that through Beckman and his part of certain people is it not odd that he is a friend of Clay's as well as Beckman; is it not strange that he knew Tippitt? Just ask Crisman certain questions under a lie detector and see what the answers are. He is the one that kidnapped Washburn to hide out in Idaho and NOT to go to W.D. to make any attempt about money or anything. Have an investigator check out the amount of long distance calls that Beckman (Swann) has made to Crisman in the past year and the wild places Crisman calls. He is leaving for Nashville in Jan. Keep digging. Jim, you have some odd fish go.

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Photo of F.L. Crisman

John J. Washburn

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Jim Garrison received an anonymous letter about Crisman that same year, 1968, suggesting that he was involved in the Kennedy assassination. It claimed that Crisman was the first man contacted by Clay Shaw, Garrison's "toe-hold," after Shaw found out about Garrison's investigation. It also says that Crisman walked away with a \$2000 pay off intended for anti-Castro Cubans involved in an assassination plot against Fidel in Florida, a group called the Cuban Democratic Revolutionary Front. The propaganda arm for that group in Louisiana was called the Fair Play for Cuba Committee, an outfit for which Lee Harvey Oswald distributed leaflets.

At roughly the same time, Crisman's name emerged also in something known as the Torbitt Document, a kind of underground briefing that supposedly presented an insider's view of what happened in Dealey Plaza. It maintained that Fred Crisman was among the three tramps arrested in the railyard behind the grassy knoll, and that he fired the fatal head shot. Garrison eventually would take photographs of these tramps with him to discuss his investigation on a special installment of Johnny Carson's *Tonight* show, although the conversation was cut short before Crisman's name would be mentioned.



Because Harold Dahl put out the idea that the Maury Island UFO had been a hoax, ufologists and the mainstream press eschewed the story and gave it very little play. Kenneth Arnold discussed it in his book, *Coming of the Saucers*, and Air Force investigator Edward Ruppelt presented the stories in his well-known study. *Report on Unidentified Flying Objects*, with changed names and some focus on the Air Force personnel who died. By and large, however, Maury Island often flies under the radar of UFO historians.

Jim Garrison believed that Fred Crisman worked as a hired assassin for the military-industrial complex, more specifically for Boeing in Seattle. The last speech that JFK made had to do with a defense contract he had given to General Dynamics over Boeing, in a highly controversial decision. The contract involved the TFX tactical fighter, which later became the F-111 and was sold to the Australian government, creating a funding corridor that led to the development of Pine Gap, now considered Australia's Area 51.

Consider, as well, Lee Harvey Oswald. Oswald served at the Atsugi air base in Japan out of which flew the U2 spy plane. After Oswald's defection to the Soviet Union, the Soviets had information enough to shoot down Gary Powers' U2. Before Oswald went to work for the Book Depository, he worked for a firm that processed U2 film. And the U2 was developed at Area 51.

With all of those often ignored facts, an objective observer will not be quick to dismiss Crisman's claims or the various theories about his role in the earliest of the modern sightings as well as the most renowned modern assassination conspiracy. That the Maury Island story remains under-examined and unsettled to this day has most recently been evidenced by a lawsuit from researcher and former *Washington Post* reporter Jefferson Morley against the CIA, which continues to withhold over three hundred assassination related documents, saying their release would cause "extremely grave damage" to national security. These documents involve the work of George E. Joannides, a case officer who oversaw the activities of the anti-Castro Cubans with whom Garrison thought Crisman belonged.

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# **Timeline & Political Analysis of President Kennedy's Efforts to Declassify UFO Files and the Alleged MJ-12 Assassination Directive**

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There are two main phases to John F. Kennedy's attempts to gain access to files concerning extraterrestrial life and technology. The first concerns a series of executive actions Kennedy took early in his administration. On February 19, 1961, Kennedy issued an Executive Order to placing cold war psychological warfare programs under the control of his national security advisor. This was followed on June 28 by a series of Presidential Memoranda to implement Presidential executive oversight over covert CIA operations through the Joint Chiefs of Staff. These executive actions coincided with Kennedy's efforts to gain access to the activities of a highly classified project dealing with UFOs and extraterrestrial life—MJ-12 Special Studies Project. Kennedy's executive actions led to a bitter conflict with his outgoing CIA Director, Allen Dulles who was opposed to granting Kennedy access.

The second phase began on September 20, 1963 when Kennedy embarked on a high risk political strategy of getting NASA to cooperate with the USSR on joint space and lunar missions. Less well known is that this brought to a climax a confrontation over the release of classified UFO files with the CIA and those in control of the MJ-12 Special Studies Project.

This presentation reviews testimonies, documents and events concerning Kennedy's interest in UFOs and extraterrestrial life, and how this culminated in a deadly behind-the-scenes confrontation with the CIA and MJ-12 in the final month of his life. Documents revealing the political events prior to his assassination are evidence that a coup had occurred with the backing of senior CIA officials and MJ-12.

## **President Kennedy's Efforts to Gain Access to MJ-12 Activities**

The existence of a Top Secret classified project responsible for extraterrestrial life and technology is supported by three official government documents. The first was a document found in 1985 in the U.S. National Archives that explicitly referred to an "MJ-12 Special Studies Project". It was found among a group of declassified Air Force documents and acknowledged as part of the official records belonging to the National Archives.<sup>1</sup> The document, dated July 14, 1954, is a Memorandum sent by President Eisenhower's National Security Advisor, Robert Cutler, to U.S. Air Force Chief of Staff, General Nathan Twining to schedule a meeting for the "MJ-12 Special Studies Project" briefing. The Cutler-Twining Memo is among the most authoritative documentary sources so far for the existence of an MJ-12 Special Studies Project.<sup>2</sup>

The second government document referring to a Top Secret UFO control group is a Top Secret memo from Wilbert Smith who at the time was a senior radio engineer with the Canadian Department of Transportation. Dated November 21, 1951, Smith wrote the following to the Controller of Telecommunications concerning flying saucer technologies being secretly studied in the U.S. by a very highly classified group:

- a. The matter is the most highly classified subject in the United States government, rating higher than the H-bomb,
- b. Flying saucers exist,
- c. Their modus operandi is unknown but a concentrated effort is being made by a small group headed by Dr. Vannevar Bush, and
- d. The entire matter is considered by the United States authorities to be of tremendous significance.<sup>3</sup>

Smith's Memorandum confirms that in 1951 a small group headed by Dr. Vannevar Bush was secretly studying the technologies associated with the UFO issue. Bush had earlier headed the Office of Scientific Research and Development (1941-1947) and the joint military services Research Development Board (RDB).<sup>4</sup> At the time of Smith's memo, Bush was on the oversight committee of the RDB and a leading scientific advisor to Truman. Bush's role is significant for another leaked document, the Truman Memo, shortly to be discussed.

The third document involves three 1952 Top Secret memos from the Joint Chiefs of Staff titled: "Joint Logistic Plan for MAJESTIC." The memos were declassified in 1976 and state:

The following plans in support of MAJESTIC are now under preparation: A psychological warfare plan, an unconventional warfare plan, cover and deception plans, a civil affairs/military government plan, a command plan, a logistic plan, transportation guidance, to be included in the logistic plan, a map and chart plan and a communications plan."<sup>5</sup>

The significance of this set of memos is that it shows that in 1952 a project called Majestic was underway and this involved significant support across a wide spectrum of areas that would be expected for something involving UFOs and extraterrestrial life: psychological warfare, covert military operations, civil affairs/military government, logistics, communications, etc. The Joint Chiefs' memo corroborates the 1954 Cutler-Twining Memo involving a project called Majestic-12, and what Smith described as a UFO group headed by Dr. Vannevar Bush.

The three preceding official documents corroborate a number of leaked documents also describing a UFO control group called MJ-12, MAJESTIC or similar variations. One leaked document is an alleged Top Secret Memorandum written by President Truman to Secretary of Defense, Robert Forrester, on September 24, 1947. Referring to recent conversations on an undisclosed matter [UFOs and extraterrestrial life], Truman writes: "[h]ereafter this matter shall be referred to only as Operation Majestic Twelve."<sup>6</sup> The

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Memorandum goes on to say: “future considerations relative to the ultimate disposition of this matter should rest solely with the Office of the President following appropriate discussions with yourself, Dr. Bush and the Director of Central Intelligence.” The Truman Memo was described as a Special Classified Executive (#092447) and attached to a larger leaked document called the Eisenhower Briefing Document. Alleged to be a briefing to President-Elect Eisenhower on November 18, 1952, the Eisenhower Briefing Document describes the beginning of Majestic-12 operations and the twelve officials that were involved.<sup>7</sup> The Eisenhower Briefing Document has been exhaustively researched, and found by some prominent UFO researchers to be historically consistent with events, documents and officials of the time.<sup>8</sup>

Taken collectively, the Cutler-Twining Memo, the Smith Memo, the Joint Chiefs of Staff Memos, the Truman Memo and the Eisenhower Briefing Document conclusively show the existence of a Top Secret military scientific group responsible for dealing with extraterrestrial life and technology called at the time – Majestic-12 or some variation. These documents reveal that MJ-12 operated in a clandestine manner, was given enormous logistics support by the Pentagon, was closely associated with CIA covert operations, and escaped direct Presidential oversight.

### **President Kennedy’s Attempts to Control MJ-12**

When President Kennedy came to office in 1961, he was aware of the existence of MJ-12, and its relationship to information concerning UFOs and extraterrestrial life. He decided to find out more about its covert activities and reestablish Presidential executive authority over it. On June 28, 1961, President Kennedy wrote the following to Allen Dulles, who was the Director of the CIA (DCI):

National Security Memorandum

To: The Director, Central Intelligence Agency

Subject: Review of MJ-12 Intelligence Operations as they relate to Cold War Psychological Warfare Plans

I would like a brief summary from you at your earliest convenience.<sup>9</sup>

This leaked National Security Memorandum clearly shows that in June of 1961, Kennedy wanted to learn about MJ-12 activities and the relationship with psychological warfare. While the leaked June Memorandum has not been acknowledged by the CIA (it was classified TOP SECRET), other documents from the period support its authenticity. Early in his administration, President Kennedy showed that he desired to restructure the National Security Council and bring all intelligence and psychological warfare activities under direct Executive control. On February 18, 1961, President Kennedy issued Executive Order 10920 (EO 10920) which abolished the Operations Coordinating Board.<sup>10</sup> The Operations Coordinating Board was the primary interagency organization responsible for Cold War psychological warfare activities.<sup>11</sup> Its responsibilities were handed over to Kennedy’s national security advisor, McGeorge Bundy and the Department of State.

President Kennedy's EO 10920 showed that he desired to gain control over all intelligence activities related to psychological warfare. Abolishing the Operations Coordinating Board shows he was willing to dismantle any government entity in order to bring its psychological warfare operations under the direct control of his national security team. EO 10920 helps substantiate his later June 28, 1961 National Security Memorandum (NSM) concerning a review of MJ-12 activities that Kennedy had learned involved psychological warfare.

The authenticity of the June 28, 1961 Memorandum is also supported by a declassified set of three National Security Action Memorandums (NSAM) issued on the same day to the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and also forwarded to Dulles. NSAM 55-57 placed Cold War operations firmly under the control of the Joint Chiefs.<sup>12</sup> According to Col Fletcher Prouty, they were Kennedy's main means of gaining control over covert CIA operations.<sup>13</sup>

The three June 28 NSAM's support the content of Kennedy's NSM to the Director of Central Intelligence, issued the same day that involved Cold War operations by MJ-12. As I will show later through a leaked "Burned Document," the three NSAMs explain why the Joint Chiefs were excluded from the most classified UFO information by MJ-12.

Finally, I referred earlier to three 1952 Top Secret memos titled: "Joint Logistic Plan for MAJESTIC" from the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Prominent among the various "plans in support of MAJESTIC" was a "psychological warfare plan."<sup>14</sup> Once again, this shows the relationship between MJ-12 (MAJESTIC) operations and psychological warfare. Kennedy therefore had good reason to issue his June 28 1961 Memorandum to Dulles asking him for a review of MJ-12 psychological warfare operations.

Allen Dulles' response to Kennedy's June 28 NSM was an alleged Top Secret letter issued on November 5, 1961. Dulles' letter gives an overview of the MJ-12 activities with regard to psychological activities. It describes UFOs as part of "Soviet propaganda" designed "to spread distrust of the government."<sup>15</sup> Dulles' letter acknowledged that while it was possible some "UFO cases are of non-terrestrial origin," these did not "constitute a physical threat to national defense." Most significantly, Dulles' letter said: "For reasons of security, I cannot divulge pertinent data on some of the more sensitive aspects of MJ-12 activities." If genuine, Dulles' letter was giving President Kennedy only minimal information in response to his June 1961 request for a brief summary of MJ-12 activities.

### **Allen Dulles and the Burned MJ-12 Memorandum**

The leaked June 28, 1961 NSM; EO 10920; NSAM's 55-57; and Allen Dulles' November 1961 letter reveal that a power struggle was occurring over presidential executive control of Cold War psychological warfare programs and the covert activities of MJ-12. Up until his resignation as Director of Central Intelligence on November 29, 1961, Dulles was the pivotal figure in the power struggle with Kennedy over MJ-12 activities and its control of classified UFO files. This power struggle is further reflected

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in a leaked draft of a partially burned Memorandum allegedly rescued from a fire burning the remainder of James Angleton's files after his death on May 12, 1987.

A former counterintelligence colleague of Angleton, who claimed to be present at the burning, released it on June 23, 1999.<sup>16</sup> According to Dr. Robert Wood and Ryan Wood, the Burned Document

is an original carbon with an Eagle watermark characteristic of government work, but so far forensic laboratories have been unable to trace it.... Although no date is given, its content directly suggests the month of September. The year is estimated to be in the early 1960s and is still under investigation.<sup>17</sup>

The Burned Document dates from the Kennedy era and has the characteristics of a government document.<sup>18</sup> If its contents are accurate, it provides smoking gun evidence of the power struggle between Kennedy and MJ-12 over access to UFO information.

The classified Top Secret document with MJ-12 codeword access is a set of directives from the Director of the CIA who simultaneously headed the MJ-12 Special Studies Project, to six other members of the Project. It says on the cover page:

As you must know Lancer [Kennedy's Secret Service codename] has made some inquiries regarding our activities which we cannot allow. Please submit your views no later than October. Your action to this matter is critical to the continuance of the group.<sup>19</sup>

The document clearly acknowledges that Kennedy's efforts to gain access to UFO information soon after coming into office on January 20, 1961, actually imperiled the existence of the MJ-12 Special Studies Project/Group.

While the Burned document has no date of issue, the authority of the writer and the political context indicates it was written shortly after Kennedy had issued his June 28, 1961 National Security Memorandum requesting a "Review of MJ-12 Intelligence Operations as they related to Cold War Psychological Warfare Plans."<sup>20</sup> The Burned Document acknowledged that it had "become necessary to review and evaluate duplication of field activities in light of the current situation."<sup>21</sup> This appears to be a reference to the review Dulles was asked to undertake on June 28.

The Burned Document appeared to be a draft for a series of MJ-12 directives from Allen Dulles, who knew his time as DCI was limited due to the April 1961 Bay of Pigs fiasco. He needed an answer from the other MJ-12 members by October, a month before he was to retire as DCI on November 29, 1961. The Burned Document contained a number of directives concerning how to control UFO information and ensure that it would not be shared with the "Chief Executive [President Kennedy], National Security Council Staff, department heads, the Joint Chiefs, and foreign representatives." Basically, Allen Dulles'

secret directives proscribed President Kennedy's National Security team from gaining access to the most sensitive UFO files possessed by the CIA and MJ-12.

While the response of other MJ-12 members is not found in leaked documents, Dulles' November 5, 1961 letter to Kennedy indicates that his secret draft of MJ-12 directives was approved. Allen Dulles' letter firmly suggests that MJ-12 had decided not to cooperate with Kennedy. Thus Kennedy's efforts to incorporate MJ-12 psychological warfare activities under the direct control of his National Security Advisor had been dismissed. While Dulles and MJ-12 frustrated Kennedy's efforts to gain access to classified UFO files in late 1961, less than two years later Kennedy would embark on a course of action that would renew his conflict with MJ-12 and bring it to a devastating climax.

### **Kennedy linked US-USSR space missions with classified UFO files**

In September 1963, President Kennedy launched a ground breaking initiative to get the USSR and USA to cooperate in joint space and lunar missions. In the background of this publicly announced initiative with powerful Cold War implications was a more secretive attempt to release classified UFO files. Leaked documents reveal that Kennedy instructed the CIA to release classified UFO files as part of the cooperative space effort with the Soviet Union. If Kennedy had succeeded, there would have been joint space mission to the moon and eventual public release of classified UFO files by both the US and USSR.

In a stunning speech before the United Nations General Assembly on September 20, 1963, President Kennedy said:

Finally, in a field where the United States and the Soviet Union have a special capacity—in the field of space—there is room for new cooperation, for further joint efforts in the regulation and exploration of space. I include among these possibilities a joint expedition to the moon.<sup>22</sup>

Kennedy was offering to put an end to the space race and start joint missions with the Soviets. In putting into effect his commitment for joint space missions, President Kennedy issued National Security Action Memorandum (NSAM) No. 271 on November 12, 1963. The subject header was "Cooperation with the USSR on Outer Space Matters," and the key passage in the text was:

I would like you to assume personally the initiative and central responsibility within the Government for the development of a program of substantive cooperation with the Soviet Union in the field of outer space, including the development of specific technical proposals.<sup>23</sup>

NSAM 271 goes on to say that the cooperation was a direct outcome of Kennedy's September 20 proposal "for broader cooperation ... in outer space, including cooperation in lunar landing programs." The Memorandum was classified "Confidential" and addressed to James Webb (NASA Administrator).

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In addition to the Confidential National Security Action Memorandum, Kennedy issued a more highly classified “Top Secret” Memorandum to the Director of the CIA. Dated the same day, November 12, 1963, the subject header of the file was: “Classification review of all UFO intelligence files affecting National Security.” The Top Secret Memorandum went on to say:

[I] have instructed James Webb to develop a program with the Soviet Union in Joint space and lunar explorations. It would be very helpful if you would have the high threat [UFO] cases reviewed with the purpose of identification of bona fides as opposed to classified CIA and USAF sources.... When this data has been sorted out, I would like you to arrange a program of data sharing with NASA where Unknowns [UFOs] are a factor. This will help NASA mission directors in their defensive responsibilities. I would like an interim report on the data review no later than February 1, 1964.<sup>24</sup>

It’s important to note that CIA Memorandum refers to National Security Action Memorandum 271 issued to Webb on the same day. Even though the leaked Top Secret Memorandum to the CIA has not been officially acknowledged (it has been ranked medium-to-high level of authenticity),<sup>25</sup> there is no question about the legitimacy of the National Security Action Memorandum 271.<sup>26</sup> NSAM 271 clearly shows that Kennedy had decided to cooperate with the USSR on “Outer Space Matters.” If Kennedy had been warned about the dangers of future conflict with the Soviet Union and/or with extraterrestrial life, then sharing classified UFO files was an obvious way to implement the National Security Action Memorandum.

NSAM 271 and the associated Top Secret Memorandum to the CIA Director issued on November 12, 1963 are evidence that Kennedy firmly linked cooperation with the USSR on “outer space matters” with the release of classified UFO files. For undisclosed reasons, Kennedy was convinced that the CIA was the lead agency for ensuring the release of UFO files. This suggests that the USAF and the other military services were secretly required to release the most important UFO files reported through the CIRVIS system to the CIA. Kennedy was therefore directly confronting the CIA over its ultimate control of classified UFO files.

### **President Kennedy’s Hotline Conversation with Nikita Khrushchev**

Another leaked document shows the extent to which John F. Kennedy was prepared to cooperate with the Soviet Union in declassifying UFO files. The aim was to avoid the risk of a mistaken military confrontation over UFOs. The document is allegedly a Top Secret NSA intercept of a “Hot Line” conversation between President Kennedy and Soviet Premiere Nikita Khrushchev dated November 12, 1963.<sup>27</sup> Kennedy and Khrushchev discussed the importance of their respective UFO working groups to deal with the UFO problem to avoid the risk of future conflict. Kennedy told Khrushchev: “I have begun an initiative with our NASA to exchange information with your Academy of

Sciences in which I hope will foster mutual concern over this problem and hopefully find some resolution.”<sup>28</sup>

Kennedy was certainly referring here to the National Security Action Memorandum (NSAM) 271 released on the same day, November 12, 1963. Kennedy also told Khrushchev: “I have also instructed our CIA to provide me with full disclosure on the phantom aspects and classified programs in which I can better assess the [UFO] situation.”<sup>29</sup> While the NSA intercept has not been conclusively determined to be authentic (it has been ranked medium-to-high level of authenticity),<sup>30</sup> it is consistent with the November 12 NSAM 271.”<sup>31</sup>

More circumstantial evidence for the accuracy of the Hotline transcript was found in a series of 1997 interviews conducted by Khrushchev’s son, Sergei. Dr. Sergei Khrushchev said after his father initially refused Kennedy’s offer in September of joint space and lunar missions, that “in the weeks after the rejection, his father had ‘second thoughts’ and had accepted Kennedy’s offer.”<sup>32</sup>

NSAM 271 confirms that Khrushchev had only just accepted Kennedy’s offer.<sup>33</sup> The Hotline conversation shows that Kennedy and Khrushchev reaching agreement on a broad range of issues concerning sharing UFOs information and joint cooperation in space. The dating of the Hotline conversation is consistent with the agreement reached in the background over this period between Kennedy and Khrushchev. This gives more confidence that the Hotline document is genuine.

### **President Kennedy’s UFO initiatives led to implementation of assassination directive**

On November 12, 1963, President John F. Kennedy had reached broad agreement with Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev on joint space missions and sharing classified UFO files. This required both leaders instructing their respective UFO working groups to share information. Kennedy did this through a Top Secret Memorandum to the Director of the CIA to share UFO files with NASA and the USSR. His November 12 Memorandum was relayed on to the James Angleton, the CIA’s chief of counterintelligence. Angleton controlled access to the most highly classified UFO files in the U.S., and was in direct communications with MJ-12 - the UFO working group within the “MJ-12 Special Studies Project.” In responding to Kennedy’s request, Angleton followed a Top Secret/MJ-12 set of directives. One of the secret directives, revealed in the leaked partially burned Top Secret/MJ-12 document forensically dated to the early 1960s, was a cryptic assassination directive. In case any senior U.S. official did not cooperate with MJ-12, the directive sanctioned political assassination. If genuine, the leaked document is smoking gun evidence that former CIA Director Allen Dulles was involved in drafting and approving with other MJ-12 members a cryptic assassination directive. The directive was later implemented by Angleton in response to President Kennedy’s November 12, 1963 request to the CIA to release classified UFO files.

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Earlier I discussed the Burned Document and its genesis during the final months of Allen Dulles' tenure as Director of the CIA. Dulles and other MJ-12 members were responding to Kennedy's initial effort on June 28, 1961 to be fully briefed on MJ-12 intelligence operations and UFOs. Even though Kennedy doesn't mention UFOs in his June 28 Memorandum, his knowledge of them was implicit in his request for a review of MJ-12 intelligence operations, as revealed in Dulles' November reply where he discusses UFOs.<sup>34</sup>

In response to the June NSM and unknown to Kennedy, Dulles drafted a set directives shortly before his November 1961 retirement. As previously stated, Dulles' draft document was addressed to another six members of MJ-12 requesting comments and their approval. It had clear instructions that under no circumstances would any U.S. President or his national security staff be briefed or given access to classified UFO files.

The most damning directive, drafted by Dulles and apparently approved by six other MJ-12 members was a cryptic assassination directive. In full, this states:

Draft - Directive Regarding Project Environment - When conditions become non-conducive for growth in our environment and Washington cannot be influenced any further, the weather is lacking any precipitation ... it should be wet.<sup>35</sup>

Dr. Robert M. Wood, who is the foremost expert in analyzing MJ-12 documents using forensic methods, has concluded that the Burned Document is an assassination directive. In an interview discussing the Burned Document, he pointed out that the cryptic phrase "it should be wet" originates from Russia, where the phrases "wet works" or "wet affairs" denote someone who had been killed and is drenched with blood.<sup>36</sup>

The codeword "wet" was later adopted by the Soviet KGB and other intelligence agencies, according to Dr. Robert M. Wood. The term "it should be wet" therefore was a coded command to kill someone. In drafting this cryptic directive, Allen Dulles was seeking approval from six of his MJ-12 colleagues, to lay the justification for the assassination of any elected or appointed official in Washington DC whose policies were "non-conducive for growth". The cryptic directive was a pre-authorization for the assassination of any U.S. President who could not "be influenced any further" to follow MJ-12 policies.

President Kennedy's 1963 efforts to end the Cold War, cooperate with the USSR on joint space missions, and share classified UFO files with the USSR created a final showdown with MJ-12. The trigger was Kennedy's agreement with Khrushchev on November 12, 1963 on space cooperation that led to the National Security Action Memorandum (NSAM) instructing the new Director of the CIA, John McCone, to share UFO information with NASA;<sup>37</sup> and, due to NSAM 271, with the USSR.<sup>38</sup> Kennedy's explosive Top Secret Memorandum to the CIA Director was relayed by William Colby (then Deputy Chief of the CIA's Far East Division) to James Angleton in CIA

counterintelligence. It was Angleton who had the authority to implement Kennedy's Top Secret November 12 memo.

On the bottom of Kennedy's Top Secret November 12 memo, next to the signature space, appears the following handwriting: "Response from Colby: Angleton has MJ directive 11/20/63" Colby is here acknowledging that Angleton, two days before Kennedy's assassination, had the MJ directives – the Burned Document – and would use them to respond to Kennedy's November 12 memo. This handwriting directly implicates Angleton in the Kennedy assassination due to the cryptic MJ-12 assassination directive.

There is more evidence to directly implicate Angleton in the Kennedy assassination. Lee Harvey Oswald was among a small group of American citizens to have defected to the Soviet Union in 1959. Though the CIA admits to having established a file on Oswald in 1960, Alan Weberman, an early author on the Kennedy assassination, claims that CIA counterintelligence were monitoring Oswald even earlier. Weberman cites evidence that Angleton was directly involved through an intermediary, Gerry Hemming, a former Marine who knew Oswald and was recruited by the CIA.<sup>39</sup>

Despite controversy over Lee Harvey Oswald being recruited by Angleton and the CIA prior to his trip to the Soviet Union, there is no question that as an American defector, Oswald, became the responsibility of Angleton's CIA counterintelligence. Upon his return to the U.S. in June 1962, Oswald's activities were closely monitored by CIA counterintelligence. Oswald's subsequent association with a number of CIA assets provided opportunities for Angleton's counterintelligence to not only monitor, but to manipulate Oswald.

The most documented source of a CIA link to the Kennedy assassination was the investigation by Jim Garrison, District Attorney of New Orleans. Garrison found much documentary evidence to demonstrate that Lee Harvey Oswald was involved in a conspiracy led by Clay Shaw. Garrison discovered that Shaw had an "extensive international role as an employee of the CIA."<sup>40</sup> While Garrison was unsuccessful in earning a conviction against Shaw, Garrison was partly vindicated in 1979 by the House Select Committee on Assassinations. The Committee concluded: "The committee believes, on the basis of the evidence available to it, that President John F. Kennedy was probably assassinated as a result of a conspiracy. The committee was unable to identify the other gunmen or the extent of the conspiracy."<sup>41</sup>

President Kennedy's assassination by a hit team organized by a CIA asset, Clay Shaw, directly implicates the CIA counterintelligence. Ensuring Oswald's participation in the Kennedy assassination, no matter how minimal, provided a powerful rationale for preventing a thorough investigation of the Kennedy assassination. As a former communist defector, Angleton and the CIA could persuasively argue that Oswald's involvement directly implicated the USSR. This allowed the CIA to successfully argue to the Warren Commission, through member Allen Dulles, that a thorough investigation was too dangerous due to the risk of nuclear war.

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The assassination of President Kennedy directly resulted from his efforts to gain access to the CIA's control of classified UFO files. Unknown to Kennedy, a set of secret MJ-12 directives issued by former CIA Director, Allen Dulles, ruled out any cooperation with Kennedy and his national security staff on the UFO issue. It was Dulles and another six unknown MJ-12 members who sanctioned the directives found in the Burned Document including a political assassination directive against non-cooperative officials in the Kennedy administration. While Dulles and his six associates pre-authorized the assassination of Kennedy, it was the CIA counterintelligence chief who gave the final orders that culminated in Kennedy's assassination. In doing so, James Angleton arranged for a communist defector to be involved so as to eventually take the blame and ensure that no thorough investigation would follow by federal or congressional authorities.

### **Was Kennedy's Assassination a Covert Coup by MJ-12?**

Historians who view the CIA as complicit in Kennedy's assassination point to the CIA's role in covert operations in Vietnam as the reason why the CIA wanted Kennedy's removal from office. Col Fletcher Prouty, in his well documented book, JFK: The CIA, Vietnam and the Plot to Assassinate John F. Kennedy, reveals that Kennedy was attempting to end the CIA's influence over covert operations.<sup>42</sup> Chief among these was the escalating U.S. involvement in Vietnam that Kennedy wanted to end and was why he was assassinated. There is, however, a more compelling reason for why senior CIA officials wanted Kennedy's removal for office – the role of CIA counterintelligence in controlling UFO information and implementing the directives of the secretive MJ-12 Group.

President Kennedy's bold attempt to have NASA cooperate with the Soviet Union in joint space and lunar missions is a historic fact. What is not well known is that this required extensive sharing of UFO information to prevent any misunderstandings over UFO sightings that could spark military hostilities and jeopardize space cooperation. President Kennedy's strategy was to use joint Soviet US space cooperation as the means to have UFOs declassified for NASA. This would have led to them being shared with the USSR as NSAM 271 required, and finally given Kennedy and his national security staff access to classified UFO files.

Documents confirm that on November 12, 1963 Kennedy and Khrushchev had agreed on steps to share UFO information precisely for this reason, and Kennedy identified the CIA as the lead U.S. agency to implement the process. Unknown to Kennedy, the CIA's chief of counterintelligence, Angleton, implemented a secret set of directives that would deny access to classified UFO information to Kennedy, his national security staff and the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The assassination directive represented a covert coup by the MJ-12 that, through CIA counterintelligence, had the means to deny any Presidential administration access to UFO files, and even forcefully remove uncooperative federal officials. To date, there is no evidence that the MJ-12 directives passed by Dulles and six other MJ-12 members in 1961 has ever been rescinded. Documents and facts bear witness to the complicity of

senior CIA and other unknown officials in the assassination of President Kennedy. The implications of leaked MJ-12 documents relevant to Kennedy's efforts to declassify UFO files require a thorough public investigation.

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# The Kingman UFO Crash: Updates and New Revelations

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Situated in the scenic Hualapai Valley between the Cerbat and Hualapai mountain ranges, the city of Kingman, Arizona was founded in 1882. Today, it has a population of approximately 28,000; and the nearby communities of Golden Valley and Butler bring the Kingman area's total population to around 40,000.

The town is known for its very modest beginnings, as a simple railroad siding near Beale's Springs in the Middleton Section, along the newly-constructed route of the Atlantic and Pacific Railroad. The city of Kingman was named after Lewis Kingman who surveyed along the Atlantic and Pacific right of way between Needles and Albuquerque; and who supervised the building of the railroad from Winslow to Beale's Springs, which is near the present location of Kingman.

But, it is Kingman's link to the crashed UFO issue upon which we are most focused.

Before we get to the crux of the matter, it is important to note that - despite what some researchers have claimed - the evidence in support of the notion that something extraordinary occurred at, or near, Kingman in May 1953 does not stand or fall on the word of one solitary witness - who has become known by the pseudonym of Fritz Werner.

In reality, there are far more than a handful of stories, reports and testimonies that collectively have a significant bearing upon this decades-old incident.

## Overview and Background

### The Story Surfaces

Highlights of the Kingman controversy include the original testimony of Fritz Werner, as provided to researchers Jeff Young and Paul Chetham in 1971. Chetham and Young were the first people within the UFO research community to speak with the source; and very brief aspects of the story and interview were published in the Framingham, Massachusetts Edition of the *Middlesex News* on April 23, 1973. According to the newspaper, Jeff Young had interviewed a man who asserted that he had worked with Project Blue Book and had made, "contact with an alien craft."

The Young-Chetham interview revealed that their source had been at the site of a UFO crash at Kingman, Arizona, approximately twenty years previously.

According to Werner:

The object was not built by anything, obviously, that we know about on Earth. At that time I was out of the atomic testing, but I was still with the Air Force and this was the time I was on Blue Book. There was a report that there was a crash of an unexplained vehicle in the west and they organized a team of about forty of us. I was one of those forty.

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Concerning the reported recovery of an apparent alien body at the scene, Werner said: "I saw the creature [that] you're talking about. It was real and I would guess about four feet tall." Its body was dark brown in color; and Werner offered the theory that perhaps the creature's skin had darkened due to "atmospheric exposure."

### **Ray Fowler and the Affidavit**

The respected researcher, Ray Fowler, later spoke with the witness who prepared the following affidavit:

I, Fritz Werner, do solemnly swear that during a special assignment with the U.S. Air Force, on May 21, 1953, I assisted in the investigation of a crashed unknown object in the vicinity of Kingman, Arizona. The object was constructed of an unfamiliar metal which resembled brushed aluminum. It had impacted twenty inches into the sand without any sign of structural damage. It was oval and about 30 feet in diameter. An entranceway hatch had been vertically lowered and opened. It was about 3-1/2 feet high and 1-1/2 feet wide. I was able to talk briefly with someone on the team who did look inside only briefly. He saw two swivel seats, an oval cabin, and a lot of instruments and displays. A tent pitched near the object sheltered the dead remains of the only occupant of the craft. It was about 4 feet tall, dark brown complexion and had 2 eyes, 2 nostrils, 2 ears, and a small round mouth. It was clothed in a silvery, metallic suit and wore a skullcap of the same type material. It wore no face covering or helmet. I certify that the above statement is true by affixing my signature to this document this day of June 7, 1973.

### **The Stringfield Connection**

In his 1978 paper, *Retrievals of the Third Kind*, presented at the annual Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) Symposium of that year, Leonard Stringfield related the story of researcher Charles Wilhelm, whose father had been told an account by a Major Daly of his (Daly's) flight to the site of a UFO crash in April 1953. Daly was then blindfolded and driven out to a desert location that was hot and sandy. Inside a tent the blindfold was removed and he was taken to another location where he saw a "metallic ship," twenty-five to thirty feet in diameter, and that was undamaged.

According to Stringfield and Wilhelm, Major Daly spent two days analyzing the UFO and stated that it was not made on earth. Daly stated that at no time was he allowed to enter the UFO; however, it did have a hatch or opening that was four-to-five feet in height and two-to-three feet wide and which was open. After concluding his analysis, Daly was taken from the area by escort. Given the closeness of the date to the Kingman crash, it is not inconceivable that Daly was mistaken in his recollection of the date by just one month - May 1953 and not April 1953.

## **Richard Hall, Truman Weaver and More**

In a letter dated March 23, 1979, the recently-deceased Richard Hall, then-editor of the MUFON UFO Journal, wrote to Leonard Stringfield and advised him of the following:

...Don Berliner (aviation writer) just returned from visiting an aviation historian friend in Illinois, Truman Weaver. While there, Weaver showed him a copy of a letter dated March 1978 from a good friend of Weaver's in the aviation business...who worked as a technician at Wright-Patterson, retiring in 1954. This gentleman said that he worked 'across the alley' from where they kept the bodies, and that in 1953 they had thirteen of them in a room on the third floor. A strong odor used to waft across the way, and upon inquiring they were told it was embalming fluid. The bodies he said, are now stored at a small Air Force Base (Langley) at Hampton Roads, Virginia...

Stringfield himself explained what happened next: "Without hesitation, Weaver gave me the phone number of his friend, Robert Thompson, whom he knew through mutual aviation interests. On the same day, I phoned Thompson. He confirmed the data Berliner had related to Hall about his work at Wright-Patterson. He added that: 'Suddenly, the building nearby became very busy; trucks drove up and right into the building. This was before air-conditioning was installed and with windows open I could smell the strong odor of formaldehyde. It was sickening.'"

## **More Stringfield Revelations**

In a February 1994 report, *UFO Crash/Retrievals: Search For Proof In A Hall Of Mirrors*, Leonard Stringfield provided yet further data in support of the 1953 UFO crash at Kingman, Arizona.

Stated Stringfield:

My new source, JLD, a resident of Ohio, north of Cincinnati, in a surprising disclosure claimed that a close relative, the late Mr. Holly, who had served in the top command (in a defense department capacity) at Wright-Patterson in 1953, told him about one of two crashes in Arizona. He also told him three bodies, one severely burned, and parts of the wrecked craft, were delivered to the base. On July 16, 1993, when JLD and his wife visited me in Cincinnati, he told me that Holly had seen the bodies, maintained in an off-limits building – and it was not the legendary Hangar 18. Of note, he also learned that the aliens were free of harmful bacteria and suffered no teeth decay.

In trust, JLD gave me his relative's name, title of his position at Wright-Patterson and, that having the highest security

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clearance, was informed with 'eyes only' details of the Arizona incident. Said JLD, as a young teenager, when he was told about the crash, his interest was airplanes, making models of World War II aircraft and admitted that he had a curiosity about flying saucers. However, in later years when he asked for more details, his relative did not wish to discuss the subject.

### **Don Schmitt's Source**

While conducting research into alien abductions, the investigator Don Schmitt spoke with a woman named Judy Woolcott, who had an intriguing tale to tell concerning the Kingman crash and that centered on a strange letter that Woolcott had received in 1965 from her husband, who was serving in Vietnam at the time. Ominously, Woolcott's husband felt that he would not be returning home – at least not alive.

According to Woolcott's memory, her husband told her that he had seen "something strange" twelve years previously. Woolcott thought that the incident dated from August 1953. And while she could not be certain of the month, she was certain that the location was Kingman, Arizona. Her husband was a military officer and was on duty in an air base control tower when something strange was picked up on radar. It began to lose altitude and disappeared from the screen.

Woolcott informed Schmitt that her husband had said that various MPs began talking about something "being down," and both her husband and a number of military personnel left the base in jeeps and headed for the location where the object was believed crashed. Finally, they located a "domed disc" that had evidently hit the ground with some force, embedding itself in the sand.

### **The Uhouse Disclosure**

One of the most intriguing figures to surface with regard to the Kingman affair was Bill Uhouse, a retired "mechanical engineer" from Las Vegas who claimed to have worked on classified projects at certain locations in Nevada that focused upon the reverse-engineering of crashed-and-recovered UFO technology. Uhouse's story is a strange one; and much of it is beyond the scope of the Kingman story. With specific regard to the Kingman crash and Bill Uhouse, however, the researcher Bill Hamilton has provided good background and commentary:

Engineer Bill Uhouse claims there was a crash of an Eben aerial craft near Kingman, Arizona in 1953 and that four entities survived. That would have been six years after the more famous Roswell crashes and retrievals of 'interplanetary craft of unknown origin.' In Kingman, according to Uhouse, two disabled Ebens, and two more that were in good condition, were retrieved by US Government units, specially trained for retrieval missions.

The two non-humans in good condition were allowed to re-enter the craft and the disabled entities were taken to an unspecified medical facility.

He also states that a recovery crew that entered the craft to inspect it came down with a mysterious sickness. The craft was then loaded aboard a trailer and hauled off to the Nevada Test Site north of Las Vegas. Bill Uhouse claims that the events at Kingman eventually resulted in the project which employed him to design and construct a flight simulator that our airmen could use to learn how to fly a saucer.

## **New Revelations**

### **The Serpo Affair**

That, in essence, was the story of the Kingman event, as it was known until 2005, at least. In early 2006, however, new and provocative data surfaced on the crash. The source of the new data is an individual who claims a background within the United States' Intelligence community and whose story can be found at the website, [www.serpo.org](http://www.serpo.org).

According to data posted to the Serpo website: "The information began to be released on 2 November 2005 by a retired senior official within the US Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) who calls himself 'Anonymous.' Until he chooses to make his name known, this is the way he will be represented here. Anonymous reports that he is not acting individually and is part of a group of six DIA personnel working together as an alliance: three current and three former employees. He is their chief spokesman."

Furthermore Serpo state that on December 24, 2005, two-pages of a "classified document" were provided to the site by an unnamed researcher that, "appear to be transcripts of a prepared briefing or lecture – or perhaps a single memo – dated 24 March 1995, of the experiences of a number of military personnel when entering a downed craft (Kingman, Arizona, 1953)."

According to the document (which, it must be stressed, reads like a preliminary, rough draft, rather than a finely-tuned, finished report):

The background as told to my group had a very interesting twist regarding craft retrieval, and the visitor confrontation. Little did the Government know that retrieval operations were monitored by the visitors. They the visitors were well aware of the mishap of one of their vessels[;] however, the military got to the crash site first. 'Note' vessel is the term used by the visitors rather than disc or craft, and this was not known until the initial meeting in the fall of 1953. One other point was that the 'Alien/EBE' phraseology was not used in any later discussions. They also had names mostly unusual. But when translated to English the names were

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easily pronounced. No details were provided on how contact was made to set up the initial meeting. The reason for contact after almost 6 years was recalled as follows: the vessel that fell in Arizona contained 4 entities, 2 were disabled and 2 were reasonably well, but somewhat confused. The visitors monitoring the retrieval activities noted with much pleasure the human treatment provided to those involved. All entities were later taken to Facility X for medical treatment and tests; whatever they were for? Additionally before leaving the scene the 2 which were standing upright were allowed to re-enter the vessel. The hatch was left open to monitor their activity and disappeared inside the craft. Some time had passed before exiting. It was latter [sic] assumed that they were communicating with the monitoring craft.”

With respect to the issue of adverse effects on the part of the human recovery team, the document continues:

A bizarre situation was encountered at the retrieval site. With the entities removed from the area[,] work proceeded clean up and loading of the vessel on a tank trailer used to haul Sherman tanks. While these preparations were being made a [sic] entry crew was formed. They were dressed in clean room clothing with medical surgical masks. The size of the crew was not mentioned. Communications between the crew and the team outside was set up prior to entry. What happened with the entry crew while inside of the vessel was noted as follows: [1] Communications failed; the crew after one hour inside emerged from the craft confused, with upset stomachs, removed their masks and threw up. What was astonishing they could not remember any of the inside details of the craft. The craft was sealed[,] camouflaged[,] loaded and shipped to an undisclosed Nevada test facility. The entry crew was sent to Facility X to undergo medical examinations. Results of tests were not explained to us.

### **Marion Shaw: Pentagon Secrets**

Now in her early-eighties, Marion Shaw worked in the heart of the Pentagon during the 1950s as a secretary with a high-security clearance. While there, she rubbed shoulders with some profoundly significant and well-known figures in the military arena of the day. She also claims to have typed a lengthy, classified report on the Kingman UFO crash and body-recovery that detailed the nature of the crash; that described the appearance of the recovered craft; and that outlined an apparent autopsy of the alien corpse at a medical facility in Arizona, two days after the incident had occurred.

Further research is currently being undertaken to dig further into the Shaw story, and which can hopefully be expanded upon at a later date.

### **Truman Bethurum: A Contactee Connection**

Beyond any shadow of doubt, the number of people who can claim aliens wrecked their marriages is infinitely small. But, such claims have been made – the most memorable being that of construction-worker Truman Bethurum. His idea of a close encounter was very different to those of other UFO witnesses: his alleged 1952 liaisons – atop Nevada’s Mormon Mesa - with Space Captain Aura Rhanes, a supposed citizen of the planet Clarion, ultimately led his outraged wife to file for divorce!

Mormon Mesa is a 1,893 foot high summit which dominates Nevada’s Moapa Valley. Between the mesa and its two, near-identical neighbors, are two huge chasms created by the Muddy and Virgin Rivers that carved the mesa eons ago. Visually stunning, both then and now, Mormon Mesa was about to become a veritable hotbed of alien activity – specifically when, in the mid-to-late part of 1952, Bethurum began working in the area.

Bethurum’s wife was a collector of seashells; and as the area had been covered by ocean during prehistoric times, after he finished his shift one particular night, Bethurum headed out to the Mesa to see if he could find any fossilized shells as a gift for his wife – who had decided not to accompany her husband to Nevada, and instead elected to remain at their home in Santa Barbara. Yes: the cracks in the relationship were already showing.

Bethurum searched the pitch-black area for a couple of hours; but, having failed to find any such seashells, returned to his truck “to take a little snooze.” It was while snoozing – or while, it might be argued, he was in an altered state-of-mind – that Bethurum was blessed with a visit from the inhabitants of another world: the Clarionites. An hour or so after falling asleep, said Bethurum, he was awakened by what he described as “mumbling.” As he began to stir, Bethurum was shocked to see that his truck was surrounded by between eight and ten men. They were all olive-skinned, around five feet in height, wearing uniforms and black-billed caps – and who were in stark contrast to the long-haired, hippy-types that hung out with George Adamski. The encounters had begun – according to Bethurum, at least.

It must be stressed that much of Bethurum’s tale is, frankly, unbelievable. His encounters with the shapely Captain Rhanes come across like a cross between *Star Trek* and *Baywatch*, and read like a wild sci-fi novel. But, there is one particularly intriguing aspect to Bethurum’s story.

On the night of November 2, Bethurum was out in the desert, actually quite near to the town of Kingman. Anxious to see his gorgeous Captain Rhanes again, Bethurum fired into the air one of several flares supposedly given to him by his alien friends, as a means by which he could contact them at any time. Sure enough, Rhanes and her crew were quickly on the scene. For the final time, Bethurum was invited aboard the saucer and the pair chatted at length about life on their respective worlds, their hobbies, and much more

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of a friendly nature. At the end of the exchange, there was no real indication that this was to be their last meeting – and yet, it certainly was. Rhanes escorted Bethurum out of the saucer and back to the desert floor, where they bid each other farewell. In a few moments, Bethurum was alone, standing in the stark desert darkness; watching in awe as the huge alien craft grew ever smaller as it rose silently into the starlit sky.

We could, of course, relegate Bethurum's story to the realm of fiction and nothing else – and, indeed, many people within the UFO research arena have firmly done so. In the minds of many, the Contactees of yesteryear most certainly do not stand strong against today's Abductees. There is, however, one intriguing factor suggesting that, just maybe, Bethurum wasn't quite the fantasist that so many believed him to be.

Recall that Fritz Werner had told Ray Fowler in his 1970s affidavit that with respect to the alien body found at the Kingman site: "It was about 4 feet tall, dark brown complexion and had 2 eyes, 2 nostrils, 2 ears, and a small round mouth. It was clothed in a silvery, metallic suit and wore a skullcap of the same type material."

Compare that with the words of the aliens that Truman Bethurum claimed to have encountered in late 1952 very near to Kingman: "They were all olive-skinned, around five feet in height, wearing uniforms and black-billed caps."

The location is, of course, the same in both stories. The aliens in both accounts are short in stature – which is in stark contrast to most of the long-haired beings reported in Contactee cases in the 1950s. Both Werner and Bethurum said that the aliens wore uniforms and caps. The body viewed by Werner was dark-skinned; and the skin of the aliens that Bethurum claimed to have met was olive-skinned – not too much of a difference, one could well argue.

The wholly skeptical commentator might say that Bethurum simply made up his story after hearing of the Fritz Werner revelations in the 1970s. There is, however, a problem with this theory: Bethurum's account was published way back in 1954 – less than one-year after the alleged events at Kingman and no less than two-decades before Fritz Werner even surfaced. Perhaps Bethurum was not the hoaxer that many have assumed him to be.

