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by Daniel T. Mann

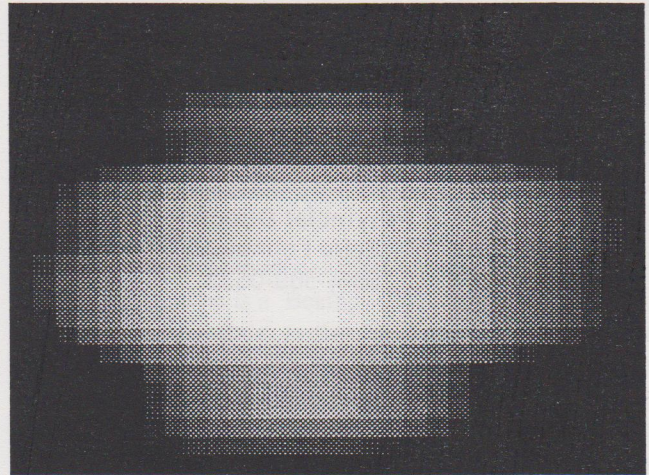
On October 6, 1994, myself and two friends were moose-hunting, camped approximately 50 Km south of Timmins in Northern Ontario. The landscape is mixed (logged-out areas, lakes, sandy soil and heavy forest) off an old logging road.

Between 9:30 and 10:30pm on the 6th October, under a very solid closed sky (no stars, moon, or rain), my friend, Bob Weeks called me outside the camper to observe a strange bright object in the northeast sky under the cloud cover. This brilliant object was stationary at this time, saucer shaped with a very bright light pulsating from the top and bottom. When the object moved, at a very high rate of speed from the northeast sky to the northwest, I ran to the camper to get my video camera. When I returned outside to film this object it was moving so fast I had a difficult time focusing it in the view finder.

I would have liked to use the zoom lens to bring the object closer but I was afraid I would lose it altogether.

The object was doing erratic maneuvering in front of my friend and I, as if it were out of control. It then seemed to flash brilliantly as it turned on its side to show either top or bottom. It also descended to above the tree line in front of us and hovered there. The battery in my camera, a new 2-hour type, thought to be fully charged, went dead at this point. The camper battery also seemed to be depleted. We observed the object for another one or two minutes until the object rose vertically straight up through the clouds at an unbelievable rate of speed. We do not know if it made any noise as we had a generator operating outside the camper. We also don't know how long the object was in the sky before Bob went outside.

I am 60 years old. I was in the Armed Forces for 6 years, spending one year in the Tank Corps in Korea in the 1950s. I have seen many types of fixed-wing aircraft and helicopters.



Digitized frame from Mr. Daniel Mann's own video

What we observed that night, I believe was alien.

On returning home, I asked a retired astronomy professor from York University in Toronto, Professor Ted Mann, to view the tape, which he did, four or five times. He said he had never seen anything like it, and referred me to Professor Michael Persinger at Laurentian University in Sudbury who analyzed the tape. I do not agree with Professor Persinger's findings, that this is a gas from underground in quake prone areas. There were no storms that night and I don't believe gas would hold the same shape as this object.

I am sending two tapes (one - frame-by-frame - some frozen and one normal speed tape). I would appreciate your analysis of these tapes and look forward to your findings. My friend and I would like to know what it was that we observed that night. Thank you.

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Editorial Notes

Once more, our apologies for this late issue of our newly re-defined newsletter.
Victor Lourenco

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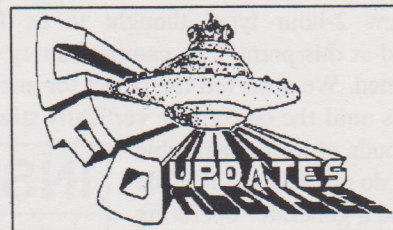
MUFON Ontario comments on Mr. Mann's sighting

As Mr. Mann indicates above, he sent the tape to Professor Michael Persinger at Laurentian University. Persinger sent Mr. Mann a copy of his findings, which were passed on to us. It is our belief that Prof. Persinger's research work and theories connecting UFOs to geomagnetic and tectonic activity (which he did in his report on this case) are at best tenuous. The references included in his 11 page report list only his work in this field - thereby rendering his findings questionable and perhaps biased.

Having conducted a preliminary analysis of Mr. Mann's video, we are inclined to agree that his sighting may well be something other than what Professor Persinger's report suggests.

MUFON Ontario will continue its analysis and research of this case and will publish our findings as they become available.

The full text of Professor Persinger's report is available on UFO UpDates, the BBS of MUFON Ontario. Call voice 416-932-0031 for access.



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Argentinean Jet Intercepted By UFO

by *Hern Buonann*

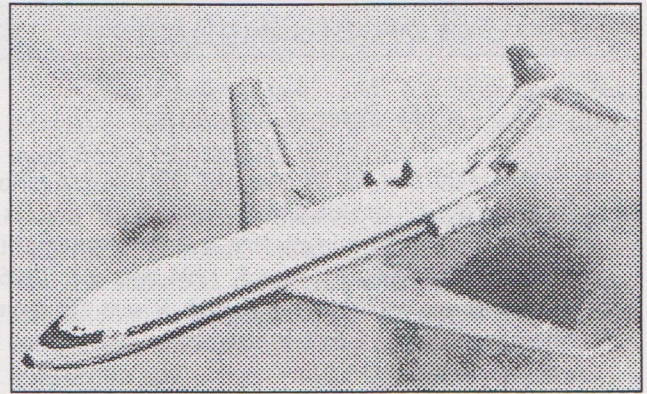
On July 31, 1995, about 08.10 p.m. the mystery of the Universe knocked once again on the door of Humanity over the arid and lonely region of Patagonia, in southern Argentina.

Flight 734, a Boeing 727 of Aerolineas Argentinas was approaching the airport of San Carlos de Bariloche when a shiny flying object came suddenly from the distance at great speed and started to escort the aircraft at no more than 100 meters away, staying in sight of captain Jorge Polanco and co-pilot Carlos Dortona, as well as flight engineer Jorge Allende and an off-duty Boeing 747 captain Benavente, while at the same time a general black-out darkened runways and buildings below. Facing this unexpected situation the pilot pulled up and aborted the approach while asking the tower whether there was another aircraft in the area. The answer given was that a turboprop plane of Gendarmeria Nacional was maintaining a holding pattern at a much greater altitude and it happened that Ruben Cipazuk the pilot in command of the turboprop intervened in the radio conversation saying that the luminous object was pacing the passenger jet on its right side, which was confirmed by the co-pilot of the Boeing 727, Carlos Dortona.

Captain Polanco started a new approach towards the runway that was again lighted by an emergency generator and while descending they still were followed by the UFO and before the touchdown the electrical lighting failed again but this time without interrupting the landing. Instants before the touchdown the strange object had sped away suddenly towards the south and disappeared, as reported by the Gendarmeria pilot.

