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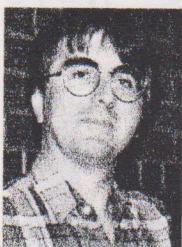
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1996 CANADIAN UFO REPORT

CANADIANS REPORTED MORE THAN 250 UFOs IN 1996

An analysis of 258 UFO sightings reported officially in Canada during 1996 shows that Canadians continue to see many strange things flying in the sky.



CHRIS RUTKOWSKI

Ufology Research of Manitoba, working in co-operation with researchers across Canada, has released its annual review of Canadian UFO cases. The study used case reports from private UFO organisations and some government sources.

"UFO sightings continue to be reported at a fairly constant rate," says

Chris Rutkowski, an astronomer and science writer in Winnipeg who for the past 22 years has been studying UFO reports in Canada. "People still report observing unusual objects in the sky, and some of these objects do not have obvious explanations."

According to the study: the typical UFO sighting occurs after 9:00 p.m.; most sightings have two or more witnesses; more UFOs are seen in BC, Ontario and Quebec than other provinces; and many witnesses are pilots, police and other individuals with reasonably good observing capabilities and good judgement. While most cases involve star-like objects in the night sky, some witnesses describe disc-shaped or triangular objects at close range. Although most cases had explanations, a small percentage were not that easy to dismiss.

"We were still left with some cases that were relatively well-investigated and involved unusual objects that did not seem to have been aeroplanes, balloons or stars," Rutkowski notes. "The continued reporting of UFOs leads us to recommend more studies of the phenomenon by social, medical and/or physical scientists."

Among the unknowns this year: black triangular objects buzzing houses in Quebec and BC; brilliantly-lighted objects frightening motorists in Quebec; rectangular 'spaceships' blocking a snowmobile trail in the Northwest Territories; and a saucer-shaped object seen hovering beside a farmhouse in Manitoba.

"The number of reported UFOs in increasing slightly each year," says Rutkowski. "Interest in the subject is simply not going away."

1996 Canadian UFO Survey: Summary of Results

The number of UFO reports made in Canada has increased slightly during the past eight years. There now are approximately 190 cases of unidentified flying objects reported each year, up slightly from previous years' calculations.

The distribution of UFO reports in Canada was somewhat related to the distribution of population. Western Canada was over-represented in terms of UFO report numbers, while the Maritimes are under-represented.

During the past eight years, there was no definite monthly trend found in Canadian UFO reports. Each year, there appear to be regional monthly fluctuations. UFOs seem to be as likely to be reported in summer as in winter.

Approximately 80% of UFO sightings were merely observations of lights in the night sky.

About 13% of all UFO reports are unexplained. This percentage of unknowns falls to about 5% when only higher-quality cases are considered.

THE 1996 CANADIAN UFO SURVEY

Most UFO sightings occurred between 9:00 pm and midnight.

UFO incidents usually had more than one witness.

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MUFON ONTARIO ELECTS FIRST BOARD

Eleven MUFON Ontario members were recently elected by acclamation to form the organisation's first board. (see picture on page 3)

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EDITOR'S NOTES.....

The New Year brought **several changes** for MUFON Ontario. Several of the senior original members had decided, last year, that in order to make the organisation grow and thrive we needed to establish a **membership**. This we did - we now number over a hundred - and then set about establishing a **board of directors**. The **results** of some very long meetings and head-scratching are on page three.

We are **still behind** in getting issues of this publication out on time. This must be as frustrating for subscribers as it is for us. Again, **we apologise** and trust that readers will not be too offended or confused by some news items appearing 'ahead of their time'. We also hope that the changes being made to the look of TCU meet with your approval.

Moira Scott has **moved** our **web-site** to a new address **<http://auraland.com/mufon/index.htm>** - it's looking very different now, with several new additions planned.

Please note our **new mailing address** at the top of the Mast-Head column to the left. Mail addressed to the old address may take a while to reach us.

We would like to once again encourage readers to let us know what you think of THE CANADIAN UFOLOGIST, articles and features, the state of ufology, suggestions and ideas. '**Letters To The Editors**' are most welcome, whether via the post-office, E-Mail, Fax or hand-delivered.

On page one of this issue is the press release that accompanied Chris Rutkowski's '**1996 Canadian UFO Report**'. Future issues will serialise Chris' findings.

MUFON Ontario is having a **fund-raiser evening** on **Saturday May 3rd**, at the Unitarian Church, 175 St. Clair Avenue West, starting at 6:00pm. Fifteen dollars will get you dinner and help the organisation raise some sorely needed monies for research equipment. Bring a friend or two and join us. Call **416-249-0933** for info.

Why is it that some people in ufology don't know how to write or pronounce the word 'ufologist'? We've seen it written as 'UFOlogist' (three caps in a row?) It confuses those who aren't involved and produces such broadcast gems as "A you-eff-ologist said today....."

The word is pronounced 'you-fol-o-jist' - it's not difficult to say, but given the 'three caps' at the start.....

Why do some 'ufologists' insist on inserting an apostrophe in 'UFOs' - as in "UFO's"? An apostrophe delineates ownership or belonging to as in: "The Editor's grumbling." To

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THE NEW BOARD OF MUFON ONTARIO



Top L-R: Peter Avranitis, Lise Theofanous, Tom Theofanous, Grant Smales, Middle: Nick Balaskas, Drew Williamson, Clay Foley, Bottom: Errol Bruce-Knapp, Robertt W. Neilly, Victor Viggiani, Sue Kovios

The 1996 Canadian UFO Report *(Continued from page 1)*

In 1996, the typical UFO sighting lasted nearly half an hour, a dramatic increase from last year's average of seven minutes.

Most reported UFOs were white in colour.

The most important findings of this study include the fact that UFO sightings have continued to be reported at a constant level over the past several years. People still report observing unusual objects in the sky, and some of these objects do not have obvious explanations. Many witnesses are pilots, police and other individuals with reasonably good observing capabilities and good judgement. Although most reported UFOs are simply lights in the night sky, a significant number are objects with definite shapes observed within the witnesses' frame of reference.

Popular opinion to the contrary, there is yet to be any incontrovertible evidence that some UFO cases involve extraterrestrial contact. However, the continued reporting of UFOs by the public suggests a need for further examination of the phenomenon by social, medical and/or physical scientists.

Look for Part One of the full 1996 UFO Report in our

next issue.....and the best Canadian sightings on page 15 of this issue

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THE
WEDNESDAY APRIL 30TH MEETING
 WILL FEATURE

PETER WILLIAMS
 WITH AN OVERVIEW OF
 THE WORKS OF
ZECHARIA SITCHIN

THE ABDUCTION EXPERIENCE: A DIALOGUE IN BOSTON

by Victor Viggiani, of MUFON Ontario

-A review of the discussion on Alien Abductions between Dr. John Mack and Mr. Budd Hopkins; Boston Massachusetts March 7, 1997

I was always told that "just because the sun rose today and for a billion times in the past doesn't necessarily mean it will rise tomorrow." The sun does, however, rise each morning and there is a very high probability that it would again rise the next morning. This is how our constant reality seems to operate. I was in Boston Massachusetts to listen to a dialogue between Budd Hopkins and Dr. John Mack on the abduction experience, not fully realising how this experience was to alter my view of reality.

It is a cold and very windy March evening. The Boston night sky is as clear as the sound made by the crack of a bat hitting a baseball. The stars seem to be spectators as crowds of people make their approach along Berkeley St. in downtown Boston to the John Hancock Hall where the dialogue was to take place.

