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## AIRLINE CREW SPOTS UFO

### Aerial Phenomenon over Russia

by DAVE KENNEY  
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On the 22nd of September the Soviet News Agency Tass announced that a strange light was seen over Petrozavodsk at 4 a.m. on Tuesday, September 20th. "A huge star suddenly flashed out of a dark sky, sending shafts of light impulses to earth. This star was moving slowly towards Petrozavodsk and spreading over it like a jellyfish. It stopped and hovered over the city, sending out numerous thin light rays like a downpour of rain", Tass said.

The announcement, which was carried on United Press International, stated that some time later the "jellyfish" turned into a bright red semicircle and resumed its movement toward Onego Lake. The whole display lasted between 10 and 12 minutes.

At approximately the same time a bright ball of fire was visible for four minutes over Helsinki, the capital of Finland. Speculation was that it could have been a Soviet rocket stage burning up on re-entry or exploding.

However, Yuri Gromov, director of the Petrozavodsk meteorological observatory said there were no technical experiments under way at the time and no unusual weather.

"The meteorological workers of Karelia have never before registered similar phenomena", Gromov said. "What caused this remains an enigma."

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Continental Airlines Flight 954, Los Angeles to Miami, had departed El Paso, Texas at 0500 MDT (Mountain Daylight Time) on the morning of September 22, 1977. At the controls of the DC-10 was Captain George Didlake of Rancho Palos Verdes, California, a veteran of 21 years with Continental. At 0525 MDT the plane was at 20,000 feet, climbing to the assigned altitude of 33,000 feet. Captain Didlake turned to speak to his co-pilot, First Officer Jack Forsythe, and at that moment saw an object move into view in the right rear window of the cockpit, rapidly overtaking the DC-10.

No distinct shape was discernible in the dark, moonless sky but it appeared to be elongated with a row of brightly illuminated "windows" running front to rear. The object was below the DC-10 at an estimated altitude of 12 to 14 thousand feet, a mile or more to the right, and on the same easterly heading of 95 degrees. At first Captain Didlake thought it was another airliner but quickly realized that its excessive speed ruled this out. He immediately pointed it out to the co-pilot and they both watched it as it passed the DC-10, still on the same heading, and accelerated to a speed that Captain Didlake said was almost beyond comprehension. He compared it to a "time warp" or a motion picture film which has had frames removed so that acceleration appears almost instantaneous.

Captain Didlake had also alerted Second Officer Russ Goodenough who left his flight engineer's station behind the cockpit to observe the object through the airliner's windshield. By this time, however, the object had disappeared into a cloud layer about 15 miles ahead of them, still on the same heading and altitude. It then re-appeared above the cloud layer, climbing at a 45 degree angle on a north-east heading. All three crew members witnessed this phase of the sighting. The object was then high enough to be illuminated by sunlight, although the sun was still below the horizon. The object then resumed its original heading of approximately due east, rapidly diminishing but still climbing, until it disappeared, apparently above the earth's atmosphere.

Captain Didlake received the strong impression that the object was intelligently controlled.

"I don't think it was interested in us," he said, "but where it was going was deliberate and pre-planned."

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## Guest Editorial

The following editorial appeared in the April-May 1977 issue of "UFO Encounter," the journal of *UFO Research*, Brisbane, Australia. We felt the *Bulletin* readers would find Editor Neil Huth's remarks of interest.

There are a number of informed individuals in UFO research who are aware of, and are somewhat concerned by the popular "irrationalist" trend which is quickly gaining momentum throughout this country and the rest of the world. This new 'faith' encompassing the alternativist ideologies, psuedo-scientific hypotheses e.g. hollow

earthism, Von Danikenism and more 'isms' that are abounding by the proverbial sackful, quasi-religious UFO cults and related exponents of occult 'truths'.

There are, unfortunately too many people who should know better, who bury their heads in the sand. They believe that movements such as these are simply the inevitable products manufactured by the demands of the psycho-maladjusted, the gullible and idealistic rebellious youth of our age, or the disillusioned who are seeking alternative social behaviourism etc. In other words, take no notice and it won't harm you and will surely go away.