Captain Polanco said that the object resembled an inverted saucer with a white and orange blinding illumination and two green lights or beams, and that it was as large as a passenger jet. The chief of the airport Major Jorge Luis Oviedo confirmed the UFO sighting and the statement of the passenger plane's captain, which finally had landed at 09:10 p.m., saying that the airport's radio support was suddenly cut off, and that the black-out engulfed the city itself too.

My 19-year old son Edwin and myself landed at Ezeiza International Airport close to Buenos Aires a few



Boeing 727

days later, and immediately got in touch with a dear friend of mine who is a Boeing 747 captain, Romeo Castellani, and while tasting a delicious Argentinean barbecue we agreed on interviewing and taping the version of events that the co-pilot of flight 734 had kindly acquiesced in giving us. So we all got together one pleasant afternoon at an old cafeteria in suburban Buenos Aires and Carlos Atilio Dortona told us in great detail the tremendous experience they have had while at the command of a jet airliner with 102 passengers on board.

After the taping of the co-pilot's statement, we commented profusely about the subject, and I made clear that this was not the first time that a UFO had approached an aircraft in flight causing great alarm to passengers and crew. But this case is important because the UFO was seen by several witnesses at the same time: the crew of the passenger plane, the pilot of the Gendarmeria plane, the personnel of the Tower and also the fact of the black-out that affected the area.

Later news seem to indicate that traces of a UFO landing were found within the airport perimeter and also that the Tower chief operator was disciplined by his superiors because of giving away information to civilians and the press.



Castellani, Buonann and co-pilot Dortona

Toronto Sighting

by Peter J. Commins

No doubt that, in 25 years of UFO investigations, you have analysed many reports of saucers in formation; I made my first real observation of this phenomenon last Sunday, June 5, 1994 between 1826 h. and 1901 h, over Toronto. Although it was far from a "close encounter", I feel it may have some value on somebody's list.

I did not try to check with local ATC, or the R.C.A.F., for that matter, as the objects were observed at very high altitude, with the aid of binoculars, and I didn't think I would get much satisfaction from the authorities.

My house is located in an older section of downtown Toronto, and the rear of it has a southern exposure: I was having my supper there, on the patio, with a pretty clear view of the southern sky. The atmosphere was clear, with absolutely no cloud, but with brilliant sunshine.

I was casually observing various passing light aircraft from the island airport downtown, and those eastbound commercial flights out of Pearson International, and overflights from points further west.

As I looked at one commercial flight, a 737 out of Pearson, at about 8000 to 10,000 ft, I noticed what I thought was an early evening star, in the background. It did not appear to be moving, but it wasn't "twinkling" either but rather it seemed to be scrolling a light on its surface, somewhat like the advertising on a Goodyear blimp. Intrigued, I went and fetched my field glasses, for a closer look. (They are Bushnell 7x35 yachting glasses, with a medium wide field).

It took me a few seconds to find it, as its original observed position appeared to be about 20 or so miles east of Toronto, and out over the lake, bearing SSE. I found it to have moved to approximately over the shoreline, through the glasses, it was very white, reflecting the sun strongly, and was generally shaped like the upside down cap of a standard supermarket white mushroom. As I watched it, two others approached it, in line astern, from the sou'sou, west. They crossed a twenty degree arc of sky in about twenty seconds or less, and as they approached the first object they diverged and, for a few moments, formed an almost perfect equilateral triangle, then overtook the first object, went line astern again, and disappeared in the sou'sou, east direction.

These were obviously not weather balloons as I thought they might be, as at least one of them seemed to have something suspended underneath it: They traveled too fast and performed maneuvers too precisely for casual wind drift.

I refocused on the first one, but it seemed to have disappeared; In its place was a dull turquoise blue one. I then performed a search pattern in the sky to try and locate the original one, but was unsuccessful. I refocused on the blue one, and to its left at a distance of about eight object-diameters, was the white one. They moved slowly apart, looking like two balloons drifting. I looked away for an instant, and when I refocused the blue one was no longer there.

My wife was by now curious and asked what I was doing: "looking at UFOs, I casually remarked. She and my neighbours thought I was nuts. Bloody skeptics! My daughter, however, picked up the glasses and verified that the original white one was there.

Throughout all this, I had been making sketches, (and which I include with this letter), as my camera did not have a telephoto lens.

This whole action took between 1825h. and 1832h. The objects, with the exception of the blue one, were white and reflected the sun brightly; They did not seem to be internally lit. They all appeared to be the same size, and about one sixth to one eighth the diameter of the moon. Although I had little to judge by, I would say that they were well above 70,000 ft. The active ones seemed to cover their area of sky about twice as fast as an F-16 in a hurry - about 2000 - 2500 Knts.?

Although I continued to watch, I lost all sight until 1852h. when I sighted another object about 25 degrees arc north of the first sightings, and the object appeared to be at about half the altitude of the first ones.

It was bright sunlight, and it was first observed quite clearly with the naked eye. It was clearly crystal-shaped (maybe elongated dodecahedron), and had large oscillating red and black patches on a white, or semi-translucent background. Beneath it was suspended a dull metal-coloured cylinder, its length about the same height as the "crystal".

As I put the glasses to it, a 747 overflight flew through my field of view, leaving broad contrails, at an altitude of 30,000 plus. The new object seemed to be about that same
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Don't Tell Anybody About This Book

by *Chris Rutkowski*

Don't tell anyone, but-: UFO experiences in Canada
by *Vicki Cameron*
General Store Publishing House, Burnstown, Ontario,
1995

In a remarkably bold step towards truth in advertising, the title of this book says it all. Perhaps the publisher hopes no one will buy it. UFOs and aliens are common themes on bookshelves and television programs today, so it is hardly surprising that another Canadian work has appeared concerning these subjects. What is curious is the inability of the author to deal with the topic in a meaningful way.

The author admits her lack of experience and background in the subject in the first few pages, and even explains that her work is "not definitive and may not even be representative of what's out there." She did not investigate any UFO sightings, analyze them in any way or deal with eyewitness accounts "in a scientific manner." She simply decided to write a book about UFOs, so she placed ads in newspapers, asking readers to send her their accounts. Given these limitations, the author actually does fulfill her purpose. However, many readers may find her approach rather inappropriate, given the sensational nature of the subject matter. Instead of asking questions and seeking answers, the book merely presents a parade of letters from people who have had UFO experiences.

Some of these experiences are rather dull; lights in the sky that could have been anything. Many, however (and this is certainly an artifact of the author's solicitation process), describe wondrous encounters with aliens and spaceships. One parallel previous work on this subject is John Robert Colombo's *UFOs over Canada* (Hounslow, 1991), a folkloric recanting of first-person accounts collected by the author. Cameron, however, admits she chose a UFO story and "wrote it as the person might have." Since Cameron has no background in the subject (although she has written previously on other unrelated topics), the resulting book is a crosshatch of curious stories, disturbing cases and outright silliness. The lack of fact-checking and research has caused some problems and lessens the book's value. For example, in one remarkable account, Cameron relates "Old Hank's Tale," told to her

by a respondent who heard the story from Hank in the 60s.

