



On December 11, 2013, and June 13, 2014, at age 73 and 74, respectively, the witness observed a UFO seen from northeast Dallas, TX, logged as cases 58378 and 58379. (Credit: Mark Hanley)

Dallas witness describes two UFO encounters

by Billy Hallmon
UFO Witness

"...how often have I said to you that when you have eliminated the impossible, whatever remains, however improbable, must be the truth..." – Arthur Conan Doyle

Wherever *Unidentified Flying Objects* come from or why ever they are

here is beyond my scope; however, my own two *UFOs* have become *Identified Flying Objects* to my satisfaction. I hope that this personal testimony will help to confirm their existence, provide some insight into their nature and – most important of all – give some fundamental support to the more esoteric reports by other witnesses.

This essay is a follow-up on my sight-

ing report submitted July 25, 2014, to the Mutual UFO Network, which was subsequently labeled as case number 58379 and investigated by a MUFON Texas Field Investigator. Both of my two sightings were made from northeast Dallas, Texas. This later paper is the result of revisiting and fine-tuning

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director's message

2015 Off to a GREAT start!

By Jan C. Harzan

By now you know that the 2015 MUFON Symposium will be September 24-27, 2015, at the newly renovated Hotel Irvine in Southern California. A lavish and well-appointed 5-Star resort, formerly the Hyatt Regency, now owned and run by billionaire Donald Bren and the Irvine Company. Donald is the principle shareholder of the Irvine Company – a Southern California land development company that owns a huge chunk of land in Southern California from the Newport coast to the mountains. Learn more at irvinecompany.com.

So why is this important? Well, the Irvine Company just spent over \$50 million renovating the hotel and making it into a showcase for the 21st Century. It is certainly worthy of its 5-Star designation. Once you step through the front doors everything is run from one's smart phone. From Internet access, to ordering food or drinks, checking conference schedules, to ordering

room service, you name it and you will be able to get the information you need, order the food you want, or get whatever service one is looking for, all by using one's smart phone or tablet. It is designed to be the world's smartest hi-tech hotel. And all this for a special MUFON room rate of \$119 per night including FREE in-room Internet and FREE overnight parking. You can't beat this deal for 5-Star luxury!

The theme for this year's Symposium is "Expanding Ufology: Opening NEW Doors in Academia, Industry and the Media." Our hope is to create an environment where professionals outside of the UFO community will want to participate and play a part in unraveling the greatest mystery of all time. We have a terrific speaker lineup planned including our own Stanton Friedman who will be sharing his best insights from his more than 60-year career in Ufology, as well as Mathematician Robert Schroeder speaking on

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By Roger Marsh
Editor

editor's note

Hangar 1 Season 2

MUFON is very proud to announce the kick-off to season 2 of "Hangar 1: The UFO Files" at 9 p.m., Friday, February 13.

SEASON OVERVIEW

Given the vast expanse of space, most scientists today recognize the extreme likelihood that we are not alone in the universe. H2™ takes us behind the restricted doors of Hangar 1: The UFO Files™ to reveal astounding first-hand accounts of sightings and other close encounters from beyond our world.

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Hangar 1 investigates the discovery of SOM1-01, a top-secret Special Operations Manual detailing government protocols for recovering extraterrestrial UFOs that have crashed on Earth. Is this the smoking gun we've been looking for, proving the government's knowledge and interaction with UFOs and extraterrestrial life?

Men in Black

There are countless reports of UFO witnesses being intimidated into silence by mysterious Men in Black. Who are these ominous visitors, and what is their real agenda? Are they deadly enforcers for a secret shadow government? Or could the Men in Black have an unearthly origin?

Star People

Hangar 1's files are full of stories involving Native Americans and their familiarity with alien beings they refer to as "Star People." Is it the sacred tribal lands that attract interstellar visitors...or is it the people themselves?

Hunted by UFOs

Hangar 1 contains hundreds of MUFON case files from people who have been pursued and hunted by UFOs, some even multiple times. What are these UFOs after, and could you be their next target?

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Could there be just as many UFOs traveling beneath our oceans and lakes as those reported in our skies? MUFON investigations uncover an extensive history of submersible UFOs – and the possible underwater bases that conceal them.

UFOs At War

In every instance of wars throughout history, one thing is constant...the sighting

of multiple UFOs over battlefields. Is the purpose of these visits to harm us...or to warn us of our own potential destruction?

Cops vs. UFOs

Hangar 1 is full of case files where local and military police officers have encountered incredible events and provided detailed witness accounts of UFOs. Unfortunately, the government and military often ridicule these officers and threaten their careers. Now police reports are filed directly with MUFON, who value these credible witnesses and fully investigate their reports.

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Aliens in Captivity

Hangar 1 uncovers shocking evidence that the government has been recovering not only advanced technology from crashed UFOs but alien bodies as well. What has the government learned from these bodies—both living and dead? And where is the top-secret facility that hides these secrets from the world?

Extreme Close Encounters

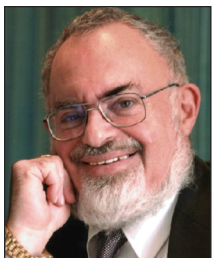
Deep within MUFON files are thousands of extraordinary, unknown UFO cases that fall into the category of "high strangeness," the closest type of encounters on record, involving UFO sightings within a few hundred feet as well as the occasional presence of extraterrestrial entities. These thoroughly investigated MUFON cases prove just as astonishing as some of the better-known stories that have become front-page news.

UFOs Over Texas

Texas has been a hotbed for extraordinary UFO activity for decades. As Hangar 1 digs into some of the Lone Star State's most unusual and best-known cases, patterns point to Texas's unique role in a larger government conspiracy.

Far Side of the Moon

Hangar 1 files reveal top-secret evidence that indicates the government has been operating bases on the Moon and Mars. Some of this evidence dates back to the 1950's and suggests that NASA may be behind a long existing, secret mission to establish off-planet outposts. If these bases do exist, what is their purpose and why are they being kept a secret?



perceptions

Psychic MJ-12 Hoaxer

By Stanton Friedman

I have recently posted a list of 12 claims supposedly showing that the Truman Forrestal Memo (TFM), the Cutler Twining memo (CTM) and the Eisenhower Briefing Document (EBD) are all fraudulent. As I showed – all of these charges are False. Here I would like to point out details about the documents that turned out to be true, but not known prior to the receipt of the documents.

1. The date of the TFM is September 24, 1947. As it happens that was the only date on which Dr. Vannevar Bush, James Forrestal, and President Truman all met together during an eight-month period. Bush and Forrestal often met together. The Truman Library told me that I was the only researcher who asked if that date was unique. How did a hoaxer know? Coincidence? Darts at a calendar?

2. The date has a period after it. That was always done at Bush's office, rarely elsewhere. Furthermore, the September 24, 1947, portion is done with a different typeface and is slightly off line with the "September" indicating that two different typewriters were used. Why would a hoaxer do that? George Elsey, who worked closely with Truman all during Truman's White House tenure, said that was often done to assure that only the proper date would be on a document. Hoaxers normally do as little as possible to suggest possible fraud.

3. The date of the CTM was July 14, 1954. Later work by Robert Todd, confirmed by me, showed that Cutler was out of the country on a mission to Europe on that date. He had left instructions to James Lay, Executive Secretary of the NSC, (who according to Elsey, sat next to Cutler at NSC meetings) to keep things moving out of his in-box while he was gone.

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Enclosed for the Bureau is an envelope which contains a possible classified document.

On September 15, 1988, UNITED STATES AIR FORCE, OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS (OSI), Special Agent contacted the Dallas FBI with the enclosed document, received the document from [redacted] 1:18

[redacted] claims that an individual at the school, whom he refused to name, gave it to him, claiming he received it in the mail.

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A page from the MJ-12 document from the FBI website. The FBI claims the document is a hoax.

There is no Cutler signature on the CTM and no /s/ indicating "original signed by." I later obtained a copy of a memo sent by Lay to Cutler in Europe and indicating that he was indeed taking care of things for Cutler.

How did the hoaxer know NOT to provide a phony signature or /s/? Elsey also noted that Cutler and Lay each got copies of everything sent by the other.

4. Elsey, when informed by Friedman that Lay had met with President Eisenhower on the morning of July 14, 1954, and had a phone conversation with him, after 4:30 p.m., stated that "of course Lay would have prepared the brief CTM, for Cutler."

5. The original of the CTM has a short slanted red pencil line through the rather unusual security marking of TOP SECRET RESTRICTED. Archivists at the Ike Library told me years later, that was standard practice when a document was being classification reviewed. How did the hoaxer know that? Why would a hoaxer not use plain vanilla Secret or Top Secret?

6. The last sentence of the CTM is, "Your concurrence in the above change of arrangements is assumed." According to General Twining's pilot,

with whom I had met in person in Washington D.C., that was a standard line meaning no response is needed.

Friedman had been directed to the pilot by General Twining's daughter. He allowed Friedman to copy his flight log for July 1947. The briefing stated that Twining began his investigation on July 7. Logs from the pilot and Twining both showed that. None were seen before the items had been received.

7. Debunker Philip Klass referred to the TFM as a letter 11 times when attacking it. The fact is it says MEMORANDUM. Typical Klass "research."

8. Postcard received by J. Shandera had a return address of Box 189, in New Zealand. The CTM was found in Box 189 of Record Group 341. It is a carbon on Dictation onionskin. Why pick unusual paper?

9. The EBD was received three months after the death of the last surviving member of MJ-12, Dr. Jerome Hunsaker.

His obituary was in *The New York Times*. Presumably the person who photographed the EBD and inserted the CTM waited until all the MJ-12

members were deceased.

10. Box 189 was first handled by the declassification people soon after Hunsaker's death.

11. If Moore and Shandera had made up the CTM, why would they have gone through all the expense of a many day trip to DC from California? Why not just put it in the mail as with the EBD?

12. The EBD states that "On 07 July, 1947, a secret operation was begun to assure recovery of the wreckage of this object {Roswell} for scientific study."

Years later I found General Nathan Twining's flight log (in a box I had requested declassification at the Library of Congress Manuscript Division) which had been preceded by my obtaining a copy of the flight log of Twining's pilot.

They went to New Mexico (not Roswell) on July 7. How did the Hoaxer know that? The press story about Roswell was in newspapers of July 8.

In Twining's papers a letter was found indicating that he had intended to fly to the West Coast at that time...not to New Mexico.

The *Alamogordo News* had headlined on July 10 "Fantasy of Flying Disc Explained Here" and indicated on July 11 that Twining had made a routine inspection of the base.

The fact is the article had no pictures and it was a very high powered group of officers with Twining. Hardly routine.

Twining's pilot stated that he had often seen Twining with Van Bush.

