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# MiMUFON Moving up in CMS Rankings!

## Words From the State Director



Well, what a winter for snow, eh, but spring is thankfully almost upon us. Becky and I just escaped for a (far too short) week in Hawaii and we are so ready to see a little warmer weather here in Michigan.

I'd like to start off this newsletter by giving big thanks to Bill and Linda Murphy for scanning many old Michigan MUFON case files and to Jean Waskiewicz for now tackling several more. It would've been a shame to lose the hard work of MUFON Field Investigators, spanning several years, in these historical cases.

Our next MIMUFON meeting is Sunday, March 16, at Walli's East.

Gary Golem (Monroe and Wayne Counties State Section Director and seasoned MUFON UFO Field Investigator) will be leading our morning Field Investigator's training session. If you happen to have a copy of

the Field Investigator's Manual, please bring it. Either way, please try to attend. Michigan has been steadily moving up MUFON's state ranking chart of completed investigations (thanks so much team!) And we're just getting warmed up.

Our afternoon presenter will be independent paranormal investigator and lecturer John Tenney of Royal Oak, Michigan, who will be reporting on some exciting Michigan historical cases, including the 1953 Kinross case, where a jet fighter and UFO may have collided over Lake Superior. Tenney will also speak on why already-incredible UFO incidents get spun, distorted, and exaggerated when they make their way to the public. He's got some fascinating insights to share.

Don't forget, Michigan MUFON Newsletter subscribers, if you would prefer to download a printable electronic MIMUFON Newsletter to your computer in full color, rather than receive a

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Thank you.

We finally negotiated the location for the MUFON International Symposium and it will be at the Double Tree Hotel in San Jose, California July 24-27 2008.

Here is the Conference agenda outline

Thursday July 24 will be devoted to investigator training sessions .

Friday July 25 is our business day for meetings, press conference, etc and our dinner banquet.

Saturday July 25 and Sunday July 26 will be our general speaker sessions.

More information to follow.

I will need your prayers and support as this is a very important project for all of us representing Northern California MUFON and to our supporters.

Please share this information to all interested parties.

Thank you

Ruben Uriarte, NorCal MUFON State Director

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Alone at night I lie awake,  
Images of you I cannot shake

Out my window, through my door,  
Your patience I fear through my core

You think for many, you think to me  
A calmness exudes, your thoughts I now see

You take me now, you take me far,  
Through seas and seas and seas of stars

Planets drift by one by one,  
You set your course, it is done

Ships and galaxies I see through your walls  
Floating with wires I drift through your halls

You probe you prod your puzzles I engage,  
Tests run by you I shall not enrage

Distant is my earth that I miss  
Distant is my home I shall kiss

Although I do not understand,  
You guide and teach, through every strand

This thing you call seeing, you now take my  
hand  
Images and images make their brand

Some of it fear, some of it wonder  
You walk me though clouds of thunder

Encoded messages in geometry  
and pictures  
A blue beam hits me and now I  
see scriptures

You have a message, through us it  
is shown  
Where the rabbit sleeps, it shall be  
known

Lights and planets and you that  
I've seen  
Tomorrow I know, it will be just a  
dream

You make the rules, you make the  
silence  
Through atmospheres and tears,  
you formulate compliance

## VISITORS 2

Data, weapons, satellites and math  
you fail to see us, we classify the  
path

Approximate by point 1 and then  
by point 2  
determines our path, and it is you

Point 3 and point 4 with momen-  
tum and energy,  
the absolute framework, it hides  
our identity

Life and mind your ability to ex-  
ist,  
you discover our door, your de-  
sires persist

You step inside, these chambers  
of light  
sensations arise, you put up no  
fight

A corridor, a room, you find de-  
spair  
you stand and watch, it isn't fair

Earthquakes and floods, and dec-  
ades of violence  
you see it all, and view through  
silence

Your church, your pope, John he  
was right  
special visitors do arrive, late one  
June night

12 around 1 it's evolving higher,  
13 around 1, the helix inspires

Your conversant dreams and nota-  
ble talent  
will help you vastly, in this new  
found planet

Your fear of dying, your fear is  
well known  
we shed the light, so it is sewn

Special thanks to MiMUFON member Michelle Schwartzfisher



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# Texans Report UFO Sightings

BY ANGELA K. BROWN 01-15-08  
*The Associated Press*

STEPHENVILLE, Texas — In this farming community where nightfall usually brings clear, starry skies, residents are abuzz over reported sightings of what many believe is a UFO.

Several dozen people — including a pilot, county constable and business owners — insist they have seen a large silent object with bright lights flying low and fast. Some reported seeing fighter jets chasing it.

"People wonder what in the world it is, because this is the Bible Belt and everyone is afraid it's the end of times," said Steve Allen, a freight company owner and pilot who said the object he saw last week was a mile long and half a mile wide. "It was positively, absolutely nothing from these parts."

While federal officials insist there's a logical explanation, locals swear that it was larger, quieter, faster and lower to the ground than an airplane. They also said the object's lights changed configuration, unlike those of a plane. People in several towns who reported seeing it over several weeks have offered similar descriptions of the object.

Machinist Ricky Sorrells said friends made fun of him when he told them he saw a flat, metallic object hovering about 300 feet over a pasture behind his Dublin home. But he decided to come forward after reading similar accounts in the Stephenville Empire-Tribune.

"You hear about big bass or big buck in the area, but this is a different deal," Sorrells said. "It feels good to hear that other people saw something, because that means I'm not crazy."



DONNA MCWILLIAM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Ricky Sorrells says he saw a large, silent object in the sky in Dublin, Texas.**

Sorrells said he has seen the object several times. He said he watched it through his rifle's telescopic lens and described it as very large and without seams, nuts or bolts.

Maj. Karl Lewis, a spokesman for the 301st Fighter Wing at the Joint Reserve Base Naval Air Station in Fort Worth, said no F-16s or other aircraft from his base were in the area the night of Jan. 8, when most people reported the sighting.

Lewis said the object may have been an illusion caused by two commercial airplanes. Lights from the aircraft would seem unusually bright and may appear orange from the setting sun.

"I'm 90 percent sure this was an airliner," Lewis said. "With the sun's angle, it can play tricks on you."

Officials at the region's two Air Force bases — Dyess in Abilene and Sheppard in Wichita Falls — also said none of their aircraft were in the area last week. The Air Force no longer investigates UFOs.

Associated Press picked up Angela K. Brown's story from the Stephenville Empire-Tribune on January 15, 2008, featuring a photograph of Ricky Sorrells at his Dublin, Texas, residence.

