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## UFO SIGHTINGS HAVE TERRITORIES TOWN IN A TRANCE

by  
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A mystery of paranormal proportions has the Northwest Territories town of Fort Resolution in a kind of trance.

Every evening since Jan. 4, townsfolk have stepped outside and looked up, hoping to catch another glimpse of a trio of pulsating, multicolored lights dancing across the cold night sky.

They have rarely been disappointed.

"We're seeing exactly the same object every single night ... between about 5 o'clock and 8 o'clock. Then it completely disappears," Mayor Euan Hunter says.

"It's quite calming actually, especially when all the colors come out from underneath it."

The unidentified flying object so intrigued a colonel in the Canadian Armed Forces that he and two staff members hopped into a Twin Otter plane and flew out for a look-see.

"The witnesses were pretty credible, actually," says Capt. Susan Gray, public affairs officer for the military in Yellowknife.

"A few of our Canadian Rangers (Dene and Inuit who serve in a reserve force) had seen it. And the mayor." And the RCMP.

But wouldn't you know it, Gray says by the time Col. Pierre Leblanc got to Fort Resolution the skies had clouded over and he had to leave without seeing anything.



"This is the biggest story since I got up here last summer. UFO sightings or paranormal phenomena are not some thing that Canada's military deals in very often," says Gray.

Leblanc will file a report with the Defence Operation Centre in Ottawa, which deals with about 30 or 40 UFO reports a year.

But though the military's official role may be concluded, the Fort Resolution UFO is still the talk of the base.

Hunter says the object has red, green and blue lights with a constant white light in the centre. It moves straight west, and then down, before vanishing.

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## THE WORK GROUP MEETING JANUARY 21ST, 1996



The first Work Group meeting was well attended by over thirty highly-motivated members and newcomers. They filled out forms indicating their personal skills and areas of interest with respect to how they could best contribute to the organisation. After our current workload and future plans were discussed, special projects were divided into different tasks and taken on by attendees. Some of the essential tasks include; raising the public profile of MUFON Ontario, fund raising, and the construction of our proposed computer database of Ontario UFO reports.

In response to several members' concerns, the current board clarified MUFON Ontario's identity vis-à-vis Mutual UFO Network Inc. in the United States. Before ending the meeting, members were mobilized to telephone local media and obtain information about a recent sighting on Derry Road near the Lester B. Pearson International Airport.

- Gary Elsbey -



Victor Lourenco, Tom Theofanous, Errol Bruce-Knapp and Drew Williamson.

## RESEARCH GRANTS SQUANDERED

by  
**Tom Theofanous**

*Tom Theofanous is the Director of Investigation for MUFON ONTARIO and has, for the past 3½ years, been involved in research that most people may not be aware of. Due to some frustrating circumstances Tom has decided to make readers aware of aspects of his work with Nicholas Reiter and do some much needed fingerpointing...*

Nicholas Reiter and I talked after he placed an ad in David Gotlib's *Bulletin of Anomalous Experience*. Nick was looking for people to help him with research into whether the abduction phenomenon and its anomalous events were accompanied by measurable magnetic disturbances and traces of other energies.

We eventually met at his home in Ohio, in a town a few hours west of Cleveland (my old stomping grounds) and have progressed with the research, finding some very interesting results. *(In future issues we will publish those initial results: ed.)*

After a number of tests with very little money and trying to build enough instruments to get some results, the project needed to expand. We needed proper instrumentation, more people to test and we needed funding.

We tried raising money for the project through word of mouth and articles in the UFO press, but found no help. Then we heard that the coalition of MUFON, CUFOS and the Fund for UFO Research were financing 'scientific' projects using money provided by Bigelow Foundation of Las Vegas.

We applied for a grant from the coalition and received a response a few months later from FUFOR President Richard Hall. Hall described it as "the best project proposal" they had received and they would give it a "priority look".

Soon after, I met Jan Aldridge, a researcher who was being funded by the coalition to collect old newspaper articles on UFOs prior to 1947 from all of North America. Nick and I also found out later that the 'Shag Harbour' investigation was being funded. Researchers needed

money to dive, looking for the supposed UFO that went into the sea off Halifax back in the mid 60s.

We also found out that an investigative team from Gulf Breeze, Florida, the Webb brothers, were being paid a full-time salary to conduct investigations (of what we don't know!).

Very soon after our discoveries the Bigelow Foundation withdrew their funding saying that they disagreed with how their money was being spent.

We then received a letter from Richard Hall explaining that the coalition had to 'hold off all projects' until another source of funding could be found. Our project was on the 'priority list'.

Well, here we are 1½ years later and in his regular article in *UFO Magazine* (Jan/Feb 1996 issue), Hall claims that 'the co-operative research effort of three separate UFO Organizations is still going strong and among other projects in various stages of discussion planning are :

- 1) Experimental placing of "black box" instrument-packages in households having on-going abduction-type events (our project).
- 2) Establishment of a document archive to pull together various private collections in a centrally located accessible place.
- 3) In-depth investigations of important selected UFO cases, three currently in progress.
- 4) Oral history project to record, on videotape, important UFO witnesses, investigators and officials.

Based on the above, I have a problem understanding exactly what the coalition deems 'scientific'. Reading statements that 'scientific projects would be funded' leads me to expect that the projects would be just that - scientific. However, of the three projects that I am aware of that received funding and the four that Hall describes in his *UFO Magazine* column, only one falls within the definition of 'Scientific' - ours!

At the risk of giving you a sense of 'sourgrape-ism' on my part, it seems to me that the 'coalition' of the three big UFO organisations, (which, by the way are financially supported by their 'membership') are only funding projects by people within their circle of friends.

While that may bring them more prestige, control and political power, they give the impression that they are not interested in solving the UFO enigma.

Since the inception of FUFOR there does not seem to be one scientific project that received funding. MUFON and CUFOS have thousands of subscribers who contribute funds, not to mention the money raised by the staging of large symposia and many hundreds of lectures over the last twenty years. Yet, there has been no accountability of where all the money has gone and why we as a community have not been able to progress 'scientifically'. I am sure that MUFON and CUFOS receive thousands of dollars per year, much of which is profit. Profit that seems to end up in a black hole or is used to pay salaries for their owners. If we keep this up, we will be no further ahead in 20 years than we are now.

So, when you hear about spectacular plans and projects from the 'big boys' of ufology, bear in mind that perhaps they're are not doing it for ufology but probably to suit some political objective.