Other Objections

There are those in ufology claiming that there is very little classified information about UFOs being withheld by the government. There was no need for an MJ-12. Colonel John Alexander had high level security clearances and nobody he asked about a secret program told him that there was one. Therefore, goes the notion, absence of evidence is evidence for absence. Which frankly is absolutely nonsense. There are plenty of classified programs that were kept secret for many decades. John could never tell me of his ever telling questioners about highly classified programs for which they did not have an appropriate clearance and, equally important, a need to know. The breaking of the communications codes

used by the German/ Japanese military during the war was extraordinarily important so the allies would know enemy plans for ground, air, and naval force movements. But there had to be great care taken not to reveal the codes had been broken or they would have been changed at great cost. But it is interesting that the fact they had been broken was not revealed until the war had been over for 25 years. Other countries were using the same codes and we were reading their mail as well. The UFO cover-up continues.

Shortly after President Eisenhower took office in 1953, three separate task forces were set up each to consider a different program for containment of the Soviet Union. Key people were involved and very high secrecy was maintained to protect the secret of Operation Solarium. Its existence was kept secret until the 1980s though it set out paths to be taken for containment until the mid 1980s.

The American public was kept ignorant of the Manhattan Engineering District to develop an atomic bomb. Some people seem to think it was no big deal – a bunch of physicists using their slide rules. Right? WRONG. The facility to enrich uranium in U-235 involved a mile long facility that used 5 percent of all the power being produced in the United States. Major labs were established employing thousands of people. New methods for detecting radiation, determining its effects on living beings had to be developed. The identity of targets cities in Japan had to be kept secret so American prisoners of war could not be sent there in advance.

There had to be concern with determining the intentions of the visiting aliens. Were they associated with any group already here? How did they communicate and how did they determine how we operated and how we communicated with each other what with all the different Earthling languages. Surely aliens would want to know what our plans were. Would we be sailing forth to attack nearby civilizations? Let us note that the neutron was discovered in 1932, that fission and fusion were discovered in 1938, our first atom bomb detonated in 1945 and our first fusion weapon in 1952 releasing the energy of 10

million tons of TNT and enabling us to travel to the stars in short order. Surely the galactic federation intelligence agency would want to know about the primitive civilizations like ours whose major activity is tribal warfare.

Some insist that we are not keeping much information about UFOs secret. They want to ignore the fact that we still haven't been able to read the old 156 TOP SECRET Umbra NSA UFO documents or the many dozens of old CIA TOP SECRET Umbra UFO documents. Where are all the reports of highly classified UFO documents that were not part of the Blue Book System as noted by General Bolender and could affect national security? Some have sneered at my shocking discovery that Dr. Donald Menzel deserved to be listed as an MJ-12 member. Surely they say we have always known that academics during the war were involved in highly classified activities. None so far have noted his name in any of these fine historical texts. I have admitted that I haven't found lots of MJ-12 documents. That certainly doesn't mean they don't exist. From a fairly obvious government viewpoint it is still necessary to keep what we know about UFOs secret.

There would have to be MJ-12 subgroups concerned with monitoring flying saucers with radar, instruments, film devices and radiation detectors. There would have to be biological investigations of recovered bodies. Were they "designed" so as to handle higher accelerations? Higher pressures, different atmospheric components, radiation? What does the wreckage tell us about new, stronger, lighter materials, electronic systems, weapons on board their saucers? Are wingless craft inherently superior when it comes to speed, acceleration, and maneuverability? Is that why the Apollo Command Module looks like a saucer instead of like the Bell X-1 rocket plane which was the first to break the sound barrier (October 14, 1947)? There is no question UFO secrets are being kept from both our friends and our enemies. That is what security regulations are for.

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observations

UFO or Black Helicopter?

By Nick Redfern

According to a batch of files that the British National Archive has declassified, the well-known writer Dame Rebecca West, MBE, was inadvertently plunged into an equally strange puzzle. Incredibly, she asserted, some sort of unusual aerial object had landed in the grounds of her home – Ibstone House, England.

For its part, the files reveal, the Ministry of Defense was intent on playing down the case and suggested that West had simply misidentified a helicopter seen under poor conditions. Whatever the truth of the matter, West's odd experience became the subject of a 15-page file that attracted the attention of the elite of the MoD's Defense Intelligence Staff.

Born in 1892, Rebecca West (the adopted name of Cecily Isabel Fairfield) was the daughter of Charles Fairfield, who was renowned in London society for his spirited and witty Defense of "extreme individualism" in debates with the likes of George Bernard Shaw. While West was still a child, Fairfield re-located his family to Edinburgh where he died; leaving his widow and four daughters in circumstances bordering on poverty.

West (who adopted the name Rebecca at the age of 19 after Ibsen's heroine in *Rosmersholm*) remained in Edinburgh and continued her education there, trained briefly for the stage in London, before becoming a noted feminist and journalist – and taking much of her inspiration from the Pankhursts.

As her career blossomed, West wrote for *The Freewoman*, *The Clarion* and *The New Freewoman*; and many of her pugnacious writings from that time were collated and re-printed as *The Young Rebecca* in 1932. Her first novel, *The Return of the Soldier*, was



The official explanation was that West saw a helicopter.

published in 1918 and was followed by *The Judge*, *The Strange Necessity*, *Harriet June*, *The Thinking Reed*; and after an extended period, *The Fountain Overflows* and *The Birds Fall Down*. In the meantime, in 1930, West married one Henry Maxwell Andrews, a banker, who was to accompany her on the journey that ultimately led to the publication of her two-volume study of the Yugoslav nation, *The Black Lamb and Grey Falcon*. West was also present at the Nuremburg trials and her 1949 book, *The Meaning of Treason*, largely grew out of articles commissioned by *The New Yorker*.

In 1965, only one year before her curious UFO encounter occurred, *The Meaning of Treason* was updated with added accounts of what were then more recent scandals (including those of John Vassall, a spy in the British Admiralty sentenced to 18 years imprisonment, and Stephen Ward, a player in

the Profumo case).

But how did Dame Rebecca West become embroiled in the UFO controversy? As the now-aged and fading documentation at the National Archive reveals, it was 2.45 p.m. on 7 January 1966 and West was out walking in the grounds of her home when... "As I was going down the steep hill to the farm buildings I noticed a man walking on my property at some distance to the right of the path I was following," she wrote to the MoD.

"Presently, he reached a point when the wood stopped and there is a hedge which runs down to the valley along a sharp ridge. There is a gap in the hedge and the man stopped just past this and turned around, facing in the reverse direction, and stood still." Expressing concern about "what he was going to do," West watched in amazement as what she described as "an aerial construction" appeared out of nowhere.

"One moment it was not there, the next it was," Rebecca West explained. "It seemed to come down quite rapidly, on the other side of the hedge from the man, but very close to it." And what, precisely, was it that Dame Rebecca West saw? Her description was curious, to say the least.

Stressing to the MoD that the object was "strangely shaped," she stated: "It consisted of something like a metal band, grey-blue in color, flattened at one point so as to seem almost leaf-like, crossed with a sort of herringbone system of metal strips." She elaborated further: "There was also somehow attached to these an odd object like a bag with an opening that had points, made of yellowish material. As I looked the whole thing collapsed toward the ground.

"I saw it crumpling downwards, but crumpling is not quite the word. The metal band seemed to cut backwards and disappear while the curious bag looked as if someone were squeezing the air out of the lower portion of it, so that all the points stood up, and then fell back. Comparing the height of the object with the height of the man, I should put it as something [between] fifteen and twenty."

Also playing on West's mind was the identity of the mystery man. Stressing that his behavior was "very odd," she continued that "he seemed to be watching the thing come down, and the minute it was down, he turned round and followed the hedge track down to the valley. Once or twice he looked to his left as if he were scrutinizing the valley, and he did not seem to see me. But at the bottom of the track he stopped again and looked all round the slope on which I was standing, and this time he seemed to see me. We stood and looked at each other for quite a long time, and I had an uncomfortable feeling and went home."

The key question centered on the identity of the strange object.

In her letter to the Ministry of Defense, West wrote that a farm laborer had informed her that he had seen a helicopter flying in the vicinity earlier on that same day. West, meanwhile, ven-

tured the possibility that it was "some gadget sent out by the Meteorological Office."

Rebecca West signed off: "I feel most apologetic for burdening you with such an improbable story. But I did not like to report it to the local police, as I think you will agree that an elderly woman who went to the local police with a story of having seen the equivalent of a flying saucer would be adding considerably to the difficulties of her life."



Portrait of Rebecca West by Madame Yevonde. (Credit: Wikimedia Commons)

On arrival at the MoD, West's letter (and accompanying drawing) was forwarded to a particular office known to have been involved in the collation of UFO data in the 1960s and referred to as s4f (Air). As the records show, however, one L.W. Ackhurst of that office then dispatched all of the relevant data to a Flight Lieutenant Mercer of the Defense Intelligence Staff.

For his part, Mercer was inclined to accept that, "Dame Rebecca West saw a helicopter, possibly of the Bell 47 or similar type, which in conditions of poor visibility appeared to have some unusual characteristics."

Needless to say, she was far from convinced by the MoD's explanation and fired a letter back to Ackhurst. "To have appeared where I saw it a helicopter would have had to fly twenty or

thirty yards with its lower half deeply embedded in the earth." She also maintained that: "There was at this time complete silence," and that "visibility seemed to me not poor at all, for I spotted several birds at a considerable distance. I do not expect an answer to this letter."

She concluded: "I reported the incident partly because I feared the object might be a parachute or some such construction which was being used to drop something or somebody for criminal purposes, and partly because the construction I saw or thought I saw puzzled me, as I could not conceive how it could be got into the air, could stay in the air, or be brought down out of the air."

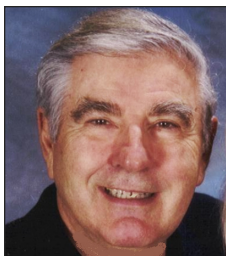
Ackhurst's response was short and to the point. "No further evidence has become available concerning this particular sighting, so there is nothing further I can add."

The case was closed. For its part, the Ministry of Defense seemed satisfied with the explanation that the object was simply a helicopter. However, West's letters clearly demonstrate that not only had she summarily dismissed the notion that the object was a helicopter ("I have seen many in my time, and I can't imagine how I could have seen a helicopter from any angle which would have made it present such an appearance," she stated), she had also given much consideration to the idea that the object was some form of man-made gadget.

Yet, she was equally well aware of the fact that her report seemed to fall squarely into the Flying Saucer category too. And there was also the glaring observation on her part that the object had been flying in total silence.

Dame Rebecca West continued to write with vigor almost until the time of her death at the age of 90 in 1983, and her contribution to British literature is more than well recognized. It seems that more than 30 years on, however, this particularly curious aspect of her notable life will remain forever unresolved.

References: National Archive files: AIR 2/17983 and AIR 2/17984.



filer's files

By George Filer

[EDITOR'S NOTE: This edited roundup of UFO sightings is presented to keep Journal readers informed about some of the vast number of sightings being reported. Unless otherwise noted, these cases have not officially been investigated.]

