

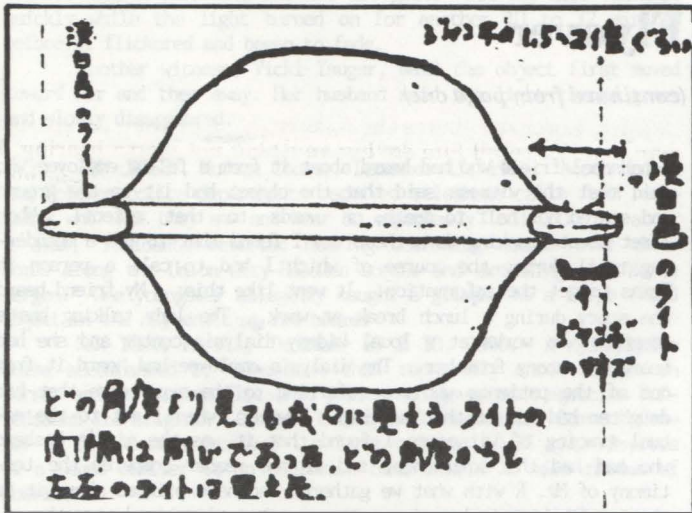
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"Walnut-shaped object described by pilot of Japan Airlines flight #1628 on Nov. 17, 1986. See column two for details.

CANYON YIELDS INFO ON TUCSON FLYOVER

by Coral E. Lorenzen

Further investigation of the October 7 1985 multiple-object flyover of the Tucson area has yielded further interesting information which tends to deepen the mystery.

The information also tends to demonstrate the great probability of error and/or misrepresentation of facts when information is passed through too many pairs of ears and mouths, thus justifying any amount of effort to contact each witness personally.

CANYON LIT UP

At between midnight and 12:30 a.m. on the 7th, Mr. Hector R. (anonymity requested) got out of bed to tend to his small daughter who was having difficulty sleeping. After quieting the child, he went into the living room and sat down, waiting until she was fast asleep again. At that time he spotted what he thought was the moon to the northwest through the living room window. After a second or two of viewing it, he realized it was too far north to be the moon, and also that it was below the rim of Agua Caliente Canyon. He told APRO's investigator that he became aware that the whole canyon, including the floor was brightly lit.

INITIAL INFORMATION

APRO's first hint of the Redington Gap sighting was through

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Japan Airlines pilot Kenju Terauchi was on a routine cargo flight from Iceland to Anchorage, Alaska when he and his two crewmen saw the lights of three mysterious craft following his jet. One of the walnut-shaped objects appeared enormous, dwarfing his Boeing 747, while the other two were smaller.

The objects, each of which appeared to have two panels of lights, darted quickly and occasionally stopped suddenly—once appearing in front of the cockpit. They instantly disappeared and reappeared, according to the 47-year-old pilot.

BIGGER THAN CARRIER

Terauchi said he briefly glimpsed the largest object in silhouette eight miles away. "It was a very big one—two times bigger than an aircraft carrier," he said. He tried to shake the objects with evasive maneuvers, but said they followed his plane for 400 miles.

The Federal Aviation Administration and Air Force said a large object appeared on air traffic controllers' radar screens. FAA flight control reports indicate the object stayed with Flight 1628 for at least 32 minutes. The flight controller directing the Japanese plane reported the object on his radar as close as five miles to the jet.

NEW EXPLANATIONS

When the recorded radar transmission was replayed later, however, there was no image except for the JAL cargo plane. Anchorage FAA spokesman Paul Steuche said it was possible the signal from the UFO was strong enough to be picked up at the time, but not strong enough to register on the radar recording system.

Subsequent FAA examination of the tapes showed what appeared to be a second object near JAL Flight 1628, but investigators now think it may be a double image from the 747. Although the FAA is satisfied with the double-image explanation, the inquiry is continuing with interviews of the crew and a review of the data.

FAA investigators who questioned the crew in Anchorage concluded they were "normal, professional, rational and had no drug or alcohol involvement." Crew cockpit experience totals more than 46 years.

Capt. Terauchi reported sighting unusual lights again on the morning of January 11, 1987, while on a flight from London to a refueling stop in Anchorage. "After landing at Anchorage I checked the map," he said, "and concluded it was a light of a town or village" reflected off ice crystals. The first one "was a real UFO", Terauchi added, noting that crew members also saw it.

