

# SEANCE MEMORANDA from the INNER CIRCLE

through Mark Probert, medium

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## INTRODUCTION TO 1947 EDITION BY MEADE LAYNE

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TRANCE LECTURE OF JUNE 22, 1947

PRESENT: James & Barbara Plumb, James & Gilbert Opdycke, Kathryn & Richard Townes, Irene Probert, Meade Layne, Mark Probert, medium.

This meeting was originally planned for trumpet phenomena. Sitting began at 8:30. First Control came on at 8:43. Oriental language, not identified; then English.

"What would you like me to say?"

"Have you been here before? What country do you come from?"

"Not here before. From China. Bring horn."

"Horn in hand?"

"No."

"How long have you been dead" asked Irene Probert.

"Long time. Living in 1883. My name Ti Yong. I deal in silk. No laundry. All Chinese come this country have laundry. I export silk. Live in 1883 - not know when I went over."

"Did you send silk to this country?" asked Irene.

"Yes, come over on big boat with sails. I no come this country."

(Control departed 8:48. New control 8:49 (Lingford).)

"Where is my good friend, Meade Layne? This much I want to ask about. Have you ever seriously asked yourselves why you are holding this sort of meeting? This communication with the so-called dead? Is it an interesting thing, or educational, or merely curiosity?"

"I thought that had been made clear to you -- about the way Mark got started in this..." explained Irene.

"I beg your pardon. The only real reason is that you assume that I, or those that speak from our standpoint, might see things a little in advance, or have a different view on them than your own. But what do you think I should ask you about.?"

"There might be someone you were interested in or some friends you could not make contact with. Perhaps we could be of service in that way." suggested Richard.

\*(Before the sitting, Richard T. had spoken about the possibility of sitters being able to help the controls in various ways.)

"If I should ask you about someone I formerly knew, do you (want) to make contact with them?" questioned Ling.

"Yes, you could let me know at some later sitting. Perhaps I may be interested."

"The whole idea was, that since we ask all the questions, as a matter of courtesy perhaps we could be of service to you too, in some way." remarked Richard.

"I appreciate that" Ling replied, "but I have had all the earth life I care about at present. My returning like this is merely because it seems that I and others who speak thru the boy may be of some help to you. Something has brought a group of these people together at these times.

"Mark spoke in so many different languages for a long time" Irene said, "and then was introduced to Meade Layne who started these meetings along with Jack Tate. So many people take no stock in these things..."

Ling interrupted, "There are those on this side too, you see, a great many who come over with the belief there is no such thing as continued life and who see no sense trying to make contacts."

"The other day we had a meeting and Tom F. discussed the seances. Is there any way we can prove to him it is people from your side who speak," asked Irene.

"I don't know whether you know it," Ling replied, "but his father was a medium; he was raised in this field. However, his intellectual mind was never satisfied. The only thing I can say is, have him come over and sit in on the meetings and form his own opinions. We are all free to form our opinions. There are those who have gone into this and have come out no better off mentally concerning the subject. They are looking for something tangible. Isn't it odd that so many thousands of people go to church and talk about heaven and hell, and the only proof they have is from a book they call the bible, merely written words - and they will accept all that. Another thing: did you set this meeting tonight for a trumpet experiment?"

"Yes. Do you think it advisable?" asked Irene.

"Yes, of course " Ling exclaimed. "I think, too, that in course of time you might experiment for materializations. There are many fields - but don't try to mix them.

(9:02. Change of control. "Temple dancer" - dance motions; explains that the purpose of the dance is to dispel bad forces. (Change)

"That was all very fine" said Ling. He is a very odd looking little character, very small, very bronzed, high cheek bones, no hair on his head. Don't know the history of him. An add thing around his waist is a good band, and then with your G-string. That is all he wore. But to get on with your meeting... I'm going to try to use the trumpet myself, and there are others who will try. I don't know what

ability... Do you know what happens when the trumpet is moved? The hands are not used. Tubes are projected from the medium's body most probably from the stomach - ectoplasmic tubes. These are hollow, sometimes only the width of a pencil in roundness, and they have something similar to your suction cups on the ends of them. They can be made very limp, or rigid by a gaseous fluid that flows down thru the tubes. The tubes fasten onto an object and can extend in various directions from the medium according to his strength and the forces around him, coming from the bodies of the sitters. Much depends upon harmony. I might add that a great deal of this ectoplasmic flow comes from the sex; it is generated by sex.

"If these tubes are instrumental in moving the trumpet, then it would be only your voice that spoke thru the trumpet. Would you be using the medium's body?" asked Irene.

"Yes," Ling replied, "I would be using the boy's body. I would be using his vocal box but speaking thru the trumpet. So that is what you will hear. You will hear the inflections of the voice of the medium in spite of everything you can do.

"But in the case of Mrs. McConnell - her voice was so natural" said Irene.

"Sometimes that is true. There may be more lack of personality sometimes in the trumpet voice than in the trance medium," explained Ling.

"What causes the trumpet to go across the table?" asked Barbara.

"They are testing and trying out" answered Ling. "Sometimes the entity who is doing the experiment is not entirely sure of his ability. Or he is not completely in control and the force gets out of hand - goes haywire as you would say. But that will be controlled in due course."

(A guest asked a question.)

"Yes, the length of time required depends on the sitter" answered Ling.

(A guest questioned Ling about the role of sex.)

"No," Ling replied, "that is not the whole story, but, it is mostly where the sex parts are that the force originates."

(Another guest asked a question about the role of sex.)

"Yes," Ling replied, "physical, harmonious collaboration is excellent."

(Inquiry by sitter about a Dr. Camp. Change of control 9:17. New control asserted that Dr. Camp took an overdose of sleeping tablets. Mentioned the name of Dr. Cotton Lynch of London. References to the deceased mother of Richard T., a sitter, and to various personal matters. Change of control.)

(9:20 Polynesian control. Declared that he had once lived on an island of the Hawaiian group. "Yes, I have heard of Captain Cook and of Captain Blige. I have been over here considerable time, much longer than these others. Possibly, by your reckoning, a thousand years. It is possible that my island no longer exists. I have little recollection of those earth years."

(Experiment with the trumpet, 9:45 to 10:35. No results.)

CONTROL: 10:35 Dr. Cotton Lynch

"Your difficulty here, first off, is in turning from the mental control to what are called physical phenomena. It would be better to start the meeting with the trumpet, and we will come thru from time to time to carry on a sort of running commentary.

(Question regarding methods.)

"Sometimes I think it is better when you don't know too much (about the methods required.)

"Were you a medical doctor?" asked Richard.

"All other 'doctors' are not doctors to me. I think the term is a bit over-used. Yes, I was a medical doctor."

(Question as to location of Dr. Lynch's practice.)

"I carried on most of my practice in the north end of London, in a very good district."

(Another question about location of practice.)

"No, but just outside Cheapside, the north side."

(Question regarding year of practice.)

"In 1942. I was killed in a bombing raid. They have destroyed London in a very thorough manner. Another year or less and there would have been no London."

"There will always be an England, though," mused Richard T.

"I note a touch of sarcasm, young man."

"I was just thinking about that song," excused Richard.

"This, I might add, is the twilight of England. She is on her way down and will go much further before it is over. All nations have their rise and fall ... What is that noise? It sounds like burning hair?"

"My cigarette" suggested Gilbert O.

"Did you know Dr. Albert Grantville Plumb, attached to Queen Victoria's medical staff in that year?" asked James P.

"I cannot recall at the present time, young man. You know, there are a blinking lot of medical doctors in London. I knew many."

(Question regarding Dr. Lynch's name.)

"The only name I have is Cotton Lynch. Cotton is the first name. Who said Leech? Lynch is the name. Under these conditions I find myself subject to a great many errors."

"Can you examine that boy's body and tell us what is wrong?" asked Irene P.

"Wait just a minute...The way I see it, it is a nerve condition, reacting on the body. Improper living, and high tension. This tension may bring on serious trouble. Yes, if he had plenty of money something could be done. But many of us live and die without money and medical attention and many other things needed to keep us in the physical body a little longer."

"Mark puts forth a lot of time and effort in this work," explained Irene, "and I wondered if there was a possibility of raising funds. He does not want to charge for his psychic work."

"He has wonderful artistic ability," Kathryn T. added, "wouldn't it be better for him to put in more time on his painting?"

(The control continued to discuss the condition of the medium; then a question was put by-)

Kathryn T. "Professor Luntz told me I had a nerve adhesion in my spine. It's difficult to tell this to a doctor, because they have no respect for the opinion of a patient."

"I will tell you. You say to the doctor, 'Now look, Doctor, I have heard that I have a nerve adhesion at the base of the spine. Can you do anything about it?' If he asks where you found that out, you say, 'Doctor, I am paying you. I'm not paying the man who told me. Would you like the money?' There is going to come a time when you will have socialized medicine in this country, and it is going to be a blessing."