California B-2



Pasadena — My son and I taped the B-2 Stealth fly-over the Rose Parade at 8 a.m. on January 1, 2015. The following day, I noticed there was a round object in the background. It is not a clear video with the object in a distance. I further researched other footage on YouTube, and I did find another video that shows its moves, as it disappears, and reappears. The picture shows the B-2 Stealth fly-over at the start of the annual Rose Parade on Colorado Boulevard. The video I am including is the one my son took. The other YouTube video reaffirmed my suspicions of a UFO. Thanks to MUFON CMS.

Colorado Disc



My fiancé and I were driving on Highway 285 on our way to some hot springs for vacation on December 14,

2014. The surrounding area was very beautiful so she decided take some pictures. As she noticed an object on the screen she started to try to find it without using the phone and was asking if I could see anything. When she realized she could only see it through the camera screen she quickly took a couple pictures. Neither of us saw anything with our naked eyes, but in the photos it appears. The object was traveling very fast and we were driving at 65 mph and the pictures were taken only a few seconds apart but the object moved drastically. Thanks to MUFON CMS.

Florida Cylinder



Orlando — I took this photo of a glowing green, circular object on December 27, 2014. Note: It is not known if the witness saw the object or later discovered it in a photo. An email message was sent to the witness, but so far no response has been received. Thanks to MUFON CMS.

Illinois Orange Light

Chicago — Close to midnight on January 1, 2015, I looked at the night sky and saw this orange light in the

sky coming in my direction. I knew it wasn't a plane, and had no flashing red lights, no white or yellow lights. Silently it flew directly overhead and just kept going until it was out of sight. Thanks to MUFON CMS.

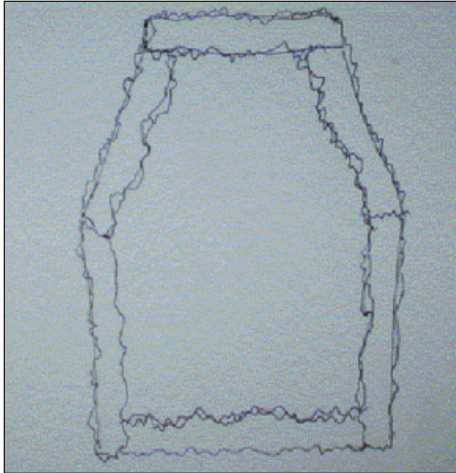
New Hampshire Photo



Milford — I was taking photos of my grandchildren on November 28, 2014. We were out on the porch which we seldom use because it's unheated. That window views our side lot which is also unused because it's so close to the neighbor. I didn't see anything unusual until I looked at the photos that night and then I saw those alien-like images as if they were staring in the window at us. So the next day I went outside at the same time of day (3 p.m. I believe as it's been a year now) to see if there were any branches or anything that might cast those illusions, but I cannot account for the spherical shapes of their heads or the dark eyes. Note: At first I thought that the images were reflections, but given the response of the witness that does not seem likely. Perhaps someone could have been playing a joke on the witness? Or perhaps the images are real? The images are transparent and the background of the outdoors can be seen through them. It is not believed that the photos have been fabricated. The original photos have been requested. Only one of the photos is displayed in this report. Update January 5, 2015: The witness has sent the two original photos and there is no evidence that the photos were fabricated. I believe that the images in the win-

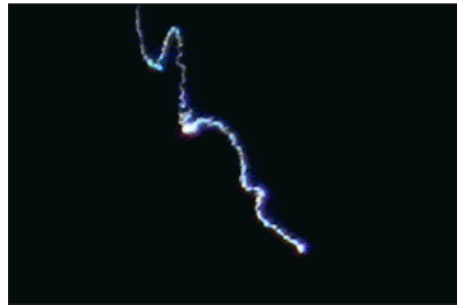
dow could very well be entities. <http://www.ufosnw.com/newsite/november-28-2013-milford-new-hampshire-3-pm-est/>

New Jersey Light



Paulsboro — At about 5 minutes before midnight on New Year's Eve 2014, I stepped outside to listen to the annual neighborhood racket. At 12:04 a.m., as the sound of firecrackers and distant hollering subsided, I noticed a bright pinkish orange ball of light approaching from the east. It silently drifted closer, and I watched it through some nearby trees as close as 80 yards, when it turned in a northerly direction and drifted out of sight. About a minute later, a second identical ball of light came from the same direction and turned north at the same spot. I ran inside and grabbed my DVD video recorder and zoomed in on the second object but failed to have the damned record button pushed in! The object had the outline of one of those old style milk bottles as it drifted north. There was an outline of pinkish light that changed direction from an east to north. I do not know how an object being carried along by the wind could do that. On July 4, 2013, at 10 p.m., I witnessed 14 of these orbs drift across the Delaware River toward Philadelphia Airport. Last New Year's Eve, with numerous people, I witnessed a flotilla of these objects drifting a hundred feet off the ground.

Keep up the good work. I enjoy your first Tuesday of the month 10 p.m. Eastern spots on the Jeff Rense show very much. Brian Smith.



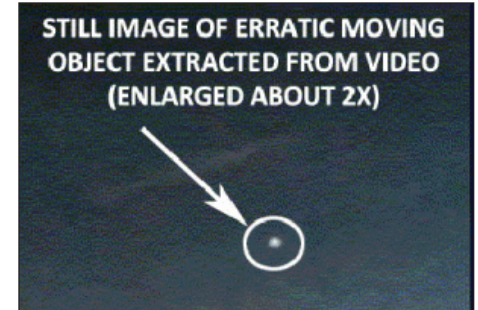
Tabernacle — While walking in my driveway at 10:50 p.m. on December 26, 2014, I observed a brighter than normal anomaly which appeared to be a star to the left of the constellation Orion, in the southwest sky. Because I had reported similar sightings in March and April of this year, I recognized the physical characteristics of this object. It moved quickly, changed directions constantly, and pulsed in various colors rapidly. I noticed a similar appearing anomaly that was extremely bright, in the southeast. It had the same characteristics as the other one. I obtained my cell phone from the house and captured both anomalies on video, where I could see the orb-like shapes moving very rapidly and changing colors. The one to the southeast appeared closer. After having my two daughters, ages 16 and 8, come outside to witness these anomalies, I obtained my digital camera and took still photos of both. Both objects remained in their positions while I returned inside. I then downloaded the videos and still photos onto my computer and examined them closer, where pausing the videos at various times would reveal the many colors that both objects exhibited. As a certified NJ Field Investigator for MUFON, I have submitted to the official reporting site for independent investigation. Thanks to MUFON CMS.

New Mexico Object

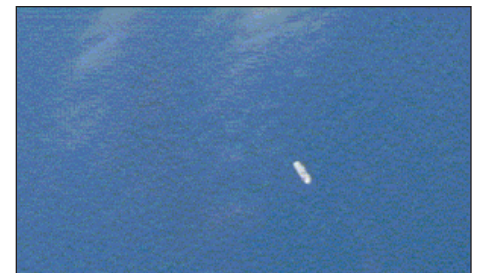
Roy — I was driving back into town from my ranch on October 21, 2014, when I noticed a bright white light in my side view mirror. There were no other vehicles on the road so I pulled over and got out of my truck and saw a large white object in the sky. The sun had just set and there was no moon out

that night. I took a picture and continued driving back into town. About 10 minutes later I was back home and looked up in the same direction and nothing was there. Thanks to MUFON CMS.

North Carolina Light



Winston-Salem — I saw a white-violet orb that moved with great speed on December 13, 2014. Note: The witnesses' video is interesting and shows an object moving, changing directions and descending. However, the witness said very little about the video and the video appears different from what he describes. Questions have been posed to the witness. Updates will be posted. The object is not an airplane because there are no flashing lights. Thanks to William Puckett, Director, UFOsnw.com.



Rocky Mount — My wife and I spotted something while on the flight today from Philadelphia to Orlando Airport at 11:50 a.m. on January 1, 2015. We were able to snap a picture. Observation was made of a cylinder-shaped object on a south by southwest heading at 36,000 feet at 36.16 N - 77.10 W. Thanks to MUFON CMS.

Utah Light

Willard — My son noticed a bright, hovering object in sky on January 1, 2015. We saw 3-5 objects hovering, and then change of direction and changing colors. Thanks to MUFON CMS.

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Dallas resident details two UFO encounters

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by me at the sighting locations, and any differences with 58378 are to be overridden in favor of this later report.

On December 11, 2013, and June 13, 2014, at age 73 and 74, respectively, I observed my first and only two UFOs ever. Both of these sightings occurred within a six-month period from the same general location. Since these objects appeared to be about the same size and shape, I have the impression that both sightings might have been of the same craft; however, I have no other proof of this assumption. These are given in chronological order, and the first sighting in 2013 was vague, distant and impersonal – I did not file a report on it, nor even mentioned it to anyone, including my wife. By contrast, the second encounter in 2014 was a life-changing event – it was shocking to be shown that we humans are not the only intelligent beings here.

My first ever UFO sighting occurred from Sylvania Drive near its intersection with Sinclair Avenue at about 8 p.m. on December 11, 2013, during a walk. The night was cold, the sky was clear and there was a day-past first quarter, or fat half-crescent moon. I saw the object through an opening between some trees across Dixon Branch Greenbelt Park. The sighting was a brief glimpse of a far-off, dark, silent, dart-shaped silhouette against the clear luminous night sky. Because the object appeared to be so sharp, I assumed that I was looking at an edge-on view of a triangle, but cannot prove this. Initially, I thought that the shadow was a swept-wing fighter accelerating upward in my direction at a supersonic speed. It was climbing toward me from the southwest – note that ALL of my view of this first UFO was along a straight line approaching from the southwest of me. The craft apparently moved twice the speed of a commercial jet and traveled about two miles in six seconds, both estimates, when put together, gave its speed at about 1,200 mph. There were commercial jetliners visible to the far north and south, providing a direct

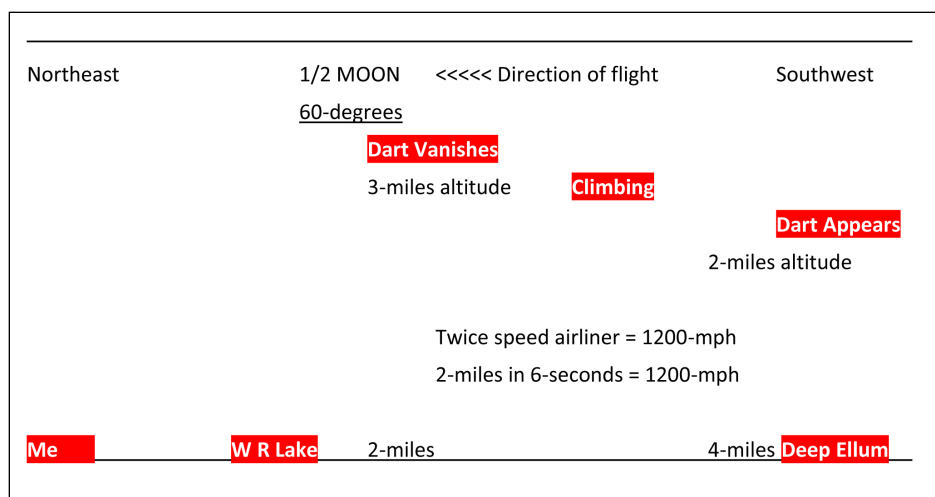


Diagram 1 as viewed from the northwest side looking southeast @ 8 pm CST 12-11-2013.

comparison. The silhouette appeared to be generally airplane-sized at two to four-miles distance, but was silent despite the velocity – a jet interceptor would have been on afterburner and audible at that speed and range.

