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**Donald Burleson takes another look at
the events of Socorro. How timely with
the death of Lonnie Zomora!**

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avoid any further confusion, I'm
keeping the numbering the same!

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Director's Message for December 2009

I wish to extend warm holiday greetings to everyone in the MUFON family and I wish you both a safe and joyous celebration and a very Happy New Year. Thank you for your dedication to, and support of, MUFON and for helping us to solve the greatest mystery of our time.

The Spectrum of Belief

I had the privilege of attending the 2009 Crash Retrieval Conference in Las Vegas where I presented two different lectures, one of which was UFOs 101. At first, I was hesitant to accept the offer because I felt that lecturing on the basics of Ufology would be preaching to the choir, but I took up the challenge as a way to educate even the veterans among us on what MUFON does in the field, and what uniquely positions us to lead the way.

As part of my lecture, I clarified the often misused term “debunker” in the context of UFO investigation. On the spectrum of belief, we find “believers” on one end who know for certain what UFOs are, who their occupants are, and possibly even what their agenda is. On the other end of the spectrum are the “debunkers” who may be in the guise of the skeptic, but who know that UFOs can be prosaically explained.

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EDITOR'S MESSAGE . . .

BY LARRY RIMBERT JR.

Hello and welcome to my second issue and the Journals 500th (or 502nd issue)! Please see the last issue if there is any confusion! I am hoping that you enjoyed the first issue, which was a double issue and an attempt to get delivery of the Journal to you in a timely fashion. So far it's working as you should have this issue on or near the first week of December. Interest in the MUFON Journal is increasing as readers seem to be interested in what is new that is going to happen! *With that in mind MUFON needs your help!* As you know MUFON is largely volunteer based and Lori and Kim are the only office. So HELP is the first thing on contact the MUFON office by phone or search for the answer to your question! detract from much needed office time! rid of over 6,000 emails which has find those which I truly needed to sighting, go to the website and report it your sighting, but the field interesting stories out and are the front got 6,000 emails, I'm sure Lori and So all you with questions, and reports, email!



Secondly, I am getting good feedback as to what to include in the journal. I'm working on a survey which will allow readers to tell me what articles are actually read in the Journal issues. Do you regularly read Stanton Friedman, Filers' files, Night Sky or the Editors message(?) yes, my part is on the line too! Ouch! I need more input! What about State meetings, what really happens there? Do you want a report on the minutes of the meetings for all MUFON meetings, a few of them, none of them? Who are they going to have as a speaker? What are they doing for membership drives! Let me know! Also do you have any ideas to get younger members involved?

Thirdly, I'm seeking pics, lots of pics! Authentic pics are always the best, but on occasion I get something that is funny or shows creative use of computer programs and they, as always, will always be identified as either raw data or obvious computer generated pics! I thought the one below was especially good and the one on the cover was very creative!

Finally, I'm always looking for advertisers, new articles, interesting subjects, book reviewers, events, in other words, if it is interesting to our readers, I'm interested! Please send me an e-mail with the purpose of your email in the subject line! In the meanwhile: **HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE HOLIDAY and DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE!!!** From someone who has had it "don't get the flu or H1N1 - wash your hands frequently!!"

Have you been naughty or nice?

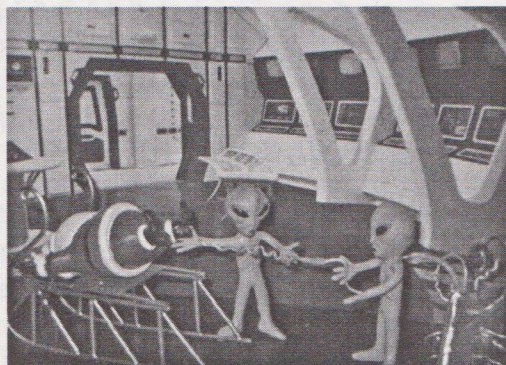


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Editors Note: Last month the Journal reported the death of Lonnie Zamora (1933 - 2009) a former Socorro, New Mexico police officer on Monday, November 2, 2009 due to heart failure. Lonnie Zamora was known for his report of a close encounter of the first, second and third kinds in 1964, near Socorro, New Mexico. Zamora received extensive media coverage for his report which is often cited as one of the best documented accounts of the event. This month more about the Socorro incident is given as covered by feature speaker, author and writer Donald R. Burleson, Ph.D

Socorro and the Logic of Proof

In the November 2008 issue of the *MUFON UFO Journal* I presented an article titled "Some Thoughts on the Socorro Object." I argued that because photos were taken roughly fourteen hours apart at the Lonnie Zamora site, with the earlier film reportedly fogged and the later film not, one could use an exponential decay formula to determine that any film-fogging radioactive materials present at the Socorro site would have had a half-life with an upper bound of about two to six hours. I also pointed out that if the Socorro gully was irradiated in 1964 (enough to fog the film) by a process of nuclear power generation, then the half-life would be problematically short.

My thanks to Douglas Wilson in the January 2009 issue of the *Journal* for picking up on the subject and commenting on my research. We agree that solid science is the face that the field of UFO studies needs to show to the world. I believe, however, that we have somewhat different views about the nature of typical scientific thinking.

While Mr. Wilson applauds my application of mathematical principles to the Socorro problem, he expresses concern that these arguments may not meet with approval in the mainstream scientific community because of standards necessary for "proving" conclusions. Basically the point is that rather than stating anything about Socorro as *absolutely* known (which I believe would have been intellectually dishonest on my part), I employ conditional or contingent thinking: *if* something were known to be true, *then* something else would follow.

Mr. Wilson accurately summarizes one segment of my argument as: "*if* the flash involved radioactive emanations, and *if* said emanations produced a radiation field intense enough to fog film, and *if* those emanations had sufficiently dissipated so as not to fog subsequent film, *then* there would be intriguing implications about the half-life of the materials involved." This is indeed the gist of my argument, but his concern is that such contingent reasoning would strike mainstream scientists as inadequately rigorous.

The fact is that, in one way or another, *all* scientific thinking is contingent: *if* one makes certain provisional assumptions, *then* certain results are implied. For example, in physics one generally assumes what one may call the universality postulate: that the laws of physics work the same way everywhere in the universe. Although it is probably not possible to prove this absolutely, one reasons that *if* it's true, *then* (e.g.) analysis of the spectra of distant stars tells us certain reliable things about the chemistry of those stars.

I'm a mathematician by profession, and I have exceedingly high regard for the necessary rigor of genuine *proof*, but even in mathematics the thinking is conditional. *If* the Riemann Hypothesis (to date never proven) is true, *then* certain other things are too. *If* one assumes the Axiom of Choice, *then* certain theorems follow. *That some things logically would follow, from other things, is what we know.*

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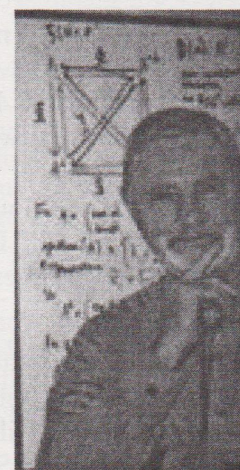


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Socorro and the Logic of Proof (cont.)

As Mr. Wilson hints, premises can be iffy, and however carefully one proceeds in mainstream science, the reasoning does not always lead to reliable results. You're told that eating eggs raises your cholesterol, and later you're told that eating eggs does *not* raise your cholesterol after all; both results came from careful biochemical research. There are impressive scientific arguments both for and against the reality of global warming. In any case, of course, with "if *A* then *B*" thinking, one tries empirically to verify the premise *A* in order better to establish the conclusion *B*, and one tries to establish that *A* really does imply *B*.

Naturally we try to do all this in the field of UFO studies as well, though with older cases like Socorro the problem, like any scientific problem having to do with bygone times, has its difficulties. Since one has to start somewhere, I do for example reason that *if* Allen Hynek was telling the truth when he told Lonnie Zamora that the Air Force attributed the film fogging to radioactivity, *then* my half-life computations are meaningful. We can't give the late Dr. Hynek a lie detector test. That he may not have told the truth is simply another assumption with its own implications. Frankly, weighty decisions are made every day on the strength of hypotheses far less probable than my working assumption that Allen was telling the truth. There are abundant reasons to think that by 1964 he was already growing uncomfortable with Project Blue Book and wanted only to get at the real truths about the UFO phenomenon. (To be precise about what Allen said about the Socorro film: Ray Stanford, author of the definitive book *Socorro Saucer in a Pentagon Pantry*, informs me that he has Allen Hynek *on film* referring, in an interview, to "the fact that the Air Force would not return the film to its owner because it appeared to be fogged as though by radiation.")

California Field Investigator Anthony Tambini suggests an alternative to the radioactivity premise—that Ted Jordan's film may have been fogged by ambient heat. This is a thoughtful suggestion, but I would point out that if such were the case, then his film should very *often* have ended up fogged, since according to witnesses he always kept a camera in his (usually hot) car. If Jordan's film had always gotten damaged that way, why would he have bothered to carry a camera in his car at all?

Both Mr. Wilson and Mr. Tambini point out that I mentioned pockets of uranium in the gully, which they feel would complicate the matter. Actually I should have mentioned in my original article that my Geiger counter readings were far too low (typically around 110 microRoentgens) to account for fogged film, and that I have taken many photos myself in the arroyo with a film camera without any fogging effects.