(Question regarding socialized medicine.)

"They fight it because it would take the excessive amount of dollars out of their pockets. Yes, if Mark had a good chance with his art he would go a long way. But he cannot work under strain and he needs a good rest from financial worries. Now I am getting a bit tired. 11:00 p.m.

TRANCE LECTURE OF JUNE 29, 1947

PRESENT: Professor Twining, Franklin Lewis, George Mathers, Kathryn & Richard Townes, Doris\_\_\_\_\_, Irene Probert, Meade Layne, Mark Probert, medium.

CONTROL: Professor Luntz:

"This is Professor Luntz. I see we have our two friends back with us, Professor Twining and Mr. Lewis. I am certainly happy to see you back here. I don't know that you know that I was a professor of Theology, but I am now far more interested in the subjects of which you were talking. Concerning the deeply mysterious crisis of life, it is something of a joke that I should even mention it. It is what you laughingly called a small subject. Don't apologise; I laugh along with you because I understand how you mean it. It has been a question for philosophical sages as well as for materialists."

"Is it a question on your side of life also, professor?" asked Meade.

"Exactly so. As close as I can get to it myself, I see something which I can only call - and it seems like beating around and very vague - an electrical and magnetic vibration. But then the question pops up, whence comes the intelligence in such a vibration? What do you think, Mr. Lewis and Professor Twining? Does it appear to you that life consists of electrical and magnetic force?"

"Where is the intelligence?" asked Mr. Lewis.

"Does this force embody both life and intelligence?" asked Meade, "or only one?"

"You could say, perhaps, a combination of endless things. Or, if one, what is that One? Or, what is the many?"

Referring to your theological forms of expression, are you personally a monist or a dualist in your present point of view?" queried Meade.

"Theologically, I must say I am washed up. I find no answers. And all the answers I had when in the physical are no good to me now. There are so many questions to be answered - including the one as to which one is most important, and whether any of them are important. Philosophically speaking, I wonder if any of it is important. After you learn answers you start asking yourself, 'What is the answer to the answer?'"

Meade asked, "Then you have many differences of opinion over there?"

"All that you have and a good many more. Mr. Lewis, do you wish to say something?"

"We are very much interested in some method whereby we can determine how or whether life could be originated in sterile matter," replied Mr. Lewis.

"I, myself, believe that as life force comes out of what you call the invisible, under proper conditions, it can be reproduced or brought about in a test tube. Materialists work on the material end, not thinking of the invisible at all, and that is their most foolish mistake, because it is out of this apparent nothing that this something comes.

(Meade asked a question about spontaneous generation. Control departed without answering.)

CONTROL: Lo Sun Yat:

"Good evening. I am Lo Sun Yat. I am listening most carefully to what our good friend, Professor Luntz, says; but I think you may arrive at some solution - getting it from the 'invisible' - thru meditation. Out of the silence, life is born."

"You mean getting this knowledge?" asked Meade.

"A combination, of course, working outwardly with physical things, but also spending a short time every day with a blazing thought on the subject - in silence. That is my way of arriving at some conclusions I could not otherwise get.

"Will you talk to us of your own point of view on spontaneous generation?" asked Meade.

"It means a great deal. Some day you are going to see very plainly how spontaneous generation brings forth all things, both inanimate and animate."

"Can you see that on our plane?" queried Meade.

"Yes, it is happening every day and all around you."

"You mean the generation of life?" asked Meade. "Some scientists believe life is generated in the depths of the sea. Many attempts have been made, as you know, to establish the generation of life from inorganic matter. Would you say that this is possible?"

"This is not only possible, this is fact. In my meditation I perceive a vast void, and out of this void life originates with seed. But now you ask me, whence the seed - and that I do not know.

"Can a line be drawn between living and non-living matter?" asked Meade.

"Only so much as the intelligence is removed is the line drawn. Do you understand that?"

"I think so" replied Meade, "but is intelligence entirely absent in some stage?"

"There is no clear division line - no.

"Life originates by natural means" said Prof. Twining. "I'm doing some experimenting to prove that. There are indications that life came into being thru the agency of colloidal solutions and electrical current. That is what we are trying to find out."

"That is most interesting. I think I shall return you for a moment to Professor Luntz and he can carry on from there. Is that all right?"

CONTROL: PROFESSOR LUNTZ:

"Well, your solution, Professor Twining - what did you say it was?"

Prof. Twining explained, "Electrolysis in ammonium sulphide produces a colloidal solution in which bacteria and fungoid life grow very prolifically. There is a suspicion that life originates there. We are going to experiment with this, sterilizing everything first."

"That is the question I was going to ask you - if you sterilized all your instruments perfectly."

"No" said Prof. Twining, "we did not do that, but still the results (of a former experiment) were so very extraordinary that we are going to repeat the experiment using every possible precaution. We realize that it is contrary to many scientific ideas."

"And to religious ideas too. Bravo!"

Meade asked, "Do you think this experiment is likely to be successful, Professor Luntz?"

"Yes, I do. But do you suppose you will be allowed to present the results to the public or even to science?"

"If we succeed" said Prof. Twining, "it will be indisputable."

"But you have millions of dollars to test your theory and to defend yourself?"

"I think that can be done very easily, without too much expense," said Prof. Twining.

"I guarantee you, sir, that if you do not keep this within a narrow realm, a strict circle, they will accuse you of claiming that you are God."

"I'm not afraid" Prof. Twining declared. "Those of us of a scientific and questful mind must go on regardless of consequences."

"Can you predict a time limit?" asked Mr. Lewis. "When do you plan to begin your experiment?"

Mr. Lewis replied, "We plan on starting the laboratory in the next few months. We'll be started in three or four months."

"It will not take long, but if you run into difficulties, don't give up. The mind finds what it seeks; that, at least, would be the way the little fat sage puts it. Any other questions about this?"

"We were planning on making gold" said Mr. Lewis. The professor was successful in that but was almost killed by the results. But he thinks it possible to do it again, and safely."

Prof. Twining added, "Twenty years ago I made gold from mercury and lead. I have that gold now."

"The world has been held back a thousand years by the stupidity of those who belittle themselves and their possibilities, but who will stamp you to death if you try to change yourself. But who knows whether it was good or bad, that we have not charged ahead faster?"

Prof. Twining continued, "The spectrum also showed... (notes not obtained).

"Have you been successful so far?"

"Very often we did not get results" replied Prof. Twining. "The gold was radioactive. My eyes closed up and I became weak due to the poisoning. I did not know the cause of it then."

"It is a wonder it did not kill you. Sometimes it is a good thing to be a bit frightened as you approach life. Mysteries do not remain such. They are things hidden from you until you desire deeply to know, then they open up in a very simple fashion. Nature does not make mysteries to hide from man, but to make him look. I think I will go for a little bit. Thank you all.

(Foreign control, unknown language, then...

CONTROL: Lo Sun Yat

"Too much time for me. I go....I really should not hold up the meeting with people who are not quite capable of talking. He belongs to a Mongolian tribe. First off, he said he could hear you but could not answer. He came just for experimental purposes. He was one of the many lonely hermits who wander across the face of the Himalayas.

"Does it do him good to try to talk to us?" asked Meade.

"Yes. In all knowledge there is good. Perhaps he will come back again and have some interesting things to say concerning that section of the country. But he will have to wait until he knows how to reverse his conversation so that you can

understand it."

"What happened to the pigmy that used to come?" asked Irene P.

"He has been here often and is here now, but he prefers mostly to listen and is much thrilled about his learning."

"We do not quite understand your reference" said Meade. "Does this man have to go to work and learn the language?"

"No, but at present, and having been over here only a short time, he still goes around with the belief that language is something that is divided and different."

"Please explain further about learning an entirely new language on your side. What is the mental process involved?" asked Meade.

"This differs to a large extent. First you must acquire the truth that language is something originated by man to build up a blockage. Like so many of the separate things we see, but is but the illusion of separateness. Then, one learns thru sound observation - tone. One is not taught any particular words but listens for all words."

"As a man learning English will try to sense the meaning?" asked Meade.

"That is the first step - to try to sense the thing first. It would be a waste of time on my side to try to teach the way you do."

"Is it possible," Meade asked, "for him to learn to understand English without learning the English language?"

"He can; and in due course of time he shall be able to speak thru any medium or independently in whatever language is necessary, because all language, as I said before, is one, and that one language is thought put into sound tone."

"I can understand that as applying to objects for which there are mental images" said Meade. "It makes no difference whether one says homme, vir, Mann, uomo, hombre, homem, if the image we call man is perceived behind the word, but what about abstractions - sympathy, charity, infinity and so on?"