Some of you may be wondering why this particular socio-cultural anomaly is the football that I choose to kick around so often.

The answer is that I believe these social forces to be a threat to the serious research that is required if anything of a valid nature is to be discerned from the accumulated data relating to UFO activity. Obscurism is being engendered by certain individuals who have no vested interest in the 'truth' behind the matter. This I think should be obvious even to the blind by taking one look at the newspaper stands where paper backs published by numerous unknown authors, each professing to be self made experts on the Bermuda Triangle, Hollow Earth, Men in Black, altruistic messages from the Masters on Venus, Atlantis etc, ad nauseum, vie for shelf space with pornographic literature. It seems UFOs are being prostituted too.

Yes, there is a grave danger that the 'truth' about the UFOs and whatever ultimate purpose their operators might have, will be effectively obscured from the general public who are being used both deliberately and accidentally, by certain individuals or 'groups' to accomplish such a deception.

I can prove that the deception is very affective by the ignominious fact that even certain UFO research organizations are being duped into being converted to the new 'faith'. Many of these groups publish literature that would do great honour to the John Keels, Vallees, Le Poer Trenchs and Hyneks who are on the great fantasmagorical bandwagon of audacious postulants in the realm of UFOs. It appears that individuals who were once regarded as staunch and soberminded exponents of the extra-terrestrial hypothesis, have suddenly become enamoured with their own flights into the realms of faery, the occult, or pseudo-psychology, sociology.

I am proud to say that I am working within one of those organizations that are going to be rare in the near future if something is not done to exert a little inertia on the gathering momentum of pop culture commercialism that threatens to supercede efforts by the too few dedicated individuals and UFO organizations.

The blame does not lie entirely with those who  
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The planet Venus was visible at 30 degrees above the horizon to the left of the object, and was in no way mistaken for the object at any time by any of the witnesses. Captain Didlake said that Venus was somewhat brighter than the object was during the final phase of the sighting.

The three witnesses were too absorbed in observing the object to notice any indications of EM effects on aircraft instruments. Captain Didlake did have the presence of mind, however, to "punch the clock" and therefore was able to record the time and duration of the sighting (duration was 30 seconds). Aircraft controls and communications were normal during the sighting. Spectral properties of the light emitted by the "windows" of the object were similar to those of normal incandescent or fluorescent lighting.

Captain Didlake immediately contacted Albuquerque Center and asked if they had tracked anything on radar or knew of any air traffic in the vicinity. Their answer was "negative" on both counts.

"It didn't surprise me that no radar contact had been made," he said. "At the speed it was going, the radar could probably have 'painted' it only once before it went off scope."

White Sands Missile Range was also contacted and asked about any possible missile launches that could have accounted for the sighting. Again the answer was no.

On his return trip to Los Angeles, a Houston Center Controller was aboard and told Captain Didlake that Houston had received a report of a UFO heading south at a high rate of speed at 0400 CDT, 2 hours and 25 minutes earlier than the Didlake sighting, on the morning of September 22. This sighting is currently being pursued.

Several weeks later, Captain Didlake was contacted by Lieutenant Johnson, O.D. (Officer of the Day) at White Sands, who told him that they had received a number of UFO reports from airline pilots during the afternoon and evening of October 10. One UFO reportedly paced Continental Flight 99 from Socorro, New Mexico to El Paso, a distance of about 100 miles. The time of this sighting was between 8:00 and 8:30 PM MDT. Another UFO sighting was reported by Continental Flight 405 earlier the same day as it approached Denver, having departed Miami at 4:25 PM EDT (Eastern Daylight Time). This would have been a daylight sighting.

Captain Didlake said that he was glad that he had finally seen a UFO. He was not a skeptic, inasmuch as a number of his fellow pilots had been reporting such sightings from time to time and he held their judgement and character in high esteem. He also stated that neither he nor any of his fellow pilots was under pressure from airline officials to suppress reports of sightings. Captain Didlake is to be commended for his forthright decision to contact

APRO and his willingness to provide details of this important sighting to be added to the growing body of corroborative UFO data.