It is undeniably true that we should keep our standards of scientific thinking high in this field, which is precisely why I have not anywhere claimed to *prove* the extraterrestrial nature of the Socorro craft, but rather have offered some supporting evidence pointing in that direction, expressly and openly contingent upon certain working assumptions.

The certainty of absolute proof in this business is hard to come by, because it's pretty hard to come by anywhere. We need to strive for it. But our fellow scientists should (and will) understand better than anyone else that contingent thinking is the logical structure that moves us forward—in slow and uncertain steps, usually, but forward nonetheless.

OBITUARY . . .

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Robert Lee "Bob" White. Born March 26, 1931-died November 16, 2009 of injuries received from a car accident near his home in Reeds Spring, Missouri. . Bob (a.k.a. Frank James) was a musical entertainer and appeared as an actor in a number of feature films. In 1985, Bob's had a UFO encounter near the Colorado-Utah border where he recovered a metallic "object" he said fell from the UFO. The object remained controversial, but he passed a polygraph test and received media recognition from newspapers, paranormal radio shows, and national entertainment news shows. The object emitted an electro-magnetic field and ratio tests for the element strontium fell within the range of two established Martian meteorites. Bob White was one of the few in ufology who was dedicated to finding the truth of what he recovered in 1985 in Colorado from his UFO encounter. The world has lost a most honest, sincere person and will be missed dearly.



VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

Submitted by Gary R. Golem, Chief Investigator for MiMUFON



David Twichell

David Twichell of the Michigan chapter of MUFON is this month's Volunteer of the Month! David has been a member of Michigan MUFON for about 12 years and is a benefactor (life long member) of International MUFON as well as a certified Field Investigator since March 1, 2001. A top Field Investigator, he is always willing to take on another case and help as needed. He follows through each of his cases in the CMS system in a very complete and professional manner. His work ethic and attention to detail is second to none.

Mr. Twichell has been the Editor of the Michigan MUFON Newsletter since 2004. He spends many hours each month digging up recent UFO cases from around the world to add to the pages of the newsletter. He devotes one page strictly to recent Michigan UFO sighting

cases and adds a bit of humor with his original "Keeping it Light" section where readers look forward to seeing a new UFO related cartoon in each installment. He also acts as Public Relations Officer for the group.

He religiously attends each meeting (five per year) where he video tapes the guest speaker, takes it home and transfers it to DVD to keep in our library and mails another copy to the speaker. He has given several lectures in Michigan and New Jersey.

An author, Twichell has written three books Filer's Files: Worldwide Reports of UFO Sightings regarding UFOs to include; *The UFO - Jesus Connection*, *Global Implications of the UFO Reality* and (coauthored by George Filer). He has written several articles, two of which have been published in the MUFON Journal.

David hosts a local access cable TV show called *We Are Not Alone*, that is now in its ninth year, where he interviews local investigators as well as world renown scientist and ufologists including Stanton Friedman, Linda Moulton Howe and Dr. Roger Leir, to name a few. He also hosts a monthly radio show on WHFR.FM by the same name that is now in its third year. The show is broadcast in the Dearborn/Detroit area as well as on the internet. The archived shows may be found at his website <http://www.ufoimplications.com> He has also been the guest on numerous radio and internet shows discussing the UFO phenomenon.

David has been interested in the UFO phenomenon since his own personal close encounter sighting in Detroit, Michigan in 1962. He, his entire family and hundreds of people in this highly populated, residential area witnessed a huge craft with large, round lights of various colors emerge from a pinhole point in the sky (vortex?), accompanied by a cloud of billowing smoke. The silent craft, as large as a city block, settled just above treetop level over their home where it remained for about fifteen minutes before moving away. The next day, the authorities stated in the Detroit papers that the phenomenon was simply the "Northern Lights". It was this event that convinced David that we are not alone in the universe and that the powers-that-be want to keep this fact secret.

David, a retired tool and die maker for the Ford Motor Company, resides with his wife, Laura, in Trenton, Michigan and is the father of four and the grandfather of six. It is David Twichell's tireless efforts to study and educate the public on UFO phenomenon and its reality that makes him deserving of the title Volunteer Month!

Congratulations David Twichell!!!

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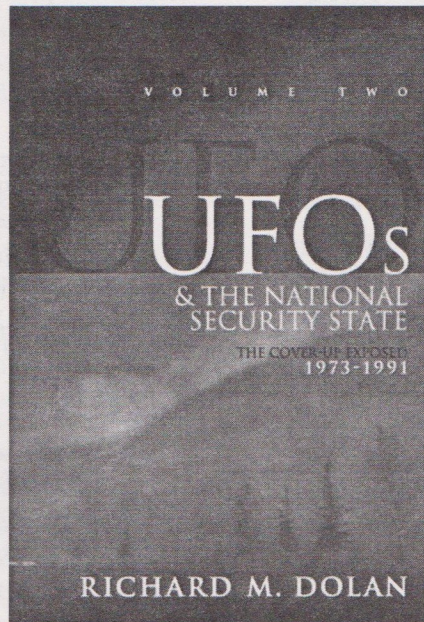
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As Elijah the prophet passed his mantle of power on to Elisha (2 Kings 2:13), so has David Jacobs passed the baton of UFO historian from himself to Richard M. Dolan. Jacobs began his UFO research with his history of The UFO Controversy in America, but then moved on to abduction research. Richard Dolan seems likely to stay with history. His monumental first work, UFOs and the National Security State: An Unclassified History, 1941-1973 (published in 2000) has been followed by this sequel, covering the period 1973-1991, and Dolan expects to complete the trilogy, covering the current period. Anyone seriously interested in UFOs is indebted to Dolan for this enormous effort.

Dolan's point of view is not that of MUFON. As the mission statement of MUFON says, "MUFON's mission is the scientific study of UFOs." Dolan is a trained historian, not a scientist. His point of view as an historian is based on this inconvenient truth: scientists control science, but politicians control scientists, particularly if scientists are doing anything that is of interest to "the national security state." There seems little in the UFO field that the national security state does not seek to control, including private UFO research organizations. Dolan is not the first to suggest that NICAP was done in by the CIA, and when the Lorenzens passed away, their APRO files were scooped up by two persons who will not share them with UFO researchers. Should we be surprised? (p.



441) Most private UFO organizations lack the funds to be effective. The fact that MUFON still exists may be no small miracle, and we cannot help wondering who is watching us behind the mirror of the national security state.

Dolan presents nine chapters, in chronological sequence, with each chapter covering two or three years adding up to almost two decades of UFO history. There are hundreds of reports from around the world gathered from private citizens, military personnel, radar reports, airplane sightings, landing reports.

MUFON readers see these reports as our steady diet. It was during this period that UFO abductions became a major area of UFO research, with Budd Hopkins pioneering in this field. Dolan also does well summarizing the major events, such as Malmstrom Air Force Base, Montana (1975), the Rendlesham Forest story (December 1980), the Gulf Breeze sightings (1987), which greatly divided CUFOS and MUFON leadership, as well as the Hudson Valley sightings (1983-86). Dolan draws heavily on Philip Imbrogno for his Hudson Valley material, and reports that Imbrogno had contact with a man from the National Security Agency, who requested some UFO related tape in Imbrogno's possession. When Imbrogno refused to give up the tape, the comment of the agent was, "you know, Phil, the government has done away with people for a lot less." (p. 340)

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BOOK REVIEW UFO...(CONT.)

Dolan deals with MJ-12, the problem of document authentication, names like Richard Doty, Bob Lazar, William Moore, John Lear, and Milton William Cooper, appear as Dolan tries to separate real inside information from disinformation. Dolan goes at the familiar questions. What is going on in Area 51? What have our Presidents known, and have they tried to release UFO information? What is the meaning of Ronald Reagan's strange public comments about UFOs and possible alien invasions? What have the Russians known? Or the Chinese?

He tries to determine if contact with aliens has occurred, and whether or not communication between them and our political leaders has happened.

Several of the "insider comments" from those like Bob Lazar have suggested that the aliens claim to have directed the biological development of humans, and have also directed our religious development (p. 477), perhaps even putting Jesus on earth. Dolan does not explore the issue, but religion is kind of the "wild card" in the UFO cover-up. The Roman Catholic Church has recently been holding a conference on astrobiology, exploring the possibility of life on other planets. This is seen as "radical" by the world press. Would the NSA, or CIA, use religious "disinformation" to frighten away those—like President Carter—who might want to release UFO information? Would any president want to announce that Jesus was put on earth by aliens? The issue is not just about alien contact, but what kind of lies the NSA and CIA might attribute to the aliens.

Dolan moves beyond "mainstream" UFO research when he speculates about political power groups above and beyond the control of the United States, like the Trilateral Commission, and the Bilderberg Group, which he says may be the ultimate groups controlling both UFO secrecy, and the "farming out" of UFO secrets to international technological conglomerates like Lockheed Martin. Dolan speculates "there exists the possibility of what I have come to call a 'breakaway civilization.' This would entail a situation in which black world science and technology" has led to a secret and separate civilization, beyond the control of the United States Congress, or any nation. (p. 580)

Dolan completes his work with an extensive bibliography, and detailed index.

