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MUFON: 'For the Benefit of Humanity'

by Jan C. Harzan

The mission statement of MUFON is "The Scientific Study of UFOs for the Benefit of Humanity." This statement is deliberately broken into two parts: the first is the "Scientific Study of UFOs." There has been much reported over the past seventy years, and even longer, on the subject of UFOs, much of it in the form of storytelling and urban legend. There has long been a crying need for an organization to help pull all the pieces together, fact by fact, and make sense of this profound mystery. MUFON is the organization that does that.

Since 1969, MUFON has actively solicited UFO reports from the general public and systematically collected and analyzed the relevant datapoints from each and every case through field investigations. The Scientific Method begins with observation, and follows through with data collection and analysis, and ultimately creating a hypothesis and testing that hypothesis. This is the heart of what MUFON is about.

The second half of our mission statement is: "for the Benefit of Humanity." Now, most people might say, "What benefit could there be to the study of UFOs?" We at MUFON say, "What has more potential to profoundly change humanity than the study of UFOs?" We do not know the final answer to the UFO enigma, but mankind's most important advances have occurred in the study of topics that were not initially popular as areas of scientific study. Today, only France studies the UFO phenomenon in a scientific manner, and does so under the auspices of the French National Center for Space Studies (CNES). The results of their investigations are made open to the public and the scientific community. There is no comparable government organization in the United States. MUFON provides a similar service in the United States through our non-profit status.

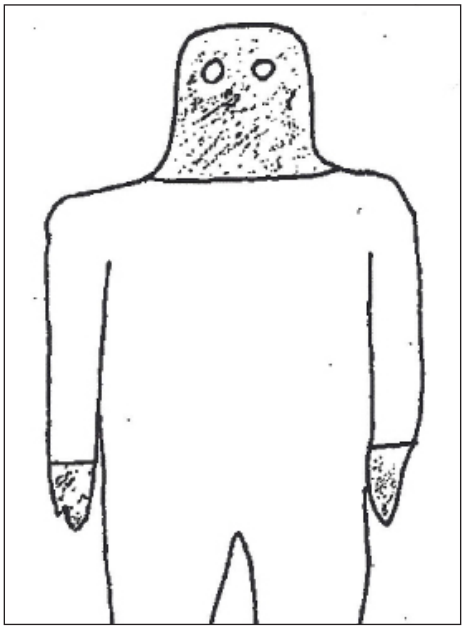
There are undoubtedly a vast number of technological and societal benefits to the study of UFOs, but probably the most important of these is the change of how man will view himself and his fellow human beings. Up to this point in our history man has been anthropocentric, with man at the center of his universe and at the top of the living creature pecking order. What will the discovery of more advanced lifeforms in the universe do to man's perception of his place in the cosmos? This would be akin to the Copernican discovery of the 16th century, that the Earth was not the center of the universe. Will mankind someday see himself as humankind in and amongst what must be dozens – if not hundreds or thousands – of other species in this vast universe? Will man become more accepting of his fellow human beings once he realizes that he is not alone in the universe? Will human understanding ultimately reach a level where wars cease and mankind begins to look at all humanity as his brother, to be taken care of and served, rather than destroyed? One can only hope, and it is with this hope that MUFON proudly bears the mission statement, "The Scientific Study of UFOs for the Benefit of Humanity."

Looking Back

Middleton Humanoids Affair

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following story is reprinted from the January 1980 edition of the *Journal*. Except for just a few minor details, we've allowed the original editing to remain.

by David Webb
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A complex series of incidents occurred in and around the home of the Gould family in South Middleton, Massachusetts, a rural community located about 15 miles north of Boston. These incidents included sightings dating back to 1962 of two kinds of beings and several types of UFOs. A surge of activity

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director's message

'Tremendous strides' kicks off the New Year

By David MacDonald

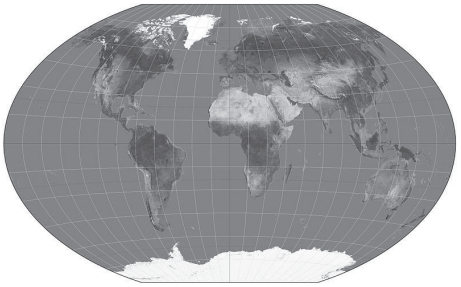
Kicking off the New Year

WOW! What a great year for MUFON. We have made tremendous strides on all fronts. Our domestic membership is growing at a rate of 75-100 new members per month; our Auto-Renew Program has had wonderful acceptance which will help us solve the "leakage" problem that plagues most organizations. Our expanded facilities have been a God-send allowing greater efficiency, more capabilities, increased visibility resulting in a respectable increase in "walk-in" traffic which has resulted in new members and a level of community acceptance and respect that would be the envy of any organization.

