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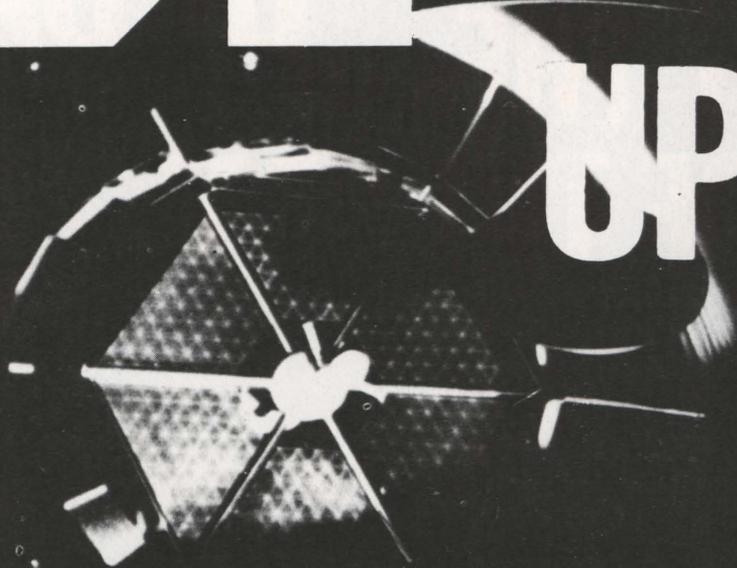
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Editorial



Harry Belil, Editor/Publisher

That extraterrestrial life forms are sharing our skies is a foregone conclusion. Over the years there have been too many sightings of what we have come to call UFOs to still believe they are mere figments of the imagination. Furthermore, that they are far superior technologically and no doubt more advanced on the evolutionary scale is also common knowledge.

But the questions remain: Are they merely curious, or hostile? Is the awe and mystery surrounding their presence going to remain that way or have they indeed made contact with a select few? As yet, to these questions, the average citizen of the world remains ignorant.

Although under the Freedom of Information Act, *all* data concerning UFOs should have already been made available. Sources say the CIA has a secret file which is staying that way—*secret*.

Project Blue Book, the internationally-famous file kept by the U.S. Air Force on all reported UFO sightings, was kept until 1969. Until that year, the service was accused of suppressing many details. Now, it has been revealed that certain pages of Blue Book are missing and it is believed that the CIA has this under tight security. It all leads one to believe there are things the powers-that-be don't want us to know.

Bill Spaulding of Ground Saucer Watch, presently suing the government agency for release of the secret information, maintains: "For years everybody blamed the Air Force for withholding evidence. It appears to us now that

all intelligence agencies had something to do with this. We consider the Air Force to be merely the data-collecting house. It appears, when one goes through Project Blue Book, some of the better military cases are missing."

Ground Saucer Watch, a UFO research group in Phoenix, Arizona, says, the Blue Book files have been kept for over 20 years although the history of UFO encounters go back for centuries.

According to Ground Saucer Watch, (GSW) among the cases on which it is basing its suit, are those of significant military interest. Included is the flap over Teheran, investigated by the Air Force in 1975 in which two radar stations picked up a UFO on its screens.

In this case, two Iranian Air Force planes were sent up to intercept the mysterious craft. Armed with missiles, the fighter planes got within 25 miles of the UFO when suddenly all communication was lost. Their instruments went dead.

While one of the fighters return-



UFOs over Iran, 1975

ed helplessly to base, the other came close to the saucer, whereupon a small projectile-like object without markings, or wings, left the UFO and headed straight for the jet. At this, the jet was unable to fire its heat-seeking missile and had to dive and take other evasive action to avoid contact with the presumably deadly projectile. At the same time, another object left the UFO and headed for earth, landing in a field, and causing a bright light to illuminate the area. Although a helicopter went to the area—it found nothing.

GSW maintains that over the years, UFOs were very active over numerous military missile bases and strategic installations.

Thus far, there has been no actual invasion by interstellar agencies, nor even, as far as we know, a threat. However, if there is a true and real danger from another solar system why aren't we being given the details instead of being kept in the dark.

Perhaps they don't think the public is ready for it.

According to many in high office it is felt that just the mention of a UFO landing, even for the purpose of making friendly contact, would cause mass panic as such a radio show did in the late '30s.

But that was nearly five decades ago. Recently, a panel of top psychologists reported that if extraterrestrials would land on the White House lawn tomorrow, nobody would give a tinker's damn.

In any event, no matter what end of the scale human reaction may be weighed, there is one thing for sure: *We have a right to know!* □

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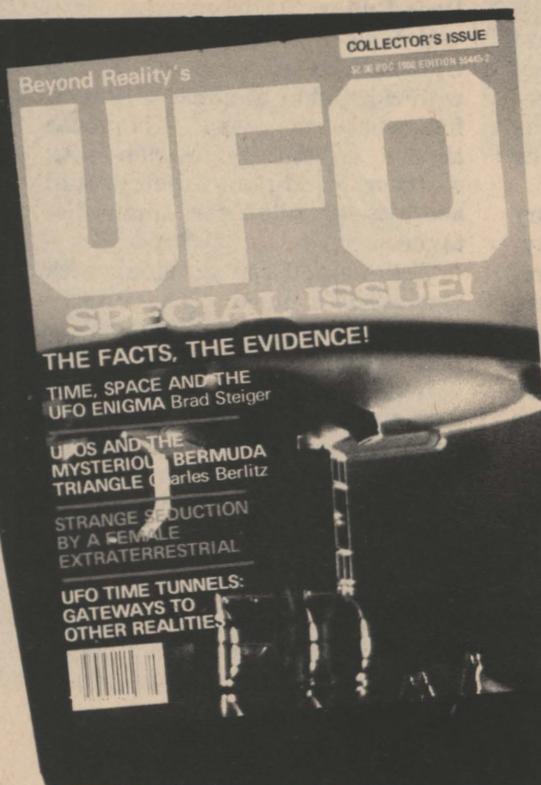
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Reader Feedback

Dear Editor:

Congratulations on the Patrick Kavanaugh article as appearing in your latest issue, Winter, 1980. Author Joe Krause told it as it is. Kavanaugh, 33, is one scientist who doesn't sit idly by waiting for the newspapers and other media to clue him in on what's out there.

Indeed, he's a man who is scanning the skies (as your title implies) searching for extraterrestrials, with his 20-inch F-6 Herschel type telescope which he designed and built himself.

A genius, he was only 8 when he had a desire to explore the universe. Since then, as Krause points out in his illuminating article, he (Kavanaugh) has constructed some 30 telescopes and developed his microscope after six years of research and experimentation.

I expect that one day, hopefully soon, this eminent astronomer will make an announcement that will revolutionize the entire scientific community.

Joseph White
Pasadena, CA

Dear Editor:

It was nice seeing mention of my town in your Summer, 1979 issue. But please, don't exaggerate. We of Eden Prairie, New Mexico are concerned—quite concerned with recent happenings over our skies—but we are far from, as you put it, “quaking in fear”.

It began as you no doubt are aware, last May 3, at half an hour before midnight. What many of us saw was a ring of red and blue flashing lights spinning just above the treetops of our town. It may have been—and many of us are certain that it was—a UFO.

At first, we didn't pay too much attention, because we're quite accustomed to a variety of aircraft

flying out of our nearby Flying Cloud Field, especially at night.

But in the days and weeks following the initial May 3 sighting by 50 of our residents, more and more of us were seeing weird formations in the sky. It seems, if they are what we have come to call Unidentified Flying Objects, they are using the wooded area between the Preserve and Clay Valley as some sort of rendezvous point.

Even now, the woods are “out of bounds” for many of us, and the New Mexico State Police are keeping a 24-hour vigil on the area.

I, as well as many in our community, sincerely hope that the scientific teams at work in and around Eden Prairie will soon come up with an explanation to put our concerns—not our fears—to rest once and for all.

Jack Lucey
2456 Adpole Avenue
Eden Prairie, New Mexico

Dear Editor:

It is a known scientific fact that for many years, timed pulsars of energy which many scientific researchers have come to term as “signals from space” have been flashing across the galaxy.

Although no fully satisfactory theory of pulsars yet exists, many, especially Soviet astronomers, have claimed these pulsars are not random, one-shot, haphazard flashes, but highly intelligent signals emanating from a source which is extraterrestrial. In other words, since 1967, it has been believed that alien civilizations have set up a system of pulsating radio sources directed toward planet Earth.

Although speculation is still involved in determining the source of these signals, the 1974

edition of *The Encyclopedia Britannica* maintained, “adequate solutions to these problems can be expected only when astrophysicists are more familiar with the extreme physical conditions encountered in and near these bodies.”

Since 1967 however, many are consumed with the idea that (1) these signals indeed emanate from outer space as beacons set up by extraterrestrials to guide their spaceships to the perimeters of our planet, although for exactly what purpose is as yet unknown; or, (2) coming from outer space intelligence, they are pulsating for the purpose of communication with us.

Are we going to have to wait several hundred years until our own star ships are built which can visit these heavenly bodies before the final truth is revealed?

J.W. Ackermann
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West Palm Beach, Florida

Dear Editor:

If I were of another world, a UFO-naut on an alien space ship with a mission to come to Earth, for whatever reason, I would choose an isolated region with weather conditions that would keep its inhabitants at a safe distance.

Therefore, I can go along with Harry Hill's piece, “The Bizarre Ancient Astronauts of Tibet” in Issue no. 5, *UFO Update*.

It is quite possible that centuries ago, UFO-nauts visited the Earth, coming to land (or crash land) in the icy, remote regions of Tibet, China and other areas of Asia.

As you probably know, there have been many observations of UFOs, and a multitude of landing traces, in such remote regions of

our planet: the frozen wastelands of Tibet and Iceland, the Arctic, Siberia, and parts of the Soviet Union.

The description made by Mr. Unan in the fine article is akin to similar descriptions found in Southern Alaska, the Ural Mountains of south central Siberia and throughout Tibet as well as certain portions of China.

Jim Turrell
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Summit, MO

Dear Editor:

If your *UFO Special Issue* was worth reading at all, and it was, it was simply because of the Charles Berlitz interview on the Bermuda Triangle.

Here is an area that has over the years (probably centuries) perplexed scientific minds worldwide. Both ships as well as people have disappeared without a trace, to say nothing about planes, military as well as civilian.

Berlitz, author of *The Bermuda Triangle*, who has been a student of strange mysteries for many years, maintains that the elusive Triangle is going to be studied on a government level. All I can say to that is *hooray*, it's about time.

G. Nelville
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Dear Editor:

Can you tell me which government agency, if any, is investigating MIB (Men In Black) cases. I've heard so many accounts of these very mysterious and elusive individuals who go to any lengths to dissuade people from filming and/or reporting any UFO sightings they may have had.

—Editor's Note:

You will find in issue number 6

Winter, 1980, an in-depth article entitled "Air Force Orders All Out Alert For The Mysterious Men In Black."

Throughout the 1960s, more than half of all MIB reports received via police departments and the military concerned individuals who would sight a UFO and then would suddenly and mysteriously receive a visitation from a stranger, dressed entirely in black, who would usually threaten bodily harm, even intimidating death on numerous occasions should that individual talk to anyone about what he had seen.

Throughout 1965, '66, and during the first two months of '67, reports of MIB had become so widespread that Air Force Assistant Vice Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Hewitt T. Wheelless put out a special bulletin, the subject of which was "Impersonation of Air Force Officers." The report was titled, "Official Air Force Document Regarding MIB Agents."

Dear Editor:

Just what is hidden away at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base? I've heard some fantastic accounts that hint of alien bodies found in a recent wreckage of a UFO, frozen in a laboratory remote from the center of the field.

James Young
El Paso, Texas

—Editor's Note:

This account is well known throughout UFO circles. A full account has been published in our SUMMER, 1979 issue. It traces the route of a crashed UFO after its apprehension by military authorities in 1952 to its eventual destination at Wright-Pat. The initial report came from a radar specialist at Edwards AFB who watched an unidentified craft

appear on his radar scope. Fifty feet in diameter, with a row of windows across its center, it crashed in the desert. Retrieved from the doomed alien ship were four-and-a-half foot bodies. The bodies, as well as the craft, reports specify, were moved under cover of darkness to Edwards, and then to Wright-Patterson in Ohio. This goes back to the early 50's—1952 to be exact, and the incident has become hush-hush, remaining so ever since.

Dear Editor:

I've heard about an encounter the U.S.S. *Franklin D. Roosevelt* had in the Bermuda Triangle. Can you enlighten me on this.

Harry Nace
2145 H. Street
Denver, Colorado

—Editor's Note:

The ship in question, the U.S.S. Franklin D. Roosevelt, an attack carrier of the CVA-42 class, while on a shakedown cruise in waters bordering the infamous Triangle—between Florida and Cuba—in late 1958, was the subject of what Clyde W. Hornsby, Radar Division III called "unexplainable" incidents.

For one, operating the carrier's surface radar, Hornsby tracked a large object which he said approached the ship to within approximately 2,000 yards, hovering above the water.

Other seamen aboard the ship told of spotting what at first was thought to be a helicopter hovering above the water, tracking the ship from 2,000 yards out. From the deck, the object appeared to be a huge beam.

Correction—Cover for issue number 4 was shot by George Post who is known for his creativity.

UFO Update



—ROCHESTER, MINNESOTA

Did a UFO land in Curtis Olson's corn field in September?

According to Olson, 26, the answer is a resounding *yes*. The West Albany Township farmer said he heard what he at first thought was thunder and lightning. And when he went out into the corn field to investigate, he



found that corn stalks were damaged.

Thinking that the damage was caused by a stray animal, Olson investigated further. In the corn field, in a circle approximately 50 feet in diameter, stalks are flattened in a path which radiate from the center of the circle. The area in the center of the circle is bare; some corn is missing, and other stalks surrounding the area are charred.

"It looks like a craft of some kind must have landed," but that other factors lead him to believe it wasn't a helicopter or other type of conventional aircraft.

Olson said, "along the paths between the circles it appears that people or somebody walked around." He noted that corn ears are peeled back and silks plucked or blown from some of the ears.

In addition to the damaged corn, Olson discovered what he

describes as a footprint with a heel about two inches across and toes totaling about six inches across. He said the footprint apparently was not produced by a shoe but rather by a bare foot—and not a human foot.

Wabasha County Sheriff Robert Loechler said he does not know what caused the damage, or what could have positioned the corn in that manner, but added that "lightning does funny things at times."

Sheriff Loechler said there is definitely some kind of mark in the soil at the site, and while an extension agent was expected to visit the property, Olson brought out, "I myself believe we've been visited..."

—INGOLSTADT, W. GERMANY

Three objects, very big and beaming brightly were spotted by 10 policemen hovering silently above this central Bavarian city.

Workers at a local Audi-NSU car manufacturing plant first spotted the UFOs after midnight last September 21. "They flew very fast and without engine noise," came the reports from the police officers. The auto plant workers added the objects were flickering yellow and red.

—PUTNAM COUNTY, OHIO

A bright yellow light hovered for several hours over this northern farming community last September 1st before it moved westward and flew off.

Craig Geiger of Rt. 1, Pandora told the sheriff's department that he and his aunt Anna Suter saw the object appear stationary for a short time, and suddenly veer off and disappear in the mid-afternoon sun.

—GRAFTON, NORTH DAKOTA

It was at about 1 a.m., on

Wednesday, last August 29 that he saw the object hovering for three hours about 1,000 feet over the north side of the city.

"I didn't hear any engine noise at all," said the man who refused to be identified. "It just looked like a plane going in for a glide or emergency landing at the Grafton airport."

"And that isn't the half of it. For it did not look like your basic, ordinary small airplane. It had two big lights— red ones, on each wing, that did not blink but instead were solid beams— and it had a solid bright white light under the nose of the fuselage."



He said the "plane" was larger than a Cessna 172 and it had a wide wingspread and tail section." And the body in the center was too stubby." He watched it for less than five minutes, he brought out.

Contacted later, the Grafton airport reported that they knew of no emergency landing at the time. Neither had they any record of

anybody flying that late or on that specific night.

—**EAST GLOUCESTER, MASS.**

More than twenty-five years ago— on August 28, 1954— residents of this affluent Massachusetts community shook their heads in puzzlement, describing the phenomenon hovering over their town as “most probably a weather balloon.”

Exactly a quarter of a century later, other residents of East Gloucester reported the return of the unknown— an object round like the sun, fluttering and wiggling high overhead.

Traveling slowly toward Cape Ann, the object was described as a “ball of fire” moving vertically. And like the 1954 sighting, authorities, when contacted, maintained they had no weather balloons in the area.

Residents said the object was slightly over the northwest. But checks with the U.S. Navy and U.S. Air Force yielded no new information, and residents are still shaking their heads over the sighting just as they did in 1954.

—**HUNTINGTON, W. VIRGINIA**

Yes. The National Weather Service at Tri-State Airport, said they *did* have a weather balloon out on the night of August 29. But what the two young Women saw late that evening, was seen *after* the balloon flight ended.

“I’m always looking up at the sky for some reason,” said Cindy Mills, on her way back from a store run with her friend, Jimette Matheny. “It was a bright light in the sky; it wasn’t an airplane, only light. There was a humming noise, like a real loud piercing, making a loud alto hum.”

She brought out that it was perfectly round, and had “thing-

ies” coming out of it.

The sighting occurred approximately 45 minutes after the National Weather Service said their balloon was pulled in.

Ms. Matheny said it was a large round object with orange and blue lights, moving in sort of an oscillating motion.

—**ASHBORO, N. CAROLINA**

It was visible to the young couple for approximately 45 seconds before it disappeared behind some trees. And then, they told police, it simply “took off,” flying straight up and out of sight.

David Jordan and his date, Louise Chriscoe, both of Ashboro,



described the object as circular, and added: “It had a definite thickness about the circumference with approximately six white spotlight-types of lights around the edges and one red light on the left side, off center. No beam could be seen from any of the lights. No engine sound or other unusual noises could be heard.” When they spotted the UFO, it was

slightly lower than the top of the radio tower.

According to Patrolman Timmy R. Lee, and Dispatcher D.W. Lawrence, police were aware that there was a plane in the area about the same time, but this one had yellow lights and a lighted screen underneath.

Advised of the sighting, which took place last August 8, were the Seymour Johnson Air Force Base and also the State Bureau of Investigation in Greensboro.

—**NEW ZEALAND**

Some called them mutton birds. Others said they were lights from cars, and still others claimed the lights emanated from the planet Venus or Jupiter. And one source maintained they were train beacons, or else the white foam from the surf far below.

The intense reddish-white orbs that he saw and filmed from the window of a plane as it flew at 13,000 feet above the New Zealand coastline, were none of the above, says David Crockett.

Crockett, a career TV documentary filmmaker said: “The New Zealand government came out with a report and said it was Venus. It was a great laugh...But they forgot a very important factor, that Venus hadn’t even risen in the morning sky until half and hour after the film was shot.”

Crockett knows the bright orbs were tracked by both ground and air radar, and maintains “something was out there.”

U.S. Navy optical physicist Bruce MacCabe, who works with the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP) flew down to New Zealand to investigate the report.

—**SUTHERLAND, NEBRASKA**

Although some maintain that

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Although at present the device is in Eastern Europe, American military researchers maintain in an amplified state it could exert an effect that would be impossible to defend against.



The Paulita Generator: INCREDIBLE WEAPON OF THE FUTURE

BY EDITH K. ROOSEVELT

WASHINGTON— U.S. intelligence officials are studying the development in Czechoslovakia of "psychotronic generators," small devices said to be capable of drawing biological energy from humans and storing it for future use.

When charged with human energy, the generators can do some of the things that psychic subjects can do and, according to its inventor Robert Pavlita, even can be charged by individuals possessing no psychic energy.

A description of the Pavlita generators is part of an ongoing study by the U.S. Army Medical Intelligence and Information Agency in the Surgeon General's Office on the military implications of psychic research behind the Iron Curtain.

The Army study entitled "Soviet and Czechoslovakian Parapsychology Research," written by Maj. J.D. LaMothe, JSC and Louis E. Maire III, states:

"Robert Pavlita's generators... could be (and possibly are now) used to train large numbers of Soviet and Czech citizens to develop, enhance and control their latent psychic abilities. Such a cadre of trained, but anonymous individuals, could be used for any number of covert activities.

"Less spectacular, but more

significant," La Mothe and Maire go on to say, "is the fact that Soviet and Czech scientists are pursuing an interrelated, unified approach to determining the energy sources and interactions underlying psychokinesis, or the ability to influence animate or inanimate objects at a distance, without physical contact, through means of uncontrolled or controlled biological energy fields."

Details about the construction of the Pavlita generators are a closely guarded secret but reportedly the devices are fabricated from various metals, such as steel, bronze, copper, iron and gold. Their effects are a result of their form (one of the drawings of a psychotronic generator reproduced in the Pentagon document resembles a modernistic globe-type table lamp with a thick stem).