A group of us meet at the Legal Seafood Restaurant, not far from the convention centre, for grilled calamari, raw oysters and Boston Beers. As we leave the restaurant to join the crowd walking towards the convention centre a strange thought comes to mind. I find it somewhat ironic that just mere weeks after reading about the Toronto Blue Jays abducting the legendary Roger Clemens from the Boston Red Sox line-up, I found myself in that same city attending a conference on the reality of Alien Abductions. Being from Toronto I felt somewhat like a thief returning to the scene of the crime. I had the indelicate urge to stop at the next busy intersection and shout "Hey Boston! We got Clemens now!" However, prudence being the better part of brashness, I remained reserved and continued my trek towards the conference hall with the throng this brisk evening. No sense disturbing Boston's baseball reality any further.

The evening is filled with anticipation. The sky is still clear as we enter the hall. The stars looking downward as if they too wish to enter the conference centre but realise they have their place far beyond in their own reality.

The Boston Dialogue on the *Alien Abduction Experience* between Dr. Mack and Budd Hopkins is set to begin at 7:30. It is sponsored by P.E.E.R. - *Program for Extraordinary Experience Research* founded by Dr. John Mack in 1993 in conjunction with *The Intruders Foundation (IF)*

founded by Budd Hopkins in New York in 1989.

The John Hancock Centre is a massive building of stores, hotel rooms and quaint restaurants. The press, local visitors and those from parts unknown, mill about surveying literature, pamphlets and familiar faces, in the carpeted foyer. The stairway to the auditorium releases upwards into the expansive hall. The auditorium seats 1000. We enter with the crowd joining an audience of over 600. The auditorium reveals rows of padded seats leading to a large stage with a soft wooden floor, heavy blue curtains and backdrop. Hazen blue of video-cameras flicker on elaborate tripods; floor microphones and a light oak podium to stage left allude to sumptuous preparations which hope to capture the moments ahead.

Centre stage is interestingly set. Upon a large patterned carpet three comfortable red pillowed antique armchairs are positioned; two of which are separated from a moderator's chair by a small table and brass lamp with a soft white shade. The lighting is subdued. In front of the chairs on a casual but tasteful coffee table rest a carafe of water and three glasses. The stage appears set.

A representative from P.E.E.R. assumes the podium microphone. She introduces the proceedings. The video rolls. After words of welcome on behalf of P.E.E.R. and the *Intruders Foundation* she introduces the evening's moderator Christopher Lydon, a local broadcaster on *WBUR*, Boston's National News radio station. Mr. Lydon is a print, radio and television journalist having contributed to the *New York Times*, *Boston Globe* and *Columbia Journalism Review*. In turn, she introduces Budd Hopkins and Dr. John Mack.

The basic premise of the evening's dialogue is to present two differing views of the Alien Abduction Experience through the perceptions of two individuals engaged in work with people reporting anomalous experiences with 'alien' beings.

Amidst initial problems with poor sound, microphone placement and frequent ear-piercing feedback, the evening begins. Some in the audience are less tolerant than others and shout their displeasure at the poor sound. Most of the audience appears to be patient in allowing the sound technician to adjust the microphones to the proper level. This presents more of a challenge than he is capable of handling. Despite it all, things press on. Technical glitches seem to pale in the face of this immensely engrossing topic.

The evening's moderator addresses the assembled. He freely admits to being a relative novice on the evening's topic but feels his role is one to facilitate and guide the dialogue.

Mr. Lydon sets the stage by calling for an open dialogue and discourse on the issue. He freely admits that the "Reality" question, "is this real or not?", is one which will not be settled but explored this evening. He contends that this is not about "belief" but about listening and asking questions. Mr. Lydon asks how this reality is different from the 'Religious' or 'Philosophical realities' which have confronted humanity over the ages? How "real" is this? He asserts that this subject matter is extra-ordinarily 'unconventional' and as such, there should therefore be extra-ordinary efforts to explore it as well as extra-ordinary evidence as to its reality.

Mr. Lydon asks how the material of this evening differs in fabric from ways rendered to us in the bible about God speaking to humanity. The major issues upon which he will challenge the two speakers this evening will be; 'Is this phenomenon a *Transformational* or *Traumatic* event for experiencers?' and 'Is this experience a *Physical reality* or *Spiritual reality*?' It is clear from his comments that this evening's dialogue is not structured as a debate but as an exchange of views and an exploration of a very perplexing phenomenon by two of its finest pioneers.

Both men are introduced. They take their seats ceremoniously beside one another in the antique armchairs. The moderator injects pleasantries and then invites Budd Hopkins to be the first to assume the podium for introductory remarks. Hopkins rises to the occasion amidst the generous applause of an eager audience. In a statement limited to about 15 minutes Budd Hopkins begins to outline the parameters of his perception and experience with the abduction phenomenon. Hopkins, is rather informal, speaking quickly yet relaxed and comfortably. His style is anecdotally spontaneous, yet convincingly direct and instructive.

For Budd Hopkins the abduction experience is the most important event in the history of humanity. The often portrayed as 'good' or 'bad' aliens are to Budd Hopkins neither good nor bad but representative of a realm beyond the altruistic polemics of 'good' or 'bad'.

Hopkins describes three aspects which he believes characterise the alien presence in abductions. His experience with abductees (experiencers) has illustrated to him that these three aspects of the alien presence reveal the nature and purpose of the alien intervention into our reality.

First, he describes the aliens as *deceptive* in their operation among humans. Screen memories, that is, fabricated illusions, often portray the aliens or their agents as one thing or another.

Hopkins feels these 'screen' memories hide the true intentions, physical appearance and genuine nature of these

beings. Creatures such as owls, deer or other manifestations often mask the alien identity to experiencers. Figures can change in mid-stream. It may come through the eyes of the beings in episodes of 'staring' into the eyes of experiencers or through some type of telepathic mind transfer.

At one time, or level of experience, the beings appear to be one thing, but can change to another during the abduction. Even within the same experience, another image or screen of perception is presented to the abductee. Hopkins feels the aliens have the ability to input images into the human brain which are deceptive and are thus, further cause to postulate that the abduction experience is, on the surface, an irrational and totally illogical experience. Hopkins believes that the aliens, whoever they are, cannot be trusted based on what they are 'showing' us at the present time. They may be portraying themselves as one thing, but in reality their agenda is hidden or screened from the perceptive capacity of humanity.

Secondly, Hopkins has come to believe that *psychological trauma* is a resultant outcome of the abduction experience. In his work with psychologists it has been found the experiencers generally have low self esteem, disassociative behaviour and have low levels of trust of others. These he is quick to point out are similar to the characteristics of rape victims.

Thirdly, Hopkins suggests that our *plane of reality* yields evidence that the intrusive nature of the experience seems to present itself on a physical as well as paranormal level. The beings seem to enter our reality with craft of some sort which leave behind physical evidence of their presence. They also appear to leave marks on the bodies of those whom they take. On a paranormal level, they seem to engage in telepathic communication, move through solid walls and create feelings or perceptions in humans which are beyond the confines of "normal" perception and self awareness. Hopkins believes that in some manner the

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aliens, whoever or whatever they are, represent a different paradigm of reality. They appear to exist separate from our level of consciousness.

Following these remarks the moderator invites Dr. Mack to the podium to provide his perspective on alien abduction.