Another big story is our growth in our International Operations. In just a few months we have brought our international membership up to about 100.

We now have National Directors, Regional Directors, Field Investigators and general members in 39 countries. In 19 of those countries we have National Directors with fully organized, fully functional MUFON chapters encompassing a devout following of UFO enthusiasts numbering into the 5 figure range, all of which are potential donors. Europe and South America are fully engaged in this effort. Many of you may not be aware of our free newsletter program which currently services close to 30,000 subscribers.

In January of 2013, I will be flying to Paris to attend what may be one of the most prestigious conclaves of UFO Directors in the history of Ufology. MUFON National and Regional Directors as well as Directors of the Académie d' Ufologie from all over Western Europe will be in attendance as well as representatives and members from many of



the most highly respected research organizations the world has to offer.

MUFON has reached out to the world in a gesture to unite researchers on a global scale. Although each group will maintain their own independence there will be the open sharing of ideas and information which will result in the first truly global network of its kind dedicated to solving one of the greatest mysteries of our time.

Another one of the year's highlights was the acquisition of The Leonard Stringfield papers. I am thrilled to announce that the digitization of these files is complete and a protocol has been developed to set the terms and conditions under which these files can be researched.

A copy of this Access Protocol can be requested by serious researchers by contacting MUFON Headquarters. Researchers meeting the criteria may then apply for access to the files. Please note that researchers who are MUFON members in good standing have priority for the first year.

Although there is so much more going on I better wrap up so that our Journal Editor, Roger Marsh, does not clutch his chest and gasp for air as he sees how much space I am eating up.

So, Happy New Year and thanks to every one of you for your efforts and overall support. Because of you MUFON is smoking hot! Keep looking up. And, the best is yet to come.

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Reports of UFOs in the triangle variety remain as one of the top three highest reported shapes in the U.S. for 2012. This month we review closed case testimony from November in our continuing study of this phenomena. Ninety cases have been entered into our CMS so far for reports that took place in November. Story begins on page 4.

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editor's note

Four-year anniversary is time for reflection

By Roger Marsh
Editor


My writing studio aka dining room.

January 2013 brings me to my fourth anniversary of an experiment begun in 2009 where a mainstream journalist covers UFOs fulltime.

The idea began in December 2008 as I was planning my new year. I had searched far and wide and could not locate a single journalist who seemed to be covering UFOs as a full time occupation. With a masters in journalism and having worked multiple jobs in mainstream media and for corporate America, and with a strong interest in UFOs, I set out to see what I might accomplish.

But I needed a source partner and a strong media outlet. MUFON surfaced rather quickly as the premiere outlet for the latest information source on UFO cases and I reached out to its International Director in hopes of gaining permission to write from their large database of information. Several days later I heard back from James Carrion in a positive way and my first title in the organization was granted as Director of Communications.

On the media outlet side, I discovered the roughly six-month-old Examiner.com, a Denver-based Internet company, applied as their Chicago UFO Examiner, was interviewed for the position, and hired a few days later. But only one week into the Examiner job and a funny thing happened. Headquarters called and said my page hit numbers were soaring very quickly and they asked if I wanted to be their National UFO Examiner – which of course I accepted.

I decided to specialize in domestic reports, and specifically, the latest incoming reports. My style has changed slowly over the four years, and with a great access today and knowing just about every state director, it allows an easier time at reporting on cases after the investigation ends as well.

And having heard some of the same questions over and over and over again, I developed a style and routine to the reporting – important items that I fear you're tired of hearing in every story. So you will hear me repeat items like – "no images or videos were included with the MUFON report" – and "Please keep in mind that most UFO reports can be explained as something natural or manmade."

It's important to state the facts and not sensationalize or editorialize on the reports, something that many would-be journalists have a hard time doing within Internet media. And most reports we read today on the web do not even name a source.