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'get converted' to the irrationalities put forward by dubious sources.

I just wish that they would realize that they are rendering, unknowingly, their services to those 'powers' who work at keeping the 'truth' out of the hands of researcher and layman alike. The Devil and Cosmic Demonic powers have got nothing to do with it as some believe. Propaganda is not relegated solely to the realm of politics.

It is important that we open ourselves to communication by others about their various ideas, regardless of their apparent lack of rational validity. It is equally important that we don't allow the subjectivity that resides in most of us to dominate and control us to the extent that we lose all touch with our ability to assimilate data in the light of balanced reasoning.

Neil Huth  
Editor, *UFO ENCOUNTER*

## Book Review

by A. BENZ

*SITUATION RED, THE UFO SIEGE!*

by Leonard H. Stringfield, New York, Doubleday, 224 pages, photos, appendices.

*Situation Red* by veteran ufologist Leonard H. Stringfield is a personalized narrative of his involvement in ufology. Stringfield, emphasizing a "Collection of incredible UFO reports made by credible people," maintains a casual, conversational tone throughout the book.

The author states this is not an attempt to enlighten ufologists. While *Situation Red* may not be a conscious attempt to enlighten ufologists, I found some parts very enlightening indeed.

Stringfield is a proponent of the extraterrestrial hypothesis. He says that his UFO philosophy is a little to the left of 'nut & bolt' conservative. He defends ETH against the claims of the parapsychologists and gives pause for reflection, as did Vallee in *The Invisible College*. Theoretical partisans should stop and think does ETH automatically and necessarily exclude psi and vice versa.

Chapters 8 and 9 are, in my opinion, the most important. These concern the intent of the (See Review - Page Four)



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ufonauts and the secrecy of UFO data.

The material in chapter 8 (Intent) seems to indicate that the ufonauts have no great concern for human life or welfare. Stringfield also points out that the UFOs' behavior seem to be indicative of a military strike force.

In chapter 9 (Secrecy) Stringfield presents some very interesting information. He states that U.S. Senator Barry Goldwater sent a letter to a researcher stating that "...UFO information is still classified above Top Secret." Stringfield also cites a statement attributed to former CIA Director Allen Dulles to an attorney for the late Thomas Eickhoff, a Cincinnati businessman. Stringfield quotes Dulles as saying "...maximum security exists concerning the subject of UFOs." This statement was supposedly made in regard to a lawsuit Eickhoff had planned regarding Adamski's claims and mail fraud. Dulles is further quoted as saying he would get an injunction to prevent anyone from testifying in court about UFOs.

Lest the reader think this review is just so much hype, the book is marred by some typographical errors, not necessarily the fault of the author. E.G. The Akron/MUFON Symposium 1979 instead of 1974, *somewhere* instead of *somewhere*. Also, Stringfield could have strengthened his secrecy contention by reproducing the Goldwater letter and the Dulles statement.

In sum, I think *Situation Red* is well worth reading. Buy it. Read it. Ask your public library to buy it too.

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## Amateur Astronomer Observes UFO

The following narrative comes from Amateur Astronomer and APRO member Jimmy Boyd of McAllen, Texas. This sighting tends to bolster the theory that many UFOs masquerade as astronomical objects and are seldom detected.

On February 18, 1977, I went outside in the twilight to search for the very young crescent moon with a pair of 7X50 binoculars. Instead of seeing the moon I alighted upon a bright starlike object of about visual magnitude -1.0 to -1.5 which I first mistook for either the planet Mercury or Mars. However I immediately remembered that both of these planets were in the morning sky at the time, and all of the other planets were also accounted for. The time of the sighting was 6:28 pm, CST.

I returned indoors to get my 8 inch Cassegrain telescope to observe the unidentified object. In a few seconds I had set the telescope's field of view on the object, and beheld the strangest sight I had seen in all my years of stargazing. The object

looked exactly like a planet at a magnification of 100X, being approximately 20 to 25 seconds of arc in diameter, round with fairly sharp edges, and creamy white in color. But the amazing feature of the object was the appearance of a bright reddish, starlike point of light apparently in contact with the sphere of the object. This as a whole presented a very bizarre appearance. Overall it appeared as if a planet was about to occult or pass over a fourth magnitude star.