The UFO first caught my attention when it was about 35-degrees elevation and it disappeared at about 50-degrees elevation. The first quarter or half-crescent moon was at about 60-degrees elevation, also to the southwest. I roughly estimate that the silhouette first appeared to me about four miles away, possibly over the Deep Ellum area, and it disappeared when two miles closer, approaching White Rock Lake. It climbed from two miles altitude at Deep Ellum to three miles altitude at White Rock Lake. If the climb and direction were backtracked, its original “takeoff” may have been the Cockrell Hill areas, which are eight miles to the southwest. Although it was getting closer to me, I lost it in the half moon’s glare and could not pick it up on the other side, which would have been almost directly overhead. The thing seemed phantom-like and eerie, and I was surprised to see it. The object appeared to be going on a straight course from a lower altitude to a higher destination and I recall chuckling to myself that, “It must be carrying some cargo.” I did not think much about this first sighting because it was so distant, vague and impersonal, and

did not make a report or discuss it with anyone. However, I did begin accessing some websites and buying various books about UFOs for the first time in my 73-years. In addition, I began scanning the night sky, looking for a repeat performance.

My second, very much unexpected and extremely more vivid sighting occurred six months later at 11 p.m. on Friday night, June 13, 2014, near Hexter Elementary School. I had walked to Gold’s Gym at Northcliff & Buckner at 9:30 p.m. and had left at 10:50 p.m. It was a beautiful night, comfortably warm, the sky was clear with a full moon and no wind, and there was not the usual city noise. Nobody else was seen outside and there was no automobile traffic in the neighborhood. I was walking alone in the middle of the street in the full moonlight.

As I was traveling roundabout back to my house, a lighted craft suddenly appeared high over me at Northlake near Peavy. I was rounding a curve heading generally northward and the lights cleared above the 30-foot trees to my right, or east side. This occurred within the usual flight path of airplanes originating from south Texas and landing at Love Field; however, at this time most scheduled Southwest Airline flights had finished for the night – which seemed to be a very important

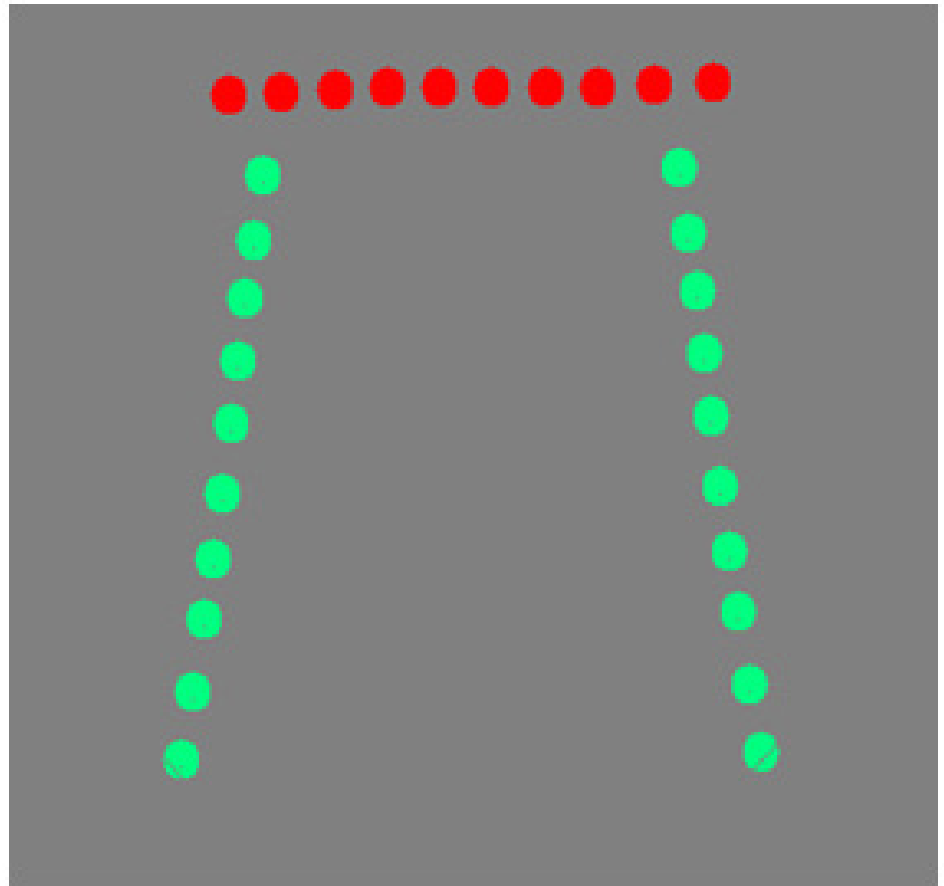
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Witness details his own case after investigation

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factor in the presence of this thing. Before 10 p.m., mostly 737s and some corporate jets fly over here at about 8,000-foot or 1.5-mile altitude, heading north to cross I-635 where they will make a left, west to south U-turn and land at Love Field. Now, there were not any planes in the sky anywhere. Subconsciously, I assumed the lights were an airplane, but the object actually stopped directly above me as I was walking alone in the middle of the street. I instantly looked up and felt that it had been watching me on the roadway in the full moonlight – I was the only rabbit alone on the road. The craft appeared to be positioned almost one mile straight up – maybe 1 or 2-degrees eastward – with the apparent size of a large corporate jet; it seemed to be slightly smaller than a 737. Although it is difficult to estimate size and height at night, I am reasonably sure that it was not over one mile, nor under one-half mile. (I have since studied airplanes flying directly overhead to confirm this perceived altitude and size).

It had extremely bright lights of pure colors, the brightest I have ever seen and the most beautiful red and green. There was no softness to the lights, only a sharp piercing glare. The object had a strange jerky aspect unlike any aircraft. No Federal Aviation Administration navigation lights were apparent – specifically, green on the starboard, red on the port, flashing strobes on the wingtips, with fore and aft white lights as required below 10,000 feet altitude. Its lights were arranged in a nonsensical pattern as in my diagram above, with the red lights blinking on and off every two seconds – this appeared to be the front, as the craft moved. All of the red lights pulsed together; there was no 1-2-3 sequence. The green lights shined steady, did not blink and appeared to be the sides. Each red and green row was composed of about 10 individual pinpoint lights, all like bulbs with equal intensity. No other lights, colors or emanations could be



Witness illustration of the second object.

seen. My sketch diagrams the belly of the craft as seen from below. The body was not visible as a silhouette against the sky because of the bright lights; however, I am certain that there was a rigid structure because the lights maintained their relative position at all times. If I were to guess, I would say the object was rather triangular because of the arrangement of the lights, but I cannot be sure of this. It had a clear-cut, garish carnival midway appearance – there was no vagueness at all. My initial and vivid impression was as if a Texas State Fairground contraption, such as a Ferris wheel, with its colorful, blinking lights, had been placed one mile overhead in the night sky to float around – it was totally out of place and illogical. I instantly realized that this was not an airplane, so I quickly stepped under a front yard tree to my right or east side on Northlake, to hide from its view. My actions were largely reflexive and fear-responsive,

so I probably was only visible to the craft for a few seconds.

Immediately after I hid, the object seemed to have lost me, because it began to go back and forth, do figure-8s, hover and rock as I watched from between the leaves. Imagine that you are standing on the bottom of a lake watching the bottom of a big motorboat circling above you on the surface; similarly, seen by me from below, the circling craft acted as though it was floating on a flat horizontal surface. The effect was like looking up at the bottom of a large launch that was being driven around on a choppy lake surface; perhaps the medium or force upon which the craft rode – or it created – was wavy. The craft stayed contained within an imaginary circle of about one-quarter mile diameter eastward of me as it apparently searched; it never strayed to the west side of me. Of course, its actions were faster than a motorboat as it maneuvered around searching the bottom

below. When it stopped, it seemed to rock like a boat, as though floating on waves. The craft appeared to be driven or controlled by a coxswain who was methodically searching the bottom below, making its movements selective, erratic and chaotic as it went back and forth, repeatedly, stopping and going.

The object emitted a very faint but perceptible whirring sound from high up, similar to an electric motor brush. This sound had that same distant overhead audio quality as some hot air balloons, ultra-lights and blimps that I have heard from the ground while they were high above me; I have heard voices, burners and motors from these. With this UFO, I had both eyed and eared confirmation of an actual materially structured mechanical craft and of its apparent vertical distance above. Furthermore, the tone or pitch of the electrical motor sound seemed to change throughout its movements overhead, as though accommodating various mechanical requirements.

Throughout all of this, I was busily playing devil's advocate – "Could this be an electrically powered human-fabricated aircraft?" Suddenly, I realized that if whatever was controlling this thing had infrared vision that I had better get behind the wooden tree limbs, which I promptly did. For whatever reason, the object appeared to be searching for ground-based subject matter, so I remained cowering against the tree trunk and became a certified tree-hugger. To add to my problems, the front yard's motion detector light turned on.