The scope of Dolan's work is beyond easy summary. The importance of this work is not so much in the UFO facts it provides as in the political analysis that seems to flow from this basic proposition: the governments of the world have lied to us for more than half a century about UFOs. How do we really know that these lies are for our own good? What has happened to government of the people, by the people, for the people? From MUFON's point of view, these are not scientific questions. But they are questions MUFON should not ignore.

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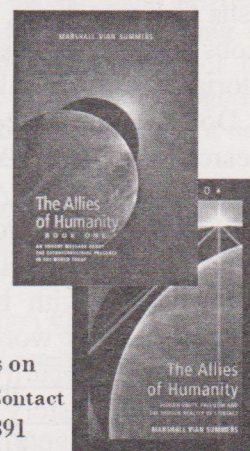
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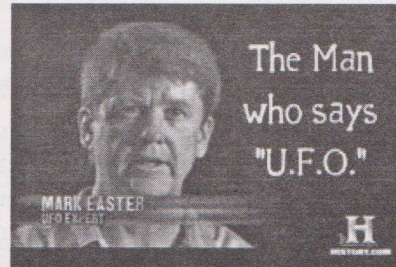
PART I

In May of 2009 I was contacted by an associate producer for the new "MysteryQuest" series airing on History Channel. As State Director for MUFON in Nevada since 2005 I have gotten many phone calls like this one over the years. Nevada is home to the Groom Lake Country Club you know. It has been a practice of mine to turn down invitations to participate on-camera for programs like these. Since 1975, my professional background has been broadcast television and I feel I've been around this business long enough to understand the agendas and the backside of television producing.

Bottom line in a hurry... Networks are not interested in solving the UFO mystery and they never will be. They hire journalists who only scratch the surface of a subject like UFOs just enough to fill 45 minutes of content. A journalist's job is to provide opposing views on a subject and "let the viewer decide." This releases the Networks from the liability associated with taking a side and admitting UFOs are real and mankind here on Earth is not responsible for them. I've been just as aggravated as each and every one of you reading this article when I see every new entry in Network UFO documentaries. That's why I have said "No" to every producer who has called. That is, until *recently*.

Back to May of 2009. I asked the MysteryQuest producer what made their program any different than all the other attempts at researching and reporting the facts about UFOs. She was quick to answer that their mission was to explore the mysteries of the Earth and incorporate sound science to reveal the truth. The only thing I could say to her was, "And you want to do *yet another* UFO show on Area-51?" Un-phased by my comment, she proceeded to ask if I knew of any UFO "crash sites" located near Area-51 where they could send an expedition to try and find debris and have it scientifically tested. I laughed and had to tell her honestly that I knew of no place where an alien space craft has crashed around the perimeter of Area-51.

Thinking to myself I figured that if they are willing to hire scientists so MUFON doesn't have to, it might be advantageous to cooperate with the producers of the program. But Area-51? I tried my best to discourage the young lady from making the trip to Southern



Nevada with a crew and suggested that if they were honestly interested in getting trace evidence for scientific analysis, they should talk to none other than Ted Phillips. I explained who Ted was and what he has been doing all these years. "If you want evidence to take to science" I insisted, "then you need to do a show with Ted Phillips!"

In one ear and out the other. Sound familiar?

All she had on her mind was Area-51 and her goal was to get me involved as a representative of MUFON in Nevada. Even though I knew where it would lead and how the program would eventually play out, I decided at that moment to change my mind and agreed to participate in the expedition with MysteryQuest to the E.T. Highway and the secured borders of Watertown. I figured it would be a great personal research project to see for myself if I was right about how History Channel producers have their assigned agenda going into a project and how it would end up on your tv screen. Let's just say, I wasn't disappointed!

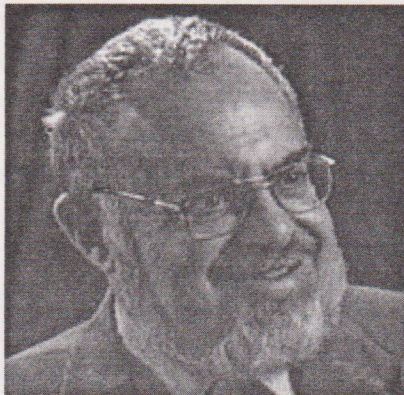
And so began my involvement in what became History Channel's MysteryQuest program "Alien Cover-up" which premiered this past Wednesday night, October 14th, 2009 at 10:00 p.m. Upon arriving in Rachel, Nevada to begin three days of shooting with the MysteryQuest crew I met Mr. Peter Merlin from The X-Hunters. Peter is an Aircraft Historian and Aerospace Archaeologist and co-founder of the X-Hunters Aerospace Archaeology Team. Peter's roll in the production of the show was to bring his vast experience in researching the history of Area-51 and terrestrial aircraft crash recovery sites.

I was the man who says "*UFO...*"

To be continued.

Author's note:

We have broken this story into two parts so that If you have not had a chance to see "MysteryQuest - Alien Cover-up" on the History Channel you can watch a replay of the program and have a better understanding of Mark's ordeal as he continues to reveal what really happened behind the scenes during the three days he was involved with the shoot. The conclusion will be printed in next month's Journal.

THE CUTLER TWINING

Stanton Friedman

There has been a rash of new claims made that all Majestic 12 documents are obviously fraudulent. No evidence has been provided. Evidence that three documents are real has been ignored. Some of the claims are absurd such as those by Debunker Brian Dunning who claimed on his blog that Phil Klass found that the forger was me. Supposedly Klass asked the world about the type face on the 1 page Cutler Twining Memo presuming that anybody who provided examples of the typeface must have had real materials to copy from. Obviously Dunning had read none of the literature about my research such as reported in "*Final Report on Operation Majestic 12*" (1) or *TOP SECRET/MAJIC* (2), or my response (3) to Brad Sparks MUFON Paper (4). The fact of the matter is that Klass had challenged me by letter () about the PICA type used on the CTM claiming that he had 9 samples from the Eisenhower Library of NSC documents showing that the proper type face would

have been Elite not PICA. He challenged me (nobody else, and not publicly) to provide any genuine NSC documents meeting several criteria and using the same size and style Pica type as used in the memo. He offered me \$100. each up to a maximum of 10. I sent him 20 pica type documents from my files having made a number of trips to the Eisenhower Library. He allowed 2. I was going to the EL and easily spotted 14 more there which I copied and sent him with an invoice for \$1000. He paid me. Then he got very upset and threatened to sue me to keep me from including a copy of his check in Ref. 1. I told him I "Xeroxed" the check, cashed it at the bank, and that I could do whatever I pleased with the "Xerox" copy. He had told a lot of people about challenging me. Apparently he told no one about paying me. He of course had never been to the EL. This correspondence is in Reference 1 for anybody who cares about the truth to see. Obviously Dunning does not. The check is also included in "Flying Saucers and Science" (5)

Perhaps it should be noted that the CTM is a one page carbon copy on Dictation Onionskin paper. It was manufactured by Fox paper, was sold only in bid lots and not in stores. The Government bought lots. It is the only original MJ-12 document we have. It was folded when it was found at the National Archives by Bill Moore and Jaime Shandera in July 1985. They called me the same day and read it to me and I, of course, noted that one of the sentences sounded like a document found in the Twining papers at the Library of Congress Manuscript Division a few years earlier. The CTM is at the National Archives for anybody to see and photograph. Two things that show up in a photograph are very important, namely the watermark and the slant red pencil line through the unusual security marking of TOP SECRET RESTRICTED. Xerox copies, of course, will not show the watermark or that the line is red. Dr. Bruce Maccabee was able to photograph the memo in color while being held against a window at the Archives

It should be noted also that one of the reasons Jaime and Bill went to DC was a post card received many months earlier with hints that strongly suggested a DC trip would be useful. ... mentioning Reese's pieces (Ed Reese is the archivist we have dealt with), Suitland (another DC area Archive) etc.. and supposedly coming from Box 189 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Also I had determined during a DC trip to attend a nuclear conference in March, 1985, when I visited Ed, that Senator Russell had had an interesting UFO sighting, just declassified, and that the USAF Record Group 341 (Entry 267) was being classification reviewed. These were USAF HQ Intelligence files from about 1948 on. I kept checking and found that the review was finally completed at the end of June which is why B and J went there. They ordered a bunch of archive boxes of Entry 267 and were going through them when they found the folded CTM between manila folders. It had nothing to do with the folders. Turns out that was Box 189. Ed made a copy for them and they sent me one. Part of it was light bleached.

The archives put out a listing of comments about the document. Some of these were false. For example, it was claimed by the EL that all of the carbons of Cutler's memos were on onionskin with an eagle Watermark. It was also claimed that there was no NSC meeting on the day in question. They also claimed that TSR was not in use until years later. The comments were based on a very limited review of documents just as Klass's foolish notion that all were in Elite type. At the EL I found a number of onionskin carbons on other kinds of paper. CT does not say NSC meeting, only White House

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THE CUTLER TWINING (CONT.)

meeting. That these were changed by the NA is usually not mentioned by the debunkers. The GAO in its search for various files concerning Roswell noted that they in a classified archive had found a number of instances of TOP SECRET Restricted being used in the right time frame despite having been told (Majestic 12) that it was not in use at the time. Those documents were still classified, so copies could not be obtained. I found out years later at the EL that the slant red pencil mark was normally added through a security marking to indicate a document was being declassified. I had not known that previously and I know of no one else who had noted it.