"Pavlita generators can be charged by direct contact (e.g. rubbing or touching to the temporal region of the head) or by visually directing mental concentration upon them from a distance," according to the Army researchers.

Although the nature of this energy still is not understood, its effects have been reported by Czech scientists. It can be reflected, polarized and combined with other forms of energy. It creates effects similar to magnetism,

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UFOs ARE KIDNAPPING OUR AIRCRAFT

BY JIM MILES

Biggest mystery in commercial aviation;

To date, more than 200 aircraft, both military and civilian, are missing and presumed lost. Many in high military circles insist they were "snatched".

UFOs are kidnapping our airplanes!

A bold statement? Yes, but one that is proven by strong recent evidence. The disappearance of Australian pilot Federick Valentich over the Bass Straits on October 21, 1978, should have been taken as a declaration of war by UFOs against earth aircraft. Since that much publicized event, two American jet fighters and a Brazilian cargo plane have disappeared under mysterious circumstances in the midst of considerable UFO activity.

Only three months after the Bass Straits incident, on January 31, 1979, a Brazilian 707 cargo plane with six crewmen aboard vanished over the Pacific Ocean on a Tokyo to Los Angeles run.

The jet, owned by the Varig Company, departed Narita, Japan's international airport, at 8:23 local time. At 8:25 the pilot, Gilberto Araiya de Silva, a national hero who received the Legion of Honor from the French govern-

ment, contacted the Japanese control tower and reported that all was well aboard his aircraft. He was supposed to report again at 9:03, 38 minutes later. But during that interval the 707, its 22-ton cargo and six man crew vanished.

The Japanese Air Force methodically searched every square inch of water along the plane's route, but found nothing.

"In my 26 years as a professional pilot, I never heard of a plane disappearing without a trace," said Gilberto's brother, Adalberto Araujo de Silva.

The disappearance was termed the "biggest mystery in the history of Brazilian commercial flight." The Varig Company considered an accident extremely unlikely because "the crew was very experienced."

General Alfredo Moacir Uchoa de Mendonca believes that the plane was kidnapped by UFOs. The General, a South American UFO expert and author of several books on the subject, stated that

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Minutes after a U.S. Air Force FS-43 was dispatched to pursue and identify a UFO, the plane crashed in Walesville, New York, killing four people.

there have "occurred similar cases previously in which craft disappeared without leaving the least trace and without the crew having called for help."

Carlos Paz, president of the Peruvian Institute for Interplanetary Relations, seconds that notion and adds that over 200 planes of various nationalities have been snatched from mid-flight by some UFOs. They were captured so that the aliens might study the crews, Paz said. In some cases the pilot and crews of the planes were quickly returned to their craft, but dazed and suffering from amnesia regarding the time they had been gone. He believes that the Brazilian 707 was captured by a large UFO.

The number of Paz's captured planes escalated to 202 on April 12, 1979, when two F-5E jet fighter planes simply disappeared during war games. According to the Pentagon, they disappeared into the rough mountains which surround New Mexico's top secret White Sands Missile Range.

A two week search with over 200 aerial flights, including one mission by a U-2 spy plane, and a continuous ground search, turned up no trace of the planes or their pilots, Captain Thomas S. Pollock, 36, and Captain Michael G. Humphries, 35. The two pilots were part of a four plane team from Nellis Air Force Base in Nevada, the 65th Fighter Weapons Squadron. During this particular series of exercises, the two missing men were simulating battle maneuvers of the Soviet Air Force. They engaged in mock aerial dogfights with "American" pilots in order to train them for possible combat against Warsaw Pact forces.

The pilots, with two other "Soviet" planes, were returning to their temporary home base at Holloman Air Force Base, near

Alamogorda, New Mexico, after a two hour exercise over White Sands. They were accompanied by the "American" pilots who were flying the F-15 Eagle, the most sophisticated fighter-interceptor in the U.S. arsenal. Before the men disappeared, two of the F-15's and the other F-5E's had already landed at Holloman.

Humphries and Pollock were maneuvering in close formation as they left the White Sands area. The Pentagon said they vanished before contacting Holloman. They were last registered on radar while 40 miles from the base. There was no radio transmission from either pilot and the Pentagon suggested that they had flown into a mountain or each other.

"They are very skilled pilots," the Air Force admitted, "sort of hand-picked, you might say."

Captain Mark Fautch, an Air Force public affairs spokesman from Washington, called Pollock and Humphries "very good pilots."

"At this point we know that several aircraft went out and two turned up missing," said Lt. Col. Melvin Cummings. "They are still missing and we still are looking for them and assume we'll find them."

They haven't, not even the slightest trace.

The Pentagon used several curious phrases in their public statement concerning the disappearances. The military stated that the aircraft were involved in an accident, but added they were not "ruling anything out," whatever that meant. Although they called the flight "routine," the Pentagon also attributed the pilots loss to an "unexplained incident." When asked to clarify the quoted phrase, the term UFO was said to have cropped up.

A check through the archives produced two cases in which UFOs

harrassed aircrafts on consecutive days in 1954, including one case that resulted in four fatalities, the only provable deaths attributable to UFOs besides the famous Mantell case of 1948.

On the night of June 30, 1954, a formation of seven black UFOs followed a British airliner for 80 miles near Goose Bay, Labrador. Captain James Howard, 33, of Bristol, England, pilot of the British Overseas Airways Corporation jetliner, said that he was flying at 19,000 feet on a New York to London flight when he, his crew and several passengers had sighted the objects over the Atlantic Ocean. The UFOs simply vanished at the approach of an American jet fighter. Howard, England's best Trans-Atlantic pilot, made the following notes in his official log:

"At 0105 GMT on June 30 about 150 nautical miles southwest of Goose Bay, height 19,000 feet, flying in clear weather above a layer of low cloud, noticed on our port beam a number of dark objects at approximately the same altitude as our aircraft. I drew the attention of the first officer to them. He said he had just noticed them also.

"I jokingly said they reminded me of flak bursts. He agreed. It then became apparent that they were moving along on a track roughly parallel to ours and keeping pace with us.

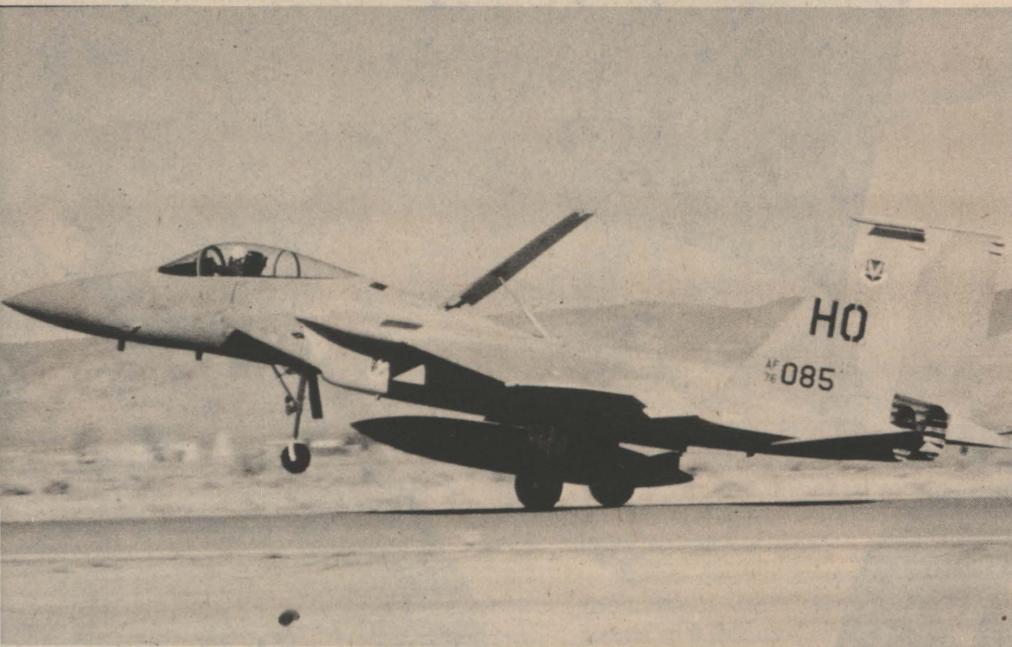
"During this time the shape of the large object changed slightly, also the position of the smaller ones relative to the big one. Some just ahead, some behind. The first officer then told Goose Bay what we were watching and they said they would send a fighter to investigate.

"The shape of the large one continually changed but its position relative to us did not. It was always about 20 degrees to port.

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Four-plane formation of F-5Es. Although pictured here with camouflaged paint schemes, these are facsimilies of the two which disappeared during war games in the rugged mountains which surround New Mexico's top secret White Sands Missile Range. A Two-week, around-the clock search failed to yield any trace of the planes or their pilots.

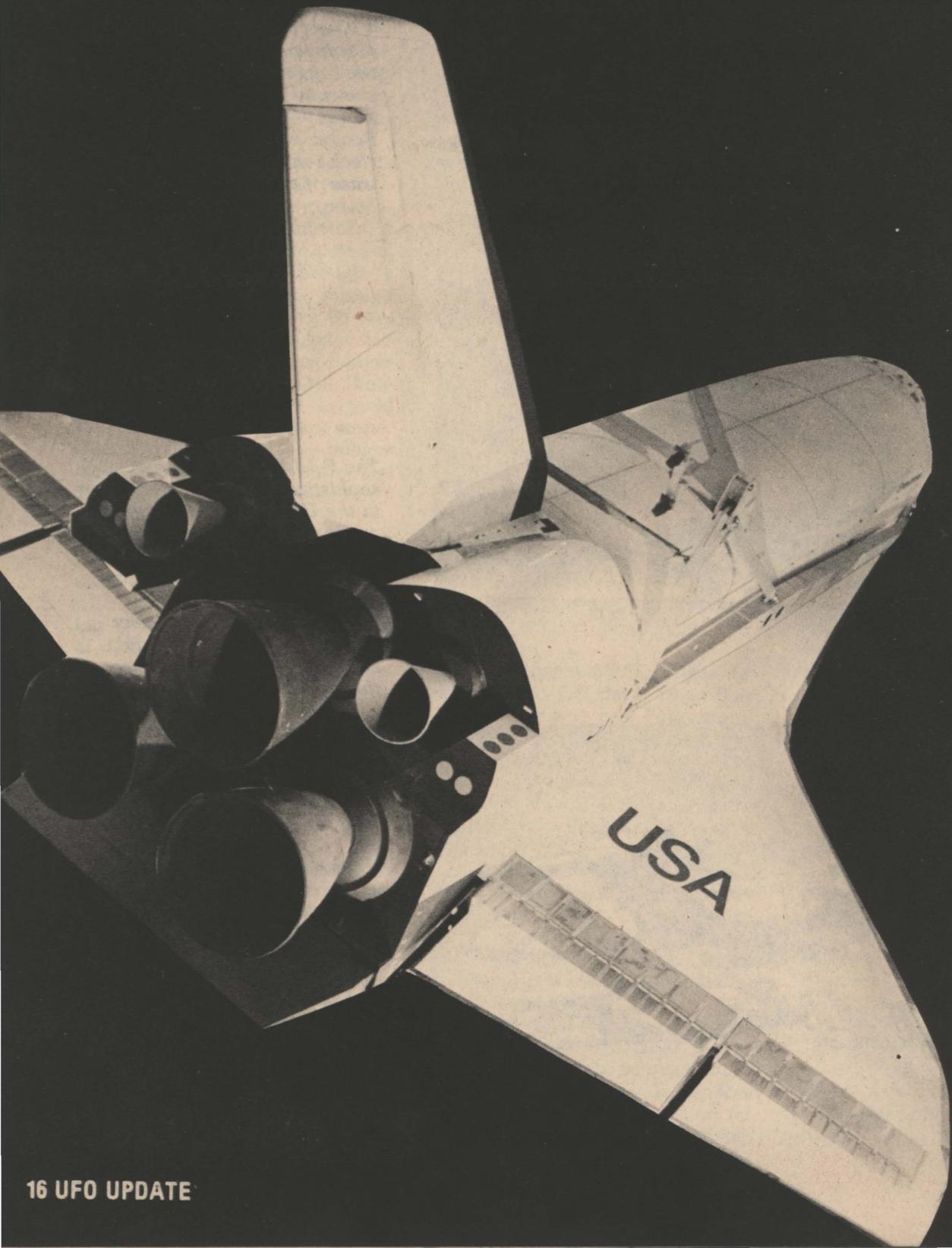


The F-15 Eagle, the most sophisticated fighter-interceptor in the U.S. arsenal. Designed originally to replace the aging F-4 Phantom, this prototype was engaged in two-hour military maneuvers with Captains Humphries and Pollock over White Sands on that fateful morning when the planes and their pilots vanished.



Formation of Lockheed F-94s were only a handful of the armada which took off in frantic search for the missing men and their planes. The Pentagon used several curious phrases in their public statement concerning the disappearances. The missing pilots were highly skilled, hand picked men who knew their jobs inside and out, and proven capable in any emergency.

VULCAN: THE PHANTOM PLANET



Could this elusive planet be a UFO base?

Astronomers call it the phantom planet, a rouge. Circling somewhere between the Sun and Mercury's orbit. Vulcan is as mysterious as it is elusive.

Hardly anybody knew about it then, few are aware of it now; while three American astronaut crews hurled through the void aboard space station Skylab, they hunted a decades-lost fugitive in our sun system. The trackdown lasted almost a year. During the watch, the spacemen worked a sophisticated telescope/camera. When Skylab was not manned, mission controllers ran the photo system via remote control.

Object of the high-tech search: Vulcan, the phantom planet.

Named after the Roman fire god, Vulcan's existence has been questioned in the staid circles of astronomy since the 1800s. Jean Joseph Le Verrier, no less the director of the Paris Observatory then, openly postulated that a planet *had* to be circling in the solar system somewhere between the sun and Mercury's orbit. Le Verrier, a superior mathematician, had applied his prowess in studying planetary movements. Through his calculations, the orbits of each known world were redefined with hair's-breadth accuracy.

Except Mercury's. Planet Mercury's orbit defied Le Verrier's equations. He was close in figuring it, yet something was amiss. Some unaccounted force played at the planet's path, barely perturbing it.

This discrepancy prompted Le Verrier to conclude that the attractational tugging of an undiscovered world—or possibly a bloc of planetoids—was causing the fractional cricks in Mercury's orbit. (Le Verrier exacted a discord totalling 43 arc seconds per century, or, roughly only .0003 of Mercury's entire orbit every 100 years!) Based on this slight perturbation, the French astronomer plunged into the job of computing the configuration and orbital elements of the planet he was convinced was out there.

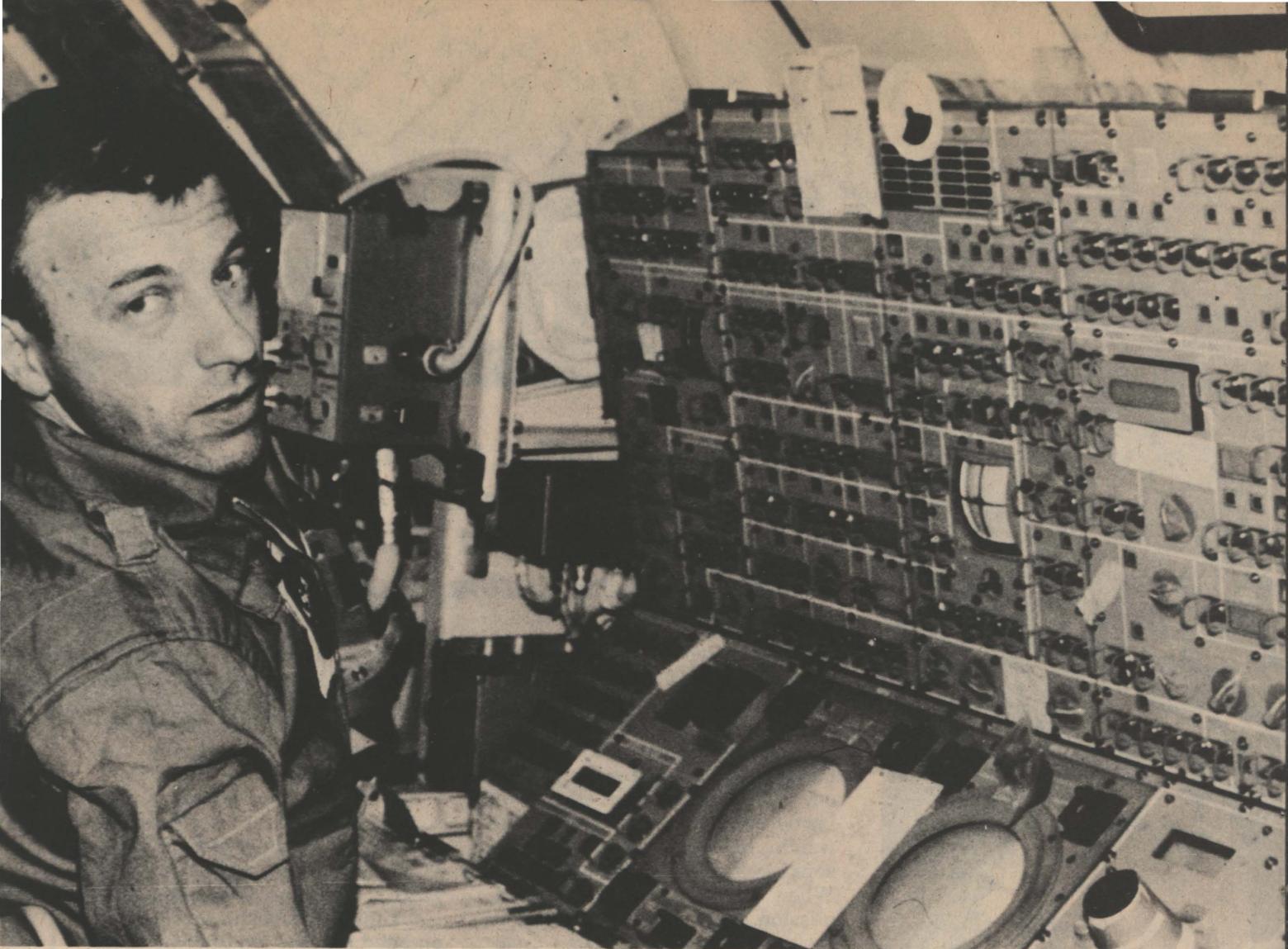
On March 26, 1859, after a protracted, independent search of his own, an amateur star-watcher and physician named Lescarbault glimpsed an object drifting by the sun for over an hour. The dark body looked about one-fourth the diameter of Mercury. Jean Le Verrier visited Lescarbault and acquired his sighting data. The observatory director then plugged this information into his intraMercurial planet predictions. It fit. Dr. Lescarbault was tentatively credited for discovering the mystery-sphere, receiving the French Cross of the Legion of Honor for his efforts. The planet was named Vulcan.

Word of Lescarbault's discovery induced astronomers to forage through ledgers of past observations, hoping to collect

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Astronaut Paul Waltz, pilot, mans Skylab's control and display console for solar experiments during the first manned mission aboard the workshop's space platform. Coronagraph photos were taken from Skylab. Orbited on May 14, 1973, it was manned by Weitz, Charles Conrad, Jr., commander, and Dr. Joseph P. Kerwin, science pilot. The trio spent 28 days in space.

further evidence to establish Vulcan's presence. They found that as far back as 1777, objects around the sun inside Mercury's orbit were being seen. Some of the reports agreed comfortably in Vulcans parameters as calculated by Le Verrier; others did not.

New sightings began accumulating. Le Verrier introduced these into his equations, continually refining the characteristics of Vulcan. The planet apparently took an orbit about 13.3 million miles from the sun. It travelled this circuit once every 19 days.

By 1876, Le Verrier had tallied 30 reliable sightings in the wake of Lescarbault's. Employing the

best five, he ciphered the next occasion that the new planet would be visible—between the second and third of October, 1876.

The dates arrived and went. Vulcan didn't show. Perhaps Le Verrier's computations were a little off. Or maybe Vulcan didn't really exist.