Supposedly, Hank and his wife had been picnicking near Atikokan and saw a flying saucer siphon water from a lake through long hoses.

Unfortunately, another comprehensive work by Colombo, *Mysterious Canada* (Doubleday, 1998), relates how this story was discovered after some effort to be a complete fabrication. Cameron's attempt to write a book without any bias (presumably to be "objective") has resulted in an uneven work. A chapter reprinting a sceptical article by Canadian astronomer Peter Millman is placed alongside a much longer, annotated list of the different types of aliens visiting Earth and their respective idiosyncrasies. And errors have crept into the book, such as its noting that the famous Hill abduction case "hit the news" in 1961 (it was discovered by reporters in 1965). However, these all are ignorable, given the possible value of the book as an accidental sociological study on the human condition.

Throughout the book, people reporting UFO experiences and alien encounters are self-portrayed as near-paranoid and perhaps delusional (assuming Cameron did not deviate too far from their testimonies). Although her intent was clearly not to paint UFO witnesses in a negative manner and was attempting to present them in a compassionate vehicle, the result is somewhat different. One abductee related: "I feel like [the aliens] are watching me now. I often get the feeling at night that something's in here, in my closet." Another admitted that because of her encounter with aliens, "I have a phobia about cleanliness. I bathe constantly, up to three times a day. I gave myself eczema, and did the same to my kids ... I've been away from my kids twice in fourteen years. I am afraid to let my children go, afraid to let them out of my sight." Even those who are not abducted add disturbing images. After he related how he saw "a spaceship land in my backyard," a witness felt compelled to note: "My mother tried to stab me because she hated me from the day I was born." Following his own sighting of a saucer, another noted: "I feel this ... has] done something to my perspective on society. It has put a distance between myself and my community, and society in general ... Organizations don't make sense to me any more." Other works on this subject have not found such an abundance of dysfunctional individuals. It is possible that the author's solicitation process created a skewing of reports towards the bizarre and unusual. Certainly those "on a mission" (as one witness described her life after her UFO encounter) might have seen the author's invitation as

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Belgian Sightings

Originally By: Alan Morrison
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FROM: SUNDAY EXPRESS NEWSPAPER
DATED: 17TH SEPTEMBER 1995

This strange flying object was seen by thousands and chased by jets.
But after 5 years no one can explain it.

The evening skies over Belgium were crystal clear when the reports began to come in - first in their tens and then in their hundreds.

They spoke of a large triangular object, with bright lights at its three corners and centre, floating low at a snails pace across the sky in uncanny silence.

It was the beginning of a mystery that has baffled scientists for five years - the best attested sighting of a UFO ever reported, and the one that refuses more stubbornly to yield to rational explanation.

For the object in the sky was tracked on radar and photographed by fighter pilots. It was sighted by no fewer than 13,500 people on the ground - 2,600 of whom, including judges and police, filed written statements describing in detail what they had seen.

And today the Sunday Express can reveal a confidential letter in which former Belgian Defence Minister Leo Delcroix admits that despite the most rigorous official investigation, no earthly explanation has been found.

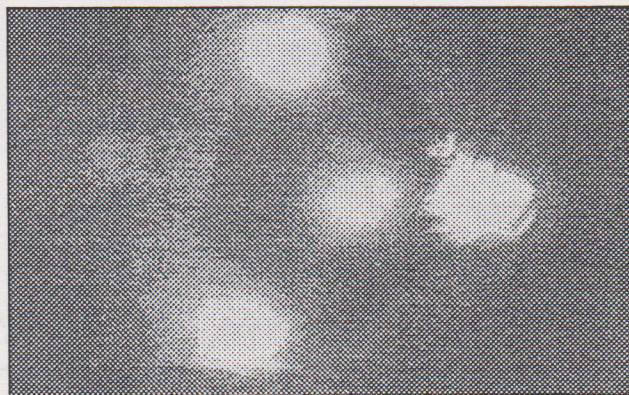
The sightings are being treated with much seriousness this weekend that the EC is looking anew at plans to set up a UFO tracking centre.

And the European Parliament has promised a full inquiry - amid strong calls for the British Ministry to be more open about its own investigations and findings.

As the reports began to come in on that March evening in 1990, military trackers a few miles south of Brussels picked up a large unidentified object on their radar. Two F-16 fighters were scrambled from Beauvechain, the nearest airbase, to intercept.

They climbed to 3,000 feet and locked on to the craft, reporting back to base that they had intercepted a "structured UFO". But then suddenly, according to the pilots, it began to behave in an extraordinary way.

Their on-board radar screens registered a quickly changing diamond shape, which suddenly accelerated to 600mph before slowing just as abruptly to 170 mph. Then it plunged 3,300 feet in two seconds and accelerated from 170 mph to 1,100mph in the same time. There was a marked absence of any sonic boom.



Belgian UFO

According to the instruments aboard the fighters, the craft pulled away at 46G - 46 times the force of gravity - enough to crush any human body to pulp. It headed west across the English Channel towards the fields of Kent before disappearing into the night sky. During their 65 minute observation, the pilots took 15 photographs. But pursuit in their F-16s, capable of more than twice the speed of sound, was impossible.

Over the previous months, there had been sightings of a strikingly similar object in the skies over Belgium. And now there was hard scientific evidence to support them.

In his confidential letter, Mr. Delcroix admitted to the British writer Derek Sheffield, who has been investigating the 'Belgian Wave' sightings, that there had been at least one earlier attempt by Belgian F-16s to intercept a similar UFO. The Minister ruled out the possibility that what the witnesses had seen was a Stealth bomber, an AWACS or high-tech F-117 Stealth fighter. He could only conclude that there was no rational explanation of the evidence.

Last night a spokesman from the Belgian Ministry of Defence said:

"These incidents were, and still are, being treated with the utmost seriousness. We gave chase but could not begin to keep up in the F-16s. Perhaps we will never fully fathom this mysterious business, but we continue to try."

In Britain, Admiral of the Fleet Lord Hill-Norton has lent his authority to the call for greater openness over investigations by the Ministry of Defence. The former chairman of NATO's military committee has agreed to write a forward to Mr. Sheffield's forthcoming book on the sightings. A Deadly Concealment which is to be published in January.

In a letter to the 65 year old writer from Kent he said: "Let me say at once that I find the account of the two Belgian sightings entirely convincing. "What is unusual is that the Belgian MoD, police, Air Force and politicians have been forthcoming." Labour spokesman Dr David Clark told the Sunday Express last night that despite "solid information" from the

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Roswell And Other Observations

by Errol Bruce-Knapp

Look, I know you probably aren't going to know any of the answers to my questions, you'll surely recognise the words and perhaps their implication, but I really need to get these questions asked. They've been lurking around the periphery of what I (trying not to flinch as I key) refer to as my consciousness. Sure, there are a million questions everyone has, about life, the universe and everything - but I'd like to narrow the search down to just the universe.