"It covers every phase of it because we do not learn by what you conceive of as a symbol. For one thing, it is seldom that sound is used in the way you know it on your side... Young lady, you are wearing yourself out. (This directed to the stenographer.)

"Thank you for making me feel important."

"Have you heard us talk about flying disks?" asked Meade.

"Yes, but I have no comment. Perhaps someone else will talk about that later. What is worrying you, Mr. Townes?"

"We were to have had a recording apparatus today but we were disappointed on it," replied Richard T.

"Who should be more disappointed than I. But in reality (it) makes little difference, because in course of time, all things that are going to happen, will happen - so why rush into it. It is possibly well that it was not today.

CONTROL: LINGFORD

"It is very peculiar how you can go in and out of one person, in the midst of everything, with you folks talking. It is very confusing."

"Lingford, will you talk to Professor Twining?" asked Irene P.

"Professor Twining, I am known as Lingford, and I am also known as something of a mystery man, because I do not have a first name. I am one of the very few Americans who understand the English language here. I don't know why foreigners try to talk thru an English speaking medium, do you?"

"But you are capable of using Mark's body most naturally" objected Irene.

"But, Mr. Lewis, I am in something of disgrace."

"Why?" queried Mr. Lewis.

"I did not pick up a number here last Sunday. Isn't that terrible? And to make matters worse, my good friend, Lo Sun Yat, sits in the dark and sees the pictures he is holding in his hand."

"We are interested in knowing why it did not come off" stated Meade.

"May I have a cigarette, please? Professor Twining, aren't you glad that I don't come thru you, because you don't smoke? Wouldn't that be horrible? I realize that not very much does worry you.

"I always laugh at everything." Prof. Twining remarked.

"That is why you will live to be a great deal older than you now suspect, and also why your mind is so active. When a man's mind starts to dry out, he becomes old. It seems I am talking a lot."

"What do you think of my heart action?" asked Prof. Twining.

"I'm not much on the doctor side, but I do not, myself, feel that you have a bad heart. I think when you go you will depart very quietly and nicely; you would

be very fortunate to do so. Not all of us are that lucky. But the longer you can sustain yourself in the physical body, the better off you will be when you come over here.

"Is that a general rule?" asked Meade.

"Mostly for people who are mentally active, yes. Not so much for the person who is not."

"But even for the person who is in ill health?" asked Meade.

"Yes, if they can bear up with it, it is better to keep in the physical body as long as possible, if you have, as you call it, something on the ball. Mr. Lewis, have you some question you would like to ask me?"

In reply, Mr. Lewis asked, "Can you tell us anything about the flying saucers?"

"Didnot you warn us about sky appearances?" asked Meade.

"Yes, this is one of your cases of spontaneous generation...out of the invisible into the visible, and back again. That is what makes it so difficult for you to learn anything about them. I'm afraid my cigarette is bothering you, Professor Twining."

"Continuing about the saucers," Meade pursued, "are they materializing on our dimension?"

"Yes. I don't know that I can tell you about their origin and purpose\* but it's a sort of bait to make man look.

"Well," Meade asked, "is there intelligence behind them?"

"Oh, yes."

"Are they really craft of some sort?" Meade queried.

"They are, and they want to stir up the interest of those who will take note. We are living worlds within worlds, as I have told you before...Professor Twining, do you think it possible for the physical world to contain also an invisible world that can produce physical things spontaneously that have a separate existence of their own?"

"I do" Prof. Twining affirmed. "Yes, I do, absolutely."

\*Lingford later acquired more information about this. The substance of his remarks and those of other communicators has appeared in RR and FR.

"That is what we need more of - minds that can at least think in that direction. We do not give imagination very much credit, but it is thru imagination that our world becomes beautiful, and not only beautiful, but real.

"Let's try to stick to facts" objected Meade.

"Facts...I beg your pardon.

"The invisible can give us encouragement" stated Prof. Twining.

"That is very true - and also they have the ability to bring together what items are necessary for forming things so that they can be seen in the physical world."

"I have seen it done many times" offered Prof. Twining.

"Yes, but this is looked upon as a rule as nothing more than witchcraft."

"Who makes these things?" asked Meade.

"The inhabitants of the etheric world, and there are many etheric worlds."

"I have had extensive experience" said Prof. Twining, "in materialization under perfect conditions."

"A few more minds like yours should be given these experiences. I tried to impress the boy the other night that these things are in actuality in saucer or bun form; that is the reason they generate the power they do - because in that form they have no air block."

"They must have some form of propulsion" stated Meade.

"I am going to have to go more deeply into that myself. You see, if you can get a thing spinning fast enough, you can stand on it or in it and not feel the motion. There are going to be more of these saucers. No, these people are not unfriendly; they are just as interested in these things scientifically as you would be. Man has reached a stage where there are some things he must know shortly. No, these people are not discarnate humans; they have an existence of their own. The objects seen in Switzerland are from the same origin. But really I should not commit myself in this matter."

"Are you capable of physical materialization?" asked Prof. Twining.

"I think under proper conditions I could materialize myself, but it requires a materializing medium. There is a substance in the bodies of certain people that is acted on thru the mind and produces the material called ectoplasm.

TRANCE LECTURE OF JULY 3, 1947

PRESENT: Wing Anderson, Professor Twining, Franklin Lewis, Kathryn Townes, Irene Probert, Meade Layne, Mark Probert, medium.

CONTROL: Professor Luntz (speaking of Dowsing)

"The twig is not really necessary; it is used only as a point of concentration which takes the dowser's mind off himself. Dowsers could do just as well and even better with the extended hand if they would train themselves. Sensitivity to minerals and other things lies within the person; it is really only a matter of sensitivity. Does anyone have a question?"

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"But what kind of force is in operation?" asked Meade. "Is it a radiation from the object?"

"Yes, it is. The nervous systems of such individuals are highly attuned to the minerals or whatever is looked for."

"Can some locate one object and nothing else?"

"That is right."

"Isn't there a close relation between psychometry and dowsing?" asked Wing.

"Yes."

"In the case of the diagnosis of ills..." Meade started.

"Therein is where the Ego of the individual takes over, or what you like to call the higher self or the subconscious mind intervenes. It sets itself to know. It is asking a question, and the operator gets results according to his sensitivity and the ability of the subconscious, if you will, to segregate and determine."

"Can this be developed by practise?" Meade asked.

"Not by everybody. It is much like other phenomena in this respect, such as materialization. It is something belonging to the personality. Sometimes we cannot control the force necessary, because we are dealing with a substance which we extract from the sitters, and this force dissipates itself."

"Does distance have any effect?" asked Frank L.

"That too depends on the dowser's sensitivity and his capacity of projecting his thought or ideas.

"Can you tell us anything about the nature of psycho-kinetic effects? With

respect to the fall of dice, for example. Is it an energy?" asked Meade.

"It is, to my way of thinking, an energy. It is controlled by the individual, as in other cases. It is a thought-projected energy and has a felt force. It is this same energy that you will hear more of, in The Rise and Fall of the Human Race."

"That's the book Lingford spoke of" remarked Irene. "You know about it?"

"I do. It is this same energy that has brought material things into being."

"You describe this as an energy" Meade said. "Does it diminish with distance in conformity to the law of energy as we know it?"

"In some respects I can say yes; in others, no. But I would have to go off into a philosophical discourse in order to say no. It should be quite clear that there is no such thing as time and distance, and from that point of view there can be no loss of energy in time and space. Is that clear? But to deal with it in a scientific manner, we have to approach from another angle.

"If I can influence the fall of dice within a radius of three feet" Meade suggested, "does it follow that I can do the same for 100 feet or 100 miles?"

"That is possible, yes. The energy knows no obstacle in time and space providing the experimenter is in full harmony with the cosmic mind."

"Theoretically then we could have communication by instrumental means by affecting apparatus at a distance by thought energy?" asked Meade.

"Yes, you could. This is a subject which should be gone into more, and will be. The scientific world has much to learn about such energies. Sound, for instance, created by thought. You have heard of telepathic communication which comes thru the spoken word. It is a matter of projecting thought along a certain wave length. Along that length the ether becomes something of a solid and the thought becomes something of a recording meter thru friction.

"No decrease of energy in that case?" asked Meade.

"There is none. I often wonder as I talk and as I see things, whether I am actually putting across my ideas to you, because as we see them here they are very different from your idea of them; it is very difficult to put them into intelligible words. But I think I have said enough and will give over to somebody else if you don't mind."

Irene asked, "Would you mind telling us what profession you were in?"

"Theology: the study of the great christian life. No, I was not in an American university. There are many things I would like to tell concerning myself, but personalities are not the order of the moment. I spent some time at Heidelberg....

now you are taking me back into time."