Source: <http://www.earthfiles.com/news.php?ID=1377&category=Environment>



# INSIDERS EXPOSE REASONS FOR UFO SECRECY

Disclosure Project ([www.DisclosureProject.org](http://www.DisclosureProject.org)) Director Dr. Steven M. Greer reports that government insiders have revealed the existence of a shadowy, highly classified program related to UFOs.

The reasons for the secrecy are simple: The inertia of highly classified programs, embarrassment over past illegal actions taken to enforce secrecy, and the fact that the energy and propulsion systems behind the mysterious UFO objects have been studied and fully understood. This disclosure would spell the end for oil, gas, coal and other conventional forms of power - and with that, the end of the current oil-based geopolitical order and economy. The truth is our tax dollars have been used to investigate this matter for decades and it is time for a dividend on that investment. The full disclosure of the facts will enable humanity to attain a sustainable civilization without global warming or the need for oil.

Recent calls for a US government investigation into UFOs have not taken into account the fact that such investigations are on-going, highly compartmented and top-secret.

Dr. Greer states, "As early as 1993, when I personally briefed CIA Director James Woolsey on the UFO matter, we knew of on-going, secret projects to which President Clinton and Mr. Woolsey were denied access. The senior counsel for the Senate Appropriations Committee, then headed by Senator Byrd (D-WV) told me directly that upwards of \$100 billion per year was going into so-called 'black' projects, including UFO programs, but that with a top-secret clearance and a subpoena power, he could not penetrate the veil of secrecy."

Subsequently, working with philanthropist Laurence Rockefeller, Dr. Greer provided in-depth briefing materials for President Clinton and Hillary Clinton, who reviewed the matter while staying at the Rockefeller's JY Ranch. (The briefing materials are at [www.DisclosureProject.org](http://www.DisclosureProject.org)).

Dr. Greer reports that "The Clintons refused further disclosure of the matter. CIA Director Woolsey frankly stated that they could not disclose programs over which they had no control or access. Mr. Woolsey and the Clintons were shaken by the secrecy, and the power behind it."

Since then, The Disclosure Project has uncovered thousands of official US documents and top-secret military and corporate witnesses to programs dealing with UFOs, including project code names and numbers. Such operations are rogue and are beyond the scope of Congressional oversight committees.

For further information or for an interview with Dr. Greer contact: <http://www.DisclosureProject.org>.

Note: The two paragraphs referring to Laurence Rockefeller and to Bill and Hillary Clinton had to be removed from this press release when we sent it out through our press release service - PRNewswire.com, because they refused to send out the original press release with those references. It was referred up the chain of command at their organization and censored by them. When you think that we have a free press, think again. This was not even censored by the outlets themselves, but by the entry point to those outlets!

Source: <http://www.disclosureproject.org/PressReleaseNov132007.htm>

Thanks to MiMUFON member Alice Reed for submitting this article.



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Special thanks to **Connie O'Very** of **MiMUFON** for the "musical aliens"



HERMAN BY JIM UNGER



"We're not trying to sell your house;  
we're selling the planet."

# Pilot encounters with UFOs

## New study challenges secrecy and denial

By Leslie Kean

The Providence Journal May 3, 2001

(Editor's Note: Notice that this article was released days before the May 9, 2001 Disclosure Project press conference at the National Press Club in Washington, DC. Although it is dated, it just recently came to my attention and the facts are still relevant.)

In January, (2001) Agence France Presse reported that a Siberian airport was shut for hours while a luminescent unidentified flying object hovered above its runway. Although it's hard to imagine such an event taking place in the United States, a compelling October 2000 study by a retired aerospace scientist from NASA-Ames Research Center shows that similar incidents have occurred in American skies over the last 50 years.

"Aviation Safety in America – A Previously Neglected Factor" presents more than 100 pilot and crew reports of encounters with unidentified aerial phenomena (UAP) which appear to have compromised aviation safety.

Author Richard F. Haines, formerly NASA's Chief of the Space Human Factors Office and a Raytheon contract scientist, is chief scientist for the National Aviation Reporting Center on Anomalous Phenomena (NARCAP), a research organization founded last year. In stunning detail, pilots and crew describe a range of geometric forms and lights inconsistent with known aircraft or natural phenomena. Bizarre objects paced aircraft at relatively near distances, sometimes disabling cockpit instruments, interrupting ground communications, or distracting the crew.

The data include 56 near misses. Impulsive responses by pilots to an approaching high speed object can be hazardous; in a few cases violent evasive reactions injured passengers and flight attendants. However, Haines states that there is no threat of a collision caused directly by UAP "because of the reported high degree of maneuverability shown by the UAP."

While flying over Lake Michigan in 1981, TWA Capt. Phil Schultz saw a "large, round, silver metal object" with dark portholes equally spaced around the circumference that "descended into the atmosphere from above," according to his handwritten report. Schultz and his first officer braced themselves for a mid-air collision; the object suddenly made a high speed turn and departed.

Veteran Japan Airlines 747 Captain Kenju Terauchi reported a spectacular prolonged encounter over Alaska in 1986. "Most unexpectedly two space ships stopped in front of our face, shooting off lights," he said. "The inside cockpit shined brightly and I felt warm in the face." Despite the Federal Aviation Administration's determination that he and his crew were stable, competent and professional, he was grounded for speaking out.

In 1997, a Swissair Boeing 747 over Long Island just missed a glowing white, cylindrical object speeding towards the plane. According to a FAA Civil Aviation Security Office memorandum, Pilot Philip Bobet said that "if the object was any lower, it may have hit the right wing."

Ground systems operators have also been affected by UAP. "The element of surprise means a decrease in safety because it diverts the attention of air traffic controllers that should be focused on landing planes. That is a danger," says Jim McClenahan, a recently retired FAA air traffic control specialist and NARCAP technical advisor.

"Aviation Safety in America" does not attempt to explain the origin of these mysterious objects. But Haines writes that hundreds of reports, some dating back to the 1940's, "suggest that they [UAP] are associated with a very high degree of intelligence, deliberate flight control, and advanced energy management."

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In the 1950's, pilots and crew reported seeing flying discs, cigar-shaped craft with portholes, and gyrating lights, all with extraordinary technical capabilities. Documents show the unexplained objects were considered a national security concern. By order of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, commercial pilots were required to report sightings and the unauthorized release of a UFO report could cost them ten years in prison or a \$10,000 fine.

