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How would Toto have reacted if he and Dorothy had been involved with a UFO instead of a tornado? Researcher Joan Woodward has a pretty good idea. Her article on animal reactions to UFOs begins on page 3.

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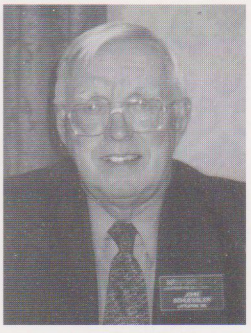
Director's Message



By John F. Schuessler

Hurricane Katrina

As this message is being prepared in mid-September we are all still in a state of shock over the devastation to the Gulf Coast of the United States caused by Hurricane Katrina.



John Schuessler

We have heard from a number of MUFON members residing in that area, and they are fine because they evacuated in the face of the storm, going to safer locations away from the storm area. Many did suffer loss of property but not life.

There are still others that we have not been able to contact or have not contacted us so we pray for their safety.

Best Evidence Contest Deadline Extended

Due to the effects of Hurricane Katrina, the deadline for submittal of papers for the MUFON Best Evidence Contest has been extended from Oct. 1 to Dec. 1, 2005.

A number of potential authors have said they have been affected in one way or another by the recent Gulf Coast catastrophe and cannot work on papers at this time. Since we do not want to penalize these folks, we have extended the deadline.

The intent is still the same. MUFON is seeking papers based on evidence in actual UFO incidents, people, places and events. The contest rules were published most recently in the July, 2005, issue of the *MUFON UFO Journal*.

Special Incentive for New Memberships now Available

Elaine Douglass, co-state director for Utah, sponsored a project during the 2005 MUFON International UFO Symposium in Denver to reward new people joining MUFON with a special gift–an audio cassette tape of actual declassified United States Air Force recordings of a startling real life event.

This took place on the night of Oct. 7, 1965, at Edwards Air Force Base in

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Study suggests that animals show varied reactions to UFOs

By Joan Woodward

INTRODUCTION

Animal reactions are sometimes presented as further evidence of the reality of UFOs. In 1965, *The UFO Investigator* stated, "All [these animals] saw something new and strange. Not being affected by official denials, they reacted normally–from fear."

The article goes on to say, "The UFO-animals reports, therefore, should not be neglected. They are proof the UFOs do exist."

This paper is a preliminary attempt to understand some finer points of the UFO-animal interaction.

What is it about the UFO that is causing the animals to react? Do animal reactions as described by witnesses add supportive evidence regarding the UFO event? What, if anything, do animal reactions tell us about UFOs?

The approach here is to take into consideration the normal sensory perceptions and behaviors of the animals, and to view the UFO events from that perspective. Suggestions, speculations, and the hypothesis developed in this paper are presented for future testing as more data is gathered.



Joan Woodward with two of her animal friends.

GENERALIZATIONS

Viewing all animal reports as a whole, the following generalizations emerged.

•Animal reactions as described by witnesses are reasonable, not bizarre.

•Fear is the most common reaction.

•The sightings with animal reactions are relatively close encounters, and the UFOs tend to linger.

•Sound associated with the UFO is important, but its importance varies with the types of animals present.

•EM, physiological effects, and other various secondary effects are variable and scattered through sightings in low numbers where animals are fearful. Conversely, they are absent in sightings where animals are indifferent, unaware, or calm. Distance of the UFO may be a factor causing this variability.

•The shape of the UFOs is variable and generally unrelated to the reactions of animals.

Suspecting that interesting aspects of the animal reaction-UFO relationship might be obscured by looking at all animal reaction sightings *en masse,* the sightings were also examined by types of animals as follows: barnyard birds, cats, dogs (divided further into the types of responses), and ungulates (cattle, horses, goats, sheep).

The following correlations are suggested from this approach:

♦ Barnyard birds may be more likely to react if the UFO passes roughly over-

Editor's Note

This article is abridged from Ms. Woodward's full presentation, including charts, case descriptions, and other material, which is included in the MUFON booklet *Animal Reactions to UFOs.* The full report is also included in the *2005 MUFON Symposium Proceedings.* (See page 23.)

About the Author

Ms. Woodward worked with the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP) in the 1960's, assisting with the original *UFO Evidence* (1964). She returned to ufology in 1996 as a field investigator for MUFON and the Fund for UFO Research after retiring from the U.S. Geological Survey as a research technician.

She assisted Richard Hall in developing an index of James E. McDonald's correspondence in the Donald E. Keyhoe Archives, and worked on data compilation for Hall's *Alien Invasion or Human Fantasy?*

Ms. Woodward later took over the animal reactions section of Francis Ridge's special evidence section of the NICAP web site. She also has extensive experience with both domestic and wild animals.

head. Possibly the birds are sensitive to vibration or pressure changes.

♦ Cats demonstrating fear may be reacting to low frequency or harsh sounds.

♦ When ungulates are reported as fearful, two UFO features are regularly reported in those sightings: (1) unfamiliar, high-pitched and/or loud sounds, and (2) the play of lights and shadows in nighttime sightings as UFOs light the terrain or project light beams. Both this type of sound and these lighting/shadow effects are known factors in spooking ungulates.

♦ When dogs react, sound seems an important factor as suggested by the following:

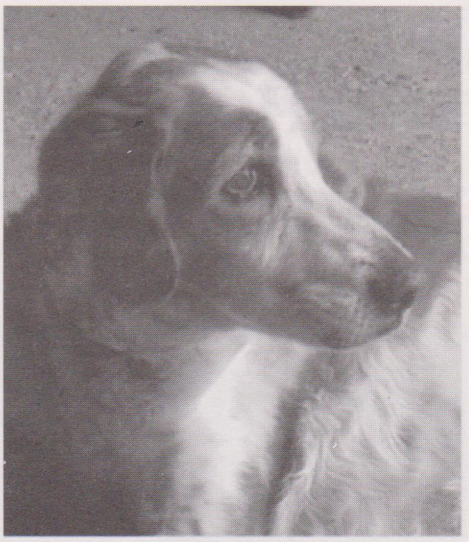
1. Possible association between high-pitched sounds and more fearful dogs. Some dogs appear to actually suffer pain associated with high-pitched sounds.

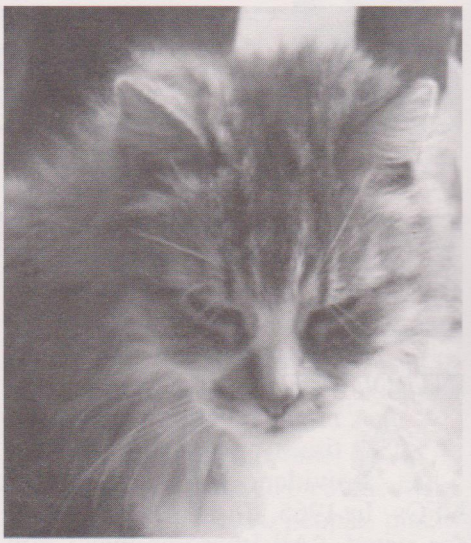
2. Possible association between sounds not described as high-pitched and less fearful dogs.

3. UFO sound is frequently not reported when dogs do not react or react calmly.

4. Howling is very likely to be caused by UFO sound, and there is some suggestion the stimulus can be so overwhelming as to cause howling in otherwise very unlikely circumstances.

These trends suggest some obvious questions to be presented to witnesses, and these questions are suggested at the end of each section, and in more general terms, at the end of the paper.





Although both are domesticated animals, dogs and cats have different senses and personalities, and may react to the same UFO event differently.

BACKGROUND & METHODS

In 2002, Richard Hall suggested that I summarize UFO sightings that contain animal reactions for the Special Studies section of Francis Ridge's NICAP web site.

Over the next couple of years I submitted more than 100 summaries of UFO sightings into Category 4, Animal Reactions. These summaries were written from the perspective of–and with emphasis on–the animal reaction aspect of the sighting. This paper is based on 104 of these animal reaction summaries, all which can be found at www.NICAP.org/cat4.htm.

The 104 sightings came from material that was readily available to me. The two primary sources were the Donald E. Keyhoe Archives and the MUFON UFO Database CD/ROM.

The Keyhoe Archives contained much NICAP material and other books and publications. Whenever possible, I backtracked to the earliest version of a sighting that I could find, because some details of the animal reactions were frequently deleted in subsequent accounts.

The MUFON CD/ROM, produced by T. David Spencer, contains 1200 sightings as summarized on the Field Investigator's Form 2. These were combed for sightings with animal reactions that offered some detail about the animal aspect of the sighting.

The resulting collection of sightings is hopefully a fairly random sampling of sightings that happened to have animals present during a UFO event, with their reactions noted.

It is not a comprehensive review of animal reaction sightings in the literature, and does not include the series by Creighton in the *Flying Saucer Review* published in the 1970s.

For space and convenience reasons, a coded number is assigned to each sighting. The AR (Animal Reaction) code numbers range from A01 to AR104 and the numbers are in chronological order from the earliest to the most recent sightings.

[Appendix I (included in the full report) lists the AR number, location, date, and reference for each sighting, but is not included in this article due to space restrictions.]

The criteria for sightings in this report are that they must have some details about the animal reaction, and the UFO must not be an obvious IFO.

Frequently, when animal reactions are mentioned in UFO reports, the descriptions are minimal, such as "dog excited" or "cattle reacted." Without additional details, neither of these would be included.

In order to simplify and make the data set manageable, this study is confined to animal reactions to UFOs in the sense of unidentified flying hardware. No further assumptions are made about the objects or about their origins.

Creature reports and abduction reports were not included. The reactions of the animals and witnesses are only those reactions that happened simultaneous with the sighting.

For purposes of closer examination and comparisons between types of animals, animal behaviors described in the sightings are classified as follows:

Indifferent or unaware
Uneasy, nervous
Calm, interested, approach
Alert-alarm
Howling (dogs)
Fearful

The Uneasy through Fearful categories are a continuum of behavior from unease to fearful to very fearful. An

animal that becomes uneasy and then alarmed, but not described as fearful, would be classified as having an alert-alarm reaction.

An animal described as fearful will have gone through the uneasy to alert-alarm stages before becoming fearful, but would be classified as fearful. The most intense behavior on the continuum is the one recorded for the event.

Unaware, Calm, and Howling are separate behaviors rather than on a continuum. Infrequently within a sighting, one animal will react with two different behaviors.

In AR49 a watchdog ran barking in alarm, but on nearing the UFO, it stopped and howled. In this case, two behaviors are recorded for the same dog-Alert-Alarm and Howling.

Within one sighting, two animals may react differently. In AR41 a cat ran when a noisy UFO approached at low altitude, but a dog slept through the event (no information on the dog's age or hearing capabilities), resulting in two "units" of behavior recorded for one sighting.

Problems and cautions: Some of the problems associated with animal reaction studies are listed below.

• The description of the animal reaction is only as good and as reliable as the witness who is describing the entire UFO event.

• Animals, like people, can be interested in, fooled by, or frightened by mundane things. Horses will shy and bolt when a piece of paper blowing with the wind nears them. Cattle may be afraid of the sound of a new power tool. Dogs will raise alarm over virtually nothing.

• All animals may react to the excitement or fear of witnesses rather than to the UFO itself. In AR92, a perceptive witness comments that the dogs were possibly reacting to the witness' excitement, rather than to the UFO.

• An animal reaction and the sighting of a UFO may be a coincidence. One November, 1999, evening, two women looked outside when they heard their dog bark. They saw a train of lights they estimated to be 30 feet away and near the ground (Kulka, 2001).