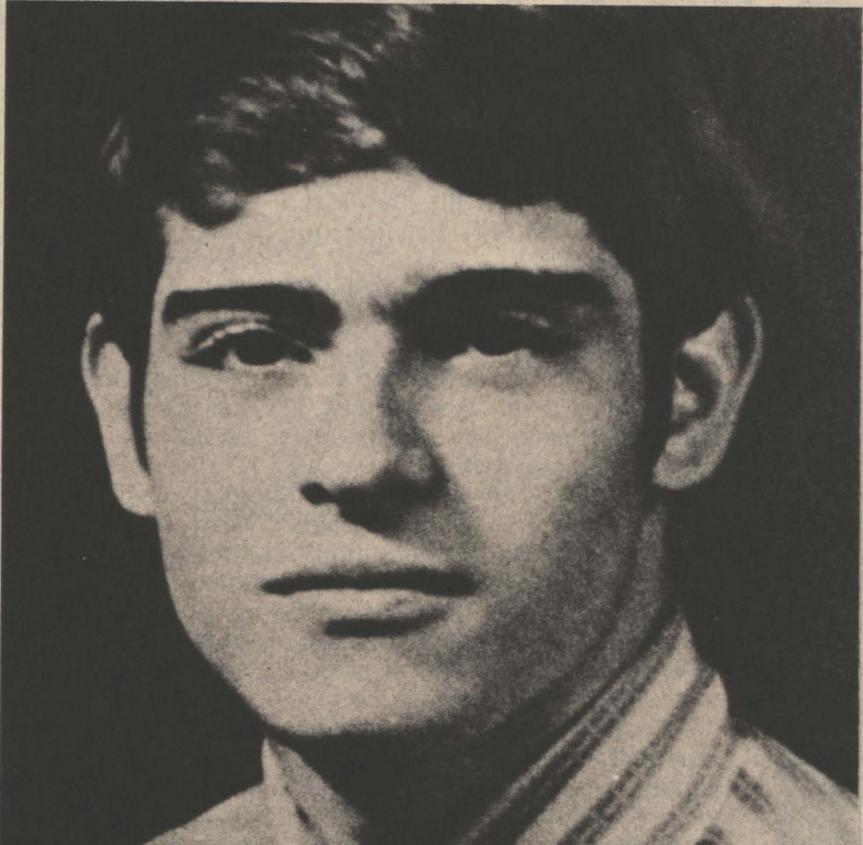
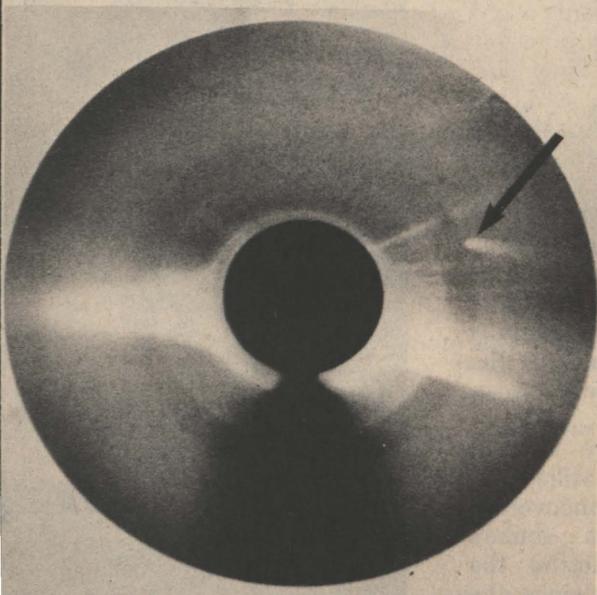
An object was detected traversing the solar disk by Dr. Watson, the eminent Director of the Ann Arbor Observatory, in July of 1878. And the observation coincided with Le Verrier's orbital scheme for Vulcan. But the planet—or false planet—eluded subsequent forecasts. Every time it was

supposed to appear, it never did. Because of this astronomers later assumed Dr. Watson had merely viewed a star, though Watson steadily opposed that conclusion.

Gradually, the science world again fell skeptical of Vulcan's reality. Astronomer F.F. Tisserand challenged Jean Le Verrier's calculations and expressed a different line of thought which had formed concerning intraMercurial objects. "One must come back to one of Le Verrier's first ideas," Tisserand wrote in a scholarly text published during 1912, "namely, that there is a ring of asteroids between Mercury and the sun."

Albert Einstein devastated the

Named for the Roman god of fire, the long-elusive sphere is fast emerging into the light of knowledge, thanks to NASA's tireless efforts.



Kohoutek was recorded on film by the solar coronagraph as the comet hurtled past the sun. The circular black shield at the center blots out the solar disk.

Photo shows Daniel Bochsler, who conceived the plan to hunt for the alleged planet Vulcan, or other objects near the sun for project Skylab. Besides its primary mission, the Skylab crew conducted investigations in solar astronomy and earth resources. They also gathered medical and other scientific data.

whole affair in 1916 with his relativity theory. Subjected to the unrelenting logic and powerful mathematics of this seminal work (by A.E. himself, incidentally, in the theory's first-ever tryout), the Vulcan story was trashed. Relativity, not an intraMercurial planet; thoroughly accounted for the perturbations in Mercury's orbit. There wasn't—there couldn't be—a world between the sun and Mercury, big enough anyway, to distort Mercury's journey through the heavens.

All observations purporting Vulcan's existence were at once stuck in the oblivion file and ignored. Occasional stakeouts for

intraMercurial objects did continue sporadically; after all, what were all those objects that studied astronomers were seeing? Searches came to pass during four solar eclipses between 1963 and 1970. Again, nothing was spotted.

But to get above Earth's view-smudging atmospheric envelope ...that certainly would give observers a better shot at finding something looping near the sun.

Then came Skylab with its Apollo Telescope Mount, a complex optics and photo rig. And in the inquisitive mind of a young man in Oregon, the crucial connection triggered—why not use Skylab's instruments to search for

objects orbiting close to the sun?

Daniel C. Bochsler was a student at Oregon's Silverton Union High School in 1972 when NASA accepted his proposal for their student experiment program to be carried aboard the space platform. His plan, coded Experiment HS-22: "Possible Confirmation of Objects within the Orbit of the Planet Mercury," called for implementing Skylab's white light coronagraph, situated in the Apollo Telescope Mount. This apparatus filmed regions immediate to the sun.

Circular shades attached to the device blocked out the solar disk, producing an artificial eclipse.

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TERROR AT THE BOTTOM OF THE SEA

I lifted my glass in the direction of the young woman seated at the table directly across from me in the bar of the plush Hotel de Portau Prince. "Well, here's to underwater UFOs," I said, sipping the martini.

There was just a trace of sarcasm in my voice. It wasn't there because I disbelieved my own eyes, nor my judgment as a professional diver. It was there, I think—the sarcasm—simply because my eyes had seen something some 80 feet below the waters of the Windward Passage that my senses told me didn't really exist.

And yet, Mike Collins, my assistant, who was down there with me, and who now sat at the table with us, had seen it too.

"To underwater UFOs," Mike repeated, lifting his own glass. He paused, then cat-walked two fingers across the table, tracing a small semi-circle. "And to little green men from Mars."

I laughed at Mike's antics. But the slim, nicely-tanned and very pretty Janet Morgan wasn't laughing. Her face was sombre. She was genuinely interested in what we had to say, and she showed it with her expression. It was her job to listen. She was a special investigator for CCIUFO, which is short for the Citizen's Committee for the Investigation of UFOs and she was here because she heard what we'd seen that morning just three days before.

Janet brought out that fishermen and small craft owners from the Isle of Pines and Santa Clara through the Windward Passage to

the Dominican Republic and Ciudad Trujillo had reported seeing strange lights emanating from beneath the surface. Also, she said, the U.S. Naval Base at Guantanamo Bay had received reports that a number of scuba divers in these areas submerged and never came up. They just disappeared, she said, and her organization wanted to know what was at the bottom of the whole thing.

The Windward Passage, for those of you who aren't geography buffs, is that body of water which separates Cuba from Haiti, the area where the frigid, usually storm-tossed Atlantic meets the warm, quiet and tropical Caribbean Sea.

The waters here are rich in treasure, and together, Mike and I have made a tidy sum uncovering artifacts from various sunken wrecks which have dotted the bottom of the Passage since the days of the Conquistadores. And, because of certain marine laws, we get to keep a tidy percentage of what we salvage, which has been making us better than an average living for the past half-dozen years.

The contracts we secure from universities, archaeological seminars and museums have kept us quite busy. Besides, we love this type of work. What's more, we've found it has paid for a good deal of our equipment and put a nice sum in the bank for us besides.

That morning, the sky was a very bright blue and the water was calm, more calm than usual, and crystal clear.

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An answer to the riddle
of the Bermuda Triangle mystery

“We boarded the Marilyn S and made for our pre-planned diving site. The water was crystal clear. Little inclination did we have that we’d soon descend into another world, filled with beauty—and a deadly peril from somewhere beyond the stars.”



Mike was already topside, scampering across the sleek and newly-polished decks of the *Marilyn S*, filling the tanks of our Submersible Sea Diver—the mini-sub we use in our work—and making sure the portable underwater lungs specially designed for the deep dives, would be ready for immediate use. The lungs permit us to breathe and re-use a mixture of oxygen and helium through a purifying and recirculating system, when we leave the mini-sub to explore the ocean depths, 70-100 feet below the surface. It also enables us to resurface without too much discomfort.

Anyway, that morning, just at dawn, we maneuvered the *Marilyn S* to our pre-planned diving site far to the east where we'd been working for the past two weeks.

The mini-sub was slowly lowered into the water together with a shark cage, and after making some last-minute adjustments on my portable lung—bringing the mixture of oxygen and helium to three-quarter pumping pressure—I went overboard.

The water was beautiful—so clear—and I slowly made my way to a rocky crag, the vicinity where just the day before yesterday we spotted an ancient galleon, which, according to photos and a full description sent to a museum in London we were under contract to at the time, dated back to the early 1500s. It was our job to board her and secure any artifacts not nailed down. Later, during the month, the museum would send out special gear to raise the time-battered hulk.

I was just about to signal for Mike to crane the gunny baskets down, when I spotted it. It was a weird looking tube-like device, made of some sort of metal which stretched along the crag like a giant snake for approximately 40 feet. Somehow, it didn't seem to

“I was just about to signal Mike when I spotted it: A huge weird-looking tube-like device which stretched along the crag like a giant snake for about 50 feet. Somehow, it didn't seem to relate to these surroundings.”

belong among these ancient surroundings. It was solid, and I didn't see any seams or rivets.

At first I figured it was some new type of decompression chamber, perhaps belonging to U.S. Navy scientific teams who were always testing submarine equipment in the area. But then I saw that the thing was pulsating, a soft blue light emanating from it as though whatever it was had been breathing. I did notice strange markings on the side. It seemed to be a wide arc, and within the arc a cluster of stars. An insignia of some sort. A company emblem perhaps.

I radioed up to Mike, telling him what I was seeing, and he said he was coming down. He speculated that it just might be some new Navy device and that, if it wasn't, then there might be trouble. Also, it seemed to him at the time that another salvage company—possibly a rogue outfit, had come across the hulk of the ancient ship and wanted a piece of the salvage action.

Within moments, Mike had descended and was standing beside me, his eyes agape, staring at the object with total disbelief. Slowly, using the rocks and shrub-covered bottom for cover, we moved closer. My God, this thing was the size of a small building.

There were many things I could say for Mike in his favor. One of them was that he was sharp. He had a sense of acute awareness for things, danger included. He was like a fox that instinctively knows when the hounds are coming closer without even seeing them. I guess it's a quality you have to be born with, and one the U.S. Navy Underwater Demolition Team had honed to a fine razor edge.

As we crept closer, I suddenly noticed a frantic look come into Mike's eyes. Quickly, he grabbed me and turned me around, signaling towards a small cave which we

had explored together on our first day in the area. We moved to the cave and from its safety watched with amazement what took place.

What Mike had seen, and which somehow eluded my own eyes, was a contraption about 75 feet long and some 20 feet high—something shaped like a giant toadstool, coming from nowhere and making its way laborously toward the object.

It had long protruding arms and walked on what seemed elongated mechanical legs. Two lights which emanated from it—like giant beacons—scanned the sea bottom in all directions. It stood over the tube-like object like a mother hen protecting her chicks. The same arc insignia was emblazoned on the side of this object, as on the other.

As we watched, four more legs sprouted from it and anchored themselves to the ocean floor. Then it sort of squatted, the legs disappearing into the floor of the ocean. It started to glow and pulsate in colors ranging from orange to yellow—every color of the spectrum, I imagine. It lit up the area like the morning sun.

Then we saw a hatchway open up and from it came several figures, humanoid in appearance, but with strange garments that made them seem unearthly.

Suddenly, with a signal from the individual who seemed to be their leader, a type of hose flashed out from the side of "Mother Hen" and fastened itself to the large tube I'd discovered earlier. Another signal from one of the strange aquanauts started the strangely shaped craft to pulsate even more. It seemed as though the tube—if it was a craft of some kind—was being refueled from some unknown source. I shook my head, disbelieving the whole thing, and Mike motioned for me not to move. "Don't even breathe," he said, himself stand-

ing perfectly still next to me.

Approximately ten minutes later the signal was given and the hose was automatically unfastened from the tube-like device and re-emerged back into the other contraption. With that, the pulsating ceased and the lights faded, the entire area was bathed in darkness.

Stealthily, as though we were in a den of man-eating tigers, we made our way to the mini-sub, attached the shark cage and headed for the surface. That night we had much to talk about.

What was it that we had seen? Was some huge, multi-million-dollar, hush-hush government project being carried out in the vicinity of the Windward Passage? Was the Navy experimenting with underwater devices in the area? Had some salvage company, with equipment as yet a secret, been at work there? Was some technically advanced private enterprise in the midst of underwater experimentation?

Janet lifted her glass. "No" she said. "It's none of these things!"

"Then—what?" Mike pleaded.

Ignoring his question, Janet asked, "Was that the last time you went down in the Passage?"

"No," I said, matter-of-factly. We did go down again, the very next day.

"And...?" Janet asked.

"And...!" I said, "we found absolutely nothing, except perhaps for a depression in the soft bottom where the tube had been the day before.

"I see," Janet said studiously.

Mike interjected: "Well, we told some friends about it. We also inquired of the naval installation at Guantanamo Bay whether they were making any special underwater tests. Their answer was in the negative.

Janet seemed particularly interested in the markings on the two objects—the arc with its cluster of

stars. In fact, when I first described the insignia she put the drink down, almost in mid-swallow. Her eyes became wide and her face paled knowingly.

"Do the markings we described mean anything to you," I asked.

She thought for a long minute. "I'd like to go down with you and take a look at the area," she said sternly. I *am* an accomplished scuba diver.

I didn't pay attention to her desire to go down there. I was more interested in something else at the moment. "You haven't answered my question. I asked if the markings described to you ment anything!"

"Yes, they do," she answered, speaking slowly. "Disturbingly so!"

Janet explained that what was prevalent in a great many—more than 75 percent of the 357 reported sightings over Cuba, the Dominican Republic, South and Central America over the past six years was that witnesses questioned admitted seeing the same insignia—an arc superimposed with a cluster of stars on the fuselage of the UFOs. "And now we know where they have their bases once they come here. Underwater. That's why I have to dive. To see for myself."

Both Mike and I agreed. And we picked Janet up the next morning and boarded the *Marilyn S.* We made several dives that day and the next, but found nothing. We headed for the cave, pointed out the hulk of the old ship and familiarized Janet with our type of work. She was intrigued, and felt as much at home under the water as on dry land.

On the morning of the third day, the underwater UFO made its appearance just as we were heading for the cave

I don't think this dame was afraid of anything. She brought along her camera with a strong

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LOOK, UP IN THE SKY,
IS THAT CAPTAIN AMERICA
OR CAPTAIN MARVEL?

ARE YOU KIDDING?
ITS NONE OTHER THAN
CAPTAIN OBERG...

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The widely publicized UFO Essay Competition sponsored by Cutty Sark Ltd of London was won by someone who does not believe in UFOs. The prize, which included a check for one thousand pounds, was awarded to 34 year old James Oberg, a well known UFO skeptic and critic who is a fellow of the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal. Oberg is also UFO columnist for the science fiction magazine, *Omni*.

Cutty Sark announced the competition in mid-1978, offering a series of prizes for an authenticated piece on a UFO. (There were no claimants to that prize). The

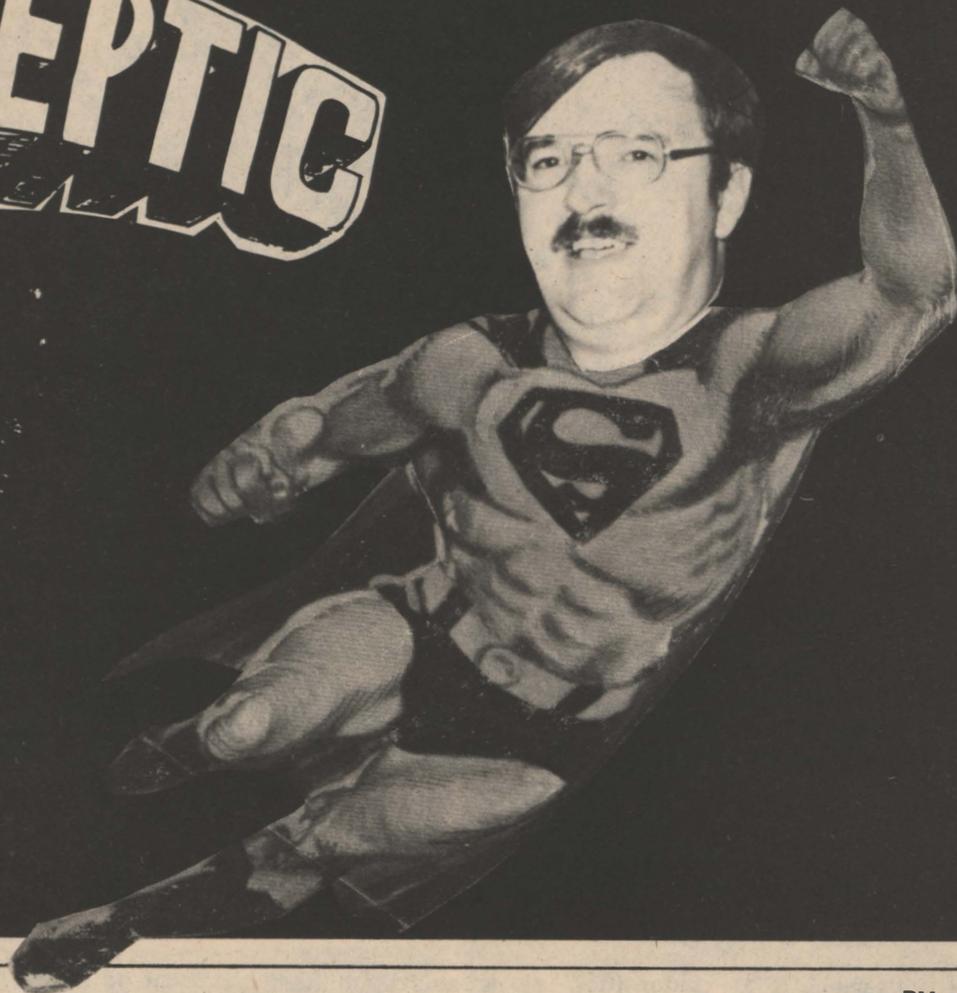
scientific paper competition attracted over 200 entries, which were judged anonymously by a panel consisting of Dr. Bernard Dixon (Editor of *New Scientist*), Dr. Patrick Moore (Astronomer and author), and Dr. Christopher Evans (Psychologist, National Psychical Lab, U.K.).

The title of Oberg's winning paper was "The Failure of the Science of UFOlogy," in which he listed what he saw as serious shortcomings in UFO research to date. While not denying the possibility of anomalous stimuli behind a tiny fraction of UFO reports, Oberg does not see any proof for such a hypothesis.

Without better scientific standards, he contends, the study of UFO reports will continue to fail to prove anything— or to disprove anything.

The "hero" received the award October 10th at a ceremony held at London's Mayfair Hotel. At a press conference immediately afterward, skeptic Oberg read his winning paper and showed an 11 minute movie of so-called astronaut UFO photographs which are widely publicized but in fact have prosaic explanations. While in Great Britain, Oberg also took part in the filming of a 13 part television documentary entitled, "Arthur C. Clarke's Strange Uni-

SKEPTIC



BY KEN SAMELSON

verse.”

In addition to his column in *Omni*, Oberg's writings have appeared frequently in *The Skeptical Inquirer* (published by the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal), where he has discussed personal research on “Astronaut UFOs,” The Tunguska Fireball, Ancient Astronauts and the Petrozavosk “Jellyfish UFO” of 1977.

Oberg may consider himself a “sympathetic skeptic” but he has no sympathy for what he considers “UFO Bunk”. Here he turns his occasionally acid wit to demolish a new UFO book. In fact, many UFO buffs *deliberately* seek out

books Oberg denounces. For example, here's what he writes about *The Phenomenon*, by the German writer Johannes von Buttlar.

“So fervent are UFO buffs that they provide a hard-core of Loyalist customers apparently always ready to buy new regurgitations of the same old UFO stories, perhaps hoping that such stories will improve with age or with the retelling (and they do!). This latest unexceptional volume is just one more in this series, with the same dull rephrasing of canonized miracles (seven-eighths of the book is concerned with events more than fifteen years old), the

same appeals to the courage of the modern Galileo-readers against skeptical persecution, and the same gross distortion of evidence and heavy-handed omission of facts which don't fit.