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Flyover

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a personal friend who had heard about it from a fellow employee who said that the witness said that the object had lit up the ground and scared her half to death, or words to that effect. When I set about tracking down the story I found that it led a meandering trail during the course of which I had to call a person in Texas to get the information. It went like this: My friend heard the story during a lunch break at work. The lady talking has a daughter who works at a local kidney dialysis center and she had heard the story from her. The dialysis employee had heard it from one of the patients who was referring to the experience that her daughter had had on that morning. However, when I got to the actual tracing of witnesses I found that it was the girl's husband who had had the experience, and if the reader compares the testimony of Mr. R with what we gathered and have printed above, it is abundantly obvious that the story was enhanced a bit during the retelling.

In summation, the October 7 sighting involved between four and seven lighted objects passing over Tucson, Arizona every five minutes between midnight and 1:30 a.m. Tucson is ringed by mountains: The Santa Catalinas on the north, the Rincons on the east, the Tucsons on the west and the Santa Marias on the south. The objects were first picked up on radar at Tucson International Airport: Air 1, the police helicopter, was alerted and the crew saw the lights but could not pursue because the speed of the objects was too great for their craft. Other objects were seen by a witness in Avra Valley which seemed to be a rallying point for the objects which were entering the Tucson area. The aircraft technician in an aircraft on the tarmac said he saw a large object to the southwest after he monitored the radio calls and he also claimed he saw flashes from the vicinity of the Tucson mountains. These flashes were also seen by the crew of Air 1.

"CONTROL" OBJECTS?

After examining all of the details at hand it appears that "things" were rallying in the Avra Valley, crossing the Tucson area via Gates Pass and Picture Rocks Pass and exiting via Redington Pass. It would seem, then, that all of the objects were tied together. If so, then we can go on to speculate further: On at least two occasions, according to the Control Tower Operator, a group of the objects deviated from the SW-NE path established by the rest and veered off toward Mt. Lemmon, a peak in the Catalinas which are directly north of Tucson. When this happened, a flash in the west was seen and the errant group of lights would retrace their path and resume passage into the northwest.

Were the large object southwest of the airport and the object hovering in Agua Caliente canyon some kind of supervisory craft in contact with the objects overflying Tucson and correcting them when they made an error in navigation? Or were they searching for something and the large craft were sending them flight directions? We may never know but will continue to be on the

lookout for further information. As promised before, additional details will be published if and when they are available.

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Follow-Up — “Sucking Saucers”

The Vol. 32, No. 10 issue of The APRO BULLETIN reported on the October 18, 1984 incident on a farm near Grand Coulee, Washington, where a large plug of earth was inexplicably "sucked up". The chunk of earth which was missing from the hole was found seventy-three feet away.

Bill Utterback was the first geologist on the scene, shortly after hearing about the keyhole-shaped piece of earth. His investigation left no doubt that the turf came from the hole—a hole that hadn't been there a month earlier—but no one had any idea what had moved it.

NEW THEORIES ABOUND

Since that time, several theories have been brought forth in an attempt to explain what came to be known as the "earth cookie".

Underground methane eruptions looked like a possibility for a while, until it was discovered that the gas is rare in the area. Lightning was considered, and even a freak tornado. An exploding meteor might have created an enormous updraft over the spot, but there were no signs of violent activity.

EARTHQUAKE

Some scientists have attempted to link the event to a nearby earthquake that occurred nine days before the chunk was found. But geophysicist Stephen Malone of the University of Washington says, "I just can't see any way that could happen. The ground motion could not have been strong enough from a magnitude-three earthquake. Waves dissipate quickly and this one was too far away, and there wasn't enough energy to begin with."

There are a growing number of other theories, from clandestine Defense Department operations to tiny "black holes" colliding with the planet, but none yet that can fully explain the phenomenon.

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ARE ALIENS EARTHLING LOOK-ALIKES?

Dr. Cyril Ponnampuruma, director of the University of Maryland's Laboratory of Chemical Evolution, has reported the first scientific evidence that life may be fundamentally similar throughout the universe. He and his associates previously established that the key components of all biological molecules—amino acids and bases that make up the genetic materials DNA and RNA—could have formed spontaneously in the earth's primordial atmosphere.