In essence, that is where we are today with the case. We have a growing body of testimony, documents, sources and more that – collectively – suggests the Kingman UFO incident is one that we would do well to dig into much deeper. It may ultimately turn out to be one of the most significant cases of the entire UFO controversy.

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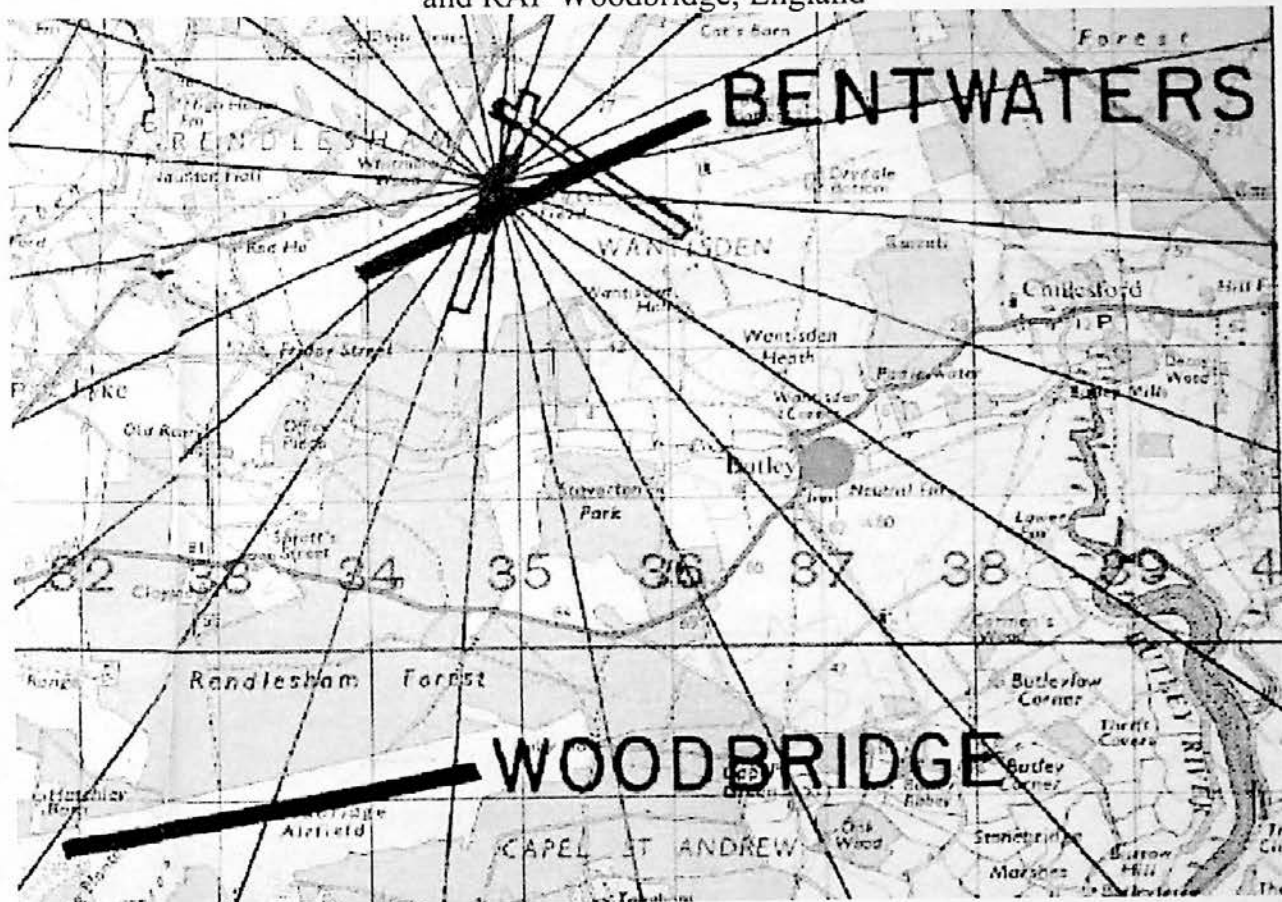
# December 1980 RAF Bentwaters Update with John Burroughs

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## SLIDE # 2

Aviation MAP of RAF Bentwaters  
and RAF Woodbridge, England



Over the past thirty years in England - Royal Air Force Bentwaters, Royal Air Force Woodbridge and green Rendlesham Forest in between have been the focuses of this question:

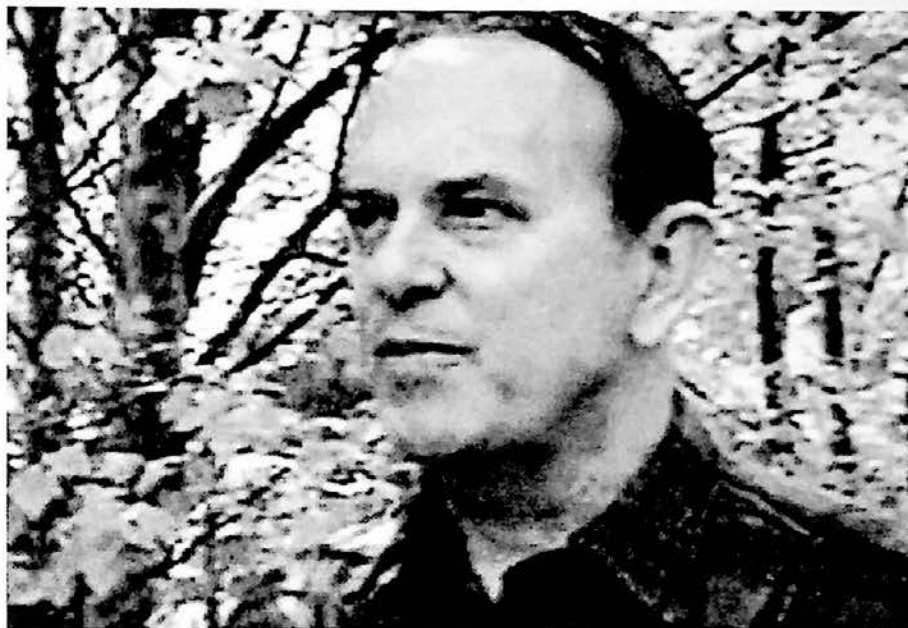
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Aerial image of the runway at RAF Woodbridge surrounded by the thick Rendlesham Forest.

What exactly did happen when unidentified aerial lights, beams and a triangular craft of unknown origin entered the forest repeatedly between December 26<sup>th</sup> after midnight and 5 AM on December 28th, 1980, when at least two dozen military personnel were involved?

SLIDE # 4



Col. Charles I. Halt (Ret.), former Deputy Base Commander, RAF Bentwaters, England, December 1980, Rendlesham Forest, 2007.

Only four months ago, Col. Charles I. Halt, the man who was then the Deputy Base Commander at RAF Bentwaters, went on the record in a June 25th press release to state:

**#1 Audio Halt ( :27)**

**Col. Halt:** *"I wish to make it perfectly clear that UFOs that I saw were structured machines moving under intelligent control and were operating beyond the realm of anything I have ever seen before or since. I believe the objects that I saw at close quarter were extraterrestrial in origin and that the security services of both the United States and England were and have been complicit in trying to subvert the significance of what occurred at Rendlesham by use of well-practiced methods of disinformation."*

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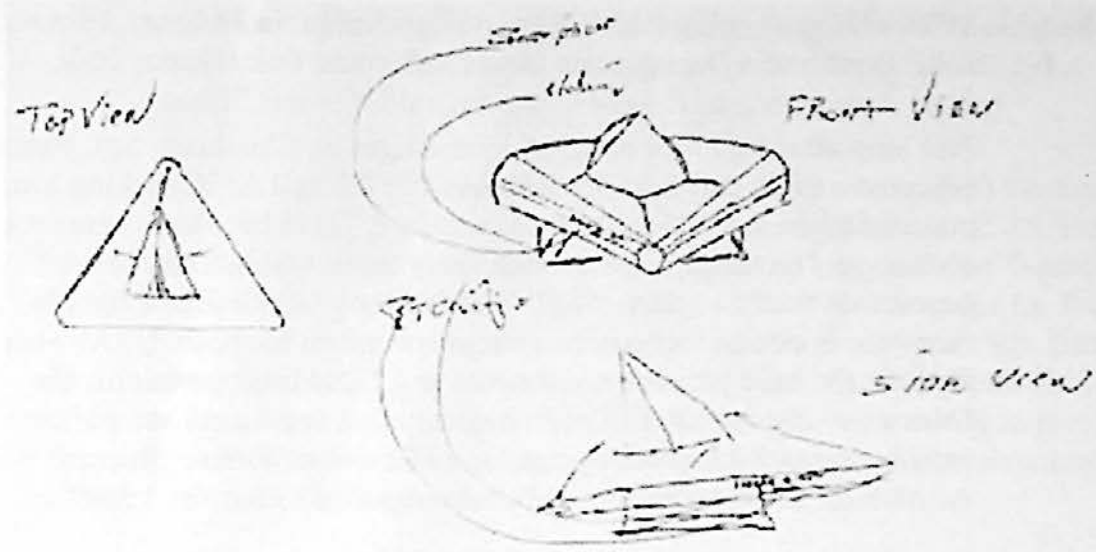


Retired USAF Lt. Col. Charles I. Halt during December 2007 documentary about RAF Bentwaters, U. K. phenomena. Image provided by Gary Heseltine.

Col. Halt served in Vietnam and Japan before being assigned as Deputy Base Commander at RAF Bentwaters in 1980. His boss and base commander was Col. Ted Conrad, who had not been on the job very long. Their boss was the Wing Commander of the 81st Tactical Fighter Wing at Bentwaters/Woodbridge, Major General Gordon Edmund Williams.

It is General Williams who allegedly received 35mm film in two canisters on December 30, 1980, from RAF Bentwaters Captain and Day Shift Commander, Mike Verano, who told Larry Warren and Peter Robbins, authors of *Left At East Gate* [© 1997], "I did drive General Gordon Williams to an F-16 on the Bentwaters tarmac the AM of December 30th. He had two canisters of 35mm footage with him. ...He told me directly that it was actual footage of the UFOs on the ground." It is assumed that 35mm "footage" included the roll of 36 exposure B & W still film that Sgt. James Penniston says he used in his camera to photograph the triangular craft on the ground in Rendlesham Forest in the early morning hours of December 26, 1980.

SLIDE # 6



Staff Sergeant James W. Penniston's sketch of black, glass-like, triangular craft was 9 feet by 6.5 feet that he photographed and touched around 3 AM, December 26, 1980.

Jim Penniston talked to me in a September 2009 interview about the solid black, triangle-shaped craft that he sketched and later touched. Before we hear his description in his own words, here is brief background about former RAF Bentwaters Staff Sergeant James W. Penniston.

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Col. Charles I. Halt (Ret.) on left with Staff Sgt. James Penniston (Ret.) in 2007.

He was RAF Woodbridge Security Supervisor on December 26, 1980. He

was 26-years-old at the time and had been in the U. S. Air Force since 1973 after graduating from Freeport High School in Freeport, Illinois. His RAF Bentwaters Deputy Base Commander was Col. Charles Halt.

Not long after the clock changed to midnight on Christmas, Sgt. Penniston received a radio call from Central Security Control (CSC) asking him to proceed to the RAF Woodbridge East Gate. There he was to contact his counterpart on the police side of military security, law enforcement supervisor Staff Sergeant (SSgt) Bud Steffens. USAF police handle domestic issues and who is coming in and out of the base. USAF security protects the base perimeter, resources and flight line operations. On December 26th, at least 14 security personnel and 6 air force policemen were working RAF Woodbridge. One of those air force policemen was Airman 1st Class John Burroughs who reported to Sgt. Bud Steffens.

SLIDE # 8

East Gate, RAF Woodbridge  
looking toward Rendlesham Forest



When Staff Sergeant Jim Penniston arrived at the East Gate, Sgt. Steffens

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told him there was a problem in the Rendlesham forest. Sgt. Penniston could see reddish-orange light in the trees, assumed it was a crashed airplane on fire in the woods, and asked Sgt. Steffens, "When did it crash?" But Sgt. Steffens said, "Jim, it did not crash. It landed."

Puzzled, Sgt. Penniston called the 81st Police Squadron Shift Commander, Lt. Fred "Skip" Buran, and asked for an Eastern Radar check. Lt. Buran told Sgt. Penniston there was an object over the base and that "something had disappeared off radar." That convinced Shift Commander Lt. Buran to give Sgt. Penniston permission to go off base to investigate. Sgt. Penniston asked Sgt. Steffens to go with him into the woods, but Steffens did not want to leave base property. So, John Burroughs volunteered to join Sgt. Penniston and Airman Cabansag. The three men traveled in a pickup truck from the East Gate toward the fiery light in the forest.

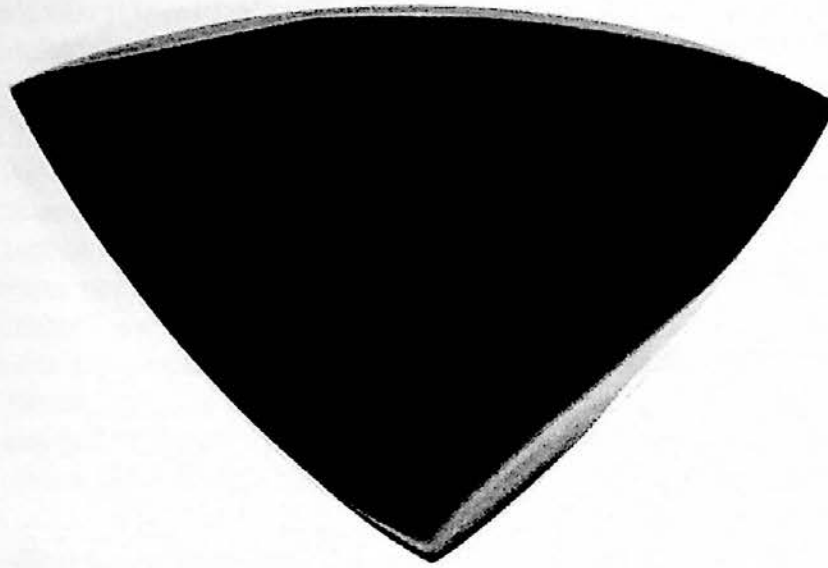
They drove as far as they could to the trees, parked and walked closer to the mysterious lights that were colored red, orange and blue. Their radios were interrupted by unusual static. Central Security Control called for radio silence, and Sgt. Penniston asked Ed Cabansag to go back toward the truck and act as a radio relay between Sgt. Penniston, Airman Burroughs and Security Control.

John Burroughs says recently he has learned from their 81st Security Police Squadron Shift Commander that night, Lt. Fred Buran, that radio silence was called for because Security Control lost all communications with Sgt. Penniston and John Burroughs for about *45 minutes*.

Here is how retired Staff Sergeant Jim Penniston describes the black, triangular craft with a glassy surface in Rendlesham Forest on December 26, 1980, around 3 AM.

SLIDE # 9

Onyx gem triangle



**#2 Audio Penniston ( 5:26 )**

**Staff Sgt. James W. Penniston:** *“It was a triangular craft. The fabric of the craft was black like glass. And then throughout the fabric of the craft, there was some coloring varying from saucer-shaped to pie-shaped circles that moved around the craft. Some were red and blue, some yellow – or orange – I guess more orange.*

*John was still with me and I started taking observations in my notebook to coordinate the time I was there and what my actions were.*

**YOU ARE SEEING WHAT LOOKED LIKE CHANGING GEOMETRIC PATTERNS BELOW THE GLASS? OR ABOVE THE GLASS?**

*Predominantly below the glass on the underside of the craft and then occasionally moving around the upper side. It appeared that the coloring was a part of the actual craft fabric. It made no sense. I've never seen anything that had that type of effect before.*

**CAN YOU SEE THROUGH THE BLACK GLASS INTO THE INTERIOR?**

*No, it was fully opaque. As we approached it thought, that's when I stepped off measurements of the craft. It measured approximately 9 feet long - that's three long steps with my stride – and*

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*approximately 6.5 feet tall. Occasionally you would get some movement of color throughout the fabric of the craft – sometimes a small glob that was probably 6 inches across and sometimes 12 inches across. But they were very sporadic color.*

*CIRCLES THAT WOULD CHANGE THEIR SIZE FROM SOMETHING LIKE 6 INCHES TO MAYBE 12 INCHES WHEN THEY MOVED OVER THE SURFACE OF THE DARK, BLACK GLASS?*

*That is correct. It's hard to describe! But I think what stands out in my memory is the blackness of the craft. If you took an onyx stone and you had an onyx stone that measured 9 feet long and 6 feet high – that's what you would see.*

*WOW!*

*Yeah! Yeah, to say the least. It was very unusual.*

*WERE YOU THINKING AT THAT MOMENT THIS IS NOT FROM EARTH?*

*I knew that it was not from any form of government - I mean no air force on Earth. It was beyond our (human) capability.*

*DID YOU SAY TO JOHN BURROUGHS THEN, 'THIS LOOKS LIKE SOMETHING FROM OUTER SPACE'?*

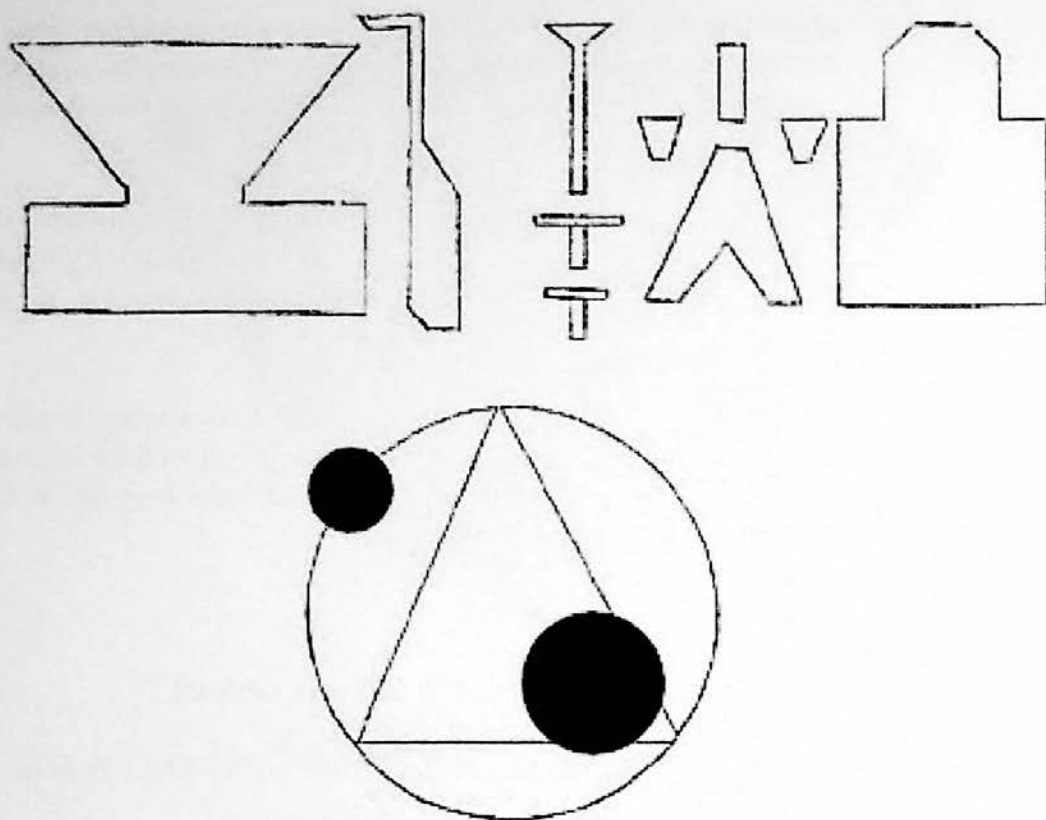
*I looked at John and said, 'I don't know how in the hell we're going to explain this.'*

*DO YOU REMEMBER WHAT HE SAID?*

*John says, 'We have a UFO here.' And I said, 'We have something here.' I said, 'I've got to have quiet here.'*

*I'd already paced it off. This was my second or third time I was walking around it – mainly in awe! Toward one side of the craft, there were markings on the craft, which were very unusual.*

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Staff Sergeant James W. Penniston's sketch of symbols etched with texture of sandpaper over 2.5 to 3 feet of the dark, glassy craft's surface and averaged 3 inches high.

*They measured probably 2.5 to 3 feet wide. I was looking for a crew compartment or a window or something. I touched it and the air temperature out there at the time was probably 34 degrees Fahrenheit, something like that. The symbols were very warm to touch. The temperature I would say was like 60 degrees F.*

*YOU WERE FEELING HEAT AND WHAT ELSE?*

*The smoothness of the craft – I was trying to figure it out. It feels like glass, but it can't be glass. It's got to be metal, but it felt like glass. I was confused at that point because nothing in my training prepared me for what was going on.*

*As I felt my way around the craft, I came upon the symbols that were on the craft and gave them a lot more attention, feeling each one and then recording it in my notebook.*

*If you had a sheet of smooth glass and you took a piece of sandpaper and you laid it on that glass, running from the glass to the sandpaper – that's how it felt.*

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*WHEN YOUR FINGERS TOUCHED THE SYMBOLS, DID YOU HAVE ANYTHING COME INTO YOUR MIND IN TERMS OF THOUGHT OR IMAGE?*

*Well, did I feel intelligence? Yes! But, here's something that is odd. I lost track of John for like 45 minutes or so. I don't know where he was. There was like a 45-minute gap of time there, which seemed like – I don't know – a couple of minutes. I don't know what caused the distortion.*

*WHEN IS YOUR VERY NEXT MEMORY OF JOHN BURROUGHS?*

*When the light on the craft started to generate to a more white, brilliant light is when I backed away from the craft. John (then) was maybe 15 feet away, 20 feet away, standing there.*

*BECAUSE YOU WERE AFRAID OF WHAT WAS HAPPENING WITH THE INCREASING LIGHT?*

*I was not sure what it was going to do. I don't know – explode? Or? The craft lifted off the forest floor, went to treetop level, and took off at an extreme rate of speed and John and I stood up. Nothing that I know of could be gone in a blink of an eye.*

*I had this feeling and the feeling was that there would be a return sometime of that craft. I don't know. It was just a very odd thought."*

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Jim Penniston told me that he and John Burroughs were debriefed after the dramatic events that morning by their 81<sup>st</sup> Security Police Squadron Shift Commander Lt. Fred Buran. Later, both talked to Deputy Base Commander Charles Halt, who asked a lot of questions. Their third debriefing was with RAF Bentwaters Base Commander Ted Conrad who did not ask either Jim Penniston or John Burroughs a single question. That made Sgt. Penniston suspicious that his superior officer knew more about what had happened in Rendlesham Forest than either he or Burroughs did, the two who had faced the phenomenon directly.

Even Deputy Base Commander Charles Halt became suspicious that he was being left out of the information loop by *his* superior officers, USAF General Gordon Williams and USAF General Robert Bazley, Commander of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Air Force at RAF Mildenhall, England.

But four years later in 1984, Col. Halt was promoted to RAF Bentwaters Base Commander and later also served as Base Commander at Kunsan Air Base in Korea. Later, he was Director of the Inspections Directorate for the Department of Defense Inspector General.

Charles Halt was born in 1940 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and is now 69-years-old. He received a B. A. in Economics and Chemistry from West Virginia Wesleyan College in 1962. A year later on February 7, 1963, he enlisted in the U. S. Air Force. He was assigned to a school for Maintenance Engineering at Chanute AFB in Illinois and became a U. S. Air Force maintenance officer for the next seventeen years. Col. Halt

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retired from his professional U. S. Air Force career in 1991. Today, he is the equivalent of a mayor for a gated community in Stafford County, Virginia.

Three months ago on August 18th, I interviewed Col. Halt about his encounter on the night of December 28, 1980, with a light beam coming down right in front of him and his investigation team. With him were: Lieutenant Bruce Englund; Sergeant Monroe Nevilles, who handled Geiger counters and disaster preparedness; Master Sergeant Bobby Ball; Sgt. Adrian Bustinza and Airman 1st Class John Burroughs. John Burroughs and Adrian Bustinza both remember falling to the ground next to each other. Here now is Col. Halt describing what happened right in front of him.

SLIDE # 12

Illustration of beam shining from aerial light  
above Rendlesham Forest, December 28, 1980



Lt. Col. Charles I. Halt described mysterious aerial light that emitted white, narrow, beam down in front of him and over the weapons storage facility (above), said to contain nuclear warheads, at RAF

Bentwaters, England, in the early morning hours of December 28, 1980. Illustration by Jan Roth at [www.rendlesham-incident.co.uk](http://www.rendlesham-incident.co.uk) used with permission.

### #3 Audio Col. Halt ( 2:08 )

*"The object stopped overhead and sent down a beam. The best way I can describe it is a laser beam because the light did not radiate out like a normal light would do. It came straight down and fell at our feet and we were quite concerned. The light was a very bright, white light – probably 15 to 20 inches in diameter, something of that size – when it hit the ground. It was right in front of us, less than ten or fifteen feet away.*

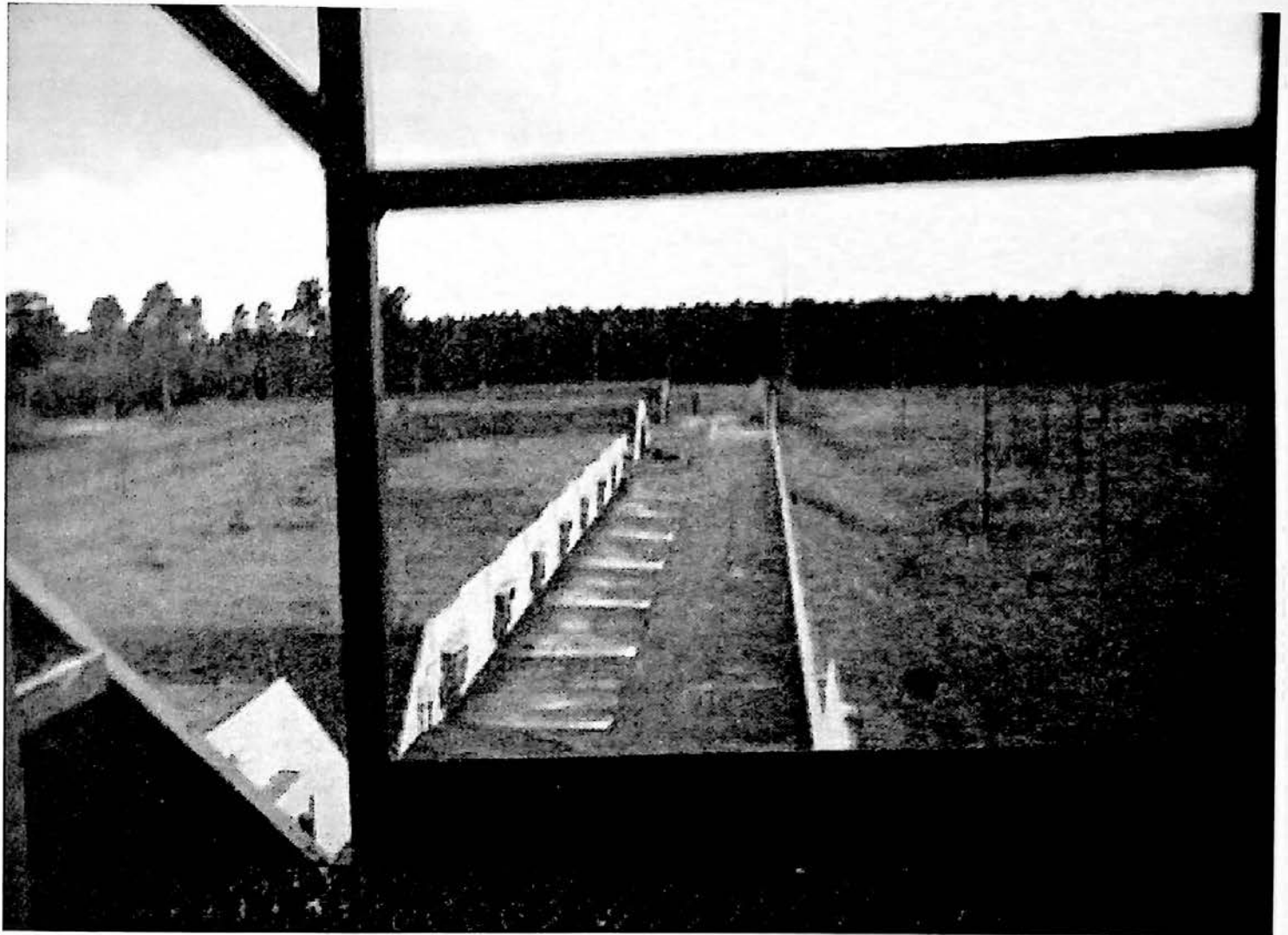
#### *WHAT HAPPENED AT THAT MOMENT?*

*We stood there in awe trying to – you know, is it a signal? Is it a warning? Is it a method of communication? What do we do? And we just stood there for maybe five to ten, maybe fifteen seconds, and then it was gone. I mean, it disappeared as suddenly as it appeared.*

*IT IS A BEAM OF LIGHT THAT COMES OUT OF THE OBJECT THAT IS STILL UP IN THE AIR AND WHERE IT STRIKES THE GROUND, THE BEAM LOOKS LIKE IT'S 15 TO 20 INCHES IN DIAMETER?*

*Something like that. It was so shocking – Wow! At the same time, we were picking up radio signals and continuously having problems with our radios on all three frequencies we were on from the WSA, Weapons Storage Area, and they were indicating that they (lights) were over there. We could see objects in the sky over there (WSA) and I later learned that there were some technicians from the communications squadron working in the tower, as well as the tower operator. They all observed some very strange things as far as lights and objects.*

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December 2007, photograph from RAF Bentwaters/Woodbridge tower used to monitor underground Weapons Storage Area (WSA), that presumably included nuclear weapons heavily guarded in December 1980 by military security. Image © 2007 by Gary Heseltine.

*DO YOU KNOW FOR A FACT WITH YOUR OWN EYES THAT YOU WERE SEEING A BEAM COME DOWN IN THE GENERAL AREA OF THE WEAPONS STORAGE AREA?*

*I could see something, yes.*

*SO, FOR THOSE RADIO REPORTS THAT WERE DESCRIBING A BEAM COMING FROM A LIGHT DOWN INTO THE WEAPONS STORAGE AREA, THOSE WOULD BE OTHER EYEWITNESSES WHO COULD SEE INTO THE WSA WHEN YOU COULD NOT.*

*That's correct. There are multiple objects in the sky at that time, at least four if not five or more.*

*WERE THEY ALL WHITE?*

*No. They changed color and they changed shape from round to elliptical.*

*COLORS?*

*Gosh, red, blue and green, I think. I remember the shock of - gosh, when the thing went overhead and the light approached us and you can hear it on the tape. Stopped overhead and sent a beam down. Oh, my God! We all went into shock almost! How am I ever going to explain this? Nobody is going to believe this! This is a kiss of death for my career."*

The next morning of December 29, 1980, Col. Halt played his audiotape from Rendlesham Forest for his boss, the Wing Commander of the 81st Tactical Fighter Wing at RAF Bentwaters and Woodbridge, Major General Gordon Edmund Williams.

SLIDE # 14

Ramstein AFB,  
Reinland-Pfalz, Germany



US Air Force (USAF) Lockheed C-130 Hercules cargo aircraft assigned to Ramstein Air Base (AB), Reinland-Pfalz, Germany, flies on December 17, 2002, over the Ramstein AB tower, before retiring to the Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Center (AMARC) or "bone yard" at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base (AFB), Arizona. Photograph courtesy USAF.

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General Williams took the tape to Ramstein, Germany - USAF and NATO headquarters - for a weekly staff meeting.

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General Robert Bazley, Commander,  
3<sup>rd</sup> Air Force, Mildenhall, England, Dec. 1980

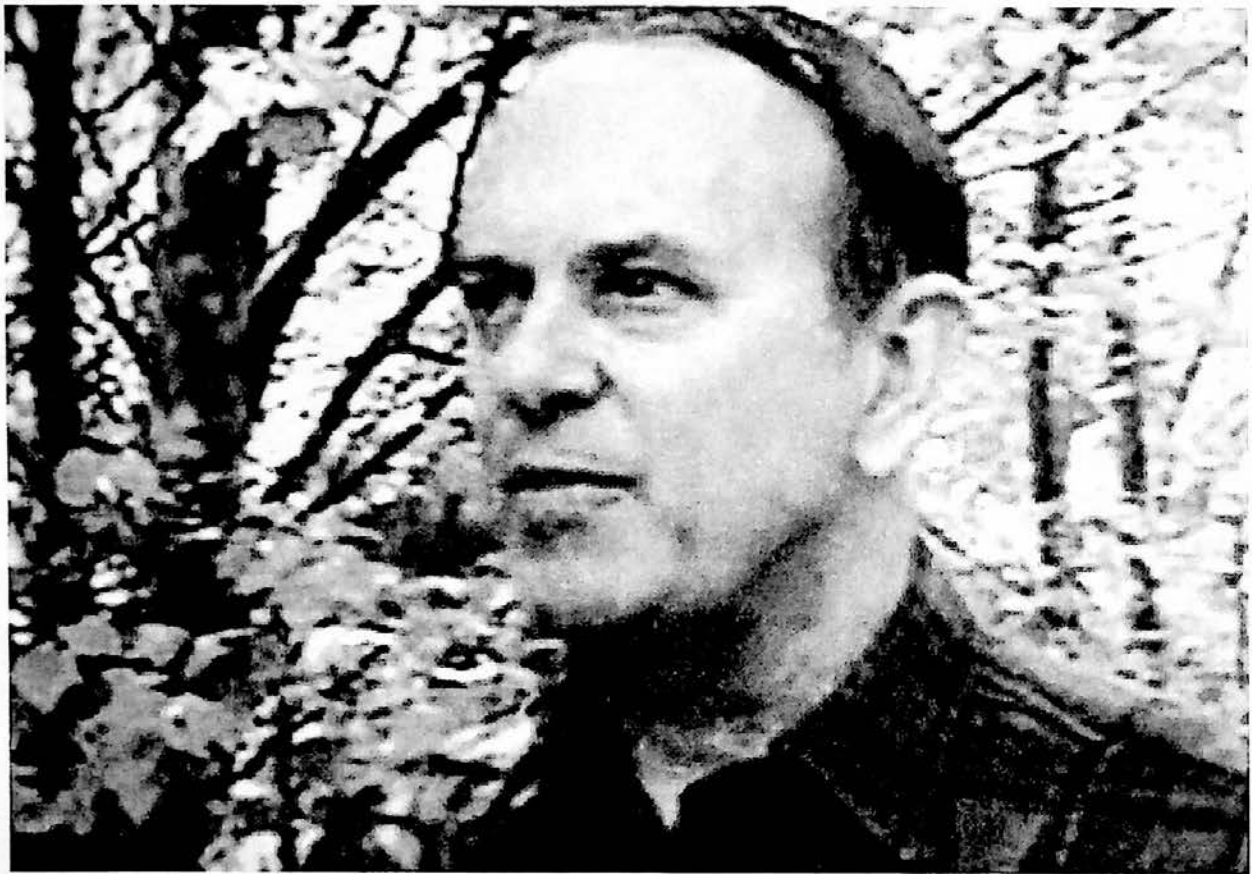


Robert W. Bazley is a retired U. S. Air Force four star general who served as Commander in Chief, Pacific Air Forces (CINCPACAF), from 1984 to 1986. Before then, he took command of Air Force Inspection and Safety Center, Norton AFB, California, in May 1978. From July 1979 to June 1980, he commanded Sheppard Technical Training Center, Sheppard AFB, Texas. He returned to England as Commander, 3rd Air Force at Royal Air Force Station Mildenhall in Suffolk County, England. Bazley returned to Ramstein Air Base, Germany, in July 1981, as Vice Commander-in-Chief of U.S. Air Forces in Europe. In 1983, he became Inspector General of the U.S. Air Force at Air Force headquarters, responsible to the Secretary of the Air Force and the Chief of Staff for USAF inspection, safety, security, investigative, counterterrorism, counterintelligence and complaint programs. He assumed command of Pacific Air Forces at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii, in September 1984, and retired from the USAF on January 1, 1987. Image courtesy PD-USGOV-MILITARY-AIR FORCE.

Leading the weekly meeting was USAF General Robert Bazley, then Commander of the 3rd Air Force at Royal Air Force Station Mildenhall, England. General Bazley asked, "What do we do?"

The consensus of the military officers in that meeting was to say, "It's a Brit affair that happened off base." Therefore, nothing that happened in Rendlesham Forest was the responsibility of the U. S. Air Force. Col. Halt told me that after General Williams returned to RAF Bentwaters, he laughed at Col. Halt when he handed back the audiotape and said, "Bazley said it's a Brit affair."

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#4 Audio Col. Halt ( 1:35 )

*YOU KNEW THAT THERE WAS A CREDIBILITY PROBLEM. BUT NOW, 30 YEARS LATER IN THE SUMMER OF 2009, YOU ARE GOING ON THE RECORD SAYING THAT WHAT YOU ENCOUNTERED IN RENDLESHAM FOREST NEAR RAF BENTWATERS AND WOODBRIDGE WAS 'EXTRATERRESTRIAL IN ORIGIN.' CAN YOU EXPLAIN TODAY WHY YOU ARE CLARIFYING THAT?*

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*Because those lights and craft were beyond the realm of anything we know and were intelligently controlled. Now, I'll say one other thing – it's certainly possible that whatever it is might be from another dimension. I thought of that at a later point, but it was beyond anything we know or we had in place at the time, even experimentally. I mean, here's something that is too small for human habitation, that moves under intelligent control, it has the ability to change shape, and then multiple objects appear that have the capability to send down what I would say would be laser beams or something like that – and they have a great deal of interest about what goes on at RAF Bentwaters, as far as the Weapons Storage Area.*

*SOME PEOPLE WOULD SAY THAT POWER, ARROGANCE AND GREED WERE THE STRONGEST MOTIVATORS OF THE LAST SIXTY YEARS IN SUPPRESSING INFORMATION ABOUT NON-HUMAN INTELLIGENCES INTERACTING WITH THIS PLANET.*

*Yes, I certainly cannot disagree. I don't think you're going to get anybody from the intelligence agencies to ever come forward. Those people are afraid to death!*

*WHAT ARE THEY AFRAID OF?*

*(laughs) I can just say there's a very powerful force at work. Keep in mind, it is a very, very small number of people.*

*WHO KNOW?*

*That's correct. If you'll keep in mind that Eisenhower tried to get to the bottom of it, Jimmy Carter tried to get to the bottom of it, Bill Clinton tried to get to the bottom of it. Guess what?*

*ALL BLOCKED.*

*That's what they say.*

*SO, WHO WOULD BE IN CONTROL IF PRESIDENTS AND PRIME MINISTERS ...?*

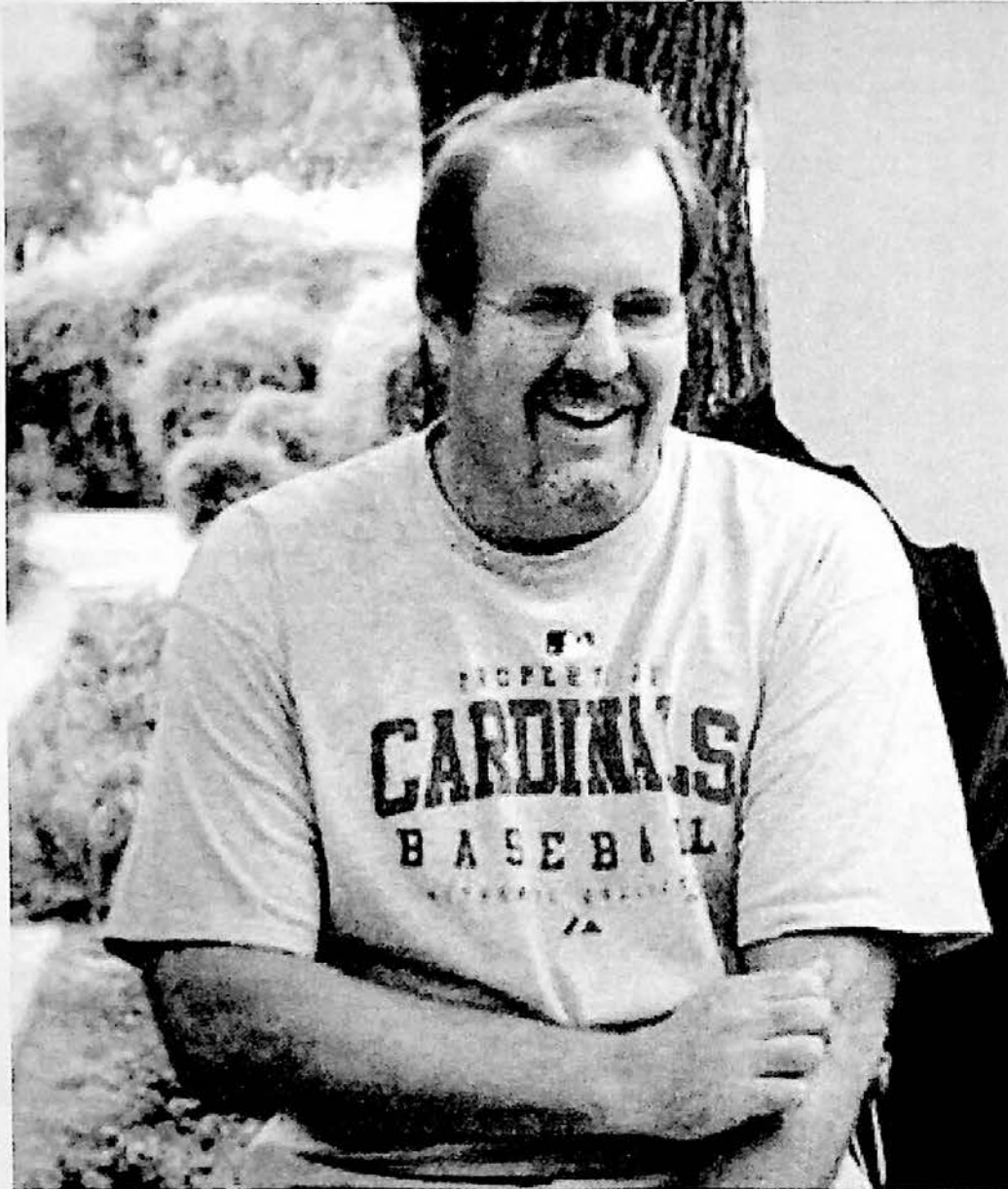
*That's a question you have to answer yourself and tell me when you find out. A very select group!*

*DO YOU HAVE ANY SPECULATION?*

*I would rather not comment."*

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Former RAF Bentwaters  
Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class John Burroughs



Introduction to John Burroughs LIVE in Las Vegas:

One RAF Bentwaters Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class who was in Rendlesham Forest on both the first night of December 26, 1980, and two nights later on December 28, when Col. Halt was also in the forest was John Burroughs. The tantalizing rumor on base after December 1980 was that one or more military eyewitnesses saw Burroughs either jump up on a craft in the forest, or rise up into a beam of light.

John Burroughs was born in Bloomington, Illinois in 1960, and joined the United States Air Force right after high school graduation. He received orders to go to RAF Bentwaters, England, and arrived in July 1979, about eighteen months before the highly strange encounters with lights, beams and craft in the Rendlesham Forest. During that time, John worked as an Air Force police officer and says nothing strange ever happened until around 3 AM on December 26, 1980, and the subsequent 45 minutes of missing time that neither John nor Jim Penniston can remember.

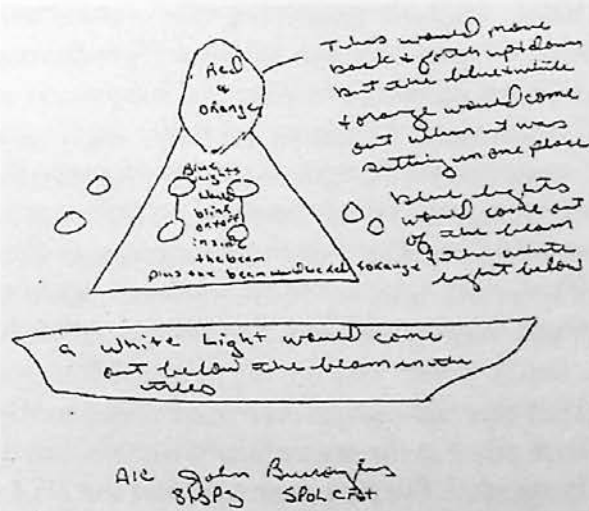
Right from the beginning, the men saw what they could not explain and something happened to the minds of those eyewitnesses - either in the forest, in military interrogations later on, or both. The results have been blank or confused memories. Even two men, Sgt. James Penniston and Airman John Burroughs, who were next to each other in Rendlesham Forest between RAF Bentwaters and RAF Woodbridge, do not remember the same details.

**John Burroughs At Conference Podium** will speak live about the following issues:

John will describe the latest information from the most recent October 2009 hypnosis session before the conference. He will also describe transport activities in and out of the Rendlesham Forest and Weapons Storage Area shortly after the three nights of phenomena. For the printed proceedings, the following is a recent interview with me about his frustrated perspective on the past thirty years since his involvement in the Rendlesham Forest phenomena.

*"The hardest part for me is that I remember certain things, like I know what I drew in my report about the first night of December 26<sup>th</sup>."*

SLIDE # 18



John Burroughs sketch of lights he saw on the first night of December 26, 1980.  
Date of his above sketch was January 2, 1981, signed AIC John Burroughs 81SPS SPOL  
CFLT.