Mulder and, lately, Scully, - or is it Chris Carter - maintain that 'The Truth is Out There' and since you, through this column are part of my 'out-there', let me run a few by you... who knows, p'raps the truth is where you are.

The first one concerns an incident that, unless you've lately lived in a cave with no power source, you must be aware of.

Back in the summer of 1947 Mac Brazel, a rancher near Corona, New Mexico had found one of his 'fields' strewn with debris which his sheep refused to flock through. Mac thought that the 'guvmint' would reward him handsomely for reporting his find so he drove the thirty odd miles into town and reported it.

Major Jesse Marcel, Intelligence Officer, United States Army Air Corps, based at the Roswell Army Air Force base in New Mexico, was sent out to check out Brazel's story, brought to the base by the county Sheriff. Marcel found debris scattered over a square mile - stuff that he described in later years as looking like "some kind of aluminum-like material, you could crumple up only to have it slowly return to its original shape and small beam-like pieces, with hieroglyphs on them, which I couldn't burn, cut or break - it seemed to be indestructible."

So, question number one: If the Roswell wreckage was so 'indestructible', how come it 'deconstructed' in the first place and rained down on Mac Brazel's home on the sheep range?

Wherever it is that these sentient beings come from, why is it that some of them apparently 'crash' here on Earth? With technology that far surpasses ours they

surely have the ability to journey here, collect what they need and return home! Or is it that the law of averages also applies to them - tens of thousands of trips equals a wipe-out or two?

Kevin Randle - he of recent 'Roswell' books - was on the 'Rolonda Show' in late '94:

ROLONDA: *If these guys are so advanced why the heck do they crash?*

KEVIN RANDLE: *Good question. But everybody makes mistakes. My favorite theory is what they were doing is they were figuring out the most non-threatening way to identify themselves to us. A crashed spaceship and alien bodies is not very threatening and they announced themselves.*

Our government fooled them by hiding it.

Damn 'Guvmint' is doing it to everyone including its own...

On July 8, 1947, the Roswell Army Air Field (RAAF) Public Information Office issued a press-release announcing the crash and recovery of a 'flying disc' - personnel from the 509th Bomb Group based at Roswell were credited with the recovery. The following day, Commanding General Ramey of the U.S. Eighth Air Force, Fort Worth, Texas, announced that what RAAF personnel had actually recovered was a crashed radar-tracking (weather) balloon not a flying disc.

In 1992 Congressman Steve Schiff, (D) NM., having been briefed by some of his ufologist constituents, was intrigued enough with the story of a UFO crash at Roswell to courageously ask 'official' questions. Schiff was repeatedly stone-walled in his efforts and recently described his search for information.

"Roswell had received national and international attention because, as you know, the Army Air Corps originally said that they had 'retrieved something extraterrestrial'. They called it a 'flying disk'", said Schiff, "and what I've been doing is looking for what records the government has, if any, about the Roswell Incident for the purpose of making them public and allowing people to make up their own minds. I discovered that a number of members of the Congress, including myself, passed this [request for information] on to the Secretary of Defence for a response, and all of us were simply referred to the National Archives. That was a run-around because the National Archives had no material on Roswell and I'm

sure the Defense Department knew it. I was the only one indignant enough about the run-around to take it another step. I asked the General Accounting Office to look further into the matter."

"The military at Roswell at the very least had a lot of explaining to do, assuming this was a 'weather balloon' - you have a situation where the best bomber group in the US Army Air Corps" [the 509th dropped the atomic-bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki] "doesn't know a weather balloon from a flying saucer, and it seems to me somebody on high is going to be a little concerned about that. The extent of military intervention leaves suspicion that this was not just a weather balloon."

When Schiff first met with the GAO, and because of his experience with the military and military procedures, he suggested that one area to be looked into were the Roswell base's 'outgoing messages'. Those messages were 'military telegrams' that went back and forth on teletype links, between the 509th Bomber Unit at Roswell, the 8th Army Air Corps Headquarters at Fort Worth, Texas and the Defense Department in Washington, DC.

Schiff then pointed out that these messages would have shown how military officials in Roswell were explaining to their superiors exactly what happened. "My reasoning is, especially in 1947, you could only call one person at a time on a telephone. A message could alert...they had a system where you can alert several, different, higher headquarters simultaneously. So that the outgoing messages would have had some information as to what was going on."

The GAO Report, published July 28, 1995, stated that the outgoing messages from Roswell Army Air Field (RAAF) from October 1946 through December 1949 were destroyed without proper authority!

Someone had asked Schiff, "How do you know they didn't just explain it on the telephone and never used messages?" He responded: "Of course, I don't know that for sure and now we'll never know because the messages aren't available in any form... my understanding is that these outgoing messages were permanent records, which should never have been destroyed. The GAO could not identify who destroyed the messages, or why. The GAO estimates that the messages were destroyed over 40 years ago, making further enquiry about their destruction impractical."

"So, the most potentially significant documents are missing" he continued. "Now, translate that - nobody

knows who destroyed them or why... whether that adds to a theory of government conspiracy to avoid releasing information or it's just a coincidence because other similar documents are missing...I can't offer a judgement in my official role as a US representative. I hope I'm open-minded about events and willing to look at all suggestions, but that's me as an individual. As a US Representative what I've been involved in was trying to determine what records exist in government archives and to get those released.

And that's one of the reasons why I haven't gone out of my way to start spreading my own view of the Roswell Incident because I think it detracts from my primary role which is to try to dig out what is there."

The GAO enquiries resulted in the September 1994 Air Force withdrawal of the weather balloon story and confession to a Top Secret balloon project, designed to monitor Soviet nuclear bomb testing, known as 'Project Mogul'. Which in itself is quite odd really, because the USSR didn't start nuclear testing until 1949.

So, why did the 'Roswell Autopsy Film' surface at a time when the United States Air Force was having to respond to the General Accounting Office and Congressman Steve Schiff, defending its actions?

Again, for cave-dwellers, the autopsy film depicts an alien-looking creature being not very professionally sliced and diced by a couple of 'radiation-suit' clad humans. The 'set' looks genuine enough, a 1937 vintage phone on the wall caused a stir because of its 'curly-cord', which some maintained hadn't become available until the mid-fifties. A microphone suspended from the ceiling also drew several megabytes of scorn, but also proved to be of mid-forties vintage.

The damn thing looks real - the 'pathologists' almost look real. To me they just don't exude the kind of interest in their work on the corpse that suggests they're examining an alien. It feels too rushed. Nothing is weighed, there's a paucity of note-taking. The feeling is that everyone's in a rush to get through it so they can get to lunch.

There's no sense of wonder from them. They've seen it all before...

