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Pilot Bruce Gernon's illustration of the fog tunnel that can form around planes during specific weather conditions that often occur in the Bermuda Triangle.

Scientist studies possible link between electronic fog, UFOs

By Janice Currie

EERILY COLORED FOG BANKS, odd lights, and electromagnetic anomalies that send compasses spinning and skew the functioning of navigational equipment—the Bermuda Triangle's chaotic skies seem linked to the mysterious occurrences that have made the area infamous. Could a meteorological event be behind the disappearance of ships and planes in the area?

Scientist David Pares thinks so and believes the Bermuda Triangle also might hold the answer to traveling faster than the speed of light. Pilot Bruce Gernon's experience in the area just might help Pares prove it. Pares, who holds four degrees (in engineering, meteorology, and geography, and

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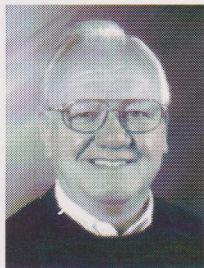
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director's message

MUFON looks toward exciting days ahead

By Clifford Clift

EXCITING TIMES are upon MUFON. We are moving into the future with a professional, scientific approach to resolving the UFO issue. Let me explain what MUFON is doing.

Janice Currie's first issue of the *Journal* was outstanding. Our *Journal* has become, again, the leader in providing members and the public with the latest and best information concerning UFO activity.

MUFON's field investigators are doing an excellent job with their UFO investigations. MUFON receives an average of 500 sightings per month, and our field investigators quickly are dispatched. They do an outstanding job. MUFON's investigators are the reason no other UFO organization is able to compete. Thanks to our field investigators and their reports, our Case Management System (CMS) is the envy of all. Other organizations report, MUFON investigates.

As we move into the future,

MUFON needs the newest technology. New technology requires capital. I put out a request to state directors and MUFON members for funds to purchase a new computer for the office and to pay for the development of a new Web site. After my request for funds, five MUFON members donated more than \$5,000 toward our new computer and our new Web site, but we still need \$3,000 to complete the funding of these items. MUFON members are awesome!

As we approach summer, MUFON's annual Symposium will be held in Denver July 22-25. We will have "cream of the crop" speakers. We are fortunate again to have John Greenwald as emcee, Budd Hopkins, Linda Moulton Howe, Richard Dolan, and other top names on the agenda. Plus, we will again have a day-long Investigator Training Workshop July 22. Please

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'Leaked' documents shed new light on outcome of 'Battle of Los Angeles'

By Robert Wood

THAT 1,430 ANTI-AIRCRAFT rounds were fired at an unidentified object or objects over Los Angeles, California, early the morning of February 25, 1942—approximately two and a half months after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor—never has been seriously challenged. What's new in the story is that five "leaked" and formerly highly classified documents trace the beginnings of a reverse-engineering project of non-terrestrial craft back to that 1942 event, which has come to be known as the "Battle of Los Angeles."

According to the documents, two U.S. presidents were aware of the top-secret project. One memo provides evidence that U.S. military had recovered two craft believed to be of "interplanetary origin," prompting investigation of War Department files for evidence of any other such craft. The documents also indicate existence of a "Special Committee on Non-Terrestrial Science and Technology" and imply strong government interest in supporting study of non-terrestrial biology and physics.

The documents came into the possession of Timothy Cooper, a former Marine who in the early 1990s had requested documents pertaining to UFOs from federal agencies through the Freedom of Information Act. As a result, Cooper received a few official responses

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GUNS BOMBARD SKY AS STRANGE PLANES BLACK OUT SOUTHLAND IN FIRST 'RAID'

Three Subs Sunk, Four Damaged in Atlantic Battles

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—(A.P.)— Secretary of Navy Frank B. Rowan announced today that during January and February 24 attacks had been made on enemy submarines in the Atlantic resulting in the sinking of three and the damaging of four.

Rowan disclosed that 114 ships of United States design had been attacked by enemy submarines west of 50 degrees west longitude, the southernmost attack being the destroyer *Albatross* in the Pacific ocean, the Navy Secretary reported.

All the same time, in a recapitulation of losses inflicted on the Japanese in the Pacific theater, the Navy Secretary reported that 18 merchant vessels had been sunk, three were believed to have been sunk, and one disabled. In addition, the *Albatross*, which was sunk, was reported to have been damaged.

The sunk ship carried fuel and special carrier and an additional aircraft carrier was believed sunk.

Rowan's remarks were by Japanese naval reports were

Bombs Sink Three Nippon Transports

**Japs Renew Air
Attacks on
Java's Airbases**

**By WITT HANCOCK
BANGOR, Me., Feb. 25.—(A.P.)—** Three large Japanese transports, part of a four-ship convoy, were sunk today in the southern Indian ocean, it was announced by the U.S. Navy.

The transports, which were believed to have been carrying supplies for the Japanese, were sunk by the U.S. Navy's *Albatross*, which was reported to have been damaged.

The *Albatross*, which was reported to have been damaged, was believed to have been damaged.

Yankees, British Bag 30 Japanese Planes in Burma

LONDON, Burma, Feb. 25.—(A.P.)— American and British forces in Burma today shot down 30 Japanese planes, according to a report from the U.S. Navy.

The report said that the Japanese planes were shot down in the southern Indian ocean, it was announced by the U.S. Navy.

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No Bombs Fell, No Aircraft Downed, Report From Army

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 25.—(A.P.)— No bombs were dropped and no planes were shot down during the antiaircraft firing in the Los Angeles area today, the Western Defense Command announced.

"There were no bombs dropped and no aircraft downed in the Los Angeles area today," the Western Defense Command announced.

"Although reports are conflicting and every effort is being made to ascertain the facts, it is clear that no bombs were dropped and no planes were shot down."

"There was a considerable amount of antiaircraft firing. The antiaircraft signal came at 7:21 a. m."

The "strange planes" involved in the "Battle of Los Angeles" made front-page headlines in the Long Beach Press-Telegram the next day.

and a number of documents. (Evaluation of the content of documents Cooper received prior to 2000 is reported in MUFON Symposium Proceedings of 2000 and 2001.)

On September 6, 2000, Cooper received an envelope containing copies of several letters relevant to the "Battle of Los Angeles." Their content, scope, and implications are the topic of this article. In all, Cooper received more than 100 documents from 10 reported sources. All of the documents and in some cases the envelopes they came in now are in my possession. Letters received before 2000 have been published by Wood and Wood, along with a *Special Operations Manual*

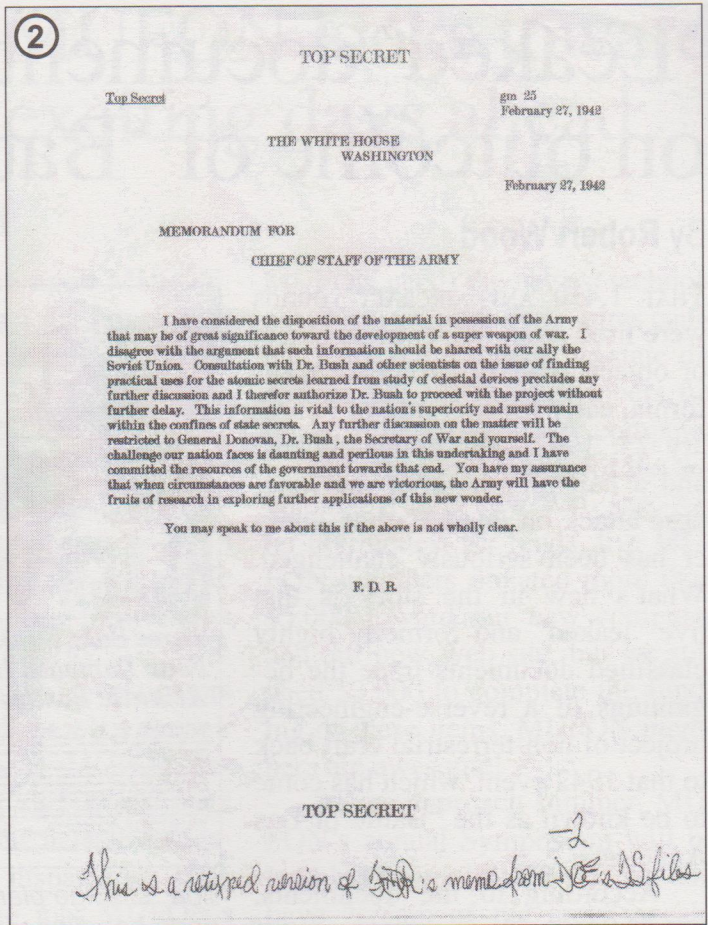
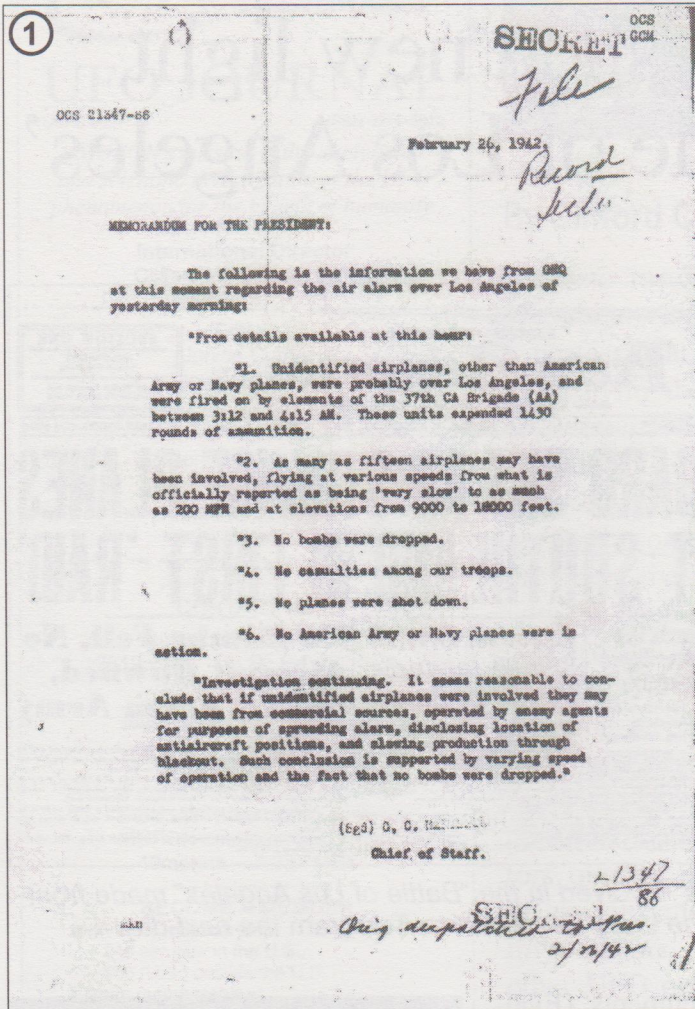
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Searchlights focus on the dark sky and bursting explosives in the only known photograph taken during the 1942 "Battle of Los Angeles."