*"This would move back and forth, up and down, but the blue and white and orange would come out when it was sitting in one place. Blue lights would come out of the beam and the white light below. Blue lights would blink on and off inside the beam, plus the beam would be red and orange. A white light would come out below the beam in the trees.*

*The stories over the years coming out saying I jumped on something or I was drawn into something could have been the night with Penniston; it could have been the third night when I was out there with Col. Halt. How much missing time? I do believe there was some kind of distortion in time. And it was very interesting under hypnosis to confirm something did happen to me and I had some kind of interaction with whatever was out there.*

*The hardest problem I have is that I spent 26 years in the U. S. Air Force and what happened over those three nights - we did not follow proper procedures and protocol. Things that went on do not add up. Things that went on afterwards do not add up. We were in the largest tactical fighting wing in the U. S. Air Force. We were a front line NATO base that if war broke out, our aircraft would proceed over to Germany and they would bring in other aircraft for another mission. We had some officers that all went on to some very distinguished careers in space command and all of them were sitting there trying to tell us that, 'Well, we really didn't have anything to do with it. Something did happen and you were good men doing your job, but we can't really comment on it.'*

*Something did happen off base. We were out there for three different nights. Something did happen around the Weapons Storage Area. I do know the radio traffic was recorded through the command post that night, and I believe to this day that Captain Verano came forward and said a tape was sent over to Germany and I believe that was the actual tape of the radio traffic that night. If that tape was ever to be released - and I still believe it's out there - that would blow this case completely wide open.*

*That tape did **not** get destroyed. What took place off base and what took place in the area of the Weapons Storage Area - that tape was listened to. I've also been told that the NSA (National Security Agency) has files on the incident and they have different document there, so my best bet is that the tape is sitting at the National*

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*Security Agency. The fact that it would confirm a lot of what's been said and it would clearly show that there was some kind of strange phenomena going on over the base. Col. Halt's tape showed that something very strange happened.*

*I do know that a C-5 came in Sunday night (December 28, 1980). It involved the Weapons Storage Area. It was parked and had its own security.*

*The plane came in on Sunday night (December 28, 1980). I do know that on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday (December 29, 30 and December 31, 1980), I was posted on the East Gate. I do know there was activity in the woods all three days. I did see a chopper lift something out of the woods and bring it over to the RAF Woodbridge flight line over by the 67th ARS, which was para rescue on Tuesday night (December 30, 1980). So, I do know there was stuff going on afterwards and there were people in the woods.*

*I was posted on the East Gate and I was told that because I was involved in the incidents and saw strange things that that is why they put me there and if I saw anything strange happening in the woods, not to call it on the radio. They were well aware there was activity going on in the woods.*

*To me, we weren't taken care of. I mean, we were out doing our job. General Williams said that - that we 'were good men doing our jobs.' We were not taken care of. We all should have been checked out because we had something strange happen to us. So, medically we should have been brought in and checked out. We should have been debriefed on everything that happened to us. People have said they have been interrogated, which I don't understand why guys doing their job would be interrogated. That just doesn't make any sense to me.*

*The third night, December 28, 1980, I was in the Rendlesham Forest with Col. Halt and other men, including Sgt. Adrian Bustinza. We saw something like lights, really bright and white that came down and started hovering out in the distance in the Rendlesham Forest. Col. Halt asked me if that was what we saw the first night. I told him I wasn't sure and I asked him if I could move forward to get a better view of it and he cleared me to go forward with Sgt. Adrian Bustinza, who had a radio and he and I went towards the object.*

*We're in contact with the WSA (Weapons Storage Area) tower. Adrian and I were running towards the object. Adrian went down*

*to the ground and I got closer to it and the next thing I know - I don't know how long it was afterwards - I'm standing in the field right where I got close to whatever it was and it's gone and I'm just standing there with Adrian behind me.*

*I went back towards Adrian and he told me that whatever the light was came over the top of me. [Third night on December 28, 1980]*

*Right then in the forest, Adrian didn't tell me, but when I talked to Adrian on the phone a few years later, he said that yes, the light appeared to pull me up inside. Adrian also told me that he did not fall down. He felt something pushed him down. Something forced him to the ground and held him to the ground.*

*I have spoken to the guy that was in the tower that night and he did confirm that what I am saying is true. He remembers talking to me on the radio, he remembers me getting close to the object. He also remembers clearly that he could see the object hovering over the woods and he said the object was there for quite awhile.*

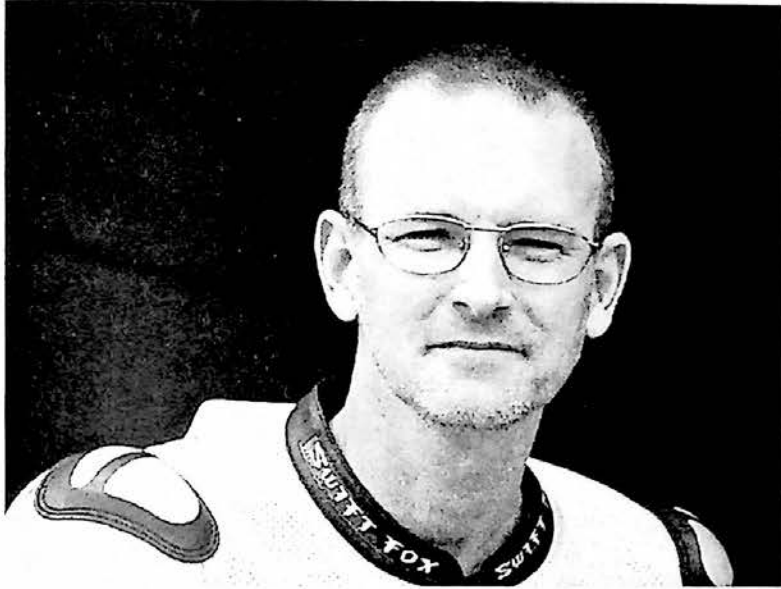
*I went under hypnosis to try to figure out what happened."*

End: John Burroughs live comments.

**Linda Moulton Howe:** The RAF Bentwaters phenomena of December 1980 did not end on the 28th. Twelve days later on January 9, 1981, Col. Halt was back out in Rendlesham Forest along with his superior officers, but he did not include any details in his official January 13, 1981, report.

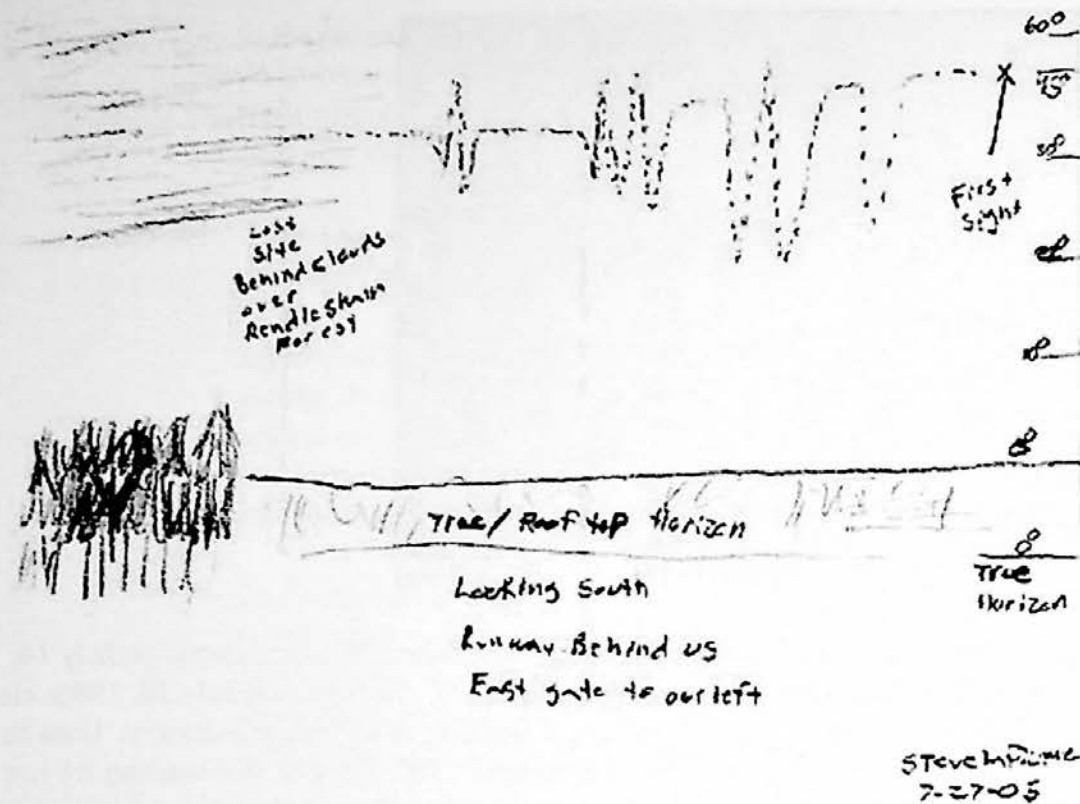
However, a U. S. Air Force security man who was there detailed for me what happened at the East Gate the night of January 9 to January 10, 1981.

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His name is Steve LaPlume. He was born in Leominster, Massachusetts, on July 14, 1962. Right after high school, he enlisted in the U. S. Air Force on July 10, 1980. He first went to Lackland AFB in Texas for technical training in its police academy. Then he was shipped out to RAF Bentwaters in mid-September 1980. He was still waiting for his SECRET clearance to come through so he could officially join the base security. In the mean time, he was doing shift reliefs and remembers being in the day room soon after Christmas when some airmen talked about other men chased by a UFO out in the Randlesham forest. Then the night of January 9 to 10, 1981, USAF Airman 1st Class Steve LaPlume was on patrol at the RAF Woodbridge East Gate with Senior Airman, Wendell Palmer.

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Steve LaPlume's sketch of the light that moved up and down from about 20 degrees above the horizon to at least 45 degrees above, as marked on right side of drawing. LaPlume's and Palmer's January 9, 1981, report of this oddly moving light provoked military officers, including RAF Bentwaters Deputy Base Commander Lt. Col. Charles Halt, to return to Rendlesham forest with cameras. Sketch © 2005 by Steve LaPlume.

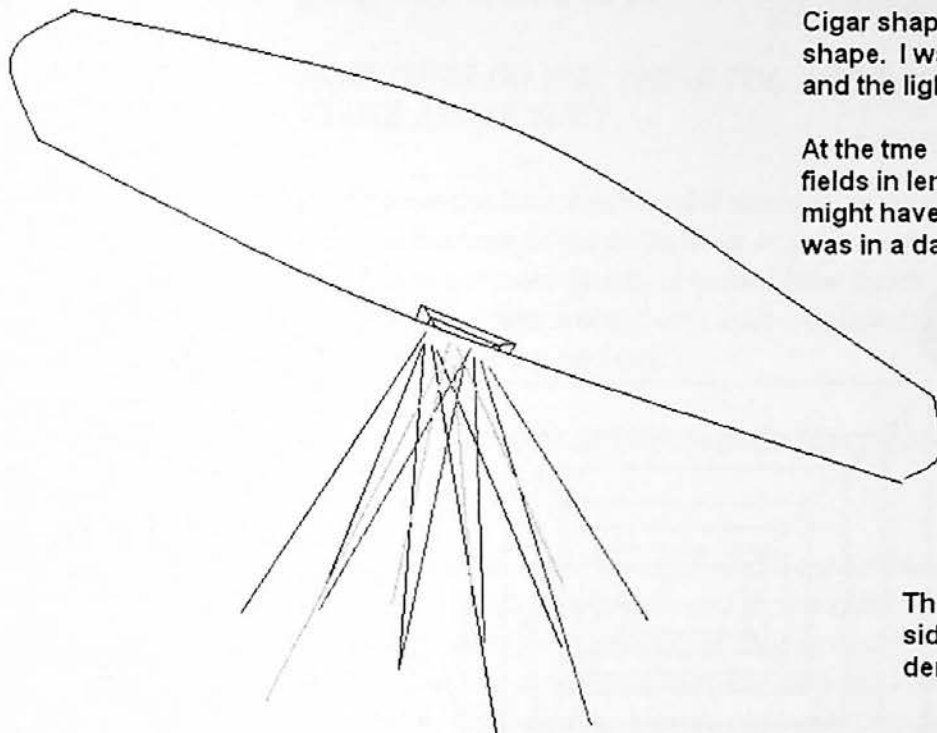
First, LaPlume and Palmer watched a light moving up and down in the sky. They called Security Control and to their shock, General Gordon Williams, Base Commander Ted Conrad and Deputy Base Commander Charles Halt showed up with cameras to photograph the UFO that had returned to Rendlesham Forest.

Steve LaPlume told me he and Airman Palmer "knew something was up and they knew where to go because they jumped into the car and left. They didn't ask much. They said, 'Where?' and we pointed off in the direction we last saw it. Then they jumped into the car and left. Then, they all came back about 45 minutes later and gave no indication that they saw anything. They posted me on that East Gate all night long and told me to report if I saw anything else and they all left."

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Steve LaPlume's sketch of cigar-shaped aerial craft



Note these areas are in a fog to me.

Cigar shaped for sure but not recalling the end shape. I was focused on the middle of the craft and the lights under it.

At the time remember it being nearly 3 full football fields in length. No I think back and believe it might have been shorter hard to tell. It was like I was in a daze of some sort.

There was no structure under side like a pilot house that a derigbal would typically have

The lights shown down from about center craft

But not like spot lights just could see there were lights under it. The red light seemed to be bit more prevelant then the blue

Sorry its been 30 years...wish I could recall beter detail. Strange I can recall everything leading up to and after the flyover with total clarity. But this thing is in a fog in my head.

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At the East Gate, Airmen LaPlume and Palmer saw a blue, green, red and yellow light come straight for them over Rendlesham Forest that at its closest above them, was a huge, cigar-shaped aerial craft perhaps 300 feet long and 1,000 feet above their heads.

**#5 Audio Airman LaPlume ( 2:08 )**

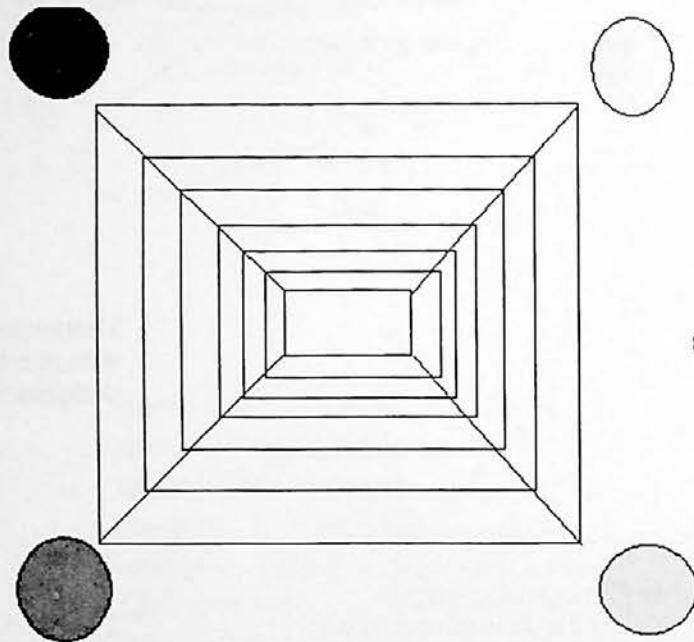
**Former RAF Bentwaters Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Steve LaPlume:**

*"This craft was maybe about 1,000 feet off the ground. It just seemed*

*like a huge cigar shape. And when it got over us, I remember seeing some lights underneath. I remember seeing there was a structure and there was like a square hatch-looking thing. I was pretty sure I was looking at a UFO.*

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CRAFT UNDER SIDE



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From where I stood looking stright up at teh underside saw this which I felt at the time was a hatch of some sort. I remember these colored lights but am not sure if they are in the right position.

I was focused on this and the colored lights when it was over me. Almost like a fog around my perifrial vision. So the rest of the underside i have no clue what it looke dlake. But I remember it being a structured craft.

*And then the craft started moving towards the right, went up in elevation into the clouds and turned into one of the stars and that was the last we saw of it.*

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*Palmer looked at me and I looked at him and he said, 'Do you want to call that in?' And I said, 'Hell, no!' And he said, 'OK.' We never really talked about it again after that. We never told anybody about it because we didn't want the ridicule and the other B. S. that was going to come down on us.*

*HOW LONG DO YOU THINK YOU AND PALMER WATCHED IT CLOSE ABOVE YOU?*

*Well, from the time I realized it was not an airplane and was over the Rendlesham forest to the time it got to where we were standing and it was over our heads, it would have taken maybe twenty seconds. And then when it was over our heads, I don't think it was over our heads ten seconds.*

*SO AT LEAST A 30-SECOND-SIGHTING. THEN WHAT HAPPENED TO IT?*

*It moved off towards our right and went up into the sky slowly, maybe at a 25 degree angle, and it just climbed in elevation and eventually went from something that looked like a craft to something that looked like a star and faded in with the stars. This was not of this Earth. Nothing I've seen could come close to what this craft was doing.*

*WHAT ARE THE IMPLICATIONS OF ALL THESE EVENTS IN THE RENDLESHAM FOREST IN DECEMBER 1980 TO JANUARY 1981, AND PERHAPS EVEN BEYOND TO OTHER RELATED PHENOMENA AROUND THE EARTH, MAYBE AT OTHER MILITARY INSTALLATIONS THAT NONE OF US HAVE HEARD ABOUT EVEN YET?*

*Yeah, here we are 30 years later. We still have no clear answers about what is going on. When you have UFO craft flying over nuclear weapons storage areas and nobody seems to have a grip on what the aerial objects are. You'd think that would be kind of important.*

*AND WHY HAVE THE GOVERNMENTS REMAINED SO SILENT?*

*I think just utter fear they couldn't! What are they going to tell the people? Something is flying over our nukes and we have no control over it?"*

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# June Crain: Witness to the UFO Crash Cover-Up

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## June Crain, Witness to the UFO Crash Cover-Up

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By James E. Clarkson

As the 50th anniversary of the 1947 UFO Crash in Roswell approached, the U.S. Air Force responded to the increased public interest by publishing the now infamous report called *ROSWELL-CASE CLOSED*. The media aired stories about how Project Mogul, along with a few misidentified dummies, was what really had caused all the uproar about aliens and saucers in the desert and accusations of a grand government deception.

In the small town of Ocean Shores on the Washington coast, a 72 year-old woman was outraged by the *Balloons and Dummies* story on CNN. The Air Force media campaign to discredit the Roswell Crash was about to seriously backfire. That elderly lady was known to her many friends as June Kaba, but in 1942 she was June Crain when she went to work as a clerk at Wright Field in her home town of Dayton, Ohio. She was 18 years old. Later she married one of the enlisted men and became June Cabbage.

During the next 10 years she worked for the Army Air Corps, which became the United States Air Force in 1947. Along the way Wright Field became Wright Patterson Air Force Base, and although her employment was interrupted by pregnancy and later illness, she was steadily promoted and attained a high level security clearance.

June Crain worked hard all of her life—she started working at Wright Field in 1942 when she was 18 years old. The papers she gave me, now augmented and verified by the National Archives, show a steady series of promotions leading to her last position as a Clerk-Stenographer in 1951.

June Crain became partially blind after a life-threatening illness in 1954. In 1957 her first husband was killed by a drunk driver on the 14th anniversary of their marriage in front of

their home in Portland, Oregon. She almost lost her son and only child in the same accident.

Despite her visual disability she learned carpentry and she was able to remodel and sell 15 homes in the Portland area. She was proud that she had carried mortgages for people who otherwise would not have qualified to purchase a home. She succeeded well enough to eventually help her son graduate from Stanford University.

Her physical strength remained even after two bouts with cancer. When I visited June's home, I found her gardening or remodeling the interior woodwork of her home. She was physically active until cancer incapacitated her for the last time.

June Kaba was a well-known philanthropist in her community of Ocean Shores, Washington. She led a charity campaign that succeeded in raising funds to build a new library.

In 1993 she was 68 years old when I met her for the first time. I had just completed my lecture on UFO's to about two dozen people in the new Ocean Shores Library, a bright modern building that existed largely due to her efforts.

June approached me afterwards and told me that I was right—that our Government does know much more than it ever admits publicly about UFO's. I asked her how she knew this. She said, *"Because I worked there."* I asked her for details and she said, *"I can't tell you—they'll come and arrest me."*

At the time I had this first conversation with June, she knew me as a guest lecturer in the local library, a State Section Director for the Mutual UFO Network, but in the same lecture I had admitted what I did for a living—I was the Detective Sergeant for the Aberdeen, Washington Police Department. I have since learned from copies of her service record obtained from the National Archives that the last document she signed in 1952 was a reminder to abide by her security oath. In her mind there were excellent reasons not to confide in me right away.

When I met June I noted how she looked me straight in the eye and her manner of speech told me that she spoke with conviction. I knew that there was something very special about what she had to say about UFO's. I didn't know how it would happen, but I hoped that someday she would relate her story.

In 1997 June called me and it was obvious that she had made up her mind. She began discussing the CNN news story ROSWELL-CASE CLOSED. She summed it up succinctly—*"It's a damned lie!"* I mentioned that the last time we had talked; she did not want to tell me why she was so certain that the government lies about UFO's. Then she said something that I will never forget, *"I'm 72 years old; I've outlived two husbands and survived cancer twice. What are they going to do—shoot me or put me in prison? I can do either one."*

That comment signified the beginning of the most fascinating investigation of my 24-year career. Talking to June, listening to her account of working at Wright Field for the Army Air Corps, I glimpsed how our military struggled with the reality of extra terrestrial contact. Equally important, I was honored with the friendship of a brave woman who remained kind and optimistic despite tragedy and illness. In bringing this story to you, I am honoring a promise made to a friend who has since passed away.

The disclosures that follow were made a little over a year before June Crain died on August 23, 1998. Knowing that she probably did not have much more time, she decided to end her long silence. I point this out because there is not a court in the world that does not lend additional credence to statements made by those believe that they do not have long to live.

In 1990 June Crain related some aspects of what she learned about UFO's at Wright Patterson Air Force Base to UFO researcher Kevin Randle. She would not allow her name to be used and she was afraid to give full disclosure. The details that she did relate in 1990 are identical to those that she disclosed in 1997.

Further, at no time during our conversations did she embellish or exaggerate her account of these experiences. As an experienced interviewer I watched for any indications that she would alter details or expand her recollections. She simply told her story as she knew it.

Aside from the subject of UFO's, June related detailed information about working in the laboratories where technology such as gun sight aperture cameras, ejection seats, and heavy payload parachutes were developed and refined. She spoke about the Aerobee rocket, an early atmospheric sounding rocket.

June knew about security procedures—she was in charge of a series of safes and it was her responsibility to make certain that classified documents were dispersed and retrieved from those persons with a correct security clearance and a need to know. Where she worked every bit of information had to be placed in a safe after work hours, including typewriter ribbons. Bear in mind that when June performed these duties there were no computers. One of the many documents that she gave me is a letter of commendation from the Wright Air Development Center congratulating her on developing a device to maintain the security of safe combinations.



*Young June Crain*

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## June Crain made three important statements related to UFO's:

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■ She emphasized that amongst the scientists and engineers in the classified laboratories where she was employed, it was common knowledge that UFO's were intelligently controlled, that they were not man-made, and that they were frequently present at rocket test sites. She stated that she heard this directly from scientists and engineers who were sent to the White Sands Proving Grounds in New Mexico.

■ June described specifically how those scientists and engineers were discouraged from making official reports by being detained for a period of 24 hours for what was called a 'debriefing.'

■ Finally, she told me that during her last period of employment at Wright Patterson Air Force Base that she heard discussions about not one, but three instances of crashed extraterrestrial vehicles recovered and concealed by our military by 1952.

It should be noted that June Crain was legally blind most of her life as the result of a serious illness in 1954. She did not own a library of UFO books and she could not have read them even if she did. Further, few UFO researchers are aware of multiple crash recovery events handled by the US military.

I am continuing to research her background. More and more details of what she related, aside from UFO-related information, have been verified. For example, she told me that a man named Knacke "*wrote the bible on parachutes.*" I located a highly obscure and technical research paper called "*High-Altitude Parachute Recovery*" by T. W. Knacke, published as part of symposium proceedings from PHYSICS and MEDICINE of the Upper Atmosphere—A Study of the Aeropause, University of New Mexico Press, Albuquerque 1952, pgs. 447-456.

For a woman who had faced serious illness and who was recalling events from 50 years prior, the accuracy of the details she related was astounding.

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## June Crain had two more specific experiences related to UFO's

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The first experience involved a man she recalled as Master Sgt. Clarence. Over the span of 50 years she was unable to recall his last name. However, she did keep two photos of his wedding. The key incident occurred one morning at about 7:30 am while she was having coffee with the other employees in a break area. Master Sgt. Clarence entered and said that, "*Last night I flew in from New Mexico with bodies and pieces of a saucer.*" The bodies were described as bluish green and about 4 ft. tall. They were not human.

Later that same morning a courier was sent from the commanding officer of the Base. He was carrying what June described as a *Too Hot Memo*, meaning that each employee or military member had to immediately stop what they were doing, read the memo and sign, agreeing to abide by its security restrictions. The memo specified that there were rumors around the base that someone had flown in bodies and parts of a saucer. Everyone was warned that they would be fined or imprisoned if they spoke about the subject again.

The second incident refers to what happened when an officer approached June's desk and pulled a very odd piece of metal out of his pocket. The officer teased June by inviting her to "*Tear it up.*" June stated that she used her scissors and tried every way she knew to dent, scratch, or damage the metal to no avail. When she folded or bent the metal and then put it down, it would return to its original shape with no wrinkles. She was amazed that anything could be that strong and yet be "*light as a feather.*"

She was overcome with curiosity. She asked the officer where it came from and he said, "*It's a piece of a space ship.*" I made the mistake of asking June if the officer was serious. She sternly advised me that these were not men who joked very much.

I asked June to think about that metal in the light of all the developments in the field of plastics and alloys of the last 50 years; she emphasized that she had never handled anything else like that and her life.

Just this year there has been a critically important revelation about the *Memory Metal* and its link to Roswell and Wright-Patterson AFB.

Anthony Braglia has researched the origins of NITINOL, a nickel and titanium alloy originally developed by Battelle, Inc. of Columbus, Ohio.<sup>43</sup>

It turns out 1947 was the year Wright-Patterson contracted with Battelle to study the *shape-recovery* properties of a nickel-titanium alloy. And as if this wasn't enough, the First and Second Progress Reports from Battelle to Wright-Patterson AFB cannot be found. No doubt they have been *misplaced* with the missing communications from Walker Army Air Field in Roswell from 1947 as well!

This information increases the credibility of June's account of an officer who was probably flirting with her in a top secret facility at WPAFB, showing her a highly classified remnant of the Roswell Crash, a piece of metal with uncanny strength and resiliency.

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## PROJECT CAUCASIAN- TOP SECRET

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During any interview where details are provided, such as names, places, and events, the quest is to determine whether or not these details can be independently verified.

Throughout the time I heard June's recollections of her work at Wright-Patterson AFB, I was impressed by the details she recalled, but also by how she remained aware of places where her recollection was incomplete.

In the key interview with June, she mentioned *Project Caucasian*, a code name for a project so sensitive that she was only allowed to work on portions of it. At the time she described what she recalled, there were no references available to the public; the project remained classified. In June's words:

*"And so this was a project so secret that the paper had to be held ...it had to go right from one person to the other"*

*and then back to its original beginning and put in the safe...and it was named **Caucasian**. And this project was right after this last in fifty-two (52) it was right after those bodies came to the base...now I was cleared for Q, and it was so secret that I wasn't allowed to read the whole thing. I had a very small portion of it...I left a piece of carbon paper in the drawer and I got in trouble over it. And ...it was very secret, to this day I don't remember what that paragraph was."*

Yet again subsequent events proved June's description was accurate. Some of her personnel documents identified her assignment as the *Parachute Branch*. In 2001 the details of *Project Caucasian* were declassified:

When a tentative 50,000 lb., six-foot diameter, 20-foot long hydrogen bomb size was established in 1951, LASL advocated that the Air Force conduct drop tests using a drogue parachute to slow the falling bomb and allow the delivery aircraft more time to escape the blast. An immediate requirement was the development of a large parachute to support 50,000 lbs. dropped at release speeds in excess of 300 knots (345 mph) at altitudes between 35,000 and 45,000 feet.<sup>44</sup>

If a person worked in an environment where they were routinely involved with highly classified military research, and if we accept that Wright-Patterson and the laboratories associated with the Foreign Technology Division were one of the major destinations for the Roswell debris and the alien bodies, how great of a supposition is the idea that June Crain was exposed to the details of the military response to crashed extraterrestrial vehicles?

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### Interview with Dr. Wernher von Braun?

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Our first discussion about June's work history was about Dr. Wernher von Braun, arguably the most famous of the rocket scientists brought from Germany to the US after WWII via Project Paperclip. She stated that one night she was required to accompany an armed officer who escorted her to a secure area on the base where she was required to take dictation from a man whom she described as having "very cold eyes."

We discussed this interview with the famous scientist several times. It was June who brought up the lack of historical references to Wernher von Braun ever having been to Wright-Patterson AFB. She told me that she could find no such reference in a biography titled Wernher von Braun by Erik Bergaust, National Space Institute, Washington, DC,

1976. I could not find any reference either in this or other biographies. I have since checked four other histories related to Project Paperclip scientists brought to the US, and biographies specifically about Dr. von Braun. I have still not found such a reference.

June gave me an obituary for Dr. Wernher von Braun from the *Oregonian* from June 18, 1977; Dr. von Braun passed away on June 16, 1977. She wrote question marks next to the details of his residence and assignments. When she gave me the article she pointed out that there was no mention that he had ever been at WPAFB, but she was adamant she had taken dictation from him for an important report related to obtaining funding for rocket research:

*In '51 they weren't working on personnel chutes, they were working on the Aerobee rocket that's when we was working on the beginning of the space program and that is when I took the dictation to start this space program I took it from Dr. Wernher von Braun I spent three (3) hours interviewing him. I went back to the lab. I wrote the report and this officer, a lieutenant colonel came to pick me up because they gave the job to me because none of the other girls would do it. They didn't have the speed to take dictation and they were afraid with his German accent they may not understand the words, highly technical, highly technical words, and I had the intelligence to do it and so they said you are going to do it. And so I went and took the dictation for three (3) hours and asking certain questions to keep everything clear. Went back to the lab and the officer told me, "You can't go home; you are going to finish this before you go home tonight. Cause it is highly sensitive." And so I stayed there until three (3) in the morning writing that up and he didn't. And the thing, the biggest thing, the most rewarding words I've ever had said in my life were, when I was through doing the job, he said "June, if we get this \$600.000 and this space program, starts you will have had your moment in history." And to me, I have never forgotten that!"*

This revelation was another example of why I believe June's testimony is of extraordinary importance. When she related this anecdote about the late night dictation and the praise from the officer about having a "moment in history," June's eyes filled with tears. They were tears of pride; her work for the Air Force was a major achievement in her life.

They were also tears of regret. She later added she was offered a position in the fledgling US Space Program, but her husband wanted to leave Ohio, and he resented her accomplishments. It was a time of more traditional social values, so she chose to follow her husband to Oregon when he was discharged.

The mystery does not end there. In preparation for this Conference, I located a witness who knew Dr. von Braun very well to the end of his end of his life. I was really hopeful; there was a promised opportunity for an interview, and for no apparent reason, the promise was broken, and I don't know yet if June interviewed Dr. Wernher von Braun or perhaps, another of the Paperclip scientists.

## JUNE CRAIN (CUBBAGE) LIST OF IMPORTANT NAMES

June gave me a handwritten list of people she considered important to her work at Wright-Patterson AFB. I am including this list in the hope that anyone reading this article might have information and would send it so that the research into her story might continue.

### German Scientists at WPAFB

Wernher von Braun  
Helmet Grass (sp.?)  
Mr. Knacke  
Mr. Hegele  
Dr. Heinrick

### Officers in Parachute Branch

Lt. Col. McComb (with notation *AF Chief of Br.*)  
Lt. Matsomoto  
Maj. Haight (with notation *Project Engineer D-4 Dozer Dropping by Parachute*)

### Civilians

Judy Hitzenhammer (lived in Dayton, Ohio)  
Frank Vlastic (Project Engineer Aerobee (V-2) with notation: *Evaluated saucer sightings for Project Blue Book*; also, additional note: *My immediate supervisor.*)

### Others on List

Capt. Palmer  
Lt. Rose  
Sgt. Clarence ?  
Lt. Wheeler  
M. Madaffer  
Chas. Moser (with notation: *D.O. unc. word. and 8? yr. older*)

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### What is most important about June Crain's story?

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- First, her government service file proves that she did work in various facilities at Wright- Patterson AFB where classified research was conducted and that she did handle sensitive material as part of her duties.
- Second, she did not publicize her experiences for money or recognition.
- Anyone who knew June would agree that integrity was very important for her. Her pride and loyalty were the causes of her dilemma—she was bound by her loyalty oath and yet she had no tolerance for deception by anyone, especially any official, at any level of government, as some questionable local politicians had learned to their regret.
- She believed that the public deserves to be told the truth.

In 1990 she contacted UFO researcher Kevin Randle, but she was afraid to be identified by name. Part of her story was used in Kevin Randle's book, The Truth About the UFO Crash at Roswell under a pseudonym, but she would not make further disclosures.

Finally, her story did not change over time. She did not add or recant any part of it. What she told Kevin Randle in 1990 was consistent with what she told me seven years later. During our conversations she could have and I believe, would have, embellished or exaggerated her exposure to UFO-related information, if she was delusional from illness or age, or deliberately deceptive.

In retrospect I wish that I had spent more evenings at her dining room table looking out at the many flowers and trees that had thrived under her hand. We watched raccoons and possums come and go — she had named them and she fed them all. We swapped life stories. I believe that she needed a friend in her life at that point as much as I did.

But much more importantly, I respected June Crain as a woman who had faced tragedy, adversity, and illness with determination and a commitment to help others in too many ways to be described in this short testimony.

No doubt her revelations will be condemned by the debunkers and the *special agents in investigator's clothing* because she may have erred on small details or because her memory wasn't perfect after 50 years. The facts remain — the documents she gave me, now verified by the National Archives, speak for themselves. Given her position, she did work in the right place at the right time for the events described to have occurred as she described them.

As a retired police sergeant and former military police investigator with a total of 24 years experience, I found her sincere and credible.

As her friend, I was grateful to have known someone with her courage and strength of spirit. Telling her story is what I promised her. If in so doing, I am helping to end an enormous deception by our own government, then it is an honor. — James E. Clarkson



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the Chief Investigator  
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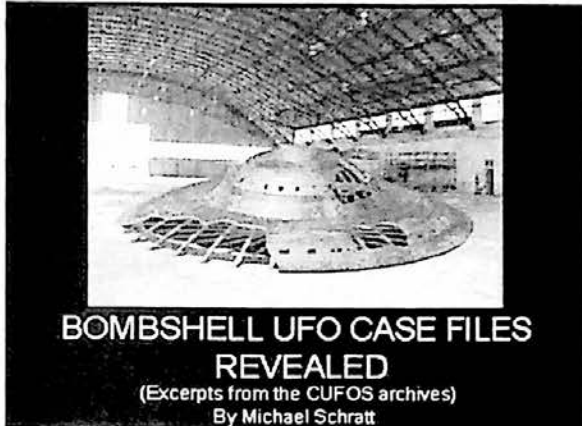
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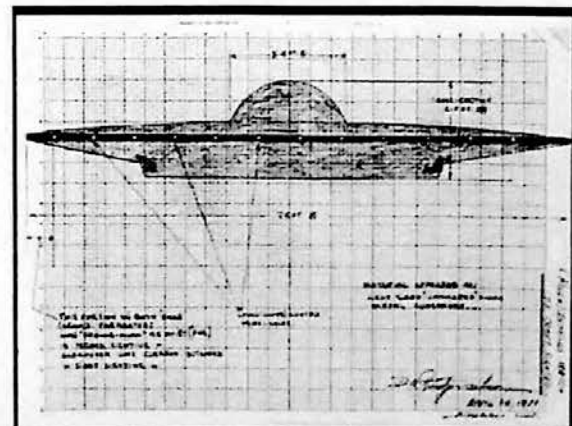
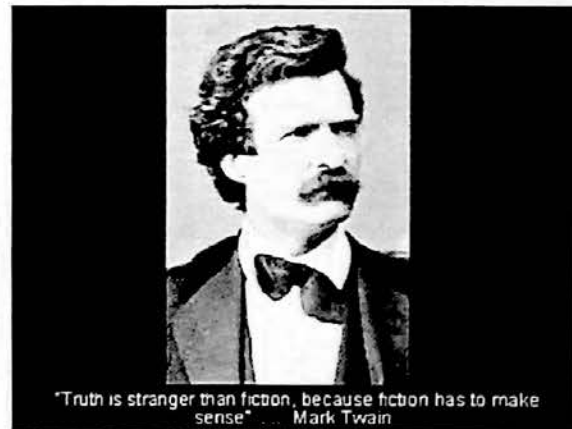


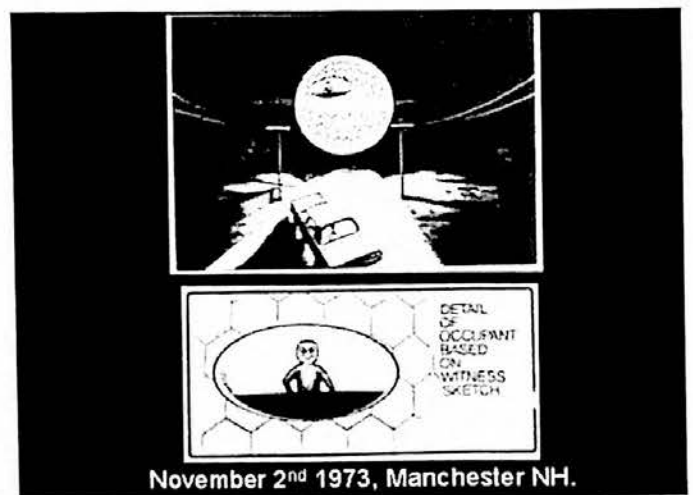
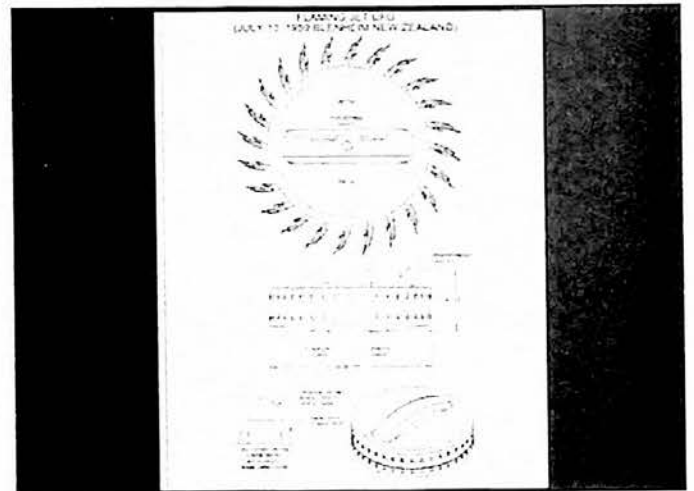
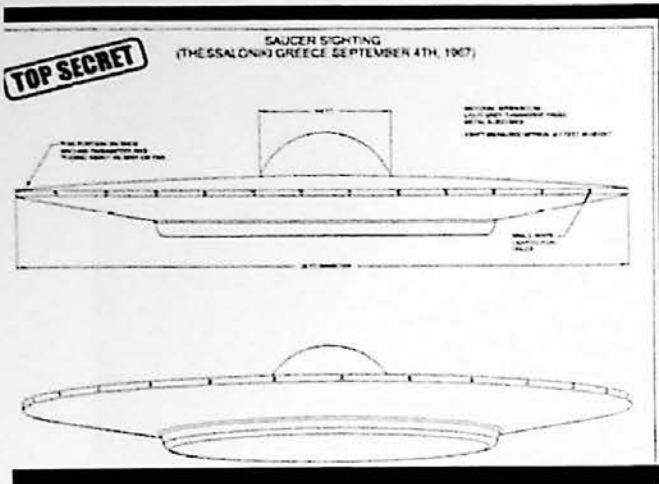
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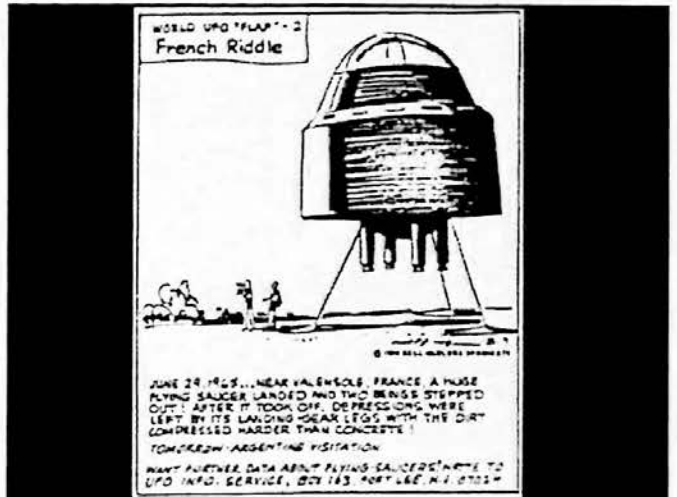
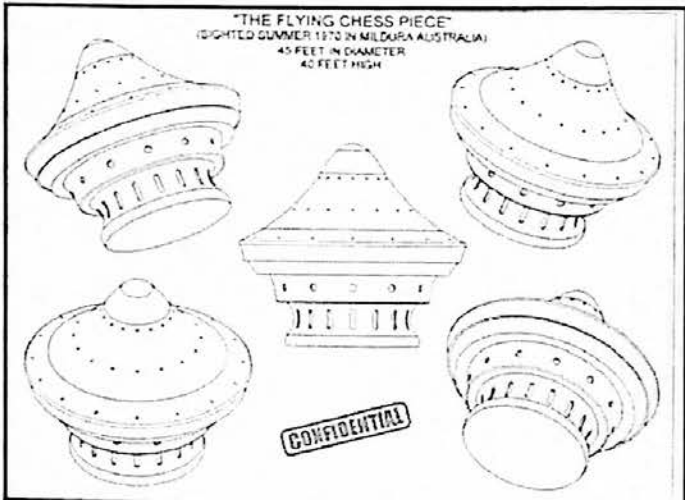
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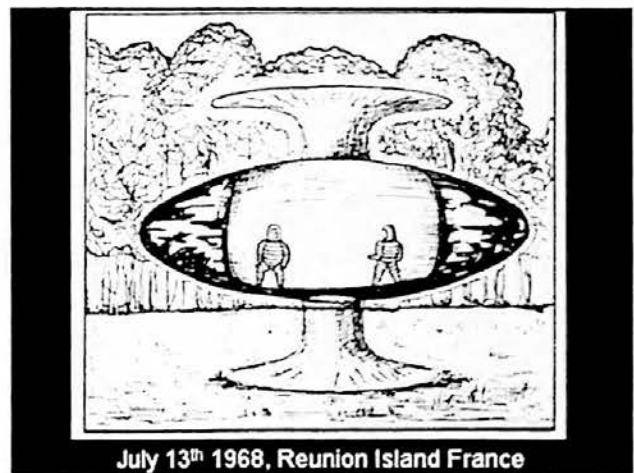
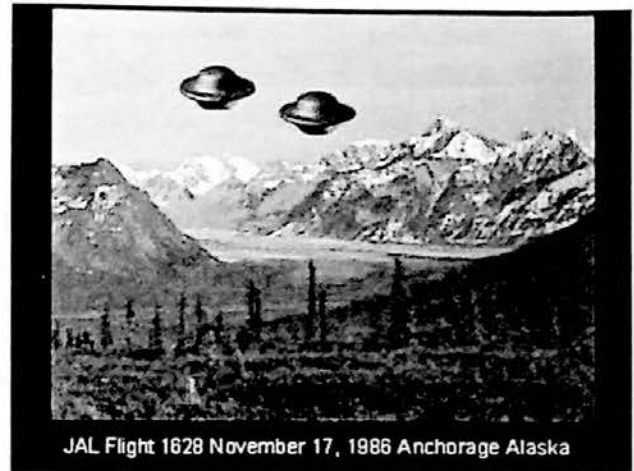
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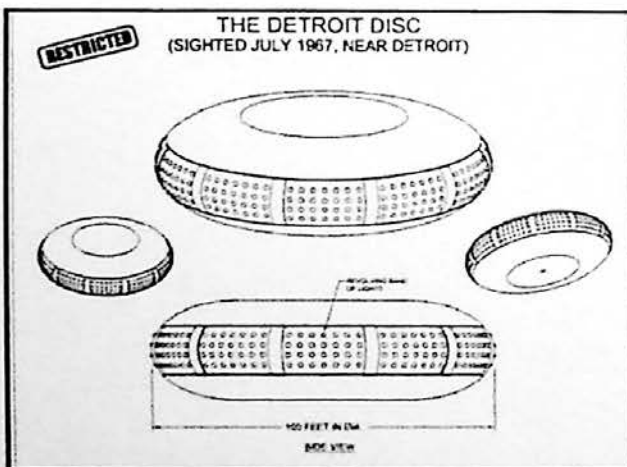


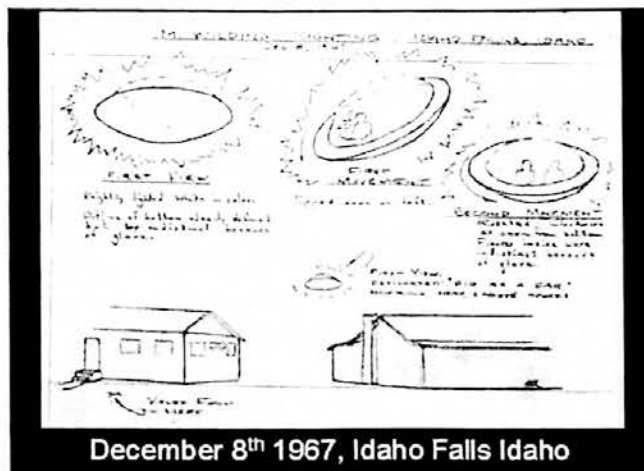
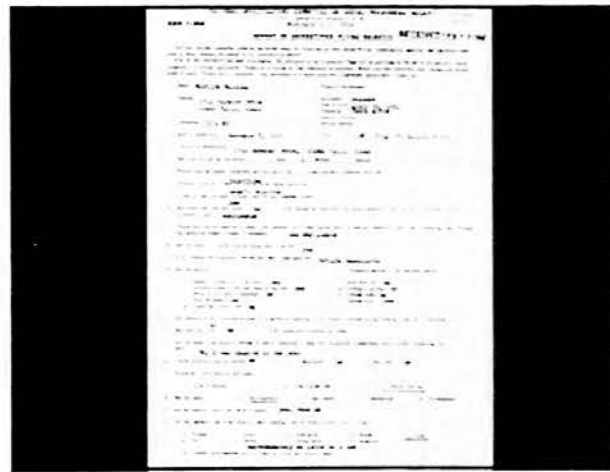
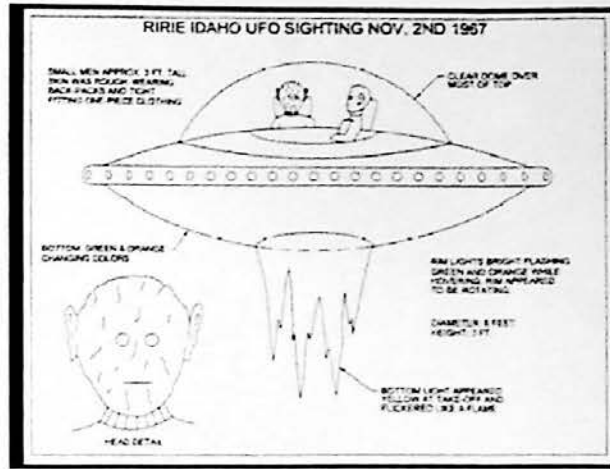