An anti argument made for a while by the late Robert Todd, very much anti-Roswell and anti MJ-12, had noted that in papers he obtained by mail from the EL, that Robert Cutler had gone to Europe and was there on July 14, 1954, the date of the CTM, so could not have sent it! Supposedly this proved it was a fraud. His name is at the bottom, but there is no signature and no /s/ indicating "original signed by". If it had been signed, it would have been a fraud. RC left instructions on July 3, 1954, for James Lay, Exec Sec. of the NSC, to keep things moving out of his in- basket while he was gone. In going through an archive box with many Cutler items, I found a withdrawal sheet for a 2 page classified memo from James Lay to Cutler while Cutler was overseas clearly indicating that Lay was indeed looking after things for him. It had taken me two years to get it declassified in response to my request for mandatory classification review of the item. I had also obtained proof that Lay had met with Ike earlier on July 14 and that there had been a phone conversation between them after 4:30. From people at the Truman Library I had learned that George Elsey who had worked for Truman all the time he was in office (and for Roosevelt before that) was still alive. I called him and asked if I could send him the EBD,TF, and CTM. He said yes. I, sent them to him and called him back in a few weeks and learned a great deal about how Truman worked, that often items were prepared for his signature elsewhere and often the date had to be added when they were finally signed. This is relevant because the numerical date 24,1947, on the TF memo is not aligned with the September. I also learned that Cutler and Lay sat next to each other at NSC meetings and that they each got copies of the items written by the other. He also indicated that of course Lay would have prepared something like the CT memo for Cutler while he was gone. No big deal at all. I asked him directly if he could see any reason that the documents could be considered fraudulent. He said NO. I also asked him if he knew of any reason Truman would not have named one of the MJ-12 group to such a job. Again the answer was NO.

Brad Sparks in a very long MUFON Symposium article (5) tried to claim that the CT memo was an emulation of the memo that had been found by Moore and I in the LCMD. As I pointed out in a detailed rebuttal of this and numerous other false claims, this was simply not true. There was one sentence that was quite similar. As I was informed by General Twining's aide (also his pilot) that was standard terminology indicating that no reply was required if you are in agreement. I had found that 7 of the Tim Cooper MJ-12 documents had indeed been emulations of original published documents I had located including 3 in General Albert Wedemeyer's book "*Wedemeyer Reports*". The emulations were almost word for word with a very few changes the same as the originals as was obvious when held next to each other. Furthermore the hand written signatures, "I approve" etc. were not only identical, but were in the exact same locations on the page as the original; hardly likely at all. They almost all also had false information when carefully examined. The LCMD item was much longer (19 lines vs. 7) than the CTM and differed in other respects as well.

It is also of interest that Box 189 was first handled within 2 weeks of when the last surviving MJ-12 member (Jerome Hunsaker) had died in September, 1984. The roll of film on which the Eisenhower Briefing Document was included was received in December 1984. Numbers on the edge of the 35mm film indicated that the film had been manufactured within a year of when it was received. Hunsaker's death was noted in the NY Times. He had been the last survivor for over a year. It would seem someone was waiting. Unfortunately, the National Archives would not give me the names of the people doing the classification review.

In summary then, I have been unable to find any worthwhile argument against the legitimacy of the CTM. Submissions are solicited. The references cover a great deal of other data about the MJ-12 documents. Stanton T. Friedman www.stantonfriedman.com. email fsphys@rogers.com

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

I think everyone is getting a little tired of the multiple submissions to the internet of UFO sightings . . . from the Murraysville, PA area.

I really think it's about time that someone with experience and credentials immediately visit [that area] and the scene to either verify or discount the videos that she is so prolificly[sic] posting on the internet. If the sightings are viable, they deserve an overwhelming concentration of expert investigators; if the sightings are completely explainable, PLEASE discredit [this person] and shut [them] down.

Investigators should be mindful that Murraysville is 30-35 miles from the Pittsburg International Airport! Is anyone watching these videos, or are we sitting around thinking that's so cool? Are they really UFO's? I would love to see ANYONE with ANY UFO credentials post something in regard to these sightings, PLEASE!

Morris

MUFON Response:

MUFON Dispatch received a sighting report tonight and verified contact information and details of reported event

Note: [the] witness was identified as a reporting witness in the case! Be advised that Dispatchers indicated [this person] has filed multiple reports in the past. Some of the previously submitted cases reports were resolved as Hoaxes!

[This person] also has video on YouTube offered for sale!

Richard Lang
MUFON (Mutual UFO Network)
STAR Team Manager
SIP Project Coordinator

We had [the] pics analyzed and they are helicopters and Cessna's. . . . My conclusion is listed on CMS and is internal to us.

John Ventre
MUFON PA State Director

Dear Editor:

Congratulations!! I just received the latest MUFON UFO Journal and loved it. The layout is excellent. The photos are the clearest and best that we have ever had in the Journal. It is attractive, easy to read and full of good material. You have done a great job.

John Schuessler

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**Dear Editor**

I finished reading through the MUFON UFO Journal you sent me, and I like it! The articles by Stanton Friedman, the statistics on sightings for the past month or so, the astronomical data, and all the other parts were very interesting and informative. I like that several email addresses were available to reach important MUFON people throughout the various articles.

Something else positive I've noticed recently, both in this Journal, and when I called in to report what EJ and I saw a week or so ago... there's much less an air of secrecy, or hoarding of information, and the response speed has greatly increased. Within minutes after filing my preliminary report via the Internet, my phone rang and a qualified person located in New York asked the right questions to see if our sighting required immediate response (like if there were physical evidence, ongoing events, etc.) That person was clear on what I should expect from a more local investigator follow up too. It seems MUFON is reaching out to the public better than they used to, and this is very important for helping to modify and improve the public's overall opinion and mood when it comes to the subject of UFOs.

In the Journal I discovered email addresses, so experts are actually reachable! There is an air of open discussion, public knowledge, and useful information to readers, whether they be MUFON investigators or just interested readers. MUFON feels much more in touch with society, and that's very useful if we want to counter the "silly factor" the media and the public have experienced for decades now.

Okay, I drifted off on my soap box a bit. Anyway, I enjoyed the Journal and really like what you've got going there. I haven't seen any other recent Journals to compare it with, but I do like this one.

John Craig

*Have you checked out the Stuff at the MUFON store?*

<http://tinyurl.com/MUFON-Store>

## SEPT .2009 DEPLOYMENTS

### MUFON SIP



- **Case # 18621 and 18256**      **CAT 2**  
**Location:**                    **New Port Richey, FL**  
                                          **(county of Pasco)**  
**Investigator:**                **Morgan Beall**  
**State Coordinator:** **Denise Stoner**  
**Event Date:**                 **12-23-2006 and 07-17-09**  
**Deployment date:** **9-02-09**  
**Short Description of UFO Event:** related events
- 3 pointed triangle with 3 lights on each corner and a 4th light was on the bottom.
  - General Shape - upside down pyramid but with only 3 sides
- Case Disposition: UNKNOWN - Other**



- **Case # 19180**                 **CAT 2**  
**Location:**                    **Oro Valley, Arizona**  
**Investigator:**                **Christine Dickey 9455**  
**State Coordinator:**  
**Event Date:**                 **09-08-09**  
**Deployment date:** **09-09-09**  
**Short Description of UFO Event:** In progress no GPS Coordinates
- Green undulating object inside clear circle
  - green activity, which looked remarkably like that of a Tesla coil, was enclosed in a clear, circular object,
  - which appeared to be, at least, one mile in diameter. Remaining at a high altitude
- Case Disposition: Unknown - UAV**



- Case # 19305**                 **CAT 3**  
**Location**                    **Coolidge AZ**  
                                          **(county of Pinal )**  
**Investigator:** **Christine Dickey**  
**State Coordinator:** **Christine Dickey**  
**Event Date:** **9-13-05**  
**Deployment date:** **09-11-09**

**Short Description of UFO Event:**

- Phosphorescent blue chevron pattern, fast moving
- There was one blue arrow-like spot in the front.
- There were 4 others behind it slightly staggered, but equal distance apart

**Case Disposition: UNKNOWN - UAV**



- **Case # 19255**                 **CAT 2**  
**Location:**                    **North Carolina**  
                                          **(county of Person )**  
**Investigator:**                **John Kledis**  
**State Coordinator:** **Robert Coley**  
**Event Date:**                 **9-11-09**  
**Deployment date:** **9-12-09**  
**Short Description of UFO Event:** In progress no GPS Coordinates
- Triangle object in excess of 125 feet (point to point)
  - Accompanied by 4 smaller objects
  - 150 feet AGL
  - Witness sustained burns from bright blue beam of light
- Case Disposition: UNKNOWN - UAV**