Leaving two members of my family to observe the object, I went indoors to telephone the McDonald Observatory and inquire whether this strange object could possibly be the nucleus of a bright comet. Although I knew that no comet nucleus resembled this object in the least, I wanted to take no chances. An astronomer there told me that whatever it was I was seeing, it was definitely not a planet or a comet. After leaving the phone it occurred to me that it might be a weather balloon, although I had no faith in this theory either for I had seen many weather balloons in the past, and not one had the slightest resemblance to this object. However this idea was dashed a moment later when my other two witnesses rushed indoors to inform me that the object had suddenly moved in a southeasterly direction at a high velocity, brightening as it went, crossing the sky in a matter of half a minute or so! Prior to that time it had displayed no motion.

I genuinely believe that this object was a UFO and not simply some natural or manmade phenomena, and it leaves me wondering endlessly what it was and where it came from.

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## Please Send Address Changes — Include Old & New Zip Codes

It's official. OFFICIAL UFO, like the 'true confession' magazines, is now using only fictional material which is being presented as factual. OUFO Associate Editor Charles Cowley admitted this to me personally during my recent visit to the offices of Countrywide Publications in New York City. My UFO Bookshelf column, which appeared in OUFO over the past couple of years, made its final appearance in the October 1977 issue. Henceforth all reviews will be staff written and, to judge by the Dec. '77 issue, will be scarcely different from the promotional fluff put out by PR hacks working for the book publishers.

George W. Earley



# Hypnosis of "Imaginary" Abductees

By James A. Harder  
APRO Research Director

I've recently received an advance copy of a paper by Alvin Lawson, of Long Beach State University, entitled "What can we learn from hypnosis of imaginary 'abductees'?" This paper raises questions concerning the similarity or lack of similarity of the narratives produced by two classes of witnesses: (1) the "real" abductees, and (2) those who have gone through the experience described in the paper.

The experimental protocol described starts with selected individuals. Eight persons were recruited through the college newspaper by ads that asked for "creative, verbal types" to volunteer for an "interesting experience in hypnosis and imagination." Candidates were screened to eliminate those who seemed very informed about UFOs or who remembered ever seeing a UFO.

After they were put into hypnosis, the subjects were told to imagine that (1) they saw a UFO, (2) that they were aboard the UFO, (3) that they were inside, (4) that they saw entities, (5) that they were given a medical examination, (6) that they were given a message, (7) that they were returned, (8) that they might have had a personality or psychological alteration. They were told to enlarge with details on what they experienced with each of these clues as they went along. Each of the eight gave the investigators an eager account, which was described as coherent and intriguing, with very little additional prompting.

The author comments that "Together (the cases) pose questions for ufology of perhaps unparalleled seriousness and complexity." It is my purpose to examine critically the significance of the reported results. For although the author states that the experiment does not prove that "all UFO abduction narratives are imaginary" his paper may well lead naive readers to think that there is a strong case that they all are.

In a paragraph towards the end of the paper the author presents a table showing the differences between the "real" and imaginary" witnesses and states that it is important to acknowledge that his comparisons have not emphasized any of the significant differences between the two classes of experiences. His table shows that the "real" as opposed to the "imaginary" experience is (1) involuntary, vs. voluntary; (2) associated with a time lapse, vs. no time lapse; (3) frightening, vs. non-frightening; (4) associated with physical effects, vs. no physical effects; (5) associated with psychological effects, vs. none; (6) obscured by an amnesia, vs. no amnesia; (7) productive of bad dreams and nightmares, vs. few dreams and nightmares; (8) associated with an aftermath of

disturbing psychic and emotional effects, vs. no effects.

Of course a very important difference was that the "real" abductees were convinced that their experiences were real, whereas the "imaginary" abductees knew theirs were not.

The hypnotic sessions were conducted by Dr. William C. McCall, M.D. who is described as having regressed about 20 persons who allegedly were involved in UFO abductions or close encounters.