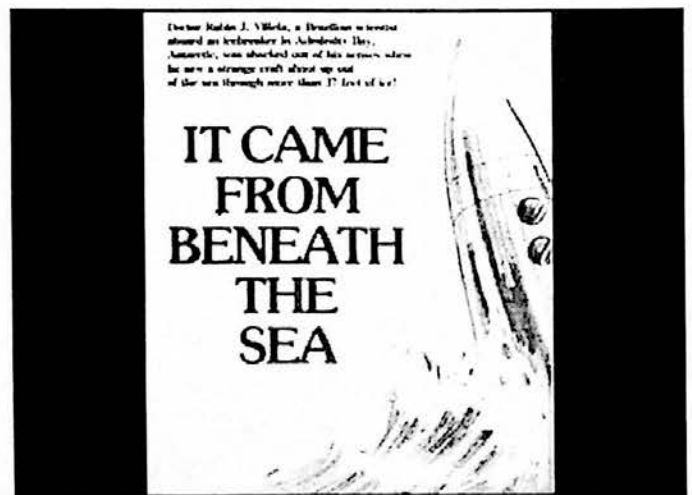
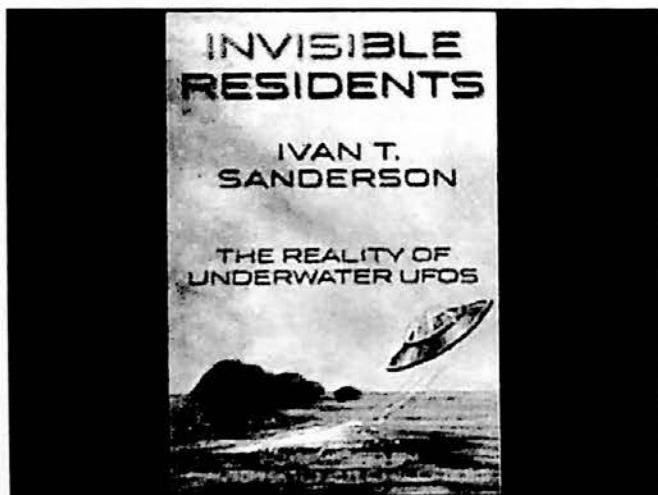
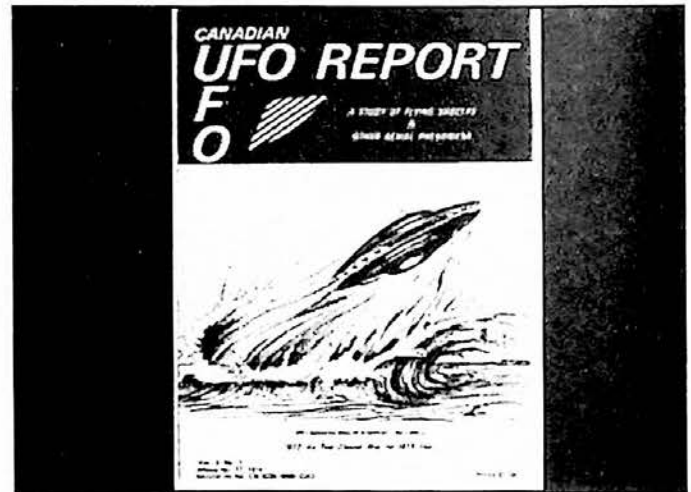
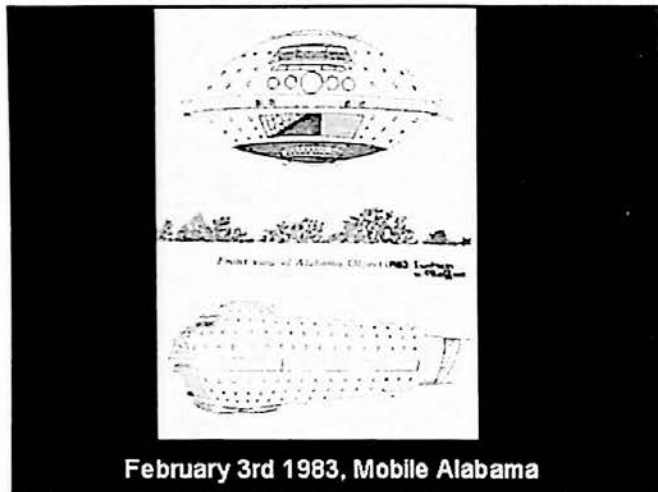






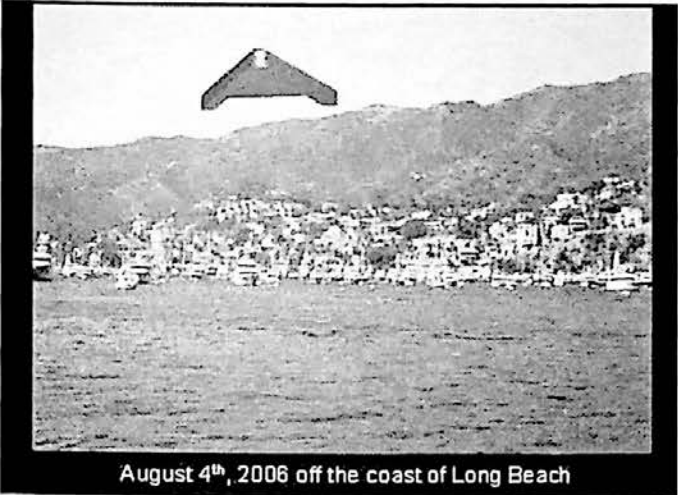
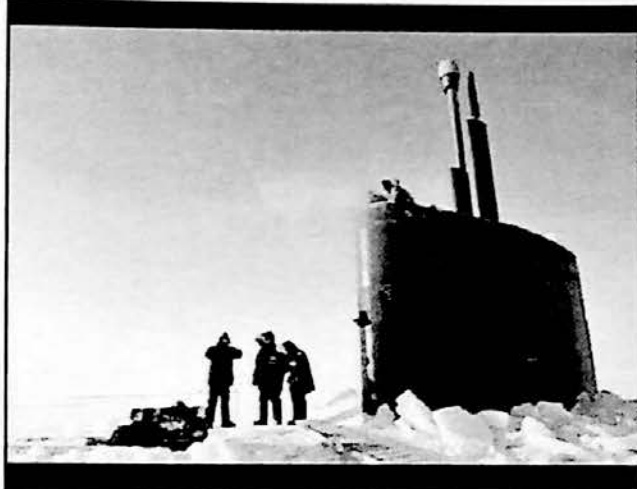




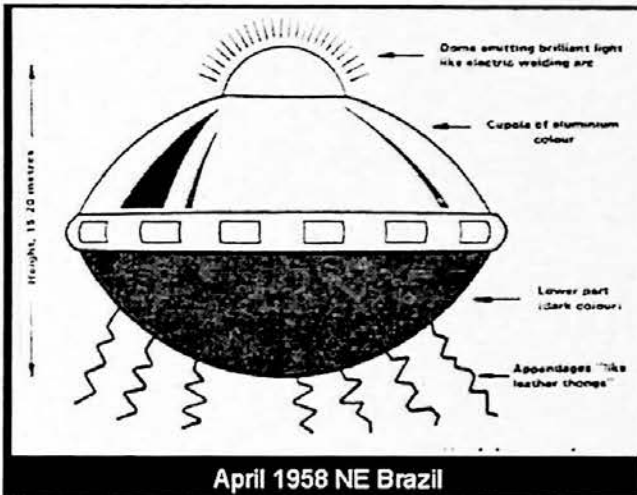




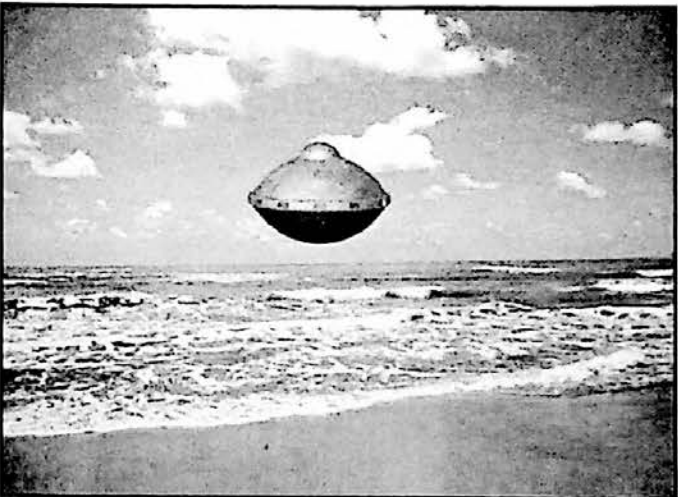
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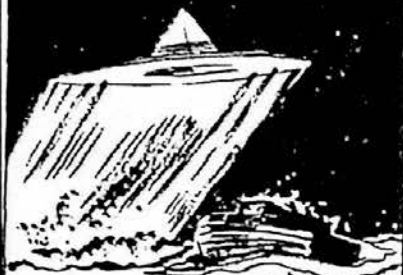
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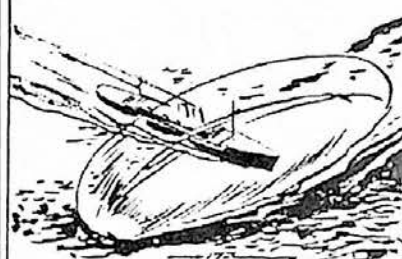


**SWIMMING SAUCERS - 1**  
**Marine Mystery**



JUNE 3, 1961, SAYONA, ITALY...  
GIACOMO BARRA AND HIS COMPANIONS FELT WAVES  
ROCKING THEIR MOTORBOAT, THEN SAW A HUGE  
UFO RISE UP OUT OF THE SEA AND SAW OFF  
THROUGH THE SKY, AS IF EQUALLY AT HOME IN THE  
OCEAN OR IN THE AIR.  
TOMORROW -  
DIVING UFO'S

**SWIMMING SAUCERS - 5**  
**UFO Liner**



1862, NEAR ASCENSION ISLE...  
A BRITISH STEAMER CAME UPON A GIGANTIC  
UFO FLOATING IN THE OCEAN, AT LEAST 800  
FEET LONG OR NEARLY AS BIG AS THE QUEEN  
ELIZABETH, WHICH SLOWLY SANK BENEATH  
THE WAVES AND  
VANISHED FROM SIGHT.  
TOMORROW -  
NIAGARA RIDDLE

**SWIMMING SAUCERS - 6**  
**Niagara Riddle**



NOV. 13, 1833...  
A CROWD ON BOTH THE AMERICAN AND CANADIAN  
SIDES SAW A PECULIAR SQUARE-SHAPED UFO  
HOVER OVER NIAGARA FALLS FOR AN HOUR...  
AFTER WHICH IT SPED AWAY TOWARD THE OCEAN.  
READERS! SEE YOUR SIGHTING ILLUSTRATED  
HERE! SEND YOUR SIGHTING IN DETAIL PLUS  
SKETCH TO... OTTO BINDER,  
"OUR SPACE AGE."  
1/2 THIS NEWSPAPER.

**NEW UFO WAVE 7 - 1**  
**UFOctagon**



MAY, 1967  
MR. X (NAME WITHHELD BY REQUEST) OF ANDERSON,  
S.C., WAS FISHING ON WARTWELL LAKE AND SAW AN  
OCTAGONAL UFO APPARENTLY PUMPING UP WATER  
THROUGH A METAL TUBE. MR. X WAS NEAR  
ENOUGH TO CAST AND STRIKE THE OBJECT, BUT  
NOBODY CAME OUT AND IT SOON SHOT AWAY  
INTO THE SKY.  
TOMORROW - DOUBLE SIGHTING

**1-1914 Sighting**



AUG. 1914, GEORGIAN BAY, CANADA... WILLIAM J.  
KIEHL AND FRIENDS ALL STARED ASTONISHED  
AT A UFO THAT LANDED ON THE BAY, WITH TWO  
LITTLE MEN IN SQUARE HELMETS HOISING UP  
WATER INTO THEIR CRAFT, AFTER WHICH IT  
FLEW AWAY SWIFTLY.  
TOMORROW -  
GIANT HUMANOIDS

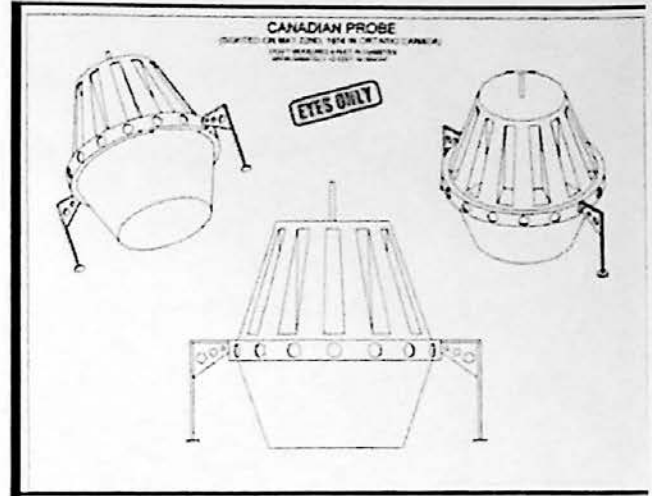
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**Oceanic**



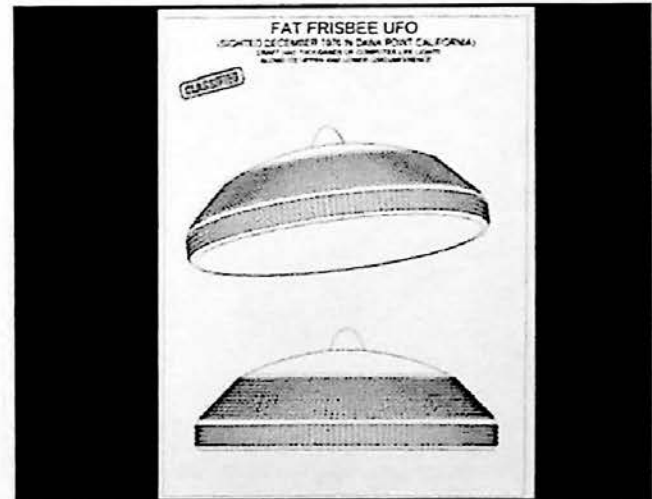
THE 8,260 SAUCER SIGHTINGS  
THAT DR. JACQUES VALLEE PUT THROUGH  
HIS COMPUTER INCLUDED 1,617 FOREIGN  
(NON-USA) REPORTS, OF WHICH FULLY HALF  
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OCEANS FOR UNKNOWN PURPOSES.  
TOMORROW - RURAL

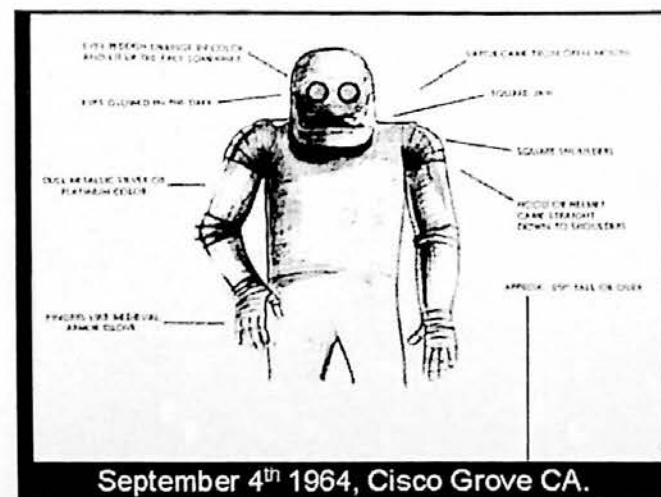
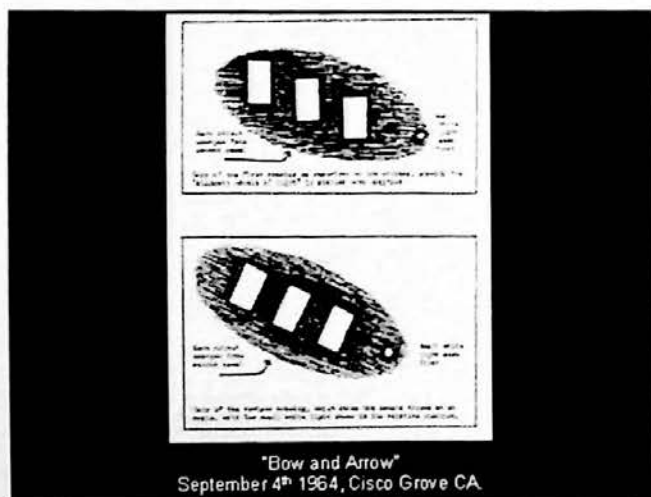


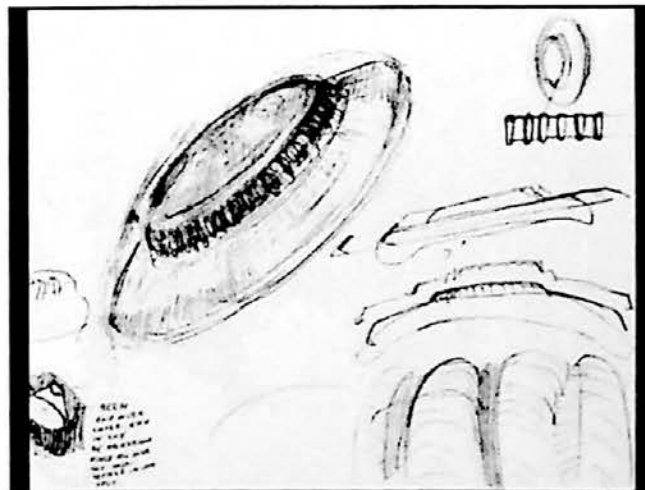
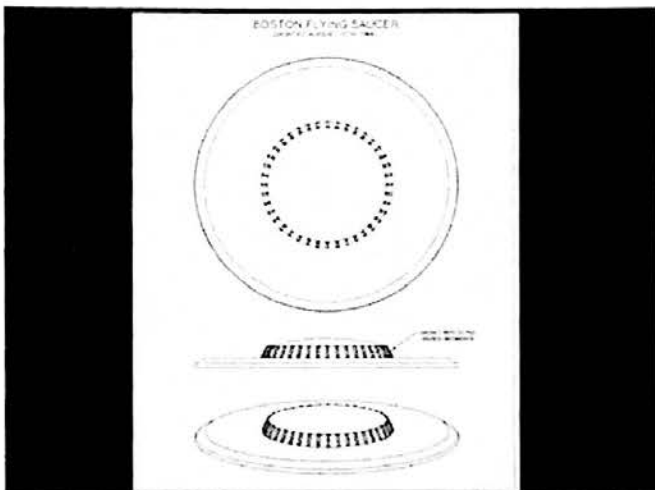
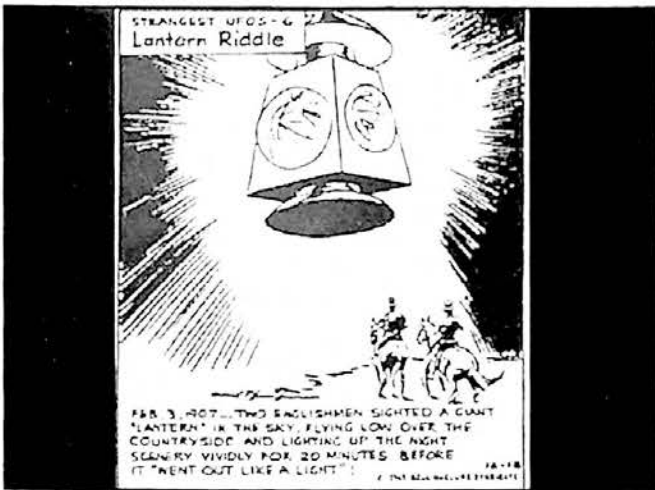
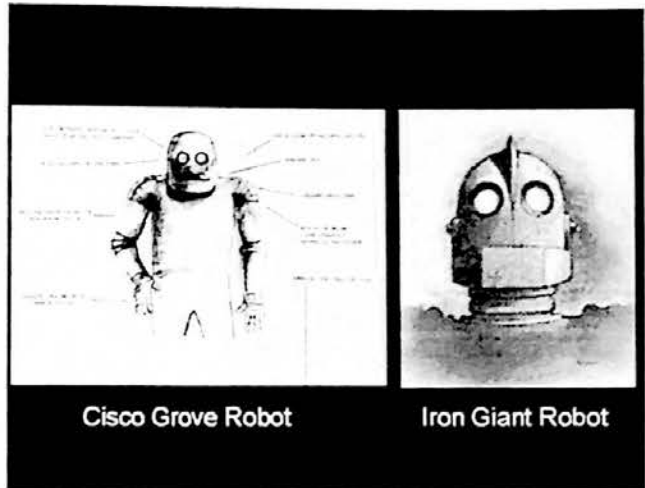
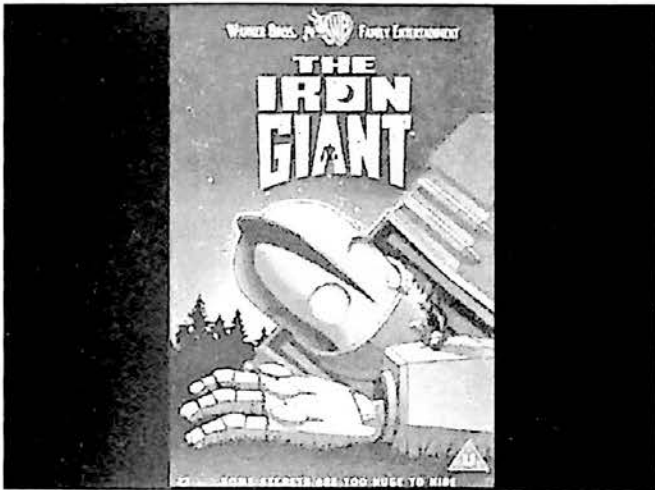
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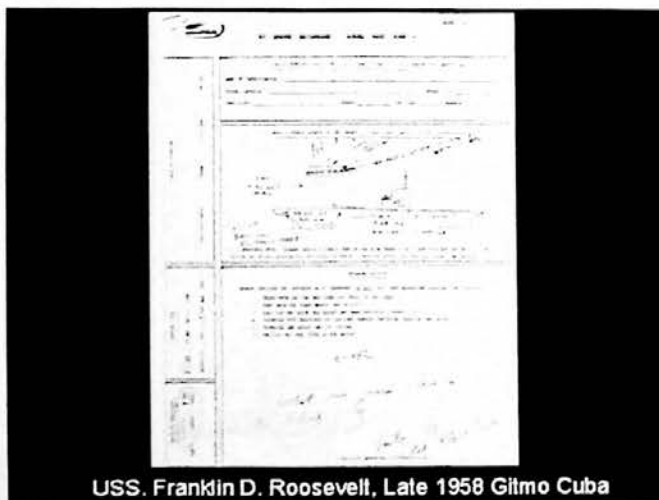
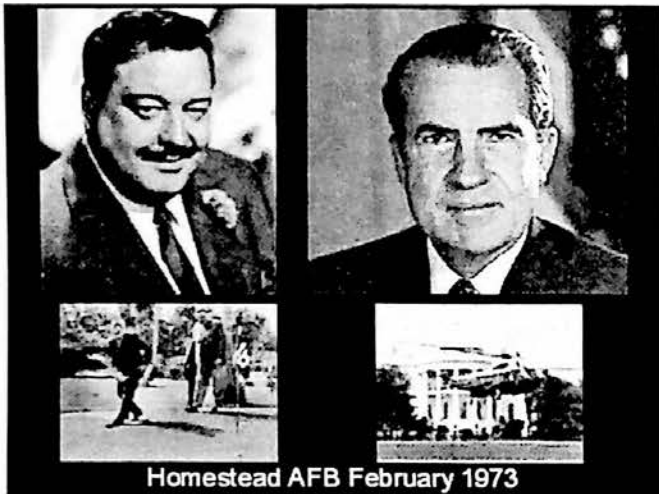
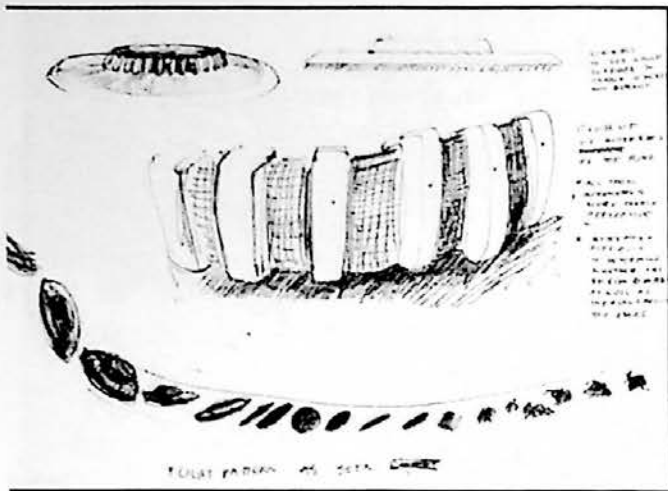


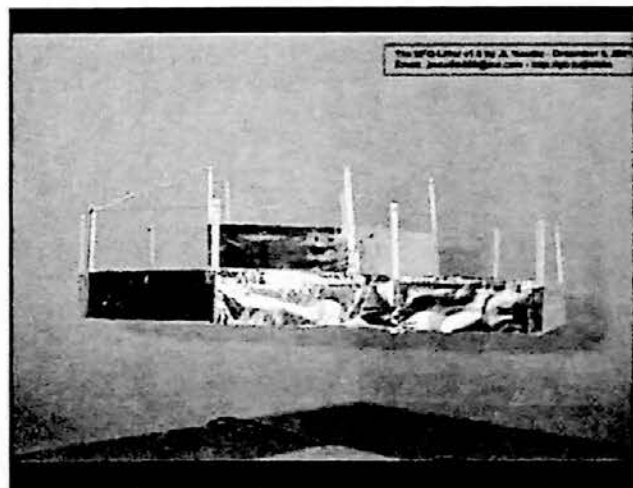
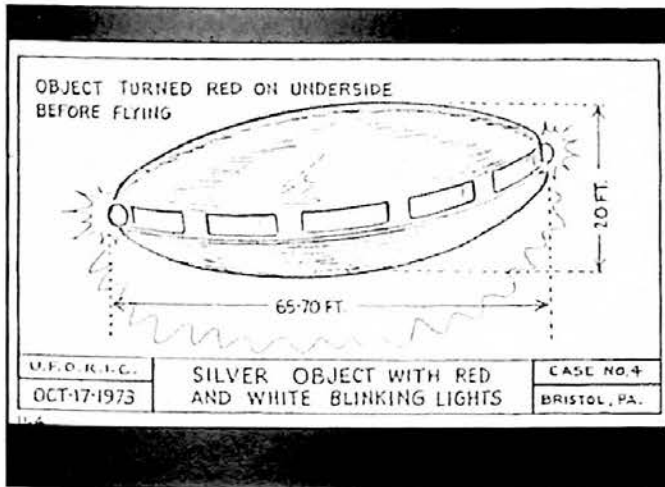
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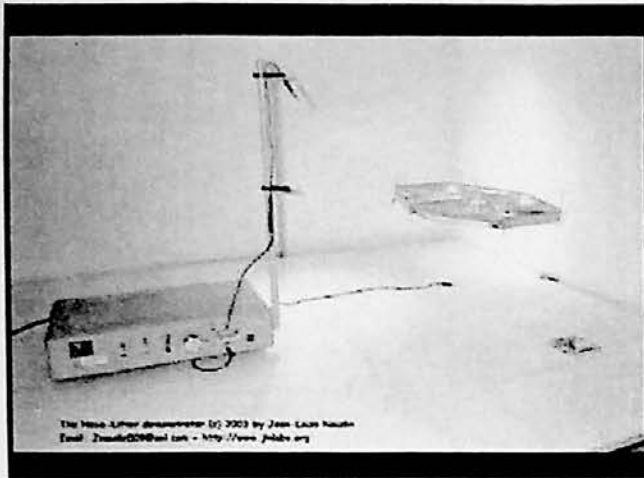




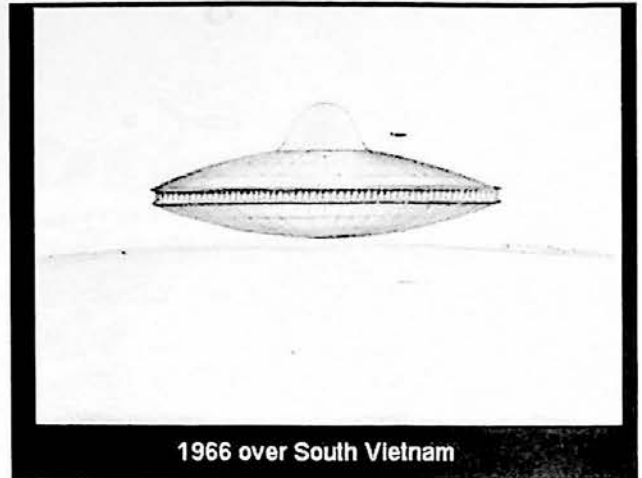




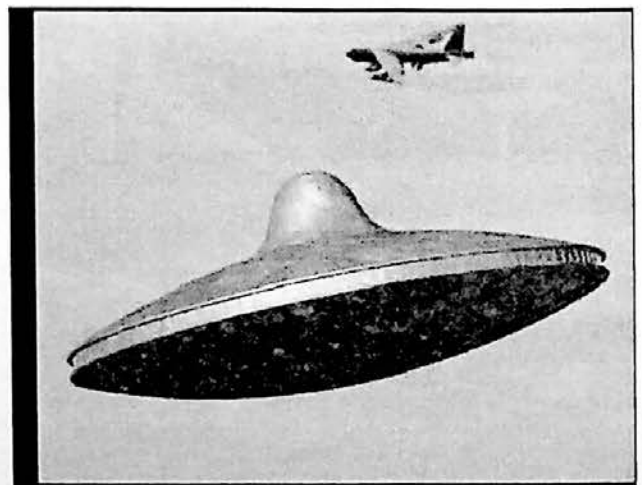
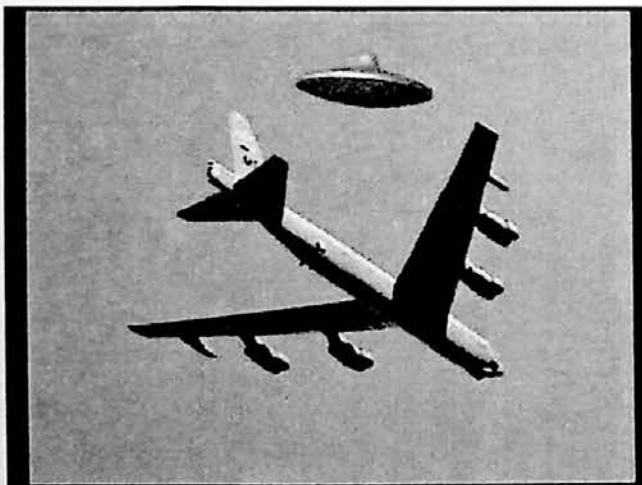
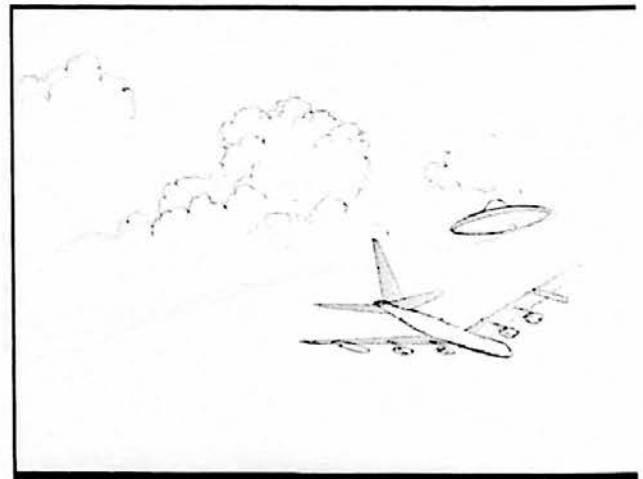
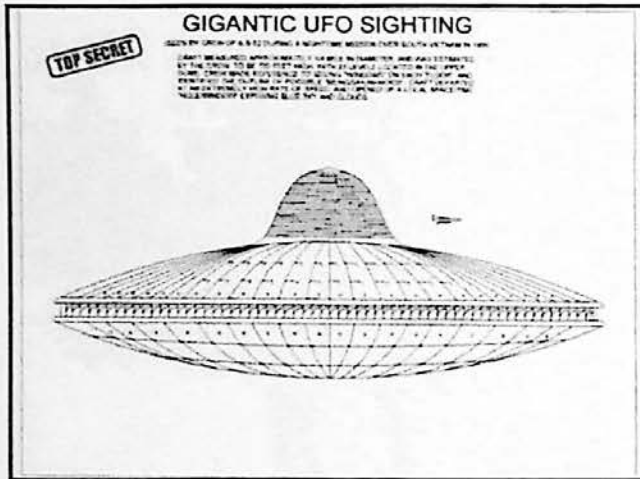


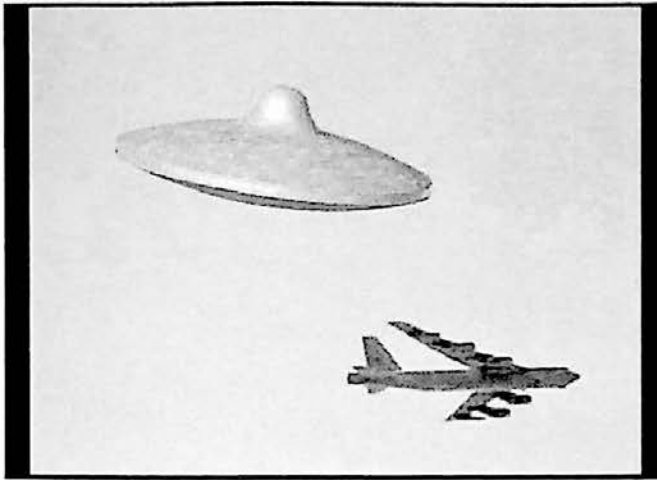


The photo shows the object (U) 2003 by Jean-Louis Hauget  
 Email: Zsuzsanna@univ-lille.fr - http://www.johde.org



1966 over South Vietnam





**Another belated UFO sighting told to J-T**

The article follows the usual line...  
It's adding this to the list of 'old' sightings...  
The writer...  
Drawing of what HE saw in May of 1967

**May 1967, Blackwell Oklahoma**

**OKLAHOMA GONDOLA UFO**  
(SIGHTED IN BLACKWELL OKLAHOMA 9:00 PM MAY 1967)

**TOP SECRET**

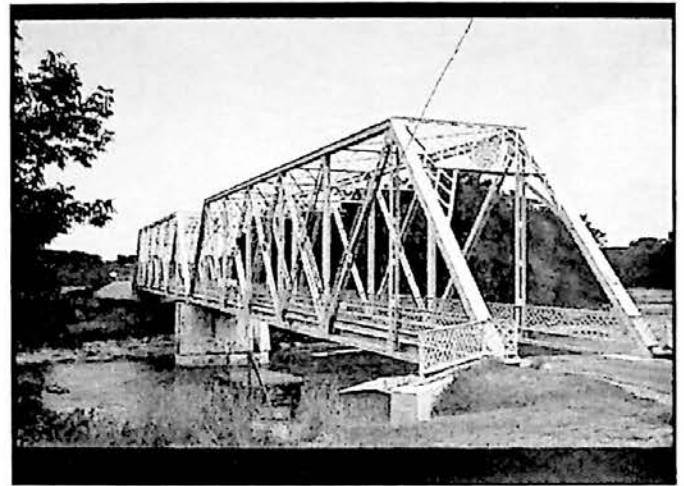
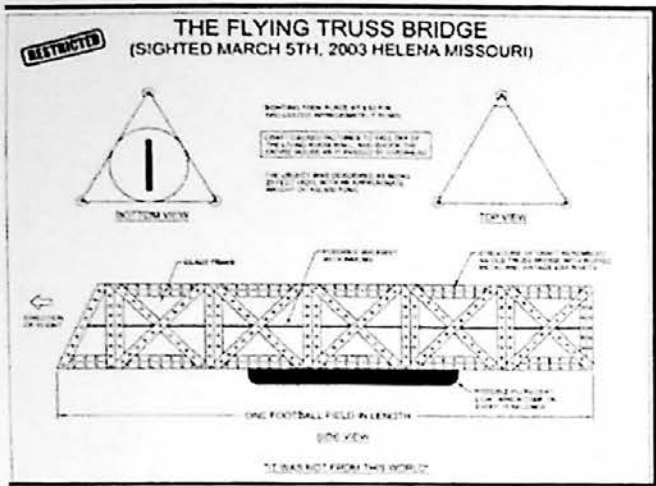
**May 1967, Blackwell Oklahoma**



**UFO Hardware-7**

IN 1952 OVER WASHINGTON, D.C. (DOCUMENTED)  
A NAVY JET SHOT AT A SMALL 2-FOOT SAUCER  
(LIKE WW II "FOES") AND DISLODGED A 1 POUND  
CHUNK OF METAL, WHICH IS IN THE USAF'S  
HANDS AS PROOF POSITIVE THAT UFO'S EXIST.  
TOMORROW - CONTINUED

**SAUCER METAL**



OFFICIAL REPORT

REPORT OF THE INVESTIGATION OF THE  
MILITARY AIR FORCE OF THE UNITED STATES  
ON THE SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED  
FLYING OBJECTS (UFO'S) ON MAY 25, 1967  
AT CASTRO VALLEY, CALIFORNIA

1. On May 25, 1967, at approximately 10:00 AM, a formation of three cylindrical objects was observed by a large number of witnesses in Castro Valley, California. The objects were described as being approximately 50-60 feet long and glowing with a deep red light. They hovered over the area for approximately 30 minutes before disappearing.

2. The sighting was reported to the local authorities and the military. A detailed investigation was conducted, involving the collection of witness statements and the analysis of the reported characteristics of the objects.

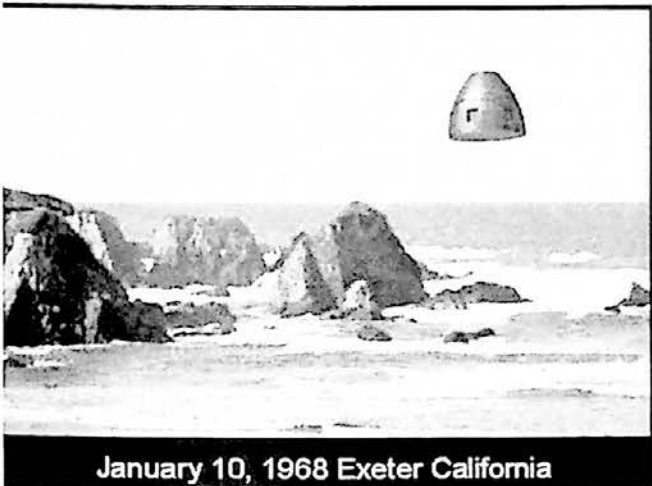
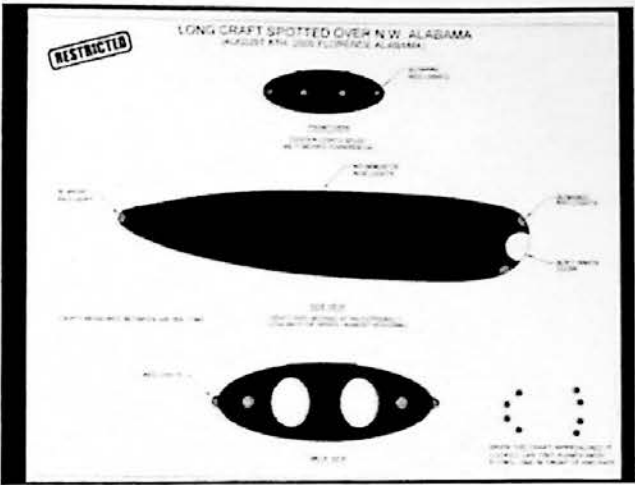
3. The investigation concluded that the objects were not conventional aircraft, as they exhibited characteristics inconsistent with known technology. The objects were identified as unidentified flying objects (UFO's).

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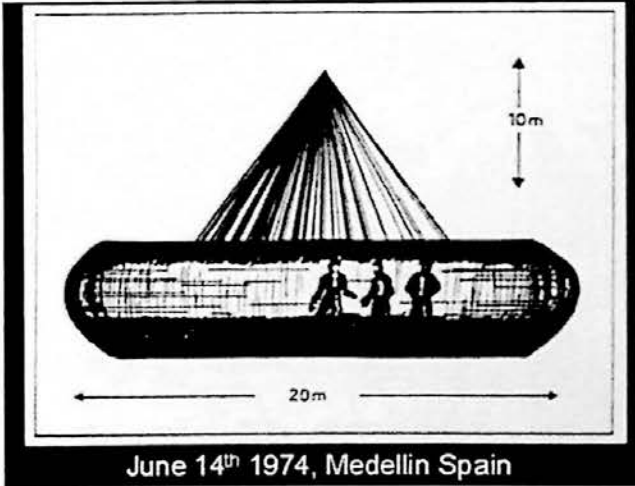
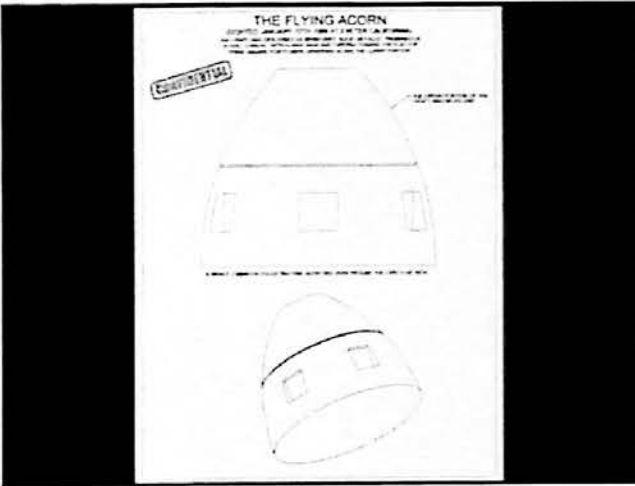




May 20, 1967 Manitoba Canada



January 10, 1968 Exeter California



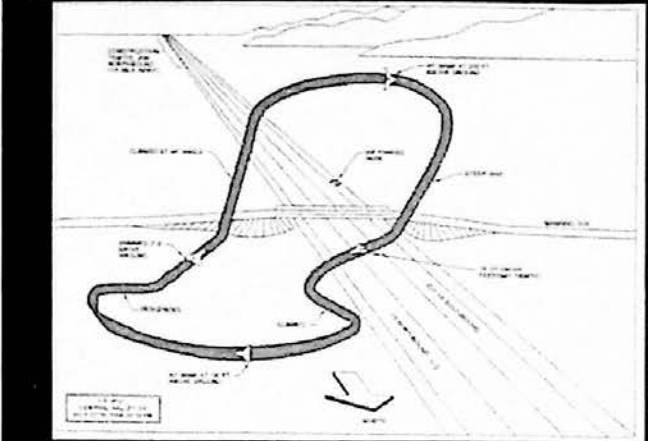
June 14<sup>th</sup> 1974, Medellin Spain

1-Flying Skull



MAY 6, 1968, 10:30 P.M. ... CAMPING OUT WITH A FRIEND, JOSEPH PLASO OF ELYRIA, OHIO, SAW AN AMAZING SKULL-SHAPED UFO SURROUNDED BY FLAMES, WHICH FLASHED DOWN AN INTENSE SEARCHLIGHT BEAM FOR SEVERAL MINUTES BEFORE FLYING AWAY.