This weirdness went on for the longest three minutes, my anxiety level was rising and I began to wonder how it would all play out. Suddenly, without any warning, the object instantly streaked nose-first at a downward angle, around 45-degrees, east-northeast toward the Lochwood Park area. It went from hovering almost directly overhead, down to the horizon, traveling over a one mile distance, at one constant and terrific speed. There was no observable acceleration against inertia or deceleration against momentum. I have watched high-performance

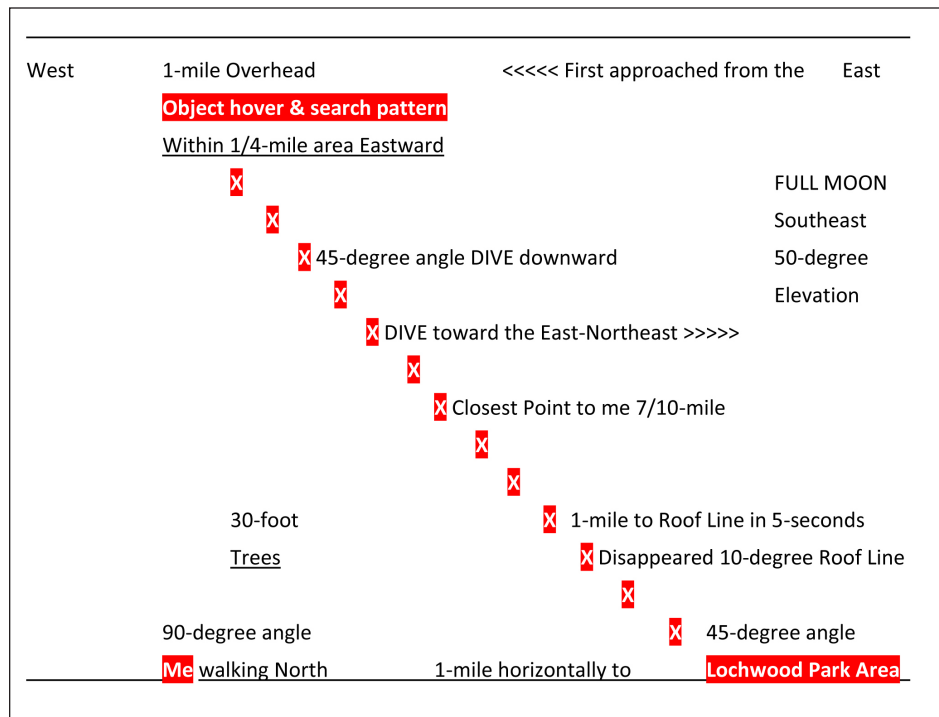


Diagram 2 viewed from the south side looking north @ 11 p.m. CDT on June 13, 2014.

jets stall out several miles above and then rev up to flight speed – this takes several seconds. My UFO did this instantly! When its lights disappeared through the trees and just above the horizon, it was still travelling at the same speed without slowing down. Its observed lack of inertia and momentum implied that the object had no mass, as though it were only a mirage or light image, and it actually looked somewhat that way during the dive.

Although I could only see the lights, the craft appeared to be intermittent between a real object such as a bus or airplane, and an artificial movie-projected image of such. That is, at times, it would have passed for a solid material night-flying helicopter; while at other times, the lights seemed transparent and unreal, like projections on a movie screen. The greatest division in this dichotomy appeared between the very separate hovering and diving phases. During the overhead circling, I felt as though I could rap my knuckles on the craft; conversely, during the dive, I felt as though my arm might go through it. This division was reinforced by the whirring mechanical sound of the craft as it hovered, contrasted by the total silence when it dived at su-

personic speed. Lending to this impression, a solid form would have created friction, pushed the air aside and made a horrific noise; this thing made no sound whatsoever. There was no noise at all during the dive – any air-displacement whoosh, sonic boom, crash or explosion – anything! Artillery shells make a distinctive sound as they pass through the air, and this speeding UFO should have done likewise. Incredibly, there appeared to be no resistance from the air. I felt that if I had shot this thing with a rifle, the bullet would have gone through it. Because of the lack of both inertia and air resistance, I must assume that there was no solid object – AS WE KNOW IT – during the dive phase. This raises my question of whether the UFO was somehow outside of our physical reality, a consideration that might apply to the origin of these things. I assume that a craft from another solar planet or star system would obey the same Newtonian physical laws that we do – but this thing did not do this.

Visualize a right triangle with me on the ground at the 90-degree angle, and the craft one mile above me, searching

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within a quarter-mile diameter circle to the east. The full moon is south-east, at about 50-degrees elevation at 11 p.m. CDT, at its lowest zenith in June – exactly opposite the sun. The UFO dove toward the east-northeast at about a 45-degree angle. I have fine-tuned the compass direction with several visits; however, because it dived away from me, the descent angle cannot be exact. Therefore, I have bracketed or averaged it as 45-degrees, and the ‘landing point’ would be approximately one mile away horizontally at the other 45-degree angle. On the map, that would be around the Lochwood Park area. Draw a line from Northlake-Peavy east-northeast across Lochwood Park and somewhere along this track is where the UFO “landed.” By geometry, the flight path or hypotenuse would be about 1 1/4-mile long – or a little over one mile when discounting the 10-degree roofline. The object’s closest proximity to me would be about 7/10-mile as it slid down the hypotenuse. I watched its lights through the trees until the craft was about to slam into the ground about 1/10-mile above the actual horizon. Seeing the UFO dive to the horizon greatly helped me to scale and confirm my original vertical estimate as about one-mile altitude, and no lower than one-half mile.

I have used three methods to determine and confirm the exit speed as about Mach-1. First, my daughter and I have attended the Fort Worth Alliance air show annually for over 20 years – a father-daughter thing. There are always jet interceptor fly-bys, usually by an F-18 Super Hornet, at Mach-1, whereby the sound shock wave is visible forming off the fuselage. The June 13 UFO simply appeared to be diving that fast and that is what I settled on. Second, it took no more than five seconds for the craft to go from one mile overhead, then 45-degrees downward to the horizon, a dive distance of over one mile. Here, I estimated the dive time, based upon my gut feel of

five seconds. Third, at home I pointed my finger at an imaginary UFO and had my daughter time my downward sweep with a watch, always getting about five seconds. In summary, one mile multiplied by five seconds works out to 720-mph, or about Mach-1.

At the short end of the spectrum, time is easy to estimate. Two, five and 10-seconds can be accurately guessed. As time gets longer, estimating becomes more inaccurate – one minute is more difficult and an hour is even more so. Five seconds were easy to guess and to confirm by dragging my hand downward and having someone else clock me. My object had lights that pulsed every two seconds and it dove within about five seconds – these times were simple to bracket and measure. I estimated that the craft hovered above me for three minutes because it seemed like three minutes, even when considering the lengthened anxiety factor. In addition, I bracketed the hovering phase – it was certainly longer than one minute and probably shorter than five minutes – thus, three minutes. My calculations of distance, time and speed all conform to one another mathematically – its red lights blinked every two seconds, the object hovered about one mile above for three minutes and exited at a 45-degree downward angle, diving within about five seconds at a speed of around 720 mph.

As the craft streaked downward toward the horizon, its lights were visible through the nearby trees, but of course, the lights were blocked when they went behind the roofline. The angle of total disappearance was about 5 or 10-degrees above the actual horizon, which would have been about 1/10-mile above the ground at the “point of impact.” Seeing the object go through the far tree line greatly reinforced my vertical estimate as one mile distance. The UFO’s path of descent formed an imaginary “hypotenuse of a right triangle,” which is depicted in the third diagram. At the horizontal, its size and distance could be compared to foreground features – much as a rising

full moon can be compared to nearby hills, trees, houses and so forth – this confirmed my estimation of the overall scale of the UFO flight path.

The contrast between the three-minute hovering and the five-second dive was astounding, and suggested that there were two methods of control during these two phases – manual and autopilot. This dichotomy erased all doubt as to whether or not this was a human construction. The circling and wobbling object appeared to be silly, jerky, and almost Warner Brothers cartoonish with the super bright garish lights – the reds pulsing on and off, and the greens glowing steadily. The searching was asymmetrical, irregular and chaotic – as though a coxswain was steering the boat randomly and impulsively as he searched the ground far below. If I had witnessed only the hovering phase, I would not be convinced that it was not some type of human-made aircraft.

By contrast, had I seen only the five-second dive, I would not be convinced that it was not some re-entering satellite debris. This exit plunge was straight, steady, mechanical, meteor-like and almost blurred. Unlike in its erratic circling phase, the fast diving craft did not appear to be arbitrarily piloted, but went down uniformly at a constant speed in a straight line from A to B as though programmed and automatic. It appeared as if a switch was flipped, which said, “Take me from here to there.” Certainly, no human pilot would have had nerve reflexes fast enough to control this suicide dash downward and I assume the same for any biological organism. As it dove, the form or basic structure of the object was perfectly retained – the blinking red bar of lights in front and the two steady green rows of lights on the sides. However, more so than when it was circling, the craft looked strangely like an artificial light image as it dashed downward, with the pulsing red lights at the front. Possibly, the angle of the lights were turned away from me somewhat, making them appear dimmer, thus contributing to the

dichotomy of appearance. The object went down angled into the dive and all of its light structure was retained intact, as though it being a rigid object. However, both of these phases, when put together said that this was something unusual. I looked straight at this thing for three minutes as it hovered, and for five seconds as it dove – it definitely was NOT a human-made aircraft!

A saying goes that we should always look for ponies before we look for unicorns. In the best tradition of looking for ponies, immediately following the sighting I attempted to eliminate all plausible possibilities. I considered a drone as an explanation, and several other folks, including my wife, have since offered the drone scenario (which seems to be the contemporary debunker explanation for all UFOs today). This would certainly fit the hovering and whirring electric motor sound, since several drone models are electric powered hovering devices. Immediately after this event, I asked myself, “Did someone launch and retrieve a drone from the Lochwood Mall parking lot?” However, I quickly dismissed my devil’s advocacy here because this explanation would have been more unrealistic than a “flying saucer.” The large size, mile altitude, glaring lights and exit speed ruled against a drone. hobbyists’ electric RC craft are small, weak and slow, and they fly at very low altitudes. Military drones are larger and more powerful, but still rather slow. These are secretive, conserve power to remain on patrol for long periods, and they do not waste batteries on bright lighting; the CIA is not going to advertise its presence with glaring, blinking lights. All of this goes against the large corporate jet-size of my UFO, which was hovering one mile up with lights blazing while milling back and forth.

Consider the Mach-1 exit speed. No drone, civilian or military, is so streamlined or powerful; indeed, such a design would be antithetical to the hovering purpose of a drone. All drones have propellers or rotors. No propeller driven airplane has ever achieved Mach speed and survived – ever! This formidable velocity requires an aerodynam-

ic, reinforced coke bottle-shaped fuselage, sweptback razor thin wings, and a turbojet engine with a powerful afterburner. Even the fabled F-86 Saber Jet and MiG 15 of Korean War vintage could not reach the speed of sound. Moreover, no human-constructed aircraft – prop or jet – would have pulled out of such a steep dive at that speed.

Finally, yet importantly, all aircraft, civilian and military, CIA or FBI, drone or whatever, flying high in United States commercial airspace are required by law to conform to FAA lighting standards. This is to prevent mid-air collisions with other planes. As ruled by the National Transportation Safety Board, an “aircraft” is any device used for flight in the air – there are no exceptions! My observed object was violating a main landing flight path over northeast Dallas, which would have been filled with vulnerable commercial Love Field traffic an hour earlier. It was shining and blinking bright garish lights that were arranged in the bizarre pattern illustrated above, that made no sense and which conformed to no codes or regulations. If it were any human-made object, it would have been flying illegally and in violation of United States law.

My UFO had a definite symmetrical structure, differential lighting, a variable mechanical sound, a three-minute time of operation and a complex behavior, so it was not a natural phenomenon such as a mirage, ball lightning, plasma, Venus, meteor, swamp gas and so forth. It moved back and forth against the wind, so it was not a passive lighter-than-air object such as a balloon, kite or Chinese lantern. During its high-speed dive, the UFO exhibited no inertia or momentum, and it made no sound; therefore, it was not a human-made aircraft – no human construct can do this. All of this taken together leaves only a NOT human solution.