The only distinction I could find in this book was its suggestion that the entire “Philadelphia Experiment” affair in the mid-1950s was a set-up by “confessed” CIA-stooge Allende to discredit Morris Jessup, whose suicide (and that of MacDonald, a leading UFOlogist of the 1960s) is outrageously portrayed by von Buttlar as having been engineered by anti-UFO forces. The claim that the book or any part of it is “a

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Cutty Sark's UFO prize was awarded by Board Chairman John McFail (left) with astronomer and author Patrick Moore looking on. The check was for 1,000 pounds sterling (approximately \$2,200). The title of Oberg's prize winning paper was "The Failure of the Science of UFOlogy." Oberg is a well-known UFO skeptic and critic. The competition was announced in mid-1978.

sensational view of the UFO phenomenon" based on authentic sources and secret documents of the CIA and KGB" is simply counterfeit— as is much of the evidence displayed within.

The author should indeed have had some more authentic and reliable documents than the old UFO books from which he re-wove his "New" tapestry (or he should have had some more legible notes), because this volume is chock full of the most careless errors and flights of fancy. For "Zeta Reticuli" he writes "Theta Reticuli": his Apollo-12 UFO fable is in the wrong month and has all three astronauts' first names wrong; his reference to the 1977 Petrozavodsk UFO (conclusively

identified as a secret military space shot within days of its occurrence) has the wrong month, the wrong time ("Afternoon" instead of "pre-dawn"), and a patently incorrect description ("disk" instead of one actual "jellyfish streamers"); his passing references to arch-skeptic Phillip J. Klass promote Klass to "publisher" and also "editor-in-chief" of *Aviation Week* (Klass is the senior avionics editor). Additionally, the end-leaf poster fold-out of a "UFO" photographed by Gemini astronauts was exposed as a Japanese forgery three years ago. With such inaccuracies (and the list goes on and on), this book can be safely disregarded totally as a potential source of enlighten-

ment on UFOs themselves— but what might it tell us about the people who will buy it?

The author's own words may come back someday to bite him: "The search for the truth in such a field as this is inevitably full of danger; it is a test of courage for both the author and reader. For the author it demands a willingness to reveal the truth once he has discovered it..." Actually, von Buttlar's courage is amply demonstrated by his bold effort to pawn this fatally flawed and flagrantly derivative work off on the public as something somebody should spend money on, and his effort to brazenly break all the rules of reliability and consistency he so piously swears to, regarding

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Press conference at London's prestigious Mayfair Hotel was followed by a series of radio and television interviews during which Oberg outlined his views on the UFO phenomenon. Oberg is the UFO columnist for the science fiction magazine, Omni. In his paper, he listed what he saw as shortcomings in UFO research.



J. Allyn Hynek, well known in the field of UFOlogy, started out as a skeptic. As an astronomer, he was a consultant for the Air Force's Project Blue Book. Because in his new views on UFOs, he has founded the Center for UFO Studies.

Nuclear physicist, Stanton Friedman, is another scientist who believes that UFOs exist. He has contributed many years in UFO studies and research and he has lectured at many universities throughout the nation.





A compilation of reports prove: UFOs ARE CROWDING OUR SKIES!

The mass of UFO sightings over the years prove beyond any doubt that we are not alone but share the galaxy with as yet invisible and more technically advanced neighbors. Still the questions remain: Where do they come from and why are they here?

BY KAL. K. KORFT

In the area of UFOlogy (the scientific study of Unidentified Flying Objects) there are always those dozen or so cases that are 'favorites' among leading UFOlogists. So much in fact that little or no attention is paid to some of the many other bizarre incidents.

Some of the cases that we shall examine in this article are relatively unknown, but just as well documented as the more celebrated cases.

SUMMER OF 1952—DAYTONA, OHIO AIR FORCE BASE

At approximately ten-o'clock in the morning, a radar installation tracked an unidentified target approaching the installation at 700 miles per hour.

After the object slowed down to 100 miles per hour, it hovered and remained stationary for several minutes as two F-86 jets were scrambled.

The F-86s were ordered to climb to 40,000 feet, the altitude where the "bogey" was detected via radar. After searching in vain for several minutes, the pilots were informed that the object had

disappeared and were ordered to descend to an altitude of 20,000 feet.

Just as the first F-86 was ready to commence its dive, a bright flashing object caught the pilot's attention from inside the cockpit. Immediately, the pilot began pursuit of the UFO.

The UFO at first was believed to be a weather balloon, but this was ruled out when it was discovered later that this so-called "balloon" managed to stay ahead of the pilot's plane at a speed greater than *Mach 1!*

After the pilot was finally able to close in on the object, he reported that it was flat, round, and saucer-shaped.

Suddenly the object picked up speed outdistancing the pilot. At this point in time the pilot accelerated even more and managed to close within 500 yards of the UFO. The object retaliated with a sudden burst of speed and began to pull away from the F-86.

The pilot attempted to radio his base, but all communication systems failed to operate. He then reasoned that the only way to get the object would be to blast it out

of the sky. Immediately he opened fire, using his guns, which had no effect.

The UFO climbed and disappeared within a few seconds.

The pilot descended to an altitude of 10,000 feet where suddenly his communication systems returned to normal! The pilot returned home to his base.

Because the pilot opened fire on the strange object, the Air Force was forced to make an official inquiry into the bizarre incident.

The pilot was labeled a 'kook' or 'crackpot' and was told not to mention anything about his encounter with the UFO. In fact, the official Air Force report was burned!

Edward J. Rupplet, former head of Project Blue Book witnessed the burning of the report.

SEPTEMBER 14, 1959 REDMOND AIRPORT, OREGON

Just before dawn, Policeman Robert Dickerson was cruising the streets when he noticed a bright falling object like a meteor. Instead of 'burning-out', the object took on a larger, ball-like appear-

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"Bogies"—unknown blips on radar screens—are constantly plaguing our pilots and Air Force officials. Many pilots have been ordered to maintain strict silence and their reports have been scraped.

ance, stopping abruptly and hovering about 200 feet above the ground. Its glow lit up the juniper trees below.

Dickerson watched the UFO for several minutes, then drove in its direction on Prineville Highway, turning in at the airport. The UFO meanwhile changed color from bright white to a duller, reddish-orange and moved rapidly to a new position northeast of the airport.

At the Federal Aviation Agency office, Flight Specialist Laverne Wertz, along with others, were now observing the same strange object. All of the witnesses reported that the object was flat, round, and had tongues of 'flames' periodically extending from its rim.

At 5:10 am PST, the UFO was reported to Seattle Air Route Control Center where a call was relayed to Hamilton Air Force Base. After a report of the object being tracked on radar at Klamath Falls Ground Control Intercept Site, two F-102's were scrambled from a base near Portland.

As the Redmond observers continued to study the UFO, they witnessed two aircraft approaching the object.

The official logs revealed: "As aircraft approached, UFO took

shape of a mushroom. Observed long yellow and red flames from lower side as UFO rose rapidly and disappeared above clouds."

The UFO was sighted again briefly, hovering about 25 miles south of the airport. Radar trackings continued to show the object south of Redmond for about two hours!

When the Air Force was queried by the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomenon (NICAP) as to their explanation of the incident, the Air Force stated: "The Portland, Oregon UFO sightings of 24 September 1959 is carried on the records of the Air Technical Intelligence Center (ATIC) as 'insufficient information'. The ATIC account of the sighting fails to reveal any evidence of radar tracking or any success of the attempted intercept. It is the ATIC opinion that this object was probably a balloon as evidenced by its relatively long period in the area (more than an hour), and the fact that, unless equipped with reflectors, balloons are not good radar reflectors. The average direction and strength of the wind at the time of the sighting was south at 15 knots."

It was later discovered by NICAP, from records furnished by the U.S. Weather Bureau, that

there were steady winds from the Southwest at 3-7 knots' for nearly five hours after the UFO sighting! And that no balloon had been launched!

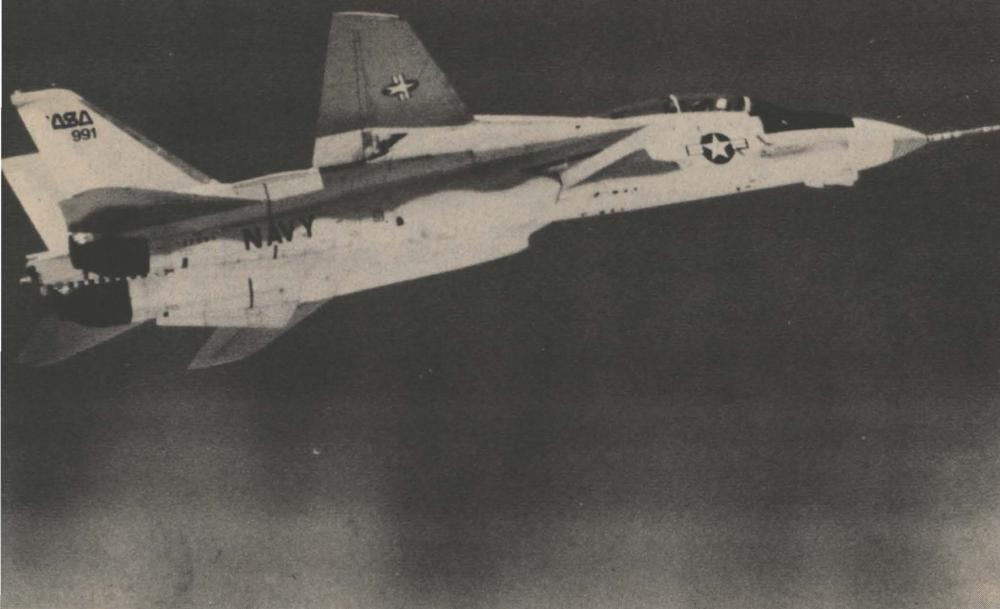
According to the witnesses, the UFO moved south where it was tracked on radar after the visual sightings had ended.

The publicity that NICAP had created for the case drew Congressional attention where it was later revealed through hearings that six F-102's had actually been scrambled and not just two!

The Air Force letters to Congress attributed the radar trackings to an error made on the part of their Ground Control Intercept station. "It was determined by the four senior controllers on duty during the period of the search that this radar return on the ground scope was a radar echo from a gap filler antenna located on a mountain at the 8100 foot level. This radar return did not move during the entire period of search."

The Air Force's explanation was again, in total disagreement with the FAA log which stated: "Altitude has been measured on height finder at altitudes that varied from 6000 to 54,000 feet!"

The Air Force's explanation was also in total disagreement



It has been confirmed that pilots, flying F-14 fighters such as the one pictured here, have been ordered to pursue UFOs which were spotted on radar screens by ground crews at military and civilian air fields.

with the ground observers who stated that the UFO maneuvered rapidly and at times hovered.

It was obvious that the Air Force concocted this explanation after they were forced to reject the balloon theory. So even though this case goes down on official records as a bonafide UFO, it too like the Dayton, Ohio incident mentioned previously has remained relatively unknown.

OCTOBER 30, 1975—TIVAT AIRPORT YUGOSLAVIA

At 5:47 pm on the 30th of October 1975, a DC-9 under the command of Captain Milivoje Roncevic was making practice takeoffs and landings at the Tivat airport near Tifograd, Yugoslavia.

At 5:49 pm the Tivat control tower informed Dubrovnik Airport that an experimental DC-9 was headed in their direction. One minute later the airport flight controller at Dubrovnik called back and asked: "Please ask the captain of the DC-9 if he can see some kind of flying body!"

Tivat Control: "What kind of body?"

Dubrovnik: "We don't know what's happening, but we have an unknown object on radar which is approximately 48 kilometers from

the airport. The second object is visible north of us."

Tivat: "Is this another flying saucer matter?"

Dubrovnik: "An unknown object flew over this airport an hour and a half ago. We could see contrails following it similar to those made by our jets. It also registered on radar."

Tivat: "I still see it and it is headed in your direction."

At this point, flight control radioed Captain Roncevic to ask if he had seen the object, but he replied that he had not.

Meanwhile, in the airport building at Dubrovnik, Miroslav Bogosavljev, their chief director of the Electronics firm reported that the object was over the gulf.

At that moment everyone who was observing the object saw that it was a large bright light, brighter than anything in the sky. As it grew in size, it changed from green to a yellow-red color.

It was also observed by Mr. Slobodan Oketic who was located over the top of a nearby hill.

In all, the object was observed by a minimum of 20 people including control tower operators, a news reporter and laymen alike.

Radar tracking confirmed the objects existence and established it at an altitude of 20,000 feet.

SEPTEMBER 1976 TEHERAN, IRAN

Another remarkable case which has remained relatively unknown took place over the city of Teheran, the capital of Iran.

At 12:30 am on September 19, 1976 several puzzled witnesses, who reported sighting a UFO glowing in the night sky, phoned Shahrokhi Air Force Base to report what they had seen.

Control tower operators, then turning to the sky, witnessed the same object and obtained radar confirmation.

In a short time, an F-4 was scrambled to intercept.

The pilot reported the object to be so bright, that it could be easily seen at a distance of well over 70 miles. As the pilot began to close in on the UFO and was within the distance of 22 nautical miles, he suddenly lost all communications and instrumentation systems.

After this had taken place, he broke off the chase and headed back towards the base. When the pilot was apparently no longer a threat to the UFO, he suddenly regained all of his instrumentation and communication systems!

Ten minutes later, another F-4 was scrambled under the command of Lt. Jafari. Jafari obtained

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A challenge to NASA:



Vigilant employees at NASA keep a watchful eye on scanner for any unusual activity above their facility, such as the UFO (bottom) which was recently photographed with a high sensitive lens at Diamant Entre Rios, Argentina.



Many now contend that private citizens who encounter UFOs, and are left with evidence, should think twice about submitting their material to the federal space agency for analysis.

ARE THEY TELLING US EVERYTHING THEY KNOW?

Have our astronauts sighted and photographed UFOs during the course of their space missions?

And, as in the case of civilian airline crews, were these astronauts then pressured or coerced into silence?

Has NASA a "covert" UFO research program or are they merely a component of the "hush-hush" government intelligence network?

Can and will NASA uphold its end of the bargain regarding "hard," physical evidence?

Has NASA always been, and are they now being, totally honest and frank with the American public?

Why is it this author's contention that no private citizen should submit any UFO evidence to the space agency for analysis?

Several of those aforementioned questions have been the basis for chapters and articles in UFO books and magazines, respectively. Now, the U.S. government's entire UFO reporting operation is supposedly handled by a National Aeronautics and Space

Administration public affairs officer with the assistance of a part-time secretary.

I have meticulously investigated this NASA/UFO relationship, and I don't like what I've seen thus far!

For the past seventeen years, everyone wanted NASA to undertake a study of UFOs...except NASA!

In April of 1962, Eugene M. Zuckert, Secretary of the Air Force, held secret briefings in an attempt to transfer the Air Force's UFO investigations responsibility to our space agency.

On January 9, 1969, during the first session of the 91st Congress, Congressman Bill Ryan (D-NY), while verbally crucifying the methods and conclusions of the University of Colorado's "Scientific Study of Unidentified Flying Objects, (more commonly known as the "Condon Report") strongly suggested a continued governmental involvement in UFOs, and recommended that NASA assume full responsibility for the study.

Before his untimely death in June of 1971, Dr. James E.

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A CHALLENGE TO NASA/continued

McDonald, senior atmospheric physicist at the University of Arizona's Department of Atmospheric Sciences, had not induced NASA to take on a study of UFOs, something he worked on for years.

So far, so good.

NASA deftly deflected each attempt.

Then came President Jimmy Carter.

In July of 1977, Dr. Frank Press, Carter's science advisor, wrote to NASA Administrator Dr. Robert A. Frosch, suggesting that NASA become the government's "focal point" on UFOs and that it should establish a panel of inquiry.

In reply, NASA rejected the White House request saying that it would be "wasteful and unproductive," adding that NASA would continue to respond to UFO-related mail and if a new element of hard, physical evidence is brought to NASA's attention from a definite "credible" source, NASA will analyze the unexplained organic or inorganic sample and *report its findings, no matter what those findings are!*

Ralph Gibson is NASA's official in charge of our government's entire UFO reporting operation. In an interview with Dick Baumach, which was published February 2, 1979 in the *Valley New Dispatch*, New Kenington, Pennsylvania, Gibson commented: "All I've been instructed to do when we get UFO inquiries is to send out the government's stance on the matter. I should stress that we are just a group which responds to letters. We conduct no investigations..."

Everyone who writes the White House or NASA gets the same basic reply—a short form letter and a seven-page information sheet, Number 78-1, prepared by LFF-3/Public Services Branch, Office of External Relations,

NASA Headquarters, Washington, D.C.

Information Sheet Number 78-1 begins: The information contained here has been compiled to respond to queries on Unidentified Flying Objects directed to the White House as well as NASA.

NASA is the focal point for answering public inquiries to the White House relating to UFOs. NASA is not engaged in a research program involving these phenomena, *nor is any other government agency.*"

On page 3 we find:

"Reports of unidentified flying objects entering United States air space are of interest to the military as a regular part of defense surveillance. Beyond that, the U.S. Air Force no longer investigates reports of UFO sightings."

And on page 4:

With the termination of Project Blue Book, the Air Force regulation establishing and controlling the program for investigating and analyzing UFOs was rescinded."

And what about the astronaut sightings? Page 6 informs us that:

During several space missions, NASA astronauts reported phenomena not immediately explainable. However, in every instance NASA satisfied itself that what had been observed was nothing which could be termed abnormal in the space environment."

"The United States aerospace program has been conducted on an "open door" basis since NASA's inception in 1958. The news media and literary community have always been accorded free access to NASA facilities and to our people in order that they might report to the public what we are doing, why we are doing it and our results."

So wrote Robert A. Newman, NASA's Director of Public Affairs in the October, 1978 edition of "The Writers Guide to NASA."

Yet, for a number of years, select writers have not only doubted the NASA claim of media frankness, they've gone so far as to whisper "conspiracy" and "cover-up," especially where UFOs were concerned. Are these writers correct in their assumptions?

There are definitely areas in which NASA Public Relations people draw the line. Each morning, as you read the news and prepare for another eight hours at the "salt mines," eagled-eyed photograph interpreters at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Maryland, go over a fresh batch of detailed satellite spy photos. There can be no denying that NASA has a definite military component—under the Department of Defense—and that there are distinct Military Intelligence, Defense Intelligence Agency and Central Intelligence Agency ties. These are the facts of life today. The security and secrecy therein is totally justified!

But, what about UFOs?

Have our astronauts seen and photographed UFOs in space? Have they been persuaded to remain fairly silent about their observations?

NASA says "no!"

But Dr. Gary C. Henderson, senior space research scientist with the Fort Worth, Texas, division of General Dynamics said at a public lecture in the Calgary Planetarium in Alberta, Canada that our astronauts "have seen and photographed UFOs but were instructed to say nothing." This admission was made April 11th, 1969.

What really matters at this point in time is that NASA is naively or deliberately dispensing "misinformation" to the public, and is making promises that they may be unable or unwilling to keep.

At this point, then, I now

challenge NASA to clarify and resolve the following four points in the interest of public understanding.

1—NASA *claims* that no other government agency is engaged in a research program involving these phenomena...

Nothing could be further from the truth.

Military pilots are still being hauled into the Strategic Warning Staff H.Q. at the Pentagon for "de-briefings."

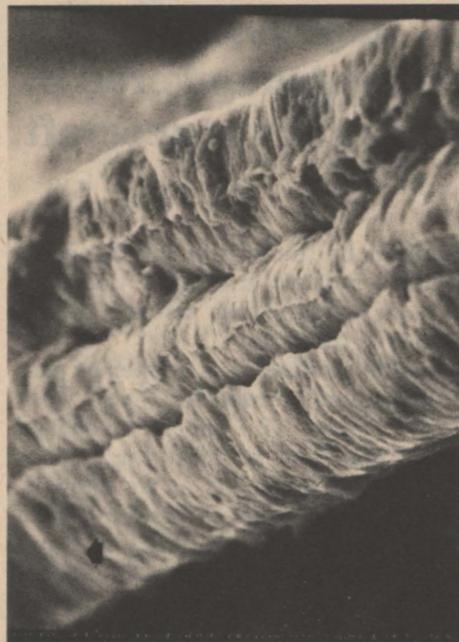
In 1972, former Army Intelligence Officer, Lt. Col. Lou Corbin told his audience at a meeting of the Retired Military Officers Association in Baltimore the Air Force had two UFO programs in the works— Old New Moon and Blue Paper.

After a long battle, civilian UFO research groups suing under the Freedom of Information Act recently acquired classified Air Force, Defense Intelligence Agency and CIA files on UFOs. Raw data on UFO sightings continue to flow to the CIA, MI and DIA via the Pentagon's "alert center."