TOMORROW - HOVERING CIGAR



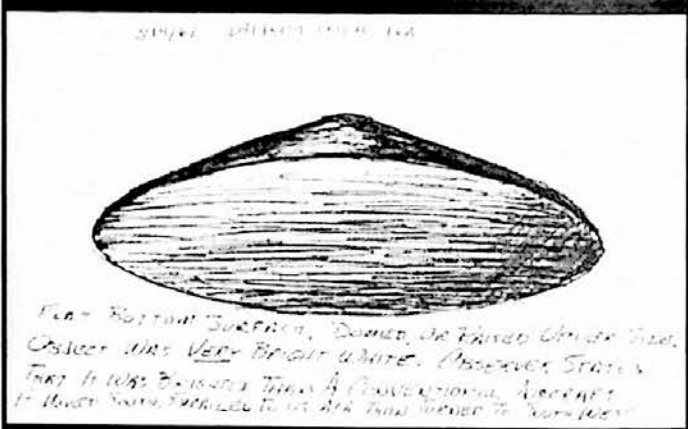
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2-Hovering Cigar



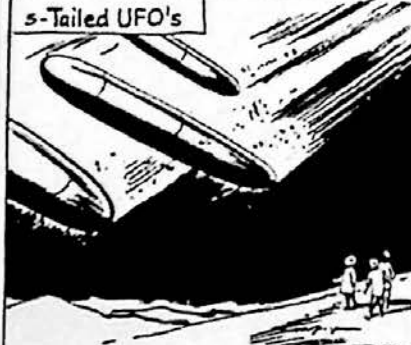
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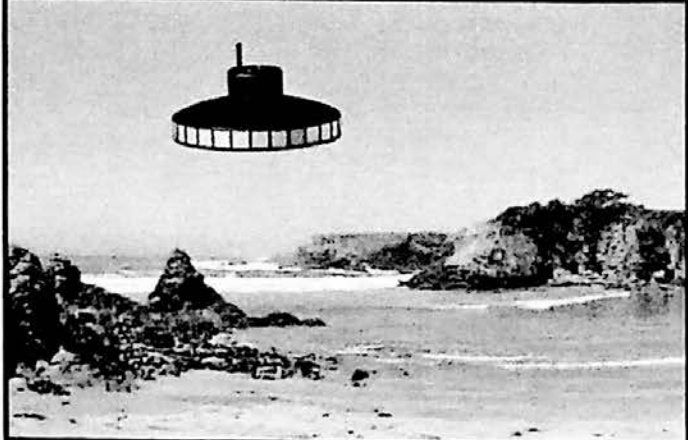
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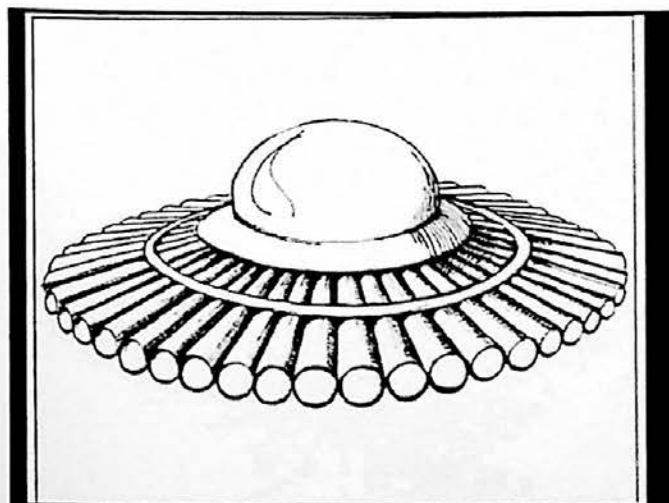
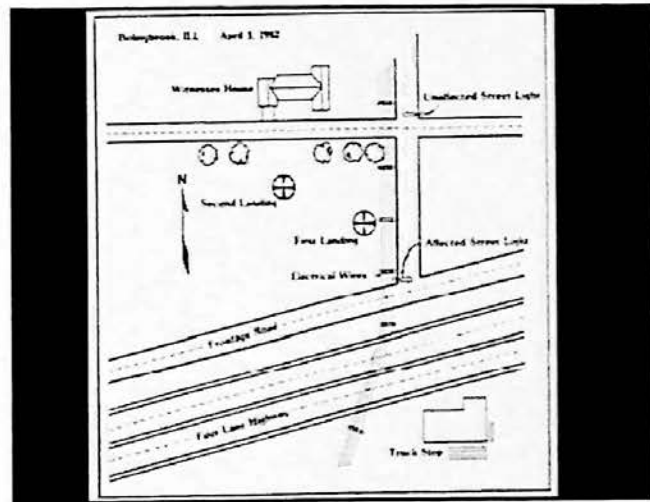
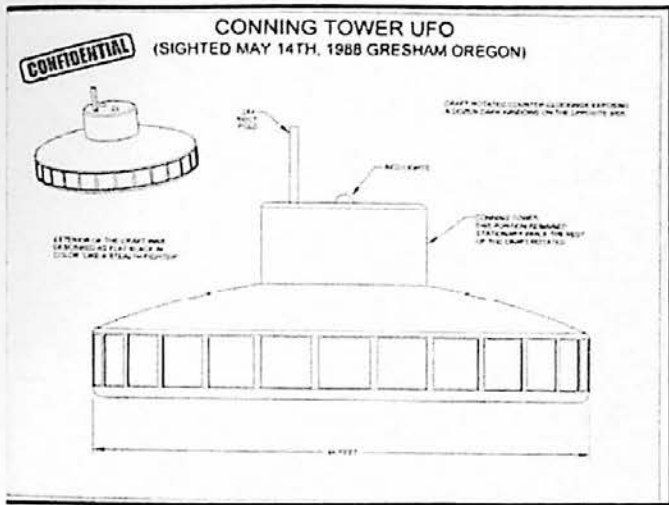


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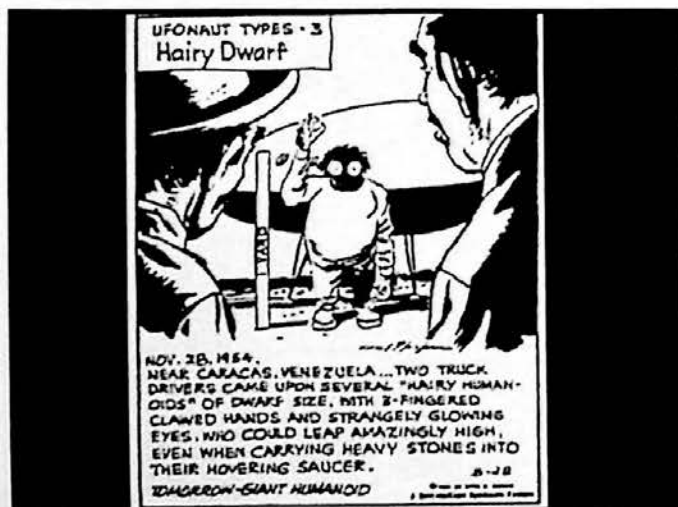
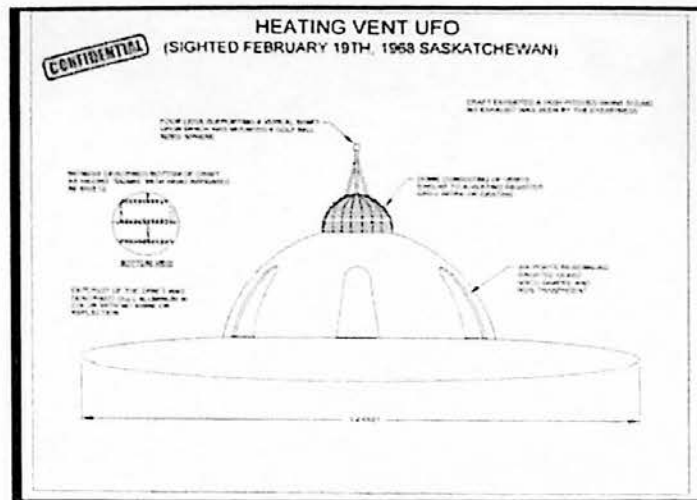


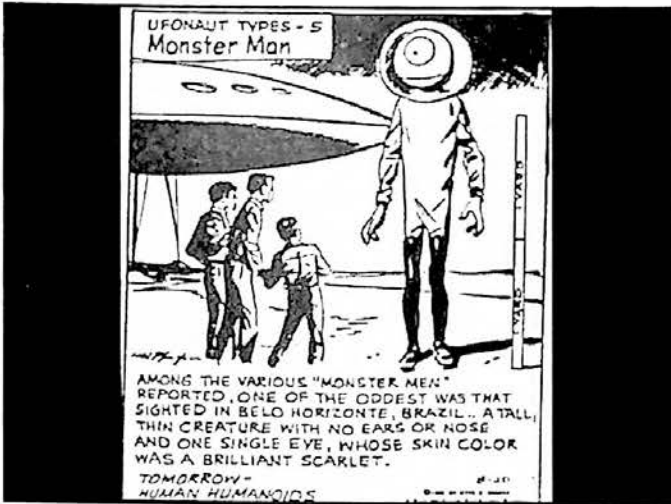
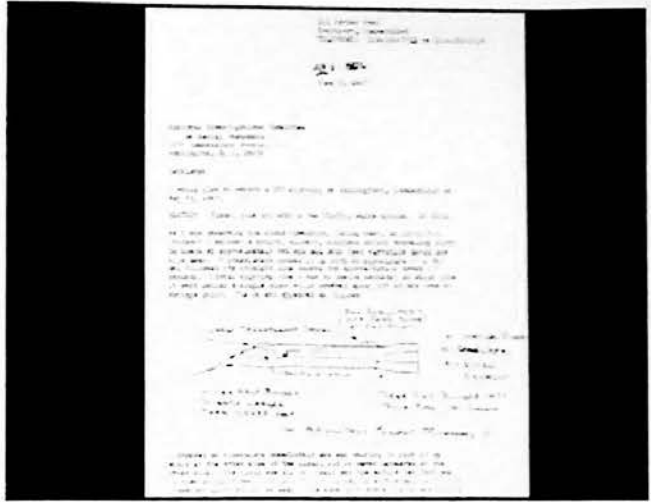
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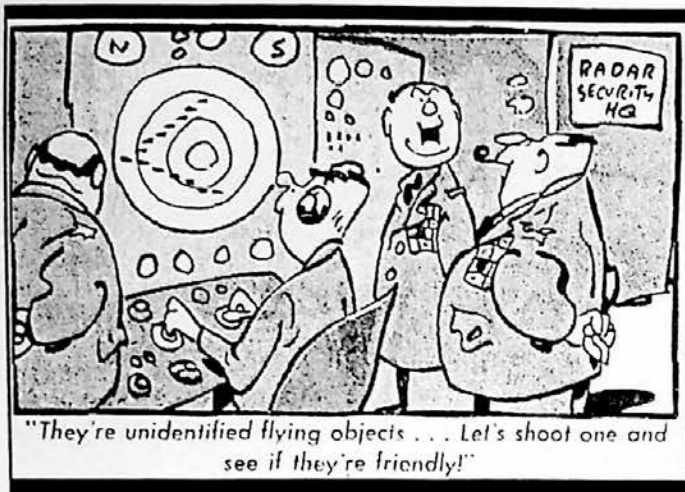




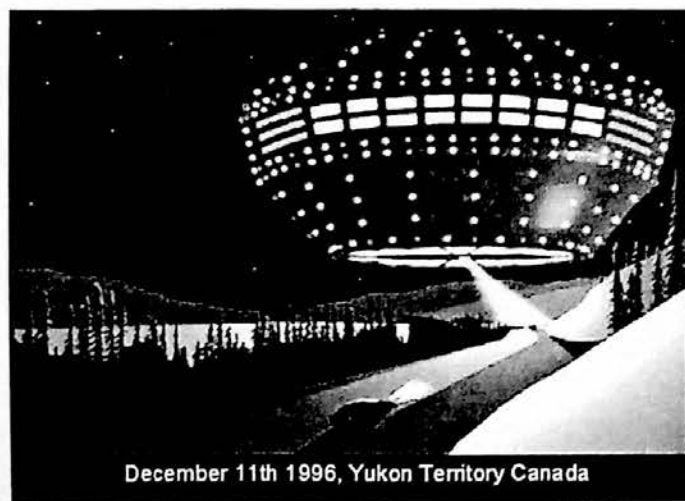
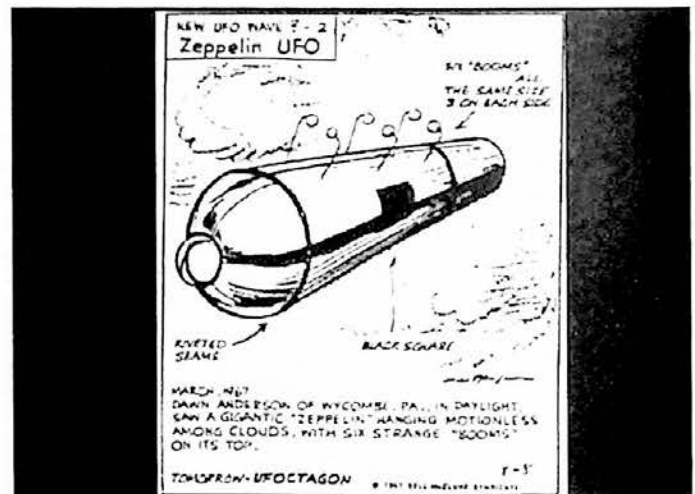
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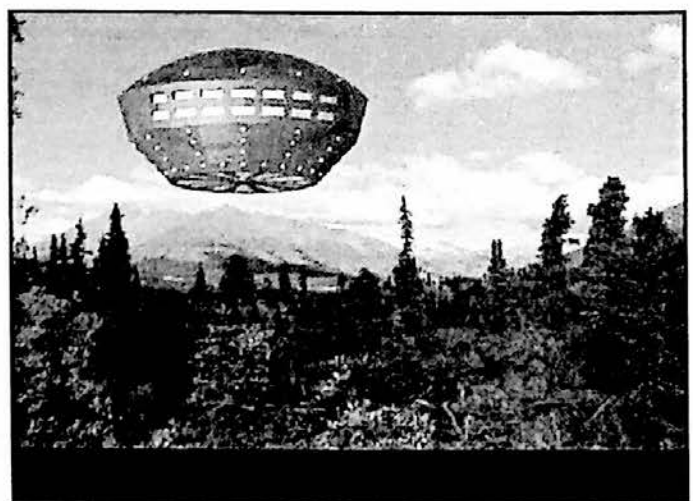


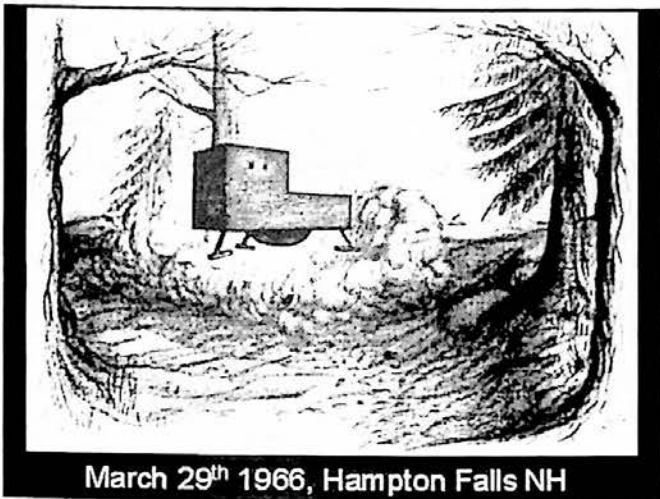
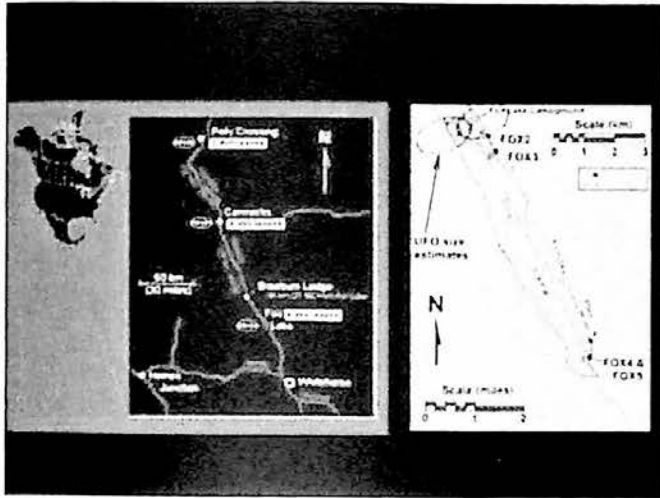


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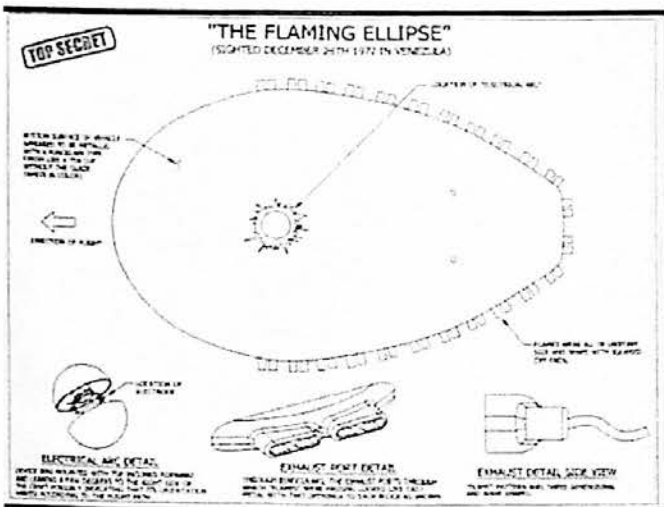


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5-Little Robotoid

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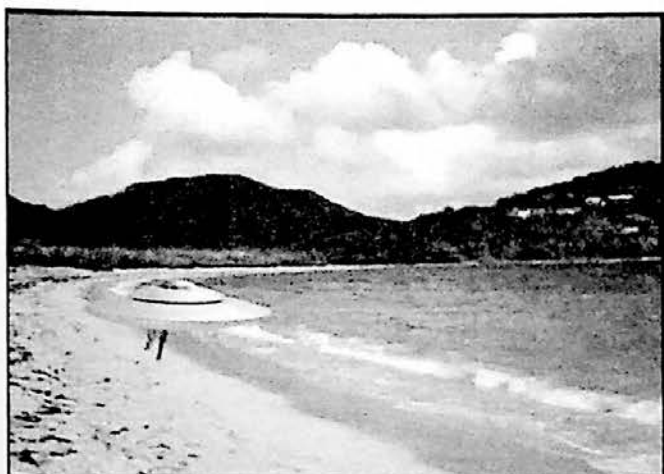
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SPACE SAUCERS - 1  
Pre-Sputnik Orbiters

BOTH ON APRIL 24, 1946, AND ON MARCH 8, 1950, MYSTERIOUS ORBITING BODIES WERE SPOTTED IN TRACKING TELESCOPES GOING AT LEAST 7 MILES PER SECOND OVER 7 YEARS BEFORE EITHER RUSSIA OR AMERICA LAUNCHED ARTIFICIAL SATELLITES

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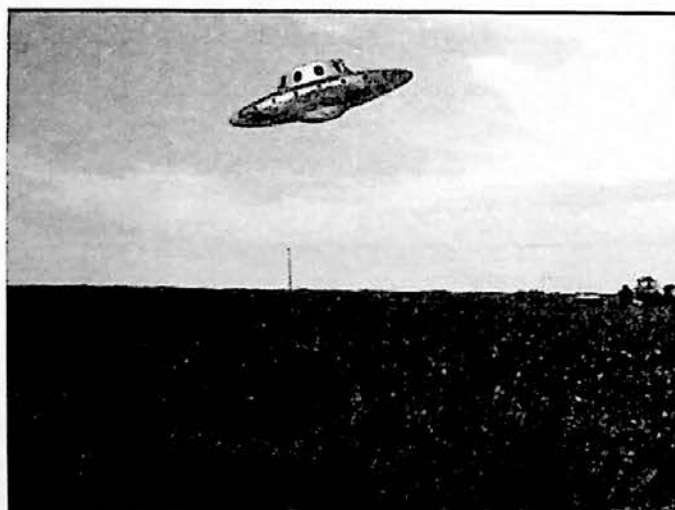
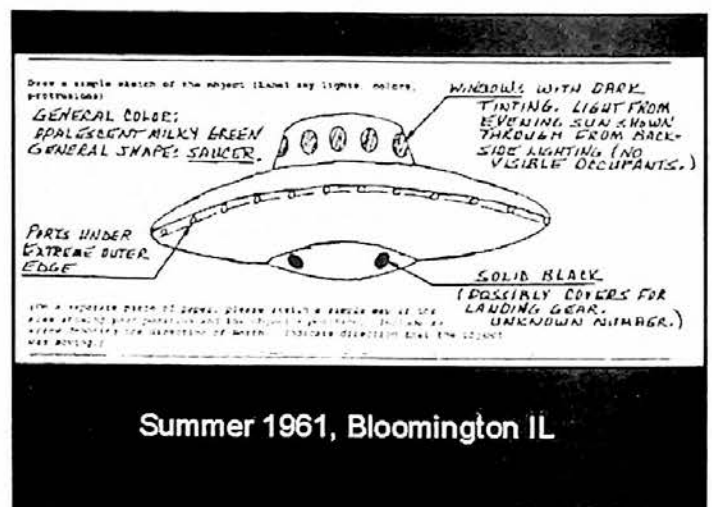
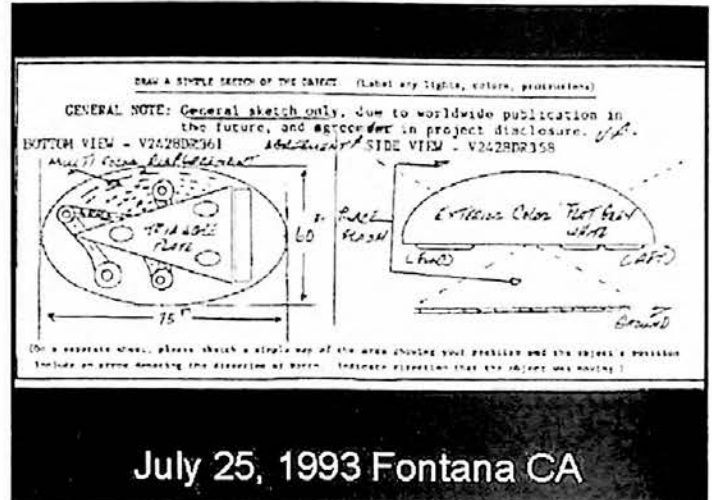


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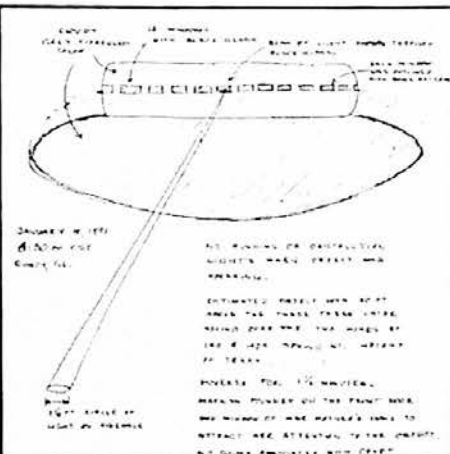
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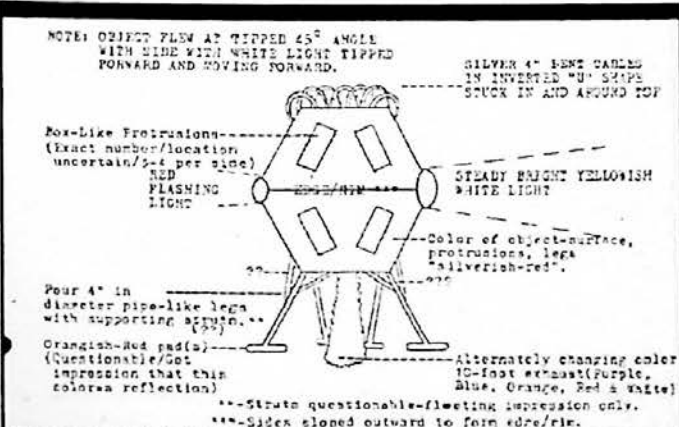


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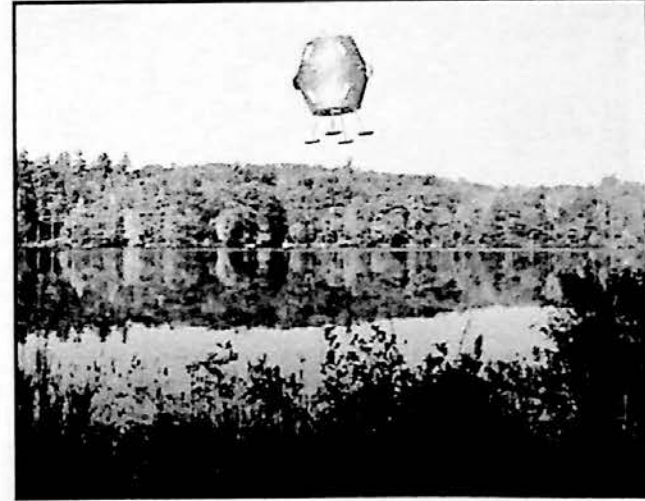
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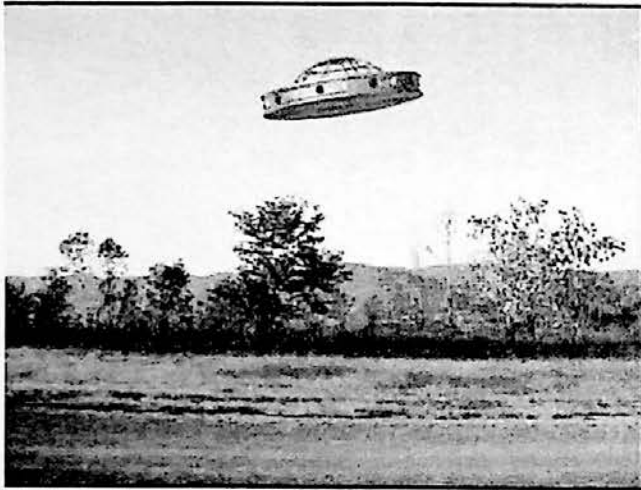
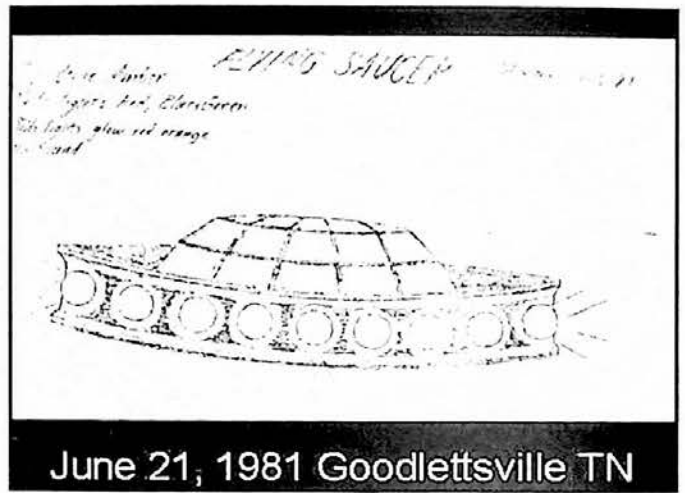


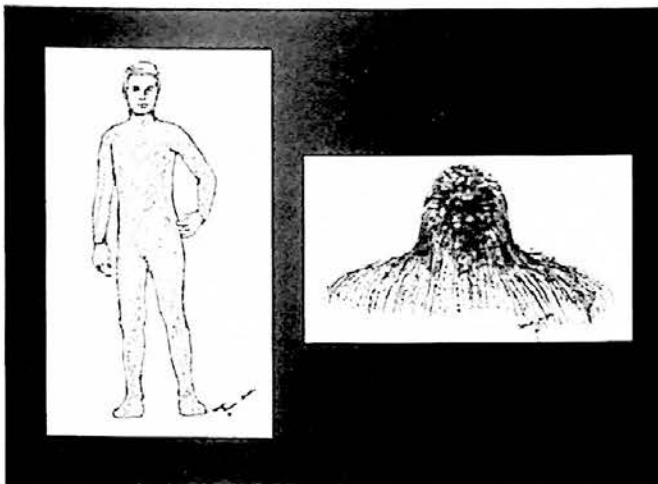
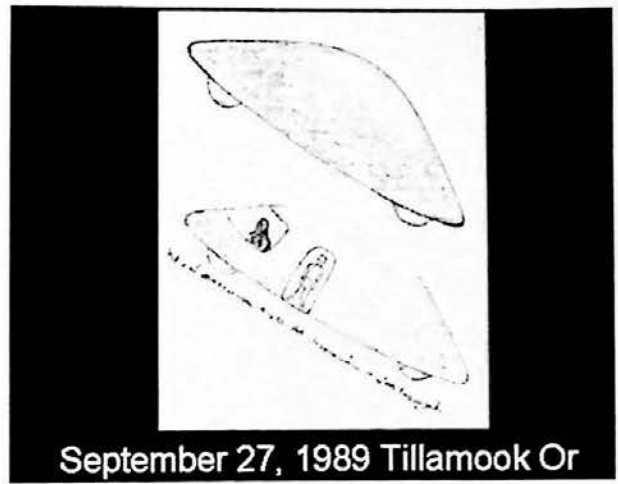
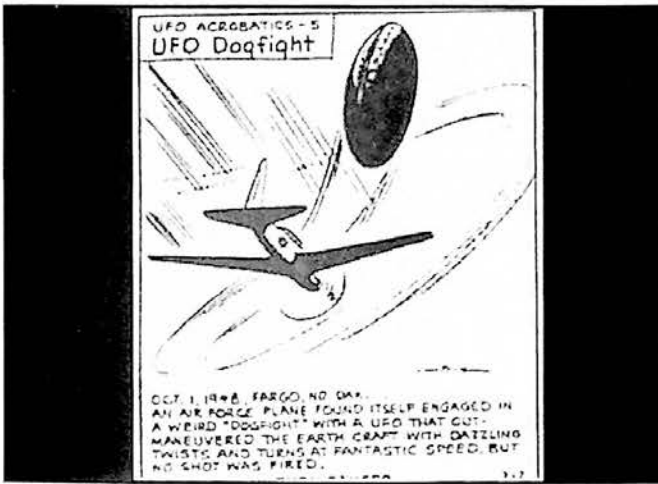
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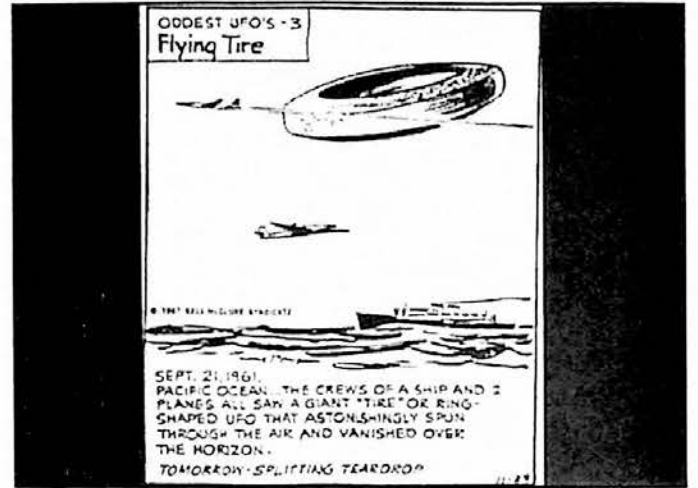




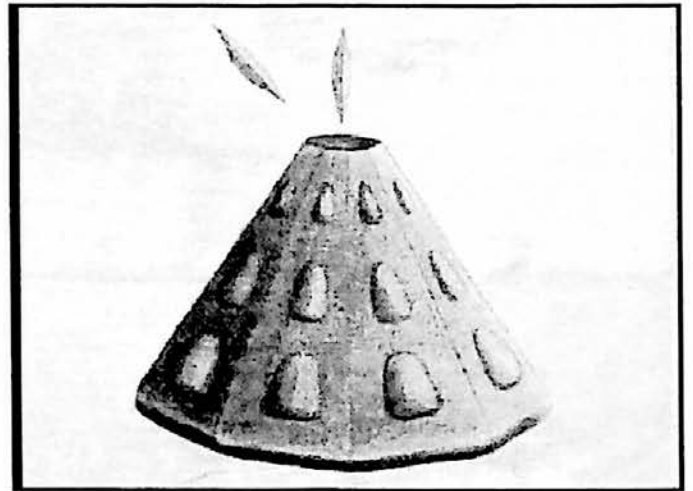




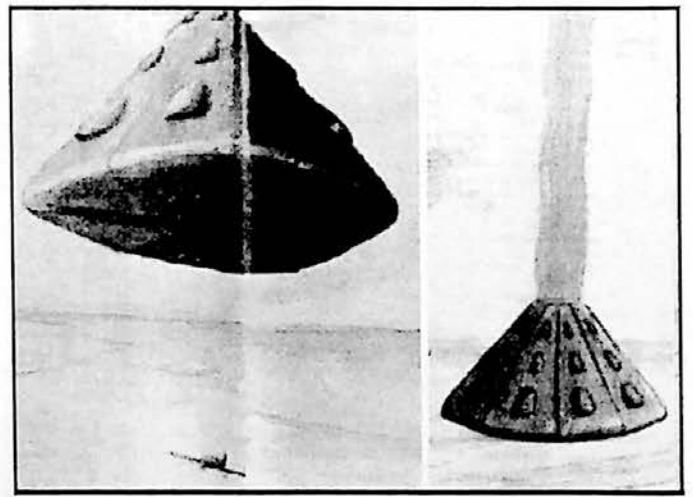
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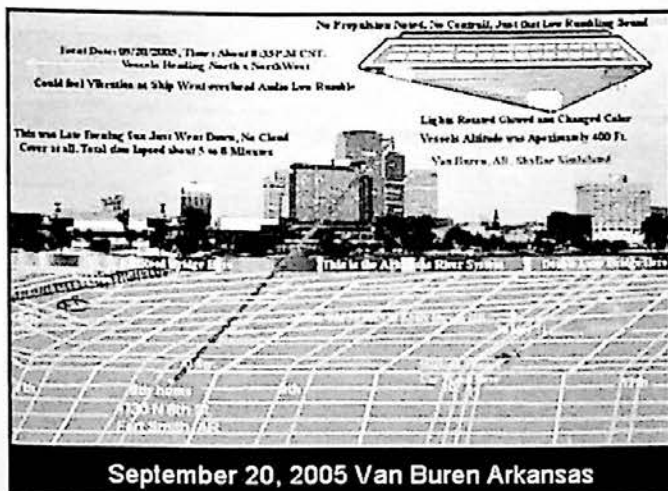
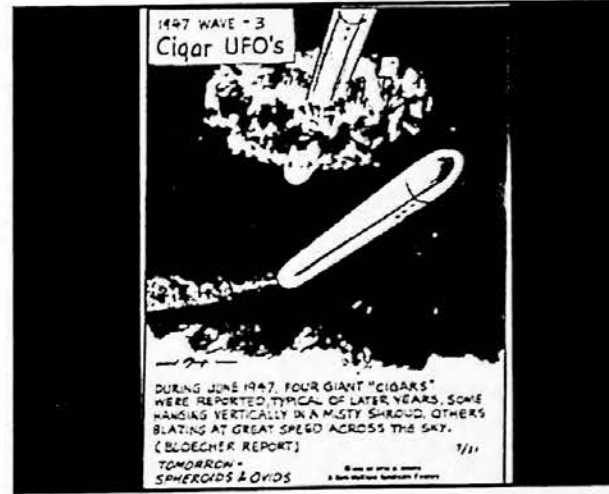


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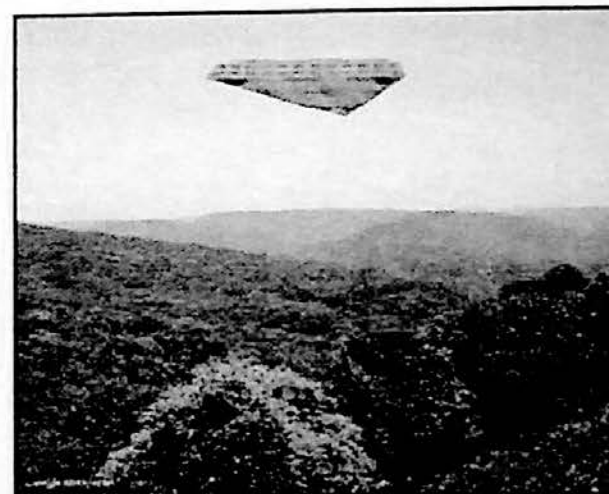




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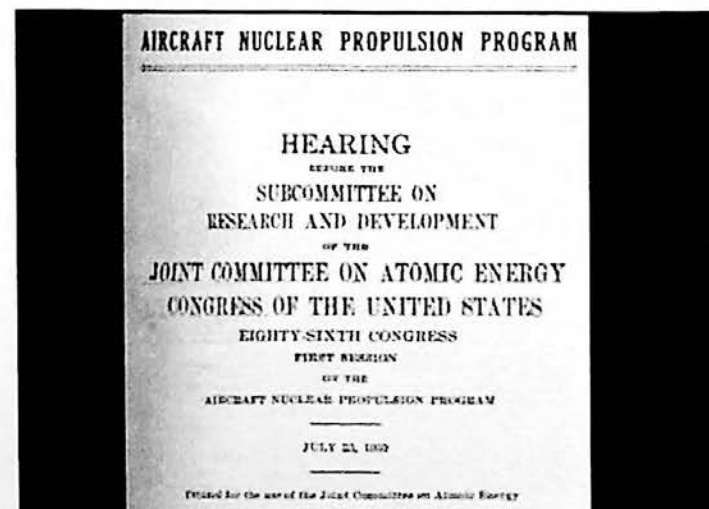
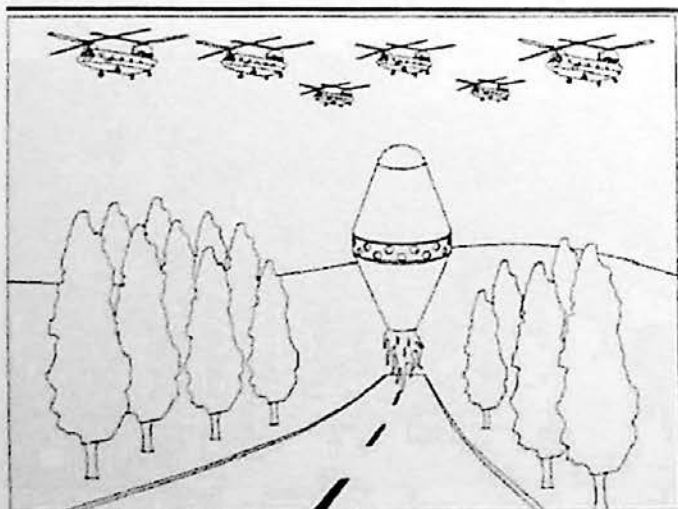
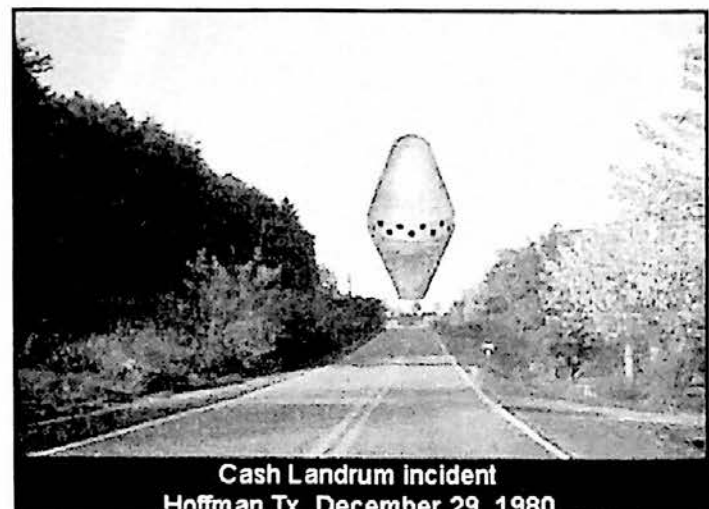
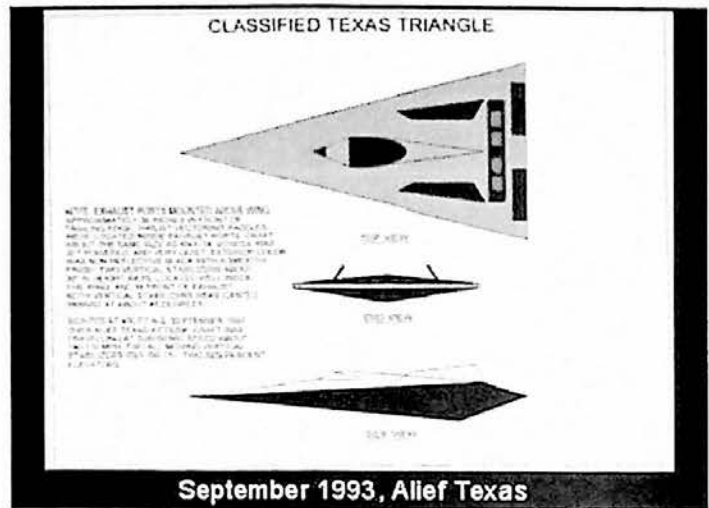
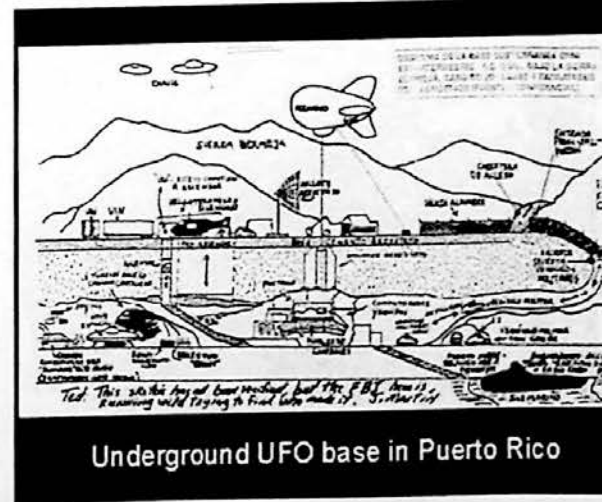
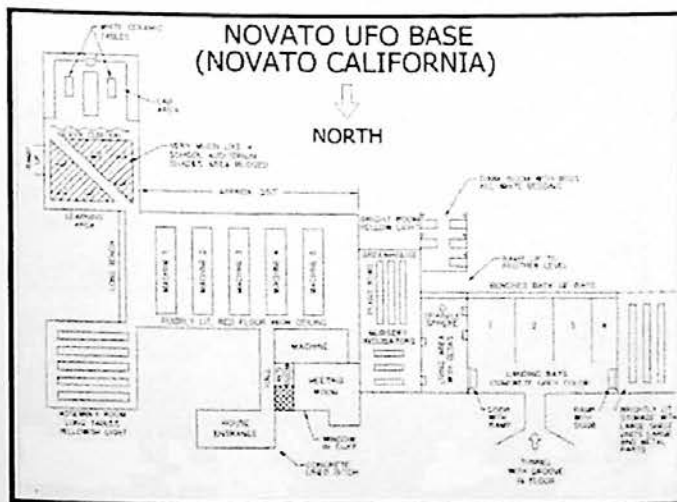
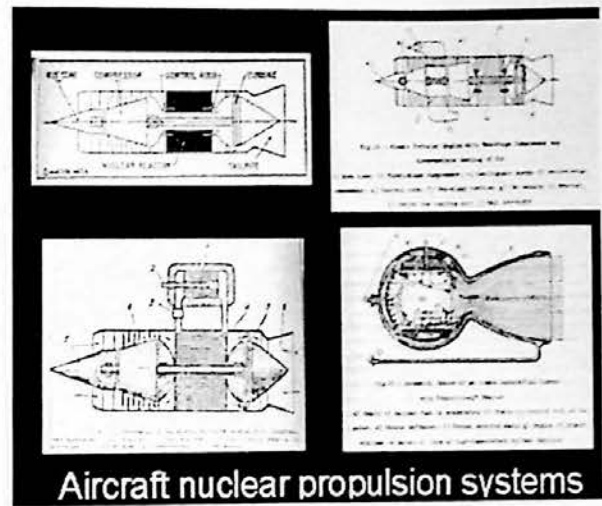


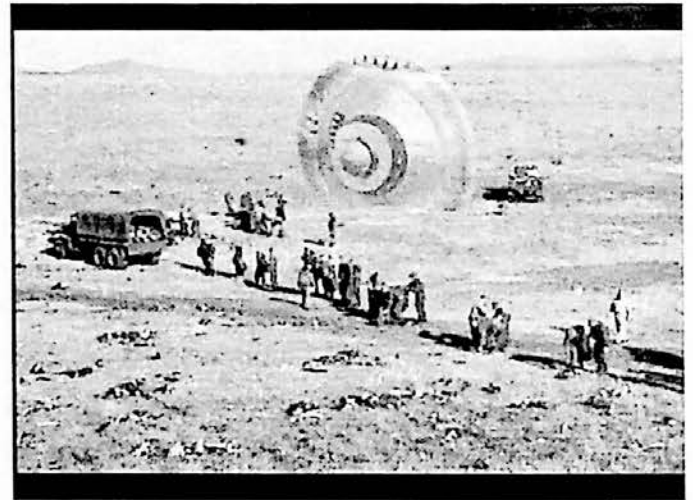
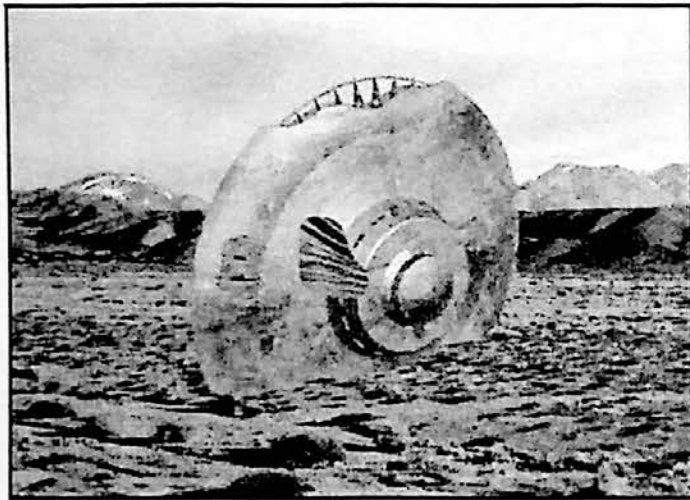
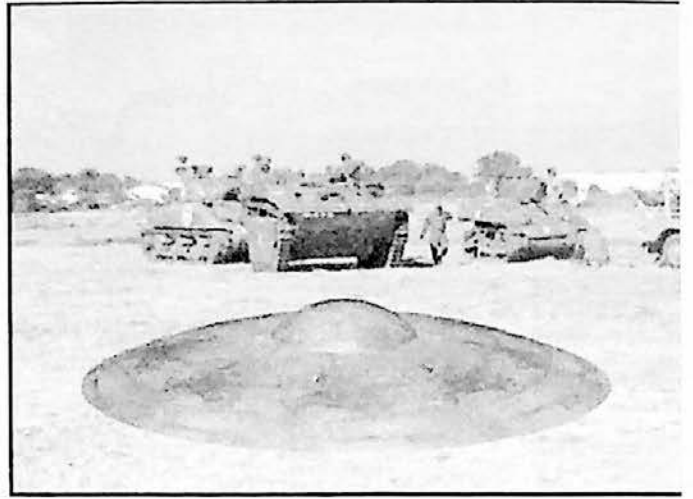
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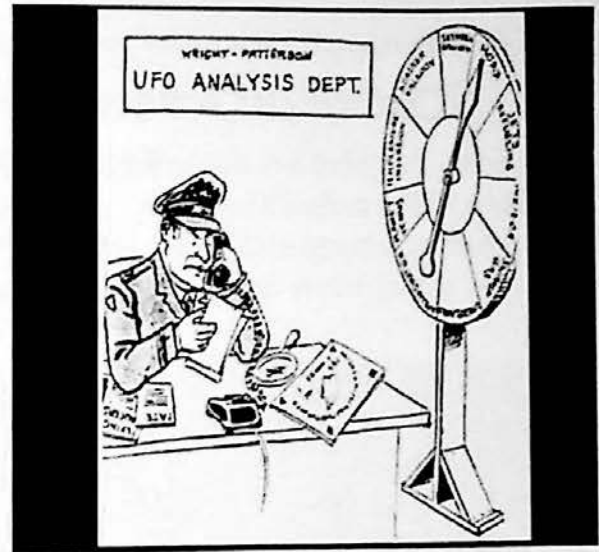
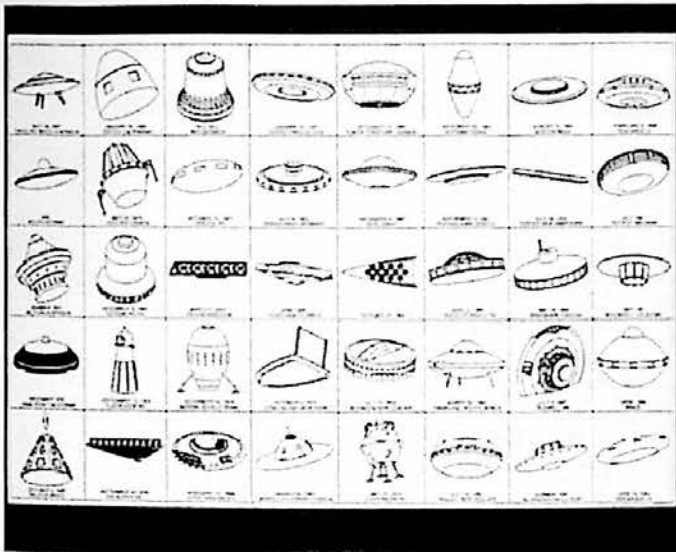
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# VORONEZH: A Personal Reappraisal of Russia's Best Known CE3 Incident

By Peter Robbins

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On Monday October 9, 1989, the habitually pragmatic Soviet news agency Tass shocked many of us with a news release which stated that "Scientists have confirmed that an unidentified flying object recently landed in a park in the Russian city of Voronezh. They have also identified the landing site and found traces of aliens who made a short promenade about the park. Aliens visited the place after dark, at least three times, locals report. A large shining ball or disc was seen hovering above the park. It then landed, a hatch opened and two or three creatures similar to humans and a small robot came out." It continues on from there.

More than forty eyewitnesses were said to observe this event and the Soviet government stood by Tass' report. American news coverage was obsessive in the days which followed, almost all of which was dismissive and condescending. As a result the story was soon relegated to the realm of myth, confabulation and distortion. What was it about this particular incident that drew such media contempt, even by the standards of mainstream media's usual dismissive treatment of UFOs?

What drove *The New York Times* to devote three major articles and an editorial to the story in four short days concluding with a classic piece of Orwellian doublespeak? This is more a personal reflection on the case, not some strict analysis. The historical factors

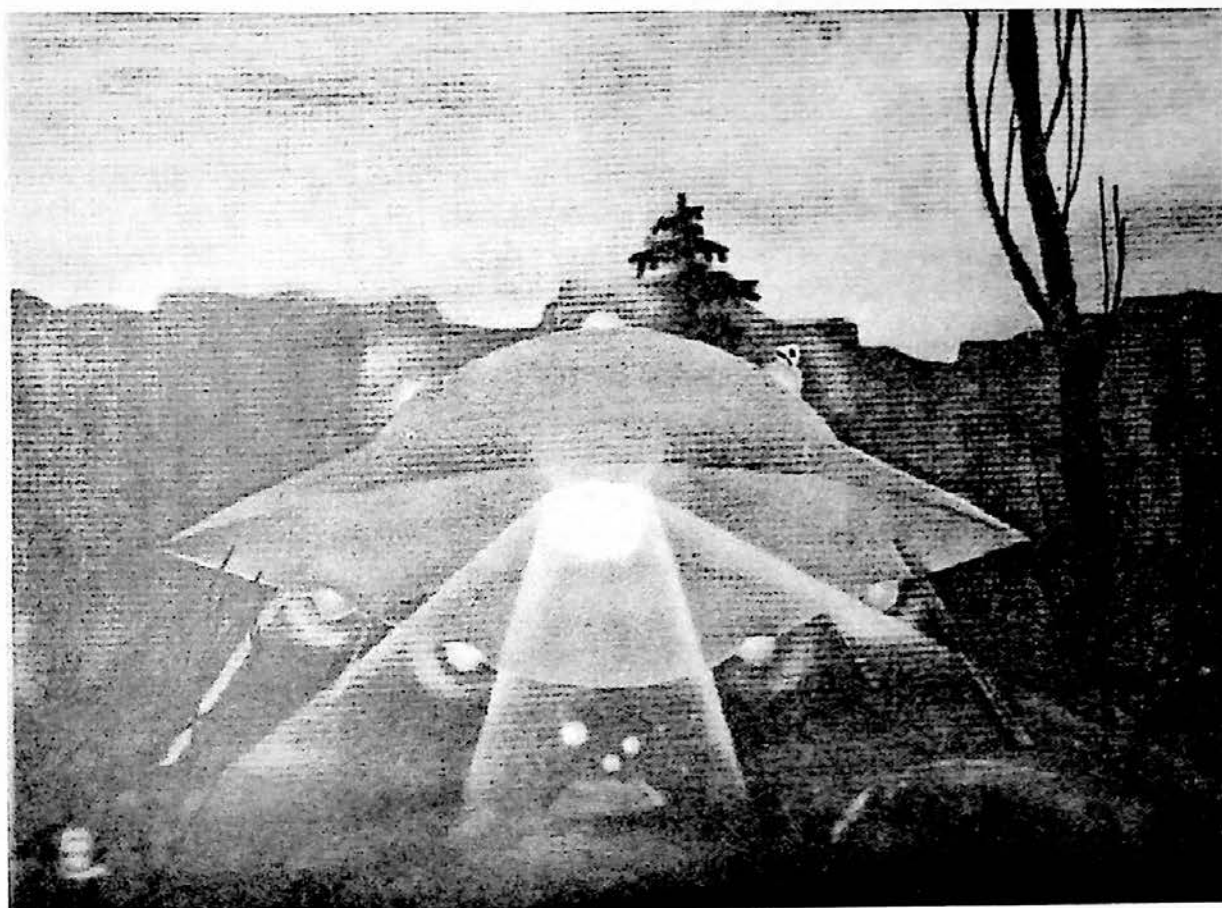
which entered into its being singled out for what I can only term "special treatment" by the media, and on one of the incident's key investigators, Professor Yuri Lotozev, who I got quite close to in the course of our 1990-1993 correspondence.