The conspiracists among ufologists are now 'pretty damn sure' that the autopsy film showing up when it did was too much of a 'god-send' to be coincidence. It shifted the focus of attention from the GAO report to Ray Santilli, a British film-producer touring the States looking for "early, undiscovered Elvis footage." "This chap had

some Elvis stuff that I'd never seen and I was thrilled. And he said 'If you think that's good you should see this!' He pulled out several cans of film, which included the 'autopsy' footage." The 'chap' was a 'US ex-military' cameraman named 'Jack Barnett' - a pseudonym apparently created by Santilli to protect his identity - presumably from the IRS. Santilli is reputed to have paid over a hundred grand for the footage.

'Barnet' held back those cans of film because they needed 'special processing' whilst the bulk of the footage went to Washington. 'He' claims that when the time came to send the film he'd held back, 'Washington' did not return any of his repeated calls. This is footage of what he described as being the most amazing stuff he'd ever shot! This is footage of an autopsy of an extra-terrestrial and Washington didn't return his calls?

Santilli has a blow-up of Sgt. Ernie Bilko above his desk in his London, England office - an insight perhaps to his modus operandi. He has steadfastly refused to send Kodak labs any samples of the original footage with 'autopsy' images on it for conclusive dating analysis of the chemicals used in its processing. He did send Kodak a copy of the edge code from the film, which dates the film's manufacture to either 1927, '47, or '67. He also claims the remainder of the footage he bought from 'Barnet', has been sold to either a German or Japanese collector who 'refuses' to allow it to be shown publicly. And he has made several buckets o'bucks from the sale of videos of the film.

Still, the question remains - if (and it's a large 'IF'), the film is genuine, why wouldn't he allow a dozen frames of the original to be examined? In view of the film being potentially one of the most important events in the history of humanity Santilli's behavior is incomprehensible and reprehensible.

It now transpires that Santilli is quite heavily involved with a special effects production company, who probably are quite capable of creating an 'alien autopsy' film, which in my mind hammers the final nail into the 'Autopsy' casket.

So, let's add another 'interesting' into the Roswell melange...

Sue Kovios posted the following, on the MUFON Ontario BBS that sits here beside me, back in August 25th 1995. I, being the dotting kind, felt it deserved to be cross-posted far and wide and dumped it into several UFO groups and conferences. Those of you who caught the X-

Files two-parter at the end of November/beginning of December will doubtless recognise the following as part of the plotline. Incidentally, one of my best friends who works on the 'Files', called the night before the first part aired and described how post-production on it had been completed only a couple of hours before his call.

Msg To : All

Subject : Roswell vs. Unit 731

UFO UpDates SmartEditor - Maximum of 1600 Lines

I happened to catch and tape a show on Dateline (NBC) last week on a subject that was disturbing not only to those interviewed but to myself. It focused on a 50 year secret held by the US government on a Japanese military secret called Unit 731 during W.W.II. Human experimentation (biological warfare, live autopsies, injections, etc.) were carried out on Korean and Chinese civilians and prisoners of war.

The prisoners were British, Australian and American and what they described seemed to parallel good old Adolph. We have seen what Hitler's prisoners looked like but do we really know to what extent the lives of Unit 731s victims were interfered with?

Unit 731 was Japanese but the Dateline report linked the US government to the savage indignities innocent victims were subjected to. The post-war US government gave immunity to the leaders of the inhumane Unit 731 and actually shipped them to the US to continue their experiments. Oh, what a Cold, Cold War indeed.

My feelings in relation to the Roswell film and Unit 731 are that they are one in the same, a government experiment gone wrong.

Like Roswell and the GAO report, there are crucial documents that have gone missing for reasons unknown. The Chinese have stated they had already seen the Roswell autopsy footage. (When?). Injuries to the being in the footage are extraordinarily similar to those on the creature used in Roswell: The Movie (Martin Sheen) which came out last year.

"A balloon" the government claimed - perhaps. But maybe one the Japanese had sent over, carrying a possible biological threat to the US, which Dateline reported was an ongoing event in the 40's (termites infected with typhoid aimed at California). As Stephen Schiff said on 'Larry King Live', the extent of military intervention leaves suspicion that this was not just a weather balloon.

The Russians were also aiding Unit 731. In 'The FBI' (Kessler) it is noted that the Russians were in the habit of sending spy balloons over the US (made of material other than that used for normal weather balloons). Perhaps the symbols on the 'Roswell wreckage' were highly unusual to a farmer from the 40's

I am sure Russian and Japanese were not languages every good ole down-to-earth American farmer could identify. I think that the last 50 years have been a game of hide and seek, and right now I think the US is 'it'. As all things eventually come to light, the truth is easier to take in the beginning. Why waste everyone's time playing these little charades. If you're doing something 'not everyone' will approve of, well that's life. Admit your mistakes and move on to create a better world rather than have everyone breathing down each other's throats and creating insanity.

Unfortunately some people thrive on creating nonsense because they know '50% of the people will believe and 50% will not'. But which 50% is right? This is no way to exist.

We want the truth and we want it now!!! This is really starting to piss me off. If this is the American way, thank God I'm Canadian.

Hey, maybe I'm a government experiment too. Maybe it's all a planetary conspiracy. (Yeah right, I know get a life. Can you please tell me which intersection to turn at so I can go and get one.)

Cheers to the day. Take f for Freedom out of Life and what do you get?

Take 'V' for Victory out of Lives and what do you get?

Sue

What? Our governments are deliberately misleading-leading us?

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a method of telling others about their experiences. Since the author states that most people do not share their experiences because of a fear of ridicule, the sample of experiences in this book may not be truly representative, as she warns. But this would raise another issue; is this book helping or hindering those people who are so seriously affected by their UFO encounters? Alas, since this book does not purport to answer any questions, we may never know. This book may be of limited value to those wanting an indiscriminate look at how some people perceive the UFO phenomenon, but for those who do not, the book's title should be obeyed. ??

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distance again above the 747, and moving slowly south. It was about fifteen miles inland and about fifteen miles east of Toronto.

The next event was the approach, from approx., nor'nor, west, of a smaller disk, bright red in colour, moving very fast towards the new object. It passed above it, and continued on course, and out of sight. It seemed to move at about twice the speed of the first two, but this may be because it seemed to be much lower.

The "pendulum" object was now alone until, at 1901 h., it was joined by another pendulum object, and they drifted south. By now there was some cirrus moving in from the north, and I lost sight of them.

Only the first two units and the last two units could be described as drifting, but if that was so, then the first two were drifting upwind! The others moved across the sky at high speed and in controlled maneuvers.

The next day, four black unmarked, military Bell helicopters flew a diamond pattern across downtown Toronto twice, and returned east. I mention this only because other reported sittings included the appearance of "black unmarked helicopters" afterwards; however it is quite possible that they were, in some way, connected with local D-Day anniversary celebrations.

It may be coincidence, but the first-observed object was roughly in the same location as an extremely bright aerial light I observed for over two hours on a very early morning drive to Ottawa about fifteen years ago. At that time, the light appeared stationary over the lake at very high altitude, as I drove East on Hwy. 401, from about 0430h. to its disappearance in broad daylight.