Of interest, the June 13 object appeared to be predatory by its raptor-like tactics. First, there was the sneaking up and hovering above me. Second, after I hid under a tree whereby it lost me, the craft started to circle as though

scanning the ground for a replacement. Third, it seemed to have spotted another ground-based subject, toward which it made a dive. (Of course, we want to believe this target was an abductee – whether true or not). The entire affair was reminiscent of a hawk circling in the sky and stalking a mouse in a field. I suspect, but will never know, that my quick reflexive hiding may have saved me from being confronted by whatever was operating this thing. It was never closer than 7/10-mile during the five-second diving. Other than the expected natural anxiety and elevated adrenaline, I have never experienced any unusual symptoms then or afterwards. I actually arrived home earlier than planned because I did not proceed with my exercise walkabout, thus had no “missing time.” Several months later, I have not experienced any side effects, so I guess that I am in the clear...

The weirdly blinking red and the stationary green lights made no sense; were they designed for them or for us? I have reviewed many other UFO reports and have never seen any pattern described like mine; therefore, I assume it was either a custom job or the object could configure its own lighting scheme. All that I can surmise is that the garish, colorful lights might have been an enticement or gimmick to instill interest and attract a sucker to stand still and gawk. I know that I certainly was enticed to observe this thing; only my fear of the unknown overrode my curiosity and kept me from standing in the open street and observing it. This entire affair became a delicate balance between me hiding from the craft and me peeking at it.

Of note, the UFO did not execute whatever action it desired, against whatever ground-based target it apparently had – from high up during its hovering position. There were no visible projectiles, rays or whatever extending downward from the object toward any ground subject; conversely, there was nothing from the ground, which came upward to the craft. Apparently, the object had to dive physi-

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Witness details background to support sighting

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cally from its mile-high perch down to whatever it had targeted at ground level. It appeared to have needed to get near whatever its interest was to accomplish whatever it wanted to do. This would be like a hawk needing to get down grasping a mouse with its talons. I estimate that the UFO “landed” somewhere along a straight path, east-northeast from Northlake-Peavy, with Lochwood Park as the central impact. It was traveling at a constant Mach-1 velocity as it approached about 1/10-mile above the ground. I did not see it again as I walked home after that, so the object either stopped instantly or else it drilled into the ground. Afterwards, there was no explosion, no news report and no evidence of damage.

Two days after my June 13 observation, I wrote a short letter to the *Dallas Morning News* in hopes that other witnesses, perhaps near Lochwood Park, had seen where the object went and what it did after plunging below the tree line. My letter was not published, which suggests that when these things are reported to the mainstream news media, they are laughed off. Circuitously, since no one hears about them, there is nothing to them!

In the past, debunkers used Venus, weather balloons, U-2 spy planes and plasma, with some explanations being more fantastic than simply believing in, “Flying Saucers with Little Green Men.” Today, the trend among debunkers is to “explain” all UFO sightings as Drones or secret experimental military aircraft that are “cloaked.”

Because of such potential irresponsible and destructive debunking, I believe that I should list my qualifications as a visual UFO witness. There are many activities where I do not perform very well, such as singing, typing, acting, computer programming and so forth. If humankind ever

needed a great motivating leader, it certainly would not look to me; however, if it wanted the best visual UFO witness around, I would be a Crack-jack!

To start, I have excellent vision for my age; my driver’s license does not stipulate any restrictions. I can identify the Pleiades with the naked eye, and delineate its individual stars with glasses. With a lifetime walking habit, I have lots of experience viewing the nighttime sky.

My mental health is excellent. My wife of 37-years, adult son, 32, and daughter, 29, will attest that before 2013, I have never shown any obsession with UFOs, and I have never been interested in the supernatural or the occult. My family and friends will attest to my honesty; I have never been arrested and have no outstanding warrants, including unpaid traffic tickets. I was honorably discharged from the U.S. Navy in 1961 after four years military service. In 1963, I worked for a defense contractor for one year, which required a civilian security clearance.

In 1957, at age 17, I joined the U.S. Navy, took a General Educational Development test and scored the highest possible in Science, 99 percentile. I received light mathematical training in electricity as an Interior Communications Electrician and served four years aboard a Destroyer, achieving the rank of Second Class. As a civilian, I worked one year as a Mechanical Assembler at Texas Instruments. I have read extensively about physics and cosmology – such books as *The Making of the Atomic Bomb*, by Richard Rhodes. I have toured the Trinity Site and Los Alamos National Laboratories in New Mexico. I have viewed the rings of Saturn, the moons of Jupiter and the surface of the Sun through telescopes; have seen Mercury with the naked eye, and Venus so many times that I cannot count. I have seen one tornado, one light air-

plane crash, several car wrecks, many reentering satellites, and innumerable lightning storms, meteors, weather balloons, Chinese lanterns, and night-flying birds, bats and insects.

I have flown in light private aircraft, various military transports, helicopters, and piston engine and jet airliners.

As stated previously, my daughter and I have attended the Love Field Air Show in Dallas and the Alliance Air Show in Fort Worth, annually for over 20 years. We have personally viewed all sorts of flying constructs, including stealth aircraft such as the F-117 Nighthawk and F-35 Lightning. I might add that all of these airplanes exhibit inertia and momentum, and they make a hell of a noise. By attending over 20 air shows, I have developed an ability to judge the type, size, altitude and speed of any human-made flying object.

In 1973 and 1974, I mapped the Big Thicket National Preserve in southeast Texas as a public service – the relevance being that I had to determine mileage distances and compass directions by direct observation. I viewed tree lines beyond clear cuts and drew these on topographical maps. This knowledge was applied when I estimated the vertical and horizontal distances of my two UFOs throughout their entire climbing, hovering and diving phases.

Of exceptional importance, I am a retired Commercial Artist. Before you laugh, consider this – I can draw what I see – better than can 99 percent of the population.

My talent lies in the visual arts, and it has been enhanced by a BFA from Texas Christian University and 40-years of job experience. I can visualize form, shading, volume, value, color, intensity, lighting, perspective, scale, distance and so forth – better than police officers, pilots, astronomers, physicists and others who are considered as being ideal witnesses.

I could probably draw a UFO much better than could Albert Einstein – my sketch would look like a flying saucer, while his would look like $E=mc^2$.

Unless an engineer or physicist was using technical instrumentation, they would have no visual advantage over me.

Furthermore, since I viewed my UFO from the ground, I was on the same playing field as any aviator or as-

tronaut would have been.

During my lifetime of 74 years, I have never seen anything that I could not explain; I can even explain my two *Unidentified Flying Objects* and thus make them *Identified Flying Objects* – they simply are highly advanced machines, designed, built and operated in our atmosphere by intelligent creatures that are NOT human.

What these beings are or where they

are from, I can only speculate; however, their existence and activity in our environment is a 100 percent fact, from my direct observations.

This reality should help support those claims by other witnesses of fantastic and bizarre UFO occupant activity, as being a very real physical possibility.

All of the testimony given here is the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

director's message

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possible UFO propulsion technologies, Aaron Judkins, Ph.D Archeologist, sharing his insights into the Nephilim of the Bible, Nancy du Tertre, a Princeton graduate and lawyer, who will be discussing exo-linguistics, or how to communicate with an ET, and many others I know you will be very, very excited to hear and see. The full speaker and Symposium slate is available on the MUFON Symposium website at mufonsymposium.com. In addition, we are looking at providing one or two tour options for Friday, September 25th. Currently under consideration are the Griffith Park Observatory, Mt. Palomar Telescope, and perhaps a day tour to Universal Studios. Check the MUFON Symposium website for more details. These tours will be designed to be fun for the whole family. I encourage you to make your plans NOW to attend the 2015 MUFON Symposium at the Hotel Irvine, in Irvine CA, September 24-27th, 2015. To check it out go to mufonsymposium.com NOW!

Changing gears a bit, by now you may be aware that the first episode of "HANGAR 1" Season 2 is slated to air on Friday night February 13, 2015, at 9 p.m. ET on the History 2 channel (H2). We are all excited to see the new season launch and I know you will like the final product which is the culmination of many months of research, writing, filming and production. I'd like to personally thank Roger Marsh, Clifford Clift, and John Schuessler for their un-

ending support on the research side of the show. Culling through thousands of reports to find 60 or 70 that match a specific theme is not easy to do. Also, my hat is off to Paul Villadolid, producer of "HANGAR 1," and the entire GoGoLuckey production staff for writing, filming and producing 12 outstanding episodes that will keep you on the edge of your seat. As I mentioned, the episodes will once again take on a thematic approach and will include many of our best files on topics like leaked government documents and UFO crash retrievals, Men in Black, Underwater UFOs, Police encounters with UFOs, other worldly technology UFOs have displayed in some encounters, high-strangeness cases, Close encounters, UFOs during war time, and even cases from the great state of Texas. So invite your friends and family to sit down with you, and watch as the new season

begins.

Finally, an update on our quest to build the NEW Global UFO Database. I want to thank all of those who have contributed to this important project. You should have received a thank you from me, and for those contributing \$100 or more a limited edition T-shirt commemorating this project.

If you haven't had a chance to contribute you may do so by going to MUFON.COM and clicking on the NEW Global Database slider. Any amount is appreciated and will go to directly support this project.

If you already are a donor, you will be getting regular updates on the project from me. For the general public just check the MUFON.COM website for the current schedule and project plan. Here's to a great 2015 for Ufology and for all of us working together to solve the UFO mystery!

New Global UFO Database

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CMS rankings

Here is January's CMS Ranking Report for all State Directors. Congratulations to Jeff Krause (California), Samuel A. Falvo (New York), Thomas Wertman (Ohio), Debbie A. Ziegelmeyer (Missouri), James E. Mann (Arizona), Douglas Wilson (Colorado), Lakita Adams (North Carolina), Richard Hoffman (Alabama), Cheryl Ann Gilmore (South Carolina), Donald R. Burleson (New Mexico), Craig R. Lang [Section 4] (Minnesota), Charles Stansburge (Idaho), Fred R. Saluga (West Virginia), Gregory Andersen (Iowa), John Ventre (Maine), William R. Puckett (Montana), Jim Klancnik (South Dakota) for being at 100%!!! All State Directors who are at 100% are highlighted.

Understanding the Chart

This report is based on our two measures of UFO Investigation effectiveness. 1). Assigning reports within 72 hours of receipt, and 2). completing all investigations within 90 days of being assigned. The "Assigned" column is a three month running average of the number of cases assigned within 72 hours divided by the total number of cases received in that three month period.

The "Completed" column is the number of cases completed beginning ninety (90) days back and going back six months from there (for a total of nine months back) divided by the total number of cases reported in the same period.

The "Weighted Rank" is just the average of the two columns expressed as a percent. To improve your score be sure to assign all cases within 72 hours, and follow-up with your Field Investigators to ensure all reports are completed within 90 days.

To be considered complete, a report must have been investigated and placed in one of the three completed status codes (Unknown, Hoax or IFO) by you or your Field Investigator closing the case.