Ironically, an article in *Fate Magazine* (April/1995) by Antonio Huneus only fuels my frustration: "It was announced that veteran New York Parapsychologist Dr. Alexander Imich was sponsoring a contest for scientific papers on UFOs. A \$1,000 prize was to be awarded "for best original paper contributing to the understanding of the interaction of some aspect of the UFO phenomenon with human kind.

The UFO contest was a huge success if we measure it by the number of responses submitted from around the world. According to Imich, a total of 84 entries were received from 12 countries, including Belgium, Canada, England, France, Ireland, Japan, Mexico, Panama, Russia, Switzerland, Ukraine, and the U.S. As for the quality of the papers, Imich observed philosophically that "since the ontological reality of UFOs is still not formally established, it might have been too difficult an assignment to explain the interaction between UFOs and humanity; none of the papers were able to master this task." Nevertheless, many tried to elucidate at least one facet of this complex phenomenon, and the general level of scholarship was quite high.

In the end, the contest resulted in a tie between the best two papers: a detailed social study of "Flaps", by Martin Kottmeyer, and "The Magnetic Event: A New Clue to an Enigma", by Nicholas A. Reiter, which offered original research and a novel approach to the problem of abductions. Perhaps I shouldn't delve too deeply into the

matter since I was one of the final four judges. The other three were Dr. Bruce Maccabee, French ufologist Jean-Luc Rivera, and the contest coordinator William LaParl.

Nicholas A. Reiter is another relatively unknown researcher in the UFO field. With the exception of two articles in the *Bulletin of Anomalous Experience* (a specialized journal on abductions published by Dr. David Gotlib in Toronto), Reiter is one of those low-profile ufologists who do excellent field work, but who stay away from UFO magazines, conferences, and TV shows. His basic premise is that if abductions are real events triggered by something or somebody beyond the purely psychological make-up of the abductee or experiencer, then it is possible and likely that these experiences are "accompanied by measurable magnetic disturbances."

To test this hypothesis, Reiter developed a simple device he called a Magnetic Event Marker or MEM, and distributed several of them among 15 volunteers, including abductees, control subjects, and himself. He defines the MEM as "a purely mechanical indicator, relying on a magnetic compass-style pointer. A deflection of the MEM pointer from magnetic north would be recorded by a physical entrapment or 'sticking' of the pointer in the deflected position." In 25 single-spaced pages, Reiter summarizes the results of his tests, which went on for many months.

I sincerely hope that his full paper will be published soon, so that other researchers can make comments, perhaps improve the design, and, more importantly, duplicate the results, which is the way science progresses. For now, suffice it to say that Reiter did find many instances in which "most deflections were notes on mornings following nights when unusual events occurred, or were thought to occur."

Reiter has opened a whole new area of research into abductions and other anomalous events that should definitely be pursued by him and other researchers. It takes the so-called abduction syndrome beyond the purely anecdotal, story-telling mode that has dominated that field up to now. Bravo. "

So, where do we go from here? Who can blame the Bigelow Foundation for withdrawing their funding? The squandering of precious financial resources surely frustrates more people than Nick and I?

Unfortunately it's not just the careless allocation and distribution of project funding that needs to be

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## ALIEN PHILOSOPHY 101

by  
Anne

First of all I'd like to thank the talented staff of @discovery.ca (the Discovery Channel, Canada) namely, line-producer Joey McLaughlin and Judy Haliday for their very compassionate and 'open minded' interview they conducted with me both prior to and during its airing. They did not treat me as an 'Off the wall Space(d)? Person' but rather as a credible and realistic individual who could possibly shed some light on this growing phenomenon. (*ed.: abduction phenomenon*)

Recently, for those of you who may have missed this special feature broadcast, I had the privilege of appearing on what Discovery Channel termed as 'Alien Week'. This is not to say that I should now be classed as alien, but rather, have had experiences with these beings that would seem to fit into the category of the abduction related phenomenon. Regardless, I greatly appreciated their respect for my anonymity since potential employers might not have anything but skepticism for such an 'alien' topic.

However, I should point out here that tests in respect to Temporal Lobe Epilepsy proved to be negative. Further to this, there are two types of hallucinations, visual and auditory. Visual hallucinations occur with psychotic problems such as schizophrenia and manic depression whereas auditory hallucinations are consistent with stimulus such as alcohol, hallucinogens or brain tumors. Due to this fact they never occur together. Since I was well aware of visual, auditory and a touching sensation to the back of my neck (and do not have psychotic tendencies nor was I on hallucinogens, alcohol or growing myself a brain tumor) I can only conclude that what I believe happened, did in fact happen. There is also the matter of the physical evidence they left in my living room. A strange three foot circular indentation that temporarily crushed the new carpet pile, and of this I was not the only witness.

Years have passed since my first encounter, however as time continues to move forward, it would seem that these events have become more significant to me than ever. There probably has not been a day that I haven't thought about it for at least a fleeting moment. For instance, even my views of life itself. Although this has always been very precious to me, it has somehow lost its sparkle and taken on very serious overtones.

I can no longer look at the violations being committed against our own 'Terra' without an overwhelming feeling of sadness and hopelessness. Is there somebody high enough up the ladder out there in this world of corruption, power, 'big bucks' money and war mongers that does give a damn? Somebody with tremendous power that is on our side. Everyday I read or hear about another crisis, major threat to the environment, another extinct species, another atrocity against mankind and wonder how it will all end. I do know one thing, it can't go on... and it won't go on much longer without a rude awakening of some great magnitude by all of mankind.

I have the distinct feeling (perhaps an access to knowledge) from my encounters that not only do they feel that we are a dying race, but a stupid, stubborn and ungrateful one. To be gifted with so much and appreciate it so little. Yes, I believe we are being used, but I'm not surprised since we will soon become one of the 'extinct' species that we seem so good at creating. With the ozone layer becoming dangerously thin we will probably soon be able to tan from within the privacy of our own home, or maybe from the inside out! The pollution levels in every ocean threaten the very existence of a simple life form that sustains all known life in one way or another - plankton.

But again, what can you expect when the fines for dumping toxic waste into the oceans are a mere 'drop in the bucket', so to speak, when compared with the amount of profit they are making by dumping it there. You see, it costs less to dump it illegally than to do it legally.