My interest in UFOs goes back to the early 1950s, when I briefly saw a bright object slip in and out of a layer cumuli nimbus in north-west England, where I was in school. Being a keen aircraft spotter at that time, and knowing most of the RAF and USAF aircraft operating in England, I couldn't identify it.

I might add that I hold a private pilot's ticket and was, in my much younger days, a member of the RCAF Ground-Observer Corps.

That's all there is; hope it's of some use to you. I don't know the address for the local MUFON chapter.

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Mysterious Lights

Residents of Niagara-on-the-Lake were seeing so many strange and mysterious sights and lights in the skies above Lake Ontario in the 1975-80 period that they gave them little heed. It was the tourists attending the Shaw Festival who found them remarkable.

The celestial shows were visible over the lake between Oakville and Oshawa and beyond. The lights were brighter than the planets and stars. They were always the same colour, deep orange. Their movements were executed at ultra-high speeds. The lights moved erratically around in the dusky sky, often making ninety degree turns.

The mystery lights were repeatedly observed by numerous residents, among them Harry Picken, an aeronautical engineer and president of Genaire Limited, a St. Catharines-based firm which produces high technology components for the Department of National Defence. Picken was a member of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics and the Canadian Aeronautics and Space Institute.

Harry Picken saw the lights for the first time at 9:30 p.m. on 9 April 1975. He described what he saw to John Dueck, a newsman with the Niagara Advance, 17 April 1975:

"There were three or four lights in the sky. At times they remained stationary; then they moved in an erratic way. They were (a) glowing, orange colour, and at times turned suddenly very bright, like a roman candle, and then would go out again.

The lights were certainly not those of an aircraft. Aircraft do not create lights of orange colour and are not of an intensity as these lights were. Through binoculars we could see aircraft flying above Toronto with much dimmer bluish and red lights. The landing lights create an altogether different effect. The illumination of the lights in the sky had an entirely different source than that of airplanes."

Picken said much the same to Paul Wilson of the Niagara Falls Review on 15 March 1980:

"They're seen most often in the winter months when there are high waves on the lake. Usually conditions are such that nobody in their right mind would be involved in

manoeuvres. Rescue would be impossible. Besides, through my work I have a good idea of the activities of the air force. It's not them.

These objects are not mirages. They move in a positive fashion as if controlled by some form of intelligence. And almost invariably their lights dim when aircraft pass overhead from Toronto. I offer no opinion. But I do say there are certain things we don't understand."

When he was interviewed by Michael Clarkson of the St. Catharines Standard, 11 October 1980, Picken stated:

"What people are seeing cannot be explained away as physical phenomena . . . there's nothing in science to match it."

In the year 1800, as Clarkson noted, Mrs. Simcoe, wife of John Graves Simcoe, the first Lieutenant governor of Upper Canada, was the first person to observe (or at least mention) globes of light in the sky over the lake. In 1975, a right-angled, bar-like streak or band appeared in a Landsat satellite image of the Welland area of the lake. In the October 1981 issue, the editors of Omni published a photograph of an immensely long, cylindrical vehicle with portals and a rounded nose, light green and dull grey in colour.

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Belgians, the Ministry of Defence has persistently brushed the matter under the carpet. "They have official recorded information and our view is the MoD is being far too secretive. They ought to be much more open on this issue. If it wasn't a UFO and was a Stealth bomber then we should be told."

Paul Beaver, who is a consultant for the highly respected Jane's Defence Weekly, said: "The sighting by the F-16s is certainly one of the best examples in Europe - fascinating and well documented."

Meanwhile Edward Ashpole, a distinguished scientist whose book 'The UFO Phenomena' was published by Headline last week, said of the Belgian sightings: "The sheer volume of eye-witness accounts plus the radar tracking and the air force reports make it hard to ignore."

He said no American aircraft were present in Belgian airspace at the time of the sightings, and that no plane could hover or fly at only a few miles in an hour, as many of the listed witnesses claimed, without crashing.

Ufology In The Great White North

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Part One

ABSTRACT

Canada has been the scene of paranormal activity since ever, and its involvement shows no sign of abating. When it comes to the truly unusual, Canada has hosted it all: in addition to UFO reports of every flavour, and abduction cases in alarming quantity, we also have crop circles, animal mutilations, and peripherals such as Sasquatch, Ogopogo and other lake beasts, and the rest of the list of paranormal events. UFOs are seen over major cities. Abduction claims are coming in at an alarming rate from all parts of the country, including the very remote and very inhospitable North. We have found a great many poorly-made crop circles in our fields, but we have also found some stunningly beautiful formations that so far have evaded explanation. In our fields — and in our cities — we have found animals, quite dead, the victims of some unseen surgical wizard. And sometimes, events of this nature will team up and work in combinations. Yet with all of this activity, most of what is happening in Canada, the largest country on earth, remains unknown to the rest of the world. This paper will present details of some of these important, yet little-known, cases.

Canada — Where and what is it?

“I fear that I have not got much to say about Canada, not having seen much; what I got by going to Canada was a cold.” — Henry David Thoreau, 1866

Few countries suffer from as many misconceptions about itself as Canada does. For an example, the commonly held notion that everyone in Canada lives in an igloo is simply not true. Many of our more affluent citizens live in the more modern log cabins. The cliché-ridden image of Canada, with red-garbed Mounties on every street corner and two dogsleds in every garage, is a Hollywood artifact. But truthfully, there is a great deal about the country of Canada that is not known by most people, including many Canadians.



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Size

With the collapse of the former Soviet Union, Canada is now the largest country in the world. It extends 2880 miles from north to south, stretches 3426 miles from east to west, and encompasses 5 and one-half time zones (it is, actually, six zones, but in typical Canadian idiosyncratic fashion, the time zone for Newfoundland is just a one half-hour difference).

Our smallest province, Prince Edward Island, is roughly twice the size of Rhode Island.

Our largest province, the French-speaking Quebec, is a bit larger than the state of Alaska; Alaska itself is roughly twice the size of Texas. You could put the entire state of Texas into the Northwest Territories five times over.

Canada is a seasonal country — business, industry, and life in general is geared to our climate and its inherent changes. Our weather is both variable and highly varied, ranging from the incomprehensible cold of the arctic regions to the relatively balmy weather of southwestern British Columbia. Geographically, we have a full plate as well: prodigious mountains, massive lakes, vast plains, nearly endless forests, and of course, the requisite tundra.

Population and Demographics

The counterpoint to the vastness of the country is the relative sparseness of the population. According to the 1991 census, the population of Canada was 27,296,859. This is double what it was only 40 years ago. And yet it is only about one-tenth the population of the US.

Eight of our twelve provinces and territories have less than 1 million people.

Of our 27 million, 17 million live in the eastern industrial provinces of Ontario and Quebec.