- **Case # 19659** **CAT 2**  
**Location:**                    **Columbia South Carolina**  
                                          **(county of Richland )**  
**Investigator:**                **John Michael Kledis**  
**State Coordinator:** **Bob Coley**  
**Event Date:**                 **9-26-09**  
**Deployment date:** **9-30-09**  
**Short Description of UFO Event:** In progress no GPS Coordinates
- Strobing light through cloud cover, lighted entire apartment complex
  - throbbing noise accompanied the pulse
  - Electrical appliances and lights in buildings responded to lights
- Case Disposition: UNKNOWN – OTHER**



# OCT 2009 DEPLOYMENTS

## MUFON SIP



➤ Case # 19915            CAT 2  
 Location                Portland Oregon  
                               (county of Multnomah)  
 Investigator:          Devlin Rugne  
 State Coordinator: Tom Bowden  
 Event Date: 10-12-09  
 Deployment date: 10-13-09  
Short Description of UFO Event:

- Triangle UFO, seemed to have round corners and the three main lights underneath
- 50' above the downtown buildings, witnessed from patio of restaurant by over 30 people

Case Disposition: UNKNOWN - UAF



➤ Case # 19865            CAT 3  
 Location:                Modesto CA  
                               (county of Stanislaus )  
 Investigator: Charles Fetterman  
 State Coordinator: Steve Reichmuth  
 Event Date:  
 Deployment date: 10-13-09  
Short Description of UFO Event:

- Witness noticed two blue lights in the distance moving in sporadic patterns
- Lights apparently converged on vehicle proximity- thirty to fifty feet with one light being above the other
- the objects lit up the car like a spot light on a helicopters

Case Disposition: IFO - MAN MADE OBJECT



➤ Case # 19945            CAT 3  
 Location                Peru Indiana  
                               (county of Miami)  
 Investigator:          Glen Means  
 State Coordinator: Danielle Baker  
 Event Date:            9-13-09  
 Deployment date: 10-15-09  
Short Description of UFO Event:

- Large Black Triangle with three bright lights one bright red light in center Witness reported that car radio started to jump around and not stay on one radio station.
- the entire area around vehicle became as bright as daylight, could see the trees and the grass around them - According to witness narrative THREE HOURS had passed

Case Disposition: HOAX - KEY STROKE

➤ Case # 19925            CAT 2 Deployment in)  
 Location:                Texas City, Texas  
                               (county of Galveston)  
 Investigator:          Fletcher Gray  
 Secondary Investigator: Jeremy Ray  
 State Coordinator: Fletcher Gray  
 Event Date:            10-12-09  
 Deployment date: 10-13-09

Short Description of UFO Event:

Report in CMS that the military would be conducting fly over's in the Texas City area.  
 Sources indicated the fly over's could cause hallucinations causing citizens to see strange lights in the sky and over the waters in the area.

Case Disposition: IFO - IDENTIFIED OTHER



➤ Case # 20087            CAT 3  
 Location:                Preston Idaho  
 Investigator:          Marie Malzahn  
 State Coordinator: Marie Malzahn  
 Event Date:            10-23-09  
 Deployment date: 10-23-09  
Short Description of UFO Event:

- Bright red moving object stopped mid air and another object began flashing.
- shape of a human in the back yard

Case Disposition: INSUFFICIENT DATA



➤ Case 20035 - in Amarillo, TX - Lubbock TX - Clovis NM  
 ➤ Case # 19987 -in Amarillo, TX - triangle of three lights a small red light emerged from the bottom 7:15PM  
 ➤ Case # 19984-in Lubbock, TX - Witness saw a smaller light leave the main object at 7:30 PM (CST)  
 ➤ Case # 19997- in Lubbock TX - triangular object with a tiny red dot that dropped below it at 7:30 pm (CST)  
 ➤ Case # 19986- in Clovis NM - Witness saw a small red light drop off from the big light at 6:32pm (MST)

CAT 2 Deployment in Amarillo,  
 TX - Lubbock TX - Clovis NM

Investigator: Fletcher Gray  
 State Coordinator: Fletcher Gray  
 Secondary Investigator: Gary Neitzel  
 Event Date:            All 10-17-09  
 Deployment date: 10-20-09

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**Short Description of UFO Event:**

- Triangular shaped object with bright lights at the points
- Bright blue white diamond shape that dropped red sphere

**Case Disposition: IFO - MAN MADE OBJECT**



➤ **Case # 20143**            **CAT 3**  
**Location:**            **Versailles Missouri**  
                                 **(county of Morgan)**  
**Investigator:**        **Debbie Ziegelmeyer**  
**State Coordinator:** **Debbie Ziegelmeyer**  
**Event Date:**            **10-24-09**  
**Deployment date:**    **10-26-09**

**Short Description of UFO Event:**

- many flashing lights. went outside, saw additional six red disks in half mile area. watched disks
- they changed shape to round and different texture. At one point had holes ant spinning top shape

**Case Disposition: UNKNOWN - UAF**



➤ **Case # 20264**            **CAT 2**  
**Location:**            **Tomball Texas**  
                                 **(county of Harris)**  
**Investigator:**        **Fletcher Gray**  
**State Coordinator:** **Fletcher Gray**  
**Event Date:**            **11-01-09**  
**Deployment date:** **11-02-09**

**Short Description of UFO Event:**

- large disc shaped object, which lit up when she went to the door.
- The craft appeared to be a dark metallic object, not silver more like black.
- It was shaped like 2 plates put together with the top half scalloped like a coffee filter.
- There was a ring of rotating lights around the center of the craft, 2 colors that stood out were yellow and blue.
- Sheriff dept responded and took a report from witness

**Case Disposition: UNKNOWN - UAF**

# CALENDAR . . .

**December 5, 1<sup>st</sup> MUFON Tennessee Meeting** to be held in Murfreesboro, TN. Open to the public, and will offer an array of knowledgeable guest speakers, featuring renowned author, Ufologist, and Nuclear Physicist Stanton Friedman. Other highlights will include a presentation on the Top 10 Close Encounter Cases by international UFO investigator Brent Raynes, and a lecture on Astronomy for MUFON Field Investigators by Astrophysicist Jay Billings. to purchase tickets in advance by visiting <http://www.nightsearch.net>. DVDs will be available.

**January 7-10 2010 Earth Transformation Conference** Kona, Hawaii [www.earthtransformation.com](http://www.earthtransformation.com)

**April 9-11, 2010 Montauk Project Journey** For the first time ever, author and lecturer **Peter Moon** has agreed to unlock the mysteries of the *Montauk Investigation* and share the ancient history of this sacred land.

**April 9 - 11, 2010. 22nd Annual Ozark UFO Conference**, Inn of the Ozarks Conference Center, Eureka Springs, AR. Speakers to be announced. Check: [www.ozarkufo.com](http://www.ozarkufo.com)



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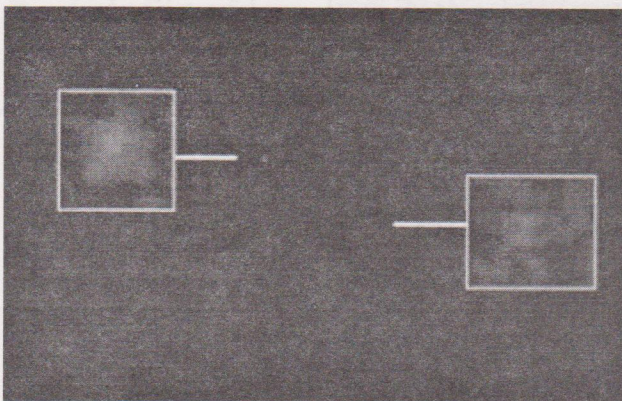
## World Wide Sightings!!

### Brazil Blackout

Heavy rain, lightning and strong winds caused blackouts that left nearly a third of Brazilians — 60 million people — in the dark, officials said November 11, 2009, as they scrambled to restore confidence in the country's infrastructure. The weather made transformers on a vital high-voltage transmission line short-circuit, Brazil's energy minister said. Two other transmission lines also went down as part of an automatic safety mechanism. "The problem was with the transmission lines and a huge hydroelectric dam." Energy Minister Edison Lobao said. "Power is slowly returning to parts of Brazil." Note: UFOs in the area may have contributed to the Black out

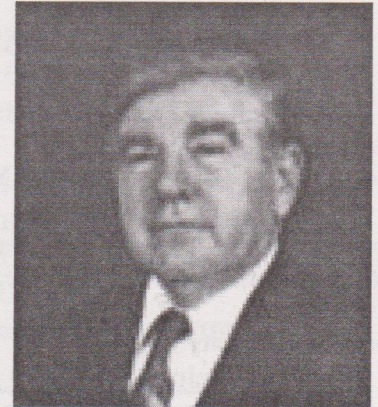
**PORTO ALEGRE** -- When looking through the window of my house I observed a strange cloud over the city of Porto Alegre on November 14, 2009. The image was blurred and strange. I took two photos of the sighting. After analysis on my PC I was curious about what I observed. I used a Photo editing software and after reduce glare and increase contrast a strange shape appeared bright. Thanks to MUFON CMS

### Canada Sightings



**OSHAWA** -- On November 11, 2009 after 10:30 PM, I was walking the dog and noticed these changing blue, red, white, yellow, and maybe green lights. I took a still shot and a short video clip but my battery goes dead. Then I The rich aqua blue light along with a ruby red light is not what I witnessed The only one that stuck out like a sore thumb that I photographed was multicolored.