The destruction of the rain forests threatens to not only eliminate the life in those regions, but everywhere. I wonder how big business really intends to make money on a dead, barren Earth with oceans that smell like cesspools as they overheat, on a planet devoid of its oxygen? Still, pollution issues rage on, and for now so does life as we know it. But will 'they' let it? Myself, being of a very logical nature (perhaps even 'Spock-like'), I can only say what I would thoughtfully consider if I were 'them'.

1. first of all we have a race that tends to run amuck, into here and there and this and that, clogging the natural resources like so many Zebra Mussels...

2. secondly, it has been duly noted that they will eliminate each other with no regard for life

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## FROM THE ARCHIVES...

by  
Clay Foley

*In this column I will be presenting readers with obscure and important works related to the UFO field. The need for such a forum has become evident as there exists a significant body of such literature, (as well as other media), which many ufologists are largely unaware of. I trust that I will maintain this publication's high standards by disseminating quality information for the purpose of advancing our knowledge and understanding of these strange phenomena. Although the column will feature a review style format, in this issue it will deviate somewhat from this model as I will be presenting a special case.*

I am often asked, "When was the first book published on UFOs?". Like many researchers I was led to believe that it was Frank SCULLY's Behind the Flying Saucers (Holt N.Y.1950). After all the Condon Committee had stated such in their historical perspective on the phenomenon and more recently RASMUSSEN's bibliography of UFO literature had made the same claim.

Publication data suggests however, that it was Major Donald E. KEYHOE's The Flying Saucers Are Real (Fawcett N.Y./paperback) in June 1950, that made it first off of the press. Hutchinson & Co. (London) had published a hard cover edition also in 1950. The publication date of this volume should follow the paperback as Fawcett claimed that their edition "...has never been published before".

SCULLY wrote in Pageant magazine (February 1951) that his work was published September 8 1950, a date reaffirmed by J.P.CAHN in the True "exposé" article of September 1952. Further to the above, I have also run across a copy marked "first printing" bearing a review slip dated September 8 1950.

Complicating matters is Gerald HEARD's The Riddle of the Flying Saucers having also been published in 1950 by Carroll & Nicholson, (London). The authoritative Encyclopedia of UFOs leaves one with the impression that this work preceded the above noted titles. Fortunately HEARD makes reference to "early autumn 1950" in the foreword and elsewhere he cites a case file bearing the date August 8 1950. Therefore, I feel that we can provisionally assign the publication of this work to a

time following SCULLY's September 8 1950 date. I have avoided including "booklets" in this discussion such as Kenneth ARNOLD's The Flying Saucer As I Saw It (1950) and the works of Meade LAYNE for example, due to their sparse text.

With regards to content, in his book, KEYHOE stated that aliens had been visiting the earth for centuries and had increased such activities upon our entering the atomic age. KEYHOE had

further stated that the U.S. government was aware of these facts and had maintained a veil of secrecy concerning UFOs. Various early classic cases from this era are also presented.

SCULLY wrote on the recovery of three crashed saucers and their occupants, that had allegedly occurred in New Mexico and Arizona. Although this work has been largely discredited, some feel that SCULLY's sources may have gleaned information concerning the Roswell occurrence which they distorted while informing SCULLY. Reasoned speculation contends that one cannot exclude the possibility that SCULLY was unwittingly used in a Roswell disinformation project.

Ironically, the principal topics addressed in both of these early works on UFOs are as topical today as they were some 45 years ago.

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## APPEAL

MUFON Ontario is in the process of re-opening an investigation. If you have information about any UFO cases during the period of 1950 - 1955 in North Bay, Ontario please send us a copy.

## FROM THE NET...

### JACQUES VALLEE ISSUES WARNING TO UFO RESEARCHERS

As reported in the Nov/Dec issue of UFO Magazine, famed UFO researcher Dr. Jacques Vallee pointedly warned of two dangers confronting UFO researchers when he spoke at the Omega UFO Conference in North Haven, Connecticut in early October. The first danger comes from government abuse of UFO information and possible manipulation of public beliefs.

The second danger, Vallee said, is that UFO research itself seems to be "falling back into its infancy."

Regarding UFO information in government hands, Vallee said:

"Clearly the major governments have data. Tons of it. My tentative conclusion is that they don't know what to do with that data. If they are covering up something, it is primarily their own ignorance. But there is more. They are lying about the fact that some of their covert services use the phenomenon to manipulate public opinion and to obscure their own craven feats..."

Public belief in UFOs, Vallee continued, "could be used to disguise tests of new weapons platforms and could serve as a shield for mind control experiments involving the use of drugs on unsuspecting patients." The reference to mind control was apparently in connection with claimed experiences of alien abduction. Vallee is outspokenly critical of researchers who regard abduction -- especially as reported under hypnosis -- as literal alien contact, but he does not dismiss all abduction accounts as pure fantasy. Instead, he believes that at least some abductions could be the result of government-sponsored experimentation.

Regarding the current state of UFO research, Vallee first called to mind a comment made by the late Dr. J. Allen Hynek, with whom Vallee worked for many years. In a private conversation, Vallee says Hynek told him, "Nobody will ever give you or me a dime to do serious research on UFOs. But if we were to cross the line of professional ethics and went back on stage pretending we had the answer with a capital A, and told these people Ufology was the cure to all their spiritual anxieties, we could raise a million dollars today."

Vallee then commented, "In the last few years that fine ethical line has been crossed again and again by many

people claiming to provide both spiritual and scientific answers...I'm an active researcher, and I've become a sorrowful bystander in this field. My impression as I watch this festival of absurdities from the sidelines is one of unceasing wonder with a touch of sadness. The wonder comes from the realization that even in our supposed age of technology there is so little critical examination of the facts...There is no credible ongoing effort scientifically to come to grips with the underlying phenomenon, which I continue to believe is real and informed...All we have left is a few groups of believers standing on mountaintops with flashlights, expecting the aliens to come down and shake their hands.

In that sense, the UFO research is falling back into its own infancy, into a folklore that doesn't even have the odd charm of the contactees of the 1950s."

However, Vallee ended his speech on a note of hope: "I continue to hope that someday we will be able to sort out the signal from the noise and get to work on the real UFO phenomenon. If I do feel one major responsibility, it is to transmit the data to posterity so that future scientists will be able to make sense of what seems to us to be hopelessly dank. If we can resist the temptation to jump to hasty conclusions, we may emerge intellectually better and spiritually stronger into the 21st century."