But the real confirmation appears in an official Pentagon letter to our Aerospace Defense Command, written after the "demise" of the Air Force's UFO investigation program. (1970 or '71)

It states: "The Aerospace Defense Command (ADC) is charged with the responsibility for aerospace defense of the United States...Consequently, ADC is responsible for unknown aerial phenomena reported in any manner, and the provisions of joint Army-Navy-Air Force publication (Jan-AP-146) provides for the processing of reports received from non-military sources."

2— NASA *claims* that "with the termination of Project Blue Book, the Air Force regulation establishing and controlling the program for investigating and analyzing UFOs was rescinded."



Magnified 50 times, this photo (top) shows silicon-based UFO fragment. Will NASA honestly report its analyses of the evidence or simply return the fragment to the sender with comment, official or otherwise? (bottom) "Space Grass," magnified 100 times. A delicate tinsel-like strand of metal found after a low-level UFO sighting.

An edge-on view of the same strand of space grass as pictured above. Alcoa Laboratories, who performed an analysis, reported the material to be aluminum of a slightly unusual alloy and without elements associated with lead alloys.

That is true, but it should be remembered that since the regulation was unclassified, it was always superseded by applicable classified regulations.

And it was always *JANAP-146* that gave us trouble, by Pentagon admission still in effect. *JANAP-146* warns that revealing *Cirvis* (UFO) reports is prohibited under the Espionage Laws. Under that regulation literally hundreds of military and civilian airlines' pilots have been effectively muzzled. It was first issued in 1953.

By that Pentagon letter to ADC, written after the close of Project Blue Book, the subject of the "processing of reports received from nonmilitary sources" is specified.

Is NASA one of the 'nonmilitary' sources referred to?

Can, or does, our space agency fall under DoD (Dept. of Defense) edict?

3— *NASA claims*, and this is of primary importance, that if "they (the public) will produce physical evidence of an unidentified flying or any other kind of object, we will be happy to have our research laboratories check the material and issue a report on it."

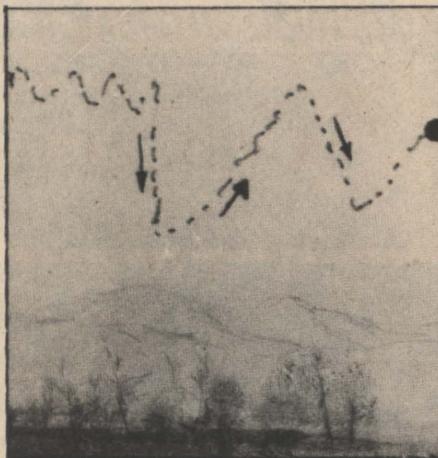
Are we to construe this to mean that if NASA analyzes "proof positive" of extra-terrestrial visitation here on Earth, that they will immediately issue an official admission of this "discovery" to the American public?

I find that hard to believe on two counts. In fact, NASA scientists have set several precedents in an opposing direction. During those two historic (Mars) Viking landings of 1976 and again just a few months later during a PBS documentary, "Is Anybody Out There?," the published and reported consensus of opinion among NASA scientists would first inform the government and let the authorities decide when— or, if this discovery should even be announced to the world.

Perhaps this reasoning is based

upon the 1961 Brookings Institute report to NASA which concerned the impact of the discovery of extra-terrestrial life-forms upon our society and concluded:

"How might such information, (that fact that other-worldly life exists) under what circumstances, be presented to or withheld from the public for what ends? What



NORAD has recently admitted that Air Force jets have chased unidentified flying objects, but were out-maneuvered by the alien spacecraft.

might be the role of the discovering scientists and other decision-makers regarding release of the fact of discovery?"

The pictures and scenarios that Brookings painted for NASA were not pretty. The report discussed the near and possibly total disintegration of society as we know it.

In fact, NASA, in keeping with their "open-door" policy of cooperation with the media should

scourge their files and release a copy of this report to this magazine for public dissemination.

4— In keeping with the *NASA claim* of number 3, that they will issue a public report on UFO evidence analyses, regardless of "conclusions," what happens if, prior to the keeping of the promise to release the data, the authorities decide against releasing this information to the taxpayers? What if NASA is "forced" to "surrender" the evidence under the guise of National Security?

What would NASA tell the contributor of said evidence?

Would such evidence be withheld on the "justification" that it was a "harmful or hazardous substance?"

Would the witness be discredited, his evidence a "hoax?"

What if the witness parted with only "some" of his evidence?

Would steps be taken, as history shows, to "secure" the rest of that incriminating "property?"

NORAD has recently admitted that our jet interceptors have been launched against and were out-maneuvered by objects under powered flight with origins unknown.

Right at this moment, the CIA is examining UFO incidents channelled to them by the Strategic Warning Staff and Pentagon "alert center," incidents both domestic and foreign. ADC, MI, and DIA are involved.

These are some of the irrefutable facts based on documentation won after long, hard battles. Facts based upon testimony of military personnel. And these facts render NASA's "Fact" sheet Number 78-1 "useless".

Based upon these revelations and proven inconsistencies, only one actual option is open to the reader. NASA does *not* want a UFO study, at least officially. NASA will not accept nor investigate reports of UFOs nor alleged photographs of them. □

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When General Custer first led his troops into the Black Hills of South Dakota in 1874 to protect white gold prospectors who had invaded Indian land, he heard some weird tales about the region. The Sioux and Cheyenne inhabitants, in addition to the prospectors, told the soldiers that earth-trembling subterranean explosions could be heard in the hills. Also, giant black creatures resembling prehistoric pterodactyls in description, inhabited caves in the vastness of the wilderness. On occasion, silver "plates" were seen flying over the region.

The tales weren't fables, for these events are still occurring.

Duane Holsworth lives on a ridgetop which overlooks the Piedmont, South Dakota area. He can see for miles from his home observation post. From this vantage point he has witnessed many

appearances of UFOs.

"We've seen them 25 or 30 times since we've lived out here," he claims. The sightings are so frequent that he and his wife Gloria began keeping records of the dates and times the mysterious lights were sighted.

Holsworth was once a skeptic about UFO sightings, but since he and numerous other residents of Piedmont began seeing unusual objects in the sky, that attitude has changed. But he doesn't claim they are piloted crafts from another world.

"Something from outer space? I'm not saying that. I'm saying it's an unidentified flying object, something unexplainable."

He has in his possession three color slides of a UFO that were taken by a friend while the two were on a hunting trip. Early in November, 1977, Holsworth and

Bill Carr, of Black Hawk, were deer hunting near Piedmont.

"We were in the Big Elk burn (a small stream) northwest of Piedmont, about 4:15 a.m. on the first of November," he told the Rapid City (S.D.) Journal. "When we saw the first one over the fire trail, I said I wish we had a camera. Bill said he had his camera along, and then we saw one to the north. From the time we took the first pictures to the last, we sat and watched it for a good 10 minutes. It was in the same spot, stationary, until it took off."

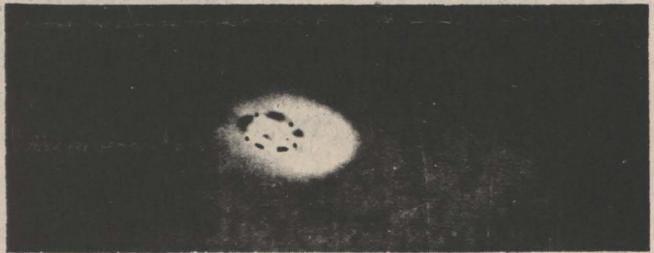
The first two slides show an intensely bright object in the shape of a kidney. It is brilliant white in the middle, then yellow, and orange at the edges. In these pictures a radiant full moon can be seen shining in the background.

When the third picture was



“Something from outer space—I’m not saying that—I’m saying it’s an unidentified flying object, something weird and unexplainable.”

THE LEGENDARY UFOs OF THE BLACK HILLS



Both Sioux and Cheyenne told the white man that this area holds “strong medicine.” They maintained inhabitants numbered giant prehistoric creatures who dwelt in caves in the vast wilderness. Indians, they said, put a taboo on the peak and kept their distance for fear of encountering the “giant flying lizards with pointed claws.”

BY JIM MILES

snapped, the UFO had slid into a cloud bank. The UFO registers as an indistinct bright light in this shot.

The slides were reproduced on a slide copier, then the men gave the pictures to the Journal, which published them on December 20, 1977.

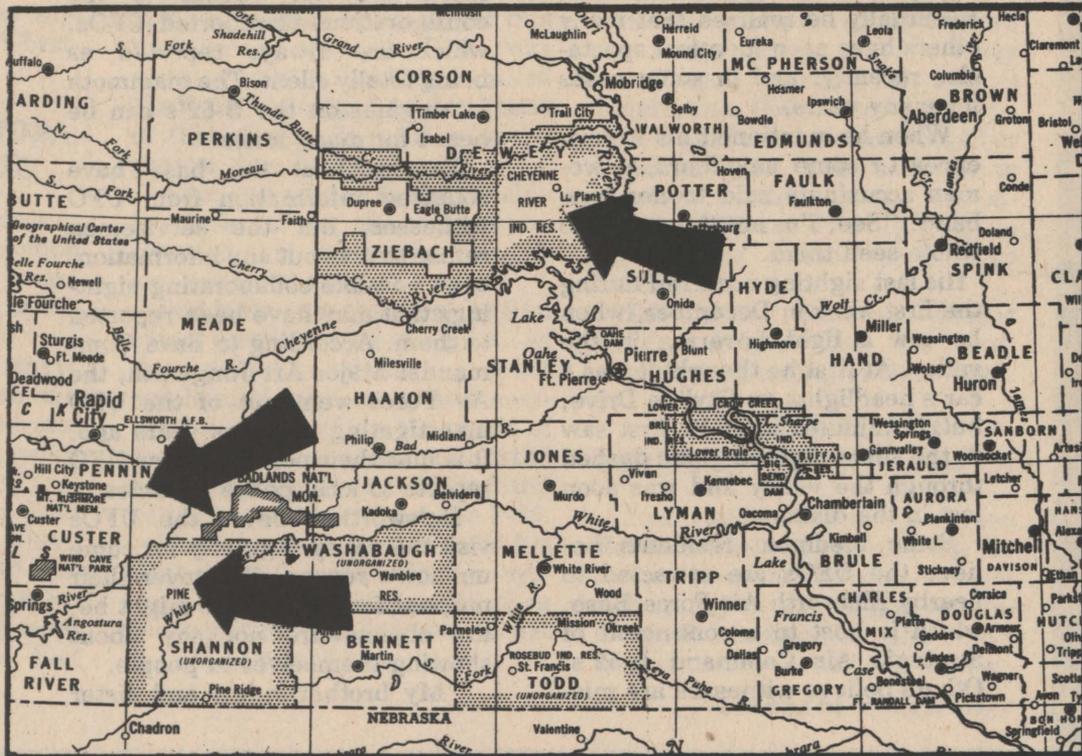
“The guy with me (Carr) didn’t even want to talk about it,” Holsworth reported. “After we saw that first one he didn’t say 10 words until we got into the burn.

“I said, ‘You work out at the air base. Are those landing lights?’ He said, ‘No way, they’re the wrong color. B-52’s have a different color landing lights.’”

Since the article appeared in the Journal, Holsworth has been contacted by many local residents who have seen objects similar to the ones he described.

Holsworth first saw the lights

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Many early settlers of the area have passed on tales from the red men of earth trembling explosions, and on occasion, "Silver plates" seen flying over the region.

last winter, but fear of ridicule kept him from making the sighting public for several months. Eventually he realized that many others have seen identical spectacles recently, and in some cases for many years.

When he mentioned his experiences to some neighbors, a woman accusingly said to her husband: "See, I'm not the only one who's seen them."

His last sighting occurred during the first week in December, when he saw a light hovering in the valley. At first he thought it was a car's headlights on Skyline Drive, but 10 minutes after he first saw it, the silent, lighted globe dashed through the valley and was soon lost in the distance.

Some Piedmont residents believe the UFOs are attracted to nearby Ellsworth Air Force Base, which is host to a contingent of Strategic Air Command B-52's. Others believe witnesses are mis-

taking lights on the bombers for UFOs. But the aircraft's night lights are not similar to the configurations of reported UFOs, which are always reported as being totally silent. The mammoth jet engines on the B-52's can be heard for many miles.

Personnel at the base have collected information from UFO witnesses, but the servicemen refuse to give out any information; even possible collaborating sightings that may have been reported to them. According to Base Commander Major Art Jungwirth, the Air Force went out of the UFO investigating business years ago. It is now their policy to refer UFO reports to local police agencies.

Holsworth believes the UFOs visit the valley regularly for some unknown reason. Whatever their purpose for being there might be, the objects are not shy about showing themselves to people.

"My brother-in-law and sister

were here from North Dakota about the first of October," Holsworth related.

"One night we were sitting here showing home movies on the wall, and talking about it. Right then one went past over there. We watched it a couple of minutes, then it floated on down out of sight."

During the 1950's many residents of western South Dakota were reporting UFOs, according to file clippings now in the Journal office. In 1952 the newspaper organized a special bureau to log UFO reports and to investigate them. At the same time, area law enforcement personnel were frequently chasing the lights.

But what about today?

"There's more people admitting they've seen the lights," Holsworth declared. "There is definitely something out there that's unexplainable, and I sure wish I knew what it was." □

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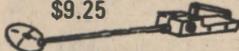
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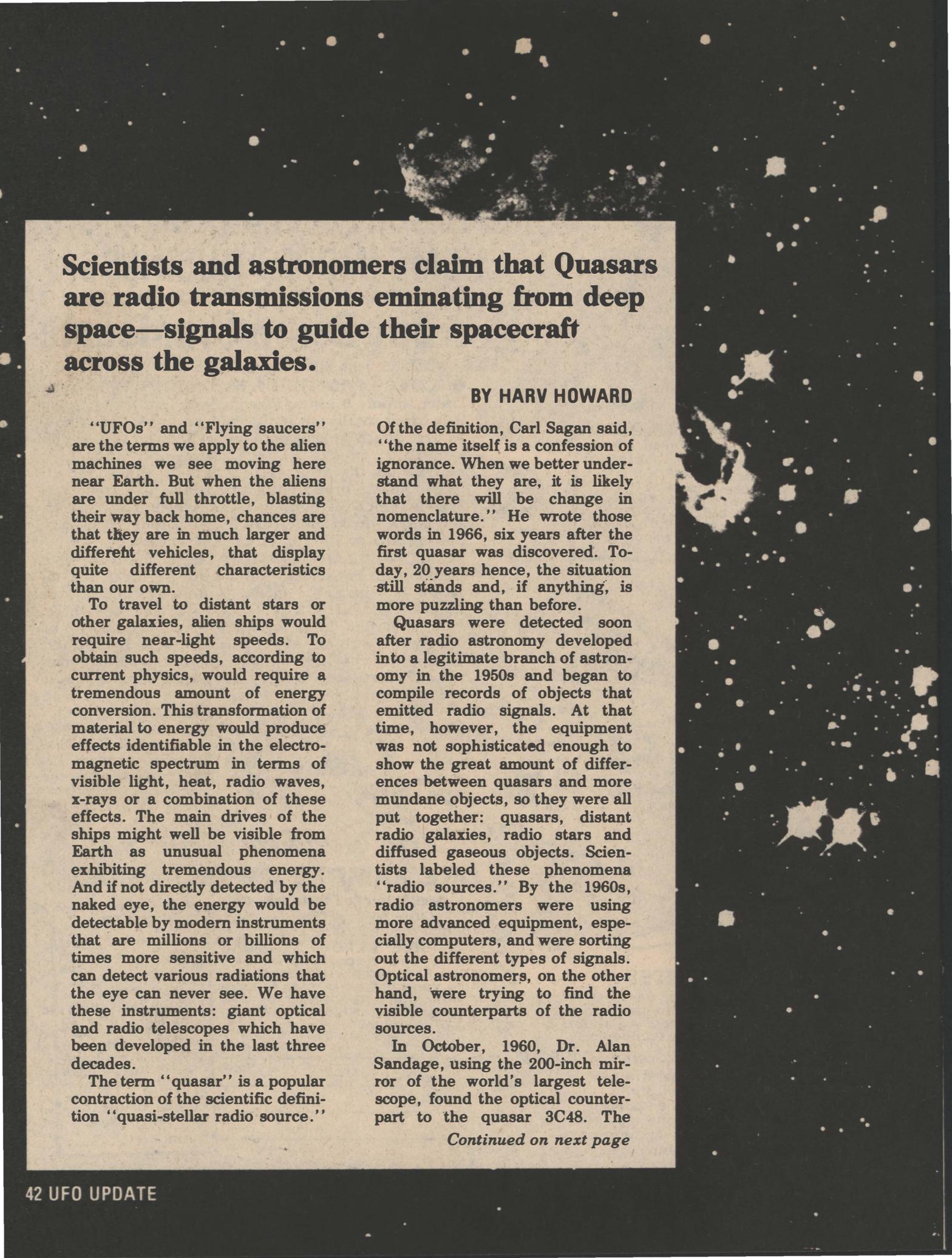
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Scientists and astronomers claim that Quasars are radio transmissions emanating from deep space—signals to guide their spacecraft across the galaxies.

BY HARV HOWARD

"UFOs" and "Flying saucers" are the terms we apply to the alien machines we see moving here near Earth. But when the aliens are under full throttle, blasting their way back home, chances are that they are in much larger and different vehicles, that display quite different characteristics than our own.

To travel to distant stars or other galaxies, alien ships would require near-light speeds. To obtain such speeds, according to current physics, would require a tremendous amount of energy conversion. This transformation of material to energy would produce effects identifiable in the electromagnetic spectrum in terms of visible light, heat, radio waves, x-rays or a combination of these effects. The main drives of the ships might well be visible from Earth as unusual phenomena exhibiting tremendous energy. And if not directly detected by the naked eye, the energy would be detectable by modern instruments that are millions or billions of times more sensitive and which can detect various radiations that the eye can never see. We have these instruments: giant optical and radio telescopes which have been developed in the last three decades.

The term "quasar" is a popular contraction of the scientific definition "quasi-stellar radio source."

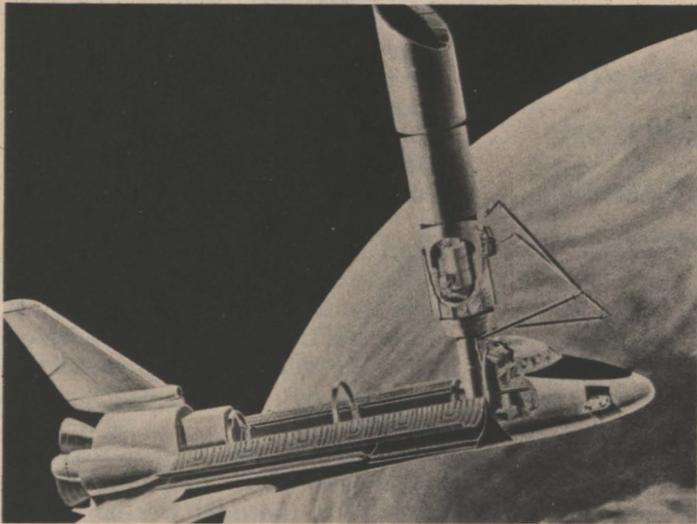
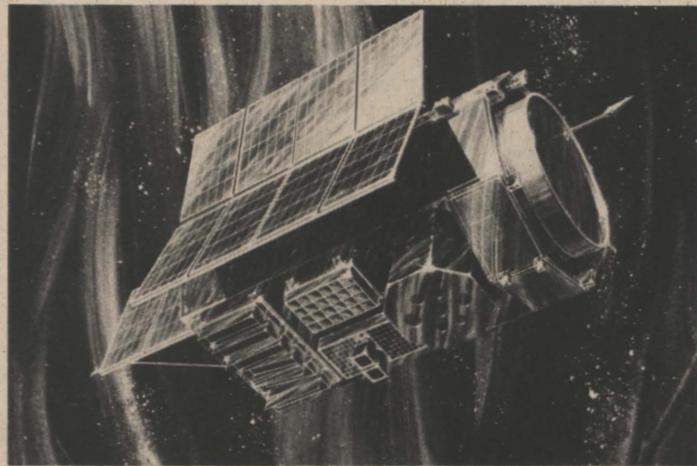
Of the definition, Carl Sagan said, "the name itself is a confession of ignorance. When we better understand what they are, it is likely that there will be change in nomenclature." He wrote those words in 1966, six years after the first quasar was discovered. Today, 20 years hence, the situation still stands and, if anything, is more puzzling than before.

Quasars were detected soon after radio astronomy developed into a legitimate branch of astronomy in the 1950s and began to compile records of objects that emitted radio signals. At that time, however, the equipment was not sophisticated enough to show the great amount of differences between quasars and more mundane objects, so they were all put together: quasars, distant radio galaxies, radio stars and diffused gaseous objects. Scientists labeled these phenomena "radio sources." By the 1960s, radio astronomers were using more advanced equipment, especially computers, and were sorting out the different types of signals. Optical astronomers, on the other hand, were trying to find the visible counterparts of the radio sources.