Thought to share this interesting image with you and thanks again for the worldwide reports Thanks to Paul Michael Shishis



### NIAGARA FALLS

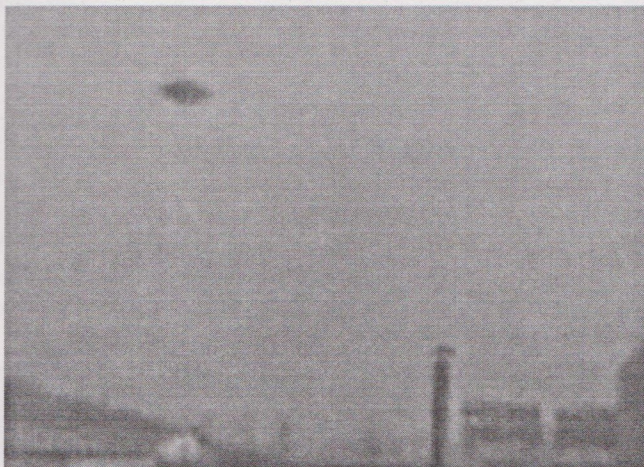
-- I was on Stanley and Murray Street by the new Casino along with other witnesses watching a UFO on November 11, 2009. The object was there when I arrived around 6:15 PM, and I watched it for 30 minutes. There were many witnesses looking up, staring, screaming, and commenting. Some saying, "Oh my God, what is that?" I noticed at least five witnesses and I talked briefly to a few people about it. It was almost straight up in the sky and after the clouds went away I noticed it was in the area of Cassiopeia. It flashed when the Casino spot lights hit it, just like the previous YouTube video's from late October.

This craft had two identical lights with a longer one in between them. I could not make out anything when the spotlights were not hitting it as there was cloud cover and it was already night. It looked like it was just above the clouds, quite high, at least 1000 feet altitude, and about two inches long at arm's length. It was very bright facing NNW. The light was white with a tinge of blue, and the light itself was straight like a bar bell with two smaller lights on the end. There was a light, then a small space then light. The middle BAR light was five times the length of the small end lights. After watching for thirty minutes, I rushed home to get my camera and my Night Vision Monocular. When I got back, it was there for only thirty seconds so I couldn't set up the camera to take any video. Thanks to MUFON CMS

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## China Heavy UFO Activity



Michael Cohen reports, UFO activity in China shows no sign of abating. In the last month alone hundreds of incidents involving unidentified flying objects have been reported to that nation's news outlets and UFO reporting agencies. All of this has led some Chinese UFO researchers to assume that extraterrestrial visitors must have big plans for their country. The rather remarkable video was reportedly taken from the witness's living room window last month and shows a classically shaped flying saucer zooming across the sky during the daytime. The witness insists this footage is genuine.

The picture at right was taken during a national festival in the Tengchong region. A group of people were engaging in traditional folk dancing when one of the participants noticed a glowing blue object near the full moon. The UFO had some sort of halo around it and was emitting colorful beams of light. Thanks to Michael Cohen [m.cohen@allnewsweb.com](mailto:m.cohen@allnewsweb.com)



## Ireland Small Disc

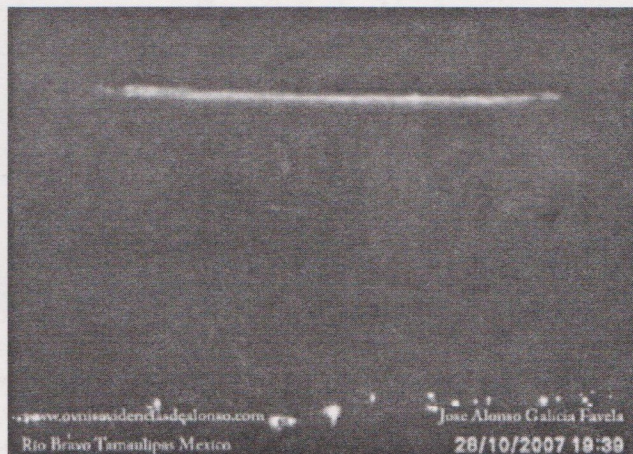
LUCAN/DUBLIN – A small Ufo about one meter in diameter was observed by two witnesses moving towards them and flying 60 to 70 feet above the ground

on September 28, 2009 at 4 PM. The object had an elliptical shape, with a white top and black underside. The object stopped moving and hovered for a while, tilting back slightly. The craft tilted slightly left and right, before making a 90 degree turn and moving slowly away until it was out of sight. Thanks to UFOINFO <http://www.ufoinfo.com/>

## Luxemburg Oval

ESCH/ALZETTE -- I was out on my balcony at 1 AM on a clear night, and saw three oval shaped flying things on October 28 2009. I thought they might be aircraft but there was no noise at all. The three mysterious objects had very bright lights like if they had an aurora around them. I wanted to wake up my wife to show her but she was deep sleeping, so I let her stay in her bed. I went out back out on my balcony and saw the three lights moving faster and finally disappearing. Thanks to UFOINFO <http://www.ufoinfo.com/>

## Mexico Light



TAMUALIPAS -- I photographed this unidentified object in front of my house from my terrace. The witness stated, "The object can be seen at a low altitude of maybe 500 feet and was very long and thin, like a cigarette and the color was gold". Thanks to Ufo Case Book and Ken Pfeifer Mufon N.J.

**Author's' Note:** This may be a time exposure of a low flying aircraft.

## New Zealand Bright Orange Lights

KERIKERI -- While facing the eastern sky over the Bay of Islands in Kerikeri, my friend and I were sitting in our car staring at the night sky on November 13/14, 2009, between 11 pm and 2 am. A bright orange light appeared over the tree line low in the sky and turned on and off for hours.

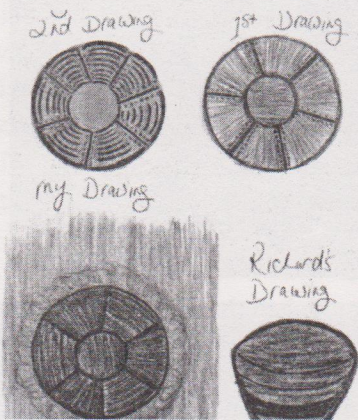
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## Filer's Files (cont.)

The light was joined by more and these bright orange lights began to move in fast and erratic directions just above the tree line for about five minutes and then suddenly vanished. Two lights higher in the night sky, not too far apart began to move in unison with each other. They were teetering almost, as one moved up, the other moved down, and so forth. This happened for hours until they became stationary, and the orange light from before appeared again above the tree line.

Then the light on the ground disappeared, and the two lights in the sky began moving in unison again. This happened for hours, and we began to scan the rest of the night sky, discovering two other pairs of lights of the exact brightness teetering identically like the first ones we saw. Another object was also spotted with three lights that seemed to be slightly rotating. We were almost able to distinguish a shape that connected the different pair of lights. There was no rational explanation for these lights and their actions, so we made two police reports to the Auckland Police Department, who contacted Kerikeri police.. Thanks to UFOINFO <http://www.ufoinfo.com/>

### UK Sightings



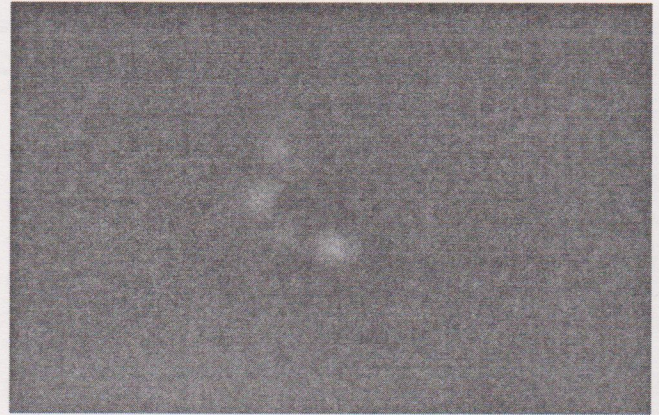
#### CAVERSHAM

-- My family and I had a sighting of two disc shaped objects on Saturday August 15, 2009, between 8.30-9.00 pm. It was dusk and just turning dark. We had parked on the field by the

rowing club by the Rivermead River in Caversham near the Leisure Center. We were getting out of our car, and were on our way to the fair, when our two boy's started shouting, "Look there's a UFO, look what is that? We saw a huge round orange light.

Within a few seconds the light went out and we could all see a dark grey disc, rotating as it moved. It was flying just below the clouds coming from the direction of London and travelling on a straight path, heading north towards Nettlebed. It travelled at the speed of a slow plane and the rotation of the disc seemed to be distorting the air around it. We watched it until it was almost out of sight, then our eldest son noticed another disc the same as the disc we had just observed. It followed on the same path as the first disc. We watched for 3-4 minutes

altogether. By that point are eye's were straining to focus as it was turning really dark. We were shocked to see these huge dark grey discs overhead.



**Reading** -- I did not see these V shaped object's in the sky, it was later that evening on August 8, 2008, when I put them on to my computer that I first saw them.