However the location, timing, and description of this sighting fits perfectly with a spectacular meteor that broke up into a meteor train that was seen over 8 or 10 states. The odds are that the barking of the dog in this event was coincidental to the sighting.

Peter Davenport's National UFO Reporting Center (NUFORC) posted more than 200 reports of this meteor event, 9 of which reported dogs present. None of these dogs were reported to have noticed the meteor.

• I am sure animals that do not react are under-represented. The non-reaction of a dog accompanying the witnesses might be noticed and reported, but in the case of cattle out in a field or horses in a barn or chickens in a coop, their non-reaction is much less likely to be noticed.

• The sighting data is relative to the witness and not necessarily to the animal. An obvious example would be in the estimate of distance of the UFO, usually given relative to the witness, but not necessarily to the animal, which may be closer or farther from the object than the witness.

Another example would be that sounds or scents produced by the UFO may be detected by animals but not by humans. However, the human description is all we have, so we must make the best of it.

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

Taking the 104 sightings with animal reactions collectively, the following six general trends are detected.

General Observation 1.–Normalcy of Animal Behavior: Witnesses to UFO events generally describe normal animal behavior, not bizarre behavior. The witness describing the UFO event is also describing and interpreting the animal reaction. In that light, the animal reaction does not produce an independent confirmation of the sighting. It does, however, serve as one check on the witness' observational abilities and accuracy.

Witnesses generally describe very reasonable behavior on the part of the animal as UFO events unfold. With few exceptions, witness accounts were consistent with the sensory perceptions and normal reactions of the various animals involved.

More simply, witness descriptions of the animals' behaviors make sense. For instance, in AR28 cattle and a dog are only reported as nervous and alert with no stampeding or barking as a near-ground, but distant (~1 mile), object was observed maneuvering by the witness.

In comparison, AR46 reports that cattle were highly disturbed and bolting away as a humming UFO neared the ground about 600 feet away, where it hovered before taking off. That day, milk production of these cows was reported to be reduced, a common bovine response to stress.

This all makes sense in terms of the details of the sightings and the reactions of the animals.

General Observation 2.–Common Reaction is Fear: Keeping in mind that animals that do not react or are calm are undoubtedly under-reported, the most common reaction of animals that is reported during UFO events is on the unease to fear continuum, with fear the most common.

A study of wild animal reactions to the presence of humans and/or their vehicles demonstrated that these animals react to the human intrusion in the same way they would react to a predator (Frid and Dill, 2002).

The study further states, "Prey have evolved anti-predator responses to generalized threatening stimuli, such as loud noises and rapidly approaching objects."

My starting assumption was that animals that react to UFOs would do so with a similar anti-predator-type response. In fact, this is the most common animal behavior that witnesses report. Even predators, such as cats, can be preyed upon by larger animals, and thus demonstrate anti-predator responses when feeling threatened.

The 104 sightings in this report resulted in 135 observations of animal behavior. Of these 135 observations, 16 (12 percent) described animals as indifferent or unaware.

Of the remaining 119 observations,

• 90 reactions were on the continuum of behavior from uneasy (6 reactions) to alert/alarmed (29 reactions) to fear (55 reactions).

• The next most common reactions

were animals that were unusually calm, interested, and/or wanted to approach the UFO (13 behaviors or 11 percent).

One sighting is responsible for a number of these reactions. AR95 has a seemingly endless number of animals (goats, dogs, geese, chickens, cow, and horse), all described as "unusually calm" during the sighting.

Thus a number of "calm" units of animal behaviors are generated from this one sighting, inflating this category.

General Observation 3.–Relationship to UFO Distances and Maneuvers: Sightings that involve animal reactions tend to be relatively close encounters with UFOs that linger and/or maneuver.

Heaton (1976) notes that animals often react when in close proximity to UFOs as did Rasmussen (1980), who reports close encounter sightings contain many animal reactions. Close proximity or close encounter is not defined.

The sightings in this report support and quantify the close encounter aspect to animal reactions during UFO sightings.

Altitudes in sightings in which animals did react:

Of 92 sightings with an animal reaction described, 81 had an estimated altitude or a verbal description that allowed an altitude estimate to be made. For instance, "treetop or housetop" would put the altitude for that sighting into the 25-foot to 200-foot bracket.

Of the 81 sightings with both animal reactions and altitude estimates, 33% were below 25 feet, 70% were below 200 feet, and 90% were below 500 feet.

The greatest UFO altitude associated with an animal reaction was 2,000 feet, and this was reported in two sightings.

AR04 reported a large cigar-shaped object with windows and other details as it slowly moved from one cloud mass to another. AR102 reported a huge black triangle that moved slowly overhead.

A dog was clearly frightened in the first case, and an older dog was reported disturbed enough to alter its behavior in the second.

Distances in sightings in which animals did react:

Of 92 sightings with an animal reaction, 70 had an estimated distance. The much lower number of sightings with distance estimates compared to those with altitude estimates is because verbal descriptions were not helpful in estimating distances. The verbal descriptions of distance are expressions such as "beyond the barn ... .. in nearby field," "among farm buildings .....ahead of the car," and so on.

Without a map of the sighting area or further information, not even a rough estimate can be made.

Of the 70 sightings with both an animal reaction and a nearest-distance estimate, 36% were overhead (relative to the witness and not necessarily the animal), 59% were less than 200 feet away, and 79% were less than 500 feet.

The greatest UFO distance associated with an animal reaction was AR02, where a horse reportedly spooked when a UFO was seen near a mountain peak 3-5 miles away.

This distance is by far greater than any others with an animal reaction reported, and a reasonable guess is that the horse may have spooked at something much closer.

Next farthest was in AR28 (UFO estimated 1 mile away), when a farmer's dog alerted him by whining, and his cattle seemed nervous.

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Graham Sheppard dies after long illness

Graham Sheppard, 62, former British Airways captain and long-time student of the UFO phenomenon, died Aug. 24 at Torbay Hospital, Devon, following complications arising from myelofibrosis, a chronic disease of the bone marrow.

He was a close friend of Timothy Good, who in *Unearthly Disclosure* recounted Graham's alarming "lateral displacement" which befell him in March 1993 while flying a Cessna 172 in Puerto Rico.

"I shall miss him," says Good, "not only as a close friend, but also as an irreplaceable principal research associate."

MUFON Forum

Dear Mr. Connelly,

In the *MUFON UFO Journal* No. 448. you have published an article of Ted Phillips, page 18. This author quotes a so-called CE3 in France on 06/12/1790, near Alencon, "from a report of June 17, 1790, by Police Inspector Liabeuf.." I am sorry but this case is a hoax.

Indeed, this story appeared the first time in an Italian UFO Review in 1966 by Alberto Fenoglio, but this man did not give the original French source.

In 1970, Patrick Cubeau, who was living in the Alencon area, conducted intensive research in the library of the Archives Departementales of that town. He never discovered the least indication relative to this event.

An Italian correspondent, Pierlugi Sani, informed me that Fenoglio was not an ufologist, but rather a parapsychologist and an occultist, and not a serious researcher.

I sent Fenoglio a letter in which I asked where he had discovered all the information about the Alencon case. He never answered.

–Jean Sider

UFO, black helicopters reported in southern France

On Aug. 18, 2005, eyewitness Pierre L. reported, "I witnessed at 7:25 PM over La Cadiere d'Azur, in the department of Var (France), several black helicopters without visible markings hovering in the sky.

"They were present when a glossy cylinder rose from the top of the hill called Gros Cerveau. The object then changed direction while going horizontally from the level of the clouds to the north-northeast.

"Two black helicopters stayed hovering in the area for another ten or fifteen minutes after the cylindrical UFO departed."

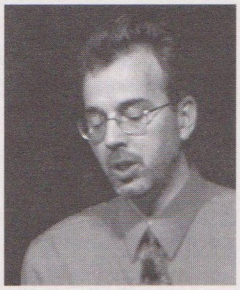
On Aug. 19, 2005, at 7 PM eyewitness Gaspard W. reported a similar cylindrical object over the Alpes-Maritimes. The object was at an altitude of between 7,000 and 9,000 meters (23,100 to 29,700 feet).

Secrecy, UFOs, and the death of the American Republic, Part 3

By Richard M. Dolan

There is another, less appreciated, dimension to UFO secrecy. These objects, we know, have demonstrated amazing maneuvering capabilities.

Some of them, at least, can accelerate instantly in all directions, turn on a dime, stop and hover motionlessly, and remain silent the whole while.



Richard Dolan

Our military aircraft have been unable to compete. In 1975, UFOs that could hover like silent helicopters and move like silent jets were unmolested by U.S. aircraft. In a well-known incident over Belgium in 1990, a triangular UFO thoroughly outclassed F-16 interceptors. During the summer of 2002, just outside Washington, D.C., a UFO easily outpaced and outmaneuvered pursuing F-16s.

A common question that arises is, what kind of propulsion system do these objects use. But I wonder, what makes them go?

A matter of practical interest

This question is more than academic. There are legitimate reasons to expect that we are about to experience a petroleum crisis of epic proportions, much sooner than we expect.

Once a fringe belief, there are now many oil analysts who believe this. The problem is basic supply and demand. The supply is finite; the demand shows no signs of limit.

In fact, global oil demand is now increasing at the fantastic rate of 4 percent annually, which translates into a doubling rate of every 17 years.

I don't care what your supply is, you cannot double demand of anything indefinitely, and certainly not at the rate the petroleum demand is moving.

Recall the ancient Chinese story about the peasant who performed a good deed for the Emperor. "I will grant you any wish you ask," said the grateful Emperor. The peasant took a chess board and said, "I don't ask for much. Simply place a grain of rice on the first square, then double the amount for each successive square on the board, and I will be content." "Silly peasant," thought the Emperor. "I would have given him something of value." For much of the board, the amount of rice was small enough. By the last few squares, however, the Emperor went broke. By the final square, the amount of rice would have exceeded all the rice in the world.

Experts argue about when the petroleum crisis will hit, but it is the height of folly to pretend it won't arrive. Whether it will be 50 years, 20 years, or 5 years, our civilization needs to find a way to replace petroleum. UFO technology very likely holds part of the answer, maybe all of the answer.

Some people agree with this assessment, and believe that the "powers that be" are simply holding out on us until the oil truly runs out, just to maximize their profit. Then it's free energy time–although we assume someone will find a way to make money from it.

You had better hope that such blind trust turns out to be accurate. I'm less confident that a benevolent elite will bail me out at the eleventh hour.

For all I know, they may have decided that there are too many of us on this planet anyway. "Time to clean house. I've got my bunker. How about you?"

Freedom and Self-Governance

For a democratically-based political system to function, there must be a reasonable amount of congruence between what people believe and what is actually the case.

You elect a member of Congress with the idea that he or she will represent your interests within the nation's primary instrument of political power: the Congress. Except that Congress has been made irrelevant by other centers of power, or been taken over by them.

About the Author

Richard Dolan is the author of *UFOs and the National Security State* (2000), which covers the period from 1941 to 1973. He is currently completing the second volume, 1974 to the present.

Dolan did undergraduate work at Alfred University in history, English, and philosophy, earned a scholarship to Oxford, and did graduate work at the University of Rochester in political science.

He has spoken at several UFO conferences, including MUFON's 2002 and 2005 symposiums, and has written for the *Journal* and other UFO publications.

You get your news from television or your newspaper with the idea that the journalist on the other end is a kind of watchdog, looking out for the public interest. Except that the journalist is working for a corporation which is itself antithetical to the public interest.