Voronezh is located about three hundred miles due south of Moscow. It is an old city, even by Russian standards, but by 1989 had grown into a large industrial and manufacturing center. It's depicted in Soviet tourist literature of the period in the "just-so" manner which the government then insisted upon; idealized and antiseptic, polished and controlled, with the look and feel of every other Communist Party-approved tourist brochure or post card. Voronezh does in fact possess noteworthy examples of czarist era architecture as well as Stalinist period and socialist modern architecture. Such examples of civic stability stand in sharp contrast to the wildly unique UFO

related events alleged to have taken place in a city park on Wednesday, September 27, 1989.

Almost every aspect of this case is decidedly non-standard, and this is a field defined by the strange. Nor does it help matters that most of the witnesses were children or that some of their accounts differ significantly from each other. Some particulars reported by that percentage of witnesses willing to put their accounts and observations on the public record are unique to the witness, or very nearly so.



The first UFO appeared at 6:30 PM, as a red light descended toward the ground. The light then took the appearance of a spherical or egg-shaped object—or by other accounts—*objects*, which circled the immediate area agitating the grass about forty feet below. It then flew off, only to return a few minutes later and hover over the park. A door or hatch was seen to open on the lower half of the object where a being could be observed. The UFO finally came to settle onto a poplar tree causing the tree to bend under its weight.

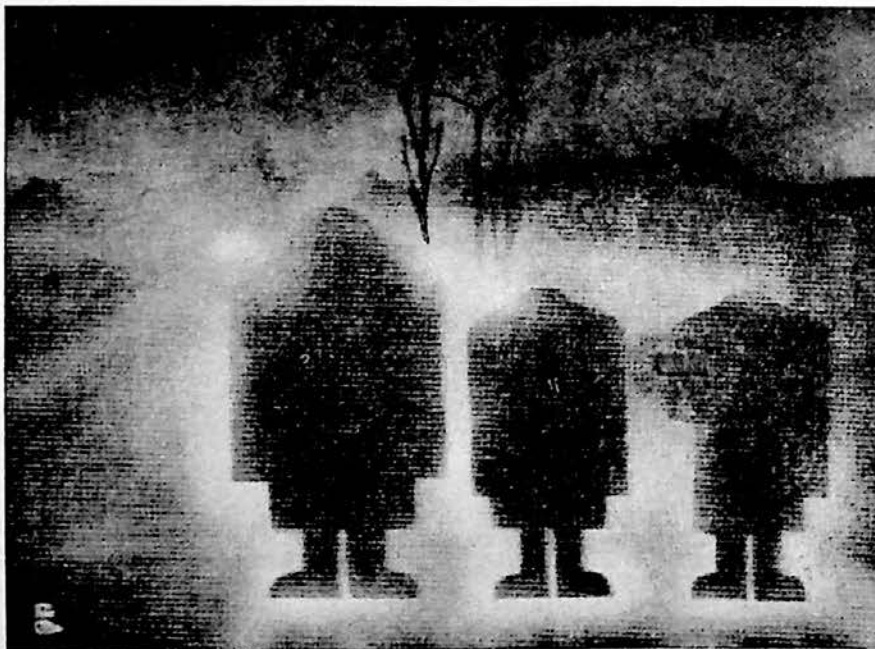
Child and adult witness accounts have the diameter of the object ranging from thirty to forty-five feet. The being observed in the hatchway was very tall, in excess of ten feet tall by all accounts. It wore a silvery suit and had a very small head, not much more than a bump peeking above the garment. It then climbed out of the craft and down the tree, as did a small robot-like entity, or entities, depending on the account. A luminous rectangle appeared under them when they stepped onto the ground. It disappeared when the taller

being made a sound. The being touched some knobs on the robot's chest and the two began to move about the area, or "promenade," as the colloquial translation noted in the October 9 Tass press release.

As the two progressed through the park, a nearby boy shouted something, possibly in fear, causing the being to stare at him as a light (beam of light?) came from the center one of the being's three eyes. This seemingly paralyzed the boy who remained motionless until the tall one looked away. It then climbed back into the tree and into the craft to retrieve a pistol-like device which it aimed at a young man walking in the vicinity. Witnesses maintain that he disappeared as the device was trained on him. The man reappeared after the beings and the crafts departed.

Witnesses allege they observed a total of five other landings in the vicinity; Lotozev was able to confirm one of the other landing sites approximately fifty meters from the poplar tree. Confirmation of other sites followed. Here the grass and sand seemed to have been "spun" into the ground "converting sand into dust and winding the grass." When the initial disc finally flew away it left some sort of platform on the ground where it "melted." Other beings reported were alternately described as "humanoids, robots, shadows, and a TV-set on legs."

One craft was seen to fly off in the direction of some electro-transmission lines, and then return to the park where two humanoids emerged from it. These visitors were of conventional height with noticeably wrinkled faces. Other stories and accounts were reported as well. A few days after the events in the park, the parents of some of the child witnesses and their neighbors reported an unusual object flying over their houses and the nearby park. As it did, it shone down a reddish light. At least one report I would interpret as abduction related also made its way to investigators.



While the story would not break in the States until October 9, it received immediate press and broadcast coverage all over the Soviet Union, the lion's share of which was respectful and serious. Understandably, this served to galvanize ufologists all over the country and interest in the subject grew nationwide. Investigations commenced almost immediately with Lotosev and his colleagues among

the first on the scene. Yuri Lotosev is a structural engineer and an Associate Professor of Mechanics, who was teaching at a nearby technical institute at the time. He had also been

a serious UFO investigator since 1976 and cofounder of the Voronezh Joint Anomalous Phenomena Research Committee, a non-profit organization dedicated to the study of the unexplained. Members of the investigative team worked intently, often on location, for the first two months and continued to collect and classify data and evidence for more than a year.

They inspected the area beneath the poplar tree and the tree itself "centimeter by centimeter," finding several impressions in close proximity to the tree, approx 15 cm in diameter and 5 cm deep. They also found a deep, vertical track torn into the bark which they speculated might have been made by some sort of landing related apparatus. The research team also met with Dr. Jacques Vallee at his request during a January 1990 visit he'd made to the U.S.S.R. When asked his opinion of the case, the noted ufologist answered that it was part of a new worldwide wave of UFO visitations, the largest he'd seen in ten years.

In December 1989, Yuri Lotosev and his colleagues appeared in a nationally broadcast two-hour television documentary entitled *UFOs in Voronezh*, where they talked about the investigation the group had conducted and the conclusions they had been able to reach. These included the presence of phosphorus in the affected soil one hundred times more than had been found in control samples. Pressure tests suggested the object which had occupied one of the landing zones weighed about 11,500 kilograms, or approximately 5.75 tons. A two-fold excess of background radiation and a ten-fold lack of micro-organisms were found in the soil at the landing sites. Witness photos were also included in the documentary. One year later Lotosev and his investigators' book, *UFOs in Voronezh* was published in two editions, one in black and white, the other featuring highly stylized color illustrations.

While the Voronezh UFO incident was playing itself out in the papers, and the minds of ufologists, the Soviet Union was increasingly involved in the process of dismantling itself. Almost every day brought with it new reports of revolutionary reforms and all manner of other history making changes. Larry Warren and I were two years along in our investigation of the Rendlesham Forest incident on the afternoon of Monday, October 9, at home in Midtown Manhattan organizing chapter material and doing some re-writing. I had the TV on in the background and stopped what I was doing as soon as I realized I was listening to a report of a UFO landing in Russia.

I recorded a few other news reports, all of which made reference to the story's strong connection to the Soviet news agency. Tass' New York City headquarters were in Rockefeller Center which was not that far from my apartment. It got me wondering if there was a chance that anyone there might be willing to speak with me about the breaking story. I don't think I would have even considered doing so a year earlier, but given the drastic changes of the proceeding months, I took a deep breath and phoned directory assistance and got their phone number.

The person who took my call was polite and cordial, and when I identified myself as an investigative writer with a particular interest in the subject, and an American of Russian

descent, he invited me to visit Tass' offices and meet with staff members there and half an hour later I was doing just that. The reporters and staff I met with were most welcoming and all seemed to have some time to spare. All seemed decidedly upbeat about the agency's release of the news story; some feeling it was a sign of increasing journalistic freedom for reporters. They seemed to have a genuine interest in what I did and wanted to know what my initial thoughts were regarding the Voronezh reports and some discussion followed.

I left with the staff's best wishes on the successful completion of *Left At East Gate*, and with copies of the original telexes and news reports. I felt pretty full of myself on the walk back home, but knew I would not be pursuing this story right now, I had work waiting for me at home. The Tass printouts went into a file folder—and that folder went into a filing cabinet.

Newspapers all over the country featured the Voronezh story on their front pages. The story even made page one of the *New York Times* as "A Tass Bulletin: Knobby Aliens Were Here." It began, "Everyone seems to be coming to the Soviet Union these days: entrepreneurs in search of joint ventures, actors looking for stage sets, heavy metal musicians, arm wrestlers, even aliens." The coverage goes down hill from there. Reporter Esther B. Fein had the humanity, however, to note the Tass report stated that witnesses who saw the aliens "Were overwhelmed with a fear which lasted for several days." *New York Newsday* headlined "Close Encounters of the Soviet Kind" while the *New York Post* announced "*THEY'RE HEEERE!*" More regional and local papers overall treated the story with considerably more respect and focused in on the Tass statement.

Ms. Fein's Voronezh article of Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, only made page six of the *Times*, but overnight the reporter seems to have been transformed from the mocking journalist of only twenty four hours earlier. "U.F.O. Landing is Fact, Not Fantasy, Russians Insist" opened with this statement: "It is not a joke, nor a hoax, nor an attempt to drum up local tourism by drawing the curious, the Soviet Press Agency Tass insisted today in discussions of what it called an extraterrestrial visit to southern Russia. Today's coverage is completely serious from beginning to end with respectful attention paid to the child witness accounts and Tass's insistence that the report be treated 'as a serious scientific phenomenon.'"

Apparently Esther Fein's change of heart is not shared by the members of the Editorial Board of the *Times*. She was taken off the story and Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup>'s treatment of the case returns to Tuesday's wink-wink-nudge-nudge treatment. Reporter Eleanor Blau contacts Jim Speiser, founder of a national computer network and quotes him saying "I think Tass is exploring its new freedom and is not used to self censorship. I don't disbelieve, but we have much better stories in this country," This idea is picked up by other reporters and commentators and takes hold. *Newsday's* lead line for October 11 is "It Came From Outer Space." *The Post* elevates its coverage of the story under the banner, "Three-Eyed Space Geek Zaps Soviet Boy," as fine a headline as any they have ever been responsible for. National coverage of the story begins to drop off toward the

end of the week with most already subscribing to the 'excessive freedom' rationale for the story.

But on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, the *New York Times* printed an editorial entitled "The Voronezh Visitors," which elevated the notion of 'seemingly fair and objective' to a new level. In it the editors discuss the unique aspects of the incident and contrast them to far nastier accounts of alien abduction as reported in America. The Voronezh visitors, they maintain, should be made far more welcome than their U.S. counterparts. All they did was take a walk around the park; then there is the issue of the particular fondness among Russians (all of them?) for the supernatural. Soviet editors lacking skeptical armor are also singled out, but the final zinger is reserved for the final paragraph:

"These explanations miss the point. If extraterrestrial visitors have to land somewhere, why not in Voronezh? Skepticism can be taken too far. These very columns, in 1920, poured scorn on the idea of a certain Robert Goddard that rockets could fly in the vacuum of space." Mr. Goddard, the editorial regretted, "only seems to lack the knowledge ladled out daily in high schools. As sure as rockets can never fly in space, Tass has broken the story of the century."

Four months passed, and in early February, 1990, I received a brief letter from a therapist friend of mine who was also editor of *The Journal of Orgonomy*, a scientific publication dedicated to the work of Dr. Wilhelm Reich. She also included a copy of a book in Russian called *UFOs in Voronezh* and a letter from one of its authors. He had contacted the editor in search of information on Reich and she had sent him a copy of the journal. She felt I should have the book and suggested I contact him as a potential colleague.

I wrote to Yuri Lotosev the following week and he responded soon after. Over the next few years we discussed many things, including UFOs of course, his work and findings on the Voronezh incident, Wilhelm Reich's life and work, A.S. Neill and the Summerhill School, President Gorbachev and President Bush, life in Voronezh vs. New York, The Rendlesham Forest UFO incident, art, our families, history, and the historic changes going on around us. Yuri sent me Soviet, then Russian UFO newspaper articles and I sent him UFO documents, reports and political articles unavailable to him at home. I never had the sense that our mail was interfered with in any manner; "the times they were a changing."

Our letters went back and forth between the personal and the professional, but occasionally some new revelation would come to the surface. On August 28, 1990, Yuri wrote, "My special gratitude is for the (Halt) document (on the) Bentwaters incident. It is significant that the (Russian) landings that are most known outside the U.S.S.R. ... also caused heightened radiation. It was less than in England ... and recorded in one of the four depressions. ... It is (a) striking fact that the initial shape and dimension of the depressions were perfectly identical to England ... the visible form and dimension of Voronezh and Bentwaters vehicles were also alike." It was also worth noting that the Voronezh UFO first appeared to the witnesses as a red light descending toward the

ground and stopping about forty feet up, also very similar to the Rendlesham Forest incident.

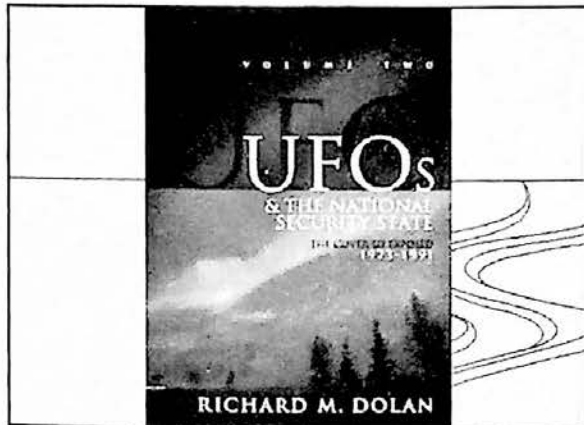
So what exactly were the things and who exactly were the assortment of beings and entities who appeared in that park twenty years ago? Could the whole thing have possibly been some sort of psy-ops operation to gauge the reaction of your average Soviet citizen in the face of the unknown? Just about anything is possible, of course, but no evidence or even informed speculation I am familiar with suggests this possibility. And given the tremendous strain on the Soviet economy, I have to question where that funding would have been coming from, especially in the face of other priorities then facing the crumbling empire.

I think the events of September 27, 1989 were genuine. I cannot explain the uniqueness of the scenario as it played out in this southeastern Russian city, or the singular qualities associated with the beings involved, or why we have not seen or heard of their like since. I am convinced though that the American press and broadcast media made quick work of any serious reporting of the story by suggesting that all of the witnesses involved misidentified some unrelated phenomena, that increasing freedoms granted to the Soviet press were being abused, or that the Russian people were just downright superstitious. I do thank Yuri Lotosev for his contributions to our field, and hope that *UFOs in Voronezh* is someday translated into English so that we can all learn more about the research and investigation he and his colleagues undertook to assist us in better understanding what actually took place during those last days in the life of the old Soviet Union.

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## Themes

- UFO Sightings
- Emphasis when possible on military encounters
- Government response to UFOs
- Evolution of research
- Military technology (open and secret)
- Broad geopolitical and technological changes
- The ongoing attempts to end UFO secrecy

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Extensive activity in Europe, especially



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Statement by French Minister of Defense



"Baffling radar/visual incidents... If your listeners could see for themselves the mass of reports coming in from police and military... they may well see that it is all pretty disturbing."  
- Robert Galley, 1974

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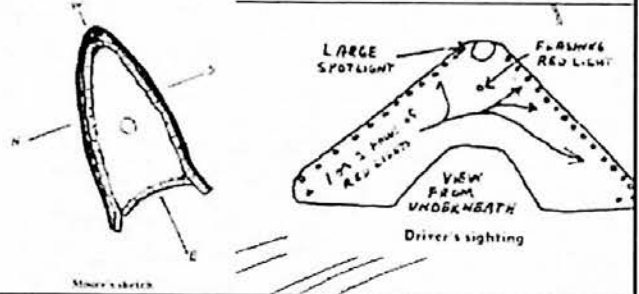
Ronald Reagan Sees a UFO

"To our utter amazement, it went straight up into the heavens. When I got off the plane I told Nancy all about it.... And we read up on the long history of UFOs."  
 From the book, *Landslide, The Unmaking of the President, 1984-1988* Jane Mayer and Doyle McManus (1988)



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A weeklong sighting of triangles

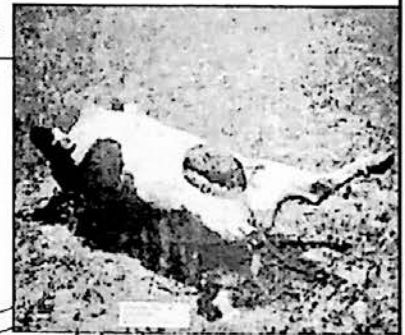


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## 2. Intruder Alert, 1975-1976

■ Animal mutilations



## 2. Intruder Alert, 1975-1976

■ Air space violations

2- MALMSTROM AFB, MT 7 NOV 75. OBSERVATION OF UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF USAF MISSILE LAUNCHER CONTROL FACILITY.

NO CONTACT. THE UNKNOWN AIRCRAFT DID NOT DISPLAY LIGHTS. GROUND PERSONNEL WERE ABLE TO DIRECT THE AIR GUARD HELICOPTER TO WITHIN 100 FEET OF THE UNKNOWN AIRCRAFT, WITH BOTH HELICOPTERS IN CONTACT, BUT VISUAL ACQUISITION WAS NOT MADE. SOUNDING HELICOPTER A-109 WAS POSITIONED AT 5000 FT TO AID IN IDENTIFICATION AND TO ACT AS RADIO RELAY. AT APPROX 11:00 AM CONTACT WAS LOST. IT IS NOT KNOWN THAT THE UNKNOWN HELICOPTER WAS DEMONSTRATED A CLEAR INTENT TO THE WEAPONS STORAGE AREA, IS SMART AND A MOST CAPABLE AVIATOR. LOCAL SECURITY HAS BEEN INCREASED. WE ANTICIPATE FURTHER INCIDENTS ACCORDINGLY, WE WILL REQUEST THE CONTINUED PRESENCE OF AIR GUARD HELICOPTERS. BY PLAN TO PUSH INTO CANADA IF NECESSARY.

## 2. Intruder Alert, 1975-1976

■ New abduction cases



## 2. Intruder Alert, 1975-1976

■ Unmarked helicopters



## 2. Intruder Alert, 1975-1976

■ Iran

"As the F-4 approached a range of 25 NM he lost all instrumentation and communications ... when the F-4 turned away from the object and apparently was no longer a threat to it, the aircraft regained all instrumentation and communications

...  
Another brightly lighted object came out of the original object. The second object headed straight toward the F-4."

## 3: Great Expectations, 1976-1978

- Jimmy Carter and the Tolson Commission
- Freedom of Information
- Daniel Sheehan and the Vault
- White House UFO Project - Part One
- Things Go South
- Stringfield's Leaks
- NASA's Troubles, and The Grenada Initiative
- Movies and the Media
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- 1977: A Year of Aerial Encounters
- UFOs that Kill
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## 3: Great Expectations

■ Jimmy Carter and NASA



## 3: Great Expectations, 1976-1978

■ Leonard Stringfield's leaks



## 3: Great Expectations, 1976-1978

■ The Grenada initiative



### 3: Great Expectations, 1976-1978

#### ■ Aerial UFO encounters

On December 8, 1977 two UFO sightings occurred near Oxnard, California. At 8 p.m., air traffic controllers tracked four unidentified objects about three to five miles north of Laguna Peak. "We watched the targets on the scope for nearly three hours," said one controller. The speed and maneuverability of the objects caused one controller to remark, "I've never seen anything like this in all the twenty years that I have worked as an air traffic controller." At around 9 p.m., while the controllers were still tracking the UFOs, a Golden West commuter aircraft was flying from Oxnard to Los Angeles International Airport when two large, bright lights maneuvered around it for 15 minutes. The speed and maneuverability of these objects was described as extraordinary. "Like you would just snap your finger and it was there," said the commercial pilot. "It got so close it scared the hell out of me."

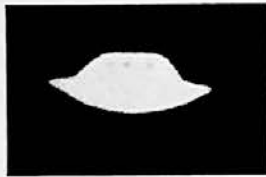
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#### ■ Shooting at Fort Dix?



### 3: Great Expectations, 1976-1978

#### ■ 1978 Global pandemic of UFOs



### 3: Great Expectations, 1976-1978

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#### ■ "David vs. Goliath": CAUS vs. the NSA



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##### ■ The Roswell Story



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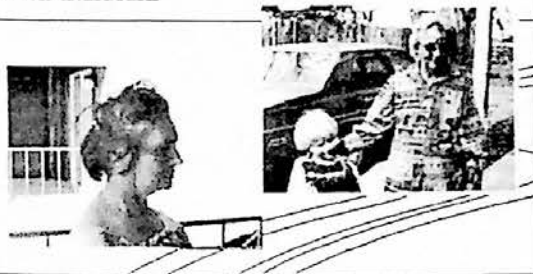
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##### ■ Trans en Provence case



## 5: Cloak and Dagger, 1981-1983

### ■ Abduction debate



## 5: Cloak and Dagger, 1981-1983

### ■ Ufology in retreat

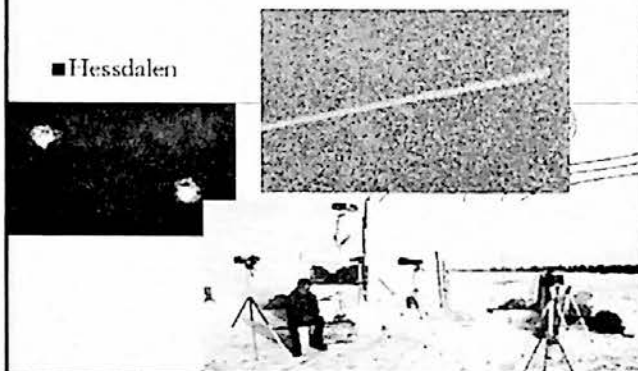
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 No more inroads into breaking secrecy  
 Effective debunking  
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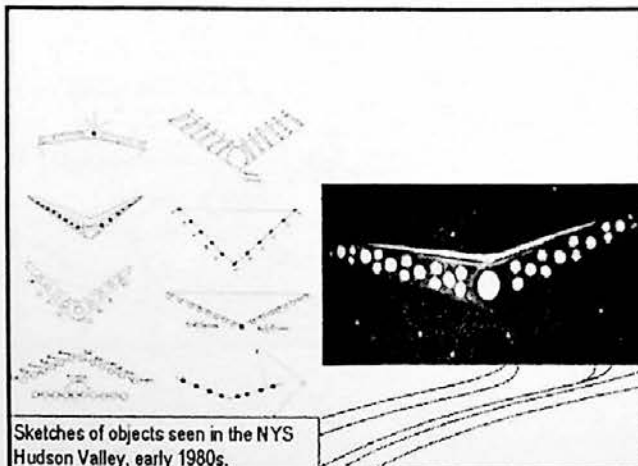


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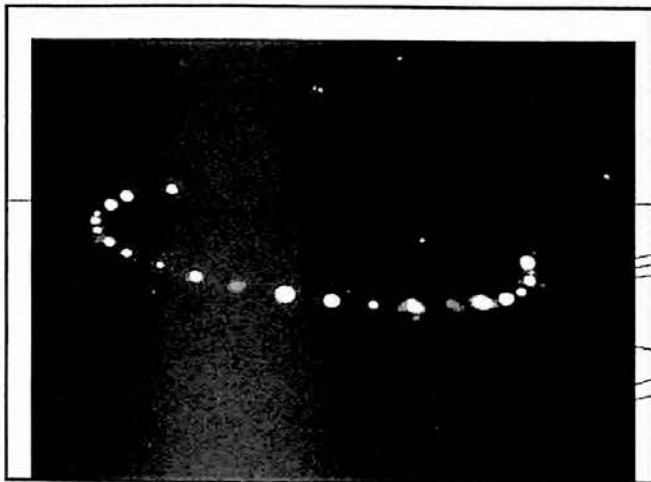
### ■ The Hudson Valley



Security guard drawing of enormous object that violated air space of the Indian Point Nuclear Facility, July 24, 1984



Sketches of objects seen in the NYS Hudson Valley, early 1980s.



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■ Interesting Leaks vs. Conservative Ufology



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■ Un Funded Opportunities

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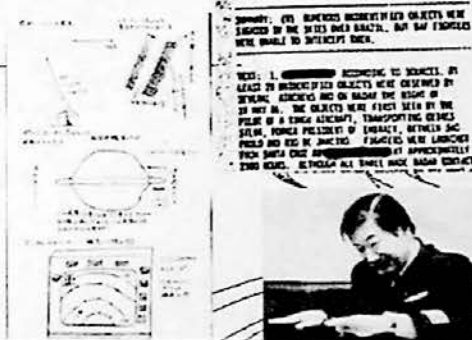
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■ Dalnegorsk, Brazil, and Alaska



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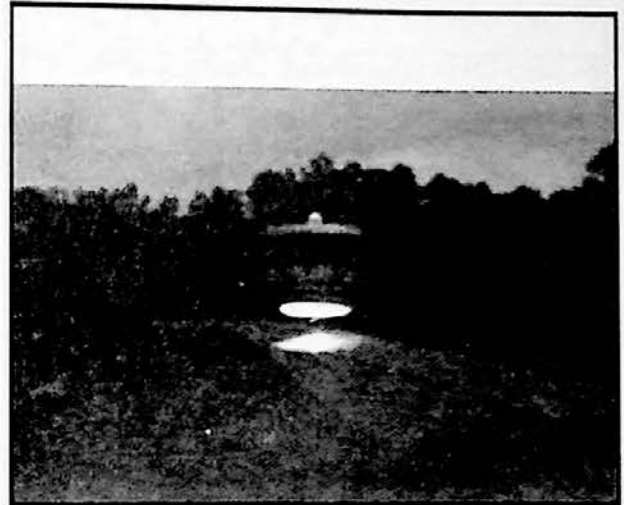
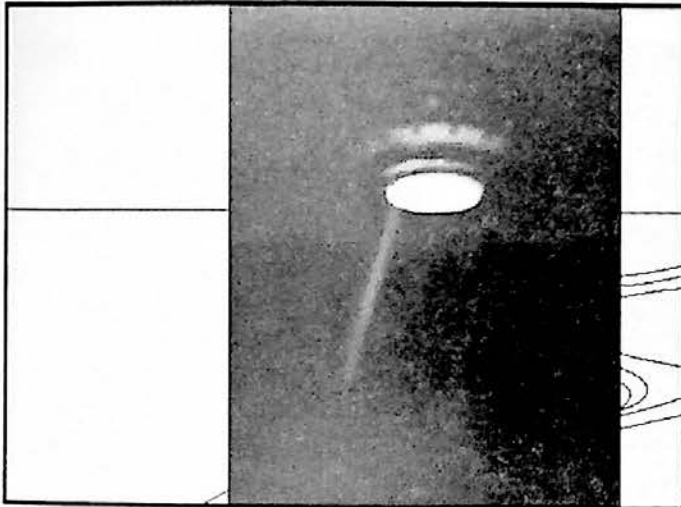
■ Parancet



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- "And Now for Something Completely Different"
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- Cracks in the Secret World
- Leaking MJ-12
- The Affair Breaks
- Dr. Eric Walker
- 1987: A Quiet Year of UFOs
- Gulf Breeze
- The Lear Letters
- 1987: The Year in Review
- The Knowles Family Encounter
- The U.S. Coast Guard Encounters a UFO
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- Gulf Breeze - Criticism
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- Frank Ann Talking UFOs
- The End of APP-O
- Swangeness in the Annapolis Valley
- Emer Bill Cooper
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- Revealing Stealth Systems
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- Dirty Tracks - The Gulf Breeze "Model"
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## 8: Into Dreamland and Beyond, 1989-1990

- Growing schism in UFO research
- The Bob Lazar story



## 8: Into Dreamland and Beyond, 1989-1990

### ■ MUFON's crisis and Bill Moore's confession



## 8: Into Dreamland and Beyond, 1989-1990

### ■ Strange times in the Soviet Union

#### Pinhead aliens invade Russia Scientists confirm landing of 'shining disk'

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The agency said witnesses described the saucer as a circular object in diameter of about 1 meter, with a central disk or hub. It was seen for about 10 minutes, and was described as having a metallic or reflective surface. The object was seen at a distance of about 100 meters from the witnesses.

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### ■ Belgian Triangles

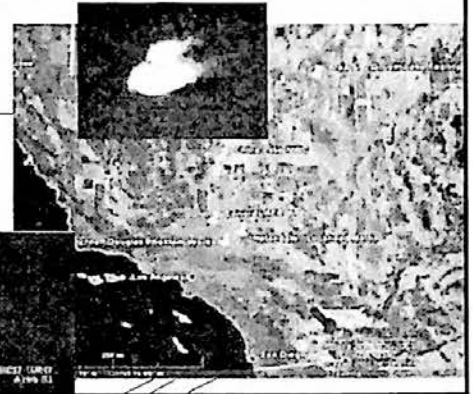
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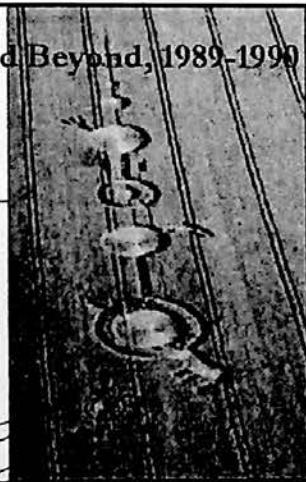
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- The Structure of UFO Secrecy
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- Soviet UFO Acknowledgment
- Dreamland becomes Leakland
- The Gulf War
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- The Abortive Disclosure
- The Soviet Coup and Aftermath
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## 9: False Dawn, 1990-1991

- Aviation Weekly nearly spills some beans
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## 9: False Dawn, 1990-1991

- Aviation Weekly nearly spills some beans

10/1/90. Focus on unconventional technologies and aircraft rumored to be under development and possibly operational

A "large, triangular wing-shaped aircraft," tested at Nellis AF range in Nevada and the Tehachapi Mountains in California.

Several sightings of "triangular-shaped aircraft."

## 9: False Dawn, 1990-1991

- Lockheed Martin Helendale Avionics Facility - claims of huge underground capacities.
- Northrop Grumman Advanced Systems Division. Tejon RCS Facility, "The Anhill". An electromagnetic research facility in the Tehachapi Mountains. "Classic" flying saucers have been seen hovering over this facility. (Ours or theirs?)
- McDonnell Douglas Phantom Works. Gray Bull RCS Facility
- Most of the U.S. black budget aircraft projects.
- Well known for sightings of strange aircraft and UFOs.



## 9: False Dawn, 1990-1991

- The Gulf War and Media Control

Great destruction in Iraq, little of which reached the American public

Vastly improved media control by the military.

"Annex Foxrot." Journalists needed military approval to visit front lines or interview soldiers. Then had to be accompanied by officers and subjected to censorship.

Thus, most information about the war came from military briefings. Control of public opinion.

Not a single photographic record of actual combat ever managed to be made by journalists.

Peter Arnett. Accused by White House as a tool for Iraqi disinformation; 34 members of Congress complained to CNN of "unpatriotic journalism."

## 9: False Dawn, 1990-1991

- A possible abortive UFO Disclosure

## 9: False Dawn, 1990-1991

8/15/78. Salut 6. object approaches and distances itself several times.

5/5/81. Salut 6. Rotating cylindrical object "explodes" in golden light.

3/25/89. Phobos 2 failure

9/27/90. Glittering, iridescent, perfect sphere appears. "It shone like the balls that hang on trees at Christmas, greenish in color and all shimmering. It was impossible to take your eyes off it." Enormous; probably 20-30 kilometers above Earth. Ten seconds, then disappears.

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- "Individual Target Event Data Base" (Ittybitty"). A list of fastwalkers tracked by the DSP satellites.
- During the period under review for this book (the years 1973 to 1991), the database recorded 283 space-based UFOs, an average of more than one per month.

## 9: False Dawn, 1990-1991

- Case of USAF Telecommunications Specialist Simone Mendez. During the early 1980s, she had a Top Secret Clearance while working at Nellis AFB with the 2050th Communication Squadron.
- In October 1981, a friend gave her a Top Secret message stating that NORAD had detected deep space objects entering Earth's atmosphere.
- Subsequently underwent intensive interrogation by the Air Force which sparked a range of subsequent problems.

## Star Wars & ET?

- If nothing else, there was great motivation to build a covert, ET-related component to SDI

## STS-48

- September 15-16, 1991
- Donald Ratch of Dundalk, MD, was recording the flight on the down link monitored by a local community college.
- James Oberg: ice crystals and an adjuster rocket.
- Dr. Jack Kashner: "there is just no way."
- STS downlinks delayed after this.

## Military Abductions

- Into the Fringe (1992). Personal alien abduction
- Taken (1994). Military abduction experiences. Many consciously recalled.
- Missing time, "virtual reality scenarios," telepathic communication, human-alien collaboration.
- Various alien types: grays, insectoids, reptoids, humanoids, blue humanoids, dwarves.
- "Cloning rooms"
- Human souls and containers
- Human military personnel in underground facilities.
- Human and alien workers
- Turner: "a revolution has taken place." A hidden power structure has "appropriated the UFO phenomenon."
- Ordinary politics irrelevant



## The Structure of Secrecy

- Continual military encounters with UFOs.
- Official silence.
- Military agencies often in the dark.
- Black budget and missing money.
- Black infrastructure to deal with the problem.
- Owned by private, international interests.
- Use USAPs as their tool.
- Building their own infrastructure - a 'breakaway civilization'
- Off world capabilities.
- My guess their main areas of research: artificial intelligence, remote viewing, and research into time.
- Do they interact with alien species? My guess: yes.

## New World Order and the End of Nations

- Global transformation during the 1980s.
- Maturing of International structures (NAFTA, GATT, IMF, World Bank).
- The long term elite: Bilderbergers, Trilateral, CFR, etc.
- Disclosure? From whom?

## Summation



- An era of major transition
- Cessless UFO encounters worldwide *mainly military*
- New perceptions by researchers toward the phenomenon
- A "re-politicization" of Ufology
- Important exposures of UFO secrets
- Counter-initiatives by intelligence community
- A global transformation driven by technology and politics

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# Russian Espionage and UFOs

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As I have investigated UFO Phenomena over the years, I often found myself in awe at the dedication of so many Ufologists whose passion for the truth became a lifelong endeavor. For many, this passion became an obsession to piece together the puzzle of what is decidedly the greatest mystery of our times. Soon I found myself on the edge of this same obsessive precipice, looking into the vast darkness of UFO data, knowing that there had to be something real to this phenomenon so widely witnessed and experienced.

In Ufology, one quickly recognizes that the range of experiences is so vast it literally boggles the mind. From close encounters, to strange creatures, to spiritual transformation to telepathic communication, the spectrum of experience is overwhelming. Ufologists have from the very beginning strived to categorize the observations of UFO witnesses, hoping to glimpse the true nature of this phenomenon. Some like Ted Bloecher cataloged entity sightings while others like Ted Phillips specialized in trace evidence and David Jacobs, Bud Hopkins and John Mack focused on abductions, each of these pioneers providing important contributions to the field. I have often been asked by new researchers where they should focus their own research efforts in their search for truth.

One area that is still virginal research territory is the role of Government in the UFO field. To avoid accusations of conspiracy mongering, let me first clarify what I mean when I use the word "Government." The U.S. Government like any other large organization is not a single entity but is made up of many agencies and within these agencies are various organizational units. Therefore, when I use the word "Government" I do not refer to a monolithic entity but to those agencies or sub organizational units, named or unnamed, official or unofficial, who have involved themselves in the UFO field to meet their own operational goals related to National Security.

Also bear in mind that this definition describes a dynamically evolving authority. In 1946, the "Government" would have comprised the intelligence units of the War Department and the Navy, the Central Intelligence Group and the Office of the President. In 1947, the evolving entity would now be comprised of the intelligence units of the U.S. Air Force and the Central Intelligence Agency as well as the National Security Council. When dealing with a moving target, research can get complicated, especially when contending with 60 plus years of UFO history. I could replace the term "Government" with something less conspiracy-sounding. like "UFO Authority," but this would only serve to create even more confusion.

## My Research

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Coming from a military intelligence background, I have a particular interest in the role of Government in the UFO field. Unfortunately, when discussing this role with both Ufologists and UFO debunkers, I often hear the same rationales pro and con for Government involvement. These rationales fall into their own spectrum of belief - on the one end is the belief that the Government is riddled with incompetence and couldn't possibly keep secret something as widely experienced as UFOs and on the other end of the spectrum is the belief that an ultra-secret and efficient cover-up of cosmic proportions is being perpetrated by an elite authority. Gomer Pyle is on one end of this spectrum and the mysterious and infamous Men in Black (MIB) on the other end. Perhaps the truth lies somewhere in between.

The competence argument in my opinion is the one that is most easily addressed. If you have ever worked in a large organization or for that matter been a member of our armed forces, you know that there are varying degrees of competence throughout. For example, it would be ridiculous to base an estimate of the readiness of our entire military by observing the maneuvers of a single military unit. On a similar note, elite forces like the Navy Seals or Army Special Forces are capable of doing things normal field units would not even dream of doing. To state this plainly, the level of competency of an organizational unit is directly proportional to the importance of that unit's mission. World War 2 history is replete with examples of special military and government units whose missions were so highly important that their ranks were made up of handpicked men and women who were up to the task. The men and women who broke the German code under the British Project Ultra and the Japanese Code under the U.S. Magic Cryptanalysis Project were part of such elite organizations.

The secrecy issue can also be dispensed quite easily. It is historical fact that there have been Government projects whose secrecy was so closely guarded that even the presidential chain of authority was broken to maintain this secrecy. The two most notable examples are the Manhattan Project, which President Roosevelt knew about but Vice President Truman did not (until he became President) and the National Security Agency's Venona Project which even the President was not aware of. The level of secrecy of a project is directly proportional to the perceived damage that will be caused by its revealing. Secrecy can be maintained indefinitely if the "need to know" compartmentalization security principle is carefully followed.

### **1946-1947**

To understand the role of the Government in the UFO field, we need to go back to the very beginning when UFOs first became a national security concern. During World War 2 so-called "foo fighters" were cause for alarm, but understanding what they were was not pivotal to the war effort as it quickly became apparent to allied commanders that they were not a weapon of war. It was the 1946 ghost rockets that caused real alarm as the U.S. was worried that perhaps the Soviets were experimenting with recently acquired German weaponry. Although Government concern was evident in 1946, UFOs did not reach the consciousness of most Americans until after June 24, 1947 when newspapers worldwide reported on Kenneth Arnold's famous sighting.

As the old adage goes, “there is nothing new under the sun,” and an equally true axiom is that “nothing happens in a vacuum.” To put into context the appearance of strange phenomena in the United States in 1947, it is important to understand the socio-political atmosphere of post World War 2 America. Thanks to modern technology and the Internet, you can put yourself into the shoes of the average American of 1947 by reading digitized copies of newspapers from this era online. While skimming the front page daily headlines of spring 1947 using NEWSPAPERARCHIVE.ORG, I found some interesting news stories that well serve as a backdrop to the UFO events of June and July of that year, including:

May 16, 1947 – V2 rocket crashes-blamed on “peculiar phenomena”

May 21, 1947 – Silent plane is developed

May 30, 1947 – V2 rocket crashes in Juarez, Mexico

June 3, 1947 – Bell Aircraft XS-1 faster than sound plane completes preliminary tests

June 3, 1947 – Soviets raiding US atomic secrets

June 5, 1947 – US warns that atomic race with Soviets is underway

June 5, 1947 – Soviet agents have infiltrated Oak Ridge atomic facility

June 13, 1947 – Contract to Douglas Aircraft to build plane that can fly 2,200 miles per hour

June 20, 1947 – P80 breaks air speed record at 623MPH

But the headlines of June 13 – 15, 1947 really caught my eye - the International Press reported that a secret weapon, that rivaled the atomic bomb had been jointly developed by the U.S., Britain and New Zealand. This caused a subsequent flurry of press speculation as to what this new weapon could be. I was intrigued by this amazing story that was reported just two weeks prior to Arnold’s UFO sighting and I wondered if there may be some connection, so I decided to dig deeper.

### **The June 1947 Secret Weapon Story**

If you piece together the newspaper articles from June 13 – 15, 1947, the story emerges of a secret Anglo-American weapons project that was not the atomic bomb but equally destructive. How the press first got involved with the story is not entirely clear, but someone possibly from the press had questioned why a New Zealand scientist, Thomas David James Leech, was receiving a Commandership of the British Empire at the birthday honors of King George VI of England. Someone else then revealed to the press, that the honor was being given to Mr. Leech because he had headed up a secret weapons project during World War 2 that—according to the Canadian Press—rivaled the atomic bomb, was “top secret,” and for which research was still ongoing.

### **June 13, 1947**

On June 13, 1947 a number of newspapers covered the story including the *Amarillo Daily News*:

***“Science Tries for New Weapon Matching Atom Bomb in Power”***

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The weapon did not reach the stage of practical application during the war, but work is still being pursued in the strictest secrecy by scientists in the United States, Britain and New Zealand. No hint of the details of the weapon has been revealed, but it is stated that one means of application would have some similarity to one method of using the atomic bomb.

The article further elaborated that:

The project was to have been carried out in Florida but was moved to New Zealand and Pacific areas owing to the fears of espionage. Leech was selected to lead the research because he had previously done work distantly related. He had a team of 170 American and New Zealand experts, most of whom were given no idea of the ultimate objective, for security reasons.

The *Gettysburg Times* discussed how:

New Zealanders speculated today on the nature of a new weapon—approaching the atom bomb in importance—which the *New Zealand Herald* described as a joint development of scientists from this country, Great Britain and the United States. The *Herald* said its source of information about the new weapon was most reliable, but could not be disclosed.

The *Coshocton Tribune* quoting the *New Zealand Herald* added:

Had the project been completed in time, it might have played a role as effective as the atom bomb in subjugating Japan.

Wondering who Leech was, I found the answer in the *Wisconsin State Journal* article which revealed that:

Leech is [an] engineering professor at Auckland University. During the war he was chairman of the Zealand munitions advisory board and director of scientific development. Informants said the weapon he helped develop was still a top secret among Allied nations. They gave no clue of its nature, British, American, and New Zealand scientists, engineers and naval officers were said to be associated in the project.

What an intriguing story! A weapon on par with the atomic bomb and as compartmentalized as the Manhattan Project but one that had not been infiltrated by Soviet Intelligence agents. A weapon that could have won the war against Japan had it been completed on time! What could this weapon possibly be?

**June 14, 1947**

The very next day, on June 14, 1947, the newspapers were rife with speculation. The *Charleston Daily Gazette* in a lengthy speculative article read:

***“Radiation May be Factor in Latest Secret Weapon”***

There is one clue in the reports of the secret Anglo-American weapon said to outrival the atom bomb as credited today to Prof. T. D. J. Leech in New Zealand. That clue points to a ray or radiation of some sort. The sentence reads "One

means of application would have some similarity to one method of using the atomic bomb."

There are two methods of using the power of the atom; one in an explosive bomb, the other in the radioactive rays, from common substances that are transmuted into temporary radioactivity. These would form a gas in the same sense as poison war gases. Most of the latter are not gases, but fine dusts or mists. The atomic poison gases would be the same.

Their possibility was explained to President Roosevelt by scientists in 1939 and more recently Glenn Martin mentioned them as bombs that American military authorities are studying. Half a mile radius is the generally stated distance for such radioactivity to be effective in war.

No new sources of death rays were reported during the war, but such rays were known to electrical theorists before the war. They were considered useless even as possibilities.

#### *Plane Check Considered*

Short-wave radio rays were one. It was considered possible to make such a ray that would be effective at four miles, not for killing that far away, but for crashing planes by interfering with the electrical portion of their engines.

The difficulty was, for such a ray, the need of power equal to about 10 times that of Niagara Falls, and the reflector, perhaps of pure aluminum, 200 feet in diameter. Close by, this sort of radiation was expected to be fatal. These engineering dreams were made before the great advances in very short radio waves that came out of the war.

If there is any possibility of concentrated radar or other short wave length rays that will kill men, no hint of that lethal power has leaked out. Nicola Tesla, the father of induction in electricity, asserted frequently before his death a few years ago, that he knew, how to produce what he called curtains of force that no plane could fly through. He never explained them.

The Germans during the war printed some speculations on how to build a sun gun. This would be a huge burning glass, or plastic, floating several hundred or thousand miles above the earth's surface which could be focused to destroy life by fire in vast areas.

The scientific principles of producing such a satellite of the earth, really equivalent to a tiny moon, are known, but there is nothing at all in present scientific developments to overcome the difficulties of launching or even of construction.

Post-war secret weapons have included a cosmic ray bomb. This had its origin in misunderstandings on the part of laymen and never came from any scientific source. A starlight bomb would be easier to conceive of, because total starlight is many times more energetic than the total energies of cosmic rays. A single cosmic

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ray is millions of times more energetic than any single beam of starlight but there is no known possibility of concentrating them.

*Defense Against Bacteria*

Biological warfare frequently has been declared to be as bad as atomic bombs. But these claims omit the fact known to all biologists that man's own body, conditioned for eons of time to germs of all kinds, can be protected rather quickly from any conceivable forms of bacteriological attack.

Death rays in general are almost inconceivable for effective military use because of the well known stopping power of the air for waves that are shorter than light, or the invisible ultra-violet rays. Although scientists have been trying for some time to produce manmade cosmic rays, they have not succeeded, and when the planned great electrical energy machines producing billions of volts are built, it is not expected that they can produce anything more than the very weakest sort of cosmic rays.