To keep this information from the public, officials ridiculed and debunked legitimate sightings, angering some pilots. According to the Newark Star Ledger in 1958, more than 50 commercial pilots who had reported sightings, each with at least 15 years of major airline experience, blasted the policy of censorship and denial as "bordering on the absolutely ridiculous."

These pilots said they were interrogated by the Air Force, sometimes all night long, and then "treated like incompetents and told to keep quiet," according to one pilot. "The Air Force tells you that the thing that paced your plane for 15 minutes was a mirage or a bolt of lightening," he told the Star-Ledger. "Nuts to that. Who needs it?" As a result, many pilots "forget" to report their sightings at all, one pilot said.

According to a 1952 Air Force Status Report on UFOs for the Air Technical Intelligence Center, pilots were so humiliated that one told investigators, "If a space ship flew wingtip to wing-tip formation with me, I would not report it."

The vast majority of sightings by American pilots are still not reported. The media perpetuates the censorship and ridicule, handicapping the collection of valuable data. In contrast, other countries are openly investigating the impact of UAP on aviation safety. A 1999 French study by retired generals from the French Institute of Higher Studies for National Defense and a government agency with the National Center for Space Studies examined hundreds of well-documented pilot reports from around the world. The study could not explain a 1994 Air France viewing of a UAP that instantaneously disappeared as confirmed by radar and a 1995 Aerolineas Argentinas Boeing 727 encounter with a luminous object that extinguished airport lights as the plane attempted to land.

"Aeronautic personnel must be sensitized and prepared to deal with the situation," the report states. They must first "accept the possibility of the presence of extraterrestrial craft in our sky." Then, "it is necessary to overcome the fear of ridicule. . ."

In 1997, the Chilean government formed the Committee for the Study of Anomalous Aerial Phenomena (CEFAA) following publicly acknowledged observations of unidentified flying objects at a remote Chilean airport. Both the French group and Gen. Ricardo Bermudez Sanhuesa, President of the CEFAA, have made overtures to the U.S. government for cooperation on this issue, with no response. General Bermudez, and Air Force Gen. Denis Letty, chairman of the French group said in recent interviews that the Haines study has international significance and should be taken seriously.

Brian E. Smith, current head of the Aviation Safety Program at NASA-Ames, agrees. "There is objective evidence in pilot reports of unexplained events that may affect the safety of the aircraft," he says. "Yet getting people to take an objective look at this subject is sometimes like pulling teeth." Indeed, the Airline Pilots Association (ALPA), our largest pilots union, and the Flight Safety Foundation, describing itself as "offering an objective view of aviation safety developments," ignored NARCAP requests for a response to the study. In recent phone interviews with this reporter, representatives dismissed the report out of hand after glancing at the executive summary. However, such dismissals may soon lose ground. Next Wednesday, John Callahan, former Division Chief of the Accidents and Investigations Branch of the FAA in Washington, DC, will disclose FAA documentation and subsequent CIA suppression of the Terauchi encounter over Alaska. Callahan will be joined by more than 20 other government and military witnesses, and dozens more on videotape, at a National Press Club briefing to challenge official secrecy about this subject.

Retired United Airlines Capt. Neil Daniels, whose DC-10 was forced into a left turn due to magnetic interference of cockpit compasses by a brilliant UAP, is among the many who want change. "The energies out there are absolutely profound," he says. "I think we need to know what they are."

Note: This story was released on the Knight Ridder wires and was also published in the San Francisco Examiner, the Huntsville Times (Alabama), the Duluth News Tribune (MN), the Fort Pierce Tribune (FLA), the Review Journal (Las Vegas), the Cincinnati Enquirer, the Montreal Gazette, the California Sun and VSD (France).



## Monthly Statistical MUFON Report - for Oct. 07 – Jan. 08

CMS continues to amass sighting reports from around the globe. In October 2007 there were 218 sightings reported to MUFON through CMS. 183 of these from within the US. 3 of which from Michigan. Most impressively there were 8 Landings, Hovering, or Takeoffs reported and 8 Entities observed.

In December 2007, there were 234 sightings worldwide reported through CMS. 194 for which were from within the US. 5 of which occurred in Michigan. Most impressively there were 10 Landings, Hovering, or Takeoffs reported and 17 Entities observed.

In January 2008, there were 607 reported sightings worldwide. 556 of which were in the US. 8 of them from Michigan. Most impressively there were 36 Landings, Hovering, or Takeoffs reported and 37 Entities observed.

In February 2008 there were 404 sightings. 353 in the US. 10 of them in Michigan. there were 14 Landings, Hovering, or Takeoffs reported and 29 Entities observed.

# UFO Investigators Flock to Stephenville, Texas Investigation Opens After 30 Residents Claim They Saw a UFO Flying Over Their Town

By MIKE VON FREMD Jan. 18, 2008

UFO investigators, flock to Stephenville, Texas!

A team of six investigators from the Mutual UFO Network will be interviewing citizens of Stephenville, Texas, who say they spotted a UFO at sunset on Jan. 8.

The Mutual UFO Network is a nongovernmental group interested in documenting UFOs. State director Ken Cherry says that the network has received calls from 50 citizens who say they witnessed the UFO and that the number and credibility of the people is exceptional.

The rural Texas town has attracted worldwide attention after the sightings. The Stephenville Empire-Tribune, the local newspaper, has received calls from as far away as Finland and Japan as people remain fascinated about the reports of a bright object in the sky that witnesses say was a mile long.

It remains the talk of the town and the Stephenville High School Science Club is now selling T-shirts to cash in on the craze.

Stephenville prides itself on being the dairy capital of Texas and the shirts that sell for \$10 have a picture of a Holstein cow being beamed up to a flying saucer.

Not Just Tabloid News

More than 30 residents of Stephenville, Texas, claim to have seen a UFO, described as a mile-wide, silent object with bright lights, flying low and fast. And now it's actual front-page news. So what was it?

"It was very intense, bright lights," said local newspaper reporter Angela Joyner.

"The lights were like going like this," said Constable Leroy Gateman making hand gestures to describe what he saw when he spotted the UFO.

Rick Sorrells says he saw it while he was hunting deer in the woods.

"You look at the trees, and it was right here," Sorrells told ABC News correspondent Mike Von Fremd as he showed him the location in the woods where he spotted the UFO.

Steve Allen, a 50-year-old pilot, was at a campfire with friends and says the object was a mile long and half a mile wide. "I don't know if it was a biblical experience or somebody from a different universe or whatever but it was definitely not from around these parts," Allen said.