Unseen structures of power have evolved over the previous generations, advancing sometimes slowly, sometimes with a dramatic suddenness. But most people lack the conceptual means by which to understand what is happening.

As I have suggested, I believe that a significant part of that power structure involves the possession and exploitation of UFO-related technology. And I certainly believe that the secrecy has gone on for so long that it has become integral to keeping the whole system together.

Once you start lying, how can you un-do the lie? Today, UFO secrecy has been with the U.S.–and by extension the world–for about sixty years. That's nearly as long as the Soviet Union existed on the basis of its own labyrinthian web of lies.

The comparison is apt. I still recall holding in my hands a commemorative oversized Soviet book celebrating the

20th anniversary of the Bolshevik revolution of 1917.

The book was published in 1937, during the depths of Stalin's rule. There was a colorized version of a famous photograph showing Lenin at a podium speaking to a crowd, and I noticed that Leon Trotsky–Stalin's great political enemy–had been airbrushed out of the picture.

That's simply how the Soviet system worked. The government lied constantly, and everyone knew it, and everyone in the country pretended that the government didn't lie.

Constant lying in the Soviet Union meant that the official powers had to systematically think about how to organize and manipulate public information to keep people in line.

I remember trying to read through The Great Soviet Encyclopedia, an impossibly organized mess of propaganda and fact so that you couldn't learn anything about anything that truly mattered. That's just how it was.

Looking back, we can see how it would have been impossible for such a society to continue indefinitely, ruled as it was on the basis of a series of lies.

Victim of own reforms

When Mikhail Gorbachev took power in 1985, he wanted to reform that society. His catchphrases were glasnost and perestroika: openness and restructuring.

I was a young student of Soviet history at that time, and remember the excitement well. I also recall the skepticism of some of my professors who continued to believe for some time that this was yet another communist plot.

No matter. Within six years, there was no more Soviet Union. What happened? Well, one thing that happened, a big thing, was that the process of reform spiraled out of control.

You make a big change here, and the next guy wants change over there. It becomes hard to put on the brakes. You start with openness, for example, and you open the books on Stalin's gulag. You open the books on the particulars of the Bolshevik coup.

Or the reconquest of the Ukraine in the 1920s, or the capture of the Baltic States in 1940, and on and on. Before long, entire subject peoples want to bolt, and many openly question the legitimacy of the Party's rule. Then it is over.

Disclosure Scenarios

It's no different today in America, and the UFO secret is at the core. Imagine if the President of the United States were to decide to end UFO secrecy. How would he do it?

I can see him now. President George W. Bush steps up to the podium. Beloved Vice President Dick Cheney stands behind him. Trusted lieutenants Donald Rumsfeld and Condoleeza Rice are there, too. The cameras of all the world's media are upon him.

"Good evening," he begins. "Through a series of meetings with certain senior scientific and defense officials, it has come to my attention that the UFO phenomenon apparently is real, and is of extraterrestial origin."

Silence.

"Hokey dokey, that's really all I have to say for now. We'll provide updates as we get 'em. I'm going on vacation for a while. Goodnight everyone."

Well, maybe not. Disclosure is a pandora's box with a panoply of taboo topics just waiting to spring out. It is, as one friend of mine calls it, "a sloppy tar-baby," a threatening, friendly, frightening, and inseparable bundle of unavoidable eventualities.

So I can imagine a few questions, even from a media as compliant as the American.

"Mr. President," one correspondent might say, "what are the intentions of these aliens?" Or, "Mr. President, what does this say about the claims of alien abduction? Are they real, after all?" Or how about, "Mr. President, what about claims of underground alien bases? Or claims of secret possession of alien technology?"

These questions might not arise immediately. But they would arise eventually. Once you open that lid, it will be very difficult to control the outcome. The answers would not be pretty.

For this reason, I doubt that disclosure will come from America's political establishment. But there are always other countries. There are always the aliens. The truth is already here; it's simply waiting to land.

After all, what exactly are the secret keepers protecting? Let's see. Power, wealth, control, their plans for the future, access to information, underground bases already built, the status quo.

But there must be more. How about communication with aliens? Worm hole technology? Access to our genetic code? Or any number of technologies that we have not even begun to discuss openly in our society.

Remember the statement of an Area 51 insider to aerospace journalist James Goodall–this was back in the 1980s–"We have things in the Nevada desert that would make George Lucas envious." In other words, Star Wars technology.

Can you imagine the front page of the *New York Times* following a true disclosure of all this? "MASSIVE COVERUP EXPOSED."

The biggest journalistic fiasco in history would finally be acknowledged, wholesale resignations would sweep the intelligence community, a political third party would do a clean sweep of Washington.

Congress would promise emergency hearings, Arab oil nations would be in a state of collapse as oil price futures plummet, and the stock market would be in a headlong tailspin.

People would realize that a massive power structure has existed for generations, and has siphoned away trillions of dollars. They would learn that it has played a dominant, though unacknowledged, role in shaping their lives.

Think about NASA and the space shuttle program. There are no shortage of quiet discussions about the antiquated nature of NASA's shuttle technology. Astronauts have died because better technology was denied to them.

And that is merely the tip of the iceberg, for this issue goes far beyond NASA.

Obsolete technology?

No, people wouldn't be pleased or especially understanding. Heads would roll.

The American system of government, as it has come to exist, and by extension American society, and by extension our current global civilization, is not compatible with true UFO

disclosure. Disclosure would rip it all away.

You might argue that this would be a good reason to maintain the secrecy. On the other hand, I would argue it's the best reason for disclosure.

As bad as things look today, I retain hope for a post-disclosure world. I retain a faith–yes, I guess it's faith–in the value of truth over all things.

A statement by my favorite writer, Leo Tolstoy, hangs before me every day: "The one thing necessary, in life as in art, is to tell the truth." I cannot believe that a society based on a foundational lie can be better than one based on a foundational truth.

When the Soviet Union came to an end, people adjusted to face new problems, but also new opportunities. We would have to do the same.

Following the sense of betrayal, following the frenzy of revelations, following the planetary chain reaction of scrutiny and exposure, we might just awaken to a new world one fine morning.

A world in which the lies have been scrubbed away, and in which new truths are shining everywhere.

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Re-enactment of encounter by Claus Lundholm.

Witness reports UFO stops car along Denmark road

by Kim Moeller Hansen

MUFON Representative Denmark

In his "Account of Denmark as it was in the year 1692" the English minister in Denmark, Robert Molesworth, wrote that "in Denmark you will not meet any people with extraordinary abilities or qualifications. No one will distinguish himself by exceptional studies or occupations. None is enthusiastic, furious, mad or a dreamer. The Danes always keep to the beaten track."

This description may be true today–so far as witness UFO accounts go. At least SUFOI (Scandinavian UFO Information, founded in 1957) has never been troubled by agonizing abductions, cattle mutilations, or similar alarming incidents.

In most cases the reports we investigate involve nocturnal lights and daylight discs–though once in a while a more interesting case will turn up, such as the famous car stop experience of police officer Maarup in August, 1970, which I reported in Evans & Spencer, "UFOs 1947-1987."

In 1995 we had another dramatic stopping of a car, where a very large disc with a powerful light hovered over the vehicle. This account of the event of Sept. 29, 1995, is based on the witness' written report and the investigation by Torben Birkeholm, SUFOI's field investigator in Jutland.

It was Friday evening. 24-year old Claus Lundholm was driving southward from Brande towards Vejle in Jutland, on his way to visit his parents. He was driving a 1981 BMW 320. His only companion was a black Labrador lying on the back seat.

There was hardly any traffic. It was dark with dry, clear weather. The external temperature was over 10°C. Lundholm was approaching a left turn in a forest area. He slowed down and drove past a side road on the right that leads to Billund.

As he turned, his speed was approximately 60 km/h. The car's clock was showing 21.30, when suddenly he saw the speedometer shoot straight round to maximum and the other instruments started to go wild.

The rev gauge also went to maximum, and the thermometer shot up into the red, where the needle stood vibrating. At the same time the windscreen wipers started going at great speed,

though they were not even switched on!

In bewilderment he tried flicking the wiper switch, but this had no effect. The dog started to become agitated on the back seat, and he had to tell it to lie down.

As he approached a lay-by on the right he noticed that his headlights were also behaving oddly, changing in strength, and that the engine had started to misfire as though it was flooded. He tried to keep some life in it, and pumped repeatedly on the accelerator, but to no avail.

"The engine went completely dead..."

Finally the engine went completely dead and the car came to a stop–in complete darkness–out in the middle of the country road.

While he nervously peered through the windscreen and glanced repeatedly in the rear-view mirror, for fear of any cars that might be approaching, he tried immediately to re-start the car.

He turned the ignition key, but nothing happened. The ignition light did not come on. There was no power. Everything was dead.

However, he noticed that the car's clock was faintly lit. To his amazement it was not showing the time, but 88.88.88! He felt as if time had stopped as he tried several times to start the engine.

"There must be a small current if the light is on," he thought. But after three or four fruitless attempts he suddenly became aware of a strange, oppressive sensation "from above," like some sort of physical influence that he found hard to describe.

Apart from the restless dog, everything was completely quiet, and he looked around in wonder while he continued trying to start the car. Less than twenty seconds had passed since the first indication that something unusual was happening.

Light explodes over vehicle

Without warning–and without a sound–an enormously powerful light practically "exploded" over the vehicle. The light came from above, and it was blinking or pulsing quickly at regular intervals.

He saw the light through the windscreen, looked up and saw a huge disc above him. He was scared, but immediately opened the door, put his left foot on the road and leaned halfway out, his left hand on top of the door and his right hand on the steering wheel.

His dog was whining and trying to hide, trying vainly to "bury" itself under the front seat.

The light was dazzling, and he had to squint to see anything. He saw a large disc, 12-15 meters in diameter, just three or four meters above the car. The disc's outer edge was dark against the background of the starry sky.

A little further in he could see a number of concentric circles of light, which were closer together the nearer they were to the center of the disc.

Each light-circle consisted of "lamps" that were equally spaced all the way around. Each "lamp" consisted of two circles, like a bulb in the middle of a reflector. The light itself seemed like neon, and each "lamp" shone as brightly as a halogen lamp.

Near the center of the disc the light was so strong that he could make out no details, or see whether there was a single light source or a cluster of small ones. He observed that the light's boundary was very sharply defined, going straight down rather than spreading out to the sides as would be normal. Consequently, the circumference of the light field on the ground corresponded to that of the disc above.

Shortly after, as he sat back inside and shut the door, he saw that the light was now illuminating the whole road on both sides of the car, including the verges, though no further.

As before, it was very sharply defined. The road at that point was wider than usual, as there was an extra lane for motorists turning off towards Billund.

The color of the light was white and indigo, somewhat reminiscent of the light from a welding torch, but not nearly as strong. It "quivered" in a strange fashion.

The light gets dimmer and the disc moves

Lundholm rolled down the window and put his arm and head outside. He looked up again, though keeping a lookout for any cars coming from behind, turning his head rather than using the mirror.

After a short time he saw that the intensity of the light was slowly diminishing, as if someone were operating a dimmer. Soon it was as weak as a car's indicator light, but it continued to blink or "quiver."

Through the windscreen he saw that the disc was slowly moving forwards ahead of him. He could see that it was not flat. It looked peculiar, with something like "triangles" or "spikes" which he estimates were approximately one third of the disc's diameter, or about three meters high.