I read every report coming into the MUFON CMS and pick and choose those reports I want to write about. I have even developed a sense of hoaxes and tend to skip over those that seem to fall into this category. And the few times when a hoaxer approached me directly, I was able to see through the game and rat them out.

As year five begins for me, I plan on continuing to report on the incoming cases, but will spend more time reporting on trends and spikes and specific shapes and cases where the object was very close to the observer. What keeps me writing about UFOs is not the idea that we've finally confiscated a bumper or some other artifact for study, but the continuing high volume of excellent witness testimony – possibly the most valuable piece of UFO evidence we have today for study.

My appreciation goes out to the many folks that make up MUFON today for their hard work and determination to bring these cases to a conclusion.

I look forward to what's around the corner, what we might discover together, what we might invent along the way, and what we might learn from all of this. Happy New Year.

Triangle shape continues as strong 2012 reporting

CMS logs in another 90 triangle cases for November 2012

by Roger Marsh
Editor

The triangle UFO continued throughout 2012 as a "top three" reporting shape, according to MUFON monthly statistics. MUFON recorded 90 U.S. triangle UFO reports during November 2012 where the event occurred during November. The number of reports made for this shape is typical for 2012 monthly reporting. Please keep in mind that the number may increase over time as additional witnesses report events that occurred during that month in the future.

The following is a sampling of edited witness testimony from 14 November 2012 cases that have already been closed out as an Unknown.



This illustration by STAR Team field investigator Norm Gagnon was used to describe what was seen in the Fayetteville, NC, Case 43730, that occurred on November 5, 2012.

November triangle reports began at 8 p.m. on November 1, in Merlin, Josephine County, OR, with Case 43656.

"I live on two acres in the country with a good view of the sky," the reporting witness stated. "I walked out to look at the stars and noticed lights coming low and slow from out of the west. I called my wife to come out and look because the lights were coming from an unusual direction. I didn't know what it was. I just knew it wasn't an airplane because airplanes are my hobby.

"It was a triangle-shaped object with a cluster of lights in the front followed by a red blinking light in the center and another light close to that. At first it looked like two separate craft, but as it got closer we could see that it was one big one. It headed towards the north and then banked towards the east and then disappeared. There was no noise at all."

November 2, 2012

6:35 p.m., Phoenix, Maricopa County, AZ, Case 43729. "When I saw and recorded it was at 7th street just south of Bell Road around 6:35 p.m.," the witness stated. "Three bright, white lights heading due west being trailed by a helicopter. My video is on Youtube, along with another (much better) video that catches the object from a block away. As it moved further west you can clearly see the lights are in a triangle pattern. When we first saw it, it appeared to be three large, non-blinking, slow moving white lights in a row (as shown on the other YouTube video) but clearly a triangle pattern as seen in my video. Watch 'bright lights over Phoenix 11/2/12' first, then mine 'UFO Phoenix 11/2/12.' Watching both videos gives a great perception of exactly what my mom and I saw."

November 3, 2012

5:30 p.m., Katy, Waller County, TX, Case 43835. "We noticed the green sphere-like object in the sky and both observed that it was moving back and forth and up and down," the witness stated. "We both knew this was not a plane. There also was another, smaller object. The pictures were taken between two and four seconds apart, so it was moving at a great speed. There is a small airport nearby, and we are very familiar with the landing and flight patterns, also colors of airplanes. There is a green outline in the clouds, and it looks like a green beam going downward. The object changed shape or possible turned over, and went to the south where it seemed to join with a cloaked, large object, which can be seen in the last photos. It looks like a cloud, but there is a clear outline of a huge disk, and cloud/vapor trail coming from the south/southwest."

11:45 p.m., Des Moines, Polk County, IA. Case 43716. "The lights were aligned like the three points of a triangle," the witness stated. "I could not see a solid object between the lights, but the way they moved together made me believe they were part of a solid object. The lights were above the tree line and appeared to be very close to me. I was worried that while I was sitting there the object/lights were going to fly over my house. They appeared to be much lower than an airplane would fly. I would estimate that they were approximately 100-200 feet in the air, maybe higher but definitely below the light cloud cover. I remember thinking that when the object flew over, it was so low that I would be able to see all the detail and that frightened me. The lights were gliding very slowly, not wavering from their position in the triangle and moving in a westerly direction. The lights were circular in shape and were about five times brighter and larger than the brightest/largest star in the sky. I watched the lights for about 10 minutes as they moved west, toward me, then they began to slowly fade until they appeared no brighter or larger than the average star."