The comparisons, however, were made with only four, albeit multiple-witness, "real" narratives. Unfortunately, no mention is made of experimental procedures employed in these cases, and it may be that the author's colleague either was not the hypnotist or did not know of the procedures. The author attempts a quantitative comparison, which is very impressive in showing similarities between the classes of narratives, but admits that it is no doubt unscientific in many ways. My own reading of samples of the narratives from the "imaginary" group shows me that there are very large differences in the description of the "alien forms" from those of classic cases. It should be remembered that a substantial degree of similarity was forced by the hypnotist's own suggestions of the framework of the narrative, so that statistically, a large number of degrees of freedom in the correlation have been lost and have not been estimated.

What the author has shown is that a selected set of subjects can respond strongly to an experienced hypnotist's suggestions and create an imaginative narrative based on a set of specific cues. What he has not shown is that the experimental procedures followed are similar to those employed by experienced UFO investigators. Some of the precautions that should be taken were conspicuously missing, or were actually contravened:

1. It is essential to suggest to the witness that he report exactly what he saw or heard, no matter how bizarre, as literally as he can. A good suggestion: "Tell me just what your eyes saw, even if it is different from what you thought you remembered."

2. Questions designed to lead the witness into an area of inquiry should be given as alternatives, such as "Was the figure as tall, taller, or shorter than you were at the time?"

3. Even suggestions that seem innocent may contain cues for the witness, and should be recast in as neutral a fashion as possible: "Tell me about any details you saw at the time as exactly as you can" instead of "Did the alien have eyes?"

Certainly it is highly irregular for an investigator to suggest to a witness what he saw, in or out of hypnosis. And to further instruct the witness to be imaginative about a set of suggested situations can hardly have a parallel in an investigation designed to provide factual information. This is something that the author must be very much aware of. Therefore his only point must be

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that imagination can play a part in the reconstruction of a UFO abduction narrative, and to cast doubt on some reports of UFO abduction narratives. That there have been attempts to fraudulently claim a UFO abduction is possible, though in my experience this is rarely proveable and is probably rare. This is a problem facing all UFO investigators.

It does not seem to me that the author's experiments can have very much of a bearing on the reality of "real" narratives. First of all, there are very substantial differences between the two categories, as he has pointed out himself. Second, there is the problem that the "imaginary" abductees were thoroughly cued into what they were to report, and only the details were not provided. As I have indicated above, once there has been a correction for the cues provided, the degree of similarity in details becomes very much less impressive.

However, the author is to be commended for examining into the validity of hypnotically induced regressions for UFO witnesses. This is a very sticky subject, full of unexpected pitfalls for the unwary. Systematic studies similar to that of the author ought to be continued.

In the present case, the author has presented (implicitly) the hypothesis that similarly described experiences could have a similar origin. He has not been able to provide evidence for the validity of this hypothesis, in my view, although other interesting aspects have been explored. One of these is the possibility that hypnotized witnesses may pick up by telepathy material in the mind of the questioner.

There remain several experiments that could be very interesting and significant. Subjects could each be exposed to a reproducible stimulus in the form of a motion picture scenario — the stranger and more emotional, the better — and subsequently examined about their ability to remember details under several circumstances. These circumstances should include:

1. Control — no special treatment. Normal interview.
2. Group A: hypnotized, given suggestions to alter perceptions, re-hypnotized by second investigator who tries to get true narrative.
3. Group B: hypnotized, told they will forget all about the experience, with promises to forget. (A subgroup could be given severe threats, if committee of human experimentation can be persuaded it is OK.) Second hypnotist tries to get true narrative.

Most UFO abduction witnesses fall into category (3) and may fall into category (2) as well. The possibility that the witness has been given an altered perception is suggested by several reports that are otherwise well documented but which contain material that seems to have been lifted from "Star Trek" and/or other science fiction

sources. It seems almost as if the witness has been instructed not so much to remember a contrived scenario, as to remember a collage of his own preconceptions of what a UFO experience would be, based, perhaps, on the popular literature.