The Maryland group now has evidence that the so-called genetic code, which determines the chemical composition and appearance of all living things, did not appear by chance. They used a sophisticated series of experiments to establish that the coding

process is not arbitrary. Rather, there seems to be an intrinsic, mandatory relationship between each codon and amino acid.

Ponnampuruma thus argues for the existence of a basic chemical similarity in living things throughout the universe. Chemical similarity, he believes, means physical similarity that would make extraterrestrial beings remarkably like human beings.

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WHAT GOES UP—

—Must come down." At least it should, according to the well-known old saw just quoted. Ever since we began taking note of various things and substances which were observed coming down out of the sky or at least showing up on the ground without any clue as to how and why, we've puzzled about them.

Now, it seems, Lady Luck or Somebody has finally furnished a bit of light on the subject:

While doing some "fun" reading before retiring one evening recently, I came upon an article titled "Corn Circles Again", in the Fortean magazine, Autumn 1986 issue, which is published in England. According to the editors, on the 5th of July 1986, a 68-foot diameter circle appeared in a corn field in the "Devil's Punchbowl" near Winchester in Hampshire. Another smaller circle of 48 feet appeared the next day.

DOUBLE RINGS

Quite remarkable about these landmarks is the fact that they are double rings, with the largest one in the middle consisting of "a disc of wheat all swirled in a clockwise direction", while the outer ring is swirled in a counter-clockwise direction. The crop involved in the July incident is wheat, but it is pointed out that in the past, corn fields have often been disturbed in the same fashion.

That in itself is interesting, but the article rang the proverbial bell and I faintly remembered that someone had sent me a clipping concerning corn falling from the sky. The bell clanged again and I went to my desk and dug out a recent letter from niece Gloria. I pulled out the letter and lo and behold I was holding the clipping — just a small one from the Sept. 21 1986 Milwaukee Journal, one of the two newspapers published in that city. The article contained the information that during the week before, residents had picked up kernels of corn which had fallen from the sky.

“FREQUENT OCCURENCE”

One Gary Bryan told the reporter that "I'd probably have a ton of it if I picked it all up". He said he has witnessed this grain-fall phenomenon on numerous occasions since he moved to Evans four years ago.

After investigation, which indicated that no children were conducting target practice with peashooters or slingshots, there were no farm fields near the area, and it's a good five miles to the nearest grain elevator, etc., Police Chief Richard Evans called it a "pretty confusing case."

One other bit of information contained in the clipping noted that there was occasionally a few pinto beans falling out of the sky as well.

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**Send OLD and NEW Zip Codes
with Address Changes**

Up—

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Here's a good project for any of you ambitious Colorado members: Do a little checking with the folks in Evans, including Bryan and Chief Evans, and get a sample of that corn. It might be interesting to compare the kernels with the kind being grown in Hampshire and Wiltshire, England.

And, oh yes, thank you, Gloria - you're as thoughtful as you are kind and pretty.

—Coral E. Lorenzen

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NASA SCIENTIST TRACKS PILOT REPORTS

In the past 20 years, more than 3,000 sightings of UFOs have been reported by pilots, according to Richard Haines, a NASA scientist who keeps track of such reports in his spare time. He said the sightings are reported by military, civilian and commercial pilots who fly both national and international routes.

Haines said many of the reports fall into two main categories. One category involves UFOs that suddenly appear within view of the cockpit and then disappear very rapidly. Many other reports involve UFOs that trail aircraft for periods ranging from a minute to more than two hours.

Haines' interest in UFOs results from his more than two decades spent working in NASA's man-in-space program. In the early 1960s, as he began studying visual optics in space, he encountered many reports from pilots who claimed to have seen UFOs.

"I thought I could explain all these strange phenomena as nothing more than strange lighting," said Haines. "But I had to look at the data as an open-minded scientist and pretty soon realized that we are facing something totally different."

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THE LEAKY EMBARGO THEORY

James Deardorff, 58, a recently retired professor emeritus of atmospheric sciences at Oregon State University, believes the "more liberal" interpretation of extraterrestrial possibilities is not as far-fetched as many think. He is outlining his theories, including his "leaky embargo" idea, for an upcoming book.