Allen drew a sketch of the object, which he said traveled at amazing speed without making a sound. While drawing, Allen told Von Fremd that he saw "an arch shape converted in a vertical shape, and then it split and made two of them, and then these turned into just fire and it was gone."

A spokesman for the 301st Fighter Wing in Fort Worth says no aircraft from his base was in the area, and says the objects may have been an illusion caused by two commercial airplanes. But those who saw the lights don't buy that explanation.

"It's an unidentified flying object," insisted a former Air Force technician.

"It was so fast I couldn't track it with my binoculars," said Gateman.

Some in Stephenville are a bit embarrassed about all the attention. "It's crazy," said one teenage girl in town.

"A lot of folks aren't used to this kind of thing. They are not UFO nuts or anything like that around here," said City Councilman Mark Murphy.

Like it or not, all eyes are now trained on the sky over Stephenville to see whether any mysterious flying objects return.

Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/GMA/story?id=4142232&page=1>

Thanks to MiMUFON member Alice Reed for bringing this to my attention.



## MUFON CMS logs sighting report with Photo



Indiana Province (Canada):  
County: Hamilton (Nearest) City: Noblesville.  
Date of Event: 2008-01-31  
Exact Time of Event (Local Time): 19:30:00 – approximate



I was home alone and decided to go to the kitchen to get a glass of water and maybe find a snack. Just as I approached the kitchen/dining room area (they're the same room and we have a bay-window/patio door there), I noticed what I immediately thought was a helicopter about 300-400 feet away, just across the street and above the tree-line. Because we kind of live in the country, I thought that was unusual . . . then it hit me that I couldn't hear any noise at all! And then the obvious shape difference hit me like a bag of rocks and I ran for my camera - literally (I almost tripped over a rug).

I don't know how long it was there before I saw it, but it hung around for about 2 or 3 minutes after I noticed it . . . not moving or flashing or anything. The only thing I noticed was a sort of waviness of the air surrounding the object - that's probably what stuck me most, actually. It resembled kind of what you see over a hot road on a summer day. It was getting dark, but I distinctly remember the dark tree line shimmering just below the object, against the sky-glow.

I had just enough time to take a picture on my camera (before the batteries died), and then I got one on my cell phone right before it "disappeared" --- I say that, because I believe it just went directly away from me at a high speed very suddenly. It actually appeared to grow smaller and disappear, but curve up slightly as it was doing so. The direction was about directly westward I believe.

Long ago, when I was a young kid, I remember seeing a funny light in the sky (from very far away) and watching it do all sorts of "tricks". But I couldn't actually see it as an object. This is the only other time that I have seen something this close that I know from my own eyes what I saw in a detailed manner. Very exciting indeed (although the first couple nights were difficult to sleep well!)

Thanks to MUFON CMS.



Editor's note: Above are the photos that were alleged to have been taken of the UFO over O'Hare Airport in Chicago. The small photo in the center is a cropped and enhanced picture of the anomalous object in the right hand picture. Although not an exact match, it bears a striking resemblance to the picture above in the Indiana Province (Canada) sighting.

# UFO center moves to old missile site

By **NICHOLAS K. GERANIOS**

**Associated Press writer**

HARRINGTON, Wash. -- To find the new home of The National UFO Reporting Center, you must go several yards underground at a former nuclear missile site in Eastern Washington.

The National UFO Reporting Center, which moved to this sparsely populated farm country from Seattle last year, is basically a telephone, tape recorder and desktop computer run in an underground bunker by one man who collects and publishes UFO reports from across the country.

Director Peter B. Davenport took over the UFO center's work from founder Robert J. Gribble in 1994. It had been located for years in Seattle's University District, until Davenport decided he wanted a change and paid \$100,000 for the former Atlas missile site located about 50 miles west of Spokane. "There was the allure of owning my own missile site," Davenport said.

Missile Site No. 6 now contains a large row of file cabinets and boxes, neatly organized by date, containing thousands of reports of UFO sightings stretching back decades. A typical file reads: "Longview, WA. February 25, 1999 1158 hrs. (Pacific) Description: Fourteen forestry workers witness a horseshoe shaped object lift an adult elk out of the forest and fly off with the apparently dead, or unconscious, animal."

The missile site covers 22 acres, and the massive concrete buildings are underground. The old Atlas E missiles rested flat, not upright in silos, in what were called "coffin launchers." In the event of war, a concrete lid would slid open, the missile would be hoisted upright and the engine fired.

The UFO files, along with some office furniture, are stacked in a dark, dank room the size of a basketball court, where the yellow missile hoist remains in place. A few bare bulbs provide lights. Davenport is still cleaning out the missile site, which is pretty decrepit, and is living in an apartment in nearby Harrington while he works to make it habitable.

Davenport doesn't spend much time scanning the skies, or traveling to UFO locations. Most of his work is transcribing numerous calls or e-mails each day from people who think they have seen UFOs. He places those reports on the Web site for all to see.

Davenport also gives lectures and appears often on radio talk shows tied to UFOs. He considers himself among the most skeptical of ufologists, and estimates that 90 percent of the calls he receives can be quickly disproved, and many of the rest likely have a rationale explanation. But that still leaves a lot of reports for which no terrestrial explanation is available, Davenport said.

Washington has a long history of UFO reports, including the famous Mount Rainier sighting in 1947 that led to the coining of the term "flying saucers." In that incident, pilot Kenneth Arnold reported seeing nine silver vehicles flying in formation at high speed and moving "like a saucer if you skip it across water."

Whether UFOs exist has been hotly debated for decades. Believers point to loads of evidence, including photos and eyewitness accounts. They contend there must be other inhabited planets, and some with more advanced civilizations may be visiting us.

Like many ufologists, Davenport also believes the world's governments and press are hushing up the existence of UFOs to avoid panic. "There is nothing more bizarre in the galaxy than human behavior toward UFOs," he said.

Despite decades of official denials, UFOs abound in movies, television, books and advertising, he said. They even show up in religion, where some reports of visions have all the earmarks of a UFO sighting, Davenport said.

UFO skeptic Jim Oberg said Davenport performs a valuable service by recording all the strange things people see in the sky. The problem is that he and other ufologists are too quick to label them extraterrestrial, Oberg said. That doesn't necessarily mean that aliens are not visiting Earth, Oberg said. "But the evidence does not rise to the level of an unavoidable conclusion that there is no other explanation," Oberg said, acknowledging that the debate won't end anytime soon.