One rather obvious example of this is contained in the report (not completely published as of this date) of a witness who believes he was shown the propulsion unit of a UFO and was told that it operated with the use of "lithium crystals". Perhaps it is only coincidental that the "Star Trek" ship "Enterprise" was powered by "di-lithium crystals". Since the case was well documented otherwise, we are left with the suggestion that the witness was being led to incorporate some of his own unconscious information into the story in a way that would tend to discredit it with the sophisticated.

Investigators who are disenchanted by this sort of result might well ponder whether this is a part of maintaining a low profile for the UFO activity. Certainly members of a civilization that can design and operate interstellar craft have the brains to conceive and carry out all the details of a plan to confuse witnesses and their interrogators. And since it should be obvious that a low profile is being maintained, we should expect that there would be a plan to neutralize instances in which information should leak out unexpectedly.

Thus it seems to me that one of the needed programs of research should be directed towards understanding the confusion tactics and finding ways to circumvent them. Hypnosis, or something akin to it, seems to be both the origin of the witnesses' confusion and the means of breaking through it. Here, as in other aspects of UFO research, we should be engaged in the study of smoke screens and try not to be enveloped in one.

I would very much appreciate any comments on the part of those to whom this is addressed.

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## Letters

The film "Starship Invasions", released as Science Fiction, contains numerous elements of the phenomenon of the Unidentified Flying Object and of the Ancient Astronaut theme.

1. The electromagnetic effects which bring vehicles to a halt.

2. The use of the paralysis beam to prevent flight on the part of humans.

3. The fantastic maneuverability of these craft and the theorized propulsion system based on reversed electromagnetism.

4. The emblem of the winged serpent.

5. The abduction of humans for the apparent purpose of conducting a physical examination.

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6. The use of numerous behavioral control devices.

7. The study of the biological compatability of the respective species.

8. The notion of humanity being closely linked to certain of the advanced observers.

9. Communication by strictly telepathic means.

10. The release of the subjects after examination and the blocking of their recall of the incident.

11. The ability to monitor and subsequently control those humans contacted.

12. The need to find another planet to inhabit because the sun of the home system is entering the supernova stage.

13. The existence of an association of superior worlds whose members continuously monitor less advanced worlds until such reach maturity.

14. The notion that certain of these advanced beings constructed the megalithic stone structures around the world—in particular the pyramids of Egypt.

15. The theory that within the pyramid at Gizah lie may secrets regarding humanity's link to the stars.

16. An awareness on the part of the non-hostile observers of the unwillingness of most humans to accept the new reality which they represent.

17. The potentially accurate data on Zeta Reticuli being the home system for one of the advanced cultures and the existence of trade and exploration routes.

18. The healing powers credited to the pyramid shape.

19. An awareness on the part of the non-hostile observers that approaches to isolated individuals and groups must be the rule so that the less advanced world is not overwhelmed by a sense of inferiority and inability to control its own destiny.

20. The presence of beings who so closely resemble humans that they might actually be humans.

21. The idea that members of worlds of vastly different evolutionary levels can nevertheless work together if reason dominates emotion.

22. The use by humans of less than 1% of their true mental capabilities.

23. The theory that while certain of those engaged in observation of this planet have designs on it, others work to prevent such a takeover.

24. The theory that the point of origin of the hostile beings lies in the constellation of Orion.

25. The theory that certain of the current senseless violence is caused by extraterrestrials who manipulate humans.

26. The use of robots such as those described in the Pascagoula, Mississippi case.

27. The need of these observers to use electricity to recharge their craft.

28. The theory of a force field that surrounds and protects these craft.

29. The theory that these craft can be destroyed and possibly have been when their protective shields failed.

30. The belief in the existence of undersea bases around the world.

31. The ability of these craft to maneuver under the sea as well as in the atmosphere and in space.

32. The suggestion of a space-time continuum permitting travel from one stellar system to another.

33. The suggestion that open contact will be established when the time is deemed proper.

While the above, and perhaps still other points, are not accepted by all who study the UFO mystery, still they do provide food for thought.