The Yukon Territory and Northwest Territories together have a combined area of 1.5 million square miles; this is approximately equal to the combined areas of Alaska, Texas, California, Montana, New Mexico, Arizona, and Nevada, and with a wee bit of elbow room left over. Yet the combined population of these two territories tops out at a meager 85,000 people.

It is estimated that between 80% and 90% of our population lives within 40 miles of US border.

Canada's population is — in descending order — British, French, German, Italian, Ukrainian, Native American, Dutch, and Chinese. Immigrants to Canada are encouraged to retain their ethnic identity and customs, causing author Arnold Edinborough to comment that "Canada has never been a melting pot; more like a tossed salad."

After 370 years of settlement, and 128 years of independence, the national pastime is still the search for a national identity.

Although Canadians love to complain about being inundated with American culture and media, what Canadians are loath to mention is how Canadians have insidiously infiltrated the American side of the coin. The list of artists of every type — musicians, actors, dancers, filmmakers, etc. — who have made it to prominence in the US would take a whole day to read. And it is nothing new. In the film industry alone, Canadians like Jack Warner, founder of Warner Brothers Studios, and Louis B. Mayer of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer have left a large and permanent mark on their industry.

Perhaps it is our pioneer mentality, but Canadians are very inventive. Some Canadian discoveries and inventions include: the McIntosh apple, kerosene, the steam-operated foghorn, basketball, the gas mask, insulin, the snowmobile, Superman, pablum (the first pre-cooked cereal), the paint roller, mashed potato flakes, degradable plastic, Trivial Pursuit, and the Canadarm (a.k.a. the Shuttle Remote Manipulator System or robot-arm).

Perhaps the best overall description of Canada came from a 1984 editorial in the Toronto newspaper *Globe & Mail* marking our accumulation of 25 million inhabitants:

"At 25 million we are still a handful of souls rattling around in a great empty country, yet so

tightly packed into our cities that only a few farmers, trappers and truck drivers have a real feel for the emptiness. We are a long way from realizing our full potential but still doing quite nicely, thank you, in comparison with most other nations in the world, whether we measure by bellies filled or freedoms enjoyed."¹

It is against this varied backdrop that we carry out our research and investigations.

Problems Intrinsic to Canada

UFO investigation is never easy, but some of the particular socio-economic-demographic problems mentioned here can make our chosen task a lot harder. Communications between researchers and investigators is of prime importance, and because of the distances involved, we rely on telephone calls, fax machines, the services of the always-interesting Canada Post Corporation, courier services, the internet, shouting and anything else we can think of. In many of our UFO cases, an on-site investigation would be a real luxury, and in some others it would be a complete and utter impossibility. However, a great many excellent investigations have been carried out via the mails and telephone. It can be done, it's just more difficult and inconvenient. In the UFO arena, Canadians may not be particularly flamboyant, but we do manage to get the job done.

Background and Historical Events

Canada's involvement with the paranormal goes back as far as the first written records. As well, native oral tradition and history had recorded many apparently paranormal events prior to the arrival of Europeans. However, for our purposes we will limit our focus to events closely related to the UFO phenomenon. Although some famous cases will be touched on for an historical continuity, our main purpose is to bring to light some excellent and little- or unknown Canadian UFO cases.

Early reports

UFO reports from the pre-Arnold era are always of interest since they are all pieces to a puzzle that has not yet been fully integrated into the ufological Big Picture.

1700s

There are many records of people seeing unusual things in the skies, but many are extremely interpretive accounts, and all suffer from the vernacular of the day, which often needs to be "translated" somewhat. Perhaps the very first

written report of UFO activity is one from the year 1796. In his diary, Simeon Perkins made the following entry for Wednesday, 12 October 1796:

A Strange Story is going that Fleet of Ships have been Seen in the Air in Some part of the Bay of Fundy. Mr. Darrow is lately from there by Land. I enquired of him. He Says they were Said to be Seen at New Minas, at one Mr. Ratchford's, by a Girl, about Sunrise, & that the Girl being frightened, Called out, & two men that were in the House went out & Saw the Same Sight, being 15 ships and a Man forward of them with his hand Stretched out. The Ships made to the Eastward. They were So Near that the people Saw their Sides & ports. The Story did not obtain universal Credit, but Some people believed it. My Own Opinion is that it was only in Imagination, as the Cloud at Sunrise might Make Some Such appearance, which being Improved by Imagination, might be all they Saw. Exceedingly pleasant day & Evening.ⁱⁱ

Mr. Perkins was a merchant and judge by profession, and evidently a skeptic by nature.

Airship

When the great Airship Wave overtook the US, it certainly did not overlook Canada. There were many Airship sightings in the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec, in the East, and a few reports scattered across the country. What was not known until recently was that the Province of British Columbia had an incredible number of Airship reports that have never been fully documented. We are just now beginning to unearth these reports and place them on the record. In referring to some of these Canadian Airship reports, it should be noted that some of the "balloon" allusions refer to an explorer named Andre[s]ⁱⁱⁱ, who was attempting to balloon to the North Pole from Norway. This was much on the minds of Canadians at the time, and many sightings were assumed to be of the Andre balloon. Typical of the BC Airship reports is this from 12 August 1896:

Credible information has been received by [Indian Department] agent Lomas from two Indian parties separated by a long distance. At the time of observation the Andre balloon had been sighted in Lat. 55.15, Long 27, 40 pursuing a near northerly course.

[From] Victoria, August 11. There was a balloon flitting around aver the northern portion of

British Columbia early in July, or else more than one person was deceived by his eyes....an Indian boy saw what he took to be a balloon [and] he reported the fact to Indian agent Lloyd at Hazleton....[when] a week later a party of trappers headed by Chief Ghail of Kitapioux arrived at Hazleton and reported that they had seen a balloon on July 3rd, the residents of that district came to the conclusion that Andre and his party had passed over them. It could hardly have been Andre however as latest reports from Christiana, Spitzbergen on Friday last he had not started on his journey and in fact was contemplating a postponement until next year. A balloon was undoubtedly seen however and the question is now puzzling everyone here, who it is and where did it come?^{iv}

That very same day, the following report came out of Rossland, in the interior of the Province of BC:

It told of a strange aerial body that approached the town, paused momentarily above a mountain peak, made seven wide circles in the sky, and then sped away on a straight course. The thing was described as a "luminous ball of fire that glowed amidst a halo of variegated colours." The object took a quarter of an hour to complete its maneuvers and was watched by many citizens of Rossland.^v

Moving ahead almost a year, we see the airship making an appearance in the Province of Manitoba:

The "what-is-it?" has been seen in Winnipeg.... Saturday night was the date chosen for the appearance of the airship and the lights of the mysterious machine were in full view of many citizens for full fifteen minutes. The light of the strange aerial vessel came into full view about 9 o'clock on the eastern horizon in the direction of Stony Mountain.... Only the bare outline of some dark object could be seen besides the strong beacon light, evidently shown from the "masthead" of the aerial craft. There can be no doubt of the presence of a strange visitor on Saturday night, as its transit was witnessed by many reputable citizens.