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describing procedures for the recovery and disposition of extraterrestrial technology and entities. Five of the documents received in 2000—memos and letters written by or to highly placed U.S. government officials—are relevant.

① Initial Announcement

The original Los Angeles copy of this memorandum for President Franklin Roosevelt, dated February 26, 1942, is in the George C. Marshall Foundation Library in Lexington, Virginia. It has been declassified from "secret" to "unclassified," and its authenticity is not disputed. One of the copies with a handwritten

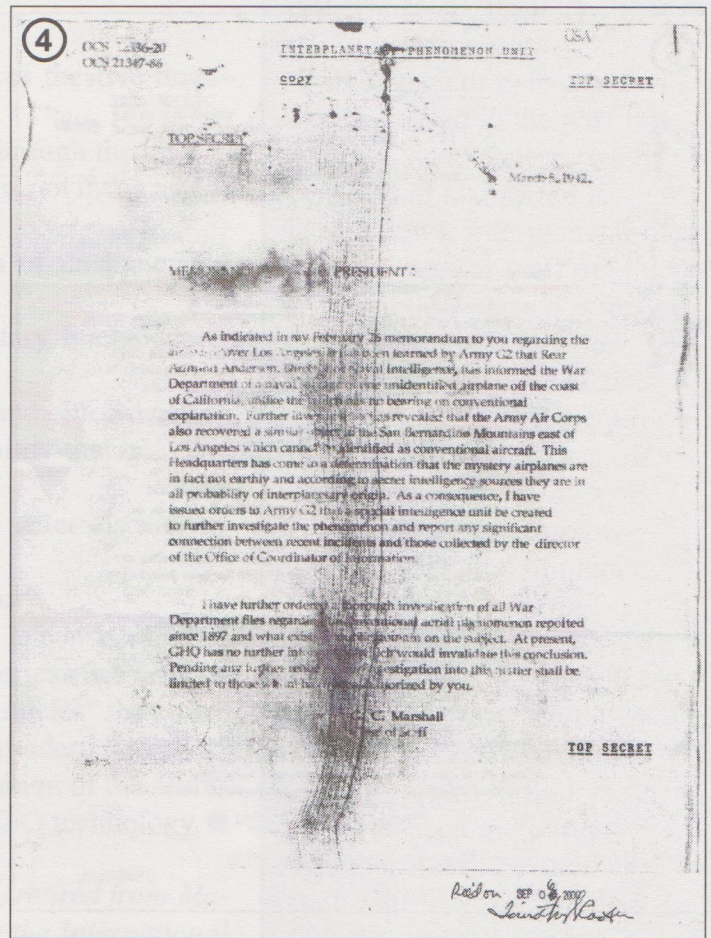
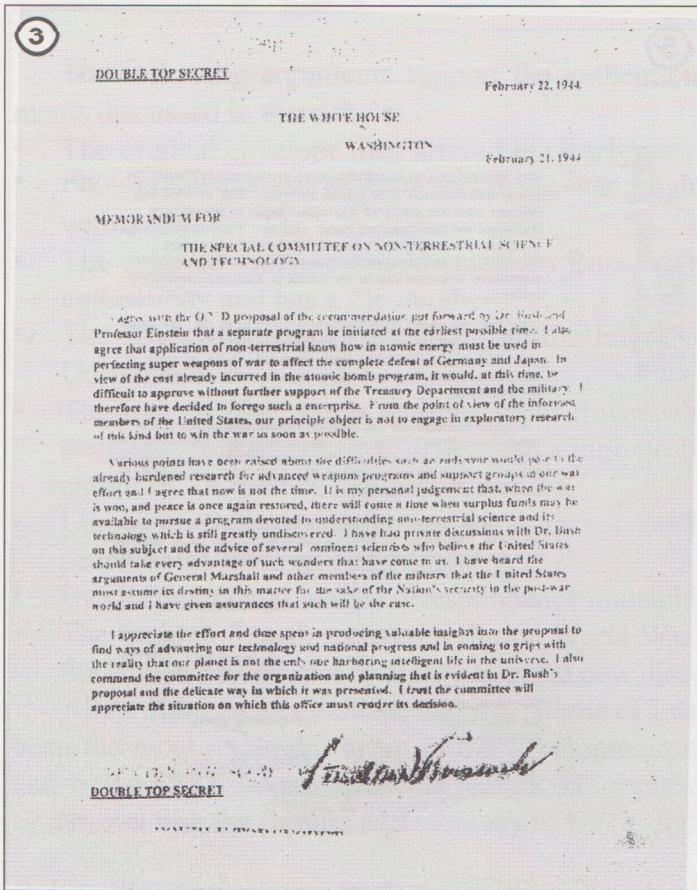
notation "file" also has an identification number of OCS 21347-86 in the upper left corner, indicating that it was filed by the Office of the Chief of Staff.

② Two Days Later

The next memo is from President Roosevelt to Marshall, instructing him to ensure secrecy. The president especially was interested in preventing the Soviets from learning anything about this incident. This document authorizes Dr. Vannevar Bush to "proceed with the project without further delay." Cooper received a retyped version of the memo, with the following

handwritten note on the bottom: "This is a retyped version of FDR's memo from DOE's [Department of Energy's] TS [top secret] files."

Three things are noteworthy. First, it is suspected that a forensic linguistic evaluation would show consistency with syntax and language of President Roosevelt. This evaluation is underway but not complete. Second, since this is a retyped version of the original memo, it is not possible to analyze the ink, paper, or watermark in a useful way. Third, the handwritten notation at the bottom probably is the handwriting of the "leaker" and appears on other documents received by Cooper.



③ Two Weeks Later

On March 5, 1942, Marshall responded with a detailed memo declaring that he had established review of “unconventional aerial phenomenon” (sic) going back to 1897. The copy of this memo is illegible in places, but it provides confirming detail about the recovery of two objects associated with the “Battle of Los Angeles.”

The following points are significant: (1) This probably is the first time that the Navy was in possession of a downed craft, since the recovery at Cape Girardeau in 1941 was by the FBI and the Army.

(2) The file category, apparently added later since the type fonts are different, was “Interplanetary Phenomenon Unit” (I.P.U.). This is consistent with other claims of the existence of such a unit. (3) One filing number is consistent with that of the original “secret” Marshall memo of February 26, and the reference to another OCS number is OCS xx336-20. It would be good to determine the title of this filing category. (4) The caveat of “top secret” is underlined, consistent with the procedures of that era. (5) This memo would be consistent with the Army’s initiation of a research project to investigate the phenomena

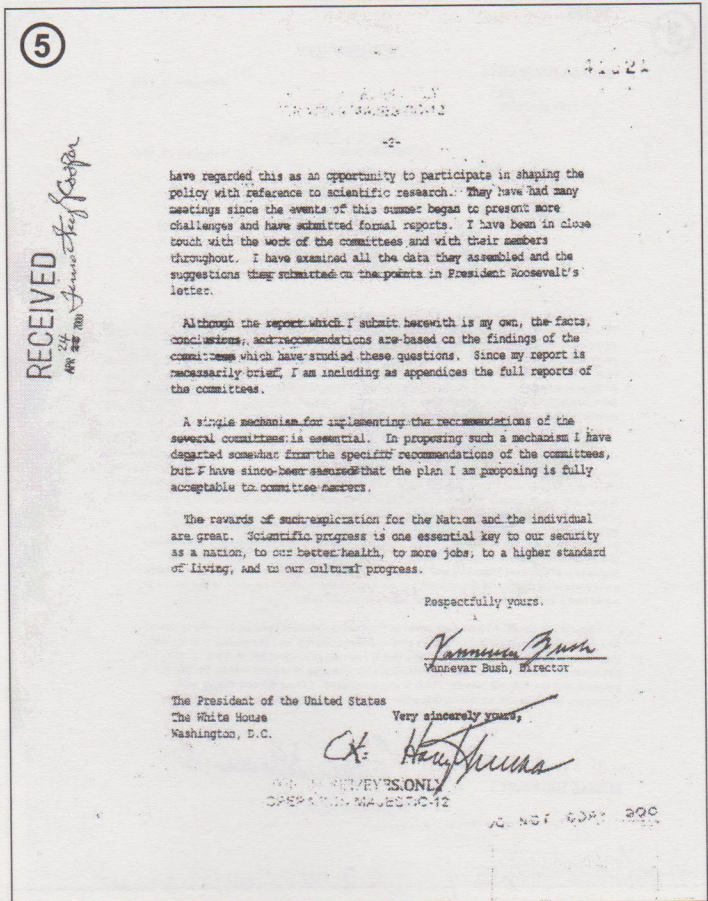
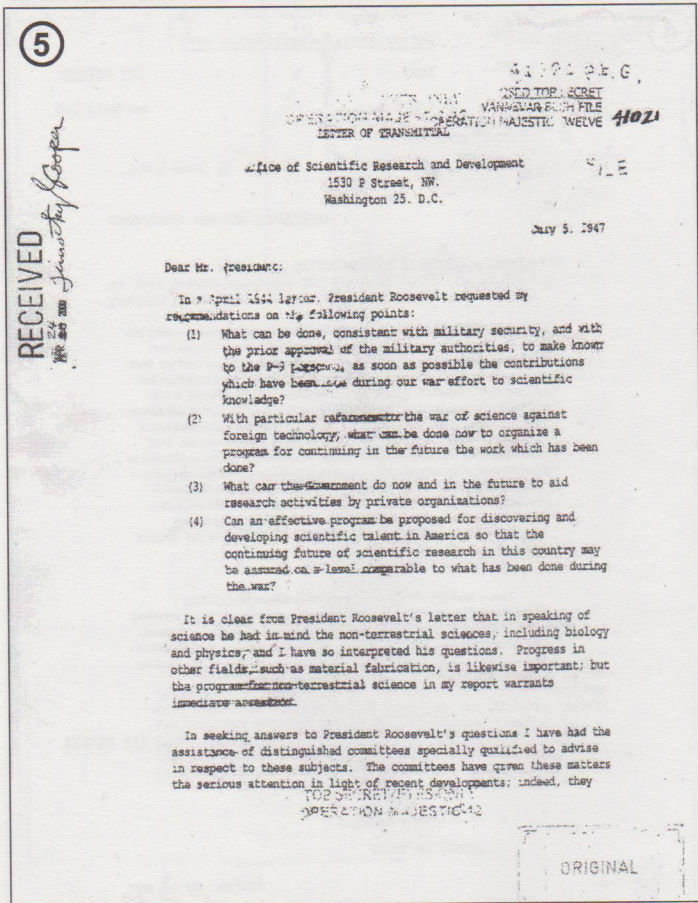
and naturally would have migrated in 1947 to the Air Force from the Army Air Corps.