The outer edges were rounded off, like a parasol.It carried on towards the trees nearby, still very low down, and as it reached the first trees it literally had to "tip" its left side up to avoid them.

It carried on with a faint light and disappeared out of sight in a matter of a few seconds, still without a sound.

The disc had tipped its left side up by at least 20 degrees, and he could see the underside at the same time. He could not tell whether it righted itself again before it went out of sight.

For a short while he simply sat in the car, trying to calm his still agitated dog while he collected himself after what had happened.

After maybe three or four minutes he turned the ignition key to check if there was any power. The headlights came on and he noticed straight away that the digital clock stood at 21.31. He turned the key completely. The engine started immediately. Lights and instruments were functioning normally.

He was still feeling afraid–his legs were trembling–but he drove off. For a while he did not drive over 70 km/h, but he speeded up when he had calmed down a little.

After driving 35 km he reached his parents' home and immediately told them what had happened. The experience was still affecting him, and he was shaking. His parents asked him to contact someone–there must be some "UFO people" he could ring. But he was too frightened and upset and did not phone anyone.

Later, Lundholm told a friend about

the experience, who likewise urged him to report it. He thought the matter over a lot, but could not bring himself to contact anyone till some weeks later he saw a Danish TV documentary about UFOs. A few days afterwards he phoned SUFOI.

SUFOI immediately sent him a report form. When SUFOI got it back, it was clear that it dealt with a Close Encounter of the Second Kind. A meeting was arranged, and SUFOI recorded a lengthy interview.

The local press was used to trace witnesses to the incident. SUFOI received a number of responses from local residents regarding various sightings, but there was no "star witness" who could be tied in with the car's stopping.

One sighting, however, did occur the same evening, only a few kilometres from where the car stopped.

Around 19:20 two individuals were standing in the farm kitchen. The woman was standing facing the window which looked out over the farmyard. Suddenly a beam of light appeared from above and shone down onto some flagstones in the yard in front of the window.

The beam of light was very sharply defined and around one meter in diameter, as was the area where it hit the flagstones. The light beam did not move, and after about five seconds the woman drew her friend's attention to it.

He was standing with his back to the window, but turned in time to see the light for about three seconds before it vanished. The duration was about ten seconds in all.

The farmyard is surrounded by high trees, so the couple excluded things such as light from neighboring properties as an explanation. They did not go outside.

It was obviously not possible to tie this case in with the car stopping, as there were several hours between the two incidents, and the second light beam was much smaller. But this too was an interesting sighting, and the coincidence of the two events on the same evening may be significant.

Duration of the sighting

How long did the young man's encounter last? In his original written report Lundholm stated that it lasted 30 seconds, maybe longer.

During the interview he was asked to state the duration of each phase of the incident. Later he was asked to close his eyes and recall the events while being timed.

Without being told the result, he was asked once again to close his eyes and try to re-live each phase in turn. He originally stated an overall duration of at least 30 seconds, while his phase-by-phase account indicated a good minute.

We may reasonably suppose that the true figure lies somewhere between 30 and 60 seconds. Is that a little or a lot? Try timing it yourself–a lot can happen in that time, and a great number of details can be noted.

The witness

Claus Lundholm lives in Aalborg (northern Jutland), where in 1995 he was a student nurse. He originally comes from around Vejle, where he has many acquaintances who interest themselves in the UFO phenomenon in their spare time.

He has himself heard about UFO sightings, read about them in newspapers–not books–and seen TV programs on the subject. He has also seen the film "Close Encounters of the Third Kind." He comes across as a surprised and honest person who gives no impression of being other than very normal.

Lundholm has spoken further about his thoughts in connection with the experience. He especially noticed the strange "oppressive" feeling just before the light appeared. In a way it was like just before a thunderstorm, but very physical.

Just as the light appeared he noticed a sort of "pleasant" feeling that he has never experienced before. He was scared, but nevertheless did not feel "threatened" in any way. He did not feel it was anything that wanted to harm him.

While the object was present it seemed as though "time stood still" in the space where the light was. At the same time it was unbelievably quiet. He found it striking and totally incomprehensible that there was not the slightest sound, despite the enormous "machine" hovering just above him.

He also felt as if he should "go up." In any case he imagined that it might happen, but the thought did not frighten him. In fact he hoped that more would happen–that "someone" or "something" would come and show itself to him.

He wanted to know what it was, and felt in some way "drawn" to the disc above him.

While it was there Lundholm did not notice any sort of heat from the intense light. On the contrary, he felt a sort of "coldness" (it was also chilly outside), which he could compare a little to a feeling from his hospital work.

He had recently been on practical training in a department with an NMR scanner (which produces a powerful magnetic field). There one feels that one's body seems to be registering something unusual. He imagined in fact that the powerful light was taking some sort of "photograph" of him.

Case is not closed

SUFOI has not succeeded in tracing other witnesses through the local media. We have considered ringing doorbells in the area, or using the national media in the hope of finding a motorist from out of the area, who might have noticed the light or even the "disc" from a distance.

Furthermore we need answers to a number of technical questions concerning the car. It would be interesting to define the physical conditions which might cause the instruments to behave as described.

For example, what level of current is required to activate the digital clock, and under what circumstances will it show 88.88.88?

The car should have been examined by qualified technicians immediately after the incident. Unfortunately this was not possible, due to the time that elapsed before SUFOI became involved and because of the cost.

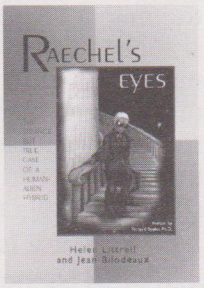
As work on the case has progressed, a number of questions have arisen. The young man has made himself available to SUFOI throughout the investigation, and it is only the fact that the investigators must use their spare time that is delaying bringing the case to a full conclusion.

A strange "girl"

Raechel's Eyes: The Strange but True Case of a Human-Alien Hybrid, by Helen Littrell & Jean Bilodeaux, soft cover, 402 pages, http://5thworld.com/Raechel, $25.00 (Amazon $16.50).

Reviewed by Deborah Lindemann

I found *Raechel's Eyes* to be one of the most compelling books I've read in many years on the mystery of UFOs and "alien beings."



As a UFO researcher and clinical hypnotherapist for 20 years, I don't say that lightly. Although the writing style is uneven at times, it is a gripping book that reads like science fiction.

I found it entertaining and educational, and I felt almost disappointed when I reached the end.

Not just another UFO book, this is allegedly the true story of a young human-alien hybrid female named Raechel who was rescued in a crash retrieval by the military in 1969 at Four Corners, in Nevada.

She became part of a plan or experiment to integrate hybrids into regular society as part of the "Humanization Project."

I remember first hearing of this hybrid woman around 1991while practicing in California. At that time I simply filed the story away in my "gray" basket, unsure if it was based on reality or was simply a fabrication of someone's mind. Now, 14 years later, her story is published.

The first half of the book skillfully weaves a detailed mosaic of the lives of those who were touched by Raechel and came to know her.

There was Harry, who joined the Air Force in 1955 as a young man desperate to escape his unhappy home life, who quickly and unexpectedly found himself promoted to major at a clandestine "non-existent" base known as Four Corners. He could never have prepared himself for what he would be exposed to there, from extraterrestrials working alongside the military to meeting Raechel.

Then there is Helen Littrell, whose memories form the basis of the book. The reader travels with Helen through many personal trials and tribulations, from breaking out of an abusive marriage to discovering her role in this amazing story.

Helen is the mother of Marisa, an intelligent and caring young college woman, blind from diabetes, who becomes the roommate to Raechel through a quirky set of circumstances. An unusual bond is formed between them with roots that connect them in a most unexpected way.

And there is Raechel herself, a young hybrid woman who just doesn't fit in. Crash landing to earth, she is a sole survivor. Harry finds her in the rubble of a crash and, surprised at their instant bonding, personally takes on her survival and well-being.

Four Corners becomes Raechel's new home for the next three years. There she is coached and nurtured by both military personnel and Chisky, a small gray-hybrid and resident alien scientist, in charge of cloning and cell propagation.

Chisky served as both an interpreter and mediator between arriving aliens, human-alien hybrids, and humans at the base.

Raechel's appearance was so different from humans: her slender, slight built body only 5' 4" tall, her skin a yellowish-green, with wispy hair and huge green slanted eyes that contrasted her paleness.

She became part of the "Humanization Project" with the approval of ATIC (Aerospace Technical Information Center), coached to take on human traits and trained in cultural integration.

Part of that experimental integration involved enrolling her into college and finding a roommate who wouldn't notice or suspect her unusual appearance. Marisa fit the bill.

Throughout her brief time in public while living with Marisa, Raechel was forced to disguise her unearthly appearance, covering her head with scarves and wearing huge wrap-around glasses everywhere she went.

Raechel found it increasingly difficult to cover her identity. Her behaviors did not fit those of a typical teenager's interests like Marisa's. Then there was the matter of her strange diet that would soon be discovered by Marisa.

Raechel began to feel a deep sadness over not fitting in, and her ability to *feel* became a detriment for her safety and success. That went beyond the experiment.

The second half of the book reflects the extensive research done on this case, including interviews with those who met and knew Raechel and Marisa by journalist/author Jean Bilodeaux, and highly detailed hypnotic regressions of Helen by Dr. June Steiner.

I've had the opportunity to know Dr. June Steiner, and I have found her to be a fine, competent, and caring therapist and hypnotherapist. The transcripts from her sessions with Helen reprinted in the book bear that out.

Dr. Steiner helps Helen recapture details from Helen's memories that will leave the reader with many surprises, twists, and turns that few could predict, including Helen.

Toward the end of the book, the author also shares a useful outline of projects and agencies, and their acronyms associated with the management and secrecy of this subject matter.

For anyone wanting to understand more about the possible reality of human-alien hybrids, this is an important

book to read. It is of course up to each reader to draw his or her own conclusions.

The book is co-written by Helen Littrell, the mother of Marisa, and Jean Bilodeaux, a freelance writer, author, and businesswoman from northeastern California.

[Editor's Note: A two-part series on this unusual case appeared in the September and October, 2004, issues of the *Journal*.]

UFO sightings continue

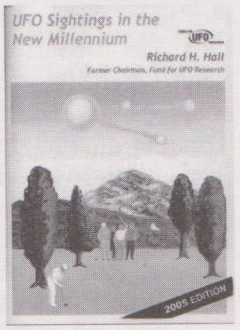
UFO Sightings in the New Millennium, 2005 edition, by Richard H. Hall, Foreward by Rob Swiatek, Fund for UFO Research, P.O. Box 277, Mt. Rainier, MD 20712, 8 ½ x 11, soft cover, 48 pages, $8 + $2 shipping.

Reviewed by Dwight Connelly

***Journal* editor**

This is a follow-up edition to the first edition, which chronicled UFO sightings from 2000 to May of 2003, and which was published in 2004. This new edition picks up the sightings in May of 2003 and brings them up to June of this year.

As Hall points out, these sightings have not necessarily been thoroughly investigated. In this respect they are similar to reports in Filer's Files, and most come from Peter Davenport's National UFO Reporting Center (NUFORC).



These reports, says Hall, basically answer the question of whether UFOs are still being sighted, and whether their characteristics have changed over the years.

The answers are "yes" they are still being sighted, and "no" their characteristics have not changed noticeably in the new millennium.

That is, they are still being reported as cylinders, cigars, discs, ovals, and ellipses; they still hover, rapidly accelerate, dart, and make sharp turns; and they still have body lights, light beams, and bright illumination.