"I was wondering whether it is possible for men like Newton and Galileo to return..." Prof. Twining questioned.

"It is possible, yes. The question is, whether they will take the time and bother to do so. I have met a great number of such men, more than I ever did while on your side."

Control withdraws.

NEW CONTROL: struggling for expression.

(To Prof. Twining) "You are drawing the power away from me. I cannot talk."

Control leaves Mark P. and Prof. Twining goes into trance.)

The first control of Prof. Twining is an Indian - "Me Swift Arrow". He is followed quickly by another, unidentified control)

"I sent this Indian on before in order to get this stubborn person under control, so that the entities can express themselves thru the medium. This is the first time I have ever controlled this instrument. It is a long time since anyone has spoken thru him.

"These scientists who lived on earth a long time ago wish me to convey to you the assurance that they are greatly interested in what is now going on, but their contact is so slight it is impossible for them to come thru. If the instrument will submit himself and take up where he left off long ago, it is possible we might get one of these persons to manifest thru him. He has been over here many times and we have had communication with him on this side, but we have never been able to come thru and express ourselves. I think we will continue this in Los Angeles and release some facts which will be of advantage to you. We shall have to get this Indian healer who is now present to treat this man for this poisoning by radioactivity some 25 years ago. Pardon me - I shall not try to reveal my name at this time.

Control departed.

NEW CONTROL: ANDRE DuVON. Predicted vast storms in Europe, with violent earthquakes for 1948 and '49.

"The course of Nature is bound up in man; the horrible turmoil man has created for himself is about to recoil upon him."

He referred to a book to be published on this side, "The Wind of Death", and predicted economic prosperity for this country, with social bickering but no serious trouble. Control then withdrew.

CONTROL: LINGFORD

"Here I am again. I don't know how long the force will last. I regret that your mechanical means has run out (referring to trouble with the sound recorder). You see, you have no more control over your mechanical apparatus (than we have over psychic forces.)

"Did you hear the last control?" asked Meade.

"That skinny little Frenchman? He wears a very heavy robe and claims to be a Jesuit priest. No, I have no comment to make, because even were it true, I would not predict it myself. You cannot stop such things and I cannot see where it is wise to sow a seed of fear into the mind. Whether you die from a storm, an earthquake, an atomic bomb or a .22 bullet, you wouldn't be any deader."

(Question unrecorded.)

"Yes, any instrument is only as good as it can be and sometimes only as good as the one who is using it."

"Would events such as DuVon predicted be within the range of your knowledge?" asked Meade.

"If it were within the range of little Andre, it would be within mine also, but I do not turn my mind to such things. Before I go...deader? Dead, deader, deadeast. You can't say it, huh? Well, I said it. Who arranges words in such a manner as to be what you call right? Custom? Humph! There was once a custom to get your liquor thru the back door of a shanty someplace, and now it's the custom to serve it even to the youngest people over the bar. How customs do change!

Irene asked, "Where is the friend who was telling us about the Kahumas?"

"I don't think he was going to talk about the Kahunas, but Cahspi, one of your famous little subjects. Do you remember what a difficult time you had getting information about fire-walking? Well, you keep plugging at these people who come over and I think you'll get something on it. Because a person volunteers an answer is no proof that the answer is right. You stir up a thought and they pick it up and then you put it into words - and there are a lot of people here. You see, you do not change because you go thru the state of death. You may think that you know a great deal, but whether you do or not is still a question. It's beyond me, Meade, why so many questions are asked of people who come thru without even considering that they cannot be answered properly by that person. I'm not offended in any way, but it's a bit puzzling."

"We listen to everything and try to sort out the knowledge" explained Meade.

Wing asked, "Have you any way of telling what is wrong with this machine?"

"I'm not mechanically inclined. I have never seen such a machine before; it looks quite puzzling with all those little gadgets on top. What goes on underneath it? I think I shall have to leave now.

Control withdrew.

TRANCE LECTURE OF July 13, 1947

PRESENT: Gilbert & Mrs. St. John, Harry McCullough, John Lachmann, Gilbert Opdycke, Kathryn & Richard Townes, Pat & Dorothy Sullivan, Irene Probert, Meade Layne, Mark Probert, medium.

CONTROL: LO SUN YAT:

"I am glad to know all you new people. Have you my work cut out for me today?"

"We have many questions" replied Meade.

"About the flying things in the air?"

"Yes," Meade replied, "we have many reports of them and people are already becoming bored by the subject."

"The human being becomes bored very easily, no matter how phenomenal a thing may be, we start yawning if we get too much of it."

"Are you ever bored, Lo Sun Yat?" asked Meade.

"Not I, because when I came over here I decided there would be too much to do, too much space to cover, too many things to see. Since I came here I have not been bored, but I confess that while I was still in the body I was very much bored."

"Well, we're not bored about the saucers," said Meade.

"I would prefer to leave the subject for someone else. Let us take up something different."

"We would like to ask about the status of cancer theory as this is proposed by some occultists" explained Meade. "Shall I read a statement of it?"

"Go right ahead; there are a number of such theories."

Meade reads a formulation of the theory. "Any soundness to that?"

"Yes, a lot of soundness. Wherever did you get that from?"

"It is from investigation by a group of English occultists" explained Meade.

"They are certainly advanced in theory there, I must say."

"Is it correct to describe cancer as an elemental?" Meade questioned.

"I would not call it exactly that. When one dies from cancer and causes what seems to be a cancer haunting, it is really the mentality of the person who has

passed away with the thoughts of suffering, and so has brought that state back with him. He is very likely to attach himself to someone who is sensitive, and that person will pick up the vibration, and it will pass to his body. You understand? "

"Yes" replied Meade, "but what about the origin of the cancer itself? "

"I would place that in the cosmic rays. Some cosmic forces are too strong and bring about cancer in some people. "

"What are the conditions, then, for its development?" asked Meade. "Is there a definite physiological condition? "

"Yes, to a degree, but yet a mental attitude also. There are very damaging rays in the cosmos, similar to your poisonous atomic radiations; they are very closely related. "

"Can you give any clues as to why some people develop it and others do not?" asked Meade.

"It is difficult to prevent because we do not know what the sensitive person may be thinking. We do not know how they are capable of resisting this destroying ray. We do not know why they attract it or are susceptible to it. There are many things that we too, on this side, must learn. "

Meade queried, "You do not know the reason, then? "

"No, except that it is born of sensitivity to a particular ray.

"If it is true that cancer originates in the astral" surmised Meade, "is that due to a blocking of the normal paths of influx, as the theory states, and a consequent forcing open of abnormal channels? "

"Yes, that is true, but the question with us is, what blocks it - what state of mind? We feel that it is some particular awareness, some mental affinity - but what? We do not know. "

"Is there likely to be a karmic factor involved?" Meade asked. "It is held by some that cancer is at least partly due to the practise of cruelty in past incarnations. "

"No, no. That is, so far as I have been able to ascertain, that is not the cause. "

Meade asked, "Is there any particularly profitable line of investigation which might be followed? "

"Yes, but first you are going to have to make more experiments with the psychic body. I do not think this can be done except by using a materializing medium. "

"Do you mean by treatment of the psychic body?" Meade asked.

"Yes. But possibly there will come a time when such experiments can be made on animals, just as you make them on the physical animal now. Experimentation with the psychic body to see just how the growth forms first in the psychic body. This might be experimented with, with due care of course, by a materializing medium and thru ectoplasm. Possibly such a condition could be brought on thru the body of a solidly materialized person, and then see what effect it has upon the physical body of the medium."

"That is a most remarkable suggestion" said Meade.

"It is fraught with danger, I assure you. It must be done by a person who knows exactly what may be in store for him. Good afternoon.

Control withdraws.

NOTE by Meade Layne: The text of the synopsis of the occult theory concerning cancer appeared in Flying Roll Gamma II, but its substance may be gathered from the preceding discussion. The importance of this subject is such that we quote here a paragraph from a letter to the Editor by the Adept F.G.H., a frequent contributor to the M.L. publications:

"Cancer is caused by elementals belonging to neither the human nor the Deva evolution. Whenever the conditions are such that they can utilize even a single cell, they move in and try to establish themselves. Constant irritation thru a chemical agent is one of the most frequent causes which prepares cells for cancer. A graph of the incidence of cancer will run parallel to one showing the use of certain preservatives in foods. One way of preventing cancer is a right emotional attitude, as that prevents the cancer elementals from entering. Another causative ingredient of cancer is hate. People who are good and constant haters are the best cancer material."