Dr. Mack's figure is subtle yet imposing. He unfurls notes onto the podium from which to speak. He began slowly and deliberately referring to his notes. His tone and delivery attest to his academic background. In a perplexing manner he launched into a very deeply synthesised analysis of his work with those who have directly encountered the abduction phenomenon.

Initially, Dr. Mack made it clear that there really does not appear to be any deeply rooted psychological reason why people are saying what they are about their experiences with alien beings. In a humorous manner, he indicated that what is being reported about what this phenomenon "is" or "is not", is not the investigator's fault. Don't shoot the messenger seemed to be implied by his comments here.

Dr. Mack continuously stressed the idea that we must begin to ask questions about the phenomenon, not simply to find "yes" and "no" answers but rather to gain a deeper understanding and develop a deeper level of curiosity about alien abductions.

Dr. Mack suggested five areas around which to focus our deepening appreciation for this experience.

The first of these he called the *event level*. By this he means that whatever occurs is assuredly intrusive in nature and very real to experiencers, yet so reality-shattering to everyone else as to be utterly unbelievable by its very nature. The trauma is real, the event seems real yet acceptance of it *as* real has not yet begun to take root among the vast majority. Despite what a large number of very

thing like the alien abduction enigma. It does not fit. Acceptance of it would necessarily require a drastic alteration of our belief structures both scientifically and socially in order

to fully integrate the notion of alien influence into our current world view. The abduction phenomenon crosses over and through the physical and spiritual. In a strange way it seems to be both; physical as well as spiritual. The phenomenon appears to manifest itself in a physical way but somehow possessing attributes of the spiritual domain. In a like manner it has spiritual characteristics yet it also possesses physical attributes.

He goes on to speak about how we cannot expect to "master" it from within our current structures of knowledge. It all comes to us from or through another reality into our own reality. Since the illusionary quality of abductions creates such discontinuity in our normal realm of beliefs, the only way most people deal with it is to dismiss it outright as would be the case in any situation where discontinuity and the lack of physical proof abound. Resistance also emanates from the fact that we have no language with which to describe the subtleties of what seems to be happening to experiencers, therefore, resistance is understandably substantial.

Dr. Mack explains that normal language like good-evil and Gods-Devils cannot adequately describe what seems to be occurring.

Mack, it appears, remains convinced that the phenomenon is inviting us to expand our notion of reality. We are somehow being challenged to develop criteria which invites a different form knowledge into our realm thus expanding our ways of knowing.

Dr. Mack appears to believe that this will never be proven outright and scientifically but that these experiences will gradually evolve to gradually expand our consciousness and ways of knowing.

Following each outline the moderator invites both speak-

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Hello All,

Well the long awaited 'Great Debate' came and went with a wheeze and a whimper! Although that *wasn't* what it was supposed to be.

It was good, don't get me wrong. Just not the planned debate between the two most well known proponents of the abduction phenom. Budd Hopkins and Dr. John Mack both gave compelling and informative opening statements. Despite being handicapped by a piss-poor sound system and crew. And then, the moderator, one Christopher Lydon, proceeded to 'take the elevator right to the basement!'

He immediately proclaimed his scepticism and informed the audience that he proposed to have Budd and John address the issues of proof and possibility. Although that might have been okay at any other time, that's not what the well informed crowd of about 750 were there to hear. Several people expressed their disappointment to me privately afterwards.

Mr Lydon was *supposed* to facilitate and fuel a lively and hopefully enlightening discussion between Budd and John regarding their current findings and philosophies re: 'alien abduction'. That, didn't happen. All that Mr Lydon succeeded in doing was uniting the two in their responses to his rather basic (and already asked and answered a thousand times) lame questions. Mr Lydon should have done his homework and at least familiarised himself with the published works of the two gentlemen that he was to moderate for. I'm a former 'dropout' and at a minimum, even I would have taken the time to do

credible and psychologically healthy individuals are reporting, the reality of what is occurring has not yet become integrated into our "current reality". Scepticism among the "compact majority" exist primarily because no objective proof exists beyond the human experiential reports of experiencers.

Secondly, Dr. Mack refers to *informational* nature of what is being reported to him by experiencers. Concerns about ecological damage to the environment, mind to mind contact and hybrid breeding, represent the type of information which is relayed to virtually all experiencers. It appears as if the alien beings are relaying to, or putting experiencers in touch with, perceptions about the state of the world, altered forms of communication and hybrid breeding for reasons that we as yet do not understand.

Thirdly Dr. Mack alludes to the *spirituality* aspect of what these beings impart to experiencers. Experiencers report that in some manner the aliens are introducing to them the need for humans to become more open to a sense of a universal Oneness, the Source or 'God'.

The fourth component Dr. Mack's outline describes the *nature of the beings* themselves as they relate to experiencers. Mack has discovered that as he works with abductees they seem to develop a closer, deeper and powerful relationship with the beings. As a result of his work with experiencers Dr. Mack does not believe that the aliens are either benign nor benevolent. Dr. Mack goes on to more fully explain these components in the fifth segment of his outline.

Fifth, Dr. Mack discusses the *societal and scientific resistance* towards the phenomenon which is clearly evident throughout society in general. General resistance is generated whenever a shift in paradigms begins to influence or alter a dominant world view. Ontology (ways of knowing or how knowledge is organised within a society) is drastically shifted when attempts are made to deal rationally with some-

rs to sit with him on the stage to begin an interchange or dialogue about key points of their years of observations and work among experiencers. The moderator asked for more clarification on the nature of the beings and what they seem to bring to our reality.

that!

Oh, and the sound system *sucked!* After fifteen minutes of painful ear-splitting pops, squeals, and inaudible mumbles I left my seat in anger and frustration and told the 'sound man' to, "cut all the gains and crank up the volume for keerists sake! What would have happened had I not done that? The guy was just sitting there as confused as everyone else, grimacing along with the audience with his arms folded in front of his chest! Nobody else was even attempting to correct the situation, the poor guy obviously didn't know what to do. The sound was acceptable for remainder of the evening.

Mr Lydon, who hosts a local Boston radio show, cut Budd and John's dialog off early so that he could loudly proclaim, (and I quote) "Let's go to the phones!" He shortened what could have been an informative discussion so that he could take an hour and a half of audience questions! Not only that, but he didn't tell the people to keep their questions concise. Folks just ambled up to the mikes and launched into dissertations of personal philosophy and opinion *without* fear of interruption from Mr Lydon.

All in all, Budd and John were great. They are both intelligent and extremely articulate advocates for a subject that generates much heated debate and emotion. It's just a shame that we lost an opportunity to finally put the 'good alien, bad alien' discussion to bed. Budd and John are not only individually far beyond that, but they much closer in their individual 'takes' on all of this than most are led to believe by all of the peripheral hype surrounding them.

These guys, *are* two of the finest human beings I have met. Men of character.

John Velez

It was quite clear that Budd Hopkins has a defined mistrust of the aliens and their motivations. He explains how he has witnessed immense trauma and how the ensuing traumatic disorder has affected the lives of many of the people with whom he has worked. He also made it clear that he was in no way interested in the supposed agenda of whoever the alien beings are or portray themselves to be.