The basic structure of this booklet is a chronological listing of sightings accompanied by a very brief description, followed by a separate section in which details of each sighting are presented.

Hall follows this with a separate section on "mystery triangles" which deals with 119 specialized cases not covered in the previous sections. This section includes very brief summaries of the sightings.

Hall notes that reports of triangular craft average two per month, and that "exactly contrary to what one would think if the craft were experimental U.S. government devices, the sightings were far less frequent in places like Nevada and the Southwest, and most frequent in the more populous Midwest and South."

Sightings of triangular craft were reported in 36 states and five Canadian provinces, with California the most frequent (13), followed by Ohio (8), Illinois (7), Pennsylvania (6), and Florida (6). Night sightings (6 PM to 6 AM) predominate by a ratio of 10 to 1.

According to the reports, triangular craft show a strong pattern of being described as black/dark objects that display lights at or near each apex of the triangle (usually not blinking) and often another light at the bottom center.

They tend to fly low and slow (often hovering), appear to be very large, often fly edge forward as opposed to point forward, and are usually silent.

This is a very useful compilation of reports by a respected researcher.

A UFO miracle?

Heavenly Lights–The Apparitions of Fatima and the UFO Phenomenon by Dr. Joaquim Fernandes & Fina D'Armada (translated & edited by Andrew Basiago & Eva Thompson), Foreward by Jacques Vallee, 2005, EcceNova Editions, 308-640 Dallas Road, Victoria, BC, V8V 1B6, Canada, www.eccenova.com, sales@eccenova.com, 6x9 soft cover, 284 pages, $22.95.

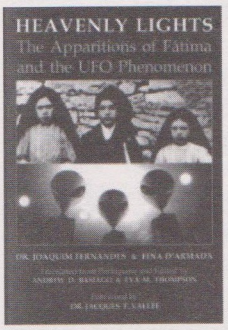
Reviewed by Dwight Connelly

***Journal* editor**

As the line between religion and UFOs become more and more blurred, it is inevitable that "religious" events, such as the 1917 incident at Fatima, Portugal, will be reevaluated. The authors have spent 25 years studying this series of sightings of what has been widely accepted as the Virgin Mary, and their research has been meticulous.

They have dug through all sorts of records, including statements over the years by the individuals involved, as well as conclusions by those interpreting the sightings.

Interestingly, the key witness to this series of events, Lucia dos Santos, 10 yers old at the time, referred to the lady sighted only as "a very pretty lady," but not as "Our Lady."



Because of the unusual "lightning" and other "heavenly lights" associated with the incident, and the fact that the being said she was "from the sky," people with a limited view of the world quickly assumed that the "very pretty lady" must be the Virgin Mary.

The authors conclude, "The paranormal became the supernatural, and the supernatural became religious."

The book deals extensively with the similarities between various UFO reports and the Fatima sightings, as well as with other sightings somewhat similar to Fatima, such as Lourdes in France.

Other than the sightings of the "very pretty woman," there were also reports of the observation of three beings "in the Sun," as well as reports of sounds, odors, wind, clouds, miraculous cures, and other phenomena. The authors compare these reports with similar reports from UFO incidents.

While there is no index, there are extensive notes, as well as tables and illustrations.

Those interested in the possible relationship between UFOs and religious events should find this extensively-documented book quite interesting.

MUFON reports

Field Investigators: Please send a copy of your sighting reports directly to the *Journal*.

Bigfoot sightings reported

By Stan Gordon

UFO sightings and other anomalies continue to be reported during 2005 from across Pennsylvania. Both my PA UFO Hotline and the National UFO Reporting Center (NUFORC) have been receiving reports of strange observations in the sky.

I have received information concerning alleged Bigfoot activity occurring in some locations as well, and the PA Bigfoot Society (PBS) has also been investigating some possible Bigfoot encounters.

As is usually the case, the UFO sightings and Bigfoot sightings were not at the same time and location, so apparently were not related. Following are the two Bigfoot cases reported thus far:



Westmoreland County–I received a report from a witness who reported seeing a creature which fits the description of a Bigfoot. The sighting took place on Jan. 2, 2005, at a rural location along the Chestnut Ridge.The incident occurred about 6:30 P.M.

It was almost dark, but enough light remained to be able to see for a distance. The witness, who was visiting a local family, was loading up his vehicle for a return trip to his home.

His attention was drawn to a field across the road, about 40 feet away, by a loud crashing sound and the noise of brush breaking. The man crossed the roadway and looked around, expecting a large buck to exit the area.

Moments later, he noticed to his left, about 100 to 150 feet away, a very large man-like figure moving through the field. He was able to get a good look at the creature, which he estimated stood between 7 1/2 and 9 feet tall, was dark brown or black in color, entirely covered in hair, and walking erect.

The witness could see that it had massive arms which hung down to the knees, and swung gracefully as it walked up the hill. The head of the creature seemed to be cone-shaped and no neck was observed.

The witness indicated that the creature continued on its path, and at one point seemed to look towards him, but never changed it's pace.

What impressed the witness was how fast the creature was moving up hill in the nearly dark conditions. It was covering a large amount of ground in its strides in a short time.

When the creature reached the horizon, the witness could see its shape clearly with the light behind it. The creature moved into a tree line and was lost from sight.

The witness, an avid sportsman who had heard stories about such creatures in the area, but until now had never experienced anything like this, observed the creature for about a minute to 90 seconds.

Elk County–The Pennsylvania Bigfoot Society (PBS) is investigating a possible Bigfoot encounter in Elk County which occurred on Feb. 14, 2005.

A man and his two sons were driving in their vehicle on Route 555 near the town of Benezette, PA. The fellows were driving to their hunting camp when at about 11 AM they reported observing a tall creature standing along the road. It was covered in dark hair, and had reddish eyes

The family was astonished by what they saw, and after passing the creature, turned back to take another look. The creature had apparently entered the woods and was not seen again.

CALENDAR

Oct. 9–Las Vegas, UFO Awareness Day, Nevada MUFON. Includes showing of the award-winning documentary "Roswell: The Naked Truth Revealed." Contact Mark Easter, Nevada State Director, 775-358-9205, or www.nevadaMUFON.org.

Oct. 14-16–Texas Bigfoot Conference, Jefferson, TX. 877-529-5550, www.texasbigfoot.com.

Oct. 14-16–European UFO Congress, Chalons-en-Champagne, France, featuring Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos, Michel Bougard, Gildas Bourdais, Marie-Therese de Brosses, Budd Hopkins, Didier Gomez, Jean-Gabriel Gresle, Jiri Kult, Yves Lignon, Bertrand Meheust, Joel Mesnard, Claude Poher, Jean-Luc Rivera, Edoardo Russo, Jean-Pierre Troadec. alain.blanchard34@wanadoo.fr. www.les-repas-ufologiques.com,

Oct. 15-16–Bay Area UFO Conference, Santa Clara, CA. 209-836-4281, www.thebayareaufoexpo.com, featuring Dannion Brinkley, Colin Andrews, Ann & Jason Andrews, Stephen Bassett, Greg Bishop, Ian Christopher, Ann Druffel, A.J. Gevaerd, Dean Haglund, Michael Horn, Dr. Leonard Horowitz, Dr. Lynne Kitei, Dr. Roger Leir, Jason Martel, Jordan Maxwell, Sean David Morton, George Noory, John Rhodes, Marshall Summers, Dr. Thomas Van Flandern, David Wilcock.

Oct. 29–Mysteries of Space & Sky II ("sequel" to last year's conference), Annapolis, MD. featuring Dr. David Jacobs, Rob & Sue Swiatek, Anna Jamerson, Robert Galganski, and Dr. S. Peter Resta. spr100@aol.com, 410-360-1168 Ext. 8.

Nov. 4-6–Third annual UFO Crash Conference, Las Vegas, NV, featuring Jim Marrs, Linda Moulton Howe, Dr. Roger Leir, Richard Dolan, Philip Mantle, Dr. Tom Valone, Peter Robbins, Chuch Zukowski, Debbie Ziegelmeyer, Reme Baca, Ken Storch, Nick Redfern, Dr. William Hamilton, Dr. Robert Wood, and Ryan Wood. www.ufoconference.com, rswood@majesticdocuments.com, 720-887-8171.

Nov. 5-6–FortFest, Baltimore, MD, 304-876-0932, www.forteans.com.



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Note: These reports are presented in order to keep readers informed of some of the vast number of sightings being reported. However, these cases have not been officially investigated.

Family frightened in Illinois

WESTMONT — A neighbor reports, "Tonight my next door neighbor came to my house around 8:30 PM and told me that she was very upset! She informed me that last night, which was Aug. 24 & 25, 2005, she had been kept awake all night by orbs of light floating around in her basement and her bedroom.

"She had been complaining the month before of this same thing, and her husband even experienced something pulling the covers off him while in bed!

"Last night her daughter had the feeling that someone was sitting on her chest about 4 AM. Her daughter finally ran into her mother's bedroom and told her Mom to move over, as she wasn't going to continue sleeping in her room!

"The daughter is 18 years old, and going off to college soon, so she is not a little girl afraid of the dark! Last week the mother even said she saw what she calls 'The Green Men.'"

Possible abduction in Florida

MUFON's Mary Zimmer reports, "On Aug. 2, 2005, the witness called, saying that he had just awakened and was very, very thirsty, even after drinking several bottles of water, and wanted to tell me what happened to him.

"He said that at 1 PM he watched about ten minutes of the news broadcast and had an overwhelming urge to go out into the back yard. He saw an orange light above the retention pond in back of his yard.

"He said that the object that he saw was the same one that he saw over the Gulf, but it was straight across, not tilted, and about 200 to 300 feet in the air. It was like a straight bar and pointed at the end, but it may have been a disc.

"The surface was orange, pulsating, beautiful, flowing like water. There were three squares, then a space, and then three more squares. It looked so large that he estimated that it could be covered by a blanket unfolded.



George Filer

"He saw it for about 45 seconds, and then it completely vanished. The night was silent with even the crickets not making noise. He found it hard to get back inside the house, and made some noise coming back, but did not awaken the others in his house.

"He called me at 3:52 AM, but 'thought it was earlier, about 1:20 AM.' There was missing time of two hours and forty-two minutes, during which apparently an abduction took place.

"Thomas became very thirsty after this, quickly drinking four or five 16 oz. bottles of water. He later suffered from vomiting, diarrhea, and inability to urinate. None of his neighbors had seen the object.

On Aug. 4, he noticed a slight burning sensation on his chest and discovered a small red triangle just below the skin. His doctor didn't know what it was, but didn't think it was anything to worry about.

"The doctor did find that his triglycerides were dangerously high, 410 (normal 40 to 200), and said that he could be at risk for a stroke or heart attack. The doctor also found that his electrolytes were extremely low, and advised him to drink PediaLite and to eat only fruit and vegetables.

The witness was fearful of a little girl with dark eyes in the doctor's waiting room, because her eyes made him afraid, as did people who wore sun glasses.

"The family had gone to Cape Canaveral to see the space shuttle return. At a lunch with the astronauts, Thomas' niece asked about drinking Tang. The astronaut said that they no longer drink it, but use a different formula because they had found that weightlessness caused a decrease of electrolytes in the human body."

–Thanks to MM Zimmer and MUFON Case Management System.

A forensic scientific approach should be a key part of our investigative arsenal in examining abduction cases.

Tennessee disc

JACKSON — On Aug. 27, 2005, the witness spotted a disc-shaped craft around midnight.