Last March, former Arizona Gov. Fife Symington said he believes mysterious lights widely seen over Phoenix 10 years ago were UFOs. Also in March, France became the first country to release its extensive UFO files on the Internet. The oldest sightings date to 1937.

Earlier this month, actress Shirley MacLaine revealed that Democratic presidential candidate Dennis Kucinich saw a UFO at her home in Graham, Wash. Representatives of Kucinich's presidential campaign and congressional office have not responded to requests for comments on MacLaine's recollection.

Last fall, numerous employees of O'Hare Airport in Chicago reported seeing a mysterious, saucer-shaped craft hovering over the airport. The workers said the object hovered over a terminal before shooting up through the clouds, according to the Chicago Tribune. The Federal Aviation Administration said nothing showed up on radar, and that the sighting was likely a "weather phenomenon," the newspaper reported.

Davenport graduated from the University of Washington with a degree in fisheries, and specialized in research on the genetics of steelhead trout. He was friends with Gribble, who founded the center in 1974, and agreed to continue the work when Gribble retired. He estimated the center's work costs \$500 a month.

Davenport does not spend all his time on UFO work. He is an unopposed candidate for Harrington City Council this fall, and is considering a run for the state Legislature.

"Initially this job was fun," Davenport said of running the UFO center. Now it is just "a secretarial job."

Source: The Star Tribune, <http://www.casperstartribune.net/articles/2007/10/28/news/regional/3240ff64806823098725738100211b6e.txt>

Thanks to MiMUFON member Jerry Kulka for submitting this article.



## **Niles, Michigan – July 20, 1988 Nocturnal Lights**

**Bill Murphy's Column**

*From time to time I plan to showcase some ill-known cases from the Michigan MUFON files. This case was investigated by Shirley and George Coyne, then Michigan Co-State Directors, and is a model of good investigation practice and the charm that such an activity can have. Shirley's summary is here reproduced nearly verbatim, although the names of the participants have been changed, save for those of the Coynes and Dan Wright, then MUFON Deputy Director of Investigations.*

Nancy D. was watching television at 9:50 pm on July 20, 1988, when her attention was drawn to a funny light in the south-southeast. She left the sofa and walked to the picture window, so she could get a better look. Nancy thought she was seeing something unusual, so she called to her sister Rachel and said, "Hey, Rachel, come and see this funny ball of light". Rachel came to the window and looked to the southeast, in the direction that Nancy was pointing.

Karen D. came from her bedroom and joined her daughters at the window. They were now viewing two balls of light. Karen suggested they move out to the front lawn so they could get a better view.

Once outside, Karen noted that the sky was clear, with lots of stars. There were a few wispy clouds which were white. There was one pinkish-grey cloud which was fairly large. The lights seemed to be contained within that cloud, "chasing" each other, as they bounced and did a dance. The time was now 10:00 pm.

Karen went indoors and got the portable telephone. She called her brother Jack who lives on the west side of the city. Karen told him that he had better get over there because she thought they may be looking at some UFOs. Five minutes later Jack arrived at Karen's house, with his grandmother and son Jake in tow. Jack had left home in such a hurry that he had forgotten to put on a shirt and shoes. He said that he had taken a shower and was getting ready to retire when Karen called.

The grandmother, Mrs. Donaldson, and Jake stayed at Karen's house while Jack drove about a mile down the road to an overpass. He felt that he would be able to get a better look from the overpass. As he was driving past the local party store, he decided to stop and tell the clerk to come out and see the lights. Joe dashed into the store, minus shirt and shoes, and told the clerk that she should come out and look at the funny lights. There was a customer in the store, a pilot that Jack knew. Jack, Sally the clerk, and Larry the pilot all went out to take a look. Larry said that he had never seen anything like what they were seeing. He went back into the store and called the control tower at South Bend, Indiana. Larry spoke with a controller that he knew. The controller told Larry that they were also watching the lights. They did not know what the lights were and they did not know where the lights were coming from. The lights were not showing on radar.

Meanwhile, back at the ranch, Karen was on the telephone to the State Police Post in Niles. She was given a hotline number to call. The number she reached was Dan Wright's. Karen gave Dan the information about what they were seeing. After the call was finished, Dan put in calls to investigators in that area, but was unable to reach anyone. He then made a call to the Coynes. He got their answering machine; this meant that they were in Indiana. The time was now 10:20 pm.

Dan called Goshen, Indiana, and Shirley answered the call. Dan gave her the information that he had obtained from Karen. Shirley told Dan that they were only thirty minutes from Niles, so they would make a run over there before the case cooled. Dan said that he would call the witness and tell her that the Coynes were on their way. He would also obtain directions to the witness' house.

Dan telephoned Karen and she gave him directions to her home in Niles. Dan then called the Coynes back and gave them the directions. They knew exactly where the home was located on Highway 12, because they traveled that route often, en-route to Ginny Tilly's home.

The Coynes arrived in Niles at 11:15 pm. They were greeted by Karen, her two daughters Nancy (age 16) and Rachel (13), Grandmother Mrs. Donaldson, Brother Jack, nephew Jake, and five neighbors.

About ten minutes into the interview, the telephone rang. Since Karen was near the phone, she answered and became very excited. It was now 11:30 pm and the lights were back, "dancing and bouncing" inside the clouds.

Thirteen people made a mad dash for the back door. Everyone wanted to get outside so they could see the lights clearly. In his excitement, Jack missed the first step in the entryway and went sprawling, spread-eagle, on the floor. He came up running,

no injuries except a bruised ego.

Sure enough, there were 25 to 30 balls of light bouncing around inside the clouds. Everyone was excited and talking at once. George was calmly snapping pictures and Shirley was quietly watching the tree line below the lights. Shirley suggested they all go down the road to the church parking lot so they could get a darker place to view the lights.

Everyone made a dash for the cars and piled in. With gravel flying, hearts racing and eyes straining to look, they all arrived at the parking lot.

The Coynes had done some fast talking during the very short ride to the church parking lot. This display was unlike anything they had ever seen. There was not much excitement in them because they had observed something the witnesses had not seen.

From the parking lot the lights could be observed without streetlights glaring, trees obstructing the view, and cars racing past. The lights were now brighter as they bounced around in the sky. No one said a word as they stood in awe of the lights. This was the opening the Coynes needed.

Ever so quietly, George said, "Folks, what we are looking at is a very beautiful search light display". The small group could not believe what he was saying. George and Shirley then pointed out the very faint beams coming up from the ground. Once their attention was focused on the beams, a loud groan went through everyone. Things were heard like "I feel so stupid", "I'm so embarrassed", and "We have wasted your time".