④ Two Years Later

In 1944, Roosevelt wrote a memo to the “Special Committee on Non-Terrestrial Science and Technology.” This memo apparently was in reply to an earlier request for money, possibly for a “reverse-engineering” project to evaluate the craft the United States had captured. FDR’s skillfully written reply (also subject to forensic linguistic analysis) stated that when the Nazis were beaten and World War II was over,

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there would be plenty of money for this project.

The classification "double top secret" originally was thought to be too good to be true. A short hunt in the Library of Congress, however, yielded a great example of the same caveat being used on a document relevant to the invasion of Italy later in World War II. An obvious issue of major impact is the apparent existence of such a committee and who its members might have been.

5 Five Years Later

The last letter in the "leaker" files is one from Vannevar Bush to President Harry Truman. Bush was the recognized head of the Of-

fice of Scientific Research and Development (OSRD) during and at the end of World War II. It would have been the logical for him to have been involved with the "Non-Terrestrial Science and Technology Committee," and he may have been its chairman.

Since Franklin Roosevelt was dead, Bush apparently felt it necessary (and also timely in view of massive media coverage of flying saucers in June and July of 1947) to formally brief Truman about the early wartime recoveries and to encourage implementation of an aggressive reverse-engineering program. The two-page letter clearly states that it will be in the

United States' best interests to discover this technology and apply it to achieve a higher standard of living in the United States.

Authenticity Arguments

Stanton Friedman and some other researchers have offered specific challenges about the authenticity of a small number of documents received by Cooper. None of the challenges involve the documents here discussed. While it is conceivable that one of Cooper's sources may have provided deceptive copies, the other seven sources may have been independent and genuinely attempting to convey the truth as they knew it.

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The following arguments support the authenticity of the five documents discussed in this article:

- The original envelope they arrived in clearly went through the mail.
- Photograph analysis of the object in the searchlights is not inconsistent with a UFO.
- The original memo from Marshall to Roosevelt is of unchallenged authenticity and has a file number.
- The same file number shows up on the Interplanetary Phenomenon Unit memo.
- The style of language is reminiscent of Roosevelt, and objective syntax evaluation is expected to disclose a high probability that he is the author of the memos that bear his name.
- Linguistic forensic evaluation of Vannevar Bush's letter also is expected to confirm its authenticity.
- Events mentioned in the correspondence match history.
- The timing of crash recoveries during World War II is consistent with the United States' speedy ability to make new discoveries after the war.

All of these factors indicate that the "Battle of Los Angeles" may have been the most important event in the development of modern society—and well could have prompted the remarkable sophistication of the secrecy surrounding the capture and recovery of UFOs and UFO technology. ■

Robert Wood, who has a Ph.D. in experimental physics, retired from McDonnell Douglas in 1993. He worked on the design for the International Space Station, is a long-time MUFON member, and he and his son, Ryan, created the television documentary The Secret, which highlights the scope and process of "leaked" classified documents about UFOs.

Bright lights over Hollywood

With dozens of epic space films released in the past few decades, an extraterrestrial invasion of California is hardly news. Interplanetary conflicts are the stuff of which action-packed science-fiction movies are made. One of Hollywood's latest, *Battle: Los Angeles*, features a Marine platoon facing off against an invasion of space aliens in—you guessed it—the movie capital of planet Earth. *Battle: Los Angeles* is directed by Jonathan Liebesman, the creative force behind *The Texas Chainsaw Massacre: The Beginning* (2006). His latest flick is set to be released in February. Whether it will be another stellar hit like *2001: A Space Odyssey* or go the sad way of *Robinson Crusoe on Mars* remains to be seen. —J.C.

These "leaked" and formerly highly classified documents trace the path of non-terrestrial reverse engineering in the early 1940s. Texts of the documents are reprinted in their entirety beginning on page 18.

| Date | From | To | Title | Content | Classification |
|---------------|--------------------|---|--|--|--|
| Feb. 26, 1942 | George Marshall | Franklin Roosevelt | Memorandum for the President | "expended 1430 rounds of ammunition" | SECRET declassified |
| Feb. 27, 1942 | Franklin Roosevelt | George Marshall | Memorandum for the Chief of Staff of the Army | do not share information "with our ally the Soviet Union" "Army will have the fruits" | TOP SECRET |
| Mar. 6, 1942 | George Marshall | Franklin Roosevelt | Memorandum for the President | United States captured two craft; thorough investigation of War Department files ordered | TOP SECRET |
| Feb. 24, 1944 | Franklin Roosevelt | Special Committee on Non-Terrestrial Science and Technology | Memorandum for the Special Committee on Non-Terrestrial Science and Technology | "not to engage in exploratory research but to win the war as soon as possible" | DOUBLE TOP SECRET |
| July 5, 1944 | Vannevar Bush | Harry Truman | Letter of Transmittal | "It is clear... he had in mind the non-terrestrial sciences, including biology and physics" "rewards of such exploration for the Nation and the individual are great" | OSDR TOP SECRET OPERATION MAJESTIC-12 |

Scientist puzzles over what happens

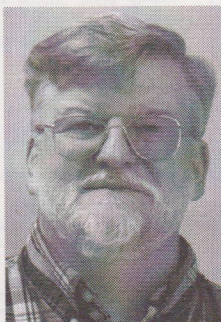
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a master's degree in satellite remote sensing), has been fascinated with the area since reading *The Mysteries of the Bermuda Triangle* when he was a teenager, and he has applied his multidisciplinary approach to the puzzle that is the Bermuda Triangle. He believes that not only can the conditions in the infamous area be explained, but that they also can be found around the world under certain weather conditions.

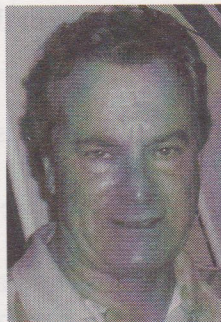
Common Threads

"I began to see many common threads between the subject material of astronomy, physics, meteorology, and the Earth-sun relationship," he said. Recently science has discovered that the interaction between the solar wind and the plasma of the magnetosphere (the magnetic bubble that surrounds our planet) acts like an electric generator, creating electric fields deep inside the magnetosphere. Every eight minutes the magnetosphere pulses and opens up, and during periods of high solar winds, the winds come in, bringing vast amounts of electromagnetic energy. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) confirmed an energy flow from space to the Earth's atmosphere and back. Storms are intensified by this energy. It takes only 10,000 terra watts or terra joules of energy to affect weather on Earth, Pares said.

Four years ago Pares began to collect past weather data for the southeastern United States and documents supporting the space-



David Pares



Bruce Gernon

energy flow in order to determine whether sunspots, solar-wind activity, and atmospheric conditions could be triggering intense thunderstorms. He discovered that they are indeed related, and that formation of a mega storm depends on cloud size, the position of the storm relative to land and ocean, and local and space weather conditions.

Mega storms generate huge numbers of ions and conduct incoming energy from space all the way to the ground. When electromagnetic energy ionizes the air—particularly sea air because it is conductive—it becomes electronic fog. Attracted to the carbon emissions and the aluminum body of an aircraft, the ionized field attaches to the plane, causing compasses to spin and instruments to fail. These events can affect aircraft within a 50 mile radius.

Data Base

Pares has investigated more than 32 cases of missing aircraft and has recreated the weather forensics for 23 cases. More than 87 percent of the aircraft disappearances occurred during similar weather con-

conditions conducive to formation of mega storms

Mega electric storms tend to form in ocean regions where the wind speed and wind direction do not abruptly change with increasing height above the surface. These conditions usually consist of winds of an easterly component less than 10 mph, and less than 6 degrees between ambient air and dew point. This scenario can usually be found between a high and low pressure system over Florida and the Caribbean area in the months from November through February when the Earth is closest to the sun. Additional factors include cumulus and towering cumulus clouds that form early in the morning, coupled with increased solar sunspot activity and solar winds more than 475 kilometers per second.

ditions. From this Pares has created a set of forecast parameters, and he is accumulating additional accounts from mariners and pilots to add to his data base. From this, he hopes to prevent further aircraft fatalities in the Bermuda Triangle and elsewhere by having government agencies issue a Notice to Airmen (NOTAM) when conditions arise that could lead to formation of dangerous electronic fog.