He states, "My friends and I saw it when we were playing outside. It was very scary. It just hovered above us for about 10 seconds. It took off, and a couple of minutes later we started feeling lightheaded." (NUFORC Note: Witness elects to remain totally anonymous; provides no contact information. PD)

Dominican Republic black UFO

INEXPLICATA — At 12:50 PM on Aug. 29, 2005, the witness saw a completely black UFO at an altitude of between 1,000 and 3,000 meters.

The witness states, "I say this because the object flew between a low rain cloud and medium altitude white cloud. We know that rain clouds are usually at an altitude of between 1,500 to 2,500 meters."

"The object was traveling east, and its shape was something like the alleged 'flying humanoids' seen in Mexico over recent months. I cannot relate it to any other object, such as balloons, birds,

airplanes, etc. on account of its very strange shape.

"Unfortunately, I did not have time to get a photograph, as the sighting lasted only some 40 seconds, and I did not have a camera at hand.

"The object was flying in an even, single-row movement, except for a moment in which it made a maneuver resembling a soft curve, which I estimate at some 5-10 degrees."

–Thanks to Scott Corrales (IHU). *The Journal of Hispanic Ufology*. UFO Casebook online report, & Kim Shaffer.

Thunderbirds have accident

More than two million people attended the Chicago Air and Water Show, and some spectators claim they saw a UFO just prior to the Air Force Thunderbirds precision flying team F-16 fighter jets touch during their flight on Aug. 20, 2005.

The mishap sent a missile rail from one of the aircraft plunging into Lake Michigan about 2,500 feet from spectators on the North Avenue Beach. The shaken Thunderbirds canceled their aerial performance only 15 minutes into their 45-minute routine.

Nobody was hurt, and the six Thunderbird aircraft safely returned to the Gary Jet Center. The show for Sunday was also canceled.

The falling missile rail shown in a photo strangely appears as a cylinder-shaped object that may have been mistaken for the UFO. High-speed choreographed stunts that bring wings as close as 18 inches apart are inherently dangerous, particularly when UFOs show up to observe.

A similar air show in the Ukraine interrupted by a UFO caused the deaths of over a hundred spectators. Also, a UFO penetrated a group of World War II fighters over Goodwood, England, on Sept. 6, 2003.

UFOs at Chicago air show?

The witness reports, "While on the water in a friend's boat on Aug. 21, 2005, during the early portion of the Air and Water show in Chicago, as a MIG banked in the air we looked up to see what at first looked like a silver orb hanging near the smoke trail from the MIG.

"The object hung there, and while the five of us all watched, 1:30 to 3:30, we noticed it spinning and looking like it was morphing from a round object into two objects, but still remaining attached and rotating end over end.

As it rotated we could see the sun shine off the object at first as an orb shape, but then it seemed to show the texture of two orbs stuck together.

"It hung, and although there was some wind, was definitely not a balloon, plane, or bird. The sky was nearly completely clear. You couldn't miss the silver dot in the sky. Eventually it disappeared in front of our eyes after about seven minutes.

"Later during a separate jet performance, I looked up in a different part of the completely empty blue sky to see a glowing silver orb which seemed to hang for a little longer, slowly getting smaller as we assumed it was gaining altitude.

"There was a Chicago police boat right next to us, and we pointed and showed them the location. They both (a male and female occupant) saw the object and watched with us.

"We told them of the previous experience, and they seemed to have no explanation of what we were looking at. I am more than sure some of the over one million people got video of this event. It was pretty amazing."

Florida flying stadium lights

SARASOTA — A large round object with "stadium lights" flew over two cars on July 21, 2005, at 10:02 PM. The witness states, "My fiance and I were driving separate cars when we both noticed an extremely fast-moving object going south across the road we were on.

"My fiance called me on my cell phone to verify what we saw. We turned down a small unlit road south towards our home when we both noticed an astronomical-sized object just hovering literally right above our cars with beaming 'stadium lights' shooting down at the road.

"I looked in the rear view mirror, and suddenly it was gone. We both got on the cell phone again to verify what we saw.

"We looked on your website and found that there was another sighting here in Sarasota on May 29, 2005.

–Narrative from William Puckett's Report from "UFO's Northwest" and UFO Roundup.

Australia missing time

RAVENSHOE, QUENSLAND — On July 19, 2005, at 3:30 AM, Dina Holdcroft was driving on a lonely country road in the far north of Australia's state of Queensland when strange things began happening to her.

"All at once I heard unusual sounds on my car radio," she reported. "My mobile phone kept receiving messages, so I picked it up and said, 'Hello?' But there was no response.

"Suddenly, there was a light all about the car, and the engine cut out for a split-second, then came back on, very powerful, like the battery was fully charged. An illuminated mist came all around the car.

"I heard a sound like 'Whhiiiiiiiiiirrrr.' And that's all I remember. I had lost half an hour."

New York discs

FARMINGDALE — It was Sunday, Aug. 28, 2005, 7:40 PM. A family was in the back yard. The son was talking to his girlfriend and states, "I looked up and saw what looked to be a star. The sky was still bright, and no other stars were out.

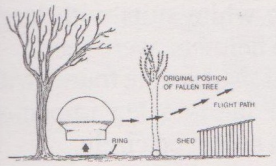
"An aircraft at 34,000 feet passed overhead, heading north, leaving a trail behind it. The object was in back of the trail. I have video. The UFO stayed in one spot.

"What was odd is that when the aircraft passed by, leaving its contrail, the contrail broke where the UFO was. However, the rest of the contrail was still there. Our neighbors also saw this.

"We used binoculars and a telescope to get a better look. It was a bright different type of white light coming from this object. Then my neighbor spotted another one to the left of the first one we saw.

"They were both moving extremely slow, heading west, and stayed in formation until we lost sight. It took 30 minutes for both UFOs to get to the horizon."

–Thanks to Peter Davenport.



Physical Traces

By Ted Phillips

Occupants and physical traces

I have chronologically traced some of the numerous reports of traces in conjunction with occupants. This month we will look at the 1960's.

Argentina

10/21/63, 2130, Argentina, Trancas–A disc-shaped object was seen by an entire family and servants for several minutes. There was animal reaction, EM effects, and occupants seen. The disc diameter was estimated to be 30 feet.



Ted Phillips

A "cloud" was seen over the site for four hours, and a powerful smell of sulphur floated over the spot. A cone-shaped pile of small white balls which crumpled under gentle pressure were found inside a circle 28 to 30 feet in diameter.

Analysis by Dr. walter Gonzalo Tell, Institute of Engineering, University of Tucuman, showed that they contained 96.48% calcium carbonate and 3.51% potassium carbonate.

Carob trees in the area were all withered in a few days.

France

07/01/65, 0540, France, Valensole–M. Masse was in his lavender field lighting a cigarette when he heard a whistling sound. He could not see the source, as he was standing behind a mound of rubble which was 6.5 feet high.

He stepped out from behind the rubble and saw an oval metallic object resting on a central shaft and six thin legs. It was about 18 feet wide with a round cockpit. Two small beings were standing near the object.

He walked to within 35 feet of the beings before they saw him. One of the beings pointed a tube at him and he could not move.

The beings had bodies the size of an 8-year-old child, but their heads were three time the size of a normal human head. There was no hair, the skin was smooth and white, and they wore coveralls. The mouth showed no lips, and looked like a hole.

After a short time, the two returned to the object and entered it through a sliding door. The object jumped into the air with great speed, and moved away at an angle of some 45 degrees with a whistling sound.

Suddenly, at a distance of 65 feet, the object completely vanished from sight. Masse was unable to move for an additional 15 minutes.

Plants along the flight path were damaged for 325 feet. At the site were marks consisting of a shallow basin over 1 m in diameter, at the center of which there was a cylindrical hole 18 cm in diameter and 40 cm deep.

There were also four shallow grooves, each 8 cm wide and 2 m long, which formed a sort of cross having the cylindrical hole as its center. The earth at this spot was densely packed."

Missouri

05/00/66, MO, Whiteman AFB –I learned from security personnel at the base that a disc-shaped object was seen to land in a wooded area on the base by several children. They immediately told their parents, and security teams were sent to the area.

They found a burned area and four imprints. The children said the object came down vertically through the trees, landed, and a small being emerged. They ran. Tree limbs were broken from the tops down into the area.

I talked with nine security people, some of whom had seen the site, which was roped off for some time. I did locate the base photographer (then retired), who said he had taken many photographs of the site. He did not keep any negatives or prints.

Iowa

01/29/67, 2200, IA, Knox City–Mrs. Enid Campbell saw from a window what she thought at first to be the full moon. As it moved closer she could see it was a spherical object, white in color like a frosted light bulb, with a shiny gold horizontal ring around the center in which there were numerous round holes.

The object came up to within several feet of her window before stopping. Through its semi-transparent material she could see a panel with a lever on top and two occupants, one seated at the panel, the other standing. They wore shiny, silvery "wet suits."

She called her sons, Gene, 18, and George, 14, who arrived at the window in time to see the object as it rose and moved away. While it hovered nearby, two smaller white luminous spheres approached the object and entered through an opening, after which the holes in the central ring jetted out red fire.

Then the object ascended vertically and disappeared. The snow on the ground under the spot where it hovered was melted, and the area over which the object approached the house failed to produce plants, while plants elsewhere grew normally.

Missouri

02/14/67, 0700, MO, Tuscumbia–Farmer Claude Edwards, 67, was walking toward a barn when he noted that his cows were all looking toward a point in the field to the east.

He saw, through scattered trees, a circular greenish object, curved at the top, with a flattish bottom. He could see numerous openings around the lower rim, with brilliant light coming from inside the openings and constantly changing colors.

He walked to within 15 feet of the

object, which was resting on a cylindrical central shaft, and encountered a "pressure" he could not get through. The object was 18 feet in diameter and about 6 feet thick.

Under the objects were numerous small beings of a greenish color moving rapidly around.

He backed up about 10 feet and watched from 25 feet. With the sun rising and the area fully illuminated, the object rocked back and took off at a low angle. There was no sound.

At the site I found a circular depression which was dehydrated and baked, although the surrounding soil was wet and muddy. There was a hole at the center of the depression into which a device had apparently been inserted.

France

07/17/67, 1500, France, Arc-sous-Cicon–Four children saw a small black creature which ran from them. They tried to follow, but lost sight of it.

Later a patch of grass 14 feet wide was found where the grass was burned. An odor was noticed. Small footprints were found.

Idaho

11/02/67 2130 ID, Ririe–Two 23-year-old men saw a landed object 6 feet wide and 4 feet high, with a dome and holes around the center. A small occupant was seen. Their car stopped as they approached the object; ground traces were found.

Brazil

11/24/67, 1430, Brazil, Copacabana–Ugo Battaglia, 39, and a boy heard a high-pitched sound and saw a bright, metallic disc come down, hit a tree, and hover.

Three men in white coveralls walked around the area. The boy later suffered severe headaches. Circular ground traces were found.

Argentina

07/02/68 1130 Argentina, Sierra Chica–Oscar H. Iriart saw two men of normal size near an elliptical, silvery object, about 21 m long. It had three 50 cm legs. The man's horse and dog were paralyzed for several minutes. The object took off vertically at great speed with flashes of light.

The man arrived home "like a madman." Inspection showed three holes which had gone into the ground 12 cm, forming the pattern of a perfect isosceles triangle.