It will be seen that this statement is not necessarily in conflict with the information given by Lo Sun Yat, but tends to supplement it; it seems probable that LSY would accept it, if the discussion were further developed on both sides. The discovery of a cure for cancer would be an inestimable boon to humanity - but it is not necessarily equivalent to discovering the cause. And the cause is almost certainly psycho-physical, by which we mean to include the astral and etheric bodies. It is certain that cures of cancer have been effected by mental and psychic means. What is needed, of course, is a combination of the expert knowledge of the cancer specialist with the skill and learning of the competent occultist. But a similar situation exists with regard to practically all basic research work - however ridiculous the idea may seem to the 'run-of-the-mill' worker in the sciences.

NEW CONTROL: No name...British.

Meade asked, "Is this Lingford - or Natalli?"

"No, it is not. Do you think I'm a wop? No, I haven't been here before. Did you see the beggar that was here just now? You couldn't see him? You can hear me? And you can't see me? No, I'm not talking thru anyone. (Looks at hands.) Where did I get these rings? Where am I? No, I don't understand. I don't know exactly who brought me here. There's quite a big fat chap here, he's a Chink I believe. No, I don't know how long I've been here...He says I'm dead...Why, no, I couldn't talk if I were dead. Who are all these people?"

"Have you ever heard of spiritualism? asked Meade.

"Quite a bit. I used to scoff at it quite a bit. I did not see how you could be dead and alive too. You know what my name is? I'm afraid I can't tell you. I recall practically nothing. You know, it's been jolly fun but I've got to go now. I can come back again? Bye-bye."

CONTROL: LINGFORD

"That young man with the British accent - the only thing I can get about him is that he was killed in a bombing of London. One of many. It's very surprising to me, Meade, that you do not get a lot of that sort of thing. I can't always stop it, and these people who wish to make themselves known flock around the mediums; wherever they find an open door they try to squeeze thru and I can't always keep them out. (Give me a cigarette, please, Irene.) And of course, we don't always want to keep them out because it often helps them a great deal.

"We are glad to have them come provided we can be of real help" said Meade.

"There are so many here this afternoon. I don't know who brought whom. Some of us can see better than others, just as some of us can talk better. Some cannot talk at all or see at all, so if you have a period of complete silence, with mere hand action, you will know that the person is not fully awake.

(The control discussed various personal matters of interest to some of the group; eventually turned to the subject of the flying disks.)

"Yes, I heard FGH's opinion. In the course of time you will find that these things tell their own story. You know from your feading and study that there have been many, many such phenomena. Just now you are having them in large numbers and over a wide region because the world is in a sense ready for them; all we need now is to be pushed a little bit and we'll wake up."

"You have no reason at this time, then, to change your interpretation of them?" Meade asked.

"No, I have not! Do you suppose for a minute that any actual material thing such as you know could rip and tear across the sky without burning up? I don't mean to say it is not material - but the material is such as can stand the heat and speed."

"Does this construction material exist on our plane? asked Meade. An alloy, perhaps? "

"Yes, a kind of alloy. There will be more of them and of various kinds."

"Are you familiar with the doctrine of the Lokas? " queried Meade.

"No. The only thing I know and can say about these things, is that the condition or state from which they come is etheric. It is a materializing and dematerializing."

"Is there any relation between these disks and the things that have been found (fallen)?" asked Kathryn.

"There are other ways of running things by remote control than those you know of. There are energies yet unknown to science. Do you remember the pictures Sr. Cosman had? Do you recall seeing those things in the sky? They are the same kind of beings as created this phenomenon (of the disks). Did you notice in the pictures how giant of size they are? These are etheric dwellers who have not known physical life. I am referring to your flying saucers; they come from out that plane of existence."

"Do some of the disks carry a crew? "

"The large ones, yes; the small ones, no. The small ones run under a very high energy-power.

(Unrecorded question)

"Yes, they are controlled from the plane which carries the crew. Some break loose; they then become limp like paper and vanish.

(Unrecorded question.)

"No, they do not return to another vibration rate in such case. The energy goes back whence it came; they disintegrate, lose identity. This explains what happens to those that appear to land. The force and the structure disintegrate.

(Unrecorded question)

"If there are beings in a disk which disintegrates, they simply go back into the etheric world from which they emerged."

"No, you will get NO information from your so-called higher-ups.

"No, the disks are not being withdrawn (from the earth plane); they are being explained away. However, they will carry on until explanations run out and people become curious again.

(Question - no reports for several days...)

"They have shifted their field of operation; they have the world to cover. There is a reason for everything, and I believe the reason for the disks is to show the people of the world there are ways of travelling faster, of eliminating friction even on the material plane. As it is, faster than 600 to 700 miles per hour will burn up a plane.

"The possibility is, they will allow one or two or more of these things to land without destruction, so that they can be examined and experimented on; in that way you will find you can build aircraft that will travel out into space, and maybe find a new planet to start new wars on.

"They might have some intention of colonizing on the planet, but I think their main intention is to give you a method of space travel."

"Do you believe man will abandon this planet?"

"Yes, I do, but not in the near future - not for many years. Nature is vast and man fits in as a part of it. He may try to destroy himself but he will be unsuccessful and it will make him unhappy too. But there is going to come a time, and science knows it, when if the human race hopes to survive it will have to have a new planet to survive on."

"Do you recognize the existence of etheric planets?"

"Oh, yes, there are etheric planets, and then gaseous planets that are just forming into solid material; new ones are being made all the time. Yes, they might be said to originate in the Lokas. You know, I am getting tired. The trouble in my world is the same as in yours; a great deal of talk and nothing really satisfactory. You will find that condition in all worlds and all states of consciousness."

Meade queried, "No heaven then, Lingford?"

"If there is, you would not be happy there. Without boredom there would be a state of inertia; man must be unhappy in order to exist. The moment he becomes perfectly happy he becomes non-existent."

"About the book...", Irene started.

"I would not attempt to write thru him (the medium) in that way, but merely a

synopsis so that you may know what to expect when it is written. I shall see you later."

Control withdraws.

## MISCELLANEA

### Reproof from the Controls

Before the meeting, M.L. had been discussing the pronouncement of a local psychic and medium on the subject of the "saucers" or Lokas, which she insists are constructed by the Russians with the help of German technicians. The matter was of interest, because the record of this psychic for correct prediction is said to be remarkably good. The Controls evidently listened to this talk.

CONTROL: MR. "X".

"You are people of little faith. You listen in all directions after your controls have so often been proven correct. In your minds you are very uncertain. Now you fear that what we have told you may not be true and that this will reflect discredit on you. In the year you have been holding these sittings, we on our side have kept pretenders out and have even given battle to subconscious deception. Check your records for truths and mistakes. I realize, of course, that we can merely express from one side to the other and then wait to see how events develop. But you are afraid you will be discredited thru some false prediction or wrong statements by us.

"It is not merely a matter of personal standing" Meade explained. "Definite predictions or statements which turn out to be wrong tend to discredit the work we are trying to do, and the whole subject of spirit communication. However, we were only hoping for some kind of statement from your side on the predictions we were talking about."

"Well, I'll give over to someone else for a while. It seems to me that a while ago you were complaining about having so many people in this group, and now today you are complaining because the group is so small."

### Dissociation - the Complexity of the Entity

CONTROL: LINGFORD

"Will you read that paragraph from your book again? ...I wouldn't call it a dissociation on this side; we remember things in the same way you do. The defects of memory we show in talking thru the medium are due to the medium's mind. The subconscious is out while we are working thru the consciousness. We have to manipulate the thinking process. He is at this moment existing in a dream condition while we are using his consciousness. Some time ago one of your controls

hinted that man was an awesome creature in many ways. I could never begin to tell you just how awesome he really is. Horror upon horror is in him - and beauty beyond conception also - his many-sidedness is appalling. He is like the stars - the closer you get to them, the more complex and less understandable.

"Now, I want to add about the disks, we haven't given any wrong information. The predictions of that woman, about the disks being of Russian origin, are incorrect. There is no new information at present. But the Russians source is ridiculous. I do know that they come from the etheric world.

### The Basques

CONTROL: M.R. "X"

(Question as to the origin of the Basque people.)

"The Basques originally came down from the Himalayan region. Many of them were very light in complexion. I think it would be proper to call them Aryan. At one time they held the Buddhistic faith. In their wanderings they became slightly mixed in blood so that the pure strain no longer persists. They had and still have the old teaching of keeping to themselves as much as possible. Their mentality was good - they remind one somewhat of the Puritans. Their original language was pure Sanskrit. They had their own arts, and there was a good deal of old Egyptian influence, which also accounts for their facial expression and bone structure. They made their migration some time before the Pharaohs. Their settlement in Spain was due to a combination of psychic conditions, which in the Basque country resembled those of their homeland. They were very sensitive to such conditions and realized it would be best for future generations to settle where they did. Your own town of San Diego is also especially suited for psychic work.