This group of nice, warm-hearted people had been fooled by a search light display that was taking place somewhere in South Bend, Indiana, some nine miles away. It was very plain to the Coynes why these people had been taken in. They were awed by the beauty of the lights as they bounced and danced around. They were seeing something that was out of the norm and a movement that was strange, something they had never witnessed. They were so taken with the lights that they had not taken their eyes from the sky. Jack said that he had looked for a beam from the ground but had been unable to see it at 10:15 pm. This is understandable because there are some bright streetlights on the corner by Karen's house.

Everyone climbed back into the cars. The excitement was over and with it came disappointment.

When everyone was seated around the table in Karen's kitchen, the Coynes tried to make the group feel less embarrassed. Karen poured coffee for everyone while George started making phone calls. The State Police Post in Niles was contacted, as were the Niles City Police, Notre Dame's Fire Department, the Sheriff's Department for St. Joseph County (Indiana), and the tower at South Bend Airport.

We learned from the Niles Post that Indiana has only ten State Police Posts, and none in the South Bend area. The Fire Department at the Notre Dame campus did not know anything about a light display but said that an RV Jamboree was going on at the campus. The Sheriff's Office in South Bend said that they did not know about a light display, but that a carnival was being set-up downtown. The South Bend Airport did not know where the lights were coming from or what they were. They had received a call from an employee at the Bendix Corporation; the employee said that all the people there were on the roof watching the lights in the sky. When the calls were finished, everyone called it a night. It was now 1:15 am.

On July 21, 1988, the Coynes drove over to the Notre Dame campus in South Bend. They talked with three security guards, at three different locations, on the campus. The security guards did not know anything about a light display that had taken place on July 20. They said that the RV Jamboree had been going on for six days and they had not seen any lights.

The Coynes drove to the far side of the campus where the ACC is located. There were two police officers standing beside a barricade. Jackpot!! The two officers had been working the jamboree and, yes, there had been a light display the night before. No, the public was not allowed into the area where the lights were. The lights were located in an enclosed area and for safety reasons the public was not allowed inside the area. Yes, the display would be shown that night.

The Coynes drove the nine miles to Karen's house in Niles. Karen greeted them warmly and invited them to come in for coffee. She was still embarrassed because they had driven the distance to her home. They explained to her that she had done the right thing by reporting the strange lights and they did not feel the trip had been wasted. They had the pleasure of meeting a very warm and friendly family, they were given a report by the grandmother Donaldson and nephew Jake and two of the people will be joining MUFON.

Karen and the Coynes strolled into the front yard and stood talking quietly as they watched the light display begin with one light, then two, and suddenly 25. Everyone smiled warmly at each other, nodded and knew that ... all was well.

#### **MUFON Deputy Director of Investigations Dan Wright's comments are well taken:**

Having taken this call initially, the reported observation did not sound at all like a grouping of searchlights. Good investigative work (in the middle of the night) to resolve a case that might otherwise very well have been left unexplained.

Not only was an apparently average family confused by what they had seen, but also a pilot and airport personnel. Also noteworthy is the effort the Coynes made, after the initial identification of the stimulus type, to confirm it. The human quality of the story, and the wonder created in the witnesses by the unusual and beautiful, render this an interesting tale. George Coyne's tact in breaking the news to the family, and the grace of Shirley's retelling, makes this a "classic" and instructive case. This shows that good investigative work requires careful observation and common sense rather than some advanced degree, and can have very satisfying results, even if (and perhaps especially when) a satisfying explanation is found.

# United Nations May Recognize Alien UFO Visits

Mr. Gilles Lorant an attaché to the French (CNRS- National Center for Scientific Research ) and a member Institute of Advanced Studies for National Defense (IHEDN - the French Organization that produced the 1999 COMETA Report concerning UFOs) has revealed he participated in meetings the week of February 11, 2008, at the United Nations to discuss UFOs. What follows is a summary report of the UN meetings based on Lorant's testimony that appears in a newsletter of the FEA and is available in the original French at: <http://www.federation-airplane.eu/site/fr/nouvelles/newsletter/suite.php?newsid=70>

Mr. Gilles Lorant, reports that on February 12, the US Air Force and the National Guard presented a report on the subject of the UFOs to numerous nations on the consequences of UFO demonstrations on many communities in the United States. This report is regarded as general interest for all industrialized countries; and representatives of several countries were invited to assist with the presentation. Then, at the request of three American senators, a cycle of three meetings followed in the presence of forty representatives of the twenty eight Member States including the Vatican (two nations did not send representatives).

Over these two days, the subject of the UFO was tackled during meetings discussing the causes which can affect the social balance of a nation, and considered the strong probability of economic recession. The attendees were worried about charlatans, religious prophecies and the effects on certain scientists. The meetings were very concerned about social upheaval from continued UFO sightings and the testimonies of individuals claiming to have firsthand knowledge about UFO's, extraterrestrial life, and future global events. It was reported that adverse public reactions to UFO sightings could have a dramatic economic impact that could lead to recession in some countries.

The UN discussions appeared to match concerns identified in both the 1953 Robertson Panel and the 1961 Brookings Report to the U.S. Congress, over ramifications of UFO reports and the eventual discovery of extraterrestrial life. The year 2009, was raised as the year when an important change in official attitudes concerning the UFO phenomenon could be made. This suggested that the official debunking policy underway since 1953, would be abandoned and more serious study of the UFO phenomenon would occur. This indicated an important policy shift where the study of UFO's would be officially encouraged. However, certain global conditions would have to be met for the official opening. Most important appeared to be social stability in G-8 countries and the maintenance of liberal democratic systems in developing nations. Lorant also suggested that an official opening in attitudes would only occur if UFO sightings continued to occur at present levels.

This raises the possibility that those presenting information on UFOs/extraterrestrial life deemed to threaten national stability or financial systems, would receive special attention by national security agencies. The meetings results suggest that an official change in government policy from 'debunking' to 'openness' concerning UFO's would lead to official approval to narrowly define study of the UFO phenomenon. Those claiming to have firsthand experience of extraterrestrial life would be targeted as charlatans. The UN meeting thereby suggested continuation of policies aimed at exploiting divisions in the UFO community between researchers advocating a strictly scientific study of the UFO phenomenon, and those wishing to discuss testimonies/documentation concerning extraterrestrial life visiting Earth.