In October, 1960, Dr. Alan Sandage, using the 200-inch mirror of the world's largest telescope, found the optical counterpart to the quasar 3C48. The

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QUASARS: SIGNALS FROM EXTRATERRESTRIALS IN DEEP SPACE?



NASA's High Energy Astronomy Observatory which space scientists hope will keep an eye open for possible alien visitors. These telescopes will enable man to search the far edges of the entire universe for extraterrestrial civilizations.

source was not a fuzzy collection of bunched galaxies as expected, or any other known object. It was a small, sharply defined star-like object, very small in relation to its signal. The finding of similar objects, in the months following the first, created quite a stir in astronomy, and they were given the status of a new class of celestial object with a cumbersome, descriptive name that Saḡan was to comment upon.

When the first quasars were singled out and studied intensely, the thought in some minds was that the objects were "beacons" created by technologically advanced civilizations to call attention to themselves. The terrific speeds of the quasars would not be discovered until later.

Why these bright radio sources would be hypothesized as beacons needs a bit of explanation. In 1963, the Soviet astrophysicist N.S. Kardashev of the Sternberg Astronomical Institute of Moscow published a paper delineating three stages of development he thought civilizations could reach. Type 1 civilizations possess technological skills similar to our own; we are the kindergarten set, barely cognizant and capable of listening to and sending low-power signals. Type 2 civilizations have the technology to alter and channel the power of a nearby sun, making it a beacon. Type 3 civilizations have the ability to control entire galaxies.

Kardashev's paper called attention to the strange signals from the quasars CTA 102 and CAT 21, and suggested they be studied for signs of artificiality.

Interestingly, G.B. Sholomitskii, also of the Sternberg Institute, began a study of CTA 102 soon after the paper was published. After a two-year study, which involved studying earlier data from the quasar also, Sholomitskii wrote an article for a publication called "The Information Bulletin of Variable Stars." In



Ufologists are convinced that they are watching and waiting for us to decipher their messages before they make their next move.

his article, he said that the quasar gave off emissions that fluctuated appearing to be a smooth "Sine curve," with peaks at roughly 100-day intervals. In the article he gave no reason for the regularity. However, on April 12, 1965, (shortly thereafter) the Soviet news agency Tass carried an item announcing that Sholomitskii had found CTA 102 to be the beacon of a "supercivilization." Kardashev was quoted also as concluding that CTA 102 was definitely an artificial radio source. However, the news report created such a furor that a news conference was held the next morning in which a third scientist said that it was a "little premature" to say the signals were artificial.

Whether "premature" or a bad guess, the Russian announcement about CTA 102 created quite a stir among the popular press for a while, but few persons were willing to accept the premise of a whole star being converted into a giant radio transmitter. As we are Type 1 beings, few wanted to think about the Type 2 and Type 3 beings. The idea of quasars being "beacons" was allowed to die a quiet death.

For about three years after their discovery in 1960, the quasars defied interpretation. They were thought to be within the galaxy, but their apparent elements fit none known to us. Thus scientists began to wonder if they were faced with an entirely new and unknown group of elements.

Light-emitting bodies in space can be analyzed to determine their chemical elements. No two elements display the same pattern of spectral lines at the same position in the spectrum. Furthermore, light waves behave similarly to sound waves. If a source is moving towards a spectrograph-equipped telescope, the wavelength of the light will be "compressed," appearing as shorter wavelengths than they actually are, or as the scientists say, the

elements are "shifted toward the blue end of the color spectrum." If the source is moving away from the telescope, the wavelengths will be lengthened, shifted toward the red end of the color spectrum and commonly called redshifted. These changes in light frequency are known as the Doppler effect or Doppler shift. Thus, an object's motion will cause its spectral pattern to be shifted from its normal position in the spectrum. Working from the at-rest positions of the spectral lines, the amount of shifting that occurs is used to figure the speed of the object within certain parameters.

In early 1963 scientists discovered that the spectra of one quasar (and subsequently all) was shifted so far into the red end of the spectrum that they had missed the obvious: the "unknown elements" were really known elements extremely shifted! This finding caused a few faces to shift to a red color! However, the explanation for the belated discovery was simple enough: never before had an object displayed such redshifts while within the galaxy, and no one knew how it was possible.

It was this discovery, more than 15 years ago, that threw the quasar investigations into such a great pool of confusion and uncertainty that an explanation has yet to surface.

By the end of 1964, 35 quasars were known, but only four had had their redshifts checked. The quasar 3C286 has a shift indicating a speed of 86 per cent the velocity of light. Some scientists were flabbergasted at the enormous speed. Others simply refused and still refuse to accept the evidence of huge velocities. Some suggested that the quasars were immensely dense objects, resulting from burnt out stars collapsing, and the heretofore unknown redshifts were not caused by velocity, but were caused by the immense gravity of the objects

"slowing down" the light they emitted. But by 1969 a quasar with a 212 per cent redshift was known. It was impossible, according to current understandings of physics, that a gravitational field could affect the spectrum so greatly and still emit visible light. The gravitational redshift theory is still embraced by some, but it has no theoretically accepted basis for being. As of the fall of 1977, five new quasars were known with shifts over 300 per cent, further restricting that avenue of explanation.

These new quasars are considered to be over 10 billion light years away, on the outside edge of all matter in the universe. But by applying this conventional yardstick of measure, science brings upon itself a more disturbing problem. Observations based entirely upon the apparent motions of several double quasars indicate that some are exceeding the speed of light, perhaps up to six times, if they are distantly located.

The *Wall Street Journal* for Feb. 5, 1970, contained a long, front page article on quasars. The newspaper reported: "The National Science Foundation says it has poured many millions of dollars into quasar research since their discovery in 1963 (sic). Hundreds of scientists are involved in quasar research." Alan Sandage of Cal. Tech, is quoted as saying, "We always come back to the question, what the hell are they?"

Science News, Dec. 8, 1973: "The war of the quasar redshifts has suddenly escalated...."

"A major storm has been raging in the scientific literature over the esoteric subject of techniques for measuring the distances to quasars," said Robert Jastrow, astronomer in May 1974 *National History*.

And despite the money, personnel and increased time spent researching the objects, one question remains to be answered:

What the hell are they? And where the hell are they? Scientists would like to think if they could answer the second question, they would be greatly aided in resolving the first. It seems such a simple problem for science: are quasars hundreds or thousands of light years away or are they billions of light years away?

The quasar's unique feature is the amount of power it displays. Whether they lie at the fringe of the universe or are in and around our galaxy, they produce an incredible amount of energy. If distant, the energy outlay would be many billions of magnitudes larger than if close. This is one reason why science is excited: the power levels of such distant objects could not be satisfactorily accounted for by conventional physics. The most powerful form of energy we know is thermonuclear reaction, by which stars shine, and yet it seems not to hold a candle to the quasar's source of power. A quasar's light exceeds that of the brightest galaxy which contains hundreds of billions of stars.

A second unique feature, which makes the first all the more incredible, is that quasars are compact objects. Through the most powerful telescopes, those quasars optically visible appear as faint, blue stars. If they are remote galaxies, they would be fuzzy and yellow or whitish and not star-like at all. William Kaufmann III, author of recent astronomical books and Research Associate and Visiting Scholar to the Jet Propulsion Laboratory at the California Institute of Technology, has gone even beyond that statement. He said, "If we interpret the redshifts as cosmological, the quasars would be so far away that it should be totally impossible to detect them either with radio telescopes, the 200-inch telescope, or anything." His statement is based on the belief that the quasars are ten times farther

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from earth than any objects previously known. It is thought impossible for such energy to be emitted from such small, distant sources and still be visible. The reasoning is that a condensed mass which collapse under its own gravity and would become a black hole, a super dense mass of such a great gravity that it could not emit any light or radio waves at all.

The one factor that places the quasars distantly is their redshifts. Ascribe that feature to a cause other than the "Big Bang" of creation theory and the objects need not be thought so distant. Dr. Halton Arp of Hale Observatories has done much quasar work over the years with the 200-inch telescope, and he maintains that quasars are phenomena associated with nearby galaxies. He offers evidence to support his position.

When in the late 1960s there were only about 50 quasars that were known, it was found that five of them were very close to the galaxies. One scientist said, "The probability for such a close association to occur at random between numbers of the NGC (a catalog of galaxy positions) and 3C (a catalog of quasar positions) is about 1 in 10,000. This must not be ignored."

By 1970, four quasars had been found to be in virtually a straight line southeast of the galaxy NGC 502.

In 1971 Arp photographed a quasar near the galaxy NGC 4319. An unusual feature that Arp captured on the photograph was a bridge of luminous matter appearing to connect the quasar with the galaxy. Such a connection would seem to indicate the two have similar redshifts. But the shift of the quasar was found to be 20 times larger than the galaxy's. The galaxy is moving at a normal rate of 1050 miles per second, while the quasar is moving at 13,000 miles per second.

Jets, trails, or tails, whatever they may be called, have been found with quasars lately. The quasar 3C275.1 is found near the galaxy NGC 4651 and is one of the five early quasars found in conjunction with galaxies. It has a faint tail or jet extending near it from the galaxy.

Arp's most recently publicized finding has been about objects

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leaving the galaxy NGC 4486 = M87. The galaxy has long shown through the larger telescopes that it has a jet, but it took the computer enhancing techniques of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory's Image Processing Lab to bring out the details. As reported in *Astronomy* magazine, in February, 1977: "This particular technique revealed details in the jet of M87 more clearly than had been observed before: seven luminous condensations stretched out in a virtually straight line." While not

publicly known as a group of quasars, the objects in the jet are acknowledged as a powerful source of radio signals.

That quasars have tails is not a new finding. One of the earliest discovered has a tail. In late 1962 Cyril Hazard, a radio astronomer in Australia, attempted to find the precise location of the quasar 3C273. By "watching" the quasar with a radio telescope as the moon passed in front of it, he found that 3C273 was not a solitary force, but was double. His pinpointing of the quasar's position confirmed what the bigger optical telescopes had revealed earlier. One radio source was exactly at the position of a blue star, and the other source came precisely from the front end of a jet that appears to be shooting out away from the "star," leaving a very visible trail.

The 1962 discovery that 3C273 was double is not considered unusual now. It was merely the first double found. Since that time many more quasars have been found grouped together. The cosmological "Big Bang" theory cannot answer this question. How could quasars still be very close together if they were thrown out at the moment of creation? They should be greatly spread apart, much farther apart than the inner galaxies. But the opposite is true! One quasar discovered in a previously empty area of space is a good tipoff that it is a multiple source itself, as other have been found in the same general area.

Quasar 3C33 was found to be a double source in 1976. A scientific publication, *Astrophysical Letters*, reported that "A faint continuous bridge connecting the two components has also been detected."

But that was not all which was interesting about 3C33. The article also reported: "A scintillating object of (a) size...nearly 700 times smaller than the component separation is found located in or near the southern compact com-

ponent and may be a product of fragmentation of the component... The object is likely to be a transient phenomenon...." The article went on to identify the quasar with the galaxy DE4. Both major components are of a small size and degree of separation from the galaxy. Both appear to be leaving the galaxy via separate directions.

The discovery that dozens of quasars are multiple objects is difficult enough for the cosmologist to comprehend, but the discovery that quasar components are separating is a further blow to the theory. Like 3C273 with its jet, 3C279 has been identified as a double source with increasing separation. While it has been widely publicized that quasars display little lateral motion, that belief has lost credibility. Between October 1970 and February 1971—in only four months—two independent groups of researchers found evidences of separation in the double components of 3C279. The same scientists found the same evidence in 3C273, but it was less definitive.

If the components of 3C279 are viewed as being at a distance of 5 million light years, as the cosmological interpretation of their redshift suggests, the relative velocity of the two sources would be at least six times the velocity of light for a motion perpendicular to the earth-quasar line.

Three years later *Science News* reported the same findings in an article: "Detailed radioastronomical studies of a number of quasars indicate that each of those objects is composed of several components that appear to be moving swiftly apart from each other. In some cases the apparent velocities are greater than that of light."

For those scientists who hold that the speed of light and all matter is absolute, the findings represent a chilling reminder that they are probably wrong in relegating quasars to the outskirts of

the universe. Their bits of data refuse to fit the mold they have fashioned. The cosmologically interpreted redshifts and apparent true motions of the quasars will not coincide with current physics. It seems that either the components of 3C279 are at 5 million light years distance and are breaking the speed of light, or that they are much closer than their cosmological redshifts would allow and are still moving apart extremely fast, although not necessarily breaking the speed of light. Yet they would be violating the understanding of how the Universe was created if they were nearby and speeding.

And the picture is just as confusing for the cosmological theory when considering the quasars seen to be traveling in the company of nearby others. Two very close quasars have shown different shifts of 0.4359 and 1.901. Observers concluded this difference between quasars in close conjunction was unlikely under the cosmological theory. But just as certain differences between quasars can have meaning, so can similarities. The dual quasars 3C343 and 3C343.1 are separated by a very small distance, but they have very similar power levels and very similar radio spectra. They have a probability of about 10⁻⁶ that they are not physically connected. Yet there they fly, side by side, like two ships of the same model.

As of 1977 it was reported that Arp continues to maintain that some objects in space are not restricted to the usual motion of recession. In other words, some objects appear to move unnaturally. He added a new quasar-galaxy relationship to the increasing number. He said there is a bright object with a speed of 8264 miles per second in front of the E galaxy NGC 1199 which has a motion of 1615 miles per second.

But even if the growing amount of evidence is in their favor, the problem for those offering the

quasar-galaxy relationship is that they cannot say how the connection comes about. No one has offered a hypothesis acceptable to the cosmological proponents or even among all of themselves. James Terrell, a physicist, has suggested that quasars are giant projectiles fired by some explosive force from the center of our galaxy. Yet he and others cannot adequately explain how or why the quasars are ejected as small, discrete bodies rather than as a loose mass of explosively spewed materials.

The simple solution to all of the scientists' dilemma with the quasars is to view these objects as unnatural. Consider them formed vehicles, designed and created. Consider them quasarships! Interstellar and intergalactic carriers of a multitude of alien forms that ply space in all directions and cover our portion of the universe as surely as we cover our globe.

Consider them deep space vehicles that light up their fiery propulsion units only in the safety of uninhabited space; ships that travel together, as explorers always travel together, ships that may appear to hang in the sky "forever" according to our marking of time, but because of the time-dilation effect, in reality they are hurtling at tremendous, near-light, velocities toward distant destinations.

The quasars are the UFOs of outer space. Because they are held captive out there by time and distance, they are subject to scientific scrutiny rather than to be seen as fleeting, random sightings by untrained observers as is with the UFOs. Yet despite the total concentration of the best equipment available and the best minds in the field, the quasars still remain, after 18 years, unidentified until science can widen its "objective" perspectives to encompass a new concept that will more correctly explain our wonderful universe. □

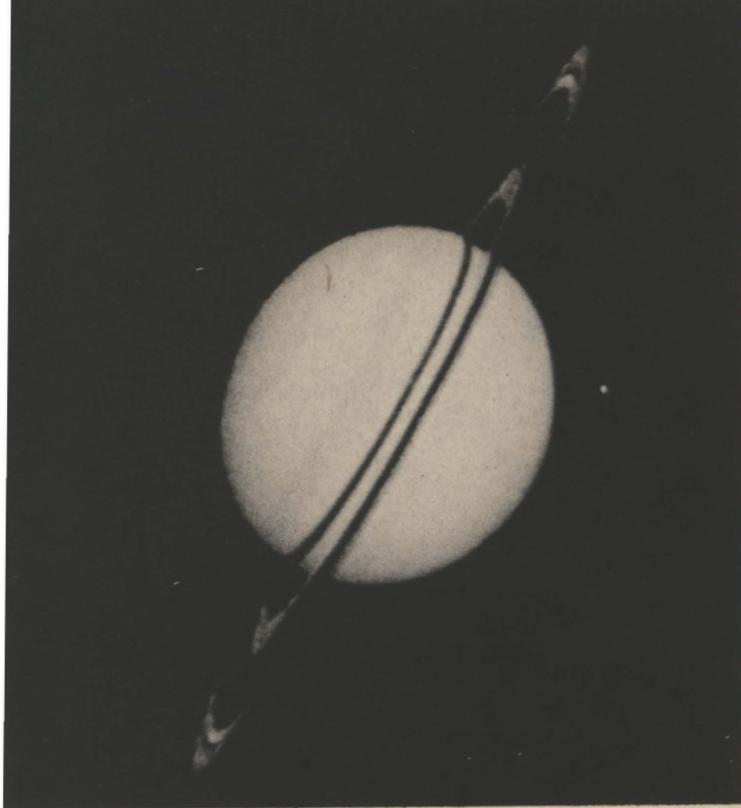
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Our solar system. These photos were taken from NASA spacecraft. Six photos were needed to make the mosaic. It consists of: Foreground, the Earth and moon, first planet above the moon is Venus, top left to right are the planets Jupiter, Mercury Mars and the planet Saturn.

An unmanned supersonic research aircraft,, called HIMAT will preview the performance of future fighter planes in transonic maneuvers. Tests with this radio controlled NASA-Air Force research aircraft will enable American fighters of the future to outperform today's most modern fighter aircraft. The HIMAT is tucked under a U.S. Air Force B-62 bomber for its first flight.





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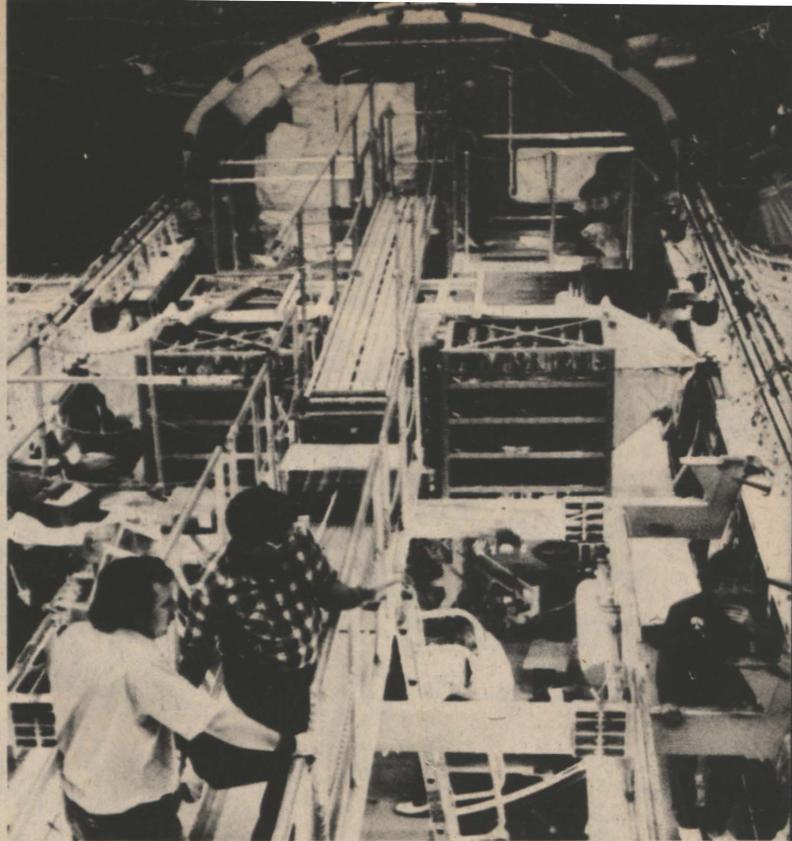
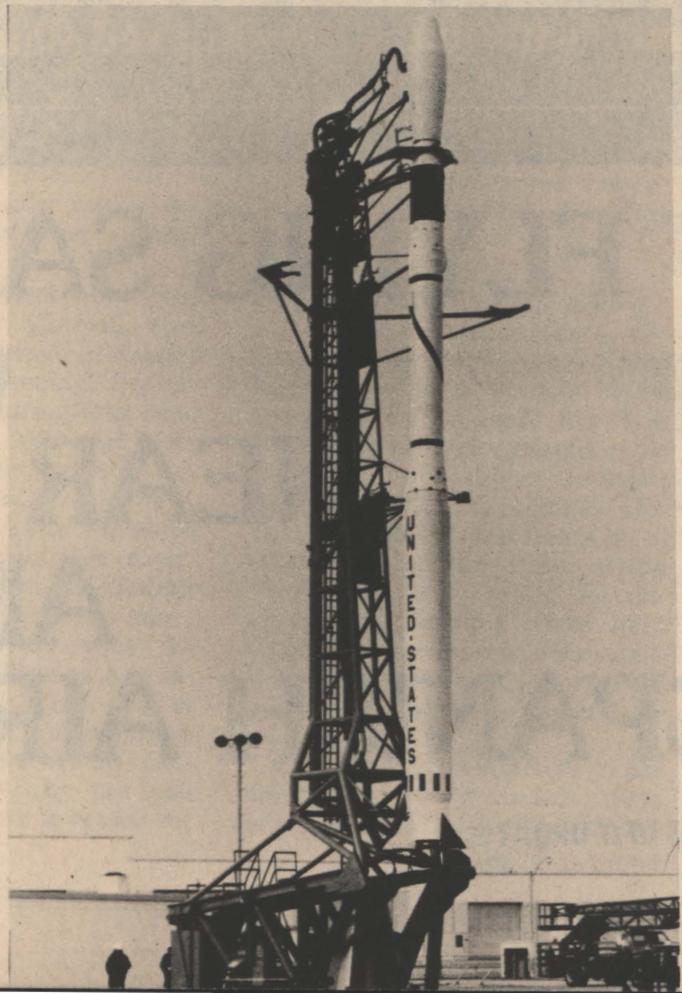


Photo shows doors of the Space Shuttle in an open position. The hinges of the payload doors are not designed to support the weight of the doors while open horizontally in the earth's one "g" environment. Shuttle will see service in 1982

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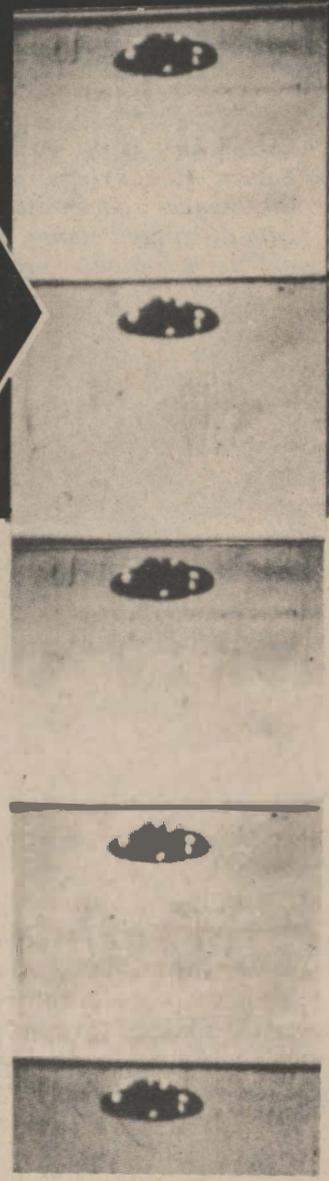
NASA plans to launch a 324-pound spacecraft from Wallops Island, Virginia, to obtain data on the aerosols and ozone in the stratosphere. Called SAGE, for Stratospheric Aerosol and Gas Experiment [or Applications Explorer Mission B], the spacecraft will be lifted into orbit by a four-stage, all solid-fuel scout launch vehicle. The scout vehicle is shown here in vertical position on its launching pad. All photos by NASA.