Brazil

08/00/68, Brazil, Brazilia–A woman saw a dark triangular object land gently and silently within 10 m, and caught a glimpse of an occupant. Marks forming a triangle of 2.1 m x 1.2 m x 1.2 m were found at the spot.

Spain

08/16/68, 0600, Spain, Tivissa, Tarragona–A man and his wife saw a mushroom-shaped device hovering 3.5 feet above the ground. It was giving off considerable light.

On the other side he saw two beings about 300 feet from the object, running towards it. They were about 3.5 feet tall, and light in color. Watches stopped three times at the site. A large area of burned grass was found.

Brazil

03/15/69, Brazil, Lins–Maria Cintra, a nurse's aide employed at Ferreira Clemente Hospital, was about to go to sleep after night duty when she heard a sound like the brakes of a car outside her window.

She looked out and saw in the courtyard what appeared to be a white woman of about 30, strangely garbed in a cape and tunic of some shiny material, bound at the waist with a heavy metal belt.

"I called out to the woman, inquiring if she was a patient desiring admission, but there was no reply," said the witness.

"I dressed hurriedly and went outside. The strange person walked away from the building just as a machine resembling a huge plate floated from the air to the ground.

"A being inside the machine opened up a hatch, the woman entered, and the machine went straight up in the air. Then I began screaming."

Marks were found on the ground were the object had settled. The Brazilian Air Force took soil samples, and Hospital Director Prata said grass had ceased growing on the spot.

Iowa

04/10/69 IA, Clayton County–A sphere was seen to land and to direct a beam of light at each of the young witnesses. Two beings, 3 feet tall with long arms, wearing white suits with large yellow-brown helmets, were seen.

Many sets of marks were found, with one set, as of landing leg imprints, found within a scorched circle.

Canada

07/01/69 0620 Canada, Olds–Fred Yoos heard a clattering sound which shook the building for a few seconds. The 62-year-old man looked out a window and saw a large, green, oval object descending from a dense cloud to the NW.

It hovered just above the ground 50 feet away. The rising sun reflected off the window-like opening in the object, and he could detect the movement of two figures inside. The object was 20 feet in diameter and ascended vertically. A deep depression was at the site.

Colombia

07/04/69, 2000, Colombia, Anolaima–Two children saw a glowing object 300 yards away. They sent flashes from their flashlight toward the object as a signal to it. It quickly moved in their direction and stopped less than 200 feet away.

They called to the family and were joined by 11 others. The father moved to within 20 feet of the object. It was dark except for the top section, which was illuminated from within.

The father pointed his flashlight at the illuminated section and saw a small person. The entire device became illuminated and flew away.

In less than two days his health was taking a turn for the worse. His body temperature dropped, and blue spots were visible all over his body. In seven days he died of "gastroenteritis."

Iowa

09/07/69 1400 IA, ElkaderA boy saw an object take off in a pasture south of the barn. A clear landing mark was found.

Iowa

09/08/69 1800 IA, Elkader–Landing, occupants, and traces reported 5 feet from the 09/07 site, having the same size and leg pattern.

Iowa

09/09/69, 1500, IA, Elkader–Farmers report seeing small beings and object; traces were found.



PERCEPTIONS

By Stanton T. Friedman

Phil Klass gone

As almost every reader of the *Journal* must know by now, Philip J. Klass (1919-2005) has died after a battle with cancer. He had been incapacitated for a few years after a problem with his back and some surgical effects related to his voice. He had given up on his Skeptics newsletter a few years back.

I have been aware of Phil for more than 35 years. We had a lot of correspondence, did a public debate at Trinity University in Texas, and several battles on television and radio. We even had a few pleasant meals together agreeing not to talk about UFOs.

There are some good things to say about Phil. He worked very hard at his UFO debunking. In fact, I believe that he was one of the most successful propagandists of the past 100 years.

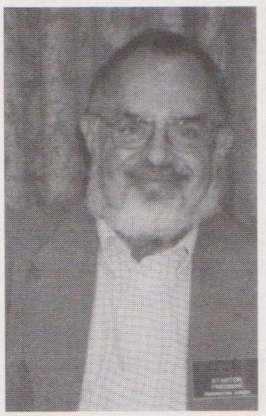
He almost singlehandedly convinced two generations of scientists and journalists that there is nothing to UFOs that he couldn't explain. Most were too busy or too lazy to bother investigating any cases that hit the press and were happy to leave everything in Phil's hands.

He had a huge correspondence with a large number of scientific ufologists. Dr. Bruce Maccabee has commented that his correspondence with Phil about the very significant New Zealand sighting of Dec. 21, 1978, covered about 1,200 pages alone.

He was a master of false reasoning and personal attacks on people, epitomizing my third rule for debunkers (inspired by Phil): "If you can't attack the data, attack the people."

He inspired rules number one, two, and four as well: Don't bother me with the facts, my mind is made up; what the public doesn't know, I am not going to tell them; and do one's research by proclamation, investigation is too much trouble.

Phil often claimed that he put his money where his mouth was. Not really! He would make silly offers to pay so much if..... One obscure, but typical example, was to offer me a certain amount of money for every document I could find in which Adm. Roscoe H. Hillenkoetter, CIA director 1947-1950, used the unusual date format of day, month, comma, year (used in the Eisenhower Briefing Document) if I would pay him for every example of his use of a more conventional style such as day, month, year.



Stan Friedman

Of course I didn't take him up, as I had never contended that RHH always or usually used the unusual format. I had an example of such a use.

We were involved in two financial transactions. Many years ago he had offered $10,000 if anybody could provide evidence that the President or National Academy of sciences would say proved that UFOs were of ET Origin. He only required $100 per year for 10 years vs his $10,000.

I shocked him by pulling out $100 in cash on the old Lou Gordon TV talk show in Detroit and publicly handing it to him. I paid my $100 each year for 10. Supposedly the agreement is still in effect, though I haven't looked at it in years. He, of course, had put no money on the table.

One agreement between us on which he did pay off was his challenge (it wasn't a wager) that since the typeface on the famous Cutler-Twining memo of July 14, 1954, was done in the large pica type, it must be fraudulent, as he had nine memos from the National Security Council (the CT memo mentions the "NSC/MJ-12 Special Studies Project") all done in small elite type.

He generously offered to pay me $100 each for every genuine memo or letter from the NSC in the right time frame, and meeting certain criteria, that used the same size and style pica type.

This was to provide an incentive for me to respond quickly for an article he was planning on writing. He set a limit of 10 items for which he would pay. He sent copies of his challenge to many people.

Typical of Klass, he had never been to the Eisenhower Library and received his 9 by mail. I immediately went to my filing cabinet and pulled out 20 different pica type samples. I knew most didn't meet his criteria, but was planning a trip anyway. He kindly accepted 2.

By that time I had been to Abilene, KS, and had copies made of 14 items which did meet all his criteria. I had previously noted that at least 3 different typewriters were in use at the NSC. I sent the examples and an invoice for $1000.

He paid it promptly, but didn't tell anybody about paying off. I did–even including a copy of his check in my 105-page "Final Report on Operation Majestic 12" for the Fund For UFO Research, along with the relevant correspondence. This upset him very much.

So I can say he paid his debt. But it indicates his total lack of concern with real research. The Ike Library has 250,000 pages of NSC material.

The notion that one can extrapolate from 9 to 250,000 is typical of the intellectual bankruptcy of the pseudo-science of anti-ufology. If there were only 100 NSC documents and the same typewriter was used for 99, one might say that one expected the 100th to have been done on the same typewriter. But from 9 to 250,000???.

In the style of all specialists in disinformation and misinformation, Klass often made great leaps in faith following the rules noted above.

In the Japan Air Lines case of Nov.

17, 1986, over Alaska, he concluded that what was observed by the pilot and crew of the 747 was really Mars and Jupiter...certainly ET "bodies," but not alien spacecraft.

He apparently wasn't aware of the radar observations of a large object near the plane by both the aircraft crew and by a radar system on the ground. With permission from the ground, the plane flew a circle, and the object kept with it and was observed on the ground radar. The pilot described the object as twice the size of an aircraft carrier.

None of this critical information was included in the press release that he sent out far and wide. Obviously Mars and Jupiter cannot be tracked by radar, and they certainly can't accompany a 747 flying in a circle. Dr. Bruce Maccabee and Dr. Richard Haines had spoken to Pilot Terauchi, through an interpreter. Klass had not.

In the obituary for Klass in *Florida Today*, the following statement is highlighted: "In nearly 30 years of searching, investigating famous sightings, I have yet to find one that cannot be explained in down to earth prosaic terms," as though it was true.

In fact, every large scientific study of UFOs shows it is nonsense. For example, a special UFO subcommittee of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics noted that 30% of the 117 cases examined by the U. of Colorado Study (The Condon Report) were found to be unexplainable.

I have noted many times in print from "Aeronautics and Astronautics" to "Physics Today" to my Congressional testimony, that 21.5% of the 3201 sightings evaluated by Battelle Memorial Institute for the USAF Project Blue Book in "Project Blue Book Special Report 14"could not be identified, completely separate from the 9.5% listed as "Insufficient Information."

Not surprisingly Klass doesn't mention BBSR 14 in his books, though he was well aware of it.

Klass often tried to sound scientific, as in his discussion of plasma phenomena or ball lightning explaining away many sightings.

He ignored the possibility of the ionized air plasma being adjacent to the object seen and part of a magnetaerodynamic propulsion system.

Jim McDonald, an atmospheric physicist, demolished his argument. Klass went after Jim with a vengeance and made viciously false claims about him to the Navy people running the atmospheric physics study contract Jim had. So far as I know, Klass never apologized for this Sen. McCarthy type attack.

Carl Sagan blindly accepted Klass' attack on the MJ-12 documents, saying (in *Demon Haunted World*), "The Air Force says the documents are bogus and UFO expert Philip J. Klass and others find lexicographic inconsistencies that suggest the whole thing is a hoax."

The *New York Times* obit stated, "Mr. Klass applied careful reasoned analysis to what is often a very emotional topic, as he repeatedly found explanations for saucer sightings in natural phenomena and manmade objects. He used details like the typefaces on documents to question the veracity of what some contended were deliberately covered up government documents."

Never mind that Phil paid me for his being wrong about the lexicographic work and that his explanations couldn't stand scrutiny.

There is much more about Klass and Sagan and their unenlightened, often completely false, claims about UFOs and MJ-12 in my book *TOP SECRET/MAJIC* (2nd Edition now available with a new chapter updating the testimony of the defense; see http://www.stantonfriedman.com) and in my "Update on Operation Majestic-12 Documents" on the website.

There are many other examples of Klass' false propaganda about UFOs. We were instructed not to bring anything with us into a TV studio in Detroit. After we were in, Phil pulled out a clipping from his pocket. A favorite tactic was to try to misdirect attention from the matters at hand.

He pronounced on one show that I must not be convinced that some UFOs are Alien spacecraft because I hadn't submitted an entry to Cutty Sark Scotch which would pay a million dollars for any evidence of that.

I had to waste time pointing out that the rules were clear. If I provided a flying saucer, to be kept by them, and certified by the National Academy of Sciences, the prize would be awarded.

Of course I had never claimed to have one or even a piece of one. If I did, it would be worth far more on the market.

He had the gall on Larry King with Dr. David Jacobs to claim that all the so-called abductees in David's book had mental health problems, though he was in no way qualified to reach such a conclusion–and Dr. John Mack, who wrote the foreword, was. Klass admitted, in response to a direct question from Larry, that he had not even read the book!