Mr. Gilles Lorant's testimony suggests that governments are being driven to a more open approach to the UFO phenomenon due to the recent increase in sightings. An opening which would take place under two conditions: 1) From here to the end of 2009, that social peace in the G8 countries (Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Russia, the United Kingdom and the United States) remains in effect. Together, these countries represent about 65% of the world economy.

2) From here to the end of 2009, that UFO demonstrations persist throughout the world.

Moreover, it was discussed what to do if a non-aligned nation decided to precede the countries joined together on the officialization of the subject.

He states, "The environment was perfectly serious the participants were even implicitly grateful to the presence of "our alien neighbors" in our environment.

**Conclusion:** The suggestion which was advanced by UN, with the representatives of 28 nations, during these exchanges, is of capital importance for the public recognition of the subject. Thanks to the Newsletter No. 4 of the F.E.A, 25.02.2008 Posted by Jean-Jacques Yvars and Lamar James ...

Thanks to Filer's Files # 10 2008



Major General E.B. LeBaily, USAF Director of Information:

"Many of the reports that cannot be explained have come from intelligent and technically well-qualified individuals whose integrity cannot be doubted."

(September 28, 1965, letter to USAF Scientific Advisory Board requesting a review of the UFO project. Gillmor, Daniel S., ed. "Scientific Study of Unidentified Flying Objects" (The Condon Report), New York Times Books, 1969.)

# Recent Michigan Sightings

Occurred : 9/28/2007 20:23. Location: Warren, MI

My twelve year-old son and I were outside in the early evening tonight, kicking a soccer ball around. As dusk started to settle in, I noticed a polar-orbit satellite going over and pointed it out to my son. We chatted for a while after that, then started scanning for more sats as the evening got a little darker (I had just mentioned the Sputnik anniversary, so we were inspired).

Before long, we saw another sat. I think that it was about this time (maybe 8pm) that we came in and looked up visible sat passes tonight on heavens-above.com. (We) went back outside, both looking up - and we both notice, at the same time, a fairly tight group of objects nearly straight above us, somewhat to the north. There are five small lighted "somethings" moving quickly across the sky toward the south. They were in a line, not perfectly straight across, but close, moving much faster than a sat, not pinpoints like stars but very small, distinct circles. Not very bright - from comparing to the sats that we saw tonight (mostly Cosmos rocket bodies), I would say magnitude 3 or so each. The whole group was maybe 2-3 moon widths across. My first thought was a large meteor breaking up, but it was too slow for that.

If the speed wasn't enough to dismiss the meteor theory, the behavior of the objects was - they changed their orientation, one to another, almost as if jockeying for position as they crossed the sky, eventually forming a shallow arc! I started saying "holy \$#&^!" out loud by this time, and my son and I had time to look at each other and look back up and watch these things fly off to the south, probably 15-20 seconds after we spotted them. They disappeared into the light pollution on the horizon at maybe 20-30 degrees up and off to the SSE.

I must have looked totally freaked out, because my son said to me several times, "I saw them too, Dad, I saw them too!" I flipped open my cell phone for the time - 8:23pm.

There was no sound, absolutely nothing. Too fast for high altitude aircraft. No lights like aircraft. No way they were sats or breaking up debris - they swapped position with each other, very quickly, and flew in formation.

I even checked the upper air data when it came in later this evening to see if maybe, just maybe, we were looking at balloons (I know my high altitude balloons are sometimes reported as UFOs - things can look strange way up in the sky). Upper air sounding from Oz tonight showed winds in the right direction at around 9k-12k feet (I think - not near the ground, anyway, so they weren't party balloons and we mistook the apparent altitude) but only at 20 knots or so (which looks really darn slow from 10k feet away). And there's no way that I could make balloons - even purposely-designed as a hoax - do what these things did.

This is the third time in 20 years that I've seen something downright unexplainable in the sky. First time was 20 years or so ago - six or so lights in a "T" arrangement, apparent triangular outline, moving silently across the night sky (dimmer yet than these tonight). Second, about seven years ago, exactly the same as the first time, but moving in the opposite direction (first time the "T" arrangement went base-first, second time went top-first). Silent both times, hard to even see. Now this! Honestly, I wish I hadn't seen this. I'm still rather freaked - and I'm rational, teach computers and science, design and fly high-altitude scientific balloons, do a reasonable amount of sky-watching, take no medications, rarely drink. I wasn't seeing things and I can find NOTHING that matches what we saw.

The two triangle things in the past I have written off to the much-rumored secret mil airship - fits the descriptions in Aviation Week from a long time ago). But this?? My son was thrilled, wanted to see it again, seemed to be totally in awe. I can't sleep right now but wish I could.

Occurred: 10/3/2007 17:15. Location: Canton Township, MI. Duration:3 minutes

I returned from a day of driving and stood in the yard by my truck to have a smoke. The late afternoon sky was clear. I noticed this bright silver orb at a very high altitude (about the height of a cumulus cloud). And then another. And then another, until there were 7-8 of them. They were tiny, like pinheads and flew randomly, quickly. They would appear and disappear from sight. Before they would disappear, they would turn dull, then dark (almost black). They would reappear suddenly. Their movement was very similar to a swarm of fruit flies in close proximity to each other, very random, in all directions.

I thought perhaps they were floaters in my eyes, but when I closed them, I didn't see anything; when I followed the objects, they didn't move in my field of vision like floaters would. They'd stay where I focused or followed their movement. I said "Wow! Look at this!" to alert my co-driver, but I couldn't get him to see where I indicated, before they all faded and disappeared. "You seeing UFOs?" he said sarcastically.

Then a single silver orb appeared in the east and flew west, which he did see. It was a bit larger (maybe lower) than the others. This one crossed the sky like an aircraft would, but he agreed it looked strange and not like a plane at all. It moved too slowly for a plane at that altitude. It had an aura around it and left a slight trail. It kept going in a straight line until we lost sight of it due to the sun.

We see planes all the time (we are not far from Detroit Metro Airport), but this one was not in a regular flight path, moved too slow and didn't look like plane. I am a college grad in my early 50's; my co-driver is an army veteran in his mid 40's.

## Investigator John Tenney to Speak at March's Meeting

UFO investigator John Tenney will speak in Flint, MI at the March 16 MiMUFON meeting. He will address some of Michigan's historical cases, including the 1953 Kinross case, where a jet fighter and UFO may have collided over Lake Superior. Tenney will also speak on why already-incredible UFO incidents get spun, distorted, and exaggerated when they make their way to the public.