In and Out of a Fog Tunnel

Enter Bruce Gernon. On December 4, 1970, a routine flight from Andros Island to West Palm Beach via Bimini turned into a terrifying experience. Conditions at

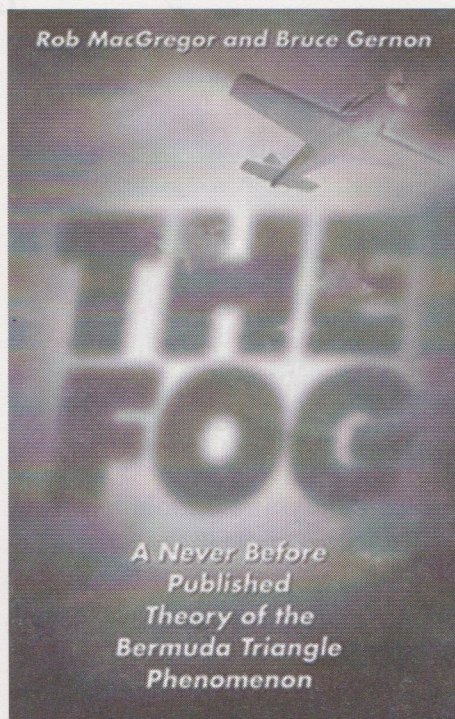
during occurrences of electronic fog

the time included minor squalls in the area. Archive records indicate a strong solar wind of 706 kilometers per second was creating disturbance in the magnetosphere and an energy-flux transfer into the atmosphere. The conditions created more than spinning compasses and failing navigational equipment for Gernon, they created a possible linear displacement—that is, a space warp.

During takeoff, Gernon noticed a small lenticular cloud directly in front of him. As he gained altitude he noticed the cloud was building up underneath him at the same rate he was ascending, and it was moving horizontally at 105 miles per hour, his climbing speed. It was morphing into a cumulonimbus cloud, one of the most dangerous to fly through, and it was forming a monstrous thunderhead.

A second squall formed in front of Gernon's plane and connected to the first cloud, trapping the plane inside. Flying below the cloud wasn't an option, because it seemed to be emanating from the sea. It was dark inside the cloud except for random bright flashes, but Gernon headed for a tunnel-like vortex he saw in the clouds—and the blue sky beyond it.

Collapsing around the plane, the tunnel was 3,000 feet across when the plane entered and just 30 feet across, with contrails touching the wing tips, when the plane exited 20 seconds later. Just before Gernon's plane flew out of the tunnel, he felt a momentary sensation of weightlessness and of increased speed. The sensation soon vanished, but all the



what to do if you're ever caught in an electronic fog

Pilots caught in the fog over land should head for water. Pilots caught in the fog over water should aim for land. The change in temperature will make the fog disperse.

plane's instruments were malfunctioning. The magnetic compass was swinging counterclockwise.

Instead of emerging into a clear blue sky, Gernon found himself in a fog that extended for miles. There was no sky, no ocean, no horizon, no land. He maintained radio contact with the Miami tower, but the controller couldn't locate the plane on radar. An experienced pilot, Gernon continued flying toward what he determined should be land.

The fog dissipated when he reached land, and when it did, the controller spotted him over Miami. The plane had traveled 100 miles in 4 minutes.

In his book *The Fog* (Llewellyn, 2005), written with Rob MacGregor, Gernon recalls that he spent 20 seconds in the vortex tunnel and the next 40 years trying to figure out what happened.

An Elite Club

Gernon's experience in the Bermuda Triangle made him a member of an elite club: people who have experienced electronic fog and survived. Among its members are Christopher Columbus, who noted in his log that on one occasion during his 1492 voyage when his ships were stalled in the Sargasso Sea, his compass had acted strangely and an enormous glowing ball of light hovered over the sea.

Charles Lindbergh experienced the fog on February 13, 1928, during a flight over the Gulf and Caribbean. In his autobiography he noted that "halfway across the Straits of Florida my magnetic compass started rotating, and the Earth-inductor-compass needle jumped back and forth erratically. By that time a haze had formed, screening off horizons. ... I had no idea if I was flying North, South, East, or West."

Gernon, however, may have been the first to have experienced a space warp. Pares speculates that when Gernon flew into the tunnel, it channeled the immense power of the storm surrounding the plane.

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MUFON's research director summarizes UFO discussion on recent *Larry King Live* show

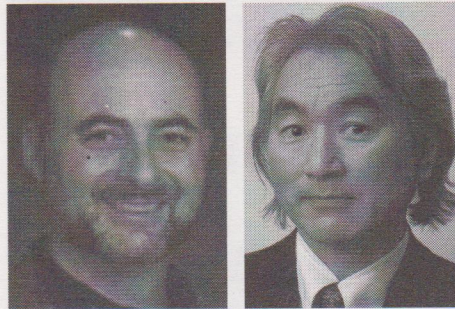
By Robert Powell

MEDIA INTEREST in the possibility of extraterrestrial life was piqued when physicist Stephen Hawking said that communicating with extraterrestrial aliens could be a threat to humanity. He suggested the end result might be similar to what happened to the Native Americans after Columbus landed in the New World. As usual, *Larry King Live* on CNN was one of the first to cover the Hawking story.

On April 30, King brought together physicist Michio Kaku, astronomers Seth Shostak and David Brin, and MUFON's Dan Aykroyd to discuss Hawking's statements. The panel was fairly balanced in its view of extraterrestrial life. Everyone was in agreement that intelligent ETs exist, but guests differed in their views about whether ETs have visited Earth.

ETs Are 'Out There'

Shostak said that he does not believe in UFOs, but he argued that he believes ETs exist "out there" and that's why he has dedicated his career to the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence (SETI) project. Shostak refused to entertain the notion that ETs may have visited Earth, clinging to the belief that if earthlings are not capable of interstellar travel then neither is anyone else. His closed-mindedness is reflected in much of SETI's research, which has been done across a very narrow band of the radio spectrum,



David Brin

Michio Kaku

covering only a fraction of the sky. And what of optical, infrared, and near infrared frequencies that might be used for communication? From its inception, SETI has looked at radio frequencies based on assumptions of what aliens would use.

Brin indicated belief in the existence of ETs, but he was the most contradictory of King's guests. Although Brin claimed to desire "more open conversation" about the topic, a few minutes later he blurted out a reference to "paranoid theories." So much for open-mindedness. Brin's primary concern seemed to be that SETI had sent a signal into the cosmos without asking for permission from some larger world body.

Aykroyd espoused the view that extraterrestrial aliens already are here, quoting Admiral Lord Hill-Norton as saying 23 different species are visiting Earth. This is a startling statement from a British admiral, and I was unable to verify it.

Shostak sarcastically countered the issue of whether ETs had arrived by arguing that if aliens were here then the FAA should be de-

laying plane departures as UFOs pass by. When the topic turned to government involvement, Aykroyd mentioned General Nathan Twining's 1947 memo that indicated the flying-disk phenomena was real and should be taken seriously.

Open-Mindedness

Kaku's thoughtfulness displayed his open-mindedness. He answered Hawking's concern of an extraterrestrial threat to humanity when he noted: "I believe they are out there, but they are benevolent. If they are thousands of years more advanced than us, then they have had that amount of time to work out their problems." Kaku's thoughts echo the idea that aggressive civilizations likely would annihilate themselves long before developing the capability for interstellar travel.

When asked why alien species don't make contact, Kaku replied: "Maybe they are so advanced, we are not even on their radar screen. Are we so arrogant to believe that they want to land on the White House lawn?" His thoughts matched those of many who have researched UFOs when he stated that he believes 95 percent of cases can be dismissed, but 5 percent "give you the willies." ■

Robert Powell is MUFON's director of research. [Editor's Note: Also see page 14 for Stanton Friedman's Perceptions column about reaction to Larry King's UFO show.]

Considering UFOs and the future of thought

By Tom Whitmore

THIS JUNE MARKS the 63rd anniversary of the UFO era, yet none of the riddles about these objects have been solved. We don't know where they come from, how they get here, or their purpose. We have beliefs, prejudices, and sacred cows—but no solid answers.

Our ability to understand our world is bounded by our sensory capacities and the facility of our thinking processes. Just as dogs hear and smell things we don't, our aliens may be able to perceive and think in ways that we cannot comprehend. It may very well be impossible to bridge the gulf between the alien mind and the human mind.

We assume we are dealing with other species, and that should give us pause. Translations can be produced from one human language to another, but can translations be made from one species to another?

It is interesting to speculate how our civilization would be developing if we weren't using a base-10 number system. Might our aliens not use math at all? Can they arrive at their achievements purely through intuition? Perhaps their minds are connected biologically or technologically. As our human networks improve, we may move closer to relating to these extraordinary visitors.

In considering some kind of eventual convergence, we must endeavor to conceptualize the gap between where we are and where we might need to be. Bridging this gap will almost certainly require new ways of thinking.

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I propose three strategies:

We need to seriously question our world view. Thought patterns can be compared to boring a groove into a piece of wood or a wax tablet. "Thinking" expert Edward de Bono asserts that to be creative, we must jump out of the groove we are in. If we keep scratching into the same pattern, we are only digging ourselves in deeper.

Perhaps in the UFO sphere we are in need of creative thinking as much as we are in need of scientific breakthroughs. We may need to expand our thinking outside the known universe. We might need to take our thinking inside it—beyond the subatomic level—or even into another "space."

Our scientific and logical thought processes need to evolve to a higher level. Getting closer to an accurate explanation of the phenomenon may require thinking techniques that have yet to be developed. We may need forms of metalogic, fuzzy logic, artificial intelligence, antilogic, intuition, or other techniques to move forward.