Hopkins explained further that whatever their agenda was, it was decisively deceptive and must not to be trusted. The moral issue of aliens influencing the human spirit and our essence as human beings, could not be and should not be part of the equation. Mr. Hopkins was forceful in his defence of the uniqueness of the human spirit. Our human spirit in no way needs the intervention of deceptive beings who seek to control, implant devices and otherwise influence human beings along their evolutionary path. He reiterated several times and remained adamant that beings such as these who cause such trauma and who change their appearance at will in mid-stream could not be trusted or allowed to intervene in this manner. We simply cannot trust what they appear to be showing us.

Dr. Mack countered Budd Hopkins' response by indicating that in his work he has witnessed the trauma and disorder but that it appears to take the experiencer "somewhere else" after the experiencer has had an opportunity to deal with the fear and trauma. The trauma was, in his experience with abductees, not continuous and that something else of greater value evolves. In his cross-cultural work with experiencers from

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different countries he has seen how non-western cultures have dealt with the on-going experience and allowed it to evolve within themselves and their culture. The results seems to be a greater understanding of the deeper meanings behind the abduction experience.

Budd Hopkins described a vivid image which characterised how different people integrate the abduction experience into their lives. Hopkins' point here was that we are yet to discover how most of humanity has been touched by this phenomenon and how they have integrated it into their lives. He asked the audience to imagine a large pyramid. At the base of the pyramid were the many thousands of people who have been traumatically touched by abduction experiences. Receiving no assistance or support they have, in their misery and inability to cope, turned to substance abuse, sexual or physical abuse and even suicide. The next level in the pyramid are those fewer who are touched by the phenomenon and who suffer in solitude, not knowing what is occurring yet barely coping with day to day existence. Then there is the next level; those who are getting help and coping with the many unexplained anomalies in their lives. Then at the top of the pyramid, the very few who are the survivors who have somehow have integrated it into their lives. Looking around the auditorium I could sense that many present there that night identified emotionally with what Budd Hopkins was saying at that point. There were several areas of total agreement that evening; this was definitely one of them.

Following more general dialogue which reviewed their general positions the moderator opened the floor to questions from the audience to each speaker. The questions ranged from the well informed inquiry, framed to sincerely advance the level of discussion, to those which focussed on needless personal narratives or attempts to pin down either speaker on validity of proof. There were several good questions dealing with dream states and how they may be influenced by alien beings. There were also several questions about ufology, government cover-up and religious concerns.

After the proceedings ended and both speakers had left the stage a peculiar feeling lodged in my mind. "What comes next; where do we go from here?" Was I any more informed? No, not really. I had read or heard each speaker before and their positions had not drastically altered.

So why then drive ten hours to Boston to hear things about the possibilities of realities changing or expanding in new ways? I'd already heard or read it all before. I toyed with the question that evening as I drove back to my hotel amidst the insane Boston traffic.

I suppose the answer lay in a few puzzling areas. Could it be the simple intrigue of imagining..."What if things really were as these two renowned speakers described? What if the reality we all count on from moment to moment did or could change or was in fact inter-changeable with other realities?" What would the meaning of reality be then?

It seemed to me much like watching a good classic movie, like Casablanca over and over or again watching Joe Carter hit the home run to win the World Series for Toronto...expecting something different to happen. Each time I watch; be it the ball sailing over the left field fence or seeing Humphrey Bogart stand in the rain letting her go to board the plane; for an instant...for just that one split second...I sense that the ball might not get over the fence and Ingrid doesn't board the plane but runs back to him in the rain to stay... and yes reality is changed yet the sun will rise tomorrow.

Recently, Joyce Halfin, (below right) host of 'Interstellar: The UFO Show' on Rogers Community Channel 10 in Newmarket, Ontario, featured a discussion of 'UFO Cults'. Her guests were Christine Reider, (left) a former founding



board-member of COMA (The Council on Mind Abuse) and Errol Bruce-Knapp (centre) of MUFON Ontario.

The topics ranged from why people get involved with cults in the first place and how those cults manage to completely take over the minds and personalities of their victims, to those 'believers' awaiting their rescue by 'space-brothers' and the predictions of those believers that the world is about to end - soon.

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PROJECT 1947: AN INQUIRY INTO THE BEGINNINGS OF THE UFO ERA

by
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This review of UFO cases from the 1940s first appeared in the Summer 1996 issue of the 'International UFO Reporter'. Mr. Aldrich is a full-time researcher of UFO phenomena.

In July 1952 a medical doctor at the Veterans Administration Hospital at Murfreesboro, Tennessee, wrote to Air Force Headquarters about his observation of a UFO made during the spring of 1947 near the Augusta, Maine, airport. In March or April of that year, as he was travelling from Rumford, Maine, to work at the VA hospital at Togus on an early Sunday morning, he saw several "saucer-like objects" over the Augusta airport. "The objects were fairly close to the ground and appeared to scale like a pie plate through the air," he wrote. "They revolved and hovered over the landing field. They were not conventional landing or flying air craft as I know."

The objects reflected the morning sun, and "there was a trail of smoke not large like an exhaust from an auto coming from the edge of the revolving objects." The objects appeared to be 40 feet in diameter and revolving at a rapid rate. He would not see the UFOs again though he would travel by the airfield many times. He thought at the time that he had seen an experimental Air Force craft. He told only his colleagues of his sighting.

The physician's letter was not added to the 122 case files the Air Force had for 1947, but with 12 other 1947 incidents it was placed in a catch-all *Project Blue Book* file of hundreds of letters, many of which also reported UFOs, titled Public Response to the *Life Magazine* Article of April 1952. (*Life's 'Have We Visitors from Space?'* appeared in the April 7 issue.) This file is not among the *Blue Book* records. The microfilm file was given to Herbert Strentz with over 30 other rolls of microfilmed records including the Air Force's extensive 1952 clipping collection. Barry Greenwood of Citizens Against UFO Secrecy now has this material.

Another physician who read the *Life* article sent an account of his experience to *Civilian Saucer Investigation* of Los Angeles, a group featured in the piece. The physician and his wife, a professional painter and sculptor, observed a slow-moving, luminous elliptical object on one of their nightly walks in Birmingham, England, during the spring of 1947. The long axis of the object had the apparent size of the moon's radius, and the small axis was about one-quarter of it. The object, which had a bright reddish-orange glow, moved silently from east to west and disappeared after

about 15 to 20 seconds. The witnesses thought they had viewed an experimental aircraft and decided to remain silent about the event. (Report in CUFOs files.)

NEW LIGHT ON 1947

Thousands of reports like these have languished in the files of UFO organisations and individuals or in the 1947 newspapers. In 1967 Ted Bloecher completed *The Report on the UFO Wave of 1947*, which recorded over 850 incidents, mostly from June and July. In compiling his report, he used 142 North American newspapers, fewer than two percent of the newspapers published in 1947. Another study by Loren Gross of more than one hundred 1947 California newspapers found 142 new UFO reports (UFOs: A History--1947 [1988], p. 13). A pilot study for Project 1947 used several hundred newspapers, mostly from the eastern United States. As in the Gross study, many new reports were uncovered.

Project 1947, a two-and-a-half-year research effort, was conceived to build upon these prior efforts and expand our knowledge of the beginning of the modern UFO era. With contributions from researchers all over the world, the number of 1947 newspapers screened to date is over 3800, and the number of UFO incidents is well over 2700.

Extensive press coverage from Kenneth Arnold's sighting on June 24 until the official explanation of the Roswell incident on July 10 characterised the wave. The press seemed to accept the balloon explanation not only for Roswell but for all UFO reports, and with numerous stories of pranksters and hoaxers further discrediting the phenomenon, UFOs nearly--but not entirely--disappeared from the pages of American newspapers.