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JACQUES VALLEE

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

February 6, 1996

Dear Editor,

The reason I'm writing is to ask if you'll print this in your organization's publication.

I've managed to secure an advance copy of the up-coming PBS tv program *'Nova: Kidnapped by UFOs'*. This is the most one-sided, superficial, unscientific 'investigation' I've ever seen. I'm sorry I participated.

From the outset I was assured by the producers that we were going to get a fair and honest hearing. I consented to participate because of Nova's reputation, and because the producers seemed sincere and sympathetic. More than that, Budd Hopkins and myself hoped that 'mainstream' scientists might initiate a serious investigation which is what we need. Boy, were we wrong!

Budd provided the producers photos of the marks and unusual scars that appear overnight on our bodies, ground-trace evidence, and copious research notes that show the amazing consistency of our accounts of alien intervention in our lives.

I requested, and gave the producers permission (in writing) to test me in any way, (within reason) they required, in order to substantiate our claims. Specifically I requested that they perform a psychiatric or psychological evaluation in order to eliminate psychopathology as a possible explanation. I indicated that I would be willing to take an M.P.P.I. (multi-phasic personality indicator) or any other such related evaluation tool. I gave them permission to enter my home - interview my family members and test for any unusual phenomena such as magnetic anomalies or unexplainable radiation levels, anything. I also volunteered to submit myself to x-rays or M.R.I. scans in order to determine the presence or lack of any 'foreign' objects in my body. I even volunteered to take a polygraph test. In short, we laid all our cards on the table.

None, repeat none of the evidence we presented, or volunteered to help them obtain ever made it to the "final cut" which will air on P.B.S. on February 27th.

Not a single one of my suggestions, (for testing) were persued by Nova's staff. There was, in point of fact, no investigation at all.

Instead, what we've gotten is a rehash of all the favorite theories that the professional debunkers have been espousing all along. We're all either: delusional, hallucinating, suffering from sleep paralysis, false memory syndrome, excessive electrical stimulation of our brains, or the old standby,... we've all 'seen too many science fiction movies'!

Once again, honest decent, ordinary, hard working family people are being dismissed as poor deluded wahoos who've seen too many Spielberg flicks.

I resent being treated this way. I am a man that has successfully raised two wonderful children to adulthood, maintain a twenty-seven year marriage, a career as a graphic artist, a business, and a home. I am not by any stretch of the imagination a 'flake'. I'm telling the truth and at the very least deserve a fair hearing.

Apparently, Nova's producers at WGBH tv in Boston, are much more interested in controversy, ratings, and entertainment than they are in doing any responsible 'Science'. Personally, I saw nothing of the 'scientific method' in any of my dealings with them. It's a shame, many people rely on them for information.

Sincerely,

John Velez  
New York, NY.

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The Editor,  
The Canadian Ufologist.

How much longer can we patiently wait for our federal and provincial governments to acknowledge that 'there is something going on here' with regard to UFOs? How many more Canadians have to be traumatised as abductees before governments act?

In the past experiencers and ufologists were generally regarded as flakes, mocked and dismissed. Today, many professionals have gone public in print, broadcast and public forums with their findings. Scores of reliable witnesses, including commercial and military pilots, police, politicians and generally respectable citizens around the world have filed UFO reports. To what end? The National Research Council has many hundreds of them in their archives. But there is no official reaction to them.



Why is it that despite the mounting evidence, our elected representatives maintain a dis-interested stance? Years ago, back in the 50s a committee based in Ottawa 'investigated' the phenomenon. A scientist at the NRC, Wilbert Smith, reported to the committee concluding that there was something to reports of UFOs. Why have his observations and conclusions never been officially followed up. Why?

When is the federal government going to put a Royal Commission of Enquiry in place? In this time of cutbacks in funding it need not cost much to recruit health professionals, ufologists and others as commissioners - they would probably be intrigued enough to sit for very minimal expenses.

Sincerely,  
Markel Jacobson  
Etobicoke, Ontario

*[Your letters are encouraged and welcomed. Please send them to the address on page 2.]*

## Alien Philosophy - Continued from page 5

3. thirdly, they eliminate other co-existing species even when this is not necessary.
4. They have a tendency to over-populate and starve themselves, like prolific creatures confined in a cage with lesser brain power.
5. They will inevitably be in our way, perhaps they would function better in a controlled environment where they could do little harm to us, the planet or themselves... slaves?

There are always two sides to every story, a positive and a negative. I was presented with two sides to the abduction phenomenon, first the bad and then the good. When things became as bleak, desperate and terrifying as I thought they could get, they showed me their positive side. Intelligence beyond comprehension, gentle humor, patience and an acute understanding of how human beings need to satisfy their curiosity. After all, isn't curiosity a potential sign of intelligence? I definitely sensed an inner smile in return for my barrage of questions. A joy felt telepathically from another being. Maybe the message here is that we should learn all we can, that good can come from bad and conditions can change. It's odd, but even as I write these words I feel I am still learning from them, a belated message and sense

of 'deja vu' as if this simple theory is the one they were trying to convey to me all along.

If this burden, seems too much to bear, I am sorry, but I now see matters from both sides of the fence. This is a burden that I carry everyday, yet despite all this I still feel there is hope for us. Maybe, if we're considered the new kids on the block, they just might even be compassionate enough to bail us out, like good neighbors.

## Research Grants - Continued from page 4

carefully examined here. There is a much more deep-seated problem within the major UFO organisations - that of the motivation and decision-making of the 'leadership' of those organisations. Leadership that is self-centred, self-serving and, in the long-run, detrimental and dangerous to ufology.

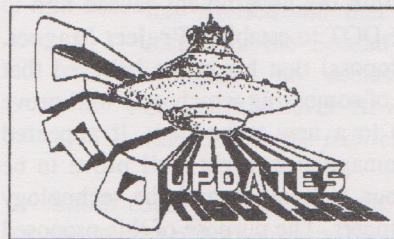
The analogy is, I suppose, to finding a cure for cancer. If they ever do find a cure what would all the thousands of cancer researchers do for a living?

## SOUTH KOREAN SIGHTING

The Toronto Star - Saturday, January 6, 1996

South Korean air force personnel monitored a doughnut-shaped object that hovered over a provincial park in Taegu.

According to the news agency Yonhap, the strange object glowed with a light and passed silently over the hilly park. Radio and television stations were swamped with reports of the unidentified flying object, and a large crowd gathered to watch it move across the evening sky.