We must understand that our technology is limited. One of our

biggest problems is that there is little we can directly measure about UFOs, and we have no control over conditions under which we can study them. Authentic growth may have to wait for technological developments. Just as microscopes and telescopes opened complete new worlds, fresh technologies may be needed in order to locate, track, and directly study UFOs. The good news is that human knowledge is mounting at an exponential rate. A technological change might be the very thing that brings the UFO problem into the mainstream.

The UFO question will not necessarily prompt an evolution in humankind's thinking, but a revolution in thinking may well be needed in order to get to the truth. Change often occurs incrementally until a tipping point is reached—then transformation takes place. Once such a tipping point is reached, there could be a conversion in the way society treats the UFO issue. When the public is convinced of the profound nature of the subject, it may relentlessly pursue the truth.

The 63 years since the dawn of the modern UFO, however, remind us that we should be modest in our expectations. We don't know what hurdles remain. It could be a long time indeed before society has its answers. ■

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Ufologists urged to stop giving suspect theories the spotlight

I CONTINUE TO BE DISMAYED by Mr. Stanton Friedman's continued belittling of the Search for Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence (SETI) program. Most notable are his references to SETI scientists as "believers," as if to dismiss their contributions. I certainly would not want to belittle such people as Frank Drake and Jill Tarter as simply "believers." SETI is trying to accomplish many of the same things we are, just in a different manner.

Past Unkindness

I know that in the past some SETI members have not been kind to ufology or to Mr. Friedman in particular. Mainstream scientists and the media tend to label ufologists "believers" as an insult. It must be frustrating to be such a visible target, but that is no reason for ufologists to issue similar insults and reduce themselves to the level of the adult equivalent of "I know you are but what am I."

Ufologists have to be more gra-

cious and do it better than other scientists. It may not be fair, but we have a steeper hill to climb. We have to accept the way it is.

Besides, let's be blunt: The scientific world and the mainstream media are going to take an announcement of proof of extraterrestrial intelligence from SETI a lot more seriously than anything ufology has ever produced. The general public and the mainstream media have proven this with their (bad) treatment of UFO stories over the last several decades.

Instead of blaming the media, the government, or other scientists, we have to take a hard look at ourselves and our methods to try to figure out why ufology is not seen as a serious science in many peoples' eyes. My own opinion is that SETI is conservative in its approach, and ufology is very liberal. As a liberal person, socially and politically, it is hard for me to say this, but with science, conservatism wins the day. Ufology is too quick to give suspect

theories a bright spotlight, and often we end up looking foolish—like stereotypical UFO crazies. Mainstream science quickly dismisses the junk while ufology tolerates it and often even embraces it. This is our biggest problem in the public-relations war.

Playground Insults

It does not help our cause when one of the most significant researchers in UFO history continually belittles a legitimate scientific program with playground insults—even if SETI started it.

We need programs like SETI to help keep the the topic of UFOs legitimate in the minds of people who might normally dismiss UFOs as "crazy talk." Mainstream scientific programs such as SETI and a grassroots organization like MUFON could be a powerful force, if both choose to work together—or at least not constantly to snip at each other.

—Dale Reeck

Reader adds two cents worth to fray over 2012 end-times article

IN THE JANUARY *JOURNAL*, John Ventre wrote that Jeane Dixon had a vision of a Muslim baby who would grow to be charismatic and a lover of peace, then at 50 years old, in 2012, become the Antichrist. Ventre pointed out that President Barack Obama will be 50 in 2012. According to *A Gift of Prophecy: The Phenomenal Jeane Dixon* (William Morrow & Company),

Dixon claimed the baby was born in the Middle East on February 5, 1962. Obama was born August 4, 1961. The prophecy does not fit our president. Anybody who thinks that it does obviously has not been paying attention to the news.

On a more positive note, I loved Budd Hopkins's article "Four Classic Attitudes to the UFO Abduction Phenomenon" in the February

Journal. Instead of trying to convert those who steadfastly believe that UFOs cannot exist, we rather should appeal to those who are merely incurious. Popular opinion can be a factor in funding for UFO research—even if it's at the level of financial support by individuals—or in prying secrets loose from the government.

—Richard Heiden

Let's drop investigations and all become extraterrestrial telepaths

THE APRIL JOURNAL'S LEAD article "Communicating with Extraterrestrials" is interesting, if unsatisfying, but I question its connection to the serious scientific study of UFO's.

I do not impugn the author's sincerity. Jacquelin Smith has a reputation for telepathically communicating with animals and perhaps can demonstrate her ability in this field. If she truly has maintained the mental rapport with extraterrestrials she claims, however, why can't she help us all out and disclose from the horse's mouth some of the answers to the questions that have so long bedeviled UFO research?

Cannot the aliens—I mean, the joyful, playful star beings who impart to her loving support, personal advice, and metaphysical abstractions about frequencies and vibrations—furnish us just one concrete

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If Smith's assertion that anyone can be an extraterrestrial telepath is correct, then I suggest that the entire membership of MUFON abandon their investigations altogether so they can seek knowledge firsthand by simply relaxing and thinking about ET.

It is gratifying, though, to learn (via Quabar from a distant uni-

verse) that the aliens who treat like lab rats most of us with whom they have encounters are, in fact, "assisting Earth in her evolutionary process" and "raising humankind's consciousness."

Looking at the present state of our planet and the character of the people who populate it, I am dubious about how good a job the aliens are making of it.

—Stephen Warde Anderson

So much for quality

JACQUELIN SMITH'S ARTICLE makes for a good comic-book read. Like Casper the Friendly Ghost, the best message Quabar can tell us about the universe and its mysteries is "lighten up, laugh, and have fun," and nothing about other galaxies and species inhabiting them. So much for quality of content in the *Journal*. This is why MUFON has been described as the "black hole" of UFO reporting. This is grade-school level reading at best—not to mention fringe crackpot lunacy.

—matticolanr@aol.com

Rude comments

LARRY KING has great subjects to interview, but he wrecks his show with his rude comments and demeaning attitude. Dan Aykroyd was the only guest on a recent show who gave a damn about UFOs. The other guests were trying to make Aykroyd look foolish. Who are these airwave big-mouths to make a joke of this subject, when millions of Americans have had visual or physical contact?

—Mark Sbertoli

[*Editor's Note: See related story on page 10 and column on page 14.*]

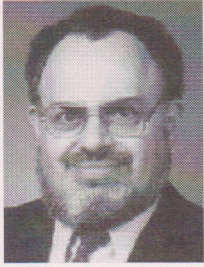
Faith and science

I SAW DAN AYKROYD talking about aliens on *Larry King Live*, so this is why I'm sending this. Remember: Faith in science is like faith in an object that never changes.

—Greg Dougherty

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Stephen Hawking's remarks on aliens unleash a spate of ignorant comments

By **Stanton Friedman**

IF ONLY THE WORLD-FAMOUS astrophysicist Stephen Hawking had made his comments about aliens a month or two earlier, Kathleen Marden and I could have included another chapter in our new book *Science Was Wrong*. It would have made a splendid example of smart people saying unsmart things.

Larry King Live on CNN devoted an entire show to a discussion that included Hawking, three other smart scientists who don't know much about aliens, and actor-musician Dan Aykroyd, who knows quite a bit. [Editor's Note: See page 10 for a wrap-up of the TV show.]

No One Did Homework

There's no question that Hawking is a brilliant scientist. None of the commentators had done their homework about aliens, however. Shouldn't there be a rule that a scientist should only speak out publicly when he or she knows a lot about the subject at hand?

Hawking's statement that started all the controversy was: "If aliens ever visit us, I think the outcome would be very much as when Christopher Columbus first landed in America, which didn't turn out very well for the Native Americans."

Clearly none of these pseudo experts had studied the mass of evidence indicating space aliens have long been visiting Earth. They had not looked at the five major large-

scale scientific UFO studies to which credible spokespersons refer. None mentioned any of the dozen Ph.D. theses dealing with UFOs, or the hundreds of abduction cases—although Aykroyd mentioned another book of mine written with Kathleen Marden, *Captured! The Betty and Barney Hill UFO Experience*. Also unmentioned: thousands of physical-trace cases collected by Ted Phillips from more than 80 countries, or radar-visual cases, or scientific papers presented at MUFON symposia and elsewhere.

There was no discussion of the possibility that governments would withhold data from crashed wrecks and not disclose the presence of any alien bodies. No one suggested there could be security concerns with human use of alien technology.

There was no serious discussion of interstellar travel. Einstein's speed-of-light limitations were noted, but neither Michio Kaku, nor Seth Shostak, nor David Brin noted that time slows down for things moving very fast.

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The commentators seemed to assume that aliens wouldn't know of intelligent life on Earth until they received our electromagnetic signals, and that space aliens must be

using similar technology to try to communicate with smart creatures like themselves. Quite frankly, rarely do I chatter to the squirrels in my back yard. So far as I know, Columbus sent no smoke signals before he visited the natives. Obviously, alien visits to Earth would put Search for Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence (SETI) cultists out of a job.

How Humans Must Look

Visiting aliens surely must see humans as a primitive society whose major activity is tribal warfare. It would be quite obvious that we have weapons of mass destruction and sophisticated systems for monitoring for intruders.

Taken in a historical context, Hawking's comment was frankly silly. The natives Columbus found in the New World had no advanced technology, no steel weapons, no high-performance travel, no monitoring systems, no electricity, no space programs, no laser weapons, no weapons of mass destruction, no computers. Columbus had muskets and large, slow, wind-driven ships. Of particular concern should be our technology's rapid rate of change over the last 200 years, and especially over the last 60 years.