Late report from the news wires:



“...These things were controlled by intelligent life. They had no visible means of power. They were sort of round, no wings or tails—just round, with many glowing red lights...”



FLYING SAUCERS CAUSE NEAR PANIC ABOARD SPANISH AIRLINER

Most of this story was told by the 109 persons who shared in the experience, an experience which most— if not all would like to forget. Although a recent survey by a prestigious publication had showed that over 60 percent of persons interviewed believe that UFOs exist, research organizations have found that only about 8 percent of UFO sightings could be classified as unknowns. What most people see, but can't identify, are either natural phenomena or objects such as debris of space satellites. The following report can be labeled a true encounter:

The night was bright as the giant jetliner with 109 passengers aboard, mostly German and Austrian tourists, took off from the Mediterranean island of Majorca and winged its way toward Madrid. Most of the passengers were tired and just about ready to fall asleep, while others watched the lights in the city below fade away. For the pilot, Captain Francisco Lerdo De Tejada, 34, it was just another routine hop— so he thought.

It was one of the passengers, a German school teacher, who first saw the strange objects flashing on the horizon. The German poking his wife who sat next to him exclaimed his astonishment. His wife leaned over with a puzzled look on her face and watched the object, which glowed a bright red. By this time, one of the crew members also noticed the object. "What do you make of that, Captain?" he said, pointing to the UFOs which now seemed to come closer to the plane. "I don't know, but whatever they are, they're heading this way," the captain replied as the crew stared wide-eyed.

Most of the passengers by now were watching the UFOs streak towards the plane. Their thoughts must have been, "this is it." The

UFOs (there were two of them) shot past the plane at an unbelievable speed, causing the plane to vibrate. The horrified passengers watched the objects as they vanished in the darkness.

The pilot couldn't believe what he had just witnessed. It was a strange and eerie thing— like nothing he had ever seen before in his entire career as a commercial pilot.

The plane was flying at about 25,000 feet when suddenly the co-pilot shouted: "Look— it's them, they're coming at us again." The pilot saw to his horror that the two UFOs were again heading towards his plane. Getting on the intercom, he had announced to the passengers: "there is nothing to fear, it's possibly just a meteor. Please fasten your seat-belts and relax." He was trying to calm the passengers and assure them that there was no cause for alarm, but his heart told him differently.

This time, the UFOs were heading straight at the plane and in order to avoid a collision, the pilot took the plane into a sharp dive, a risk he later said he had to take in order to avoid a collision with the two UFOs.

By now, all the passengers were straining their eyes looking at the windows watching the unearthly things. One of the passengers, a German professor of astronomy, reported: "I never believed in UFOs before and thought that people who said they had seen them were suffering from hallucinations, but, according to what I saw my entire view of the universe changed. These things were controlled by intelligent life. They had no visible means of power. They were sort of round, no wings or tails— just round, with glowing red lights."

The German continued: "I also
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Spanish UFO si

MADRID Spain (UPI) — Whatever a government investigation decides, a reported UFO sighting in Spanish airspace must be one of the best documented on record.

The case involves a pilot who diverted his plane with 109 passengers and seven crew members aboard to make an emergency landing, claiming unidentified flying objects were buzzing him and threatening collision.

An airport director, among others, says he saw the UFOs. Air force jets reportedly were sent up and filmed them. And Spain's Transport Minister, ordering

an investigation, said: "It is clear that Francisco Lerdo de Tejada, 34 year Spanish Caravelle jet, broke his silence incident Wednesday to explain why he craft 14,000 feet and put his charte German and Austrian tourists down Spain's eastern Mediterranean coast. Canary Island beauty spot of Tene been in danger like it," Lerdo, a p experience, told reporters.

"What I saw was a UFO."
Lerdo said two "intense red lights

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saw what appeared to be several small windows. The whole thing was a strange experience..very strange."

Another passenger said he had taken several photographs and had given the film to the representatives of the Spanish Government who are investigating the incident. "They were spacecraft, of that I am sure," he said. "I have worked on aircraft since before World War II and I know an airplane when I see one...these things were not airplanes as we know them."

The pilot now thought that the best thing to do was get the plane down and away from these objects which seemed to want to hit the plane. The closest airport was in Valencia where he landed 20 minutes later. Waiting at the airport were several government officials, including Spain's Transportation Minister. The crew and the passengers were all questioned as to what happened and

what they saw. The results were flashed over the news wires. On being asked what he thought, the Spanish Transportation Minister replied: "It's clear that UFOs exist." He said that besides the visual sightings by the passengers and crew, he had received reports from Madrid that radar operators picked up UFOs. The radar operator at Madrid Airport reported: "The UFOs were traveling very fast— faster than anything on this planet, at about 30,000 feet. Then suddenly, they dropped 12,000 feet in about 30 seconds— something no plane I know can do."

The director of the airport in Valencia reported that he and several others who were on duty at the time of the UFO buzz on the jet airliner saw several UFOs hovering over the airport. The description fit those of the passengers and crew. "I called the Air Force, what else could I do, the objects moved so fast when they

left, I thought, my God, what are they?" he said in a press interview.

The Spanish Air Force sent up Phantom Jet Fighters who encountered the objects over Valencia, but because of the fantastic speed which the UFOs could muster, the Spanish planes could not engage them, much to the frustration of the pilot who later said, "They were fast; I gave my plane wide open throttle, but I felt like I was standing still. We did, however shoot some film on the objects." The Spanish Government is holding the film for further study. If this was not enough evidence more came to light several days after the aerial encounter.

It was about noon on the following Monday, when a middle-aged man demanded to see the Chief of Police in Valencia. Jorge Lopez Negron was ushered into the office of the Chief of Police who seemed to be annoyed

ighting may be best yet

UFOs exist." old pilot of the e on the weekend plunged the air-red planeload of in Valencia on rather than int he rife. "I've never lot with 15 years

the sky toward is Caravelle jet shortly before midnight Sunday as he flew at 24,000 feet after taking off from the Mediterranean island of Majorca.

Within minutes, the objects closed in to a half-mile from his plane and he ordered his passengers to fasten their safety belts, Lerdo recounted.

After the UFO made two apparent attempts to buzz the plane, the pilot dropped his aircraft into a sharp dive and diverted the plane to Valencia.

Lerdo claimed sophisticated radar in Madrid picked up the UFOs and saw them plunge 12,000 feet in 30

seconds — "something no plane I know can do" — in an attempt to follow him down.

The director of Valencia airport said later he saw the mysterious objects hovering over the airport. A local newspaper reported an air force Phantom had filmed them.

Some of the Caravelle's passengers, whose dramatic flight began with a four-hour delay, claimed Lerdo detoured to a quick landing in Valencia because his aircraft was not airworthy.

But technicians who checked the plane after it landed in Valencia declared it in "perfect condition."

streaked across

News item depicts UPI story detailing how 109 airline passengers were chased by twin UFOs over Spain.

at being disturbed by the racket in the hall. "Well, what is it?" he demanded. The man walked over to the table and placed a bag on it. "This" he said.

A police officer opened the bag and pulled out a round object. "What is it? asked the police chief, and why cause such a fuss over the darn thing?" The object, about the size of a basketball seemed to be made of metal. It was light, in fact at first it was thought to be made of aluminum, and hollow.

"Remember the strange objects which followed a plane several days ago?" Negrón said, "Well that night I was returning to Valencia after visiting my brother at about 11 pm, when I suddenly was approached by a strange flying object which made my car stop. Everything went dead, my motor, radio— even my flashlight refused to work. The object just hovered over my car. It must have been about 30 feet across and

about eight feet high. I must have watched it for about ten minutes before it started to rise. This damn thing fell off, or was dropped and nearly hit me." the men in the room looked at the ball as Mr. Negrón related his encounter with a UFO.

"How do we know you're not making this up?" the police chief asked in a demanding voice. "You don't believe me?" replied Mr. Negrón. "OK, turn the lights off and see for yourselves." The policeman next to the light switch pushed the button and the room fell into a semi-darkness.

"My God, what is causing that?" shouted one of the policemen. The strange ball was glowing with a bright red-orange hue, enough to light up the room.

There was no doubt now that it was indeed a strange ball. It was made of metal, was very light, and glowed in the dark. On close examination, several small symbols were found on the bottom

which was slightly flat.

Mr. Negrón was questioned for about three hours before he was allowed to leave. The ball was sent to the Investigation Committee for further study. At this time, I would like to mention that a similar ball was found by a Florida resident several years ago and was sent to a naval station for analysis. The Florida couple who found the ball on their lawn are still waiting for the Navy to return it.

Although there have been several other UFO reports in the area, only the one with the strange ball ties in with the near fatal encounter with the plane piloted by De Tejada. This case is one of the best in recent months. The Spanish government released a statement saying that this UFO report is one of the best documented on record. Details of this investigation will be available as soon as all the evidence is analyzed. □

This eliminated much of the sun's blinding glare so the neighboring area of space could be photographed in natural light without overexposing the film.

Advising Dan Bochsler in his experiment was Dr. Ernest Hildner of the National Center For Atmospheric Research, Boulder, Colorado. Mr. Hildner recently outlined for this writer the photographic technique exercised in the intraMercurial hunt.

"The coronagraph tended to take 12 exposures of one scene," he stated. "Each dozen exposures consisted of three quartets. A quartet of exposures consisted of one (photographed) through a clear filter and three through polaroid filters oriented 60 degrees apart; then the quartet was repeated at three times longer exposure and again (at) three times shorter exposure to yield the dozen frames of the scene. Clearly, only the exposed images through the clear filter out of the 12 would be useful for Bochsler's search."

Dan Bochsler reported that the usable frames of the near-sun environment were paired together, with members of each pair being separated by time intervals of less than ten hours. "This interval was chosen because Mercury passes radially through the coronagraph's field of view in approximately ten hours," said Bochsler. "Any object inside Mercury's orbit would presumably travel faster and be in the area viewed by the coronagraph for a shorter period of time." The photos were coupled so that if an object moved by the sun, the first picture would freeze it at one point in space; the object, still travelling, would then be captured further along its path on the second film frame.

The coronagraph covered a zone up to three million miles out, all around the sun. "It therefore encompassed the intraMercurial region usually obscured from ground observers by light scat-

tered in Earth's atmosphere," Bochsler noted.

Originally, HS-22 received clearance for only one flight—Skylab 2, the first manned mission, piloted by Charles Conrad, Joseph Kerwin and Paul Weitz. Pictures for the experiment were also snapped, however, on the Skylab 3 and 4 voyages and during periods when the space station was uninhabited.

Photos for analysis were extracted from the entire library of coronagraph images. Duration of



In search of Vulcan

the serviceable Skylab flight regime lasted 227 days, from May 1973 all the way into February of 1974. Coronagraph exposures were made on 151 of these days.

The intraMercurial scan involved some 450 frames. "These were all available, useful images, as I remember," says Dr. Hildner. Positive contact copies of the film returned to Earth were employed in the inspection process, sandwiched between glass plates for easier handling.

Visual examination of the film pairs weeded out frames with "suspect images" for additional analysis—dots or slashes in the photos which might be evidence of intraMercurial bides in space. Some of these turned out to be film flaws, always having crisply

defined edges. "A negative polarity copy of the flight film was examined if the positive showed a suspect image," Bochsler amplifies. "If the negative polarity copy did not show an image, then the image was not on the flight film. In this way, copy film defects and film processing artifacts were eliminated." Dr. Hildner relates that the photo scan was later broadened into a search for any "non-cometary objects" inside Mercury's path.

In his summary experiment, Bochsler defined the coronagraph's sensing ability to track a body close to the sun. "If the albedo (that fraction of reflected light) of an intraMercurial object were similar to that of Mercury a 174 km (108 mile) diameter object orbiting in Mercury's orbit would appear as a sixth magnitude visual object. An object could be smaller than 174 km and still be detected by this search if the albedo were greater than Mercury's rather low value or if the object were orbiting closer to the sun."

No intraMercurial objects were found in the photo scan. Only one body was monitored in the near-sun void during the ten-month watch—the comet Kohoutek. The coronagraph took its picture.

Does this mean conclusively that there aren't any objects revolving at the front of our planetary system? For a few good reasons, possibly not. Such orbiting bodies could be travelling too rapidly to have been caught in the coronagraph's ten-hour image-recording sequences. It's also remotely conceivable the experiment's photo investigators kicked out pictures of a genuine orbiting object, thinking it was only a film flaw. Or maybe there are bodies near the sun, dimmer than seventh magnitude, smaller than 108 miles across. As for an authentic, full-size intraMercurial planet...well, thanks to Skylab we confidently know: Vulcan isn't out there. □

the UFO seen last August 1 over the "Gerald Gentleman Station" may have been a pair of military aircraft refueling in mid air. Others say it was something else.

In any event, Harold Hitch, superintendent of the Nebraska Public Power District plant, Sutherland, said he received reports of "an airplane that didn't act like a normal airplane". The reported sighting came from 10 Public Power District plant employees between 11:15 and 11:45 p.m. last July 30.

Plant workers, Hitch said, saw the object from two vantage points and told him it looked somewhat like an airplane but seemed to be flying too low and too slowly to actually be a plane.

It was reported that the UFO was approximately 1,000 feet-off the ground. Said Hitch: "Planes usually don't fly that low over power plants at night."

Although Robert Pease, air traffic controller at the FAA's North Platte office said Denver radar indicated that a C-5 cargo plane and a KC-135 tanker were in the Sutherland area at the time of the midnight sighting, and that they were probably refuelling, the local military installation, the Denver AFB said the planes were in the area, but long before the sighting was reported.

—CULBERTSON, KANSAS

A triangular-shaped object which resembled two front headlights and a bright red light on the bottom, was reported flying around Northwestern Kansas and Southwestern Nebraska last August 2.

The McCook, Nebraska Gazette received countless reports of the sighting which was reputed to be the size of an airplane— or perhaps a little larger.

One group of observers, members of the Alfred Rippen family who lives four miles southwest of Culbertson, said the object was seen about 11:30. It came from the

south and seemed to hover over their farm for three or four minutes and then headed north, all the while making a humming sound. None of them would estimate how high the object was flying but Mrs. Jackie Rippen said it appeared to be fairly low. She noted the height of the object over their farm was difficult to estimate at night but said it appeared it had no windows at all.

Three other families in the vicinity had earlier reported seeing what was apparently the same object. Denis Tongish and his family, who live 2½ miles south-



east of Herndon, the Cliff Sattler family, who lives in Herndon but was driving east on U.S. 36 nearing the Herndon turnoff, and Mrs. Arlo Wurm who resides about 10 miles southwest of Oberlin all agree that the object they saw that night was triangular shaped and hovered over their property and made no noise whatsoever. Fur-

thur, all maintained that the UFO hovered for the same amount of time— approximately 30-45 seconds— and vanished straight up with a sudden burst of speed before it disappeared.

Several members of the local police department also claim to have seen the strange aircraft.

—GUNTERSVILLE, ALABAMA

Both agreed the object they saw while driving past the feed mills toward their home, was unusual. But neither could determine what it was.

Mrs. Jean Jordan of East Lake, and her 8-year old son, Tommy, saw something flying south. "It was going too slow for a plane or helicopter," Mrs. Jordan said, and her son added that it had three flashing lights, "white, red and blue."

Both said that as they got closer to Big K, there was just the red light. "The last we saw of it, it was still flashing," Mrs. Jordan said.

— WALLACE, NEBRASKA

Whatever the visitors from far distant planets want in Wallace, folks there aren't too happy about the strange array of airborne vehicles that have been flying over their community since early summer.

The objects, said to be as large as jet fighters, hover, then fly off—only to return minutes later and buzz buildings and farms.

Many report the UFOs to be dome-shaped, while others swear to seeing diamond-shapes, even rectangles, depending on the angle from which you watch them. However, all are in agreement that the celestial crafts give off multi-colored lights.

Since visitors are not exactly strangers to Wallace citizens. In 1973, and again in 1975, ranchers reported a rash of UFO sightings at night, and the following morning cattle were found parts of their cadavers cut away. □

The distance from us appeared not less than five miles, possibly very much more.

"During this time both engineers, both navigators, the radio officer, the two stewards and the stewardess watched it and all of us agreed on its shape.

"A number of small objects accompanying it, usually six, were visible. All were agreed they never saw anything like it before. At about 0120 GMT the fighter reported that he was approaching us. The objects immediately began to grow indistinct until only one was visible. They grew smaller and finally vanished at 0123 GMT, still at the same bearing from us.

"All who watched the objects are sure that the large one, at any rate, was no sort of winged aircraft. The small ones were just dots. They left no vapor trails, no lights were seen, just black silhouettes."

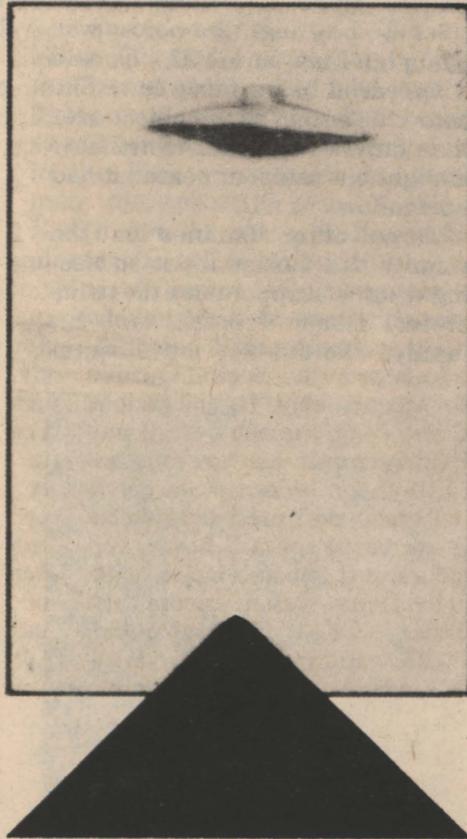
When Bennett asked if there were any aircraft in the area, the reply he received from Goose Bay Approach was negative.

The fighter pilot at Goose Bay can be thankful that he did not meet the bogey; he was scrambled to intercept, because on the very next day a similar incident occurred, only this one ended in tragedy as an armed jet fighter approached the interloper and was destroyed as a result.

When a UFO appeared in the skies over New York, Air Force Headquarters in Washington ordered a FS4C Starfire, a jet interceptor, to identify it. The Air Force called it an "unknown aircraft."