The *Daily Capital News* reported that:

***"British Refuse To Talk About Secret Weapon"***

British government ministries declined comment today on New Zealand reports concerning the purported development of a super-secret super-weapon approaching the atomic bomb in importance.

The defense ministry, the air ministry, the war office, the admiralty and the ministry of supply all refused to discuss stories out of Auckland which quoted most reliable sources as saying that research on such an offensive weapon was started in 1944 and still was being pursued in the strictest secrecy by scientists in New Zealand, Great Britain and the United States.

Had the project been completed in time it might have played a role as effective as the atom bomb in the subjugation of Japan," the *New Zealand Herald*, of Auckland, reported. Without discounting the effectiveness of the project as an offensive weapon," the paper continues, "it does not offer such a threat to world peace as the atom bomb. This may not be amplified further than saying that things pertaining to it are under control. Scientists were reported thoroughly examining all possibilities. They were said to have exchanged ideas and information. So far as is known, no details of the project have been revealed to countries other than New Zealand, Britain and the United States.

The *Herald* said it learned that development of the project to the stage of practical application would cost much less than the development of atomic energy production. However, the project was understood to be too complex for a small country like New Zealand to carry out the development unaided. New Zealand, however, was said to have the necessary equipment and establishment and would be able to make useful contributions.

The *Bismark Tribune* quoted Leech associate W.A. Miller of the Sydney University Civil Engineering Department as saying:

The new secret weapon mentioned in Auckland, N.Z. reports "might be in the nature of an airborne missile such as the German rocket bomb." Miller further stated that he himself had no indication of the nature of the project and that he made the comment only because he knew Professor Leech to have "an expert knowledge of and enthusiasm for aero-dynamics."

The *Indiana Evening Gazette* also quoted Miller in an article:

**“New Weapon May Be Airborne”**

Miller said Leech, in both aerodynamic and hydrodynamics, had made a great contribution to the work of Sydney University’s Civil Engineering Department before he went to New Zealand in 1939.

In Auckland today, Professor Leech said he was “surprised” to hear that a London newspaper headline had stated that the atomic bomb had been rendered obsolete, but made no further comment.

This fascinating story took another strange twist on June 14, 1947 when newspapers identified an American engineer, James Marion Snodgrass as one of the people who worked on this new weapon’s project in 1944. How newsmen were able to make the connection to Snodgrass is not clear. In interviews with the media, Snodgrass had some interesting observations about his participation.

The *Alton Evening Telegraph*:

**“U.S. Scientist Backs Secret Weapon Tale”**

The *Herald Tribune* quotes a 39-year old American scientist it said shared in the development of the secret Anglo-American weapon reported from New Zealand as saying that the weapon exists and that first reports although exaggerated, are substantially true. The scientist, James Marion Snodgrass of Cincinnati, is further quoted as saying that the weapon was not connected in any way with the atom bomb and that it was not a biological weapon.

Existence of the weapon first was reported by Prof. T. D. J Leech of New Zealand. Later dispatches mentioned a Prof. J. M Snodgrass of the University of California as a co-worker.

Original reports said the secret weapon outrivaled the atom bomb. The *Herald Tribune* says it reached Snodgrass in Cincinnati and quoted him as saying that he worked on the weapon in New Zealand and that he believed it to be a weapon of tremendous importance.

"But farther than that he would not go," the paper says. "He would not discuss its nature or whether it was for use against personnel or vessels."

The *Herald Tribune* quotes Snodgrass as saying that the Navy holds all reports on it "although he recalled having spoken to Dr. Vannevar Bush, wartime scientific leader about it."

An article in the *Daily Inter Lake* elaborated:

Snodgrass gave the only hint as to the nature of the weapon as he disclosed its development started after American forces landed on Tarawa Island in the Pacific. He turned to a reporter and said: "remember there was heavy loss of life." The newsmen asked if the weapon had anything to do with the casualties or some military problem encountered on the Island and Snodgrass replied: "Could be." Snodgrass who is chief engineer of the motion picture sound division at the Dayton-Acme Co., a Cincinnati consultant engineering firm, said he joined British and New Zealand scientists in the development of the weapon while he was a civilian attached to the National Defense Research Council. Prof. Leech headed the project, he added.

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He said the weapon was conceived by the British although United States naval officers were not enthusiastic the British pressed the work, first on an obscure Pacific island in 1943 and later in New Zealand.

The *Lowell Sun* had this headline:

***"Is A-Bomb Passe? U.S. Scientist Helped Make New Secret Lethal Weapon. America and Britain Keep Details Hidden But Leave No Doubt Device Exists"***

**June 15, 1947**

June 15 newspaper articles focused on six major points that reporters were able to extract from James Marion Snodgrass concerning the secret weapon. The *Abilene Reporter* listed these as:

1. It is not connected in any way with the atomic bomb.
2. It is not a biological warfare weapon.
3. Development of the weapon, started during the war, was not completed until after hostilities were ended.
4. Snodgrass was a civilian attached to the National Defense Research Council when he joined British and New Zealand scientists in development of the weapon.
5. The weapon was conceived by the British and although United States naval officers were not enthusiastic, the British pressed the project, first on an obscure Pacific island and later in New Zealand.
6. The U. S. Navy received reports during development.

The *Council Bluffs Nonpareil* also had this to add to the six main points:

***"Confirms New Secret Weapon As Awesome as Atom Bomb"***

Asked about the weapon as an alternate to the atomic bomb, Snodgrass said only: "First reports are substantially true but perhaps they are exaggerated a little."

Fears of espionage resulted in centering the experimentation in New Zealand, Snodgrass said, although it had been planned to transfer work on the project to Florida. The U. S. Navy received reports on the weapon, he said.

The *Syracuse Herald Journal* also added:

Snodgrass insisted in an interview he was "in no position to give any detailed clue as to the composition or structure of the development." Questioned about the classification of the development, he said that "under a broad classification" it might be described as a weapon. However, the handsome scientist, now conducting television research, said he had been back in the United States since last July and declared that he "knows nothing of the present stage of its refinement or development."

Snodgrass described the weapon as "top secret" and declined to answer any "leading" question about the research, development, composition or tests.

Oddly enough, in the *Cumberland Times*, adjacent to the Snodgrass article, was this story:

***"Supersonic Weapon Is Forecast  
Another Secret Device Greater Than Atomic Bomb"***

Weapons as terrifying as the atom bomb — super sounds that would upset the nervous systems of whole populations, light waves, and shooting

clouds out of the sky to control rainfall — were raised as possibilities today in any war of the future by an American Air Force commander. General George C. Kenney, head of the Strategic Air Force, cited the dog whistle as an example of the effectiveness of sound waves in a prepared address before Massachusetts Institute of Technology graduates. "An airplane equipped with a sort of super dog whistle," he said, "conceivably could fly around a city for awhile and upset the nervous systems of the whole population.

"I believe we need to do some research along this line. It may be just a fantastic dream. It may not." Light waves, he said, offered a similar field. "Below the infra reds and above the ultra violets there may be weapons of future warfare as devastating as the atomic bomb," he asserted. "Other nations may find them. We must keep in pace in order to be able to counter or defend against such threats."

General Kenney said that at present clouds could be broken up and start rainfall at a specific place on a limited scale, and added: "Instead of allowing rain clouds to drive past arid and semi-arid sections, we should be able to shoot them down and put the rain where we need it. If we can extend this process we can stop rain from falling where it has been falling for ages."

**June 26, 1947**

The most astonishing article I found, however, is that of the *Frederick Post* of June 26, 1947 which has both the secret weapon project and the Kenneth Arnold sighting on the same page and side by side!

## DEATH RAY?

That new British-American secret weapon alleged to be as terrible as the atomic bomb came to light, seemingly, more or less by inadvertence. Its existence was not publicly announced. Instead, reporters apparently stumbled on the story while seeking to ascertain why King George VI had conferred the Order of the British Empire on Prof. T. D. J. Leech of Auckland, N. Z. Professor Leech let it out.

Regardless of whether the revelation was accidental, it should not be regarded lightly. Professor Leech has been quoted as saying that the atomic bomb, by comparison with this new weapon, is "a clumsy method of attack." And Prof. James M. Snodgrass of Cincinnati, the American who worked with the New Zealander in its development, agrees that it is of tremendous importance.

As both men appear qualified to speak with authority, laymen are in no position to quarrel with their judgment. Certainly it is wise to proceed on the assumption that this new scourge, whether it is a "death ray" or something else, is a fact.

During World War II scientists produced many secret weapons and one of them was the atomic bomb. To assume that all the secrets have been unveiled or that another weapon as devastating as the atomic bomb is unlikely, is to take too much for granted.

At any rate, it is not at all improbable that other devices on the order of the atomic bomb will come. Outlawing the atomic bomb may be only one step in the difficult program toward disarmament.

## Mysterious Objects In Sky Still Unexplained

Pendleton, Ore., June 25 (P)—Nine bright, saucer-like objects flying at "incredible" speed at 10,000 feet altitude were reported here today by Kenneth Arnold, Boise, Idaho, pilot, who said he could not hazard a guess as to what they were.

Arnold, a United States Forest Service employe engaged in searching for a missing plane, said he sighted the mysterious objects yesterday at 3 p. m. They were flying between Mount Rainier and Mount Adams, in Washington State, he said, and appeared to weave in and out of formation. Arnold said he clocked them and estimated their speed at 1,200 miles an hour.

Inquiries at Yakima last night brought only blank stares, he said, but he added he talked today with an unidentified man from Ukiah, south of here, who said he had seen similar objects over the mountains near Ukiah yesterday.

"It seems impossible," Arnold said, "but there it is."

## WEDDINGS

### WILES—HARNE

The marriage of Doris Harne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Harne, Smithsburg, to Robert Wiles, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Wiles, Middletown, was solemnized in the Mt. Pleasant Church of God, near Smithsburg, on Saturday evening at eight o'clock.

Rev. Walter A. Pettit read the single ring ceremony. An embankment of roses and ferns was illuminated by a profusion of pink candles.

The bride wore a white linen street-length dress and white accessories. She carried a white satin prayer book graced with a gardenia and chrysanthemum.

## Researching the Facts

First, let's examine in more detail the lives of the two major players in this story: Thomas David James Leech and James Marion Snodgrass.

### Who was Thomas David James Leech?

Thomas David James Leech was born in Sydney, New South Wales, Australia. He was a lecturer in Civil Engineering at the University of Sydney. In 1940, he was appointed as Professor of Engineering at Auckland University College in New Zealand where he worked as the Dean of the Faculty of Engineering from 1940 – 1949. During World War 2, Professor Leech was also the acting Director of Scientific Developments for New Zealand in support of the war effort and he did work on a secret research project code named Project Seal that explored the use of explosives in triggering artificial tsunamis. After submitting Project Seal's final report in December 1950, Professor Leech vacated his position at Auckland University to work as the Chief Engineer at the Scientific Services Division on the Snowy Mountains Hydro-Electric Authority in Australia. Professor Leech is also the author of an aerodynamic textbook: *The principles of flight: An Introduction to Aerodynamics*.

### **Who was James Marion Snodgrass?**

James Marion Snodgrass was born in Marysville, Ohio in 1908. He received an Artium Baccalaureatus (A.B.) Degree in Physics from Oberlin College in 1931, and did graduate work at both the University of Pennsylvania as well as at Harvard Medical School. During the war, he served on the National Defense Research Council (NRDC): from 1942 – 43 as a member of the technical staff, Division of War Research, Columbia University from 1943 – 46 as a Research Associate and Field Representative, Division of War Research, and the University of California. After the war, he worked as the Chief Engineer, Motion Picture and Sound Division of the Dayton Acme Company before taking a position as a Senior Marine Biologist at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, University of California, San Diego, where he eventually became a Research Engineer and head of the Special Developments Division at the Scripps Institute. Upon his retirement from the University of California in 1974, he became the Senior Technical Director of Ocean Data Systems, Inc.

Professor Snodgrass was awarded a Navy citation by Admiral Nimitz and was authorized to wear the Asiatic-Pacific Area Campaign ribbon for the work he did on anti-submarine warfare from 1943 – 45. In 1968, Professor Snodgrass was also awarded the U.S. Navy's highest civilian honor, the Navy Distinguished Public Service Award, for his outstanding contributions to the Navy in the field of oceanographic communications and instrumentation.

Professor Snodgrass was also a member of a number of professional societies including a fellow of the IEEE, was listed in the *World Who's Who in Science*, as well as *American Men and Women of Science*, was the author of more than 50 technical and scientific papers and the holder of many patents.

### **Project Seal**

So now that we know that both Professors Leech and Snodgrass had the proper credentials to be players in the secret weapon story, let's examine the secret project itself. Project Seal was a secret World War 2 research project that explored how explosives could be used to trigger an artificial tsunami as an offensive weapon. According to the *Final Report on Project Seal* written by Professor Thomas David James Leech himself, dated December 18, 1950 and declassified in 1971:

**Project "Seal"**, or the investigation of the potentialities of inundation by means of artificially produced tidal waves arose from a suggestion made by Wing Commander E.A. Gibson to Lieutenant General Sir Edward Puttick, Chief of General Staff (N.Z.) on the 13<sup>th</sup> January 1944. The former had noted, whilst engaged upon surveys of the Pacific Area during the period 1936 to 1942, that blasting operations upon submerged coral formations occasionally were attended by unexpectedly large waves. General Puttick instructed Colonel C.W. Salmon, the N.Z. Chiefs of Staff Representative in the South Pacific area (Enzedsopac) to place the proposal before Admiral W.F. Halsey, Commander of the South Pacific Area (Comsopac). Arrangements were made for Wing Commander Gibson, **Professor J.M. Snodgrass**, University of California, Division of War Research, who was then in the area investigating certain problems relating to submarine warfare, and **Professor T.D.J. Leech**, who was acting Director of Scientific Developments, New Zealand, to examine the idea at Noumea in February 1944.

*New Caledonian Experiments*

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It was decided to test the suggestion by ad hoc trials under the guidance of a team comprising Captain W.L. Erdman, U.S.N, Colonel Salmon, Wing Commander Gibson, **Professors Snodgrass and Leech**.

The results were incorporated in a report dated 31<sup>st</sup> March 1944, which was approved by Admiral Halsey and transmitted by him to the New Zealand Chiefs of Staff with a request that New Zealand undertake further investigations, as shown by the following extract:

The results of these experiments, in my opinion, show that inundation in amphibious warfare has definite and far reaching possibilities as an offensive weapon. It would be very desirable to have further developments carried out to establish a practical method and procedure which could be used in offensive warfare. I would be grateful if this development could be continued to completion by New Zealand officers. All practicable assistance of facilities and personnel in this Command will be at your disposal.

Admiral Halsey's request was examined by New Zealand Chiefs of Staff Committee, and proposals for implementation were submitted to and approved by the War Cabinet on the 5<sup>th</sup> of May. They provided for the establishment of an Army Research Unit **under the command of Professor Leech**, who would be directly responsible to the Minister of the Armed Forces and War Coordination, Sir William Perry.

The establishment of the Research Unit, known as the 24<sup>th</sup> Army Troops Company was manned primarily by New Zealanders with the U.S. Navy contributing a small number of explosive experts.

The Project Seal final report further elaborates that:

*Experimental Research Station*

The original suggestion for utilizing the fortress site of the Whangaparaoa Peninsula in the Haruaki Gulf, New Zealand was adopted. It was reasonably close to Auckland and the existing Army buildings had recently been reduced to a "care and maintenance" basis. From the viewpoint of security it was favorably situated. Close to the area, there were several sites suitably located for the larger experiments proposed. To cater for the small scale work, designed to determine the principles involved, an earthen dam was constructed in one of the valleys, which provided an experimental pool approximately 1,200 ft. long, 200 ft. wide and with depths varying in steps to 24 ft.

In addition to provision for basic development at Whangaparaoa, plans were laid for an operational test in New Zealand at Taronui Bay, North Auckland, between the Bay of Islands and Whangaroa. This was later abandoned.

It was originally intended that Leech would be assisted by a senior group comprising of **Professor Snodgrass** and two eminent hydraulic engineers, Messrs. T.A. Lang and F. de L. Venables. After protracted negotiations these gentlemen were not able to join the team, and the technical direction of the whole project remained, throughout, the responsibility of Leech.

The report goes on to detail the assistance provided by British scientists who helped with mathematical calculations but who were overall pessimistic about the project. Project Seal, however ambitious, was short lived as Leech's report details:

### *Some Difficulties*

Shortly after the "SEAL" Unit commenced operations on the 6<sup>th</sup> June 1944, there was a change in the Command of the South Pacific Area. This, combined with the many suggestions by senior officers, resulted in changes of policy, without having due regard to the technical difficulties involved.

It did not appear to be realized that time is required to plan and implement experimental programs. As a result much effort was wasted.

It was also unfortunate that the majority of the U.K. authorities were originally pessimistic. Subsequent events clearly demonstrated that, because of the absence of personal contact, they had based their decisions upon the effects of charges placed at the greater critical depth, and were at the time unfamiliar with the existence of the second and more pertinent critical depth near the surface. These factors, combine with the growing ascendancy of the Allied Nations in the Pacific theatre, reduced the operational priority of the project and caused the New Zealand Government to close it down in January 1945, before the full experimental program was completed and the fundamental scientific problems were solved.

The experimental station at Whangaparaoa was closed down on the 8<sup>th</sup> January, 1945. At this time some 3,700 experiments had been carried out with charges ranging from 0.06 lb. to 600 in. weight. T.N.T. was used generally, although C.E., nitro-starch and gelignite were employed in some cases.

In 1946 Dr. Karl Compton, Chairman of the Atomic Energy Evaluation Board, visited New Zealand and discussed the Seal project with Leech, who had been invited to represent New Zealand and Australia in a technical capacity at the second Bikini atom bomb trial. The latter was unable to accept the invitation because of the critical conditions at the Auckland University College. However, he supplied data relative to the location of the charge at the critical depth nearer the water surface together with forecasts of wave amplitudes at predetermined points at which wave recorders were to be established. The records were, it was reported subsequently in agreement with the forecasts within the limits of experimental error.

In February 1947, Leech was invited by the Assistant Secretary, U.S. Navy, to work with the Dean M.P. O'Brien, Professor-in-charge of the Department of Engineering, University of California, upon the analysis of records obtained at Bikini. Again, the continuous critical conditions at the Auckland University College forced the Council to withhold its permission. During 1948, the University of California published a number of papers relating to certain phases of the project. Since 1948, several requests for the final report have been made by Dr. E. Marsden, N.Z. Scientific Liaison Officer, London, and the U.S. Embassy in New Zealand.

During 1950 circumstances changed sufficiently to permit an effort being made to complete the report.

The investigations lead to the conclusion that offensive inundation is possible under favorable circumstances. Given low lying forshores and a shelving bottom off-shore, wave amplitudes of the order of those for recorded tidal waves, which have been disastrous, can be obtained. While T.N.T. or other explosives can be used, the engineering work specially involved introduces difficulties of considerable magnitude. The use of atomic bombs as multiple charges may be more practical.

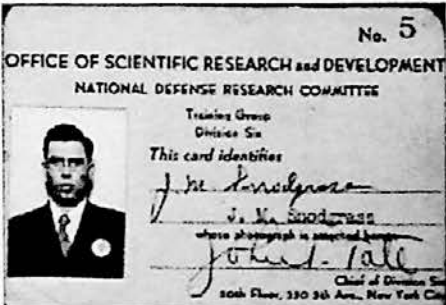
### A Conundrum

The Project Seal report confirms that a secret weapon story leaked in mid-June 1947 was real, and confirms the participation of our two protagonists. However, when we compare the quoted statements of both Professors Leech and Snodgrass to the historical record, both elements of truth as well as misinformation becomes apparent, as summarized in the following tables:

<i>What T.D.J. Leech was quoted:</i>	<i>Project Seal Report:</i>
<i>Existence of the new weapon was disclosed when Prof. T. D. J. Leech of New Zealand was mentioned in the birthday honors list of King George VI in London. Later a dispatch quoted Leech as saying he received the honor for his work in connection with a secret weapon <b>that was an effective alternate to the atomic bomb.</b></i>	Greatly exaggerated. The project explored the generation of waves by means of explosives and led to the conclusion that "offensive inundation is possible under favorable circumstances. Given low lying forshores and a shelving bottom off-shore, wave amplitudes of the order of those for recorded tidal waves, which have been disastrous, can be obtained."
Professor, T.D.J. Leech received a commandership of the order of the British Empire. He was identified as the <b>director of research for the weapon project.</b>	Confirmed. "Admiral Halsey's request was examined by the New Zealand Chiefs of Staff Committee, and proposals for implementation were submitted to and approved by the War Cabinet on the 5 <sup>th</sup> May. They provided for the establishment of an Army Research Unit under the command of Professor Leech, who would be directly responsible to the Minister of the Armed Forces and War Co-Ordination, Sir William Perry."
The weapon did not reach the stage of practical application during the war, <b>but work still is being pursued in the strictest security by scientists in the United States, Britain and New Zealand,</b> the Canadian	The weapon definitely did not reach the stage of practical application, but all work on the project had stopped in January, 1945.

Press said.	
There is one clue in the reports of a secret Anglo-American weapon said to outrival the atom bomb as credited today to Prof. T.D.J. Leech in New Zealand. That clue points to a ray of radiation of some sort. That sentence reads <b>"One means of application would have some similarity to one method of using the atomic bomb."</b>	Newspaper speculation on the radiation ray is not accurate.  T.D.J. Leech's answer is true: "While T.N.T. or other explosives can be used, the engineering work especially involved introduces difficulties of considerable magnitude. The use of atomic bombs as multiple charges may be more practical."
In Auckland today, Prof. Leech said he was "surprised" to hear that a London newspaper headline had stated that the atomic bomb had been rendered obsolete, but made no further comment.	T.D.J. Leech knew that Project Seal would not make the atomic bomb obsolete and that this was a ridiculous assertion.
The Winnipeg Free Press article of June 13, 1947 states that T.D.J. Leech was selected to lead the project because he had done work before that was distantly related to it	Leech was the Acting Director of Scientific Developments for New Zealand. He was also an authority on aerodynamics and hydrodynamics and was Dean of the Faculty of Engineering at Auckland University College from 1940 - 1949.  It was his expertise in aerodynamics that led to the later speculation that the weapon may be airborne.

<b><i>What James Snodgrass was quoted:</i></b>	<b><i>Project Seal Report:</i></b>
<i>As awesome in its effects as the atomic bomb.</i>	Greatly exaggerated. The project explored the generation of waves by means of explosives and led to the conclusion that "offensive inundation is possible under favorable circumstances. Given low lying forshores and a shelving bottom off-shore, wave amplitudes of the order of those for recorded tidal waves, which have been disastrous, can be obtained."
<i>1. It is not connected in any way with the atomic bomb.</i>	Not entirely true.  "While T.N.T. or other explosives can be used, the engineering work especially involved introduces difficulties of considerable magnitude. The use of atomic bombs as multiple charges may be more practical."
<i>2. It is not a biological warfare</i>	Confirmed as true.

<p><i>weapon.</i></p>	
<p>3. <i>Development of the weapon, started during the war, was not completed until after hostilities were ended.</i></p>	<p>Not true.</p> <p>The project conducted some 3700 experiments between June 6, 1944 and January 8, 1945. "These factors, combined with the growing ascendancy of the Allied Nations in the Pacific theatre, reduced the operational priority of the project and caused the New Zealand Government to close it down in January 1945, before the full experimental program was completed and the fundamental scientific problems were solved." "The experimental station at Whangaparaoa was closed down on the 8<sup>th</sup> January, 1945."</p>
<p>4. <i>Snodgrass was a civilian attached to the National Defense Research Council when he joined British and New Zealand scientists in development of the weapon.</i></p>	<p>Confirmed. "Arrangements were made for Wing Commander Gibson, Professor J.M. Snodgrass, University of California, Division of War Research, who was then in the area investigating certain problems relating to submarine warfare, and Professor T.D.J. Leech, who acting Director of Scientific Development, New Zealand, to examine the idea at Noumea in February 1944." According to Snodgrass' own papers, the exact itinerary was February 16, 1944.</p> 
<p>5. <i>The weapon was conceived by the British and although United States naval officers were not enthusiastic, the British pressed the project, first on an obscure Pacific island in 1943 and later in New Zealand.</i></p>	<p>Not true:</p> <p>"Project Seal is regarded as a joint United States/New Zealand Project."</p> <p>"Project Seal arose from a suggestion made by Wing Commander E.A. Gibson to Lieutenant General Sir Edward Puttick, Chief of General Staff (N.Z.) on the 13<sup>th</sup> January 1944. The former had noted whilst engaged upon surveys in the Pacific Area during the period 1936 to 1942, that blasting operations upon submerged coral formations occasionally were attended by unexpected large waves."</p> <p>"It was decided to test the suggestion by ad hoc trials under the guidance of a team comprising Captain W. L. Erdman, U.S.N., Colonel Salmon, Wing Commander</p>

	<p>Gibson, Professors Snodgrass and Leech." Note: Trials took place in New Caledonia.</p> <p>"The results which were incorporated in a report dated 31<sup>st</sup> March 1944, which was approved by Admiral Halsey and transmitted by him to the New Zealand Chiefs of Staff with a request that New Zealand undertake further investigations."</p> <p>"Contemporaneously with the setting up of the Experimental Station, Dr. E. Mardsen, Secretary, D.S.I.R. and Brigadier R.S. Park were able to discuss the question with U.K. scientists interested in cognate problems. These included Sir Geoffrey Taylor, Adviser to the Admiralty, Professor E.D. Ellis, together with Professor Chapman and Dr. W.G. Penny of the Imperial College of Science and Technology. These scientists had been interested in the study of the effects of firing submerged charges; and with the exception of Sir Geoffrey Taylor, all were pessimistic."</p> <p>"Somewhat later, Dr. Mardsen discussed the problem with Dr. Vannevar Bush in Washington, and his views were more encouraging."</p> <p>"It was also unfortunate that the majority of the U.K. authorities were originally pessimistic."</p>												
<p>6. <i>The U. S. Navy received reports during development,</i></p>	<p>Confirmed: COMSOPAC (Commander South Pacific)</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>PREVIOUS "SEAL" REPORTS.</u></p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">First Progress Report to Comsopac</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding: 2px;">23. 6. 44</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Second " " " "</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding: 2px;">7. 7. 44</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Third " " " "</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding: 2px;">21. 7. 44</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Fourth " " " "</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding: 2px;">4. 8. 44</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Fifth " " " "</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding: 2px;">18. 8. 44</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Interim Report</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding: 2px;">31. 10. 44</td> </tr> </table> </div>	First Progress Report to Comsopac	23. 6. 44	Second " " " "	7. 7. 44	Third " " " "	21. 7. 44	Fourth " " " "	4. 8. 44	Fifth " " " "	18. 8. 44	Interim Report	31. 10. 44
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<p><i>"Development of the weapon started after American forces landed in Tarawa Island in the Pacific" and turned to a reporter and said "You remember there was heavy loss of life." The newsman asked if the weapon had anything to do with the</i></p>	<p>Substantially true. The Battle of Tarawa was from November 21 -23, 1943. Miscalculation of tide depths lead to the deaths of many U.S. servicemen. A tsunami weapon could have flooded out the Japanese prior to ground forces attacking. Confirmed by Snodgrass in his personal papers.</p>												

<p><i>casualties or some military problem encountered on the island and Snodgrass replied" "Could be."</i></p>	
<p><i>Fears of espionage resulted in centering the experimentation in New Zealand, although it had been planned to transfer work on the project to Florida.</i></p> <p><i>"Work was begun on the weapon in Florida but was transferred to New Zealand"</i></p>	<p>Not true. The project was proposed by and executed by New Zealand in almost its entirety with the U.S. Navy only providing ten explosive experts for the experiments. Espionage was not a factor in the location. Also, there is no mention in the Seal report of moving the work to Florida.</p> <p>Oddly enough, some newspaper articles mention that the project was initiated in Florida and moved to New Zealand, while others claim it was started in New Zealand and would transfer to Florida.</p>
<p>Existence of the weapon first was reported by Prof. T.D.J. Leech of New Zealand. Later dispatches mentioned a Prof. J.M. Snodgrass of the University of California as a co-worker. "He worked on the weapon in New Zealand and that he believed it to be a weapon of tremendous importance." "But father than that he would not go" and "would not discuss its nature or whether it was for use against personnel or vessels."</p>	<p>The Seal Report was not declassified until 1971. Contrary to newspaper reports, the Seal Report was classified SECRET, not TOP SECRET.</p>

<b><i>What Professor W.A. Miller was quoted:</i></b>	<b><i>Notes:</i></b>
<p>Prof. W. A. Miller of the Sydney University Civil Engineering Department said today a new secret weapon mentioned in Auckland, N.Z., reports <i>"might be in the nature of an airborne missile such as the German rocket bomb."</i></p>	<p>Speculation based on T.D.J. Leech to have been a known expert in aerodynamics.</p>
<p><i>He knew Prof. David James Leech of Auckland to have an "expert knowledge of and enthusiasm for aerodynamics."</i></p>	<p>True: Professor Leech wrote a textbook on aerodynamics titled: <i>The principles of flight;: Or, An Introduction to Aerodynamics</i></p>

<i>What an Anonymous Source was quoted:</i>	<i>Project Seal Report:</i>
<p>"Research on such an offensive weapon was started in 1944 and still was being pursued in the strictest secrecy by scientists in New Zealand, Great Britain and the United States. <b>Had the project been completed in time it might have played a role as effective as the atom bomb in the subjugation of Japan.</b>"</p>	<p>Hardly. The project was terminated in early 1945.</p> <p>"In 1946 Dr. Karl Compton, Chairman of the Atomic Energy Evaluation Board, visited New Zealand and discussed the Seal project with Leech, who had been invited to represent New Zealand and Australia in a technical capacity at the second Bikini atom bomb trial. The latter was unable to accept the invitation because of the critical conditions at the Auckland University College. However he supplied data relative to the location of the charge at the critical depth nearer the water surface together with forecasts of wave amplitudes at predetermined points at which wave recorders were to be established. The records were, it was reported subsequently, in agreement with the forecasts within the limits of experimental error."</p> <p>"In February 1947, Leech was invited by the Assistant Secretary, U.S. Navy to work with Dean M.P.O'Brien, Professor-in-charge of the Department of Engineering, University of California, upon the analysis of records obtained at Bikini. Again, the continuing critical conditions at the Auckland University College forced the Council to withhold its permission. During 1948, the University of California published a number of papers relating to certain phases of the project."</p>
<p>"Without discounting the effectiveness of the project as an offensive weapon" <b>"it does not offer such a threat to world peace as the atom bomb. This may not be amplified further than saying that things pertaining to it are under control."</b></p>	<p>Speculation. There was no viable weapon to control.</p>
<p><b>"Development of the project was understood to be too complex for a small country like New Zealand to carry out</b></p>	<p>Except for explosive expertise provided by the U.S. Navy and scientific assistance provided by British scientists, New</p>

<p><b>the development unaided.</b> New Zealand was said to have the necessary equipment and establishment and would be able to make useful contributions."</p>	<p>Zealand led the project from its inception to its end phase.          "It was originally intended that Leech would be assisted by a senior group comprising Professor Snodgrass and two eminent Australian hydraulic engineers, Messrs. T.A. Lang and F. de L. Venables. After protracted negotiations these gentlemen were not able to join the team, and the technical direction of the whole project remained throughout the responsibility of Leech."          "The New Zealand approach to the problem was essentially experimental. While efforts were made to produce a satisfactory theory to explain the mechanism of wave generation with explosive charges close to the water surface, the mathematical difficulties proved intractable. However, the contributions by Sir Geoffrey Taylor and Dr. Penny (UK scientists) were invaluable in the examination of a number of factors."</p>
<p>The New Zealand Herald said its source of information about the new weapon was most reliable, but could not be disclosed.</p>	<p>The Seal Project report offers no hint on what triggered this news leak in 1947. It is also unclear why James Marion Snodgrass' name was leaked to the press.</p>

**Observances**

When doing research for this paper at the Scripps institute of Oceanography, I was able to examine both the *Project Seal Final Report* as well as the James Marion Snodgrass' papers donated to the Scripps Library. It is obvious that Professor Snodgrass was extremely proud of his oceanographic career and his wartime service and this was made very apparent in his rough autobiography which he had started writing but never finished. Notably absent from the biographical record were any newspaper clippings or even a mention of the front page news he had made in mid-June 1947. The single reference to the news blitz of June 1947 was a letter written to Snodgrass by a friend wanting to get reacquainted after seeing him in the newspaper, and this letter was filed all by itself in a folder labeled 1947. I found this to be very odd.

Also absent from his biographical record is any mention that James Marion Snodgrass participated in Operations Crossroads. Operation Crossroads was a series of nuclear weapon tests conducted by the United States at Bikini Atoll in the Marshall Islands in the summer of 1946. Its purpose was to test the effect of nuclear weapons on naval ships. The series consisted of two detonations, each with a yield of 23 kilotons: the first test was Able which was detonated at an altitude of 520 feet on 1 July 1946; the second test was

Baker which was detonated 90 feet underwater on 25 July 1946. A third planned burst, Charlie, was canceled. (Wikipedia)

In Snodgrass' papers I found the following set of orders:

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8 February 1946

BUSHIPS END-11 on orders to duty with U. S. Navy for Technician J. M. Snodgrass dated 16 October 1945.

TO: Technician J. M. Snodgrass.

1. Detached this date to report on 14 February 1946, to the U. S. Navy Motion Picture Liaison Office, Hollywood, California for temporary duty pending further assignment in connection with the Crossroads project.
2. Class Two Air Priority, MATS, is hereby authorized.
3. It is requested that the services of Government Reservation Bureau be provided in order to expedite the completion of this duty.

S. A. Johnson  
By Direction of  
Chief of Bureau

F16-4/11/HR:wh  
WFL-EC Serial- 224

USN Motion Picture Liaison Office, West Coast  
1680 N. Vine St., Hollywood, Calif.

25 February 1946

END-12 on Orders to Duty with U. S. Navy for Technician J. M. SNODGRASS dated 16 October 1945.

TO: Technician J. M. SNODGRASS.

1. Reported at 1200, 18 February 1946.
2. Detached this date at 1600 to report on or about 26 February 1946 to Navy Electronics Laboratory, San Diego, California for temporary duty pending further assignment in connection with the Crossroads Project.
3. Government quarters and facilities for messing were not available and were not provided.

WALTER W. EMERSON  
Comdr, USN (Ret)  
Officer-in-Charge

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16 May 1946

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To: Technician J. M. Snodgrass.

1. Detached this date to report on 17 May 1946 to the U.S. Navy Motion Picture Liaison Office, Hollywood, California, for temporary duty pending further assignment in connection with the Crossroads Project.
2. Class Two Air Priority, NATS, is hereby authorized.
3. It is requested that the services of Government Reservation Bureaus be provided in order to expedite the completion of this duty.

C. A. JOHNSON (Sgd)  
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By Direction of  
Chief of Bureau

PLC/EL Motion Picture Liaison Office, West Coast  
MPL-20 477 1680 No. Vine St., Hollywood, Calif.  
18 MAY 1946

End-17 to CMO Ltr. CP50-254-22  
of 24 June 1944, & Orders dtd 15 Oct 45.

To: Mr. James M. Snodgrass, Technician.

1. Reported 0300 on 18 May 1946.
2. Government quarters and facilities for messing are not available for assignment to you during the period of your assignment at this activity.

WALTER W. HENSON

Although these orders don't show an exact deployment date to the Marshall Islands for the Crossroads tests, the June 15, 1947 *Syracuse Herald Journal* article notes that:

Snodgrass insisted in an interview he was "in no position to give any detailed clue as to the composition or structure of the development." Questioned about the classification of the development, he said that "under a broad classification" it might be described as a weapon. However, the handsome scientist, now conducting television research, **said he had been back in the United States since last July** and declared that he "knows nothing of the present stage of its refinement or development."

Here Snodgrass alludes to being out of country in July, 1946 and the only logical location would be at Bikini Atoll.

So why does Snodgrass not mention his temporary notoriety in 1947 or his participation in Crossroads in any of his autobiographical writings? It is possible that he took his secrecy oath very seriously and since his involvement in these projects was of a classified nature, he decided to stay mum. That would be a clean cut answer, but the only wrinkle is that he *does* mention his participation in Project Seal on more than one occasion in his writings. Even in media interviews of 1947, Snodgrass was obviously reserved, but he did manage to let slip some details about Project Seal. This is completely out of character for someone of Snodgrass' classified project experience.

*James Marion Snodgrass Autobiographical Note:*

**WWII, South Pacific, Noumea, New Caledonia:** While on special top secret project (Code; "SEAL PROJECT") for Adm. Halsey. Working with an Australian scientist/engineer, New Zealand Air Group Commander, work force of New Zealand Army officers & men with U.S. Navy ordnance Chief warrant officer and his team of petty officers. Assigned entire island of Isle Ne, situated just outside the harbor entrance. Developing methods of reducing the relatively high casualty rates we were encountering in amphibious warfare, especially the effort of clearing the enemy from the beaches. Basically trying to develop controllable artificial tidal waves to inundate the beaches before the landing phase of an attack. We were devising and carrying out the tests employing scale models. One time we were utilizing about 50 to 100 pounds of black powder packaged in a cylindrical container about 5 inches in diameter and 30 feet long. The explosive package was moored in about 4 feet of water. cameras were set

**Summary**

Two weeks before Kenneth Arnold's sighting on June 24, 1947 the news media reported on a top secret Anglo-American weapon, on par with the Atomic bomb, possibly airborne and outside the reaches of Soviet espionage. The two major protagonists of this story are real people, with real credentials, who are indeed working on a real secret project, yet they misrepresent many aspects of this project. This leaves us with many unanswered questions:

- Why would the Seal Project be leaked to the press in the first place if it was still allegedly an ongoing classified project?
- Why would TDJ Leech leak any information about the project including the name of a previous colleague if the project was still being worked on in strict secrecy?

- Why is the British role in the project played up while the New Zealand role is played down, when the opposite was true?
- Why are the British portrayed as the optimists and the Americans as the pessimists when the opposite was true?
- Why would Leech or Snodgrass claim that work was ongoing when they both knew that the project was killed in its infancy?
- Why would Snodgrass claim that the secret weapon is not related to the atomic bomb, when atomic weaponry would have to be used to generate the tsunami waves in order to be effective?

### Many Questions - Some Possible Answers

Is it possible that this weapons project which was already defunct in 1947 was leaked to the press for affect as part of a Government deception operation? Is it possible that the goal of this deception operation was to convince the Soviet Union that the United States was in possession of an airborne weapon that rivaled the Atomic Bomb and wanted the Soviets to believe that UFOs were this weapon? Is it possible that James Marion Snodgrass did not mention his 1947 notoriety in his autobiography because he was still under oath for this deception operation?

**RED SAUCERS:**  
**Soviets Curious**  
 Those flying disks were fun while they lasted, but by this time everybody has practically forgotten them.  
 Well, almost everybody.  
 Latest report having to do with the aerial chinaware is that Soviet agents in the United States have been ordered to solve the mystery of the disks. Presupposing the report to be true, it means, at least, that the saucers were not of Russian origin.  
 Soviet espionage agents here are said to have been advised that the Kremlin believes the flying saucers might have some connection with army experiments on methods of knocking out enemy radar.

This strange weapons story does bear all the hallmarks of a deception operation where many truths are carefully wrapped in lies for the purpose of influencing an enemy. If so, what behavior did the deception operation hope to induce on the part of the Soviet Union? Let's revisit the time period for possible answers. In 1945, it became apparent to the United States that Soviet espionage had infiltrated every aspect of American society, from the White House to the Manhattan Project. Although by 1946, steps taken by the FBI and other Government agencies, uncovered many Soviet spy rings, and put policies in place to curb this activity, there were still untold numbers of Soviet agents who had not yet been identified. A counter-intelligence operation could have been organized around this deception operation and the

subsequent UFO events of 1947 to try and smoke out these agents. U.S. counter-intelligence forces could quietly monitor any persons who suddenly took interest in the subject of UFOs as potential Soviet agents. On August 28, 1947, a short article in the *Pomeroy Herald* echoed that possibility.

Whether the UFOs witnessed in 1947 were manmade or from somewhere else does not matter, as they could be used either way for counter-espionage purposes to induce the belief that they were a secret weapons program of the United States. Joint Air Force-Navy Air Intelligence report 100-203-79, *Analysis of Flying Object Incidents in the United States*, dated December 10, 1948 revealed that the United States had documented

UFO incidents early in 1947, even prior to Kenneth Arnold's sighting. However, a *Report on Flying Disks*, dated July 25, 1947 from HQ, Air Defense Command, Mitchel Field to the Commanding General, Army Air Forces concluded that:

- (a) This "flying saucer" situation is not all imaginary or seeing too much in some natural phenomenon. Something is really flying around.
- (b) Lack of topside inquiries, when compared to the prompt and demanding inquiries that have originated topside upon former events, give more than ordinary weight to the possibility that this is a domestic project, about which the President, etc. know.

This same point of view was echoed by a FBI Memo dated August 19, 1947 from E.G. Fitch to D.M. Ladd, *Subject: Flying Disks* where:

Special Agent (S.W. Reynolds) of the Liaison Section, while discussing the above captioned phenomena with Lieutenant Colonel (K.C. Garrett) of the Air Forces Intelligence, expressed the possibility that flying disks were in fact, a very highly classified experiment of the Army or Navy. Mr. (Reynolds) was very much surprised when Colonel (Garrett) stated it was his personal opinion that such was a probability, but confidentially stated that a Mr. (X) who is a scientist attached to the Air Forces Intelligence, was of the same opinion.

Colonel (Garrett) stated that he based his assumption on the following: He pointed out that when flying objects were seen over Sweden, the "high brass" of the War Department exerted tremendous pressure on the Air Forces Intelligence to conduct research and collect information in an effort to identify these sightings. Colonel (Garrett) stated that, in contrast to this, we have reported sightings of unknown objects over the United States, and the "high brass" appeared to be totally unconcerned. He indicated this led him to believe that they knew enough about these objects to express no concern. Colonel (Garrett) pointed out further that the objects in question have been seen by many individuals who are what he terms "trained observers," such as airplane pilots. He indicated also that several of the individuals are reliable members of the community. He stated that it is his conclusion that these individuals saw something. He stated the above has led him to the conclusion that there were objects seen which somebody in the Government knows all about.

It is intriguing that both Air Force Intelligence and Air Defense Command personnel were puzzled by the obvious lack of concern from upper echelons and were convinced that someone at a higher level was in the "know". Neither questioned the reality of the sightings. If UFOs were indeed being used for counter-espionage purposes, it makes sense that higher authorities would not be alarmed over these UFOs violating U.S. airspace.

This brings up another interesting question - could some of the objects witnessed in late June and early July 1947 have been staged in support of a deception/counter-intelligence operation? A FBI memo dated July 30, 1947 alludes to this possibility:

FLYING DISCS - The Bureau, at the request of the Army Air Forces Intelligence, has agreed to cooperate in the investigations of flying discs. The Air Force have confidentially advised that it is possible to release three or more discs in odd numbers, attached together by a wire, from an airplane in high altitudes and that these discs would obtain tremendous speed in their descent and would

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descend to the earth in an arc. The Army Air Forces Intelligence has also indicated some concern that the reported sightings might have been made by subversive individuals for the purpose of creating a mass hysteria.

### **Kenneth Arnold**

After his famous June 24, 1947 sighting, Kenneth Arnold was interviewed by Army Air Forces Counter-Intelligence Corps (CIC) agents from Hamilton Field and these CIC agents took correspondence that Arnold had received from the public. Arnold noted in his book *The Coming of the Saucers* that:

Before leaving that night (CIC agents) Davidson and Brown went through all the mail I had received outside of what various newsmen had helped themselves to. I noticed the mail they selected to take was mostly of the nature of societies or organizations that had written me asking for full accounts of my original experiences. I was happy they did go through my mail as I didn't feel capable of evaluating much of the contents of the letters I had received.

The interest on the part of these CIC agents in which organizations were attempting to contact Arnold regarding his UFO experience is consistent with a counter-espionage explanation.

Kenneth Arnold's experiences in Tacoma, Washington in late July and early August of 1947 also point to a counter-intelligence operation. Many UFO enthusiasts do not realize that Kenneth Arnold not only had the distinction of kick starting the UFO age but also for all intents and purposes was the very first Ufologist. Commissioned by the publisher of a pulp magazine to research the Maury Island incident in late July 1947, Arnold soon found himself in a twilight zone of events that made his initial sighting seem mundane in comparison. Arnold wrote extensively about these strange events in his book and his account was confirmed by later released FBI memos. However, that story will have to be the subject of a different paper as it far too complex to examine in this limited space.

Is this counter-spy scenario speculative? Yes it is, but in Ufology there are no sacred cows, and every possible new lead needs to be explored to its fullest in our search for truth. In my opinion, Ufologists have only scratched the surface of potential research on the role of Government in the UFO field, especially as it relates to counter-intelligence and psychological warfare operations.

Addenda:

## Rivals A-Bomb?



Sharing credit for development of a secret new British-American weapon said to be the equal of atomic bomb in deadliness, is James Marion Snodgrass, engineer for a Cincinnati, O., company. Work on the weapon was begun in Florida but transferred to New Zealand. (International)



**WORKED ON SECRET WEAPON**—James Marion Snodgrass (above), 39-year-old Cincinnati bio-physicist, said he aided British and New Zealand scientists in the development of a secret weapon he said was "as awesome in its effects as the atomic bomb." (AP Wirephoto).

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Asked about the weapon as an alternate to the atomic bomb, Snodgrass said only: "First reports are substantially true but perhaps they are exaggerated a little."

## Conceived By British.

He said the weapon was conceived by the British and although United States naval officials were not enthusiastic the British pressed the work, first on an obscure Pacific island in 1943 and later in New Zealand.

Fears of espionage resulted in centering the experimentation in New Zealand, Snodgrass said, although it had been planned to transfer work on the project to Florida.

The U. S. navy received reports on the weapon, he said.

# Supersonic Weapon Is Forecast

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## Another Secret Device Greater Than Atomic Bomb

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., June 14 (AP)—Weapons as terrifying as the atom bomb — super sounds that would upset the nervous systems of whole populations, light waves, and shooting clouds out of the sky to control rainfall — were raised as possibilities today in any way of the future by an American Air Force commander.

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"An airplane equipped with a sort of super dog whistle," he said, "obviously could fly around a city for awhile and upset the nervous systems of the whole population."

"I believe we need to do some research along this line. It may be just a fantastic dream. It may not."

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## British Refuse To Talk About Secret Weapon

LONDON, June 13—(AP)—British government ministries declined comment today on New Zealand reports concerning the purported development of a super-secret super-weapon approaching the atomic bomb in importance.

The defense ministry, the air ministry, the war office, the admiralty and the ministry of supply all refused to discuss stories out of Auckland which quoted "most reliable" sources as saying research on such an offensive weapon was started in 1944 and still was being pursued in the strictest secrecy by scientists in New Zealand, Great Britain and the United States.

"Had the project been completed in time it might have played a role as effective as the atom bomb in the subjugation of Japan," the New Zealand Herald, of Auckland, reported.

"Without discounting the effectiveness of the project as an offensive weapon," the paper continues, "it does not offer such a threat to world peace as the atom bomb. This may not be amplified further than saying that things pertaining to it are under control."

First reports that such research was under way followed the award of the rank of commander of the British empire to Prof. David James Leech in the latest royal birthday honors list. Reports in Auckland said Leech had taken a leading part in the coordination and development of research on the project.

The New Zealand high commissioner's office here, when queried about the Auckland reports, said it had "never heard of" Prof. Leech.