Aren't all civilizations concerned about their own survival and security? We only discovered the existence of the omnipresent neutron in 1932. Fission was dis-

covered in 1938, the first controlled nuclear chain reaction occurred in 1942, and the first nuclear explosion in 1945. Two more at Hiroshima and Nagasaki killed perhaps 200,000 people. A fission nuclear rocket was operated in 1959. We finally theoretically determined, in 1938, that nuclear fusion was the process producing the energy of all stars in the universe. We tested our first hydrogen-fusion bomb in 1952. More than 40 years ago, studies of fusion-propulsion systems for deep space travel began. We almost are ready to plunder alien technology.

The laser was discovered in 1960, and already we have laser weapons. Our first satellite was launched in 1957; the first ICBM missile was launched in 1957. Now there are hundreds, many tipped with nuclear weapons and some ready to be launched at all times. This year our world, despite many starving people, will spend more than \$1 trillion on military activities.

Dangerous Neighbors

Would earthlings use alien technology for destruction of fellow humans? Definitely! During World War II we destroyed 1,700 cities and killed 50-million earthlings. Any rational civilization would rightly expect us to be a menace to all other civilizations in our neighborhood in the universe. We clearly have demonstrated our willingness to use weapons of mass destruction.

The only weapons of mass destruction that Columbus had were the diseases that decimated the native population. Robert Hastings' *UFOs and Nukes: Extraordinary Encounters at Nuclear Weapons Sites* indicates strong alien interest in our capability to produce and use nuclear weapons.

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This quote from Hawking indicates how far from the real world of facts the discussion has wandered: "I think we may find primitive life, but it's unlikely there are intelligent aliens within 100 light years, or we would have detected their radio signals." Unlikely? Nobody noted that there are roughly 15,000 stars within 100 light-years of Earth. That there are advanced societies on any, or more likely many, planets around any of those stars seems very likely. Nobody answered the obvious question about why an advanced civilization would send signals appropriate to the technology of such a primitive society as ours.

Hawking also made the comment that if advanced life exists, "they'll contact us—aliens haven't contacted us so far." And just how does Hawking know this?

Researcher Art Campbell has done a great deal of investigation strongly suggesting that President Dwight Eisenhower actually met with space aliens near Holloman Air Force Base in New Mexico. Perhaps many academic scientists think that all scientific information is public. Let us not forget that the first nuclear chain reaction at the University of Chicago in 1942 was

not made public at the time. Neither was the first test of an atom bomb in New Mexico in 1945. The stealth aircraft was developed in complete secrecy over a period of 10 years at a cost of \$10 billion.

Kaku provided more of the same when he said that he expects life to be found throughout the universe, but he added: "I don't think they are going to want to come out and strip-mine the Earth." Many people seeking gold, however, made their long, difficult way to California in 1849 and to the Klondike in 1898.

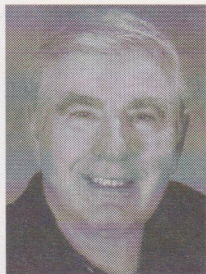
Terrible Track Record

Astronomers have a terrible track record when speaking about space. One once "scientifically" established that sending a man to the moon and back would require a rocket weighing a million-million tons. The Saturn 5 rocket weighed 3,000 tons.

None of the astronomers mentioned *Bibliography of Interstellar Travel and Communication—1972*, by Eugene F. Mallove and Robert L. Forward, which lists 850 items.

"Looking for Aliens in All the Wrong Places," an article by Erin Andersen in the May 1 *Toronto Globe and Mail*, addressed Hawking's remarks but wasted space on comments by Susan Clancy. I've reviewed Clancy's grossly inaccurate book, *Abducted: How People Come to Believe They Were Kidnapped by Aliens*, on my Web site (www.stantonfriedman.com).

The same *Globe and Mail* article about UFOs also included comments by Michael Shermer of the Skeptics Society, who is equally ignorant about aliens. It's no wonder I won a debate with him on Coast to Coast radio, getting 80 percent of the audience's vote. ■



filer's files

By George Filer

[Editor's Note: This roundup of UFO sightings is presented to keep Journal readers informed about some of the vast number of sightings being reported. Unless otherwise noted, these cases have not been officially investigated.]

Mandolin-shaped craft in Louisiana sky

Shreveport, Louisiana—At 10 p.m. on April 8, as I was driving on Highway 71, I saw two bright white lights on the front of a craft well above the tree line. As the craft neared, I saw a line of red lights flashing in sequence. The craft crossed over and hovered well above our vehicle. Its shape was vaguely like a mandolin, with a small greenish-blue light and a red light on its belly. Six interspersed small white lights drifted slowly in the air. A car behind us must have also seen it. (www.ufocenter.com).

Three lights over Massachusetts

Gardner, Massachusetts—A witness outside looking at the sky at 12:20 a.m. on May 8 noticed three satellite-like lights moving very fast toward the north. He is a pilot and reported that he had never seen anything similar: "These were neither satellites nor airplanes." (www.ufosnw.com)

Highland News reports series of UFO sightings over Scotland

Inverness, Scotland—*The Highland News* has reported a series of recent UFO sightings. A Culloden man four times in March saw a single UFO in the sky over Nairn and Inverness. He described the object or objects in similar terms to the "orange fireball" a Royal Air Force (RAF) serviceman and his wife later reported in the sky over Inverness.

Most recently, a couple in the garden of their New Elgin home in Moray about 10:30 p.m. spotted the unusual phenomenon over the sky above Inverness.

The husband works as a ground crew member at RAF Lossiemouth. In his account of the incident, he reported: "It was an orange flame and was hovering. It came toward us, then the light died out. It became a huge black sphere and started to spin toward the ground. We then lost sight of it."

When asked to comment about the incidents, an RAF spokesman said: "The United Kingdom is ringed with a sophisticated network of radar. Our primary interests are search-and-rescue efforts and protection of U.K. air space." He said that anything suggesting a plane in distress or that air space was being violated at those times would have been picked up on radar.

Lighted disk-shaped craft hovers over Missouri

Belton, Missouri—An observer reports getting ready for bed on April 28 and noticing a white light outside on a large disk-shaped craft about 50 feet in diameter. The craft was floating 30 feet in the air above a fence about 125 yards from the house. The light was coming from the bottom of the craft, and lit the fence very brightly. The witness reported that the craft took off very fast and was gone from sight in only a couple of seconds. (MUFON CMS)

Sphere appears to nearly collide with jet over Texas

Houston, Texas—A witness reports that on May 5, while driving with his family from downtown to I-45 North, he noticed a sphere cutting across the sky. As they watched, they spotted a Southwest Jet coming into view. The sphere picked up speed and was on a collision course with the jet. The view was blocked when the car passed the Spaghetti Warehouse.

When the family could see again, three seconds later, the jet had disappeared and the sphere was "just sitting there spinning." The car went under I-10, and when it came to the other side, the sphere was gone. (MUFON CMS) ■

New board member once longed to be an astronaut

WHEN SHE WAS YOUNG, Marie Malzahn's dad let her look at the moon through his telescope. Her grandfather read aloud to her about UFOs, and she built model rockets out of balsa wood. Thus began her lifelong obsession with the stars.

Malzahn joined the United States Marines, where she served as an investigator with the military police. After she left the Marines, she worked for the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Eventually Marie married and moved with her husband to northern Idaho, where she continues to work in security and law enforcement.

MUFON field investigation is a special passion, and Malzahn is researching the orange-lights phenomenon in the Bitterroot Range.

Field work merges Malzahn's interests in law enforcement and astronomy.

Malzahn's 5-year-old daughter already shares her mother's interest in the heavens—she wants to be princess of Mars. No matter whether her daughter becomes an astronaut or a ballet dancer, Malzahn has a feeling that her daughter always will be looking up at the sky wondering: "Who is out there? Where are they from? When can I meet them?" Malzahn hopes to be beside her, asking the same questions. ■

director's message

MUFON looks to exciting times

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attend and learn more about the latest UFO research. This is a must-attend MUFON event.

I would be remiss not to thank all of the members of MUFON, especially the state directors, for MUFON gaining 76 new members the first 15 days of May. Thanks to all of you. Membership is paramount to MUFON's success

All the best to you, and I look forward to seeing you at the Symposium.

Congratulations to the following people who recently passed MUFON's Investigator Test: Pamela Heiderstadt, Oklahoma; Daniel Jacobsen, North Dakota; Hector Jusino, Tennessee; Donald Lacroix, Rhode Island; Jim Strausbaugh, Ohio; Andrea Tanner-Gleason, New York; and John Wall, Washington.

Barry Gaunt was promoted to assistant state director for Kentucky. Good job, all! ■

calendar

June 10–12—The Society for Scientific Exploration (SSE) Conference will be at Millennium Harvest House in Boulder, Colo. www.scientificexploration.com

June 12—Tucson MUFON presents Maurizio Baiata and Antonio Huneus at 1 p.m. at the Columbus Branch Library in Tucson, Ariz. www.tucsonmufon.com

June 13—Oklahoma MUFON presents Nick Redfern, author of *Contactees: A History of Alien-Human Interaction*, in Tuttle, Okla. Cost is \$4 for members, \$5 for non-members. **Marilyn Carlson: 405.324.2075**

July 2–4—Roswell UFO Festival in Roswell, N.M., features lectures on "Roswell, UFOs, and New Mexico: 1947 and Beyond," a parade, and fireworks. www.roswellufofestival.com

July 22–25—MUFON International 2010 Symposium in Denver, Colo. Early-bird registration deadline is June 15. www.mufon.com

September 10–12—Alliance Studying Paranormal Experiences (ASPA) 2010 Paranormal Symposium at Angel Fire, N.M. www.aspefiles.org ■

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① Initial Announcement

SECRET
OCS 21347-86
February 26, 1942

Memorandum for the President:

The following is the information we have from GHQ at this moment regarding the air alarm over Los Angeles of yesterday morning:

"From details available at this hour:

*1. Unidentified airplanes, other than American Army or Navy planes, were probably over Los Angeles, and were fired on by elements of the 37th CA Brigade (AA) between 3:12 and 4:15 AM. These units expended 1430 rounds of ammunition.