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## UFOLOGY IN THE GREAT WHITE NORTH

by

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Symposium in Seattle, Washington, USA.

### *Part Two*

#### **Wilbert Smith**

In the 1950s, no-one in the UFO field in Canada was better known than Wilbert Brockhouse Smith. Smith is generally known as an official with the Department of Communications (DOC) and the head of a Canadian Government UFO project, Project Magnet.<sup>i</sup> But who exactly was Smith, and what precisely was Project Magnet?

Wilbert Smith held both a B.Sc. and M. Sc. in Electrical Engineering, and was Senior Radio Engineer, Broadcast and Measurements Section, Department of Transport (DOT).<sup>ii</sup> Smith was internationally recognized for his work in radio communications, and he held a number of patents. He had been responsible for engineering aspects of everything concerning the use of radio in Canada, including equipment standards, radio relay systems, broadcast facilities and interference studies. He was in charge of establishing a network of ionospheric measurement stations throughout Canada, and he often represented Canada at international conferences.

Smith's interest in the UFO phenomenon and his influential position within the government caused him to make a proposal to the DOT to establish **Project Magnet**. Smith stated in the proposal that his group believed that they were on the track of something which may well prove to be the introduction to a new technology. It appeared that their work in geomagnetics might well prove to be the linkage between our technology and the technology demonstrated by the saucers. The purpose of this proposed project was to study how magnetic and gravitational principles might account for the reported flight characteristics of flying saucers.

There has been a resurgence of interest in Smith in the last few years, primarily due to what has become known as the "Smith memo." This was a memo which attracted a lot of attention around the time of the MJ-12 papers, and the Smith memo helped lend a certain credibility to the



Wilbert Smith

whole MJ-12 milieu. The memo, which now has been widely circulated, is dated 21 November 1950, and was originally sent to the Controller of Telecommunications as a proposal to study officially the UFO situation. In this memo, Smith wrote, "The existence of a different technology is borne out by the investigations which are being carried on at the present time in relation to flying saucers." He also stated that by making discreet inquiries at the Canadian Embassy in Washington, DC, he had learned from Dr. Robert Sarbacher that:

- A) The matter is the most highly classified subject in the United States government, rating higher even than the H-bomb.
- B) Flying saucers exist.
- C) Their modus operandi is unknown but concentrated effort is being made by a small group headed by Dr. Vannevar Bush.
- D) The entire matter is considered by the United States authorities to be of tremendous significance.

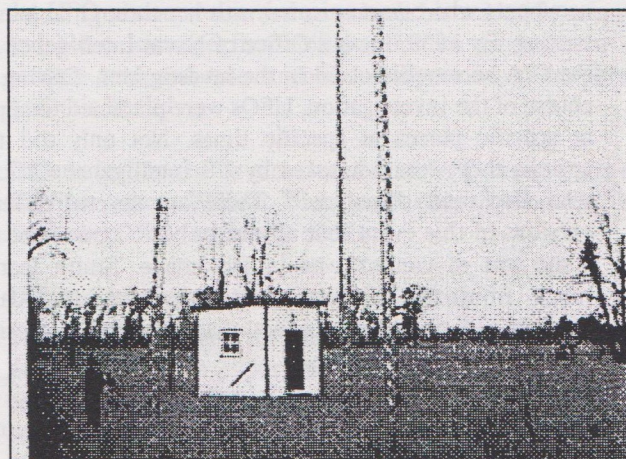
Once discovered, this memo, sent by an influential Canadian government official, wrought a bit of havoc within the UFO community. The information contained in the memo, of course, resulted in the tracking down and interviewing of Dr. Robert Sarbacher, and added considerable fuel to the MJ-12 debates. But in a more practical sense, the memo's most important aftereffect was far more immediate. After receiving the memo, the Canadian Department of Transport quickly approved Smith's proposal to investigate UFO reports in an official capacity. On 02 December 1950, Project Magnet - a classified Canadian government project - was officially born.

Smith and his group studied flying saucer reports from all across the country and worldwide, and issued interim reports. On 10 August 1953, Smith filed a report in which he stated, "It appears then, that we are faced with a substantial probability of the real existence of extraterrestrial vehicles, regardless of whether they fit into our scheme of things. It is therefore submitted that the next step in this investigation should be a substantial effort toward the acquisition of as much as possible of this technology...."

A mere three months later, on 13 November 1953, the first "flying saucer sighting station" in the world was operational, at Shirleys Bay, Ontario, ten miles from the nation's capital of Ottawa. At this site were some very sophisticated instrumentation for the detection of flying saucers. The equipment included a gamma ray counter for the detection of cosmic radiation, a magnetometer to detect disturbances in the earth's magnetic field, a radio receiver to check for radio noise, and a recording gravimeter to detect variations in the earth's gravitational pull.

On 08 August 1954, at 3:01 PM, the equipment at Shirleys Bay registered a very definite disturbance. In Smith's own words, "the gravimeter went wild." All evidence indicated that a UFO had flown in close proximity of the station, perhaps within feet. Smith and his group were alerted by an alarm which was linked into the equipment. Unfortunately the area was clouded in and no visual confirmation could be made, but the instrumentation did in fact record that there was a major disturbance. *Two days later*, the DOT announced that Project Magnet was being shut down. There were several reasons given by the DOT for this move, but they did not include lack of results.

Another project that Smith was involved in was Project Second Storey. There is much confusion about Project Second Storey. Many researchers believe that Second Storey was a continuation of the defunct Project Magnet, and one which later went "underground." Actually, Second Storey was a separate and discrete project, but one which also involved Wilbert Smith. Second Storey was established in April of 1954 by Dr. O.M. Solandt of the Defense Research Board. Its function was basically to ponder the UFO situation, and to recommend government action. In addition to Wilbert Smith, members of this Committee included Dr. Peter M. Millman, Chairman of the Dominion Observatory; Group Captain D.M. Edwards, Directorate of Air Intelligence; Commander J.C. Pratt, Directorate of Naval Intelligence; Flight Lieutenant V.L. Bradley, Defense Research Board, and others. Some



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of the reports and minutes of Project Second Storey exist and are available to the public, but others are not — and how many others there may be is unknown.