### Freedom

"I have spent hundreds of years roaming this globe. Man is foolish to think that he has complete freedom when he throws off his physical body. Your condition and your happiness depend on your thoughts, and on your control of your own mind. You would not want to go to other planets if you could. There's a great deal to learn here; after you have absorbed the knowledge available to you here then perhaps you can take off if you want to. As a man thinketh, so is he. As you think your aura changes; its color is affected by your food also. Yes, I see auras more clearly when I am not in the medium's body."

### Archetypes

"Yes, the patterns seen over the head represent the higher mentation or true thinking. They derive their color from the nature of the thought; the color goes in splotches and streaks of light and is always changing."

## Shape of Earth & Wobble

"The globe is squash-shaped or you might say top-shaped. It has a tendency to wobble and this creates a blur at times. This blur throws measuring instruments off and causes distortion of light effects. Magnetic and electrical instruments are thrown off. Astronomers will find out in time that their instruments are inadequate. During my life I taught in occult subjects, and people said of me that I spoke above their understanding."

## Magic

"There are two kinds of magic; black and white; both are full of pitfalls, and both are the same thing, the difference being in the manner in which the force is directed. First ventures usually come up against a blank wall; then one either becomes deeply involved or else does not believe at all. Don't take occult forces for granted - it is dangerous ground. And yet it is dangerous only when you don't use the mind given you by the Great Intelligence. The basic fact is the control of the self. Desire is not wrong, but to lose the self in desire is wrong. Man should learn all things. Do not sidestep anything thru fear. Self-control is the key to everything. Meditation on the self is greatly to be desired. Out of the Silence comes all that exists. Be still, and know God. Back of all man's struggle is his desire to get home. Practise these things that most appeal to you; learn from others and teach where you can do so rightly."

## CONTROL: TAYLOR ROSENBERG

"I am Taylor Rosenberg. I am an English Jew. My people are still being persecuted, even as in the dark days of Hitler; this time by the English in Palestine. Palestine is the natural home of the Jewish people, yet there is plenty of room for both Arab and Jew. But the English are not doing a thing to better matters. But I feel that this is of no interest to you here."

"It is of interest, but it is a matter in which we can do nothing" Meade states.

"I was killed in London after the war, by an accident. You are right, we cannot get any place with this topic. This is my first attempt to speak thru a medium and I find the greatest difficulty. The medium should be more comfortable. The warm weather makes him feel itchy. Every kind of physical discomfort should be removed if we are to come thru without interruption."

"No, I don't know whether Jewish people object to spiritualism or not."

"One side of my face feels paralyzed. I was killed in an accident and my head was crushed. I didn't die immediately and I suffered for a short time after going over."

"Yes, I believed in spiritualism and read a good deal on the subject. I think there is going to be great progress in this subject. I help those who first make the

change. It is a most difficult task, making people understand that the physical body is left behind. They carry the body over at first, the desire to remain in the physical is so paramount. The ego has to be blasted out of its dream world."

(Change of control)

"Allo! I China boy, I come from China. Big fat man bring me, he my friend. On this side I velly sick, now I talkie. Not talk in long time. I come Peiping.."

CONTROL: LINGFORD

"Well, we have a good many automatic changes of control today. Your Los Angeles friends are keeping me on pins and needles. These men can and I feel they will do a great deal of good...

Ether Drift

"It's a good thing the Lords of the Universe concocted various matters on which men can have different opinions. Mathematics, like philosophy, have a way of eluding us.

Lokas

"I've been busy reading over your shoulders, and that bit of carbon that came to earth probably has no connection with the saucers but it probably came from the same source. There will be much more material. This may be stuff from the outer skin of the saucers. These fancy planes travel with the air currents, that's why they seem to vibrate cometimes as they do."

TRANCE LECTURE OF SEPTEMBER 6, 1947

PRESENT: Dr. & Mrs. Cosmen, Mr. & Mrs. Little, Mrs. Cleveland, Mrs. Olson, Mrs. Hahn, Meade Layne, Irene Probert (part-time), Mark Probert, medium.

Mark Probert, while conversing normally, stepped into the adjoining room, then suddenly began to cry out in distress, having gone abruptly under control. He was led back to his seat and the control continued weeping and lamenting:

"Oh, they put me in the steam room. They put more than 100 people in the steam room. Then they put us in the gas chamber. I no want to die. My wife and children in gas chamber - all die too..."

The usual effort was made to reason with the control and comfort him. His identity and nationality were not known. Evidently a victim of the last war.

CONTROL LO SUN YAT

"I regret having allowed that person to take control. Such people bring sadness with them. Even the best communicators sometimes do that. You see, that man doesn't really feel as bad as all that, normally on this side. But when he remembers earth conditions all the old fear and pain come back.

"Yes, it is true you can often help them. I think you helped that man. But now I want the medium to relax and rest a little and wash his face. I am going to leave for a while."

CONTROL: MR. "X"

"Well, I'm the control you call Mr. "X". Please tell the medium that if he doesn't want controls like that first one he should not ask for them.

"Yes, he asked to be allowed to help anyone who needed it. All the same, it upsets the medium and does him no good. It uses energy which might be devoted to better purposes. Well, let's take up something else.

"I heard the medium talking about canals on Mars, perhaps made by intelligent beings.

"No, they are not man-made. They are vast cracks or chasms in the earth. There is some water and some vegetation on Mars, but most of the changing colors seen are due to the rocks. The rocks change colors under certain changing etheric conditions.

"Yes, I am sure there will be some startling discoveries made by the Palomar telescope.

"Do you remember that you were told once to look beneath the light?"

"Yes" replied Meade, "I remember that. It was a long time ago. Was it you who told us that?"

"No! Look beneath the light - break beneath the light and you will see wonders undreamed of."

Dr. Cosmen referred to recent observations of new suns thru use of infrared rays.

"Well, that is one more evidence of the fact that your optical instruments are very inadequate. But I'll try to bring in someone who can give more technical information than I can.

Meade asked a question about assertion in Letters from Christopher that vegetation on Mars swarms with gnomes.

"That is probably true. All Nature produced Nature spirits; no matter how inanimate anything appears to be, it has a life force playing around it. Call them what you will - elves, salamanders, gnomes - their form depends on the material available.

"What animates them? Umph: I might say, your Christian God, but it would not mean a thing. The Life Force of the universe moves them. Much vegetation holds a strong life force, and it is likely that what you say about Mars is true. What other questions did you have in mind?"

Meade asked a question concerning the Lokas or "flying saucers".

"Yes, the subject is important on my side too, because the earth is now coming into an era of high psychism; there will be a great many phenomena, as you call them.

"The purpose is to awaken earth people to turn their energies to something besides stupid self-destruction. If you spent as much time on constructive efforts, what wonderful place the earth would be.

"Yes, the Lokas are capable of landing on earth and taking off again, and probably will do so. But they cannot remain on the surface of the earth very long at a time.

"Yes, that is due to their method of propulsion, of construction. Their main idea is to demonstrate what they can and will do in event of more struggle and bloodshed on earth. Unless you wish to destroy yourselves - I have lost my train of thought. It is very difficult to keep control of two minds at once.

"Yes, the Lokas would intervene in case of more struggle."

Meade said to the group, "I think Dr. Cosmen must be giving off ectoplasm."

"No" said Dr. Cosmen, "I don't notice anything."

Control stated abruptly, "No, you don't see it, but I do!"

Meade, at this point, gave a summary of a theory of the Loka (disk) propulsion as recently worked out by physicist RG.

"So far as my knowledge goes that theory is very close indeed to the facts. No, they do not carry a fuel; their "fuel" is the medium in which they travel.

"Yes, atoms, and scattered atoms in space; this is sufficient. Your concept of the Lokas as etheric worlds interpenetrating with the dense globe is correct, or approximately so. No, the etheric people do not normally inhabit this plane I am now on but I have access to their world.

"Yes, they are of the human evolutionary strain, but they are not human beings who have died. They have never been in earth life."

"You have heard all the information that has been given from time to time in these seances, about these disks and the etheric people?" asked Meade.

"I have."

"Do you concur?" queried Meade.

"I do."

Meade pursued the subject. "You believe that they will not permit a world war employing nuclear energies?"

"They will not permit it."

"We have been told on this side" Meade continued, "that such a war is written in the Akashic records. If it is so written, must it not take place?"

"IF it is written in the Records, it will take place.

"Is it not possible to read these Records correctly?" asked Meade.

"It is possible for some. But for most the Records are uncertain and liable to every misinterpretation."

"In such cases" Dr. Cosmen said, "there can be nothing certain about predictions based on reading the Records."

"The Controls on this side agree, and I concur, that such a war as you refer

to will not be permitted. I do not say that I myself read the Records. I say that foreknowledge of such a war does not exist on this plane, and your controls do not believe in it.

"Well, I think something is bothering this young lady. What is it that troubles you?"