There was still a trickle of reports. In Boise, Idaho, at 12:30 p.m. on August 22, two pilots—Glenn Eichelberger, an instructor, and Ray Williams, an aeroplane salesman--observed two objects from the ground. The closer one had a flat bottom and a dome-like top and appeared to be spinning as it flew. As the object went over the foothills, it bounced and wove, then straightened out, turned sharply to the right, and disappeared. When the objects first appeared, they were flying on a north-northeast heading (*Idaho Daily Statesman*, August 22).

Outside the United States, sightings continued on both Canadian coasts after the American coverage subsided. In South America, especially Chile and Argentina, the reports started later but lasted longer, into late July. There were few reports in Africa, India, and Australia. The U.S. State Department and the Consular Service translated a number of Chinese newspapers which indicated UFO activity there. The rest of Asia is not well documented, with the exception

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of some official and unofficial reports by American military personnel in Japan .

The level of activity in Europe is yet to be determined. Approximately 100 reports are known. German and Austrian newspapers were still tightly censored by the Allies in 1947 and printed few sightings. Few newspapers have yet been screened for Switzerland, Italy, Spain, and Portugal. There are references to the "ghost aeroplanes" in England in March and April, sightings in Belgium in April and May, and newspaper accounts in Hungary in May and June. The London and Paris newspapers generally ridiculed the phenomenon as an American aberration. However, references in the Indian, Hong Kong, and Singapore press to July sightings in Liverpool, Birmingham, Manchester, Northern Ireland, and the French countryside indicate that UFOs were reported in Europe more frequently than previously thought. Scandinavian researchers have supplied many sightings from their files. But European coverage remains spotty. The extent of UFO activity in Europe will be clear only after more European researchers check their files and local newspaper archives.

OTHER WAVES

Project 1947 is a massive collective effort with the 1947-era UFO sighting as the principal focus. During research visits, when time permits, other areas are examined. After 1947 the priorities are the 1900-1946 period, early official and scientific interest, the early UFO era (1948-1965), and finally more recent events. I personally have visited over 120 archives, libraries, and newspapers in 36 states and provinces. Additionally, I have ordered directly or via inter-library loan material from 50 more institutions. Over 100 individuals world-wide have screened over 1500 newspapers of 1947, contributed thousands of newspaper clippings, reports, and other items from their files, and offered their services.

Some of these data yielded interesting hints of little-known activity for other periods. From the work of several researchers, we have found small airship waves during World War I (see Just Cause, September 1995, and Thomas E. Bullard's *The Airship File*, privately published). Concentrations of reports are indicated in July-August 1949 in the northwest quarter of the North American continent (see Homer E. Fansler, et al., *History of the Alaskan Air Command: 1 January 1949-31 December 1949* [1950], p. 50, and "If It's in the Sky, It's a Saucer," *Doubt*, no. 27, pp. 416-17), in southern New England in August 1956 (see Richard Hall, ed., *The UFO Evidence*, NICAP, 1964, p. 135), and the northern plains states (the Dakotas and Minnesota) in October-December of the same year (see Loren Gross's

self-published booklets for September-October and November-December 1956, and Leon Davidson's micro-filmed newspaper clipping collection 1954-1962, located at Columbia University). Considerable data have also been collected on better-known periods such as the spring of 1950, the 1952 wave (especially the early concentration in Canada and Alaska during March and April--much material was found in Loren Gross's January-May 1952 booklet, the CUFOS files, the British Columbian Legislative Library Newspaper Index, and John Musgrave's Canadian UFO Collection), and the 1957 wave.

FOO FIGHTERS

We have learned more about the World War II era. Martin Caidin, in his *'Black Thursday'* (1960), told of silver discs encountered during the 1943 Schweinfurt raid. Archivists at the National Archives could not locate confirmation of this report. There are, however, other references to small silver discs. Under the heading *'Miscellaneous Phenomena'* in a report of A-2 Section of the 42d Bomb Wing, the following appears: "*Also, on 18 October [1944], a shower of silver objects about the size of silver dollars was reported in the vicinity of Alfonsine. These objects were seen floating at 10,500 feet and descending very slowly.*"

In December 1944 the New York Times reported that American pilots over Germany were reporting silver spheres. A spokesman at Army Air Force headquarters said that the only reports reaching Washington were from the newspapers and that no reports were received from the 'theatre' (New York Times, December 14 and 21, 1944). Yet the XII Tactical Air Command's *Intelligence Information Bulletin*, no. 6, January 28, 1945, carries a report under the heading *'Flak Developments'*:

There have however been several reports of the phenomenon which is described as "silver balls", seen mainly below 10,000 feet; tentative suggestions have been made as to their origin and purpose, but as yet no satisfactory explanation has been found.

The bulletin for June 4, 1945, discusses reports from Japan:

DON'T LOOK NOW, BUT...

Mention has previously been made in these pages to the existence of German airborne controlled missiles Hs.298, Hs.293, X4 and Hs.117. Many reports have been received from Bomber Command crews of flaming missiles being directed at, and sometimes following the aircraft, suggesting the use of remote control and/or homing devices. It is known that the Germans kept their Japanese Allies informed of technical developments and the following report, taken verbatim from Headquarters, U. S. A. F. P. O. A. G.2

Periodic Report No. 67, further suggests that the Japanese are using similar weapons to those reported by our own crews:

"During the course of a raid by Super-Fortresses on the Tachikawa aircraft plant, and the industrial area of Kawasaki, both in the Tokyo area, a number of Super-Fortresses reported having been followed or pursued by "red balls of fire" described as being approximately the size of a basketball with a phosphorescent glow. Some were reported to have tails of blinking light. These 'balls' appeared generally out of nowhere, only one having been seen to ascend from a relatively low altitude to the rear of a B-29. No accurate estimate could be reached as to the distance between the balls and the B-29's. No amount of evasion of the most violent nature succeeded in shaking the balls. They succeeded in following the Super-Fortresses through rapid changes of altitude and speed and sharp turns, and held B-29s' courses through clouds. One B-29 reported outdistancing a ball only by accelerating to 295 mph, after which the pursuing ball turned around and headed back to land.

Individual pursuits lasted as long as six minutes, and one ball followed a Super-Fortress 30 miles out to sea. The origin of the balls is not known. Indication points to some form of radio-direction, either from the ground or following enemy aircraft. The apparent objective of the balls, no doubt, is destruction of the Super-Fortresses by contact. Both interception and AA [anti-aircraft] have proved entirely ineffective, the enemy has apparently developed a new weapon with which to attempt countering our thrusts."

(Source: RAF, Fighter Command Intelligence and Operational Summary No. 30, dated 15 May 1945).

I expect more detailed official documents concerning World War II reports to become available within the next six months.