The purpose of this project was not to investigate UFO reports, but rather to evaluate and advise, and to lay down some groundwork for investigations. The members of this project devised a sighting report form, and approved a document prepared by Smith entitled, "Weighing Factors For Analysis Of Sighting Reports." They also planned to do a study of the US Project Blue Book, but this was never released officially. On 09 March 1954, Project Second Storey held its last meeting. The reason, a limp statement that UFO evidence "does not lend itself to scientific investigation," has led many researchers to believe that Second Storey simply went underground. And maybe in fact it has. In a Canadian Government memorandum dated 15 September 1969, it states:

"Dr. P.M. Millman, National Research Council, has advised me that documents reporting the results of the Second Storey studies in project "Magnet" be declassified.....at least to the confidential level. *At no time should it be made available to the public.*" [italics added]

Smith continued his research quasi-officially long after the demise of both projects Magnet and Second Storey. He was allowed to use government equipment and facilities, as long as they were not being used for DOT business, and he and his group worked on their own time. Consequently, many facts, stories, and rumours came out of this era from other than official sources, and some of it is extremely interesting.

In 1950s, Smith was deeply involved with an investigation of a Mrs. Swan, who was in "mental contact" with UFO

occupants who communicated with her through automatic writing. By 1959, the US Office of Naval Intelligence and the CIA became involved in the investigation. During the course of the investigation, UFOs were predicted to appear at specific places at specific times. Not only did they appear, they were witnessed by US Intelligence Officers, who also made "contact."<sup>iii</sup> There are several different versions of this event, but all are in basic agreement that some sort of contact was in fact made. Smith learned much from this contact from elsewhere who called himself AFFA, so much in fact, that it formed the basis of his book *The New Science*.

In 1961, Wilbert told a pair of interviewers that a number of fragments had been recovered and analyzed by his group, including one which had been shot from a UFO over Washington DC in July 1952:

I was informed that the disk was glowing and was about two feet in diameter. A glowing chunk flew off and the pilot saw it glowing all the way to the ground. He radioed his report and a ground party hurried to the scene. The thing was still glowing when they found it an hour later. The entire piece weighed about a pound. The segment that was loaned to me was about one third of that. It had been sawed off....

There was iron rust — the thing was in reality a matrix of magnesium orthosilicate. The matrix had great numbers — thousands — of 15-micron spheres scattered through it.

Smith also confirmed that a large mass of unidentified metal was studied by his group in 1960:

There is about three thousand pounds of it. We have done a tremendous amount of detective work on this metal..... We are speculating that what we have is a portion of a very large device which came into this solar system — we don't know when — but it had been in space a long time before it came to earth; we can tell that by the micrometeorites embedded in the surface... We have it but we don't know what it is!"

In a new book, *The Granite Man and the Butterfly*<sup>iv</sup>, new information is revealed and old rumours are substantiated about Wilbert Smith. Much of this information comes from very recent interviews (November 1993) with Wilbert Smith's son Jim. W. James Smith himself is what would be called a solid citizen. He has a background of

years in broadcast journalism, a Master's degree in Sociology, is trained in music education and psychology, and has published papers on brain research. Currently he is a vice-principal of an elementary school.

Referring to the previously mentioned large fragment of something, evidently an army flatbed truck quite unceremoniously dumped the 1,800 pounds of muddy metal right onto the Smith's driveway:

The American Air Force would send him chunks of pieces from UFOs...[this metal] had been dredged up from the St. Lawrence River west of Quebec City, so there was some speculation as to what it was. It was common to have these things shipped up to my dad. He would run it through his analysis, and the Canadian military would have a go at it. Sometimes we sent the metal back, and sometimes they said "we don't care; keep it if you want."

Eventually, Smith began hosting meetings of an informal "Flying Saucer Club" in his basement, with sometimes 40 people in attendance. Quoting from the book:

One such night, Jim loped out the front door into the fresh air...Immediately he saw something which made his heart skip and then beat faster. Hovering a couple of feet above the front lawn was a small spacecraft.

A "monitor!" Wow. The aliens really are watching us! He glanced back at the house. Near the foundation, the basement windows were lit up. Inside, thirty or so adults were listening intently to someone giving a talk, unaware of the observers outside.

Then, suddenly the little craft was gone. It left a calling card, however. For the next half-dozen years the ground was scorched into sterility down to bedrock four feet below, in a circle under where it had hovered.

The neighbours became accustomed to strange events at the Smith residence, and joked "just keep your saucers off our property."

It was common knowledge in the neighbourhood that small spacecraft were blatantly perching in the trees around Smith's house. Each craft's radiations would burn the leaves in an area of the tree around where it sat, to the point where no leaves would appear for a couple of years.

Jim Smith recalls, "It quickly became apparent that the club was being monitored...I'd seen two of the small UFOs myself — I call them 'monitor ships.' A small one would perch outside of the window and watch, and audio- and videotape what was going on. We would hear about it later from other channels."

Perhaps "other channels" is an ironic choice of words here. What — or perhaps who — exactly were these channels? In 1990s parlance, a "channel" has a quite specific meaning. Was this the aforementioned Mrs. Swan, who "channeled" information through automatic writing?

Wilbert Smith's screening process [of witnesses] put him in touch with "mediums" who claimed to get information through automatic writing. He found only two or three with whom he continued to work. None of the mediums were engineers or technical people, so Wilbert would pose technical questions to test their information. As a scientist, he did not believe anyone's word without digging into it.

Jim Smith: "After a period of time of that happening — and some of the information which came back through automatic writing actually working — he could build something and come back for more answers to improve and modify it. After that, one tends to believe that these are intelligent beings who are driving these things."

"He was still a doubting Thomas, so they made arrangements for him to both meet a person from another planet and (to view) sightings at a particular time. Both of which worked out. So none of us disbelieve."

He did not elaborate on the details of the meeting with a person from another planet.

Interest in the life and work of Wilbert B. Smith is arguably more intense now than it has ever been, and with good reason, it would seem. Research projects have been started, archives are being scoured, and new information is being added to the record. There is already so much literature devoted to Smith, that there is ample room to disagree on many of the details of Smith's (and the Canadian Government's) activities. For the most part, however, the picture is clear: Wilbert B. Smith was a sensible and serious scientist who held an important post within his government. He had a very sincere interest in

the UFO phenomenon and used both his scientific talents and some leverage from his position in government to cause a real and true scientific study to be undertaken. And this he did.

Canada lost one of its most influential UFO researchers of all time when Wilbert Brockhouse Smith died on 27 December 1961, at the age of 52.