Miss Olson replied, "I've heard that you don't answer personal questions, and this is a personal matter."

"It's a case of not liking to. Giving answers to personal questions involves the control in the other person's life. You influence conduct and likely come in for a share of the karma. The problems of each person are his or her personal responsibility. But put your question and I will see if it can be answered."

Miss Olson asked a question concerning the character of a near relative, deceased, who was both praised and blamed harshly by other relatives and friends of hers, thus leaving her in a distressed state of mind.

"This is a typical question - difficult to answer in the right way. The person you refer to was both good and bad, like everyone else. Some saw one side, some the other. He did the best he could. No one does evil just to be doing it, but just as he does good, for the sake of happiness - that will-o-the-wisp! Happiness comes from within, not from externals; it is like a fountain of joy in the heart. Do not strive to judge this man. Think kindly, and look deep within for your own happiness. Do you think I have helped you?"

"I think you have" Miss Olson replied.

"If so, I am very happy. I shall leave now, and inquire what further information I am allowed to give you concerning the disks.

CONTROL: LINGFORD

"Well, I want to welcome back my friends, Dr. and Mrs. Cosmen. Yes, I am Lingford. I'm glad I didn't try to get in here before with all the -- er -- wisdom that has been going around."

"So to speak"

"Umph! yes. so to speak! Well, did you have a nice time on your trip? You know, it means a great deal to us over here, to be well spoken of. We retain a great deal of interest in earth affairs, tho I know it's hard to realize. That's partly because until it happens to you personally you can't realize, can't actually know that you continue to exist, in spite of everything science and philosophy might combine to tell you. One great reason, is the difficulty we have in coming back with vigor and intelligence. It gives us a bad reputation to try to come back and then hem and haw. However, you hem and haw a good deal on your side too, it's

a trait which is carried over and aggravated by having to work thru material again. A scientist behind his instrument is far better than the instrument itself. The instrument is only as good as its use. As a scientist might be blamed for the failure of his instruments, so we are blamed for everything that goes wrong or sounds queer. The fault is most often in the poor material available."

Mrs. Hahan asked, "Do the opinions of earth people concerning spirits hamper and distress them, or make them happy?"

"Intolerance and other bad thoughts influence only the thinker. Everyone has unseen guides who try to keep him on the right path. When you go astray it makes the guides sorrowful or even angry."

Someone named Arthur wants to talk; he seems to be a relative of Meade. This attempt failed. Lingford asked for a cigarette which Mrs. Hahn lighted for him.

"It's a long time since I tasted lipstick."

Mrs. Little asked a question concerning some facts of ancient history.

"I do not know about such matters, but I'll try to bring in someone who can answer."

"Well, to tell the truth I smoke mostly for display. I do sense a warmth in the chest and throat of the medium but that is about all. We all have these little foibles about making ourselves conspicuous, you know."

"You are the only trance control I have ever known who smoked" said Meade. But all of our friends like to see you do it; it makes you seem more natural, familiar, more like one of us.

CONTROL: RAMON NATALLI

"No, no, I am not Lo Sun Yat. Do you want me to talk a little more on astronomical subjects? I am Ramon Natalli. Good afternoon, everybody."

"We live in a world of illusion and look out upon other illusory worlds. Does that sound paradoxical? But if all the planets and galaxies suddenly became separate little atoms, your world, your reality would cease to exist. Reality for you consists of untold millions of atoms being solidified. The force that holds them together is the Absolute, or God. He literally lies within you. If you ceased to exist, so would He (in that measure), and vice versa. Is that clear? Are there any objections?"

"Tell us this, Natalli" Meade said. "We now speak of space-time, rather than of space and time. Is motion possible in the Absolute, as such, in the light of this concept?"

"Certainly the Absolute moves; It is in incessant movement."

"To our way of thinking" Meade continued, "motion is possible only when space and time are separated as concepts. Under space-time the Absolute would appear to be incapable of motion. I asked the question, because we have also a point of view which makes space-time a generative matrix."

"Physically speaking, man sees and knows only what he calls space and time, or space-time. But time is something the mind cannot conceive, cannot deal with. When I think of these mysteries I feel very humble and insignificant. Yet in all my insignificance I AM the All, the Whole; I am so integral a part of it that without me it could not exist. Everyone is. Man is the ruling force of the earth because he can contemplate (himself and the world) which no animal or thing can do. But he does not realize his greatness."

Meade asked a question about use of astrology in the 'spirit world'.

"The subject is very profound and I would rather not take it up just now.

"Yes, some people here take very deep interest in it and others do not - just as on your side. It's not everyone's shop.

Meade proposed another question, this time concerning the mode of propulsion of the Lokas or Flying Disks.

"Do you recall some years ago an inventor who discovered a method for extracting from the air a force strong enough to run a motor?"

"The Keeley motor?" offered Meade.

"In a way this is the same thing as the Keeley motor. How it is done is hard to explain.

"Yes, it is a nuclear energy, using the repulsion of electrons. This force is a constant. It does not require the carrying of fuel. It utilizes free atoms in space. And it can be varied in strength. But the affect of gravity weakens it. The theory you read seems to me to come very close to the facts. If you keep up you will soon have flying saucers of your own, to amaze us with on this side. The basic principle you outlined seems to me to be correct. There is much more to be learned about heat and cold. Etheric man has been experimenting for untold ages in the earth's atmosphere. That is how he himself got here. Man's effort to materialize into the world he made for himself has taken many forms, and he will keep on trying. Man has untold millions of years on the earth, and to think he is going to blow himself off the earth is silly. There have been many great cataclysms but intelligent life will go on, or the earth would have no purpose.

"A knock at the door.) "There's a little boy at the door, will you please go?"

Control withdraws.

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NOTES by Meade Layne: The reluctance of the Control to answer personal questions is in line with the attitude of occultists on the same matter, but considerably in contrast with a much too common spiritualist practise, where communicators often give definite and assured instruction on any and all problems. Astral folk, in short, are not basically different from ourselves: some of us are fond of being authoritative and instructive, others have to some degree learned better.

Concerning the first control: In spite of Lo Sun Yat's attitude, there is a very great need for 'rescue circles' and this is much neglected by spiritualists.

About the LOKAS: The Controls have been definite and explicit as to their origin in the etheric. When they assert that the etheric people will intervene to prevent war, it is impossible to tell whether this is wishful thinking or actual knowledge - we suspect the former.

Space-time etc: The attempt to get a philosophic expression on these problems obviously failed. Readers are asked to bear in mind that questions are often asked in the seance room which have some ulterior purpose; perhaps a back reference to some previous statement, or a comparison, with other communicators, or to probe the knowledge and capacities of the control with reference to some particular subject. Obscure, pretentious, or apparently meaningless questions are often to be accounted for in this way.

With regard to an 'atomic war'. The controls have not stated positively, as an article of knowledge, that such a war will not occur; but they come very close to it, because the idea seems to be preposterous. But they ignore the esoteric tradition, according to which civilization has twice been destroyed by such wars, and the dreadful character of the last two wars, and the realities of current social-political conditions. Mere astral optimism is like most of our own, about as dependable as four-leaved clovers and horseshoes.

TRANCE LECTURE OF OCTOBER 4, 1947

PRESENT: Dr. & Mrs. Cosman, Mr. & Mrs. Palmer, Mrs. Cleveland, Gilbert Opdycke, M.V. Tripp, Irene Probert, Meade Layne, Mark Probert, medium.

CONTROL: ABDULLA BEN BEY

"Not easy to talk. Come from Egypt, die 3500 years ago. Have made attempts to come thru - not good. Everything mixed up - not clear.

"Can you see us in this room?" asked Meade.

"Very dark to me. I go now. Friend say I must go now.

"Did Lingford come with you?" asked Meade.

"Yes, may have brought me in."

CONTROL: MR. "X"

"It's getting so everyone knows me right away. I am one of the family. That control that took over a while ago is a very learned man. It is to be regretted that he could not speak English so that you could have talked to him. From what he told me he was in Egypt several thousand years ago."

Dr. Cosman asked a question regarding the name of the first control.

"I do not know much about that; names have been used and changed many times down the centuries. Marriages with another race have given us names which do not seem to belong. But I have not come to discuss this person. Who is your friend over there?"

Control was introduced to Mr. Tripp.

"Mr. Tripp, I am the unknown quantity, Mr. "X". Have you a question to ask about that table?\* I saw it a while ago. I think it is a very excellent idea and if you have any cooperation from my side, you will have some splendid messages from this table. I do not need to tell you, it will take some little time for experimentation. You have some sort of plugs on the table."

Meade Layne explained their use.