Project 1947 still needs many kinds of assistance: newspaper research, search for material in the UFO literature, translations, unpublished items in private and organisational files, and research in official archives. If you can help in these areas, please contact me at::

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BY C.R.FOLEY

MYSTERY STALKS THE PRAIRIE

(T.H.A.R. Institute, Raynesford Montana, oversize soft bound 1976)

Roberta Donovan and Keith Wolverton

"The most sought-after mute book.."(Robert Girard, 1994)

The animal mutilation phenomena began in 1967 when a 3 year old Appaloosa mare named *Lady* (aka 'Snippy') was found dead on September 9th. Curiously, her flesh had been stripped from the neck up, exposing the bare, white bones. The cut on the neck had been made with apparent surgical precision which further compounded the mystery. The remainder of the carcass appeared to be unspoiled, however, subsequent examination by Doctor John Henry Altshuler revealed that organs in the mediasternum area had been removed and that the procedure was accomplished without leaving any traces of blood. Altshuler concluded that the animal had been subjected to surgery which had involved



"...some kind of burning instrument." On October 7th, 1967, *The Pueblo Chieftain* (sic) of Colorado, ran the article, *Dead Horse Riddle Sparks UFO Buffs*, and the animal mutilation mystery has since been connected to the UFO phenomena.

Many facets of the animal mutilation mystery also represent potential violations of Federal law, and as such must be dealt with by law enforcement officials upon their receipt of such complaints. Therefore, one should not be surprised to learn that police officers have often investigated animal mutilations and at least one has collaborated on writing a book on the subject entitled, *Mystery Stalks the Prairie*. This particular work was ostensibly written with the intention of providing a public service by providing factual, first hand information on this "bizarre" topic.

One will find occasional references to this scarce work in UFO literature as it has been credited with coining the term "cookie (sic) cutter", with respect to the serrated edge often observed in cut tissue, in association with animal mutilations. Indeed, chapter one is titled "a cut with a serrated edge", and employs a number of other analogous terms plus two colour photographs to graphically portray this peculiar effect.

Mystery Stalks the Prairie had been published by a group called T.H.A.R. Institute, a private "free-floating research organisation" run by Montana toxicologist Herb Anderson. Daniel Kagan, one of the co-authors of another

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scarce animal mutilation title, *Mute Evidence*, (Bantam 1984), describes Anderson as a former editor of the 'Journal of Toxicology' and that T.H.A.R. was only a "sideline" for him, and not part of his toxicology profession. T.H.A.R. became a "clearinghouse" for unusual phenomena, and as a result provided technical assistance to Wolverton's "mute" investigations.

Keith Wolverton was a Captain in the Cascade County Sheriff's office and had conducted his animal mutilation investigations during the mid 1970s. During this period there was a wave of mutilation reports that had swept the region, thus drawing a response from local law enforcement agencies. Wolverton had approached these matters as he would any criminal investigation, although he later discovered that he had become involved in a matter that was extremely complex and "politically explosive" (Kagan/Summers).

In January 1977, Wolverton attended and spoke at a press conference on the mutilations, and repeatedly stated that a number of professionals had informed him that the cuts found on many of the carcasses were made by sharp instruments (thus ruling out predator attack). For reason/s best known to himself, Wolverton did not produce reports from the aforementioned experts, although he produced a number of extremely impressive photographs and slides. The press conference did reveal that the State Agricultural Laboratory at Bozeman, Montana, had refused to take the mutilations seriously, and that they had ignored various requests from local law enforcement officials to provide expert assistance in the field as an adjunct to the police investigations.

Wolverton would later state that law enforcement officials had attended the conference looking for assistance, although all they received was a "great deal of animosity". Despite this irregularity, the *Montana Farmer-Stockman*, a local paper, would later call into question Wolverton's handling of these matters. Ironically, the Bozeman lab officials wrote off the alleged mutilation reports as being caused by predators, however, they noted that the only way they could duplicate the cuts was by using "pinking shears".

The *Montana Farmer-Stockman* according to Wolverton, had been the only publication that refused to provide assistance (when requested) to police concerning the mutilations. Following the wave, the paper demonstrated a keen interest in the stories and subsequently launched a law suit against the Cascade County Sheriff's office in an effort to obtain further information on various mutilation cases. As a result of a court injunction, Wolverton was prohibited from allowing the review of such case information.

Wolverton explained that he did not render any opinion on the nature of the cuts, adding that, "You always let the expert draw the conclusion". During the course of his investigations, various 'experts' allegedly gave him an opinion on these marks, however, they were conspicuously silent when he needed them most. Fortunately, the work of other investigators (Howe and Altshuler) have since established beyond all reasonable doubt that some of the cuts associated with animal mutilations involve cutting and burning (a laser is usually implicated in the later).

Mystery Stalks the Prairie reads somewhat like a 'cut and paste' police report, except that names of witnesses and experts who allegedly processed the evidence are lacking. Wolverton stated that he purposely deleted this information, (privacy legislation usually demands this), and that he also edited "sensationalistic" passages. Although unfortunate from a UFO investigator's standpoint, the editing of names is understandable due to this information having been culled from police files by a law enforcement official. There is also mention of reports of a "hairy creature eight feet tall", presumably Bigfoot, and also of "mystery helicopters".

The UFO, Bigfoot and helicopter material are presented in a manner that would lead one to believe that the author/s felt that some of these incidents were perhaps related to the cases involving animal mutilation. A surprised and disappointed Wolverton, however, unequivocally denied this connection, and has since regretted his collaboration on the project. Wolverton still maintained, however, that the animal mutilation problem is an unresolved mystery and that during his investigations he as well as other police officers had also witnessed UFO activity. Wolverton also claimed that Donovan wrote the book, borrowing heavily from police reports, and that he merely presented and edited the material, although he admits that he did not see the work upon its completion. Portions of the book reveal a naive style of writing, and are in contrast to the bulk of the work, thus bolstering Wolverton's aforementioned claim.

Mystery Stalks the Prairie documented many of the unusual facets of the animal mutilation phenomena in a generally sober, non-sensationalistic manner. The work is lavishly illustrated with numerous illustrations, many reproduced in colour. The lack of critical documentation (witness names for example) however, detracts significantly from the overall impact of the work as re-examination by other investigators would be difficult. Despite these shortcomings, *Mystery Stalks the Prairie* is an intriguing and important early work on the animal mutilation phenomena. This work presents researchers with strong circumstantial evidence concerning the extraordinary nature of these occurrences that has since been verified by researchers who have investigated similar cases.

EXPLORING THE OUTER LIMITS OF UFOs

by
HUGH F. COCHRANE

In Ufology there have been days unlike any other. Some seemed on the verge of being historic days when events were about to reveal the long-awaited answers and the whole truth about UFOs would begin to emerge. Others seemed to signal the end of the UFO enigma, bringing its flimsy structure down with a crash.

Arnold's sensational introduction to the Flying Saucer enigma was one of the better days. It hit the headlines like a bolt out of the blue. A real shocker. When Hynek was goaded into his "Swamp Gas" blurb, ufologists went into a spin. That little gem was still around when all the gas leaked out of the "Roswell weather balloon". Before long we had the amazing crop circles which ended with the Doug-n-Dave and their comical rope-n-board trick, flattening crop fields along with their lawn-roller friends, all of whom admitted that they alone, and not aliens or UFOs, were responsible for all the crop stomping and farm field fax turning up in the English countryside.

When the 'face on Mars' discovery was leaked, it seemed we were on to something solid that NASA was trying to hide. But even that astounding discovery faded in the glare of the alien autopsy film, discovered 'accidentally' by a rock band promoter. While charges and counter charges flew, the short-lived Carp caper emerged briefly but failed to live up to its promise and the whole promotion and the behind the scenes network deals soured the brief interruption and the focus of attention switched back to Roswell and the alien body cut-ups.