Mr. Tenney hails from Royal Oak, Michigan where President George W. Bush was campaigning in 2000. Bush was due to visit a restaurant in the city, so Tenney went to await his arrival and ask him a UFO related question. The following is an excerpt from Tenney's open letter found at <http://www.presidentialufo.com/newpage12.htm>:

[The restaurant is small and the people were crowded everywhere around him, not to mention the numerous Texas Rangers who were monitoring the crowd. I decided the best chance I had to ask Mr. Bush my question would be as he exited the restaurant and moved toward his tour van. I slipped outside and waited. I chatted for awhile with a camera crew from CNN and then the moment arrived. Again the crowd cheered and as he made his way through the crowd, I squeezed myself through the masses of camera crews and into position. This was the moment. I pressed my hand into Mr. Bush's, looked him in the eye and said, "**As a presidential candidate, would you like to issue a statement concerning the American public's right to access whatever information the United States government currently has available on the topic of UFOs.....**"

I was instantly turned around by a Texas Ranger; Mr. Bush was pushed onto the van. Another Texas Ranger grabbed my arm and pulled me out of the crowd and before I knew it Mr. Bush was gone. "What was that all about?" I asked the officer who pulled me from the crowd. He shook his head and walked away from me without saying a word. The crew from CNN came up to me and the camera-man said, "Well that was weird. It was like they knew you were going to say something strange." I asked them if they had gotten the event on film and they replied that they didn't. My footage is just jumbled shaky crowd shots as I was being push and pulled through the crowd.

I walked back to my car, in defeat and yet somehow victorious, I had done what I had set out to do - ask a question. The answer I received, although unspoken, will remain with me.]

Bill Konkolesky had a similar experience with Mitt Romney recently. However, the reaction was not as rude in his case.

Learn more first hand from the man who dared to ask for "MORE" information on UFOs.



### MUFON Field Investigator's Training

Field Investigator training to start at 10:00 am.

Review of some of the current cases being investigated. Review the sightings report from the MUFON website.

Procedures and phone interviews. Discuss FI testing and what's involved.

Senior Field Investigator State Section Director Gary R. Golem

## Make Your Meeting Reservations Today!

Phone in your reservations to State Director Bill Konkolesky at (248) 515-9568 or email at [wjk@mimufon.org](mailto:wjk@mimufon.org) no later than **Wednesday, March 12**. Please leave your name, number attending in your party, and a telephone number where you can be reached, in case we need to contact you. Please let us know as soon as possible, whether you will be attending. Thank you.



## From The Editor's Desk



David Twichell

## Stephenville Witnesses Ridiculed and Silenced

Days after the January 2008 multi-witness UFO sightings in Stephenville, Texas, Larry King devoted his entire one hour show on CNN to the subject. Larry has done many shows on the topic and, although he tries to appear objective, from what he says and the manner in which he poses questions, it is apparent, in my opinion, that he is pro-UFO. Whether or not such is the case, he is to be applauded for approaching the subject as often as he does without snidely editorializing.

James Fox, producer of the UFO documentary "Out of the Blue" and nuclear physicist Stanton Friedman joined King in the studio and witnesses from Texas as well as Phoenix, Arizona were interviewed remotely.

The two witnesses from the Phoenix Lights incident were interviewed along with infamous UFO debunker, former pilot and amateur astronomer James McGaha. The witnesses described a silent, mile long, boomerang-shaped craft slowly moving over their house with an intermittent lighting configuration. There were five witnesses in all to this event at this particular location and approximately ten thousand witnesses throughout the state of Arizona. McGaha asked how they knew it was *one* object. The witness replied "Because you couldn't see stars between the lights". To which McGaha asked "Are you qualified to identify stars?"

With regard to Stephenville, the witnesses described objects that moved slowly and then shot off at breakneck speeds. McGaha observed that the town is in an airplane corridor. This being the fact, wouldn't it be prudent to conclude that the residences of Stephenville are well aware of what conventional aircraft should look like and how they normally maneuver? McGaha further insisted that there were military jets in the air on the evening in question, even though the Air Force had vehemently denied that claim. The only military jets that were witnessed were the two that were observed chasing an anomalous flying object earlier in the day in broad daylight.

McGaha's asserted that people simply "misinterpret" what they see in the skies because they are not trained observers. Obviously, Mr. McGaha is such a well-trained observer that he doesn't even have to observe the object to be able to tell others what it was that they observed.

When Friedman suggested that McGaha talk to the pilots with NARCAP, McGaha said "Pilots are not trained observers either - they're trained to fly airplanes." He didn't deny that alien life was a possibility but there was just "no evidence" to suggest that they have visited earth.

A poll was taken at Larry King's website during the show asking the question "Do you believe there is extraterrestrial life?" Early in the show, about 70% of the respondents answered "yes". After Mr. McGaha was finished speaking, 83% of the 4710 respondents answered "yes".

Angelia Joiner, a reporter for The Empire-Tribune, also appeared on the King show that evening and stated that she had interviewed many witnesses in Stephenville who all offered collaborating testimonies. In an article in The Washington Post, dated February 12, 2008, journalist Emil Steiner wrote, in part:

[According to Angelia Joiner, the reporter who wrote the original UFO stories, there was another UFO sighting on Saturday. "If the military is testing a secret military device, why do they keep doing it here?" she asked me. "If it's not a secret why do they keep scaring the bejesus out of people?"

Adding a further wrinkle to this story, Joiner was fired from The Empire-Tribune a week ago. She claims she had been told to back off the story and thinks the town's "upper crust" was "embarrassed" by all the attention. The Empire-Tribune has avoided comment, which of course only fans the flames of the conspiracy theories.

For its part, the military has done itself no favors, first denying that it had any aircraft in the area, then flip-flopping a few days later -- after more witnesses came forward. A spokesperson blamed internal miscommunication for the mix-up. Others, including CNN's Larry King, have asked whether it wasn't a cover-up.]

(Source: [http://blog.washingtonpost.com/offbeat/2008/02/new\\_ufo\\_sighting\\_reported\\_in\\_s.html](http://blog.washingtonpost.com/offbeat/2008/02/new_ufo_sighting_reported_in_s.html) Thanks to Alice Reed for submitting this article.)

Larry King asked James Fox why the government would continue to cover up the truth about the UFO phenomenon. Fox said he had asked officials at the recent UFO press conference, held at the National Press Club in Washington DC, why they felt world governments continued to suppress what they know involving UFOs. Fox said he was told "It was really a matter of what they *don't* know."

In other words, it is not what they know about UFOs that would panic the masses, it is the government's and military's lack of knowledge (thus lack of control) that panics them.

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