*2. As many as fifteen airplanes may have been involved, flying at various speeds from what is officially reported as being 'very slow' to as much as 200 MPH and at elevations from 9000 to 18000 feet.

*3. No bombs were dropped.

*4. No casualties among our troops.

*5. No planes were shot down.

*6. No American Army or Navy planes were in action.

*Investigation continuing. It seems reasonable to conclude that if unidentified airplanes were involved they may have been from commercial sources, operated by enemy agents for purposes of spreading alarm, disclosing location of antiaircraft positions, and slowing production through blackout. Such conclusion is supported by varying speed of operation and the fact that no bombs were dropped."

—G. C. Marshall
Chief of Staff
SECRET

You may speak to me about this if the above is not wholly clear.

—F.D.R.
TOP SECRET

③ Two Weeks Later

GSA
OCS ???336-20
INTERPLANETARY PHENOMENON UNIT
OCS 21347-86
Copy
TOP SECRET March 5, 1942

Memorandum for the President:

As indicated in my February 26 memorandum to you regarding the air raid over Los Angeles, it has been learned by Army G2 that Rear Admiral Anderson, Director of Naval Intelligence, has informed the War Department of a naval salvage of one unidentified airplane off the coast of California, unlike the (unreadable short word), has no bearing on conventional explanation. Further investigation has revealed that the Army Air Corps also recovered a similar object in the San Bernardino Mountains east of Los Angeles which cannot be identified as conventional aircraft. This Headquarters has come to a determination that the mystery airplanes are in fact not earthly and according to secret intelligence sources they are in all probability of interplanetary origin. As a consequence, I have issued orders to Army G2 that a special intelligence unit be created to further investigate the phenomenon and report any significant connection between recent incidents and those collected by the director of the Office of Coordinator of Information.

I have further ordered a thorough investigation of all War Department files regarding unconventional aerial phenomenon reported since 1897 and what exists in public domain on the subject. At present, GHQ has no further information which would invalidate this conclusion. Pending any further notification, investigation into this matter shall be limited to those who have been authorized by you.

—George C. Marshall
Chief of Staff

TOP SECRET

④ Two Years Later

DOUBLE TOP SECRET February 24, 1944
The White House
Washington
February 24, 1944

Memorandum for the Special Committee on Non-Terrestrial Science and Technology

I agree with the OSRD proposal of the recommendation put forward by Dr. Bush and Professor Einstein that a separate program be initiated at the earliest possible time. I also agree that application of non-terrestrial know how in atomic energy must be used in perfecting super weapons of war to affect the complete defeat of Germany and Japan. In view of the cost already incurred in the atomic bomb program, it would, at this time, be dif-

ficult to approve without further support of the Treasury Department and the military. I therefore have decided to forego such an enterprise. From the point of view of the informed members of the United States, our principle object is not to engage in exploratory research of this kind but to win the war as soon as possible.

Various points have been raised about the difficulties such an endeavor would pose to the already hardened research for advanced weapons programs and support groups in our war effort and I agree that now is not the time. It is my personal judgement that, when the war is won, and peace is once again restored, there will come a time when surplus funds may be available to pursue a program devoted to understanding non-terrestrial science and its technology which is still greatly undiscovered. I have had private discussions with Dr. Bush on this subject and the advice of several eminent scientists who believe the United States should take every advantage of such wonders that have come to us. I have heard the arguments of General Marshall and other members of the military that the United States must assume its destiny in this matter for the sake of the Nation's security in the post-war world and I have given assurances that such will be the case.

I appreciate the effort and time spent in producing valuable insights into the proposal to find ways of advancing our technology and national progress and in coming to grips with the reality that our planet is not the only one harboring intelligent life in the universe. I also commend the committee for the organization and planning that is evident in Dr. Bush's proposal and the delicate way in which it was presented. I trust the committee will appreciate the situation on which this office must render its decision.

—Franklin Roosevelt

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⑤ Five Years Later

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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL
Office of Scientific Research
and Development
1530 P Street, NW.
Washington 25, D.C.

July 5, 1947

Dear Mr. President:

In a April 1944 letter, President Roosevelt requested my recommendations on the following points:

(1) What can be done, consistent with military security, and with the prior approval of the military authorities, to make known to the P-9 personnel as soon as possible the contributions which have been made during our war effort to scientific knowledge?

(2) With particular reference to the war

of science against foreign technology, what can be done now to organize a program for continuing in the future the work which has been done?

(3) What can the Government do now and in the future to aid research activities by private organizations?

(4) Can an effective program be proposed for discovering and developing scientific talent in America so that the continuing future of scientific research in this country may be assured on a level comparable to what has been done during the war?

It is clear from President Roosevelt's letter that in speaking of science he had in mind the non-terrestrial sciences, including biology and physics, and I have so interpreted his questions. Progress in other fields, such as material fabrication, is likewise important; but the program for non-terrestrial science in my report warrants immediate attention.

In seeking answers to President Roosevelt's questions I have had the assistance of distinguished committees specially qualified to advise in respect to these subjects. The committees have given these matters the serious attention in light of recent developments; indeed, they have regarded this as an opportunity to participate in shaping the policy with reference to scientific research. They have had many meetings since the events of this summer began to present more challenges and have submitted formal reports. I have been in close touch with the work of the committees and with their members throughout. I have examined all the data they assembled and the suggestions they submitted on the points in President Roosevelt's letter.

Although the report which I submit herewith is my own, the facts, conclusions, and recommendations are based on the findings of the committees which have studied these questions. Since my report is necessarily brief, I am including as appendices the full reports of the committees.

A single mechanism for implementing the recommendations of the several committees is essential. In proposing such a mechanism I have departed somewhat from the specific recommendations of the committees, but I have since been assured that the plan I am proposing is fully acceptable to committee members.

The rewards of such exploration for the Nation and the individual are great. Scientific progress is one essential key to our security as a nation, to our better health, to more jobs, to a higher standard of living, and to our cultural progress.

Respectfully yours,
—Vannevar Bush

Vannevar Bush, Director

The President of the United States
The White House
Washington D.C.

Very sincerely yours,
—O.K. Harry Truman

in the Bermuda Triangle

Will more data about fog prevent mysterious plane disappearances?

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Where the electromagnetic fields crossed over, Pares said, "the fabric of space in front of [Gernon's] craft was compressed, and, in the back, expanded," allowing the plane to cover a great distance in a small amount of time. The plane was undetected by radar because radar waves didn't have time to hit the craft and reflect back.

Gernon was caught in a macro warp, but Pares is working on an experiment to determine the energy it would take to create a micro warp.

"If we could artificially induce this situation, one could travel vast distances on the earth in just a few seconds and still maintain flight levels for separation of commercial traffic," Pares said. "It initiates a means to get out of the solar system and the galaxy. By adjusting what's in front of you and around the craft—manipulating space in a micro area around the craft—we could easily go a thousand times the speed of light." Such a thing would revolutionize space travel.

Pares and Gernon currently are seeking a research grant to fly an unpiloted plane into a mega storm in order to photograph and document everything that goes on in the electronic fog and during possible linear displacement of the aircraft.

UFO Sightings

Could space warps explain the behavior of many of the UFOs reported in the Bermuda Triangle over the years? Gernon has had some 20 sightings. During a flight in

Inducing a micro space warp could revolutionize space travel, Pares says.

January 1971, he noticed an orange light to the southeast that suddenly grew larger, moving toward Gernon's plane at an incredible speed. It appeared disk-shaped. "Within 10 seconds it was right in front of us, and it was enormous," Gernon writes in his book. "The disk appeared to me more than 100 yards wide and 30 yards thick. It was bright amber and filled the entire windshield as it continued toward us. It looked metallic, about three times the size of a Boeing 747, and I thought we were going to be demolished." He veered to the left to avoid impact, then turned around expecting to see the UFO moving away—but it was gone, "as if it had instantly vanished," he said.

Although the object seemed metallic, Gernon wonders if electromagnetic fields might be creating the balls of light that we identify as UFOs. On the other hand, might the electromagnetic fields be a conduit that could be used for interdimensional travel? ■

Gernon and Pares have an upcoming program on the Learning Channel. Pares, a Nebraska state investigator, may be reached at www.pares-wx-research.info.

May CMS rankings

CONGRATULATIONS to William J. Konkolesky (Michigan), Eddie Middleton (Tennessee), Steve Winans (Kansas), Elaine Douglass (Utah), David MacDonald (Kentucky), Marie C. Malzahn (Idaho and Montana), Jim King (Iowa), and Lorna Hunter (South Dakota) for being at 100 percent in April's Case Management System (CMS) rankings! The top 10 state directors are highlighted on the chart at right.

For answers to questions or help with investigations please contact MUFON International's Director of Investigations, Chuck Reever. He may be reached by telephone at 530.414.4341 or 530.582.8339, or by e-mail at wizard@telis.org. ■

understanding the chart

The CMS Report is based on two measures of UFO Investigation effectiveness—(1) assigning reports within 72 hours of receipt and (2) completing all investigations within 90 days of being assigned.

To be considered complete, a report must have been investigated and placed by the state director in one of the three completed status codes (Unknown, Hoax or IFO).