"If the force is right, and strong enough, there is no reason why (this device

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\*A specially constructed table, in the adjoining room - a fraud-proof device for use in "table-tipping" experiments.

should not operate successfully). Stand back from the table and permit it to do its own work. Do NOT put your hands on it. When you do that, you automatically reverse the force, but you do not need physical aid. As you do not trust one another in these matters, it would be better for everyone to stay where he can be observed and keep his hands on his knees. Too much credence is given to the subconscious mind. Spiritual (spiritistic) investigation is the devil. In the Christian religion, people have their own devil, and in every field of investigation you have to look out for some kind of devil. Man has no faith. If you would pay more attention to the conscious mind than to the subconscious you would advance at a great pace. I do not think that I have to tell you that no matter what is devised, or how good the results, the more the criticism will be. People will not believe."

NOTE by Meade Layne: Nearly all the Controls communicating thru Mark P. consider that the term subconscious should be restricted to the basic instincts and the control of body automatisms. They hold that consciousness is never 'blanked out', either in sleep, by anaesthetics, by hypnosis, or in any form of trance: what happens is a shift of the focus of consciousness. Consciousness IS where the attention is, and we are unconscious with reference to anything to which we are not paying attention.

The doctrine of the High Self is regarded somewhat in the following manner: The entity or personality has a power of selectivity, of choice: it can change its 'vibratory rate', and so 'tune in' on different 'wave lengths'. Consciousness is continuous experience, and the entity has the power to learn by experience, and so make 'better' and 'higher' selection of experience. To invoke the High Self, then, is really to invoke the vast potentialities of the personality. Such invocation is greatly to be commended, because it has a powerful suggestive effect and leads to unfoldment and development.

With regard to the problem of memory: The controls appear to take the position that when a temporarily forgotten fact is recalled, it is not evoked from some storehouse of the personal subconscious, nor is it there registered and preserved by any psycho-physical mechanism. But all facts and events, no matter how fleeting or minute, are preserved in the 'memory of Nature', and are often to be observed in the reflecting ether, tho not always in their true and perfect shapes. In the recollecting of a forgotten fact, the consciousness makes contact - i.e. shifts the center of awareness - to the 'record' of the fact. Imperfect and fragmentary recollection means an imperfect reading of the record, or a reading from an imperfect etheric reflection. Involuntary recollection is also an action of consciousness, which is however functioning in an automatic manner under the laws of association.

This statement of the opinions of the communicators may require revision. It is certain that the psychologist will be able to find many criticisms and objections. It seems to this writer, however, to outline a concept of great interest and importance. The ML publications (Round Robin, Flying Roll, etc.) will welcome competent comment.

Occult theory, in some quarters at least, regards memory as threefold: conscious, subconscious, and superconscious. In all such theory we must remember that the data of memory consist of thought-forms. An object affects the vital body thru the senses, and generates feelings, which are mirrored by the mind. The action of the mind on these data is called our ideas; and the idea draws 'mind-stuff' around it and becomes a thought-form. The mind of the thinker (thru the will) projects the thought-form (1) against the desire body, (2) or against the reflecting ether, (3) or against the mind and desire body of another person. Under the first case, if interest is awakened in the desire body, either attraction or repulsion is stirred up, and the images of all the related ideas and actions remain in the ether of the vital body; these are called memory. If there is only indifference, the image in the vital body will be very weak. In the second case, the mental images of sense experiences and the thoughts connected with them are thrown direct upon the reflecting ether, and these are accessible to the ego working thru the mind. This is our ordinary recollection or memory.

The subconscious mind, according to this point of view, is simply part of the record of the thinker's life and action, but much larger than the conscious memory. The reflecting ether contained in the air carries with it images of all details of our surroundings and of our own auras. This ether enters the lungs, and thru them the images are impressed on the blood, which is the direct vehicle of the Ego. From this they are impressed on the negative atoms of the vital body, and so determine our destiny in the after-death condition. Conscious and subconscious memory relate wholly to this life; the superconscious memory retains experiences of past incarnations, this modifies the seed-atom, and usually appears only as the character, moral and mental qualities of the personality.

It will be seen that if these opinions were rephrased and amplified (both those of the communicators and the ones just noted), they would probably be found in good agreement on fundamental concepts.

Dr. Cosman made reference to 'commercial' mediums, the demand of the public for personal messages, etc.

"I beg to differ as to who is at fault. If you have kindergarten minds on your side, who is to blame? The sheep desire to monopolize the medium - you can readily see the waste. It is all right to occupy the medium's time with finding out about relatives, but there is no real knowledge to be gained (in that way) and the energy is wasted."

"While relatives are in the physical body, we often neglect them" said Dr. C., "but once they have become spirits, we go chasing after them."

"True. You have proof that your wife survives. If people grieve, it is well to give them comfort. I would not say that all such energy is wasted, but my conclusion is, that a great deal of time is being wasted on both sides.

"What makes Mark the particular kind of medium he is?" asked Meade.

"The sympathetic nervous system is highly strung and is sensitive to etheric vibrations and magnetic influences not felt by other people."

Various questions were put concerning hypnotism, mesmerism and narcotics as an aid in development.

"In development you have the aid of entities on this side. They open the channels and it is bad for the sitter if they are not extra careful. They should be persons of good habits, too. Yes, development classes are a waste of time for some people, but others need the forces developed by a class. In physical phenomena, those over here have to control the chemicals of the medium's body as well as the nervous system. It is the sympathetic system that needs to be built up. Mediumship can be developed but there should be clear thinking. Clairvoyance is of the person himself; it is a gift. If you could produce a materialization thru hypnosis the projection would be very vague.

"Where is the line of demarcation?" asked S. Palmer.

"In hypnotism, both take a place in your plan; two physical minds are in operation. In trance there is only one. But the one hypnotized is receiving suggestions from someone in the physical body.

"What is the difference between sleep and trance?" continued S. Palmer.

"They are not the same thing. Trance resembles sleep only from your side. Someone said this medium talked in his sleep, that he was brought up out of physical sleep and between this outward trance and wakefulness the entities were able to carry on conversations. Borderline sleep? Yes. In hypnotism the mind takes on a dullness and heaviness but no such condition enters into the trance state."

"Assuming that a person with no psychic powers or gifts enters a trance or semi-trance thru either auto- or hetero-hypnosis" said Meade, "when he is in that state, can an entity from your side take control of him and communicate?"

"Yes, that can be done."

NOTE: The control here should be understood as speaking in general terms; there might be prohibitive factors in any individual case. ML.

Control withdraws.

CONTROL: MR "X".

"I thought I had better return and get on with what we were discussing. There has been a lot of talk and confusion about it on this side since I left you a while ago. Also a lot of confusion on your side. Not entirely your fault. As you may know, I do not know everything about the mind. Because one comes over to this side, does not make him a travelling book of knowledge on all subjects. But I

will do my lowly best. This subject stirred up a wild state of conversation on my side. Questions?"

Dr. Cosman asked a question as to why the sympathetic nervous system is more developed in some persons, and about instruments for communication which are being constructed.

"Regardless of any instrumental method, energy from the physical body of a person on your side will have to be used (in communication). Perhaps the answer may come thru a machine that will produce the same kind of energy flow, but to do this it must be capable of producing in harmony all the 98 elements of the body. The same is true of electronic instruments. You must reach out for us, we are always ready to lend a hand. Without cooperation from both sides there can be no satisfactory results. You don't need inspiration for the building of such apparatus; work with others interested in the same field."

Mr. Palmer asked a question about the manner of taking control.

"A while ago you brought up the subject of seed life. There is a small space in all seeds, the life essence. What is to be physical life is in that space and is invisible to the eye. In the physical brain, there is also a space, and in it we work and make contact with the physical world thru the sensitive. It is the tuning-in room of the sympathetic nervous system."

One of the guests asked a question regarding glands.

"Yes, it is a small gland at the base of the skull. I do not know what you call it. (Pituitary). I don't know that this clarifies the issue. If you strike a gong, a glass tumbler will repeat the note. This corresponds to the way a sensitive is set off. In my physical life I wasn't able to get anywhere, it seemed there was no place to go, but I have learned that the only value life holds is knowledge. Outside of that all is vanity. Each one in the body has toys to play with, and a self-importance that keeps us intrigued so well that we do not know when we leave the physical world, and not knowing what is to take place in a future life, we do not fear the Great Mind. There are no complete answers to anything for any one person.

"Yes, we have toys on our side too, but they are different from yours. Infinity! Like space, it has no arc, no curve. The curve is our physical illusion.

One of the guests asked a question about reincarnation.

"Yes, I accept it. I see now that man, without it, would be hopelessly lost. It is unavoidable for many, for many thousands of years - millions of years in some cases. "Years" as you know them; for me, time does not exist. There would be no change, no advancement, no creation; the spark of individual life strives with power that is tremendous beyond belief - knowledge carried on against all odds.