Today we have the "Thing Behind Hale-Bopp" which according to the photos, sent to radio talk show host Art Bell by amateur astronomer Chuck Shramek, must be the mother of all mother ships. Support for that came from Courtney Brown's remote viewers who psychically tuned in and found this space spanning behemoth to be crawling with alien entities who will shortly make their presence known to the world, or so we're told.

Not to worry. The photographs have now been proven to be faked and the whole thing was another joke on the UFO community.

In the meantime the headlines are now focussed on the California 'Heaven's Gate' group who committed suicide in the belief that they would be taken aboard this huge Hale-Bopp UFO and be taken 'home', wherever that is. Then it turns out their leader was none other than Marshall Applewhite of *Bo and Peep* fame who in the 70s led another

group of UFO 'believers' out into the desert where they were to be taken aboard a UFO and transported to another planet before this one came to an end. Needless to say, the UFO never came, the world remained and *Bo and Peep* were gone, leaving the would-be space travelers stranded in the desert and who in their rush to get aboard had forgot to pack a lunch.

So what's going on here? What happened to the reports of UFOs that land and give contactees a tour of their craft and tidbits about their propulsion systems? Where are the reports of black triangular craft big enough to cover a football field? What's happened to the radar alerts that sent fighters on a wild chase until the UFOs got fed up and left the area at something approaching the speed of light?

As the TV advertisement says, "Enjoy the ride". Because those seeking a return to the material reality of UFOs as expounded in past decades will find little comfort in articles like Michael Miley's '*The Inner Dimensions of Alien Encounters*' in the March/April, 1995 issue of *UFO Magazine*.

In it Miley presents the thesis that, "alien encounters take place within the spiritual plenum and that our understanding of UFO the phenomenon will ultimately be understood only within a spiritual worldview."

He does not discount other explanations for what's going on in UFO/alien encounters, cattle mutilations or the often deadly UFO attacks on humans like those reported from Brazil. He allows that, "ETs who are also our ancient progenitors...or maybe our future selves coming back to alter a destiny that's on a crash course with extinction."

Miley's thesis may have its parallel in Joseph Smith's encounter with two beings who emerged from a column of light in the forest near Palmyra, New York, in 1820 and led to the beginning of the Mormon Church. But the invisible columns of reduced atomic binding that Wilbert B. Smith encountered during his investigations of unexplained aircraft accidents is in an entirely different category; one that seems more in line with common UFO events. In short his was a still unrecognized form of energy.

Even so, if the aliens visiting earth today are our progenitors or ourselves returning from the future to set things right, then a good case might be made for Edgar Cayce's readings on the Atlanteans whose high technology was said to allow them to extract vast amounts of energy from the earth. When their excessive demands reached to the point where it upset the balance of the earth's natural geology causing earthquakes, volcanoes, their own continent sank to the bottom of the ocean.

That done, the environmentally oriented '*Children of the Law of One*' are said to have left the last remnants of

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Atlantis and settled elsewhere on the earth to help restore the earth's natural balance. Meanwhile the 'Sons of Belial' whose great technology had caused the disaster probably used their spaceships to leave this planet and set up shop elsewhere in the universe.

It is interesting that Cayce described the air transports at the time of Atlantis as, "...such as Ezekiel described at a much later date." This could be taken to mean that thousands of years after the destruction of Atlantis those of 'The Law of One' were still making use of Atlantean technology and extracting energy from the earth on a limited level for their own use. Or, alternately, that the 'Sons of Belial' were revisiting the earth at this later date to see how our ancestors were handling the pollution they had left behind. In that case they may still be among those alien groups visiting the earth today.

In fact if Cayce and other psychic sources are correct and the Atlanteans had linked the natural network of crystal deposits inside the earth into a central control system in Atlantis, and had programmed them as a means of generating power and communications available to them anywhere in the world, then they must have been further advanced than we are today. This energy was said to have powered their craft on land, in the air or under the sea. When they developed the proper tuning, they used it to grow abundant crops or to destroy that of the enemy to produce famine, blights or infestations. Supposedly they also used it to affect the minds of others, turning friends into foes and creating dissension in other lands.

If all this is true, it might solve many unexplained events that baffle us today.

For example: Some psychic sources say that while the main, or program controlling crystal in Atlantis was partially destroyed in the breakup of Atlantis, it is still intermittently activated and transmits signals throughout the worldwide network. This, they claim, is the cause of the bursts of energy that erupt in various locations causing mysterious accidents or disappearances and the like.

This speculation is even more convenient because, if there is an energy capable of erupting from the earth, then this might explain the bizarre animal mutilations, including large and small animals, even household pets. The events would be random and purposeless and there would be no clues left behind. There would be no need to blame evil aliens with laser weapons or devil cultists in helicopters. The whole problem would be a result of our own ancestors playing around with the forces of nature and leaving us to foot the bill when outbursts of this energy erupts in our own backyards.

We might even include Persinger's mind altering wavelengths as part of these erupting energies capable of causing people to hallucinate and imagine evil aliens and bizarre creatures. We have already seen the evidence of American and Soviet intelligence agencies using mind-altering wavelengths generated and broadcast locally during black projects. They have used them to induce sickness and disease and even alter the behavior of individuals, causing them to react irrationally, even commit murder.

In fact if it may be that if the proper wavelengths erupted in a wide invisible column from under a well traveled highway, a few moments exposure might be enough to divert a driver's attention or cause reactions leading to serious pile-ups.

So is this why specific sections of highways have an unusually high accident rate that defies explanation?

If the column reached aircraft altitudes, it might act to weaken aircraft components already under stress, causing a critical failure that might send the plane plunging to earth. That's what Wilbert Smith believed and experimented with instruments for detecting these outflows.

While all of this is speculative, it is a fact that the energy behind UFO phenomena has shown itself to be capable of altering the molecular structures in matter and temporarily suspending gravity and time. In some instances those within range of a UFO's radiations have experienced disorientation and sickness or internal and external physical damage that has left doctors puzzled.

None of this is ever revealed to abductees, contactees or experiencers. We seem to have passed the stage where we can glean bits of information from encounters with aliens. Now all we hear is the agony of the perversions being conducted by these entities from God knows where. If it is being played out on a mental or spiritual plane, then it might be safe to conclude that exploring the physics of UFOs may provide a more productive approach to breaking through the veil that has shrouded UFO phenomena and the mechanism behind it for almost fifty years.

Today there are many support groups helping contactees come to grip with their experiences and preparing them for possible future encounters. It might not be unconscionable to teach these experiencers to confront their abductors and ask them directly if they are in any way associated with the Atlanteans criminals who have yet to be brought to justice. The results might be surprising. Particularly from the smiling blonde-types who claim to have lived on earth at one time.

THE BEST CANADIAN UFO CASES OF 1996

FROM CHRIS RUTKOWSKI'S CANADIAN UFO REPORT

March 12: Two hunters were snowmobiling near Trout Lake, NWT, when they came upon two metallic "spaceships" blocking their trail. Both objects were about 30 metres in diameter, with a bright light on their tops and windows on their sides. One stood on three tripod-like legs while the other hovered. As the hunters drove around the objects, the lights went out. Later, Trout Lake officials found large rectangular impressions in the snow. Note: this case was difficult to assess because of its isolation and the lack of experienced investigators in that area.

April 14: On this evening, many separate witnesses between Caplan and St-Alphonse, Quebec, reported seeing unusual objects at about 3:00 a.m. One frightened woman watched as a large object hovered over the road in front of her. Two people driving near St-Omer saw an object as large as a semi-trailer flying overhead. A pilot also made a report to Transport Canada regarding an object he encountered in the air.