It is most unlikely that the government of any nation will openly admit the truth about this greatest of mysteries. To do so would likely not only result in loss of faith in world leaders, but might also prove too great a shock for many. However, the release of the relevant material in the form of films, for instance, would be an excellent means of gradually convincing and increasing number of people of the existence of a previously undreamed of reality.

Writer and producer Ed Hunt has done an excellent job of reseraching this elusive subject. "Starship Invasions" is highly recommended to all interested in the realm of the unknown.

Sincerely,

Beatrice M. Zimmer

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On page 6 of the January 1977 issue of the A.P.R.O. Bulletin, James D. White, in concluding his review of "Encounters with UFO Occupants," suggests the possible connection between man's present state of development and its associated hazards, and the intrusion of UFO's into our world and its affairs. There does appear to be a considerable possibility that extra-terrestrial and/or extra-dimensional entities are able to perceive our thoughts, intentions and capabilities. A question of possible importance arises, then. Why, when abduction of earthlings occur, does an amnesia appear to be imposed when it has been repeatedly demonstrated that it can be removed (to some considerable degree at least), and the memory of the details of the incident regained? Is this also a test of our development? And is there, in the attempt to blot out the experience from the memory of the abductee, an indication of "compassion" - since the experience is normally unsettling? With their apparent omnipotence as far as we are concerned, they could hardly be threatened by our complete ready recollection of the experience - although their "plans" for us might require a more gradual dissemination of the facts about their presence. Against this suggestion of "compassion" or "concern" for earthlings, there is, of course, the suggestion of at least indifference, and even of sadistic

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action, in the many reported incidents of physical harm, from minor to fatal. Since there are also incidents of miraculous healings, one thinks of the possibility of both good and evil entities struggling for the fate of Earth.

I also write to suggest that the reason for the great and continuing intrusion of UFOs into Earth environment might be deduced from the following sequence of Earth events reflecting our political and psycho-social weaknesses; perhaps this scenario has been presented elsewhere but I have not, that I recall, seen it in any of my reading on this subject:

1945 - First nuclear bomb tested; first nuclear bomb massacres.

1945 - World War II ends (in which "foo fighters" were observed in Europe).

1945 - United Nations Organization established (described as "the only positive result of World War II").

1947 - First widely publicized UFO report.

1947 - Present - Worldwide sightings, many landings, abductions and other contacts.

Subsequent developments:

1. Much talk of disarmament, with continuing nuclear bomb testing, stockpiling and refining of nuclear weapons, and research on other super-weapon technology.

2. No proposals by major nations to increase effectiveness of UN, particularly with regard to peacekeeping and elimination of arsenals of mass destruction and of research on methods of such destruction.

3. Weapons sales by major nations to other nations increasing, for profit, influence and balance-of-power purposes.

4. Decline of moral standards; rise of terroristic activities.

5. Undeterred inflation growing out of the massive economic waste of "defense" spending.

6. Psychological inability to face the realities of energy and other resource limitations, and to share with all peoples.

7. Massive economic barriers to intelligent action for preservation of ecological foundations.

8. Food and water crises and prospects of worldwide conflicts consequent thereto.

Considering these, and perhaps other, important factors, the recent and present appearance of UFO's (if extra-terrestrials man them) may be explained as follows:

1. Older and presumably wiser civilizations visiting us may read past and present behavior of Earthlings, especially since the advent of the Bomb, as indicating that the human race, despite the obvious peril to its civilization and environment, is unable to change its traditional or habitual selfishness, aggressiveness and hostility in order to develop cooperative international policies and procedures. Therefore, by logic, and perhaps from

their knowledge of the fate of other similar civilizations they have concluded the world is almost certain to destroy itself in a nuclear war. After all, has man ever accepted anything as fact that he hasn't proven through experience? Since, before we are done with experimentation in the science of destruction we may also disrupt the organization of our solar system, superior entities might intrude to prevent this, even at our expense (since we would perish anyway).