**Speculative**  
AUCKLAND, N. Z., June 13—(AP)—New Zealanders speculat-

ed today on the nature of a new weapon—approaching the atom bomb in importance, but cheaper—which the New Zealand Herald described as a joint development of scientists from this country, Great Britain and the United States.

The Herald said its source of information about the new weapon was most reliable, but could not be disclosed.

There was no hint of the nature of the project. One authority said that on completion, it could be given practical application in a variety of ways. One of these applications, it was stated, would have some similarity to one of the applications of the atom bomb.

Scientists were reported thoroughly examining all possibilities. They were said to have exchanged ideas and information. So far as is known, no details of the project have been revealed to countries other than New Zealand, Britain and the United States.

The Herald said it learned that development of the project to the stage of practical application would cost much less than the development of atomic energy production. However, the project was understood to be too complex for a small country like New Zealand to carry out the development unaided. New Zealand, however, was said to have the necessary equipment and establishment and would be able to make useful contributions.

**Establishes Residency**

PHILADELPHIA, June 13—(AP)—Mrs. Eugene Ormandy, wife of the internationally known conductor and music director of the Philadelphia orchestra, has established residence in Reno, Nev., and will file suit for divorce, her attorney, John P. Thatcher disclosed here. Mrs. Ormandy is the former Stephanie Goldner, a native of Vienna. The Ormandy's were married in 1922 and separated last October. They have no children.

The highest free leaping waterfall in the world is the Yosemite Fall in Yosemite Valley, which drops 1,430 feet.

8\*—The Charleston Gazette Saturday, June 14, 1947

## Radiation May Be Factor In Latest Secret Weapon

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Their possibility was explained to President Roosevelt by scientists in 1939 and more recently Glenn Martin mentioned them as bombs that American military authorities are studying. Half a mile radius is the generally stated distance for such radioactivity to be effective in war.

No new sources of death rays were reported during the war, but such rays were known to electrical theorists before the war. They were considered useless even as possibilities.

**Plane Check Considered**

Short-wave radio rays were one. It was considered possible to make such a ray that would be effective at four miles, not for killing that far away, but for crashing planes by interfering with the electrical portion of their engines.

The difficulty was, for such a ray, the need of power equal to about 10 times that of Niagara Falls, and the reflector, perhaps of pure aluminum, 200 feet in diameter.

Closer by, this sort of radiation was expected to be fatal. These engineering dreams were made before the great advances in very short radio waves that came out of the war.

If there is any possibility of concentrated radar or other short wave length rays that will kill men, no hint of that lethal power has leaked out.

scientific principles of producing such a satellite of the earth, really equivalent to a tiny moon, are known, but there is nothing at all in present scientific developments to overcome the difficulties of launching or even of construction.

Post-war secret weapons have included a cosmic ray bomb. This had its origin in misunderstandings on the part of laymen and never came from any scientific source. A starlight bomb would be easier to conceive of, because total starlight is many times more energetic than the total energies of cosmic rays. A single cosmic ray is millions of times more energetic than any single beam of starlight but there is no known possibility of concentrating them.

**Defense Against Bacteria**  
Biological warfare frequently has been declared to be as bad as atomic bombs. But these claims omit the fact known to all biologists that man's own body, conditioned for eons of time to germs of all kinds, can be protected rather quickly from any conceivable forms of bacteriological attack.

Death rays in general are almost inconceivable for effective military use because of the well-known stopping power of the air for waves that are shorter than light or the invisible ultra-violet rays.

Although scientists have been trying for some time to produce man-made cosmic rays, they have not succeeded, and when the planned great electrical energy machines producing billions of volts are built, it is not expected that they can produce anything more than the very weakest sort of cosmic rays.

## Boycott Notice Given by Arabs

LAKE SUCCESS, June 13—(AP)—The Arab Higher Committee for Palestine formally notified Secretary-General Trygve Lie today that it would boycott the United Nations Holy Land inquiry.

It immediately transmitted the

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Hints about the purported new weapon, shrouded in super-secrecy, were first heard after Leech was named this week in the king's birthday honors list as a commander of the Order of the British Empire for his war work.

Miller said Leech in both aerodynamics and hydrodynamics had made a great contribution to the work of Sydney University's Civil Engineering Department before he went to New Zealand in 1920.

Leech has been credited with being a central figure in the coordination of research in which New Zealand, British and United States scientists are reported to have developed the super-weapon. The New Zealand Herald of Auckland has compared the new development of the atomic bomb.

In Auckland today, Prof. Leech said he was "surprised" to hear that a London newspaper headline had stated that the atomic bomb had been rendered obsolete, but made no further comment.

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It is not inconceivable that the nation that first learns to plot the paths of air masses accurately and learns to control the time and

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"But farther than that he would not go," the paper says. "He would not discuss its nature

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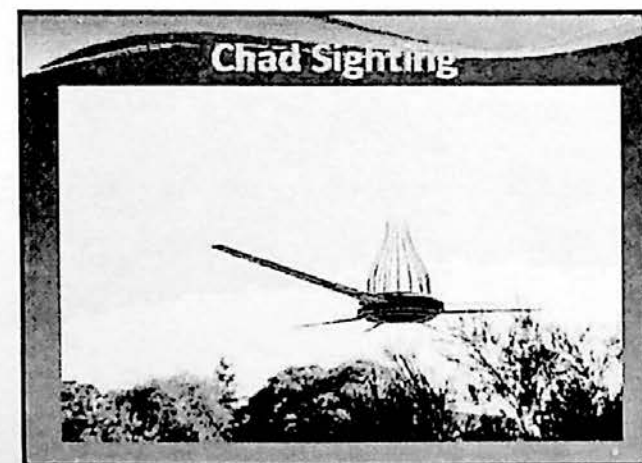
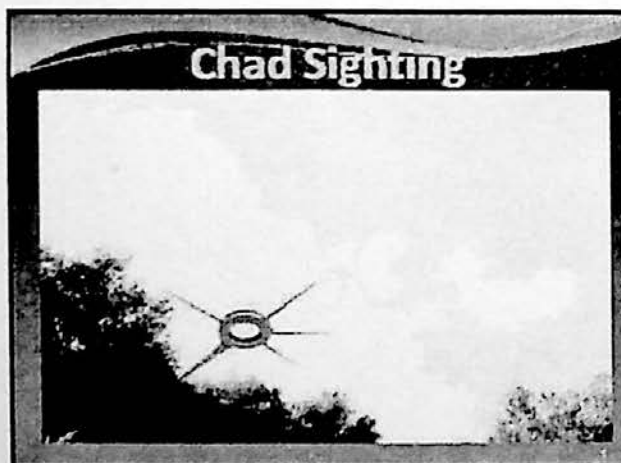
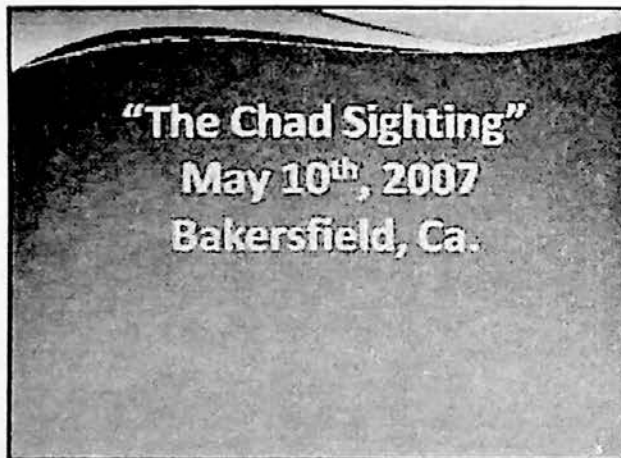
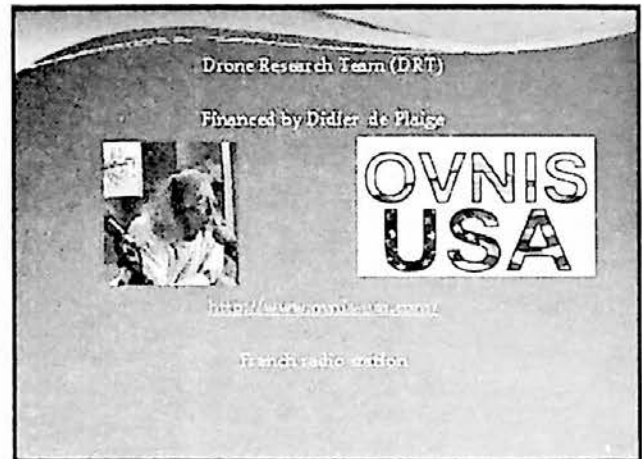
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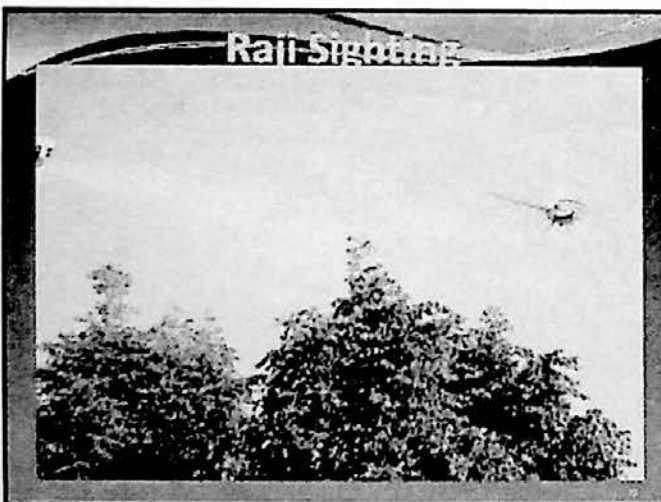
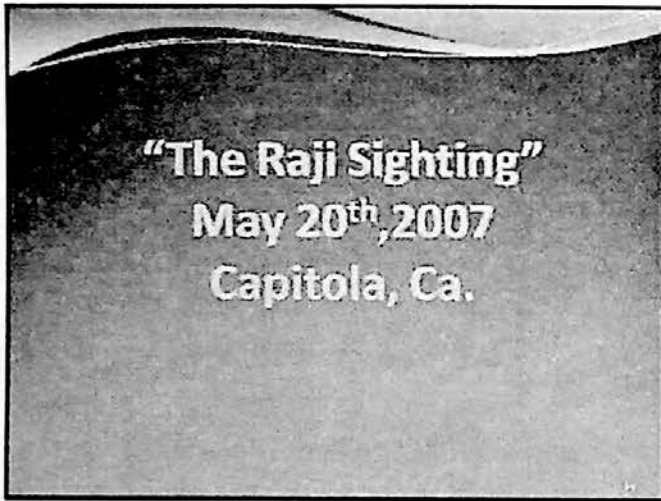
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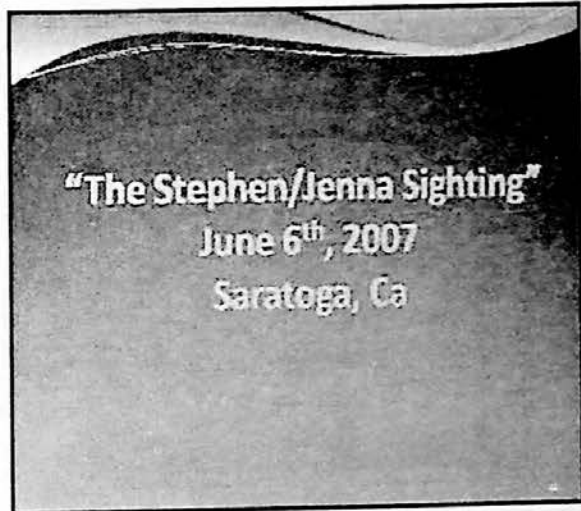
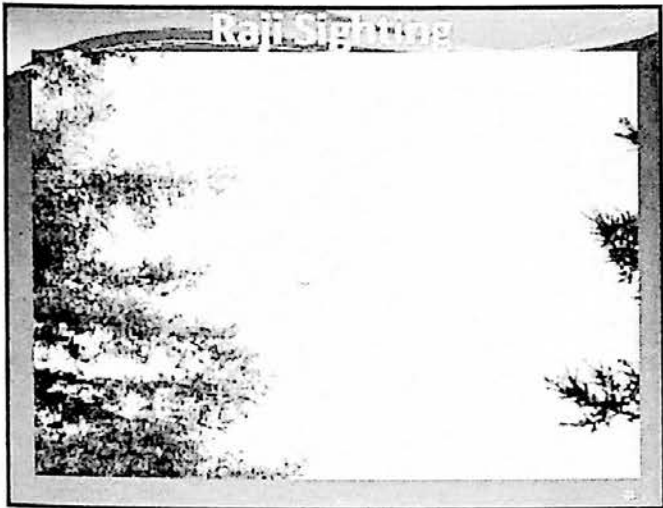
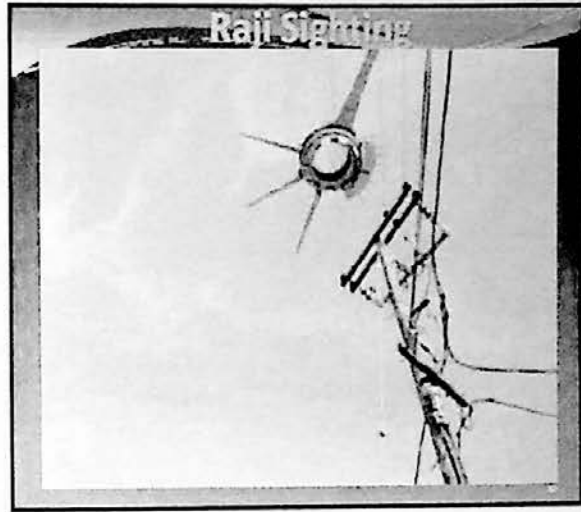
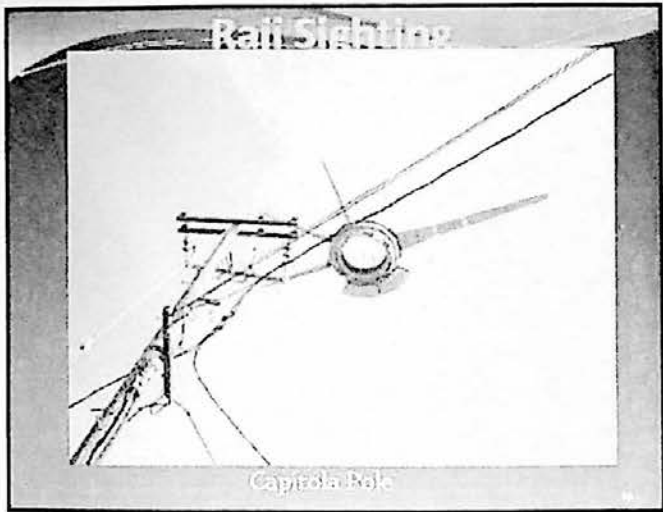
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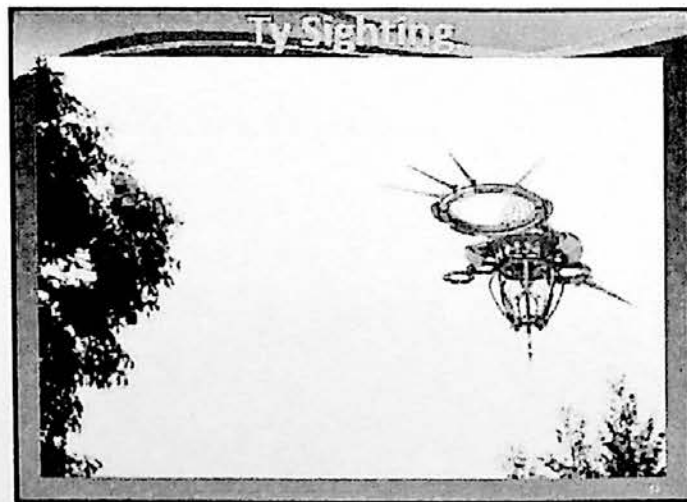
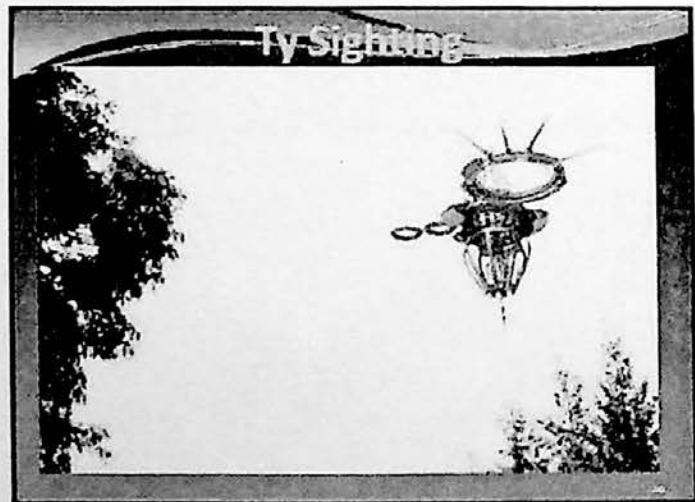
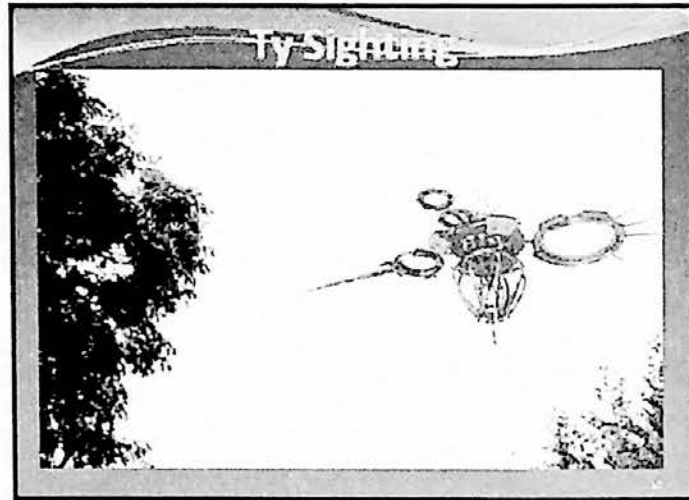
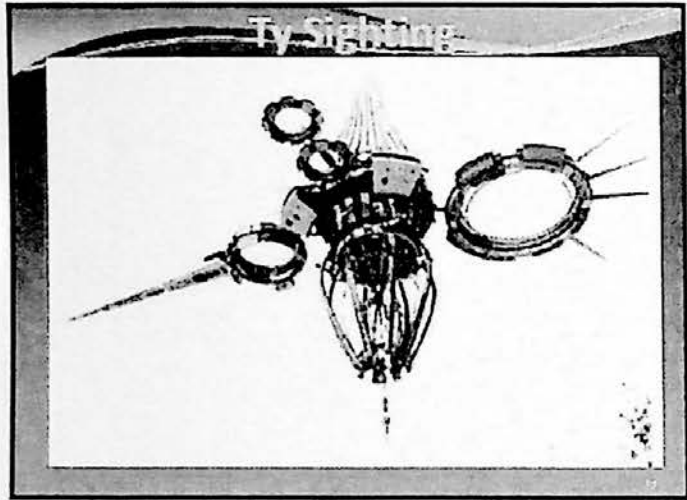


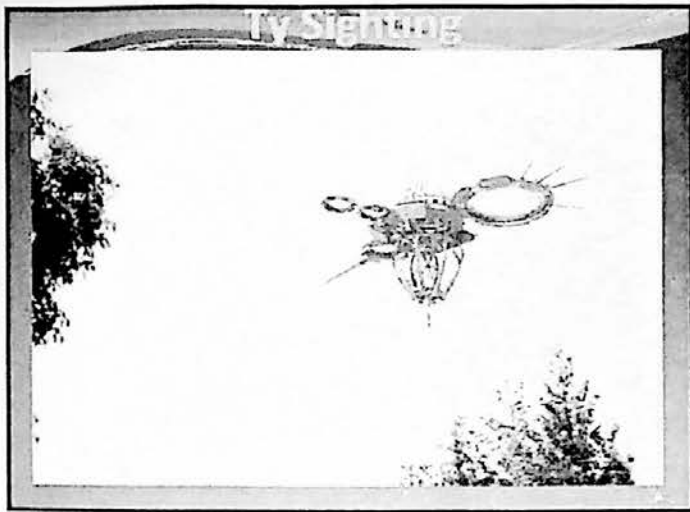




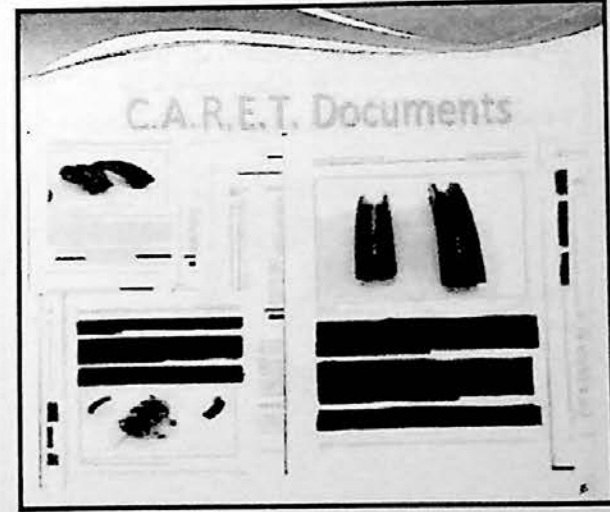
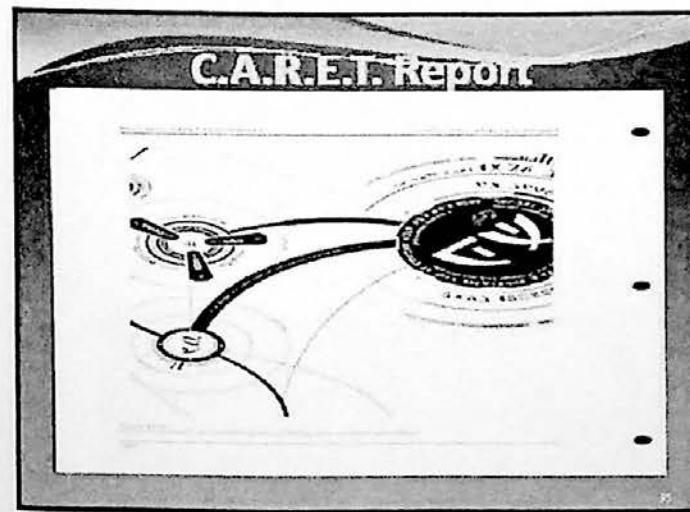
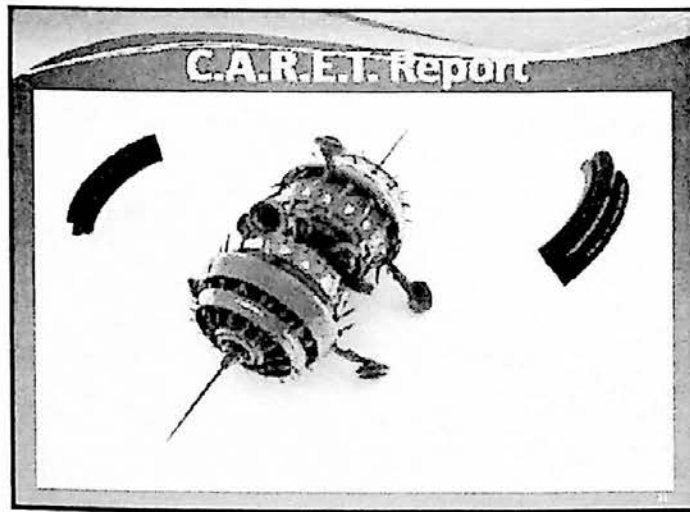


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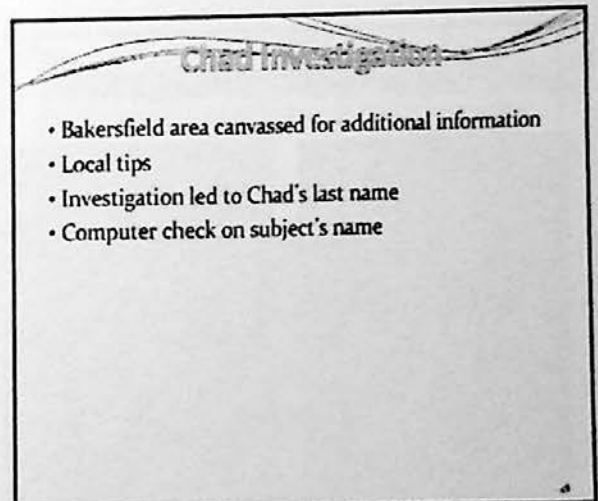
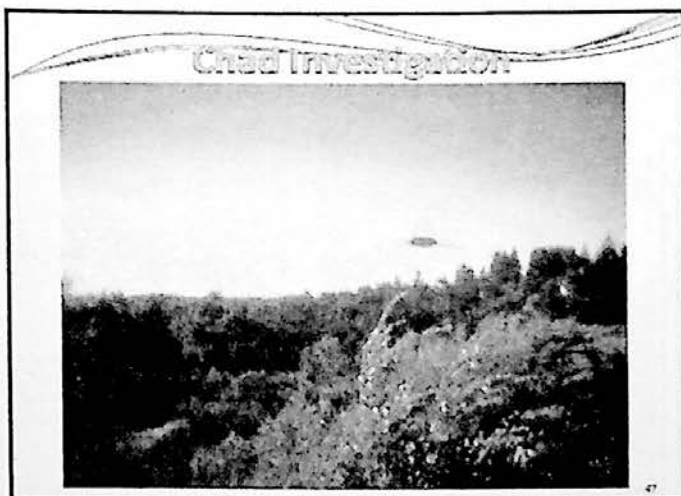
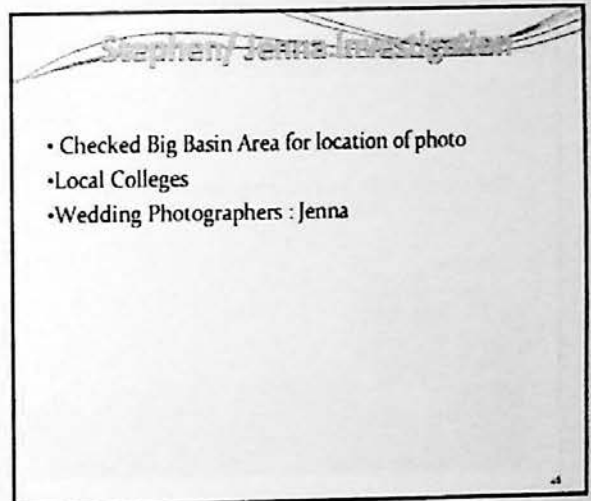
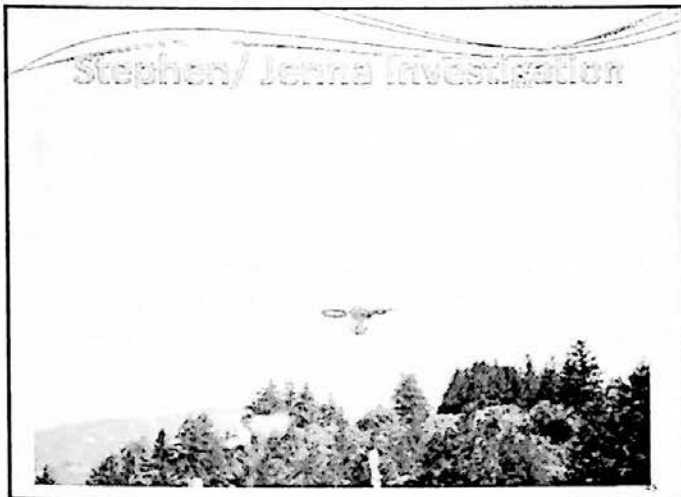
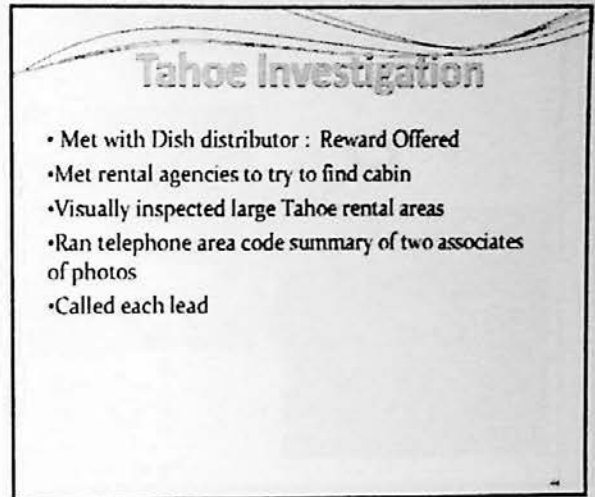
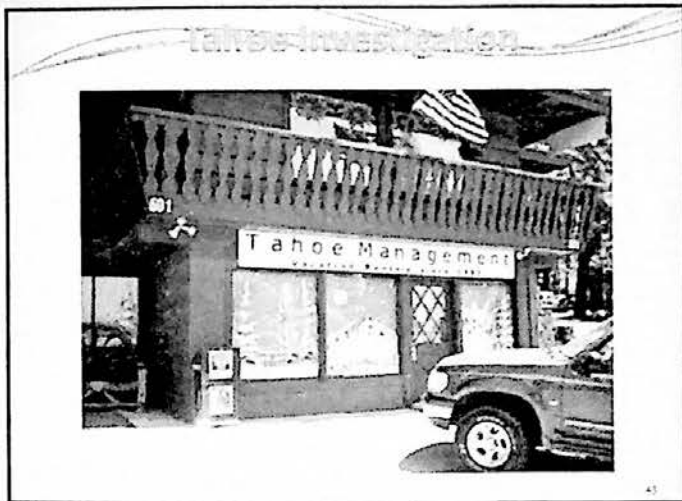


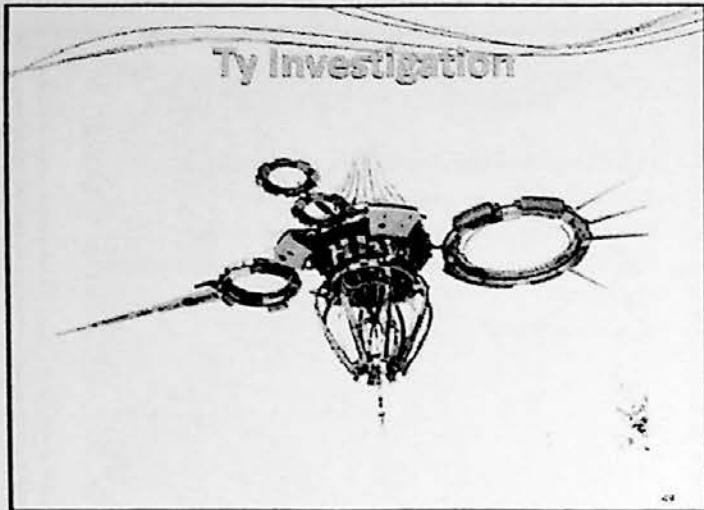


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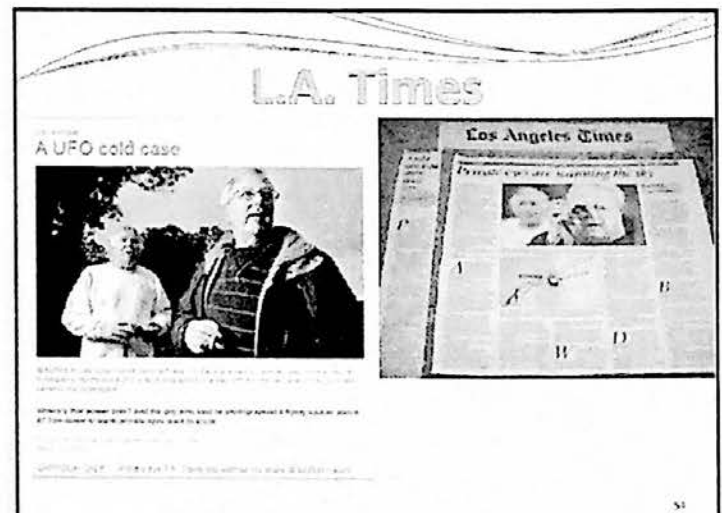


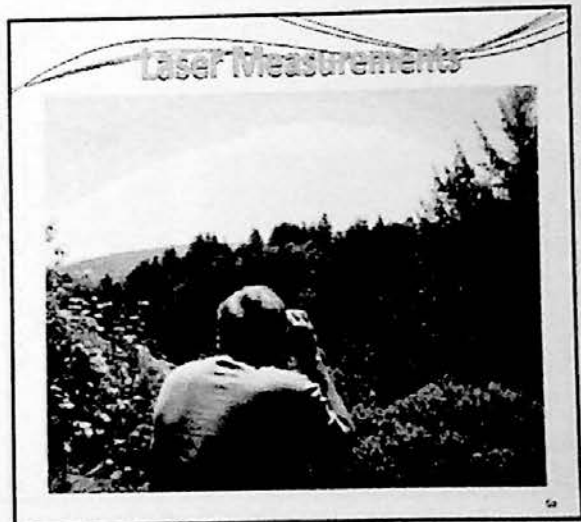
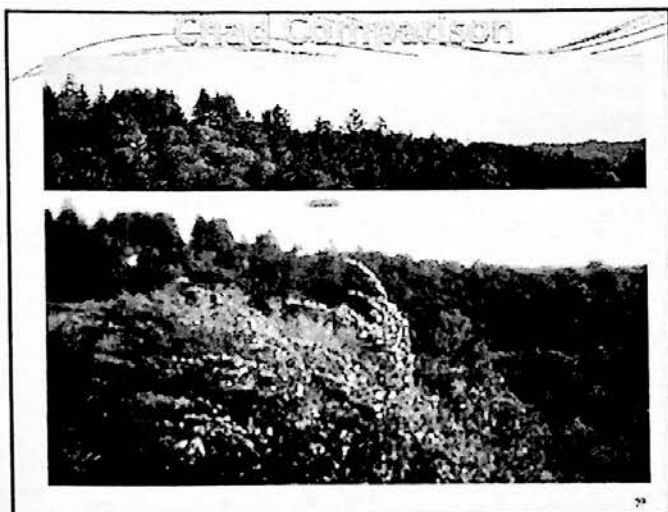
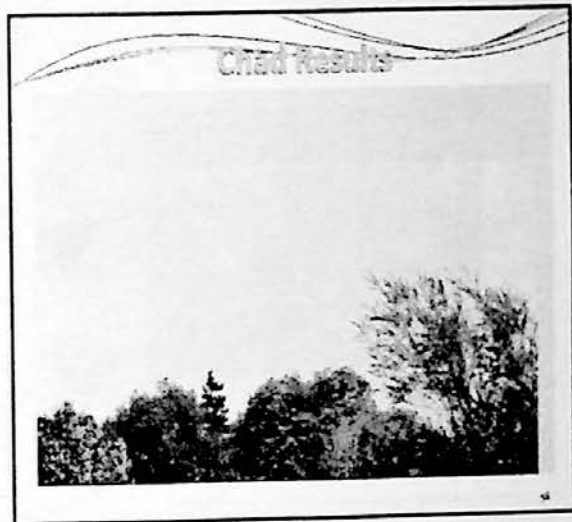
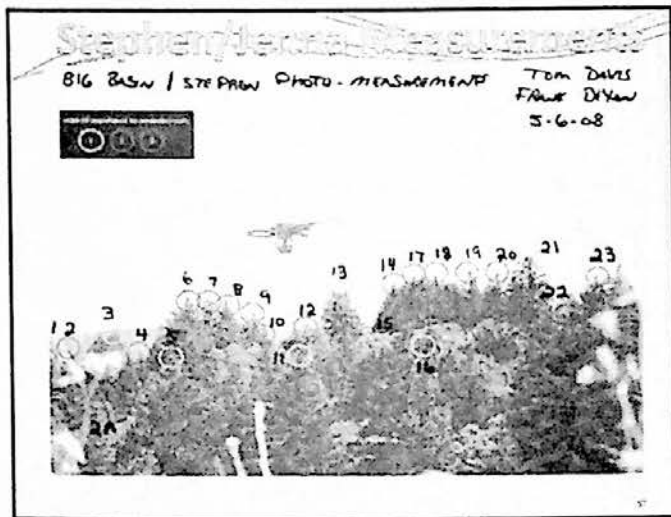
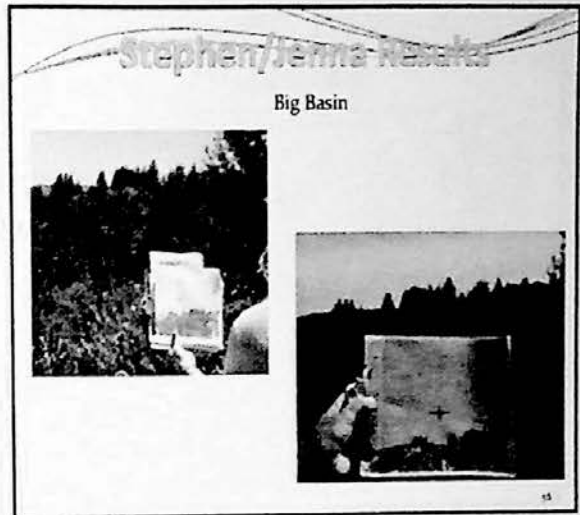
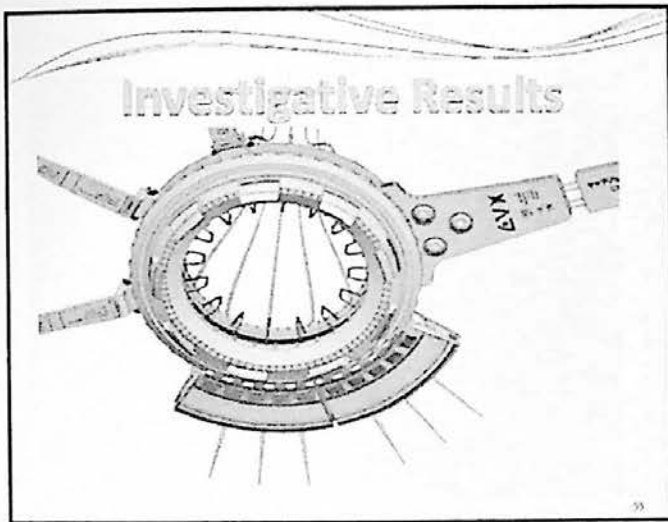


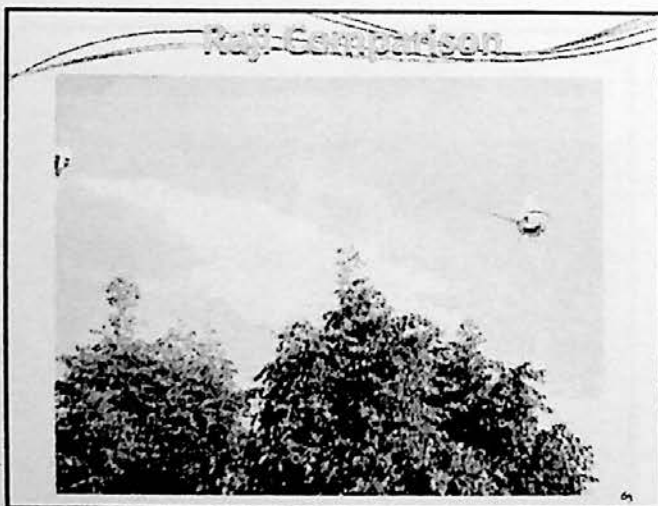
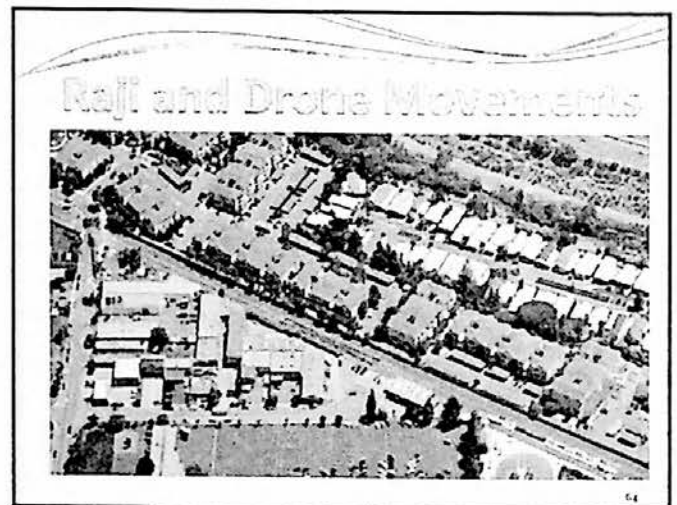
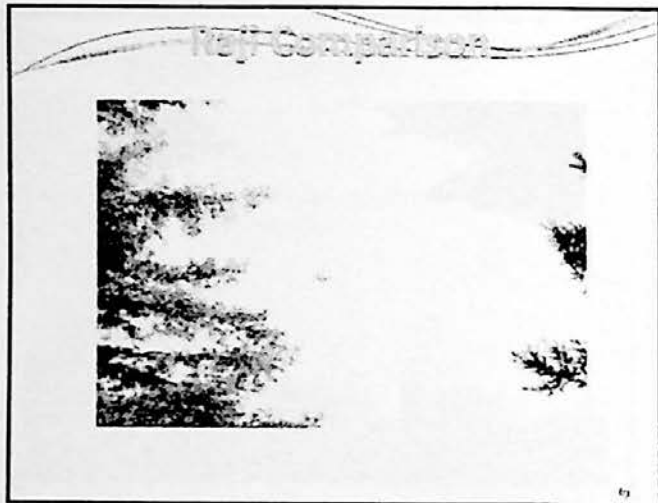
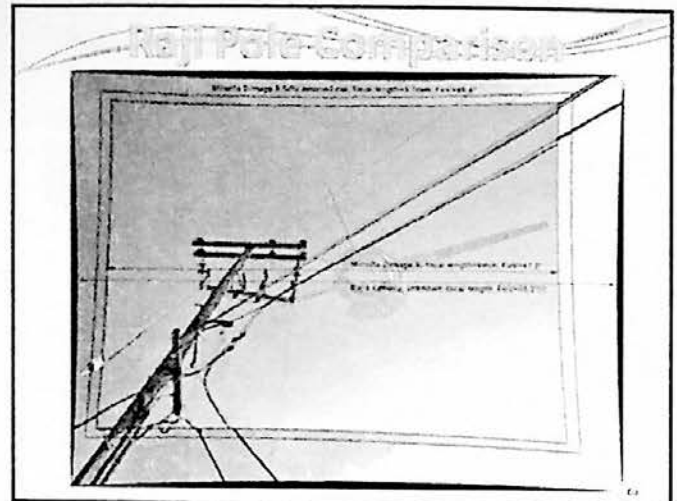
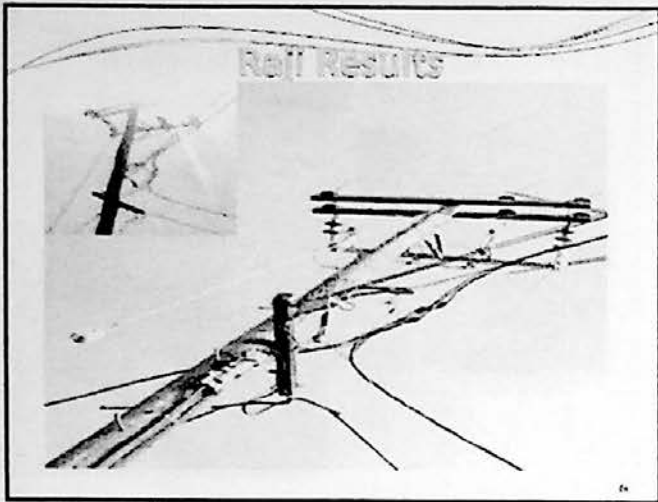


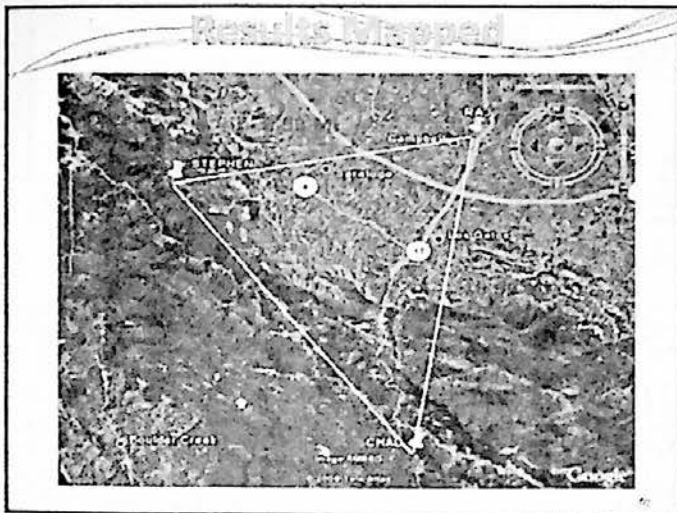
- ### Ty Investigation
- Biking groups via Internet
  - Physically met with bikers in the summit area
  - Newspapers checked
  - Enlisted assistance from PG & E meter reader

- ### Media Campaign
- Our strategy to create interest/publicity for the investigation
- L.A. Times
  - Santa Cruz Sentinel
  - Saratoga News
  - Fox and Friends
  - NBC Today Show
  - Radio
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  - Advertisements





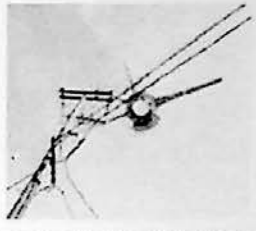




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### Additional Witnesses


Witness Cam



Witness Emily




Witness Bret



### Other Investigative Points

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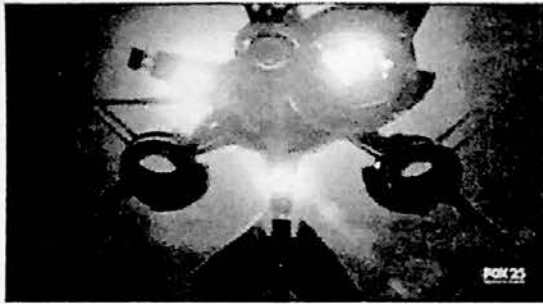
## Biblical Clue?

J = Jenna  
Ch = Chad  
R = Raji  
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S = Stephen  
T = Ty

Never ever give up!



## Sarah Connors Chronicles



## Person of Interest

- Lives next to where Raji photos were taken
- Peculiar reaction to first contact
- Lived in apartment during publication of photos
- East Indian
- Moved out after flier distributed
- Computer background: education at prestigious college
- Father worked on "Drone" projects for government
- Roommate acted in peculiar manner
- Written and published papers on anonymity on the internet
- Engineering background
- Cost vs. benefit

## WEB SITES

[www.openmindsforum.com](http://www.openmindsforum.com) - They were the original site our clients belonged to. They had a disagreement and our clients left and started their own website

[www.dronecam.com](http://www.dronecam.com) - Our clients started this site to have control over the information and participants

[www.earthfiles.com](http://www.earthfiles.com) - Run by Linda Moulton Howe - Prominent in the UFO community - Written books - History Channel - Coast to Coast Radio - Involved with Drone Investigation from beginning - still holds valuable information - protective of her sources - is considered a "investigative journalist" - Flew to Vegas to meet with her

[www.ats.com](http://www.ats.com) - Above top secret

[www.dronehoax.com](http://www.dronehoax.com) - The other opinion

[www.tkdavisinvestigations.com](http://www.tkdavisinvestigations.com) - My web site

[www.aliencasebook.com](http://www.aliencasebook.com) - Capitola Drone Up date

[www.coasttocoastam.com](http://www.coasttocoastam.com) - Radio program

[www.ufo-blog.com](http://www.ufo-blog.com)

[www.isaacarri.com](http://www.isaacarri.com)

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