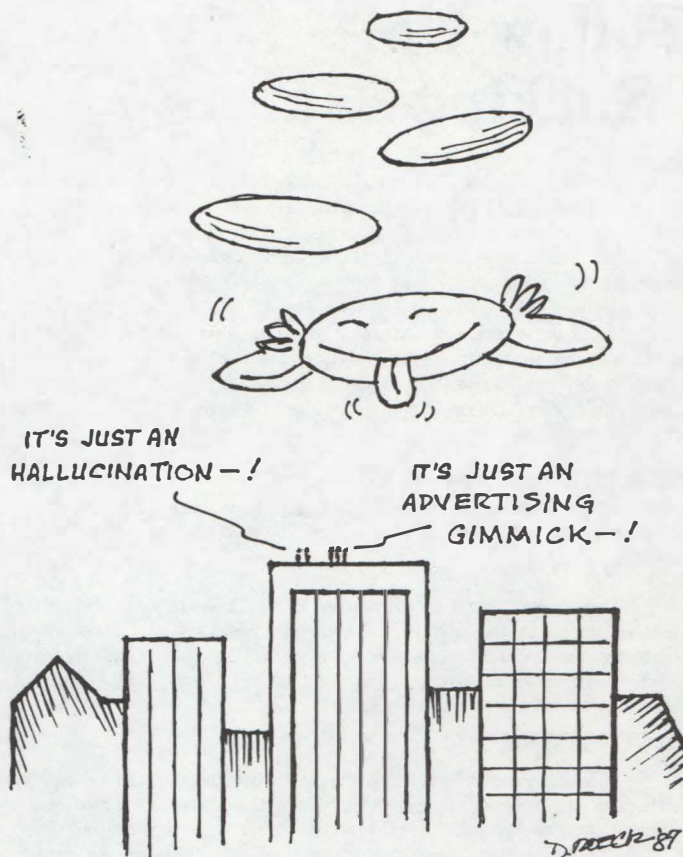
The "leaky embargo" theory suggests that aliens have already traveled to our solar system and have a self-imposed embargo on most Earth contacts, rather than risk cultural, political and economic chaos by making a grandiose announcement. But they do want to make themselves known eventually, so choose a limited form of contact to break the news gradually.

"This concept could explain numerous UFO sightings that are still continuing, and the rather bizarre stories accompanying them," Deardorff said. "Over the decades or hundreds of years, such stories may have an impact on our society's views, paving the way for more open contacts later on."

Scientists have widely agreed that it is highly unlikely that mankind is unique in the universe. Earth may only be special, Deardorff said, because it has a comparatively young, newly-emerging society "that might attract a good deal of extraterrestrial attention because it is a rarity in that sense."

The existence of thousands of other cultures, with capabilities far beyond ours, is not the hard part, Deardorff suggests. The real question is, if they are here, why haven't they said hello?

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PRESS REPORTS

by Dorie and Joe Graziano

PENNSYLVANIA, New Stanton, August 31, 1986. Over 20 people in a 10-mile area between New Stanton and Connellsville reported seeing a 50-foot-long metallic object with multiple yellow-green lights. Many saw it move low over their cars as they drove along Route 119. An FAA traffic controller with 16 years experience saw it and said it wasn't any type of conventional aircraft.

Motorists in the New Stanton Area first believed the low-flying object was an aircraft in trouble and, as they came around a bend, found a hillside on fire. Several people stopped their cars and climbed the embankment where all they found were two rings of fire.

MISSOURI, Sikeston, October 8, 1986. Jonathan Walker, Gayle Rettig and Frank Rutledge were in Rettig's garage working on an all-terrain three-wheeler when Rettig's dog started barking around 9 p.m. Thinking a friend had arrived, the three stepped outside and saw a large "hotdog"-shaped object in the sky.

The object had four red lights, two at each end, with an aqua blue light on top toward the center. It was "a lot bigger than an airplane" and glided silently, low to the horizon, about three miles distant. The boys said they could not see stars behind the object, but could later see and hear planes farther off. The object faded after about 2 minutes.