The last point reported from was North Portal, NWT, where about two weeks ago a strange object was noticed in the air, and passed over the

town quite as rapidly as the "machine" noticed here on Saturday night.^{vi}

Later in the summer of 1897, the following appeared under the headline, "A Mysterious Visitor.":

Have you seen the light in the heavens?...if not, you are not up to date. It has been hovering in the skies of Vancouver almost every night this week, and has been viewed by many...Last night the strange object was noticed to the north of the city across the city traveling in an easterly direction. The luminous ball of fire or airship as some call it was closely watched. It approached with great swiftness, paused in midair, then surrounded itself with flashes of colour and moved towards the northeast. At times it looked like a ball of fire at others it had a dull lustre and small particles of fire would shoot from the great glowing mass. N.C. Schon of Burnaby saw the luminous body while on the steamer Rithet on Monday night. He states that it moved parallel to the sea far below the star line and looked like a bright red star surrounded by a luminous halo. It was cigar shaped and seemed to travel slowly and occasionally there seemed to drop a shower of sparks like the sputtering of an arc light.^{vii}

When the end of 1897 arrived, the UFOs themselves — in this case the airships — were gone, but the phenomenon never does actually go away. Not really. It moves. Or changes. Or as they say so accurately in the television business, it may simply "go on hiatus."

In 1908, the airship phenomenon reappeared. This report, though not exactly from Canada, is from somewhere quite close by:

IS IT MARS OR AN AIRSHIP?
TOWNSPEOPLE OF KENT, WASHINGTON
MUCH EXCITED BY MYSTERIOUS LIGHT
IN HEAVENS

The Kent correspondent who recently reported a great white light visible in the heavens from the neighbourhood of Kent, says the Seattle [witness] "P.L." is gradually being relieved from a charge of untruthfulness by the testimony of the valley people who came to Seattle endorsing the story. Everyone in the valley as far down as Auburn has examined it through field glasses and telescopes. It is visible according to general testimony on all clear nights coming up from the southwest

passing north and then back again to a point west of Kent, there it remains flickering and changing its position from time to time until early morning and disappearing over the treetops to the south.

"I had been making fun of these stories," said William Watson, who is employed in the county auditor's office, "but a few nights ago they showed me the light and I can swear it was there. I examined it with field glasses and had a close hand view of the mysterious light. It appeared to be about the size of a loaf of bread and the same shape. In the centre was a gleaming white brightness, like an arc light, while around the edge appeared to be small flickering lights, like incandescents. While I watched, it slowly turned until only the narrow end was exposed to view, then a tremendous flickering began as of someone signaling. For many minutes the light remained stationary then it dipped slowly down and rose again. Later it sailed off north a mile or two, then came back to its old position. In the early morning it was still there and sailed off over the treetops as I took the inter-urban for the city. It seems that this is a remarkable phenomenon and I am surprised that the university faculty with facilities for getting a closer view of the light does not make or arrange some observations. We see it now two or three times a week, it is too near and too evident to be a star, it is not an airship, what is it, is it the planet Mars trying to signal Kent?"^{viii}

Creeping forward in time a bit to 1911, and returning to Canada again, this time to the town of Chatham Township, in the Province of Ontario, we find this airship-type report:

A mysterious aircraft has been floating around this vicinity for some days. The air car, which is of enormous dimensions, has been sighted by several persons whose veracity goes unquestioned.

The strange part of the story is that this particular conveyance travels the ether without apparent planes and seems capable of staying up for days.

During the past three days it has been sighted from several villages around about but it has never been known to alight.

Last night it was seen by parties in Chatham Township when it was brilliant with lights. For a time it floated along about 100 feet from the earth's surface, then suddenly with a great whirring, it rose to a high altitude and soon disappeared in the distance.^x

The Battle of Ontario

For those who have not heard of the ufologically famous "Battle of Los Angeles," it was an event which occurred in Los Angeles, California on 25 February 1942.^x Briefly, a formation of lights was seen over the Los Angeles area which the military took to be a group of invading Japanese airplanes; they promptly opened fire. These mysterious lights were fired on for over an hour, and five civilians were killed by falling shrapnel — no enemy planes were ever identified. Well, Canada was able to beat out the Americans to this sort of war-time panic. This particular case has come to be known as the Phantom Invasion of 1915, and has been thoroughly documented by a Canadian researcher named — quite legally — Mr. X.

On the night of February 14th, about 9:15 PM, many citizens of Brockville were startled to see the lights of aircraft crossing high over the St. Lawrence River and moving in the direction of Ottawa. The lights were seen by the Mayor and three of the city constables. The first of the unidentified aircraft flying rapidly overhead gave off the "unmistakable sounds of the whirling motor." About five minutes later, a second flying machine was heard. As it crossed the St. Lawrence from the direction of Morristown, New York, three balls of fire were seen to drop into the river. It was thought these might be bombs that landed harmlessly, but it was also remarked that they could have been flares used by the mysterious aviators to find their way in the dark. A few minutes later, another machine passed over the east end of Brockville, and soon after, another was crossing over the west end of Brockville.

Mayor Donaldson of Brockville was witness to these "mysterious invaders," and the Mayor of nearby Gananoque also reported that two aircraft had been heard passing over his city. Mayor Donaldson telephoned the then Prime Minister of Canada, Sir Robert Borden, to alert him of this possibly dangerous situation. Prime Minister Borden notified the Chief of Staff and the Militia and also suggested that the Commissioner of the Dominion Police be notified.

The Chief of the Dominion Police, afraid that the light of Parliament Hill would act like a beacon in the night, ordered the lights extinguished, blinds were ordered drawn, and life in the nation's capital continued in an eerie darkness which marked the first blackout and air raid in Canada's history. Marksmen were dispatched to the roofs of government buildings and were given orders to shoot down any aircraft approaching the city. The invaders were to be met with force. Now, this invasion never took place, and Ottawa eventually laughed the whole "scaeroplane" scenario as a case of war nerves. However, strange aerial sights were being reported elsewhere. That same evening, residents of Richmond Hill, just north of Toronto, reported to the police that a strange "aeroplane" was hovering over their homes. A resident of Guelph saw "three moving lights passing over the agricultural college." It should be pointed out that at this time — 1915 — night flights of any kind were a rarity in Canada.^{xi}

From this time until 1947 and the Kenneth Arnold sighting, things were generally quiet — ufologically speaking — in Canada. Occasional reports were made, however, and a great number of Ghost Flier cases from the 1930s have been unearthed.

Post-Arnold

As we head into the post-Arnold era, we find that although the familiar UFO patterns unfold as they do most everywhere else, there is more to ufology than just UFO reports. There are the researchers, the investigators, and the UFO personalities. One of the most visible — and important — personalities in these early days of the Arnold Era was a gentleman named Wilbert B. Smith.

To be continued

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