2. The "UFO organization" having thoroughly tested world technological achievements and capabilities, and learned where vital military bases and arsenals and points of the domestic economy are situated, this having been their plan from the first, they prepare for the, to them, inevitable moment when some irreversible and impermissible hostile action is readied by a major nation (or a nation under the protection of a major nation). Then the UFO's would paralyze the world's technology and take over the world, justified by the fact that, once we had nuclearly destroyed it, it would be of no use to anyone, if indeed life itself, advanced or primitive, survived. Interceding in time, they could compel the world's submission to their rule, since the world would be helpless with its power sources immobilized. Opposing earthlings might be rounded up and "dumped" on some primitive planet where they could "start over again." The others would be governed under an established, supervised, cooperative economic and political order, or, considering we had proven our biological and moral inferiority, we might be used as "servants" (slaves?) until some distant time when we had evolved to the point where we could be trusted to use our freedom intelligently and compassionately. There is, in this picture, an echo, of course, of the separation of the sheep from the goats and the banishing of the latter to "outer darkness."

Perhaps those who have reported a "contact" and a message of impending disaster and assistance, were not simply hallucinating and utilizing apocalyptic predictions, but were conveying what their UFO instructors saw as certain consequences of present Earth attitudes and actions.

With appreciation for the Lorenzens' outstanding work and reporting of UFO developments, I am

Sincerely yours,  
Robert S. Camburn

**PLEASE TAKE TIME  
TO READ THE  
MAILER ARTICLES  
AND ADVERTISEMENTS**



The November, 1977, Reader's Digest, p. 108 has an article about UFOs that I find quite reprehensible. I would like to suggest that you read the article and send RD your views with a copy to me. RD also sent a press release and copy of the article to newspapers across the country. Copy available.

The July 14, 1977, New Scientist had a series of articles on far-out phenomena. I am especially disturbed by the one on UFOs by Ian Ridpath. I would like to suggest that you read the NS article and also send a letter with your comments to NS with a copy to me. Do note that UPI carried a story echoing the views in the article. . . probably appeared in hundreds of newspapers.

PLAYBOY magazine will have a round table on UFOs in the January issue due out in December. I would suggest it be read and responded to . . . whether you like it or don't.

On Wednesday, November 9, I will be attending the Press Premier of "Close Encounters of the Third Kind". It will be shown in New York at the Ziegfeld starting November 16 and in Los Angeles at the Dome theater beginning November 18. National release is scheduled to begin on December 14. The November 7 issue of TIME has a long article about the film. There will also be a book out of the same title—a novelization by Steve Spielberg who wrote and directed the film. I would very much like to get copies of any movie reviews you might see.

NASA will be taking a look at the UFO question in response to a lot of pressure on the White House which in turn pressured the Science Advisor which then pushed NASA. The scientist in charge of the inquiry is Dr. Richard Henry, Department of Astrophysics at NASA headquarters. I am sure he would appreciate any comments and information you would care to supply.

There has been quite an upheaval in the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal. Marcello Truzzi has resigned entirely as of October 29, apparently because of very serious disputes with Paul Kurtz. The UFO subcommittee of Phil Klass, James Oberg, and Robert Sheaffer is going strong. The ZETETIC journal is now edited by Kendrick Frazier (former editor of Science News), 3025 Palo Alto Dr. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87111. I think he should be flooded with material by scientists who have openly looked at the UFO data . . . if nothing else so that he cannot say none was submitted.

Dr. William Hassel of the Los Angeles Section of the AIAA is chairing the second UFO related symposium sponsored by the section at the Los Angeles Museum of Science and Industry on Saturday, January 28, 1978. The morning program will cover UFO research and the afternoon space colonization. Bill can be reached at 4625 Stark Avenue, Woodland Hills, CA 91364. He works for Science Applications Inc.

Because of "Close Encounters" I anticipate a strong loud backlash from the noisy negativists such as Klass, Sheaffer, Asimov, Sagan, etc. I think it is time for the professionals who have looked at the data to come out of the closet . . . to stop being apologist ufologists. I can safely say that the world is very interested in hearing what a scientist has to say about UFOs. For example, I have had only 7 hecklers (2 of whom were drunk) in over 350 college presentations of my illustrated lecture "Flying Saucers ARE Real" in 47 states and 4 provinces. I come on pretty strong . . . so fear not. Come on in, the water is fine.

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