CALIFORNIA, Saratoga, October 21, 1986. About 15 people called Santa Clara County dispatchers to report a mysterious bright red light that hovered in the sky from 8:15 to 8:30 p.m. and then disappeared. Dozens of callers described a similar phenomenon on October 5 at the same time and place.

Maureen Denton said the light was much brighter than the lights seen on airplanes and, at one point, something burning or flickering dropped from it. This description prompted a self-described expert on the trick to claim that it was "the old lighted candles in a plastic bag routine." The "expert" requested that his identity not be revealed.

Denton said the light hovered in one place for quite a while and a hood-like dome appeared briefly above the light. It was rounded like a parachute and did not glow. But the hood vanished quickly while the light burned on for another 10 to 12 minutes before it flickered and began to fade.

Another witness, Vicki Yauger, said the object first moved toward her and then away. Her husband said the light turned green and slowly disappeared.

NEW JERSEY, Hudson County, December 15, 1986. North Hudson and Hoboken police departments received telephone calls from residents who said they saw and hear an especially loud UFO. At about 1 a.m., residents reported hearing deafening sounds over their homes along the Union City-Hoboken border and extending into North Bergen. One youngster allegedly caught a glimpse of a large round object in the sky emitting red beams.

NEW YORK, Morris, December 29 & 30, 1986. A mysterious noise accompanied by vibrations that reportedly shook houses in Morris and Burlington Flats had police and government agencies baffled about its origins. Otsego County's Communication Control Center in Cooperstown received its first call at 10:37 a.m. Reports of a sound similar to an explosion came from a 20 mile radius of Morris.

More than 30 telephone calls were received by Port Jervis police after a boom shook much of western Orange County at 7:45 p.m. the following day.

Sgt. Edward Hallett, a public relations specialist at Griffiss Air Force Base in Utica, initially said, "It sounds interesting, but we didn't have any aircraft flying at that time in that area." But media relations director Carl R. Sahre later said that the National Guard based in Atlantic City, N. J., was conducting routine training missions and the F-106 jets broke the sound barrier during those missions. The magnitude of the sonic boom was intensified by local air turbulence near the ground, Sahre explained.

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EM UFO INCIDENT OFF CHILE IN 1969

by Bill Chalker, APRO Representative
(Cyril, 1985, Bill Chalker)

(conclusion)

SMALL OBJECTS MANEUVER

At about 2000 yards out from the destroyer, the smaller objects left the proximity of the large object. Three went portside and 2 went starboard. The smaller objects at times seemed to be flying in sort of "elliptical circles backwards and forwards between the big one and our vessel..."

"The main thing did not change direction - if it had been in the sea, there would have been a collision..."

HUMMING NOISE

When the large object was 300 yards away, a humming noise began. It was at this point that the power went out. The radar operator verified the power loss. There were no instruments for a couple of seconds. They were "all dead" as the huge craft passed overhead.

It was also at this point that the Commander came onto the bridge. His first response was to say, "What the hell is that?" (at least after a fashion, in Spanish). My informant remarked that the Commander was "very calm, because probably he knew what he saw. We didn't."

You could see the whole thing, the light was so strong. You could see the water, the funnel head, the head of the ship, the towers, everything....Everybody on the bridge was sort of listening to (the) noise. I don't know how long this thing took to go across."

OBJECTS LEAVE

The light underneath the main UFO was predominantly red. They were "beetroot (crimson) lights" which seemed to be moving back and forth inside the "box". There was a half circle crescent or scoop shape underneath. It looked like "corn cobs" on the side. There were green or turquoise lights on the side that seemed to be pulsing. These lights "went right through your head."

The large object passed over the powerless ship. At 200 yards out, everything came back to normal. The smaller objects did not come closer than about 500 to 1000 yards. They went around the ship and joined up with the larger object on the other side.

The main object continued on its way until it was about 2 miles beyond the ship. At that point it, and we assume the smaller objects, vanished. It was "like somebody opened a big door, then it closed and it was darkness."

The only thing that was left behind was what appeared to be floating little bits of metallic paper."

At least 8 minutes had passed. Three people confirmed the radar plotting of the UFOs. Five people saw the visual phase.

COVER-UP COMMENCES

The ship's Commander told everyone not to comment on what they had seen. The event had taken place between midnight and one in the morning.