- **Assigned** 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.
- **Completed** is the number of cases completed beginning 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.
- **Weighted Rank** is the average of the two columns expressed as a percentage.

| Rank | State | Director | Weighted Rank (50/50) | Assigned | Completed |
|------|----------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------|-----------|
| 1 | Michigan | William J. Konkolesky | 100 percent | 85/85 | 142/142 |
| 2 | Tennessee | Eddie Middleton | 100 percent | 61/61 | 63/63 |
| 3 | Kansas | Steve Winans | 100 percent | 19/19 | 31/31 |
| 4 | Utah | Elaine Douglass | 100 percent | 9/9 | 6/6 |
| 5 | Kentucky | David MacDonald | 100 percent | 24/24 | 29/29 |
| 6 | Idaho | Marie C. Malzahn | 100 percent | 16/16 | 21/21 |
| 7 | Iowa | Jim King | 100 percent | 17/17 | 27/27 |
| 8 | Montana | Marie C. Malzahn | 100 percent | 11/11 | 11/11 |
| 9 | South Dakota | Lorna Hunter | 100 percent | 5/5 | 5/5 |
| 10 | Indiana | Jerry L. Sievers | 99 percent | 59/60 | 77/77 |
| 11 | Florida | Bland Pugh | 99 percent | 170/171 | 191/191 |
| 12 | California | Ruben J. Uriarte | 99 percent | 108/109 | 153/153 |
| 13 | Ohio | William Jones | 99 percent | 65/65 | 101/102 |
| 14 | Arizona | Christine Dickey | 99 percent | 94/95 | 124/124 |
| 15 | New Mexico | Donald R. Bureson | 98 percent | 43/44 | 46/46 |
| 16 | Minnesota | Lorna Hunter | 98 percent | 24/24 | 34/35 |
| 17 | Missouri | Debbie A. Ziegelmeyer | 98 percent | 42/43 | 64/64 |
| 18 | New Jersey | George A. Filer III | 98 percent | 43/44 | 78/78 |
| 19 | Pennsylvania | John Ventre | 98 percent | 134/135 | 193/197 |
| 20 | South Carolina | Cheryl Ann Gilmore | 98 percent | 24/25 | 29/29 |
| 21 | West Virginia | John Ventre | 97 percent | 9/9 | 20/21 |
| 22 | Texas | Kenneth E. Cherry | 96 percent | 197/199 | 216/230 |
| 23 | Georgia | Ralph O. Howard | 92 percent | 53/60 | 54/56 |
| 24 | California | Georgeanne Cifarelli | 92 percent | 163/164 | 157/185 |
| 25 | Washington | James E. Clarkson | 92 percent | 33/39 | 73/73 |
| 26 | Oklahoma | Marilyn K. Carlson | 90 percent | 21/26 | 39/39 |
| 27 | Maryland | Ron Fink | 90 percent | 23/25 | 44/50 |
| 28 | Oregon | Thomas Bowden | 89 percent | 36/42 | 62/67 |
| 29 | Colorado | Leslie H. Varnicle | 81 percent | 66/66 | 67/106 |
| 30 | New Hampshire | Steve Firmani | 79 percent | 14/20 | 17/19 |
| 31 | Louisiana | Karen Bravata | 76 percent | 22/29 | 24/31 |
| 32 | Alaska | Brent Mitchel | 76 percent | 8/13 | 11/12 |
| 33 | Nebraska | John C. Kasher | 71 percent | 8/14 | 18/21 |
| 34 | Alabama | Roy E. Patterson Jr. | 68 percent | 5/12 | 22/23 |
| 35 | Massachusetts | Steve Firmani | 65 percent | 18/30 | 40/56 |
| 36 | Wyoming | Richard Beckwith | 61 percent | 7/7 | 2/9 |
| 37 | Mississippi | Norman D. Walker | 61 percent | 4/13 | 13/14 |
| 38 | Illinois | Samuel Maranto | 59 percent | 42/62 | 43/83 |
| 39 | Vermont | Steve Firmani | 49 percent | 3/10 | 11/16 |
| 40 | New York | James G. Bouck Jr. | 48 percent | 51/90 | 61/154 |
| 41 | Rhode Island | Steve Firmani | 44 percent | 2/9 | 10/15 |
| 42 | Connecticut | Steve Firmani | 43 percent | 7/21 | 18/33 |
| 43 | Maine | Steve Firmani | 41 percent | 10/25 | 12/28 |
| 44 | Arkansas | Norman D. Walker | 36 percent | 8/29 | 13/29 |
| 45 | North Dakota | Kurt Pflieger | 20 percent | 0/2 | 2/5 |
| 46 | Virginia | Susan L. Swiatek | 14 percent | 1/35 | 11/43 |
| 47 | Wisconsin | Nathan Tomisich | 14 percent | 6/40 | 7/50 |
| 49 | Nevada | Mark Easter | 1 percent | 1/50 | 0/54 |
| 49 | Delaware | Carl W. Feindt | 0 percent | 0/4 | 0/4 |

the night sky in July

By Gavin A. J. McLeod

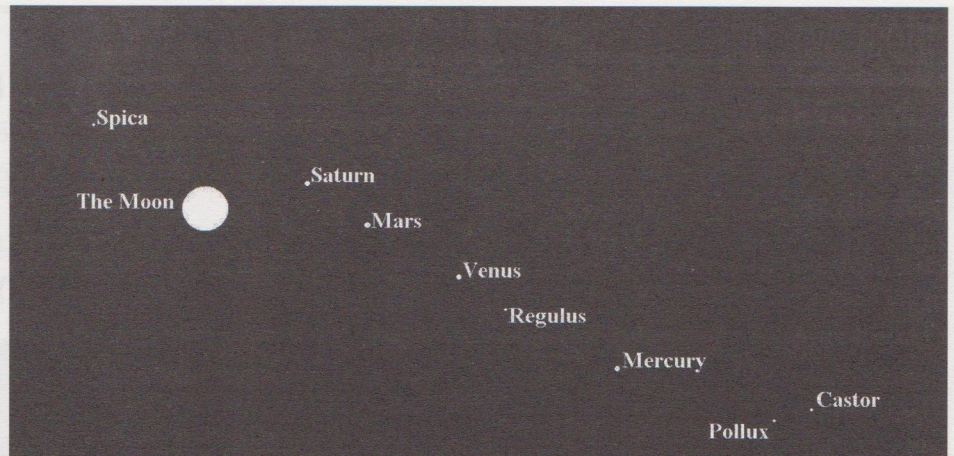
Bright Planets (evening sky)

Mercury (magnitude -1.9 to -0.2): From Gemini through Cancer into Leo. For northern hemisphere observers Mercury will begin the month lost in the glare of the sun, will slowly rise out of the sun's glare, and by month's end will stand low over the western horizon at sunset and set about 1 hour later.

For southern hemisphere observers Mercury will begin the month lost in the glare of the Sun; by month's end Mercury will stand above the northwest horizon at sunset and will set about 2.5 hours later.

Venus (magnitude -4.1 to -4.2): In Leo. For northern hemisphere observers Venus will begin the month high above the western horizon at sunset and will set below the west-northwest horizon about 2.5 hours later.

For southern hemisphere observers Venus will begin the month



Observers who look toward the west just after sunset on July 15 will see the Moon, Venus, Mars, and Saturn together in the evening sky.

above the north-northwest horizon at sunset and will set below the west-northwest horizon about 3.5 hours later.

Mars (magnitude 1.3 to 1.4): From Leo into Virgo. For northern hemisphere observers Mars will begin the month standing high above the west-southwest horizon at sunset and set below the western horizon about 3.5 hours later.

For southern hemisphere observers Mars will begin the month standing high above the northern horizon at sunset and will set below the western horizon about 5.5 hours later.

Saturn (magnitude 1.1): In Virgo. For northern hemisphere observers Saturn will begin the month standing very high above the southwest horizon at sunset and will set below the western horizon about 4 hours later.

For southern hemisphere observers Saturn will begin the month standing high above the north-northeast horizon at sunset and will set below the western horizon about 7 hours later.

Bright Planets (morning sky)

Jupiter (magnitude -2.5 to -2.6): In Pisces. For northern

hemisphere observers Jupiter will begin the month rising above the eastern horizon about 4 hours after sunset and will stand very high above the east-southeast horizon at sunrise.

For southern hemisphere observers Jupiter will begin the month rising above the eastern horizon about 8 hours before sunrise.

Other Celestial Phenomena

Planetary grouping of the Moon, Saturn, Mars, Venus, and Mercury will be visible together in the sky on July 15. ■

moon phases

last quarter: July 4
new moon: July 11
first quarter: July 18
full moon: July 26

conjunctions & occultations

July 4: Jupiter 7 degrees south of the Moon
July 13: Mercury 4 degrees north of the Moon
July 15: Venus 6 degrees north of the Moon
July 16: Mars 6 degrees north of the Moon
July 16: Saturn 8 degrees north of the Moon
July 21: Antares 1.8 degrees south of the Moon

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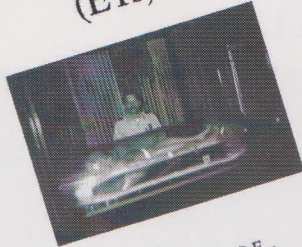
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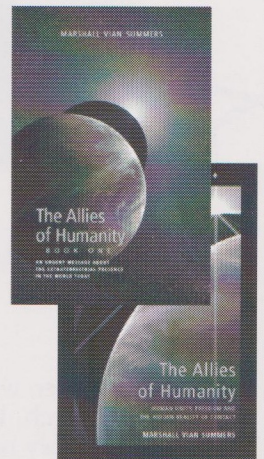
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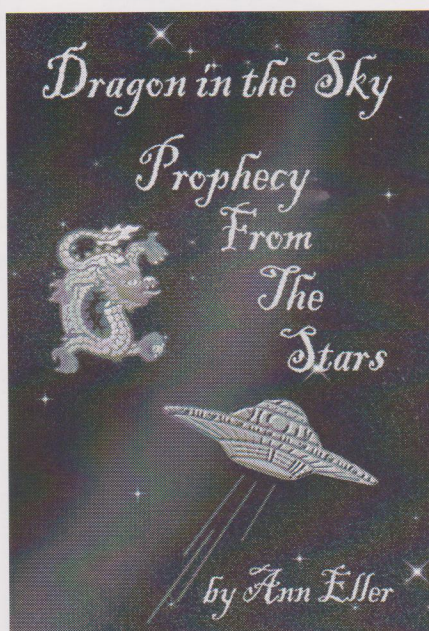
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