Questions or help? Contact Steve Hudgeons at doi@mufon.com.

	State	Director	Weighted Rank	Assigned	Completed
1	California	Jeff Krause	100 %	313/313	368/368
2	New York	Samuel A. Falvo	100 %	138/138	174/174
3	Ohio	Thomas Wertman	100 %	123/123	165/165
4	Missouri	Debbie A. Ziegelmeyer	100 %	100/100	140/140
5	Arizona	James E. Mann	100 %	108/108	115/115
6	Colorado	Douglas Wilson	100 %	104/104	112/112
7	North Carolina	Lakita Adams	100 %	81/81	112/112
8	Alabama	Richard Hoffman	100 %	48/48	61/61
9	South Carolina	Cheryl Ann Gilmore	100 %	48/48	60/60
10	New Mexico	Donald R. Burleson	100 %	41/41	52/52
11	Minnesota	Craig R. Lang [Section 4]	100 %	43/43	47/47
12	Idaho	Charles Stansburge	100 %	17/17	33/33
13	West Virginia	Fred R. Saluga	100 %	32/32	28/28
14	Iowa	Gregory Andersen	100 %	26/26	25/25
15	Maine	John Ventre	100 %	28/28	21/21
16	Montana	William R. Puckett	100 %	9/9	13/13
17	South Dakota	Jim Klancnik	100 %	9/9	7/7
18	Florida	Morgan A. Beall	99 %	179/179	207/209
19	Pennsylvania	John Ventre	99 %	146/146	160/161
20	Texas	Teresa Turner	97 %	195/201	255/262
21	New Jersey	George A. Filer, III	97 %	74/78	96/96
22	Oklahoma	Richard Gardner	97 %	39/41	42/42
23	Tennessee	Eddie Middleton	95 %	42/45	58/60
24	Connecticut	Michael Panicello	95 %	31/31	31/34
25	Delaware	John Ventre	95 %	8/8	9/10
26	Washington	James E. Clarkson	94 %	0/0	102/115
27	Rhode Island	John Ventre	94 %	8/9	14/14
28	Michigan	William J. Konkolesky	93 %	126/126	139/159
29	Mississippi	Richard Hoffman	93 %	13/15	21/21
30	California	Ruben J. Uriarte	92 %	192/208	208/223
31	Kentucky	Roberta Smith	92 %	39/41	56/62
32	Wyoming	Richard Beckwith	92 %	7/7	6/7
33	Indiana	Stewart I. Hill	90 %	88/89	74/90
34	Nebraska	John C. Kasher	90 %	8/9	11/12
35	Vermont	John Ventre	90 %	8/10	9/9
36	Georgia	Ralph O. Howard, Jr.	86 %	60/64	57/72
37	Utah	Erica Lukes	83 %	27/34	29/33
38	Nevada	Donna Carbone	77 %	43/47	44/69
39	Virginia	Susan L. Swiatek	77 %	39/50	42/54
40	International	David MacDonald	75 %	0/0	500/982
41	North Dakota	Dale Brown	75 %	1/1	2/4
42	Wisconsin	Michael Lucas	74 %	34/35	29/56
43	Oregon	Thomas Bowden	73 %	79/81	45/92
44	Arkansas	Norman D. Walker	70 %	12/15	8/13
45	New Hampshire	John Ventre	65 %	12/25	32/39
46	District of Columbia	Tadd Buffington	50 %	0/1	1/1
47	Illinois	Samuel Maranto	49 %	25/89	84/117
48	Maryland	Tadd Buffington	45 %	29/47	15/52
49	Hawaii	David McManus	45 %	5/12	10/20
50	Alaska	Brent Mitchel-Gaudet	41 %	3/7	6/15
51	Louisiana	Reginald Buck	39 %	9/30	15/31
52	Massachusetts	Steven Hudgeons	26 %	18/42	5/51

the night sky

By Gavin A.J. McLeod

Moon Phases

Full Moon, February 3; Last Quarter, February 12; New Moon, February 18; First Quarter, February 25.

Bright Planets (Evening Sky)

Venus (magnitude: -3.9): From Aquarius into Pisces.

For northern hemisphere observers Venus will begin the month standing above the southwest horizon at sunset and will set below the western horizon about 2 hours later; by month's end Venus will be standing high above the western horizon at sunset and will set below the western horizon about 2 ½ hours later.

For southern hemisphere observers Venus will begin the month standing above the western horizon at sunset and will set below the western horizon about 1 ¼ hours later; by month's end Venus will be standing above the western horizon at sunset and will set below the western horizon about 1 hour later.

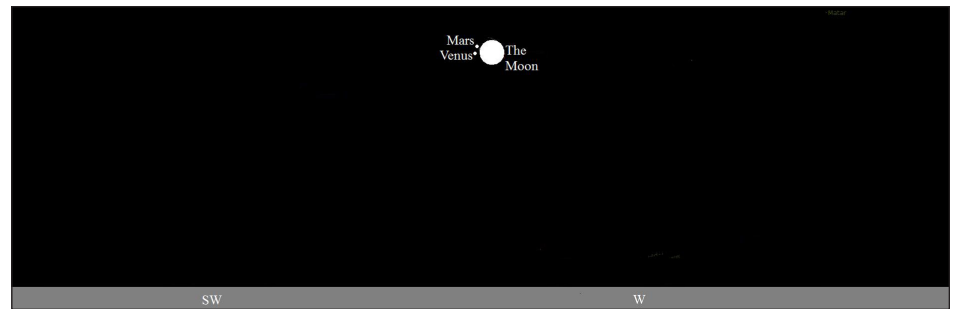
Mars (magnitude: 1.2): From Aquarius into Pisces.

For northern hemisphere observers Mars will begin the month standing high above the southwest horizon at sunset and will be setting below the western horizon about 2 ¾ hours later; by month's end Mars will be standing high above the western horizon at sunset and will set below the horizon about 2 hours later.

For southern hemisphere observers Mars will begin the month standing above the western horizon at sunset and will set below the western horizon about 1 ¾ hours later; by month's end Mars will be standing above the west-northwest horizon at sunset and will set below the western horizon about 1 hour later.

Jupiter (magnitude: -2.6): In Cancer.

For northern hemisphere observers Jupiter will appear in the evening sky before the end of the second week; by month's end Jupiter will be standing high above the eastern horizon at sunset and will set below the west-northwest horizon about 1 hour before



The Moon, Mars, Venus and Mercury on February 20 after sunset.

sunrise.

For southern hemisphere observers Jupiter appear in the evening sky before the end of the second week; by month's end Jupiter will be standing above the northeast horizon at sunset and will set below the east-southeast horizon about 2 hours before sunrise.

Bright Planets (Morning Sky)

Mercury (magnitude: 4.7 to 0.0): In Capricornus.

For northern hemisphere observers Mercury will begin the month lost in the glare of the Sun but will rise above the horizon as the month passes; by month's end Mercury will be rising above the east-southeast horizon about 1 hour before sunrise and will be standing above the southeast horizon at sunrise.

For southern hemisphere observers Mercury will begin the month lost in the glare of the Sun but will rise above the horizon as the month passes; by month's end Mercury will be rising above the east-southeast horizon about 2 ½ hours before sunrise and will be standing high above the eastern horizon at sunrise.

Jupiter (magnitude: -2.6): In Cancer.

For northern hemisphere observers Jupiter will begin the month rising above the east-northeast horizon about ½ hour after sunset and will be standing low above the western horizon at sunrise; Jupiter will sink into the glare of the rising Sun and will reappear in the evening sky before the end of the second week.

For southern hemisphere observers Jupiter will be rising above the east-northeast horizon about ½ hours after sunset and will be standing above the west-northwest horizon at sunrise. Jupiter will sink into the glare of the rising Sun and will reappear in the even-

ing sky before the end of the second week.

Saturn (magnitude: 0.5): In Scorpius.

For northern hemisphere observers Saturn will begin the month rising above the east-southeast horizon about 4 ¾ hours before sunrise and will be standing very high above the southern horizon at sunrise; by month's end Saturn will be rising above the east-southeast horizon about 6 hours before sunrise and will be standing very high above the south-southwest horizon at sunrise.

For southern hemisphere observers Saturn will begin the month rising above the east-southeast horizon about 4 ¾ hours before sunrise and will be standing very high above the eastern horizon at sunrise; by month's end Saturn will be rising above the east-southeast horizon about 2 ½ hours after sunset and will be standing very high above the northern horizon at sunrise.

Other Celestial Phenomena

Zodiacal Light: Zodiacal light will be visible in northern latitudes in the west after evening twilight beginning February 6th, and lasting two weeks. The phenomenon is visible only from very dark locations. Zodiacal light is the result of sunlight bouncing off dust grains in our solar system. These grains lie mostly in the plane of the solar system. Look for a pyramid of light in the evening sky somewhat similar in appearance to the light from a city or town just over the horizon.

Conjunctions and Occultations

February 4: Jupiter 5 degrees north of the Moon. February 13: Saturn 2 degrees south of the Moon. February 17: Mercury 3 degrees south of the Moon. February 21: Venus 2 degrees south of the Moon.

ONE-ON-ONE: Virginia Chief Investigator Ben Moss

This issue of the *Journal* profiles Ben Moss, a very active MUFON investigator. Born and raised in Virginia, Moss majored in psychology at the University of Richmond. A sparked interest in the topic of UFOs from a Walter Cronkite special led Moss into many years of intense research. Since joining MUFON in the 1990s, Ben has worked his way up to Chief Investigator for the state of Virginia. He also is representing MUFON as one of our hosts on the upcoming Season 2 of “Hangar 1: The UFO Files.”

Journal: Tell me about your interest in UFOs and what brought you to MUFON.

Moss: The Walter Cronkite UFO television special got me started! I watched it with my father, who I found out was also interested in the subject. At that point, I had always been interested in science fiction books and movies. “The Day the Earth Stood Still” amazed me also as did the television show “Star Trek.” Just thinking that only one incident out of the thousands reported could be from *elsewhere* made the universe and our world a much more interesting place to me. I found MUFON by attending a UFO conference in Maryland in the early 90s. I cannot remember much about it, but at that point I told myself to learn more about this group and how to get involved. I also went to the 50th anniversary of the Roswell event in New Mexico and spoke with Jesse Marcel Jr. and several ex-military witnesses. I still remember Whitley Strieber’s speech in the hangar on base because a tremendous thunderstorm hit us right as he started speaking. After, we had to ride in trucks to our cars since the parking lot was flooded. I also met Colonel Philip Corso there but he was surrounded by people and hard to talk to.

Journal: How long have you been with MUFON?

Moss: Since the 90s. I actually was the head of security for the MUFON symposium in Crystal City for the 1999 event. I met a lot of interesting people there.



Caricature by D. Rano. See more ufologists' toons at ufologistoons.com.

Journal: Is there anyone at MUFON that you have never actually met that you would just like to sit down and talk with?