Obviously, this raises the question of was he making all this effort for kicks and because he sincerely believed the trash he wrote, or was he working for some agency as a potent disinformer?

I cannot prove he was working for a government body. But two different people have quietly noted to me his presence in cleared facilities, such as the CIA and Air Force Intelligence. It seems very likely he was officially connected.

The Church Committee back in the 1970s revealed that the CIA had been using journalists for years to report on their contacts with cold war opponents, about comments at international conferences, and probably about loose lips on the part of American scientists and engineers.

Klass would have been an ideal choice. He had training in electrical engineering, and he worked for a well known and respected Washington-based publication, *Aviation Week and Space Technology*.

He was unmarried until he was 60 (we were supposed to have a debate in NY, but he got married instead, presumably not just to avoid the debate.).

He was a very fast typist, excellent writer, technologically sophisticated with all kinds of contacts, and traveled widely. Who better to report on activities of interest and to disinform?

I am glad his physical suffering is over, and suspect he is laughing in his grave, proud of his service to the powers that be.

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Director's Message

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California. In this **Samuel M. Sherman** presentation, an F-106 jet interceptor was scrambled to intercept luminous objects in the sky, and military personnel on the ground confirm seeing the strange flashing objects over the Edwards runway. Run time of the recording is 54 minutes.

MUFON is again offering this excellent recording of actual UFO evidence as a gift to anyone joining MUFON or giving a gift subscription to the *MUFON UFO Journal,* beginning Oct. 12 through the remainder of 2005, or until the supply is exhausted.

Current MUFON members may also participate in this incentive program by giving a gift subscription to introduce MUFON to a friend or relative and receive a copy of the tape as a reward for their gift. Only one tape will be awarded per each new membership. Supplies are limited.

Author Donates Books to MUFON For Fund Raising to Support MUFON Projects

Florida author and MUFON member Edgar John L'Heureux, Jr. has donated 100 of his best-selling books to MUFON to use for fund-raising purposes, and has promised more if we need them.

While they are not UFO books, they are interesting, exciting, and well-written, and are enjoyed by a broad audience.

MUFON is offering multiple copies of these books to state directors, state section directors, and local groups to use for fund-raising at the local level as well as at the national level, sharing equally in the proceeds.

All of Ed's books make nice holiday and birthday gifts, and are especially nice to give to someone you care about– and they are all autographed by the author. Details on the distribution of these books are forthcoming.

Titles of the books include: *A Table Set for Guests, Tunes Above the Noise* and other short stories, *The Clay of Vases* and other short stories, a novel *To Lullaby a Dragon, Florida Conversations II* ramblings and sketches, and *Florida Conversations III* literary sketches about Florida.

I have read each of these books and find them intriguing and enchanting. We thank Ed for his generous gift.

MUFON Case Management System

The MUFON Case Management System (CMS) is on-line, operational, and maturing rapidly. We are indebted to **Jan Harzan, Tomas Karlsson**, and **Bob Rawlinson** for bringing this new system from the idea stage to reality.

We thank **Kathy Schuessler** for all the hours she works to keep the continually evolving membership database current in the CMS.

The team is already looking at enhancements and ways to get other organizations to join MUFON in making this a larger and more powerful worldwide system.

Position Announcements

Rubin Uriarte, State Director for Northern California, has appointed **Joseph B. Burkes, M.D.** to the position of State Section Director for Humboldt County in California. **Dr. Burkes** also serves MUFON as a Medical Consultant.

Wells Harvey of Denver, CO, has accepted the position of Consultant in Radiation Biology.

Vincent Hatton of Philadelphia, PA, has accepted the position of Research Specialist in Chemical Engineering.

Ron Regehr of Moab, UT, has accepted the position of Research Specialist in Satellite Technology. **Ron** also holds the position of Co-State Director for Utah.

New Field Investigators

Kathleen Marden, Director of Field Investigator Training, has announced that **Marcin Dabroski** of Hanover Park, IL; **David Ramos** of Greeley, CO; **Ray Ranic** of Buffalo, NY; **Richard Rogers** of Moss Point, MS; and **William Whitehead** of San Bernardino, CA; have passed the MUFON Field Investigator's Exam and are now MUFON Field Investigators.

All Field Investigator Trainees are urged to self-study the *MUFON Field Investigator's Manual* and take the exam.

State Directors, Assistant State Directors, State Section Directors and State Chief Investigators are good sources of help and training.

The manual is available from MUFON Headquarters for $25 plus $3.50 p&h in the U.S. Total price for delivery outside the U.S. is $32.50. It may also be purchased via the Internet at www.mufon.com using PayPal.

Grant Cameron denied entry to U.S.

Popular symposium and conference speaker Grant Cameron has been refused entry to the U.S. He was scheduled to speak Sept. 4 at the National UFO convention in LA.

"I flew to Vancouver," says Cameron, who lives in Canada, "and at that point was refused entry into the United States by US Customs-Homeland Security. The officer was very ugly about the whole thing.

"The ruling was that I was lecturing for a fee, and not an honorarium. I therefore did not have the proper work authorization required by Customs. This has never been imposed before. When I mentioned this, officer #2740 stated 'We will not be making that mistake again!'

"The 'notice of ineligibility for Pre-Flight Clearance' was issued by inspector 2740 with the US Department of Homeland Security-Customs and Border Protection." The violation was listed as section 212 (a) (5) (A) You appear to seek to engage in skilled or unskilled labor in the United States without having a US Department of Labor Certificate.

"When I mentioned I was being paid an honorarium, he told me not to go there. It was only for professors, 'and you're not one.' The presentation I was to give was '64 Reasons Why the Government Thinks It Has to Cover up.'

"A very expensive experience. Some tell me here I will have a hard time getting in the States from now on."

Hall resigns from board of Fund for UFO Research

Veteran ufologist Richard Hall has announced his resignation as a board member of the Fund for UFO Research (FUFOR).

"In the future," he said, "I will devote far less of my time to the subject, and that will be in other places. My reasons for this are too complex to explain in a short message, but basically I think FUFOR is moribund.

"Speaking as a founding member and past chairman, FUFOR currently is being poorly led, is out of touch with the pulse of the field, and has lost its focus on the central mission that it was established to accomplish. I regret having to say this."

He continues, "In recent years Rob Swiatek, as secretary-treasurer, has been trying to carry an impossible load while employed full time in his professional job, and he has been primarily responsible for the one good thing that FUFOR has accomplished in recent years: production of some very good publications that, unfortunately, few people are aware of.

"Due to apparent poor leadership and abysmal communications, the Fund web site seldom is updated, does not include the information on most of the new publications, and Fund supporters no longer receive regular quarterly reports as they are supposed to. Except for those publications, the Fund has almost nothing to offer anymore."

Hall says he will continue to publish the *Journal of UFO History*, post on his web site, www.hallrichard.com, "and occasionally chime in" on the Internet, "mostly to express my dismay at the demise of any semblance of real 'ufology' in the sense of scientifically oriented, careful, critical assessment of data.

"I propose an annual award for the most gullible ufoologist of the year. Lots of candidates out there."

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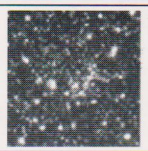
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The Night Sky

By Gavin A. J. McLeod

November 2005

Moon Phases:
New Moon Nov. 2
First Quarter Nov. 9
Full Moon Nov. 16
Last Quarter Nov. 23

Bright Planets (Evening Sky)

Mercury: Moving from Scorpius through Ophiuchus into Libra. For northern hemisphere observers, Mercury will not be visible. For southern hemisphere observers, Mercury will be visible until midmonth low in the west-southwest during evening twilight.

Venus: In Sagittarius. For northern hemisphere observers, Venus will improve in visibility. By mid month Venus will set more than 2.5 hours after the Sun and will stand about 10 degrees high in the southwest just before the end of evening twilight.

For more favored southern hemisphere observers, Venus will set more than 3.5 hours after the Sun and will stand about 25 degrees high in the west-southwest at the end of evening twilight.

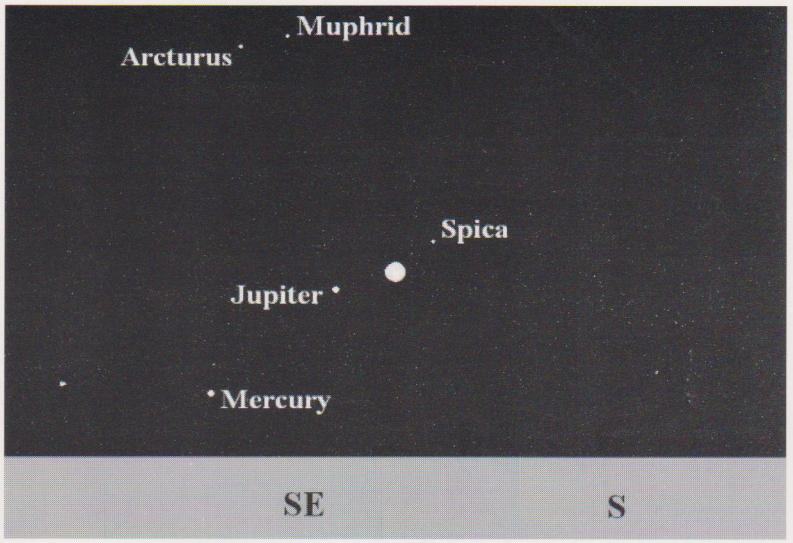
Mars: In Aries. For northern hemisphere observers, Mars will rise in the east-northeast before sunset, will stand about 60 degrees high near 11 PM, and set during morning twilight in the west-northwest.

For southern hemisphere observers, Mars will rise in the east-northeast about 1 hour before sunset, stand about 45 degrees high near 11 PM, and set during morning twilight in the west-northwest.

Bright Planets (Morning Sky)

Jupiter: In Virgo. For northern hemisphere observers, Jupiter will, by month's end, stand about 10 degrees high in the east-southeast at the beginning of morning twilight. For southern hemisphere observers, Jupiter will slowly emerge in the eastern dawn twilight in the second half of the month.

Saturn: In Cancer. For northern hemisphere observers, Saturn will rise by 10 PM in the east-northeast and stand more than 60 degrees high at the beginning of morning twilight. For southern hemisphere observers, Saturn will rise near midnight in the east-northeast and will stand about 35 degrees high in the north-northeast at the beginning of morning twilight.



Other Celestial Phenomena

Meteor Showers

South Taurids: The South Taurids will peak on Nov. 4-7, but some may be seen anytime from Oct. 20 through the end of November. The South Taurids have a peak rate of 12 meteors per hour, or about one every five minutes on average. The peak of the South Taurids will occur just two days after the New Moon, which should assure a darker sky for better viewing.

Leonids: Peaking on Nov. 17.

The Leonids is probably the most famous meteor shower of all. This year's Leonids will offer an interesting twist, however. There will be not just one shower, but three.

The first arrives Nov. 13, and the last is on Nov. 19. Sky watchers in nearly all locations on Earth will have a chance to see at least one of the showers. The Leonid radiant rises usefully only around local midnight; the Moon will be one day past full phase,so will interfere greatly with observance of the Leonids this year.

Planetary Conjunction: Before Sunrise on Nov. 28, 2005

Conjunctions and Occultations

Nov. 3: Mercury 1.3 degrees north of the Moon.

Nov. 4: Antares 0.2 degree south of the Moon.

Nov. 5: Venus 1.4 degrees north of the Moon.

Nov. 9: Mercury 0.5 degrees north of Antares.

Nov. 15: Mars 3.0 degrees south of the Moon.