## 1950s Continued and the AVRO Disk

The US military presence in Canada was quite pronounced in the 1950s, and consequently, many of the best Canadian sighting reports from this decade center around military installations such as Goose Bay, Labrador and Gander, Newfoundland. As well, these reports have become well known and widely published because of this military connection. Otherwise, however, things were fairly typical.....well, sort of.

One event — or project — which really was something completely different, was the AVRO flying disk. The AVRO car, as it was called, was a saucer-shaped vehicle built by the A.V. Roe corporation under contract with the US Air Force. As a revolutionary aircraft, it lacked quite a few things — things like actually getting off the ground on a regular basis, flight stability, and the like. However, as a public-relations device, which is all it really was intended to be, it was a rousing success. It garnered an incredible amount of media attention, and provided the US Air Force with a convenient diversion when needed. For many years, the AVRO disk was on display in the US at military bases, but it has since been repatriated to Canada.

## 1960s - 1980s

The decades of the 1960s, 1970s and 1980s spawned many high-level UFO reports. The major Canadian UFO case of the 1960s was the well-known Steven Michalak case from Falcon Lake, Manitoba. Michalak, while out prospecting, witnessed a UFO landing, and went to investigate. A door in the UFO appeared, he looked inside, and he attempted to talk with the occupants, whom he assumed were US Air Force pilots. After receiving no answer from inside the object, the door closed, and something akin to steam blew out of a grating on the object, and burned Michalak severely. He became ill, and eventually checked into the Mayo Clinic for treatment. This case attracted national as well as international attention. The case was discussed at great length in Parliament, and more government documents were generated for this case than any other UFO case in Canadian history up to that point.

The best known UFO case of the 1970s was probably the Fuhr case from Saskatchewan. Farmer Edwin Fuhr was swathing his field when he spotted "something" in the field ahead of him. As he got closer, he saw that there were in fact five somethings, five domes of an aluminum colour which were spinning just above the ground. They rose into the air, assumed an echelon formation, emitted some thick, black smoke, and flew away. Left in their wake were five swirled circles in the field. Although these circles were identical to what was known at the time as "saucer nests," *i.e.*, swirled vegetation with sloping edges, many cerealists for some reason consider these ground effects to be prototypical crop circles.

The 1980s were most notable for the sudden onslaught of abduction accounts, but one of the most outstanding "hard" cases would be the Campbell River photograph. This photo, in my semi-humble opinion, is probably the best UFO photograph ever taken. On 08 October 1981, Hannah McRoberts was out driving with her family, and stopped to take a photo of a nearby mountain. She saw nothing out of the ordinary. When her film was developed, the clear image of a domed disk near the mountain peak was quite evident. This photo was subjected to rigorous analysis by Dr. Richard Haines, whose analysis suggests that the object is a three-dimensional object at least 30 feet from the camera." Other estimates are that the object is approximately 16 feet in diameter, and is at an altitude of roughly 1000 feet.

### Recent Events and Current Affairs

We are now going to jump into very recent history — the 1990s, and some of the various UFO and related happenings we have encountered so far.

Canada has had its share of crop circles, some fairly standard and others a little less so. Many of the Canadian crop circles had a whole spate of odd occurrences associated with them, and the most representative of this would be the Williams Lake case and the Lethbridge events.

### Eve of the Apples

At about 5:00 PM on 01 September 1990 in Williams Lake, BC, Mrs. Marian Marcotte went out into her yard to call her dog for supper. She called, but the dog did not come. This was unusual, but Mrs. Marcotte thought little of it and returned to the house. While she was cleaning and washing windows, she noticed a herringbone-pattern type of interference on the TV set.

At approximately 7:20 PM, Mrs. Marcotte returned to the yard to again call her dog, but she was still nowhere to be

found. What Mrs. Marcotte did find, however, was a large ring in her driveway which had not been there the last time she was out. It was a very large ring, pressed into the hard dirt and gravel of the driveway only twelve feet from her window — the very window she had been washing earlier. Somehow, in the previous hour and twenty minutes, a ring had formed in her yard, in broad daylight, while she had been working nearby. She had heard nothing.

The ring was exactly six inches wide and had a diameter of exactly thirty-nine feet. The circular impression etched in the yard was about one inch deep, and the exposed soil beneath was still damp. Some of the rocks in the ring were pulverized, crushed to a powder, and others were pressed flush into the ground. These could be pried out of the ground and then placed back into their respective holes, like fitting pieces into a jigsaw puzzle. Some of the rocks had scrape or scuff marks, and a residue on them resembling aluminum or some other metal. A considerable amount of dirt was displaced from the ring. The overall appearance of the area was as if someone had turned a huge drinking glass upside down, pressed the rim firmly into the ground, and then twisted it just slightly.

The ring was twelve feet from the window of the house, and twelve feet from an embankment directly across from the window. It was also positioned twenty feet from an embankment to the left, and twenty feet from a truck parked off to the right, which had not been moved in several weeks. With all the spacious, available area around the Marcotte's house, the ring chose to center itself perfectly in the limited area of the yard.

At 4:10 AM that morning, Mr. Rolland Marcotte arose and noticed a red glow over his son's yard next door. The son was out of town at the time, so any activity in the yard would have caught his attention. He called his wife, and together, through a very light fog, they saw a huge cone of red light, about seventy-five feet wide at the top, hovering over an apple tree in the son's yard. The light remained over the yard for approximately twenty minutes, and then it slowly moved away.

When they investigated the next day, they found no evidence that anything untoward had taken place in the yard: no marks of any kind on the ground, no broken branches or twigs, no footprints. No evidence, that is, except for one thing — every single apple on the tree was gone. The previous day the tree had been home to between seventy-five and one hundred apples. Now, there were none. There were no stray apples on the ground, no broken twigs or stems, and no apparent damage to the tree

of any kind. It simply looked as if the tree had been very carefully picked clean.

The Marcotte's dog — who eventually showed up — is afraid of nothing except an approaching thunderstorm. However, she hid during the time the ring in the yard was formed, and would not readily go near the ring for two days thereafter.

The morning after these incidents occurred, Mrs. Marcotte awoke with a severe nosebleed, something she had experienced only once before in her life. This condition persisted for well over three weeks. A physician examined her, and stated that there was severe nasal irritation, but could offer no cause for the condition. Once the nosebleeds stopped, they did not return.