Prior to taking these photos I did see odd cloud formations with lights over my house. Although objects were lit up like Christmas tree's they were not visible to the eye. Thanks to MUFON Thanks to MUFON Thanks to MUFON CMS



#### GARNDIFFAITH, PONTYPOOL, TORFAEN. SOUTH WALES

-- On November 8, 2009, at 12.30 am, I was checking on my two boys who were asleep when something made me look out of their window and noticed a plane coming over the houses opposite. There seemed something unusual about it. As it got nearer I could see it was very large and shaped like a triangle with three orange lights, two at the bottom and one on the top. I was so surprised by this I ran into our other bedroom were my wife was, and got her to look out at it. This is when we saw the second object, following in the same southerly direction. The lights were not flashing and I opened the window and there was no sound. I managed to take pictures of at least one of the objects.

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## Filer's Files (cont.)

The first object then speeded up, very fast, and was gone. These objects were definitely not planes of any sort, the lights were not flashing plus they accelerated to very high speed too quickly.

**Cambridge** -- We were driving on the A11 on November 13, 3009, when I looked up and noticed a disc with two sets of very large lights. The first set on the top of the disc was vertical lines with spaces in between and they made a full oval and were spinning counter clock wise. Underneath those lights were little dots that seemed like they were turning off and on.

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At first I thought it was reflections, but we pulled over on the side of the road and it was still moving. Once we got a distance away I could see the full shape. I'm not a big believer in aliens and Ufo's but this made me believe. I wish I wasn't so freaked out or we would have taken a picture.

**Editor's Note:** Reports represent raw data and have not necessarily received thorough MUFON Investigation.

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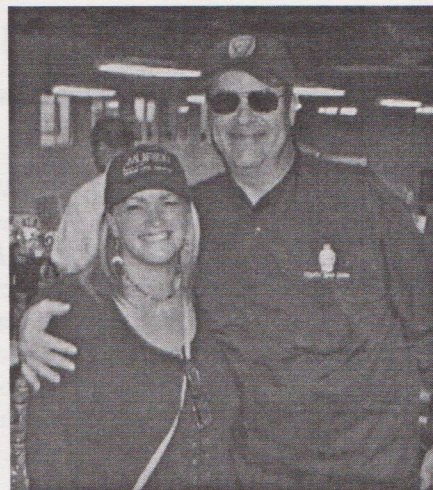
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## Bummer Report . . .

GEEZ, IF ONLY I'D KNOWN !!

*MUFON member, Lin Simpson sent out a last minute email in a last ditch effort to notify anyone that Dan Aykroyd was in town signing his vodka bottles, which looks like a crystal skull, at two locations in Denver. Lori Rae Steele of our administrative office was able to go - here's the story.*

On November 20th and 21st MUFON's Hollywood Consultant, Dan Aykroyd was in Denver, CO signing bottles of his famous Crystal Skull Vodka as well as his red and white wines. MUFON's Business Manager, Lori Rae Steele was lucky enough to meet with Dan at the Friday signing. Although Aykroyd's representatives stated that people could take pictures of Dan while he was signing bottles, they would not be able to have pictures taken with him. When Lori got up to the table and introduced herself, Dan jumped up and offered to take a picture with her as he shouted "MUFON - Mutual UFO Network, doing the Air Force's job since 1969!" He was very gracious and a truly stand up guy. His Crystal Skull Vodka and wines are available throughout the country and would make great holiday gifts for those who are collectors of Aykroyd's memorabilia and any wine connoisseurs you might know. Help support Dan and purchase a bottle this holiday season!



## TID BITS . . . .

GOT SOMETHING YOU WANT TO SHARE?

The Denver Post Reports that the Vatican is interested in the study of the possibility of extraterrestrial alien life and has hired experts to study the implication of such for the Catholic Church. Director of the Vatican Observatory and astronomer is quoted as saying: "The questions of life's origins and of whether life exists elsewhere in the universe are very suitable and deserve serious consideration" Denver Post November 11, 2009

Could Obama be far behind?



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John Ventre – State Director of MUFON Pennsylvania writes: When asked on the campaign trail what he thought about ET's, Pres Obama responded, "Are they Democrats or Republican?" He showed no knowledge or interest in the subject. If he does disclose it will be to take everyone's mind off the recession or because he has to. There are a lot of rumors that the Vatican is meeting on the topic and the UN has also met regarding disclosure. There is a 2012 connection to a great spiritual and conscious change that may come about shortly. A disclosure would surely "change everything" and fall in line with the 2012 prophecy

## State Meetings . . .

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING!



**Pennsylvania** Butch Witkowski, CI and J.Bainbridge, SSD, are FIs who are Star Team members for Pennsylvania, MUFON wrote an article in November's newsletter about the *TRIFIELD METER – HOW IT WORKS AND HOW IT CAN HELP DURING AN INVESTIGATION*. Included in this investigation are topics such as Magnetic Field Detection, Electronic Field Detection, Microwave Detection, and How the Meter is Used in the Field. The synopsis is very interesting and if you would like a copy contact Butch Witkowski at [butch218@dejazzd.com](mailto:butch218@dejazzd.com). or John Ventre at [jventre1@comcast.net](mailto:jventre1@comcast.net). Included with this report is more on Investigative Techniques and the *Five W's Approach* on investigative techniques and more! It is worth reviewing, printing out and putting with your Field Manual! I wouldn't be surprised if they get invited to speak at various State meetings, maybe a DVD and an engagement on, dare I say it . . .OPRAH? Heh, heh, heh!

# CMS RANKINGS

By Chuck Rever, MUFON Director of  
Investigations & Assisted by Tomas Klasson

Here is November's CMS Ranking Report for all State Directors. Congratulations to **David MacDonald** (Kentucky), **Cheryl Ann Gilmore** (South Carolina), **John Skare** (Kansas), **Jim King** (Iowa), **Bland Pugh** (Florida), **Lorna Hunter** (South Dakota) for being at 100%!!! The top 10 State Directors are highlighted.

The report is based on our two measures of UFO Investigation effectiveness. Assigning reports within 72 hours of receipt, and completing all investigations within 90 days of being assigned. The "Assigned" column is a six month running average of the number of cases assigned within 72 hours divided by the total number of cases received in that six month period. The "Completed" column is the number of cases completed beginning sixtytwo (62) days back and going back six months from there (for a total of eight months back) divided by the total number of cases reported in the same period. The "Weighted Rank" is just the average of the two columns expressed as a percent.

To improve your score be sure to assign all cases within 72 hours, and follow-up with your Field Investigators to ensure all reports are completed within 90 days. To be considered complete a report must have been investigated and placed in one of the three completed status codes (Unknown, Hoax or IFO) by you the State Director.

If you have any questions or need help with your investigations please contact Chuck Reever at 530-414-4341 or 530-582-8339 or via email at [merlin@suddenlink.net](mailto:merlin@suddenlink.net).

| Rank | State          | Director              | Weighted Rank(50/50) | Assigned | Completed |
|------|----------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------|-----------|
| 1    | Kentucky       | David MacDonald       | 100%                 | 27/27    | 31/31     |
| 2    | South Carolina | Cheryl Ann Gilmore    | 100%                 | 23/23    | 21/21     |
| 3    | Kansas         | John Skare            | 100%                 | 26/26    | 21/21     |
| 4    | Iowa           | Jim King              | 100%                 | 24/24    | 25/25     |
| 5    | Florida        | Bland Pugh            | 100%                 | 136/136  | 165/165   |
| 6    | SouthDakota    | Lorna Hunter          | 100%                 | 4/4      | 5/5       |
| 7    | Georgia        | Walter Sheets         | 99%                  | 45/45    | 65/66     |
| 8    | California     | Ruben J. Uriarte      | 99%                  | 122/123  | 105/105   |
| 9    | Pennsylvania   | John Ventre           | 99%                  | 200/200  | 182/184   |
| 10   | North Carolina | Richard Lang          | 98%                  | 44/45    | 45/45     |
| 11   | Tennessee      | Eddie Middleton       | 98%                  | 40/41    | 49/49     |
| 12   | Washington     | Marilyn Childs        | 98%                  | 87/90    | 86/86     |
| 13   | Missouri       | Debbie A. Ziegelmeyer | 98%                  | 71/73    | 76/76     |
| 14   | New Mexico     | Donald R. Burleson    | 98%                  | 51/51    | 45/46     |
| 15   | Idaho          | Marie C. Malzahn      | 98%                  | 26/27    | 17/17     |
| 16   | Ohio           | William Jones         | 97%                  | 104/107  | 115/118   |
| 17   | New Jersey     | George A. Filer. III  | 96%                  | 63/64    | 54/57     |
| 18   | Texas          | Kenneth E. Cherry     | 96%                  | 174/180  | 190/196   |
| 19   | Minnesota      | Richard D. Moss       | 96%                  | 38/38    | 35/38     |
| 20   | California     | Georgeanne Cifarelli  | 96%                  | 181/182  | 188/201   |
| 21   | Louisiana      | Karen Bravata         | 93%                  | 25/27    | 31/33     |
| 22   | Utah           | Elaine Douglass       | 92%                  | 12/14    | 25/25     |
| 23   | Michigan       | William J. Konkolesky | 91%                  | 131/158  | 134/134   |
| 24   | Indiana        | Jerry L. Sievers      | 91%                  | 97/102   | 101/114   |
| 25   | West Virginia  | John Ventre           | 90%                  | 24/24    | 13/16     |
| 26   | Oklahoma       | Charles L. Pine       | 90%                  | 28/35    | 31/31     |
| 27   | Arizona        | Christine Dickey      | 90%                  | 117/141  | 171/173   |
| 28   | Montana        | Marie C. Malzahn      | 85%                  | 9/11     | 8/9       |
| 29   | Maryland       | Ron Fink              | 83%                  | 40/45    | 27/35     |
| 30   | Colorado       | Leslie H. Varnicle    | 83%                  | 119/123  | 98/140    |
| 31   | Delaware       | Carl W. Feindt        | 81%                  | 5/8      | 11/11     |
| 32   | Wyoming        | Richard Beckwith      | 80%                  | 4/5      | 4/5       |
| 33   | Alaska         | Brent Mitchel         | 80%                  | 3/5      | 10/10     |
| 34   | Maine          | Steve Firmani         | 76%                  | 15/17    | 13/20     |
| 35   | Nebraska       | John C. Kasher        | 74%                  | 15/29    | 26/27     |
| 36   | Rhode Island   | Steve Firmani         | 73%                  | 11/17    | 9/11      |
| 37   | Connecticut    | Steve Firmani         | 72%                  | 35/40    | 22/38     |
| 38   | New Hampshire  | Steve Firmani         | 69%                  | 8/13     | 10/13     |
| 39   | Alabama        | Roy E. Patterson, Jr. | 68%                  | 14/25    | 24/30     |
| 40   | Massachusetts  | Steve Firmani         | 62%                  | 32/55    | 23/34     |
| 41   | Vermont        | Steve Firmani         | 60%                  | 6/15     | 8/10      |
| 42   | Oregon         | Thomas Bowden         | 55%                  | 43/80    | 46/81     |
| 43   | Arkansas       | Norman D. Walker      | 43%                  | 14/24    | 9/31      |
| 44   | Mississippi    | Norman D Walker       | 42%                  | 6/7      | 0/7       |
| 45   | New York       | James G. Bouck, Jr.   | 40%                  | 69/145   | 36/109    |
| 46   | Illinois       | Samuel Maranto        | 39%                  | 19/82    | 51/93     |
| 47   | North Dakota   | Kurt Pflieger         | 32%                  | 1/7      | 3/6       |
| 48   | Virginia       | Susan L. Swiatek      | 31%                  | 7/40     | 28/61     |
| 49   | Wisconsin      | Nathan Tomisich       | 26%                  | 13/48    | 9/35      |
| 50   | Nevada         | Mark Easter           | 17%                  | 5/48     | 14/55     |