Moss: I have met Stanton Friedman but never had a chat with him. I would love to talk with Richard Dolan and many others who have 40-plus years of investigations behind them. I did buy Richard Hall a martini at the 1999 symposium and I remember how sincere and nice he was.

Journal: Your background went from the antics of door-to-door salesman, to the fitness world, to your current work in the Internet industry. Do you feel that all of these employment opportunities have helped you with your investigative work?

Moss: My background certainly laid the groundwork for investigations. I have always been a seeker. Starting with comics as a child, I graduated to reading almost anything I could find about science, physics, history, science fiction, anthropology, and archeology, anything that hit on the subject of who we are and where we came from. From being in sales and having a background in psychology, I have learned how to read nonverbal communications, such as signs of being truthful or not, as well as doing background checks on companies and individuals. That’s a lot

easier now with the Internet, social media, and the many investigative tools imbedded in our smart phones.

Journal: Being a man of the Internet industry, how important do you see social media for MUFON’s growth?

Moss: Social media is of great importance. As many of us age, we need new and younger blood to become exposed and interested in the topic, and that’s where they can be found, online, searching not just for love or great deals, but for answers to who we are and where we came from, all tied to the mystery of life and what is in the vast space around us.

Journal: Once you gain a case, you often work diligently to answer the hard questions. Are there any cases Ben that stand out?

Moss: One of my earliest cases involved abductions and low flying vehicles in the Shenandoah region of Virginia. A lot of witnesses were pretty freaked out to the point that one family would not leave the house at night. Associated with the case was animal mutilations of cows and strange animal behavior, and a baby disappearing for three hours out of a locked alarmed house. That area of Virginia is on my hot list due to the plethora of reports still coming from that region.

Journal: Any of your cases become a life interest?

Moss: That’s a good question. I would have to say that each case that I found that was not a hoax or a normal event misidentified by the viewer has led me further down the path of exploration of what is going on. The strange gets stranger, and the more unusual cases just make me want to dig in harder and find answers. I am currently helping tie together new data about the Socorro case of 1964. Roswell is always on my mind and this year perhaps we will have some new information on that case also.

Read the complete interview at mufon.com.

Suggest the next One-On-One guest by contacting Cassidy Nicholas at cassidy@mufon.com.

LOOKING BACK: The Meteor Connection

by Luis Schoenherr

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Research by John Ventre

In a recent article in the *Journal*, the authors have speculated, whether the temporal correlation of UFO sightings and satellite re-entries is “coincidence or cunning”. They suggest it could be the modus operandi of extraterrestrial visitors to use reentry phenomena in order to mask their own operations. In this connection it may be pointed out that there have also been cases of UFO sightings correlated with meteoritic falls. I have never made a systematic search for such cases, but when reading the article cited above, I immediately recalled two American sightings:

Stockton, Kansas

At approximately 3:50 p.m. (MST), February 18, 1948, at the onset of or just before the Norton County meteoritic fall, a Stockton farmer claimed he saw “a strange saucer wobbling over his home”. He said further: “When it came within six feet of him it stopped in the air, level with his face, and wobbled around for an instant with fire belching out, and then being sucked back in. It was about four feet long and shaped like a funnel. Sparks suddenly showered from it and the fire increased as if a fuse had been lit. It took off in a northwest direction, very fast, gaining altitude as it went. My wife came out and watched it fly off, leaving a trail of smoke. On a sudden, a great cloud of smoke appeared in the sky and in a few seconds, we heard a terrible explosion. I could feel the heat from where the object came near the ground.”

Crouter Farm, Nebraska

On July 28, 1968, at approximately 2:00 p.m. (i.e., about the time of the Omaha Fireball: 1:45 p.m.), the railroad engineer William C. Rogers observed a tear-drop shaped phenomenon of light, 100 feet from him at the height of the power lines, which cross the farm. While the observer watched, it burst open and disintegrated into fragments of light. The phenomenon made

no noise nor did it leave physical traces. It did also not move. The sky was cloudless and sunny and the incident lasted “a small number of seconds”.

Later the witness corrected his distance estimate to 200 yards; a still later measurement resulted in 750 feet.

Discussion

The wording of the Stockton report renders the impression that two separate events are described and that the observers were in an environment familiar to them, nothing is known about their eyesight and credibility. But if the report is not an outright hoax or has not been fabricated by mentally deranged people, it is worthy of being considered. I’m wearing glasses, but I cannot imagine that I would, in broad daylight and in front of my house, mistake a meteoritic phenomenon dozens of miles away, for an object six feet from me and level with my face. And what about the heat the farmer felt “where the object came near the ground”? The only item in accordance with the hypothesis of a misidentification of the meteoritic event is the direction of flight (northwest) of the UFO.

One may also get the impression that the importance of visual defects for the reliability of an observation is often overemphasized. People who have such defects are usually well aware of them by long experience and know how far they can trust their eyes. There are carefully designed optical experiments which seem to prove how easily human perception is fooled. But actual observational situations are not like carefully designed optical illusions. There is, for example, a distinct difference in the sensory quality of close up observations and observations of things far away. This is due to the human ability of stereoscopic sight, which makes distance estimates in a range of 2 to 4 meters possible without external reference points or knowledge of the nature of the observed object. Quite unconscious movements of the eyes the head or the body together

with the use of secondary criteria like perspective, shadows, definition and external reference points, can enlarge this range considerably.

Contrary to the Stockton sighting, the Rogers Case has been well investigated. It was established that the angle between the observer’s bearing and the course of the meteorite was about 15 degrees. This and the short duration of the event could perhaps (perhaps!) explain why no motion was observed if the witness had actually seen the meteorite. But then, if the witness had really looked at such an acute angle towards the meteorite, why had he not seen the meteor trail, but insisted the sky was clear and cloudless?

This puzzled even the investigator. In the course of the investigation the witness admitted he could have been in error as to his original distance estimate. But it was only during the investigation that he learned of the meteoritic fall. It is therefore equally possible that this led the witness to distrust his original estimate. It is interesting that the investigator himself has not discounted the possibility that Roger’s first estimate might have been correct. In view of all this, years ago I tried to persuade the investigator of this case to also look into the Stockton sighting. But he declined, apparently in view of the elapsed time and the presumed unreliability of the available account.

UFO Correlations

For there to be unambiguous correlations of UFO sightings with reentry and meteoritic phenomena, the following requirements must be fulfilled:

1. The type of the UFO sighting must be such that it can, under no circumstances, be ascribed to a misidentified re-entry or meteor.
2. The temporal correlation of such sighting types with re-entry or meteoritic phenomena must be statistically significant.
3. It must be possible to exclude any natural, causal connection between both events.



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Denver Mayor, 8th Graders learn about MUFON

by Rich Evans
Colorado STAR Team Field Investigator

For the third consecutive year Colorado MUFON reached out to the community by providing an exhibit explaining MUFON at the Denver Public Schools 8th Grade Career Fair at the Expo Hall/ Hall of Education at the National Western Stock Show venue on October 22, 2014. Over 250 exhibitors were present and 3,500-4,000 8th graders came through the hall.

At 8:30 a.m. there were special guests addressing the exhibitors during the Opening Session. Colorado State Director Doug Wilson listened attentively as Denver Mayor Michael B. Hancock addressed the exhibitors and described 8th graders as “not alien yet.”

“At 15, the aliens take them away for about three years.” At least four times during the speech the “alien” terminology came up.

Doug, wearing his Colorado Mutual UFO Network patch on his shirt and ID, was able to meet the mayor after the speech and introduce himself. The mayor pointed to the patch and asked, “Is that for real?” “Yes,” Doug replied. M: “Really, in Colorado?” D: “In Denver.” M: “In my city?” D: “Yes, we’ve got the alien aspect covered.” The mayor smiled and walked away. About 20 minutes later an adjunct of the mayor stopped by our tables to learn more about Colorado MUFON.

There were many opportunities to share MUFON’s mission and explain there are skills and training that can be obtained through Colorado MUFON leading to knowledge, skills and experience in such fields as mathematics, astronomy, meteorology, earth sciences, interview/research/investigative skills, physics, photo analysis, cartography, and many more.

Some rather poignant comments are shown below. All responses could not be documented or shown in consideration of space in the *Journal*. Rest assured there was plenty of discussion regarding MUFON’s investigative and



Colorado MUFON display.



Colorado MUFON State Director Doug Wilson talks to 8th graders.

research techniques as well as its goal of educating the public.

- 8th grader Thutmose (whose father has an interest in UFOs): “What percent of people laugh at you? Of that percent, how many really wish they stopped to talk to you?”

- 8th grader: “It’s all a bunch of BS.” and “It’s all just nonsense.”

- 8th grader: “What’s the hardest

part of your job?” Adult passerby at that moment: “Oh, you’re kidding!” As adult walks away... Doug: “That’s the hardest part!”

- Doug: “Hi, you want to learn about UFO’s?” 8th grader: “No.” “Well...yes.” D: “Which is it?” 8th grader: “I want to learn, but I don’t want anyone to know...”

- 8th grader to Doug: “I’m going to take your job someday!”



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MUFON WELCOMES new Field

Investigators: Richard Andisio, CT; William Chapman, MO; John Cruzan, MO; Yoshimi Graham, TN; Thomas

Hill, NJ; James Horne, FL; Tim Martin, WV; Laura Meyer, OR; Mark Nisall, CA; Eileen Pearl, CO; Jorge Tirado, FL; Bruce White, FL; Jim Van Loosen, Canada.

APPOINTMENTS: Cheryl Lee Vanagelis, National Director of Australia; Heather Giesen, State Section

Director, UT; Aditya Sehrawat, Chief Investigator, India.

STAR TEAM WELCOMES: Roger Laurella, IL; James Wolford, IL; Alexander Rottas, Uruguay.

GEORGIA MUFON will host Atlanta UFO Study Group, Saturday, February 21, 2015, 2-5 p.m. Meetings feature review of chapter sightings and investigations, a DVD presentation and wide-ranging discussion. Venue details at mufonga.org.

MUFON HQ holiday party



MUFON HQ Open House/Holiday party on December 17, 2014, was a great success! Over 50 guests showed up, some of them were Orange County MUFON chapter members and some came from San Diego and Los Angeles. Upper left: MUFON Executive Director Jan C. Harzan, Office Manager Marketa Klimova and Administrative Assistant Emily Leinen looking very festive. Upper right: Board Member Dr. Bob Wood, right, and MUFON member Dwight Equitz, who is on the show 'HANGAR 1.' Lower left: MUFON Executive Director Jan C. Harzan with Harold E. Burt, author of *Flying Saucers 101: Everything you ever wanted to know about UFOs and Alien Beings*. Harold is a MUFON Member. Lower right: MUFON members enjoying delicious food.



MUFON MINUTES ITEMS: Please send state notices on meetings and other related events to Cassidy Nicholas at cassidy@mufon.com for inclusion here. Deadline is the 10th of the month for the following month's *Journal*.