It appears that a "coverup" began quickly. My informant was made aware that the officer in charge (the 2nd class officer) had made several entries in the ship's log about the UFO incident. The entries at midnight and on either side of the UFO incident entries

were routine. Duty proceeded normally for the rest of the morning. When the officer rechecked the log upon awakening after retiring from his shift, my informant was made aware that the officer found only normal entries in what appeared to be his own handwriting. No mention of the UFO incident was evident.

Again, according to my informant, he was further advised that the officer was able to determine that a deliberate deception had been undertaken. Allegedly the officer had been left-handed, but an accident forced him to use his right hand. Writing was a problem for which he apparently had to press very hard. Allegedly, the officer found that "his" handwriting, which due to his pressing, should have shown up on the next page, did not. In other words, my informant was advised that while the handwriting in the log looked like that of the officer in charge of the night duty, the log apparently did not bear the physical signs that would have been there if it really had been the officer's writing, namely impressions on the page underneath.

FOUR AMERICANS INVOLVED

By 6:45 a. m. that same morning, the destroyer had arrived in Valparaiso Port. After their breakfasts, the men on duty during the UFO event were asked to report to the Commander. The Commander spoke to the witnesses and said that some people would come to talk to them and that they were to go with them.

The visitors turned out to be a couple of Chilean Navy officers and 4 Americans in civilian clothes. They spoke Spanish and ostensibly belonged to the U. S. Naval Attache.

The witnesses were taken to a mine or torpedo store at the Valparaiso port. Each were taken to separate rooms and my informant explained what happened to him.

BRAINWASHING BEGUN

He was asked, "Explain what happened last night." They said, "No, you didn't see that!" "I said that's what we saw." They started getting very cranky. A questioner contradicted my words.

He said, "No, you didn't see it. Go walk around here, smoke if you like, but remember, you didn't see anything. You know nothing."

The witness told the highest ranking officer there - a Tactical Commander in the Chilean Navy - "Are we under arrest or what?" He said, "No, you are not."

"Why are we here then?" my informant asked. "You are under orders", his questioner said. "These people, they just want to talk to you, to put you on the right track."

"While the men never asked us to go through the story in detail," the witness said, "they knew what had happened by the questions they asked. They also had the radar plot blueprint."

According to my informant, the group were not

talking to him to try to find out what happened, but rather they were telling him it never happened, to forget about it. This went on for 2 days. "Every 2 hours, the guy would come up." "What do you think now?" He was more than "cranky" with this bloke. "We couldn't come out...we had arguments", he said. "They didn't have any right to do what they were doing."

WITNESS THREATENED

My informant told them he would complain when he got out. He was told that if he did that, it would be the end of him. He never saw the other witnesses at all during the 2 days. He was not allowed to sleep until he signed a document they put in front of him. After he signed it, he was taken by jeep to another location. One week later he was transferred unexpectedly from destroyer duty. He never saw the others again.

That is my informant's story.

DISCUSSION

The witness was very convincing in his retelling. He seemed to not be telling a story. Rather, he was passionately relating some thing that had happened to him.

Now, the time spent in confinement - that part of the story was like *deja vu* to me. I'd heard it all before! Where?

In fact, the account of confinement was a carbon copy of the storyline in the NBC telemovie starring Glenn Ford, namely: "The Disappearance of Flight 412." The UFO report was different, but the confinement was the same. The film was presented as fiction, but it appears that the story was based on the real life experience of one of the script writers, namely Neal B. Burger. Burger claims to have had his "experience" in 1951. My informant claims to have not seen the telemovie.

The recent book "Clear Intent" tells of a similar experience involving a U.S. Naval man, "Ed Simms" in 1973, in Panama.

We appear to have the same psychological conditioning/attempts at "brainwashing" (?) during confinement after UFO experiences occurring steadily over many years. E.g., 1951 (Burger), 1969 (Chile), and 1973 (Panama). I wonder if it's still going on and why? My informant came away from his experience thinking, "by then, with all this fuss, I thought we must have seen a top secret plane or something."

These experiences certainly give the impression of "clear intent" to suppress some UFO experiences. Why? If someone knows, let's hear about it! Also, if anyone has further information about this case, the author would be most grateful to hear about it. I can be contacted via P.O. Box 6, Lane Cove, N.S.W. 2066, Australia.

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