# December Night Sky

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**Mars** (magnitude -0.8 to -1.3): Moving from Leo into Cancer. For northern hemisphere observer Mars will begin the month standing above the east-northeast horizon about 3 hours after sunset and will be standing above the western horizon at sunrise; by month's end Mars will stand low above the east-northeast horizon at sunset and will stand very low over the west-northwest horizon at sunrise.

For southern hemisphere observer Mars will begin the month rising above the east-northeast horizon about 2½ hours after sunset and will be standing above the north-northwest horizon at sunrise.

**Saturn** (magnitude 0.7): In Virgo. For northern hemisphere observers Saturn will begin the month rising above the eastern horizon about 8 hours before sunrise and will be found very high above the southwest horizon at sunrise; by month's end Saturn will rise above the eastern horizon about 4 hours after sunset and will stand high above the west-southwest horizon at sunrise.

For southern hemisphere observers Saturn will begin the month rising above the eastern horizon about 4 ½ hours before sunrise and will be found high above the north-northeast horizon at sunrise.

## Other Celestial Phenomena

January 21<sup>st</sup>: Winter Solstice (Marks the first day of winter for earth's northern hemisphere and first day of summer for the Southern hemisphere).

## Conjunctions and Occultations:

January 6<sup>th</sup>: Saturn 7 degrees north of the Moon.

January 29<sup>th</sup>: Mars 5 degrees north of the Moon..

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# DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

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The believer and the debunker have something in common – their minds are made up and no amount of data opposing to their belief will budge them from their entrenched position. In the middle of the spectrum of belief is the true skeptic, whose mind is open to any possibility and is only swayed by raw data and proven facts. What differentiates the skeptic from the debunker is that the skeptic is willing to do their homework and examine the data, while the debunker is not willing to take the time to do their own original research. MUFON finds itself in the skeptic column because we are a scientific research organization looking to solve the UFO mystery through investigation and research. We are both willing to look at the vast amount of UFO data and try and make sense of it using scientific principles.

MUFON is also a resource for the public who are just as curious about the UFO phenomenon as we are. MUFON educates the public on what we do while at the same time offering a friendly ear to those who have experienced the anomalous and don't know who to report to or are fearful of ridicule.

## **Position Announcements**

### **State Directors**

Christine Dickey has been appointed State Director for the state of Arizona.

### **New Field Investigators**

Corinne Harefeld of Casa Grande, Arizona; Steven Seccombe of Foster City, California; Robert Chapman of Grass Valley, California; Gregory Andersen of Council Bluffs, Iowa; James Blanche of Westbrooke, Maine; Daniel Snow of Muskegon, Michigan; Paul Bridgeman of Fayetteville, North Carolina; John Keever of Waynesville, North Carolina; Thomas Wertman of Parma Heights, Ohio; Floyd Mays of West Chester, Ohio; Katoanne Harris of Grand Ronde, Oregon; John Gilliland of Balch Springs, Texas.

**Congratulations to all!!**



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# The Night Sky . . . .

BY GAVIN A. J. MCLEOD

## January 2010

### Moon Phases:

Last Quarter January 7<sup>th</sup>

New Moon January 15<sup>th</sup>

First Quarter January 23<sup>rd</sup>

Full Moon January 30<sup>th</sup>

### Bright Planets (Evening Sky)

**Venus** (magnitude -3.9): Moving from Sagittarius into Capricornus. For northern hemisphere observers Venus will begin the month lost in the glare of the setting Sun and will begin to rise above the morning horizon by midmonth; by month's end Venus will rise above the west-southwest horizon just before dawn and will stand very low above the west-southwest horizon as the Sun rises.

For southern hemisphere observers Venus will begin the month lost in the glare of the setting Sun.

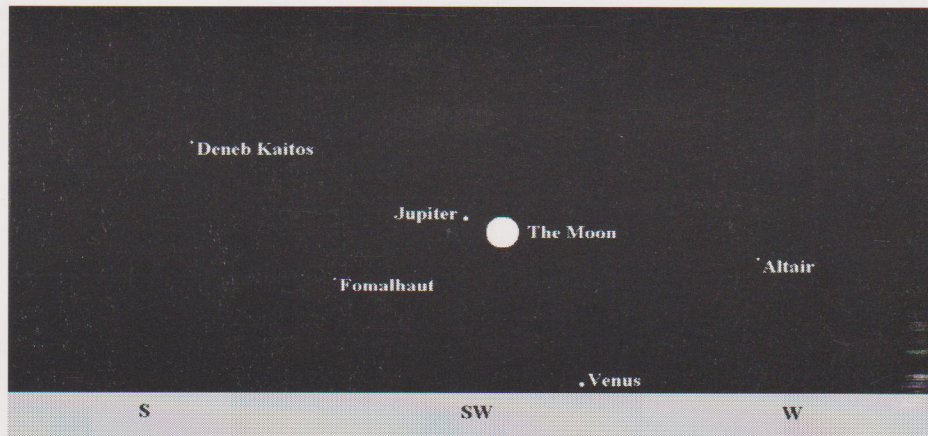
**Jupiter** (magnitude -2.0): Moving from Capricornus into Aquarius. For northern hemisphere observers Jupiter will begin the month high above the south-southwest horizon at sunset and will set below the west-southwest horizon about 3 ½ hours later; by the end of the month Jupiter will be found above the southwest horizon at sunset and will set below the west-southwest horizon about 2 hours later.

For southern hemisphere observers Jupiter will begin the month above the western horizon at sunset and will set below the west-southwest horizon about 2½ hours later.

### Bright Planets (Morning Sky)

**Mercury** (magnitude 2.2 to -0.1): In Sagittarius. For northern hemisphere observers Mercury will begin the month lost in the glare of the rising Sun; as the month passes Mercury will rise above the southeast horizon until by month's end Mercury will rise above the east-southeast horizon about 1 hour before sunrise and will stand above the southeast horizon at sunrise. For southern hemisphere observers Mercury will begin the month lost in the glare of the Sun but will slowly climb as the month passes, by month's end Mercury will rise above the east-southeast horizon about 1 ½ hours before sunrise and will stand low over the east-southeast horizon at sunrise.

**Mars** (magnitude -0.8 to -1.3): Moving from Leo into Cancer. For northern hemisphere observer Mars will begin the month standing above the east-northeast



A grouping of bright stars and planets: A Close Pairing of the Moon and Jupiter with Venus. Just After Sunset on January 17<sup>th</sup>

horizon about 3 hours after sunset and will be standing above the western horizon at sunrise; by month's end Mars will stand low above the east-northeast horizon at sunset and will stand very low over the west-northwest horizon at sunrise.

For southern hemisphere observer Mars will begin the month rising above the east-northeast horizon about 2½ hours after sunset and will be standing above the north-northwest horizon at sunrise.

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