July 17: At dusk, a woman near Langruth, Manitoba, was startled to see a disc-shaped object moving quietly and slowly through her farm yard. The object, 3 or 4 metres in diameter and half a metre in thickness, had slitlike lights along its edge. The next morning, the woman found three circular patches of deep green growth in the area where the object had first been seen. Analyses of samples taken from the patches were contaminated and therefore no explanation is available. The woman also thought her well water was affected by the incident.

July 30: Again, several separate witnesses reported unusual objects at about the same time, this time near Montreal. One woman described a small, green "flying saucer" approaching her home in La Prairie. After several minutes, it moved behind some trees and was lost to sight.

August 10: Two women camping at Lake Audy in Manitoba were surprised to see "a huge circle of lights," "as large as the ceiling in a room." Ten to 20 "comet-shaped" lights orbited the circle, then dashed together to form a compact mass in the center. They repeated this "dance" several times.

August 15: In Leduc, Alberta, a man went outside at 2:45 a.m. and saw five oval objects being paced by a sixth object, all heading east. A lightning storm was brewing at the time. Yet another object was observed, but this one was zig-zagging behind the others.

August 17: A couple camping in Riding Mountain National Park in Manitoba saw a "strange blue light dancing

behind a hill." When they investigated, they found an object moving along the ground, occasionally emitting "flames" from its base. After a short while, it "zipped" into the sky, then it came back to hover near them. It then began "spot lighting" the countryside and shone its beam on them at one point.

October 4: As a witness in Vancouver watched the night sky, "the clouds parted," revealing a square metallic object hovering overhead. In each corner was a red and green light, with rows of dozens of smaller lights flashing in sequence. There was no sound. After two minutes, the "clouds closed in and the craft was lost from view."

October 15: At 11 p.m., a couple were driving near Trois Rivieres when they saw three triangular objects flying near them in the northern sky. One object, shaped like a "topper" and much larger than an airplane, aimed an intense "terrible white light" at their car for 20 minutes. "It was like if time was stopped." Dozens of other people in the region reported seeing UFOs that same night, but Dorval and Mirabel airports said no planes were in the area.

October 22: A man in Calgary observed a bizarre, bright, "pipe-shaped," cloud-like object floating in the western sky. The "bowl" separated from the "stem" and became a bright point of light then rejoined the other part of the object. Then the "stem" performed the same manoeuvre and both parts disappeared from view. A dark object suddenly appeared, and was seen moving to the southwest before it, too, disappeared from sight.

November 4: A woman parked her car beside her home in Gatineau, Quebec, and was frightened when she saw a huge triangular object "five times bigger than the full moon" silently hovering an estimated 50 feet over her head. The object had three white lights on each corner and a small, blinking red light in its middle. She called for her husband who ran out and watched the object as it began moving south towards Ottawa.

November 17: Just after a power failure hit Vancouver, a woman and her son saw a square black object "about the size of two cars" glide overhead. A few hours later, they heard an unusual noise outside and saw another object flying nearby.

December 21: Several independent witnesses reported seeing a black, triangular object moving slowly through the air over the docks in Thunder Bay. Most insisted it was not a plane "or anything else recognisable." One witness suggested it had been a "large kite made out of dark garbage bag material", although this could not be substantiated. The Coast Guard, Harbour Commission, Air Traffic Control and Environment Canada were all asked for assistance, but no explanation was found.

EDITOR'S NOTES.....

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write "There were many UFO's spotted..." is not English, Amurikan or grammatically correct.

And why is it that many people (including senior members) insist on referring to MUFON as "Moo-fon"? 'You-Eff-Ohs' - U-F-Os. Not 'Oo-Eff-Ohs'. Things don't moo-tate. 'M-you-sic' is 'you-nee-verse-all' not 'moo-sic' is oo-nee-verse-all'.

Quotable Quotes

..... "You now face a new world, a world of change. The thrust into outer space of the satellite spheres and missiles marks a beginning of another epoch in the long story of mankind. In the five or more billions of years the scientists tell us it has taken to form the earth, in the three or more billion years of development of the human race, there has never been a more abrupt or staggering evolution."

"We deal now, not with things of this world alone, but with the illimitable distances and yet unfathomed mysteries of the universe."

"We are reaching out for a new and boundless frontier. We speak in strange terms of harnessing the cosmic energy, of making winds and tides work for us... of the primary target in war, no longer limited to the armed forces of an enemy, but instead to include his civil population; of ultimate conflict between a united human race and the sinister forces of some other planetary galaxy; such dreams and fantasies as to make life the most exciting of all times.".....

- General Douglass MacArthur's Farewell Address to Cadets at West Point Military Academy 2 May, 1962

"I made discreet enquiries through the Canadian Embassy staff in Washington who were able to obtain for me the following information:

a. The matter is the most highly classified subject in the United States Government, rating higher even than the H-bomb.

b. Flying saucers exist.

c. Their modus operandi is unknown but concentrated effort is being made by a small group headed by Doctor Vannevar Bush.

d. The entire matter is considered by the United States authorities to be of tremendous significance.

- Wilbert B(rockhouse). Smith, DOT, NRC, Canada while in Washington, DC, 1950

TO THE EDITORS.....

E-Mail

From: Robertt W. Neilly <kadath@astral.magic.ca>

Dear Sue & Errol,

I wanted to tell the two of you that I just got around to reading the November/December edition of THE CANADIAN UFOLOGIST and was impressed by a number of items. The layout is nice and clean, the photos and illustrations clear, the fonts easily readable. On the content side of the equation, the thank you note to Victor Lourenco was quite nice. Also, there was a good balance in the material, especially the two 'companion' pieces on dealing with the news media. I really enjoyed Hugh Cochrane's article. In fact, I enjoyed reading the whole issue.

In another life, I occasionally write and edit a newsletter--and at work, I put together an internal newsletter each month, though it's never more than 2 pages--so I realize the amount of effort that goes into putting one out. Congratulations to each of you for the job that you did, and are doing.

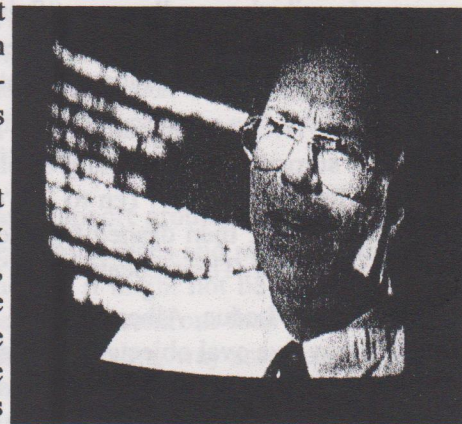
Rob Neilly - Toronto

Thanks Rob, we appreciate the appreciation - S & E

OECSSLER PLANNING A COMEBACK?

Could it be that Bob Oeschler, self-styled NASA 'Mission Specialist', 'chief investigator' of 'The Carp Case' and former MUFON Assitant Director for Maryland, is contemplating coming out of his 'retirement-in-disgrace' from ufology? His recent appearance (right) on a British UFO tv program suggests this might be the case.

Oecshler took what was patently a hoax and profited from it, claiming people should decide the 'merits' of the case for themselves. His shameless milking of



the case added months to MUFON Ontario's workload. It didn't appear to phase MUFON HQ in Texas, though!