Minutes later the plane crashed in Walesville, New York, causing the death of four people. Twenty-five years later the reasons for the crash are still obscure, and no reasonable explanation has ever been released by the government.

All the Air Force has admitted is that the Starfire had been dispatched on "an active air defense intercept mission." They



Several photos were taken of the UFOs over Rome, New York, minutes before transmission with the doomed aircraft was lost.

also claimed that it had made "a successful interception" although the "unknown aircraft" was never officially identified.

Here are the known details:

After the plane neared the "unknown," the cockpit became unbearably hot and, according to released accounts, uncontrollable. When the plane began to dive toward Rome, New York, the pilot ordered the radar operator to bail out. The pilot wrestled with the controls until the last possible moment, then bailed out himself, at 7000 feet, only seconds before impact. Both crewmen landed safely.

The plane smashed into a car in Walesville, killing three persons, and the blazing wreckage hurtled into two buildings, claiming its fourth victim and setting the structures on fire. The crash was made worse by armed rockets and live ammunition which the fighter carried.

Although this incident is less well known than the celebrated Mantell case of 1948, when a UFO apparently destroyed a military plane and killed its pilot, there is much more concrete evidence to prove that an unidentified flying object deliberately attacked the aircraft.

What in the world is going on?

"I think our pilots are being kidnapped," states Phoenix-bases UFO investigator Warren Davisson. "A hole opens up in the sky and the airplane gets sucked away, never to be seen again. Who knows, maybe the lost pilots are still alive in some other 'where,' some other 'when,'—imprisoned in some unknown dimension."

UFOs have been sampling our aircraft for 40 years. By now the armed forces should be more than a little curious about what has happened to these many planes and their crews. Based on what they have done about it, we may assume that the military *does* know, and is powerless to stop this carnage. □



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heat, electricity and luminous radiation, but is itself none of these. Apparently, the energy can be conducted by paper, wood, wool, silk, and other insulators.

The Pavlita generators have been tested by commissions of experts from the Czechoslovakian Academy of Scientists and the University of Hradec Kralove in Prague. Static electricity, air currents, temperature changes and magnetism have been eliminated as possible explanations for the observed effects. In addition, the energy exerted its effect through glass, water, wood, cardboard, or any type of metal and was not diminished.

No information is available on whether the Czechs are trying to develop psychotronic weapons but Pavlita has admitted that some forms of his devices can exert both favorable and unfavorable effects on living organisms including on human behavior.

When the Czechoslovakian scientist aimed a generator at his daughters's head from a distance of several yards, her electroencephalogram changed and she became dizzy and her equilibrium was disrupted.

Although no data is available, the inventor of the weapon has admitted his device can have devastating effects on living organisms.

In their present form and size, U.S. Army researchers say that the Pavlita devices could exert an effect on humans at only a relatively short range. However, they say their size might be enlarged or their energy amplified, thereby extending their range.

If Czech claims for the Pavlita devices are valid, biological energy might be an effective antipersonnel weapon. Such a weapon would be difficult to defend against, since it apparently penetrates most forms of insulation and its reported effects (changes in brain wave characteristics, disturbances of equilibrium, dizziness) could result in personality change of physical discomfort which might alter combat effectiveness. According to the intelligence study:

“Soviet or Czech perfection of psychotronic weapons could pose a severe threat to enemy military, embassy, or security functions. The emitted energy would be silent and difficult to detect electronically and the only power source required would be the human operator.” □

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a radar lock on the UFO at 23 nautical miles.

As Jafari closed within 21 nautical miles of the object, the UFO suddenly accelerated and remained at a constant speed which kept Jafari's plane exactly 23 nautical miles from it.

The size of the UFO was comparable to that of a 707 tanker, and was flashing multi-colored lights giving it the appearance of a strobe light with many colors featuring red, blue, green, and orange.

As Jafari continued in pursuit of the object, another bright light suddenly emerged from the UFO and headed on a collision course, straight towards Jafari's plane.

At this instance, Jafari attempted to fire an AIM-9 missile at the object, but suddenly all his communication and instrumentation went dead.

Jafari then executed a right turn in order to avoid a mid-air collision, but the UFO commenced the same maneuver but turned inside the perimeter of Jafari's turn. The UFO then rejoined the primary object for a perfect rejoining.

At this instant another craft shot out of the primary object but from the opposite side and headed straight towards the ground at a fantastic rate of speed. The UFOs

As the pilot pursued the weirdly-glowing object, his instruments suddenly went dead—returning to normal only after the UFO veered away. He later said that the alien craft had a “paralyzing effect” on his ship.

brilliance lit up an area of 1½ miles in all directions. As the two F-4's passed over the object, both experienced communications static as the UFO disappeared from sight.

It was later discovered that over 400 people had seen the objects in addition to the crew aboard a C-47 which was heading in towards Shahrokhi Air Force Base.

Despite the fact that all four of these incidents are just as well documented as some of the more famous radar-visual cases, they have remained relatively unknown in the circles of UFOlogy. And thanks to such prominent organizations as Ground Saucer Watch, NICAP, and APRO, such incidents are now beginning to make their mark in the annals of UFOlogy. □

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underwater telephoto lens and left the safety of the cave to get a better look, taking the camera with her.

She headed for some rocks not far from the protruding tube. "That crazy broad," I remember saying to myself, angered. And then it happened. One of the flashing spotlights from "Mother Hen" shone its beam directly on her shoulder, and then another one swung around to light up the area where she was photographing. *Now what*, I said to myself.

Janet was not 50 yards from the undersea crafts. Mike tapped me on the shoulder, and at the same time pointed to a rod which was swinging around at the base of the elongated object to point at Janet.

Suddenly, a blue light flashed out of the rod for a split second, its beam catching Janet's camera hand. Janet's camera fell away as though a jolt of electricity surged through her, making her drop the object. She turned and started to swim toward the cave as a second light, red, flashed out of the same rod. This time its beam caught her shoulder, spinning her around in the water, its impact knocking her off balance. When she reached the cave she showed us a black mark, shaped in the form of a perfect circle on her soft flesh in an exposed area beneath her wetsuit. There was no pain at all, she told us, as we attached the shark cage to the mini-sub and headed for the surface. It was just like Janet to retrieve the camera before making for the cave.

Several days later, only a light pink mark could be seen on her arm. It was Janet's thought that whatever it was down there considered us nothing more than a nuisance, some marine life they didn't want to come too close. The reason Janet gave for her reaction was that while heading for the surface, she looked back to see the beings working on their craft without even glancing our way.

Whoever— or whatever— was down there is out of our hands now. A special report was issued by Janet's organization and pre-

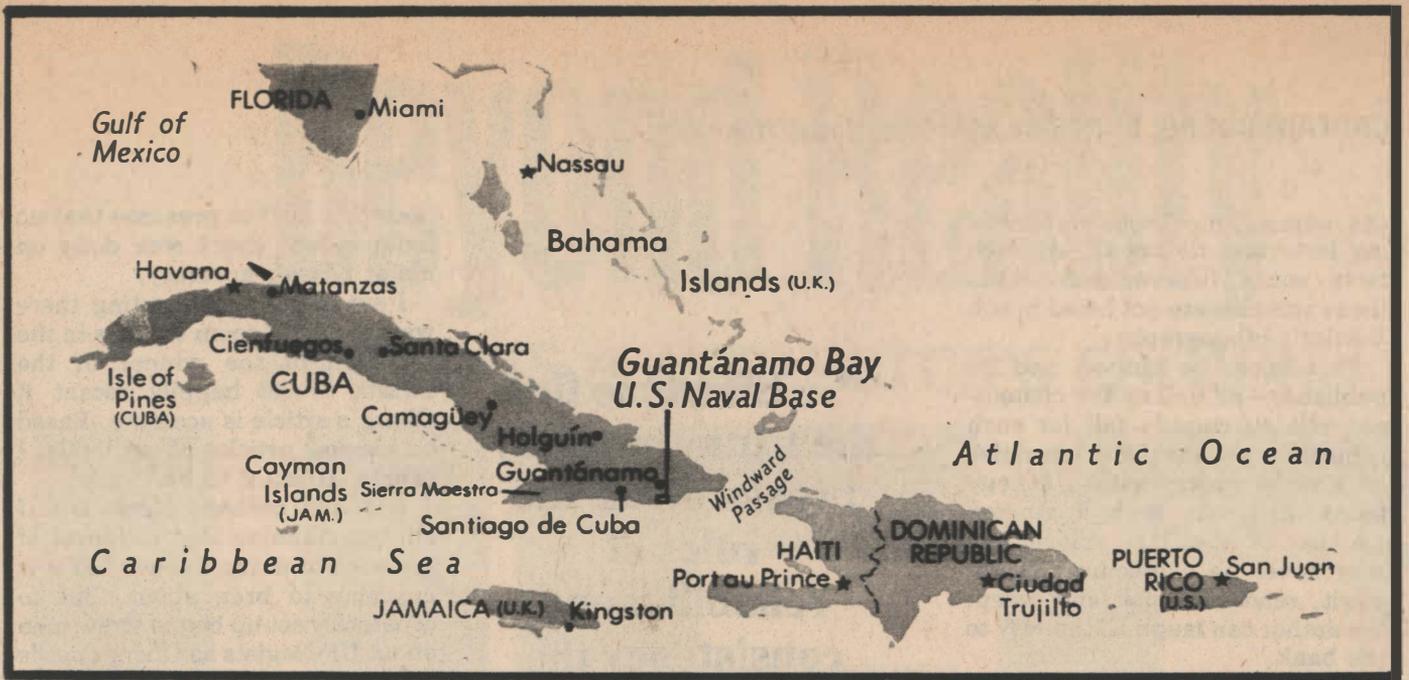
**Strange incidents
have been
happening in the
waters of the world.
From Crete and
Greece's Ionian
Islands, and from
the Solomons
the Cochoas,
fishermen have
vanished, their
boats along
with them. And from
the Aegean to the
Azores, people have
reported strange
lights emanating
from beneath
the surface.**

sented to the military. Whether anything is done, it's all in the hands of the Navy and Air Force. If you ask me, I think like Project Blue Book, the Air Force investigation of UFOs—it will end up as so many sheafs of papers on some general's desk, to be filed away for a date sometime in the distant future—which means probably never. But as Janet says in her correspondence, these investigations take time, money and manpower. In the meantime, the underwater films were developed and we promised Janet we'd be available for consultation, as further proof, of what we'd experienced.

More than six months have passed. And Mike and I have put many knots on the old *Marilyn S* exploring the waters off Crete and the Ionian islands in Greece for artifacts. Our steady contracts keep us quite busy exploring the waters of the world. We recently returned from the Solomon Islands in the South Pacific, and now we're off the coast of the Cochoas Islands some 400 miles off the Pacific Ocean side of Costa Rica. We're here searching for large amounts of money supposedly dumped overboard while Simon Bolivar marched through Peru in 1823.

Although you don't read much of it in the newspapers these days, Mike and I know for a fact that several small boats have recently vanished in the Port of Sudan. A handful of divers never returned from a scuba expedition in Foul Bay, the United Arab Republic. And reports from fishermen in the Gulf of Berbera in Ethiopia indicate that strange multi-colored lights have been seen far below the surface from time to time.

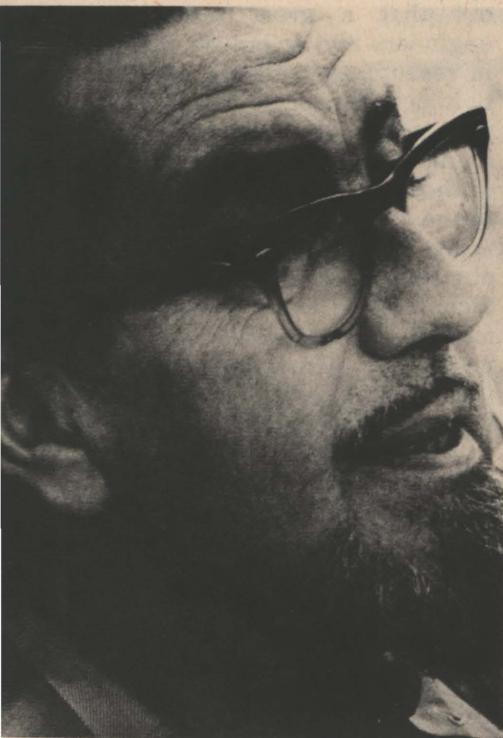
Common sense tells us there is something down there, and whatever it is, it's not of this world. Someday, perhaps, we will finally get to the bottom of the mystery. But in the meantime, as for Mike and myself, we'll continue doing what we're paid for: diving for artifacts from ships sunk long ago. It's what we do best. □



Above map shows area where undersea UFOs were encountered by salvage team. It is also the area which is called the "Bermuda Triangle" and the "Limbo of the Lost".



Editor Harry Belil, left, with author, Charles Berlitz who wrote the best seller, "The Bermuda Triangle." Berlitz feels that UFOs are responsible for much of the mystery surrounding the area



Ivan Sanderson, well known researcher, wrote "Invisible Residents." The books explains how the waters of the world could harbor highly intelligent beings with advanced technology.

the omission of those embarrassing facts that do not fit in. Such facts could fill volumes— but these volumes are not listed in von Buttlar's bibliography.

This book, its author, and its publisher—as well as the customers who so eagerly fall for such rubbish—are excellent examples of what's wrong with UFOlogy today, and why such a general malaise of the UFO movement may never be overcome. In that spirit, read the book and weep; the author can laugh all the way to the bank."

Do scientists have anything to say about Oberg's winning essay?

Here is a response to Oberg's victory in the Cutty Sark competition by Stanton T. Friedman, a knowledgeable and respected man in the UFO field:

"Once again Jim Oberg has left out significant information in his comments about winning the Cutty Sark award. As one of about 40 Americans to submit an entry, I must congratulate him on winning. However, I must point out what seems to be a kind of incestuous relationship between Jim and the judges of the Cutty Sark contest. According to Cutty there were about 174 papers submitted in the Scientific Paper Competition... from about 16 countries— roughly half from the UK and about 40 from the USA.

The judges were Dr. Bernard Dixon, Patrick Moore, and Dr. Christopher Evans. Dixon is editor of the *New Scientist* which had agreed to publish the winning entry (see Oct. 11). Moore is an astronomer who has long been anti-UFO. Evans is author of a book *Cults of Unreason* which has a section on UFOs clearly indicating that Evans knows little if anything about UFOs. Evans is also a member of the grossly mislabeled Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal as, of course, are James Oberg and Philip Klass. To read Oberg one would

"...Efforts to find the truth, brazenly breaks off all the rules of reliability and consistency the searcher so piously swears to..."

think Phil was the only UFO investigator around even though Phil has, for example, had consistent misrepresentation in all of his major case investigations. Dixon had in 1977 published an article by Ian Ridpath about UFOs. It, too, had accepted as gospel all of Phil's explanations. Thus one has to assume that Dixon did *not* know enough to make a sensible judgment about the accuracy of Oberg's submission. In addition, just to keep it even cozier there is the fact that Oberg, Moore, and Dixon are all regular writers for *Omni*...and Dixon as editor of *New Scientist* had published an article by Oberg just this past July 26. I must presume that it would have been quite natural for the judges to assume that whatever Jim wrote was accurate on the basis of his many publications on UFOs and many other subjects in many other publications as well as ones with which they were con-

nected. I further presume that no independent check was done on his or Klass's accuracy.

I am in short suggesting there was plenty of room for bias in the selection of the winner of the award, I will happily recant if Oberg's article is accurate. Based on his past articles about UFOs, I cannot expect it to be.

I should perhaps stress that I am not claiming that the level of research or writing about UFOs is anything to brag about. But to constantly set up bogus straw men about UFOlogists as Oberg does is journalistically and scientifically inappropriate. It would be as silly as saying "Americans don't believe man has landed on the moon." What would be true would be to say that some few Americans believe that man has not landed on the moon. One can probably find some few people that hold any strange view that Oberg or I would attribute to them...but that is not relevant to what is true.

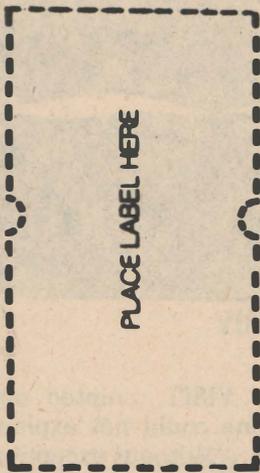
I am enclosing the results of the Industrial Research magazine repeated poll on UFOs just to point out that a great majority of engineers and scientists involved in research and development activities do accept UFO reality— 69 percent of those expressing an opinion. Note, too, that 59 percent of those expressing an opinion as to the origin of UFOs said "outer space." The noisy negativists are obviously a small minority of the technological community not the majority the skeptics would have us believe. Klass had suggested the ratio of believers to non-believers was about one to eleven! Two to one would be a lot closer!"

Stanton Friedman

So, James Oberg, a skeptic of UFOs is the winner of the Cutty Sark competition. It's obvious that people who drink Cutty Sark, or similar hard liquor, usually don't see UFOs— rather they see pink elephants! □

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PARALYZED BY A UFO

If there is one particular thing that scores of individuals who have had close encounters with UFOs have in common, it's the strange paralysis that strikes them during or just after their sightings.

Although temporary, and without any ill after-effects, the paralysis, many report, immobilized their legs and arms as well as their mouth and throat. They can breathe but they can't cry out. "It's a very selective and calculated paralysis which is well defined throughout the history of unidentified flying objects," says Doctor Richard Niemtow, Houston physician and leading UFO investigator.

"As a medical doctor, I can say without contradiction that earthly medical science can not do this. Only a very advanced civilization or an advanced technology beyond our present knowledge could do something like this."

Researching many UFO encounters and those who have had them, Dr. Niemtow, a member of the Houston-based UFO scientific

study group VISIT, pointed out that fear alone could not explain the paralysis. "Without exception the paralysis strikes both the brave and the fearful during UFO encounters. We don't understand how it is done. It seems to affect any nerve that is not vital to the person staying alive."

Dr. Niemtow's years' long research indicted that when a person is paralyzed during a UFO sighting, birds, insects, and animal life in the immediate area fall silent, and he maintained, "we wonder whether the paralysis also effects them."

Dr. Niemtow has also discovered that automobile motors, as well as radios and other electrical systems frequently fail during these UFO encounters.

He said, "This leads one to believe that the paralysis must be caused by some type of electrical or magnetic field or by some unknown energy field well beyond our present knowledge that affect the nerve cells as well as physical objects using any type of electrical equipment." □

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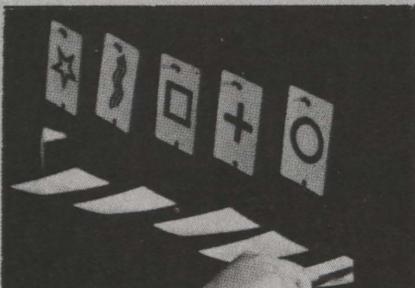
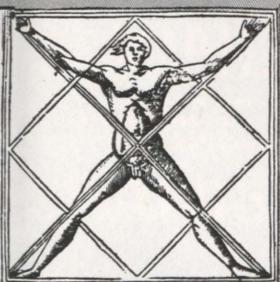
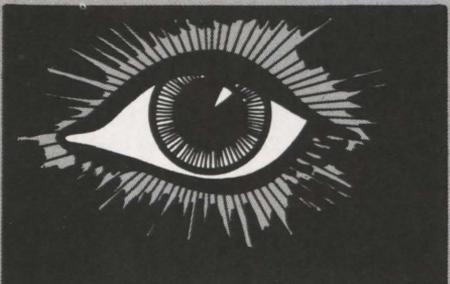
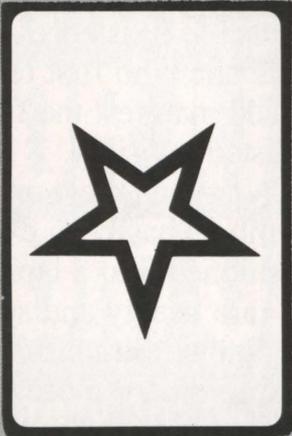
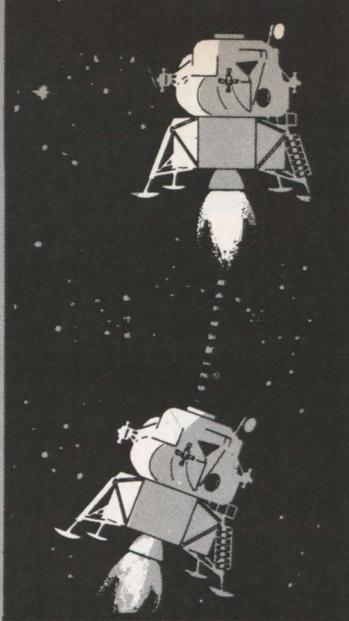
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