### Lethbridge Microcosm

It began at about 3:00 P.M. on 21 August 1991. Farmer Hugh Laycock was swathing his wheat crop near Lethbridge, Alberta when he saw a large flattened circle in the grain. He soon realized that there was quite a bit more to be seen: about 10.7 meters south of the circle was a formation of three more circles which were connected by corridors. Mr. Laycock immediately shut down his combine, and went to contact the media, which was not a terribly difficult task, since the circle formation was only 50 meters (150 feet) from the front door of the Lethbridge television station.

By 1 September 1991, circle reports were coming in from all over the Lethbridge area. It is impossible to say exactly when each of the formations were made, but in no case would it have been more than four days prior to discovery. In some cases, the owners of the farms exhibited extraordinary presence of mind in preserving the site until researchers could arrive. However, not all the circles survived in good condition. One of the formations which fell prey to the swath was on the Hubbard farm, across from the complex Watmough agriglyph, to be discussed later. The Hubbard formation was a simple "check mark" shape, consisting of three circles connected by two corridors, which meet at right angles. Another configuration that was given an unwelcome trim was the one on Jenny Skinner's farm. This was an extremely interesting triangular pattern of three circles in a "T"-shape, with a crossbar connecting the circles.

Among the formations that survived, perhaps the most beautiful formation of all, was the "Four Brothers" quadruplet in Warner, just outside of Lethbridge. In terms of complexity, it was the simplest. In terms of strangeness and of peripheral effects, it was by far the most complex.

This formation was a simple grouping of four classic circles. When they were discovered by farmer Roy Tetzlaf, he immediately combined all around the formation to preserve it, and by doing so, effectively isolated it from the rest of the field.

The crop circle complex discovered on Fred Watmough's farm in Lethbridge was far and away the strangest formation of the Lethbridge Lot. It was a very elaborate pattern, and it seemed to be both random and precise. In this formation we had an appendage shaped like the letter 'F'. There was a triangle, nearly isosceles, made of corridors, or lines, which served no purpose at all except to be a triangle — it connected nothing to anything else. Some of the corridors connected at perfect right angles.

There were many High Strangeness events and effects associated with the Lethbridge circles. Probably the most prevalent effect would be the widespread reports of headaches attributed to the circles. In nearly every instance in the Alberta series, people reported developing headaches, often quite severe ones, after having entered or having been near a crop circle. There were also reports of dizziness, nausea, general malaise, or simply a feeling of uneasiness when in proximity of a circle. While some of these instances could be attributed to a variety of mundane causes, *e.g.*, excitement, anxiety, and the like, this symptom was too commonplace to not have at least some basis in reality.

Another feature which was repeatedly mentioned was the strange behavior of animals, and especially the excessive, unusual, or uncharacteristic barking of dogs prior to the discovery of a formation. This was not just common knowledge in the area, but was mentioned quite specifically by some.

During the investigation of the Watmough formation, a large flock of Canada geese were feeding in a field approximately 1 km from the formation. On several occasions, various sized groups would leave the flock and head off for a destination in line with the crop circle formation. Every single time a group approached the site, they would detour — veer off to one side or the other — and then continue on their original course. Sometimes a group would split up, some geese flying off to one side and some to the other, only to reform the group after effectively clearing the formation. Not once did any goose fly directly over the configuration.

Although there were no reports of mechanical failures associated with these crop circle reports, there were many instances of electrical failures and anomalies. Mostly,

these were reported within three km of the Warner quadruplets, and the most common problems were related to microwave ovens. At least three microwave ovens were reported to have malfunctioned, and in a variety of ways. One microwave blew out an internal fuse, and another oven, which had been turned off, allegedly somehow turned itself on. In addition, many automobile radar detectors in the area were said to have gone off when the units were not turned on and when the cars' engines were not running.

Perhaps the effect most familiar to ufologists would be the radiotelephone incident reported by Roy Tetzlaff in Warner. After discovering the quadruplet formation, Mr. Tetzlaff picked up the radiotelephone which he had in his harvester to phone the nearby grain elevator. He was curious to find out if they could see the formation from their vantage point. The line, so to speak, was completely dead: no noise, no static, nothing. He decided to return to the farmhouse and use the telephone there. When he arrived, on an impulse, he tried the radiotelephone once more, and....it worked. He immediately went back out to the circle site, and when he tried the 'phone again, it was once again completely bereft of life. Nothing. So, back to the house one more time, and, yes, it worked just fine.

There were effects reported in crop circle areas which can only be described as paranormal or poltergeistic in nature. Jenny Skinner and her daughter-in-law both reported hearing, the night before their circle formation was discovered, an extremely strange noise. This was heard around the time the neighbourhood dogs were making a commotion. The sound was quite loud and distinct, and seemed to be coming from above the house, at rooftop level. This sound was described as like "a huge, gigantic bird, flapping its wings." It was also described as "a loud, swishing" sound, so loud that it woke the daughter-in-law from a sound sleep.

Another bizarre effect was noted at a time when there were three investigators on-site at the Watmough formation. They were separated by distance, it was late at night, and all three were reclining in the formation. One investigator became ill, and when he sat up and looked around, he noticed that the other two were sitting up as well, and one was shining a flashlight around. Later, both people told him, independently, that whenever they had closed their eyes, they clearly and distinctly heard the sound of footsteps. It was the sound of someone walking on the dry flattened wheat stalks in the pathways, and it seemed to be very close. When asked why he had been shining the flashlight around, the investigator said he was afraid someone — or something — was going to step on

him. The next day, on a return visit to the Warner formation, the investigators casually asked the farmer if he had ever been out in the circles at night. He said that he had, and when they pressed him for details, he related a similar story of hearing the distinct sound of footsteps nearby.

There have been very few crop circles in Canada since the Lethbridge events, and even fewer that were truly interesting. However, the few that were of interest were extremely so.

To be continued

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It's not a star, not a planet, not the northern lights, he says: "I just cannot explain it. The first few days (of sightings) I was pretty skeptical, until I saw it . . . It blew my socks off."

SOURCE: Toronto Star

DATE: January 22, 1996

## MUFON Ontario comments

According to Michael Strainic, MUFON Canada director and Colman Jones a writer for NOW Magazine, there were some videotaped images of the incident that were picked up from witnesses by the DND for further analysis.

Strainic feels that the incident might be a mixed bag of events involving high-altitude military exercise, astronomical phenomena or genuine UFOs.

MUFON Ontario will keep you updated as new information becomes available.