November 4, 2012

9:10 p.m., Herculaneum, Jefferson County, MO, Case 43707. "Observed three lights forming a triangle in the sky," the witness stated. "The lights stayed on and did not blink. I was able to determine that the object that the lights were attached to was dark and triangular-shaped. The object seemed fairly large. When I first observed the object it was hovering. I watched it for

what seemed to be 30 seconds. All of a sudden the lights flashed very brightly and the object took off at a very high rate of speed. I also heard a 'whooshing' sound that did not sound like a helicopter or airplane." Field Investigator: "The area of the sighting is VERY interesting. Herculaneum is located on the banks of the Mississippi River, Scott AFB is just across the Mississippi River in Illinois, and Herculaneum is the location of the largest integrated lead producer in the Western Hemisphere and the 3rd largest producer in the world. If something 'unknown' was to be seen hovering, this would be a likely area considering information obtained from previous sighting reports referencing water, mining areas and military bases as active areas."

8:27 p.m., Fayetteville, Cumberland County, NC, Case 43730. "I was driving west down Cliffdale Road coming back from the store," the witness stated. "It looked like a cop helicopter looking for someone, low over houses to my left while driving south. Looked like this triangle within three white lights sitting over houses near the intersection of Cliffdale and Prestige. Turned around to get another look as quick as I could and it was gone."

November 6, 2012

4:50 a.m., Hazelwood, St. Louis County, MO, Case 43755. "Noticed what I thought was an airplane fly across the highway," the witness stated. "It got above the field to the side of the highway I was on. I pulled over and watched it descend down while flying back over to the highway right over my car. The first time I saw it the only reason I noticed it was because it was hovering over the bridge like just above it making it maybe 100 feet above my car."

5:30 p.m., Jackson County, MO, Case 43750. "We noticed a bright ball of light hovering over a central monument, Liberty Memorial," the witness stated. "We were curious and drove toward this part of town, only a five minute drive to reach this monument. We got there and the object began to move northwest at a slow stall and unusually low altitude. It became a jet. It flew low enough for us to see in detail the underbelly with no markings, all white non-commercial jet making no sound. Our car did not vibrate as expected to be directly under a jet. I watched as the jet slowly passed over our windshield and then looked at it through the moon roof briefly. We were driving 25 mph. The scale was 2/3 the space of our moon roof. It took approximately three seconds to cross the moon roof view. It kept up its northwest flight path with a constant speed and altitude."

November 8, 2012

8:15 p.m., Calabash, Brunswick County, NC, Case 43813. "A triangularly-shaped red light formation appeared, however, this was much, much, much different," the witness stated. "This object was approximately 40 feet tall and I would estimate at its widest point at least a quarter-mile wide.Truly amazing and scary at the same time. Each point of the triangle had its own red light and the ship flew with no sound and only 100-200 feet off the ground over houses and out towards the beach.The flashing white lights and orange orbs are very common in my area and no one knows anything. Hundreds of videos uploaded on Youtube and nothing."

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November 9, 2012

7:40 p.m., Jacksonville, Duval County, FL, Case 43834. "I glanced upward and saw a very unusual 'airplane' at about 80 degrees," the witness stated. "It was triangle-shaped (equilateral) and had softly glowing white light along its two forward edges. It appeared to be subdivided by softly glowing light into six smaller equilateral triangles. It was moving at a high rate of speed in a straight-line flight path and I estimate that it was at an altitude of 5,000 feet. The object passed directly overhead and was silent. The object seemed to disappear when it was at about 70 degrees from my position. I estimate the duration of the event at between five and seven seconds."

10:05 p.m., Parkville, Platte County, MO, Case 43807. "The object was about 200 or so feet above the tree line, but there were no sounds or wind gusts," the witness stated. "A helicopter flying that low would definitely give off some sound. I thought this was really strange, so I slowed down to about 15 mph because there were no other cars on the road at the time. I noticed the lights were in a triangle shape but I couldn't make out what was connecting the lights. The object was either transparent or blended very well with the night sky. The bright white light was on top. This light was the biggest and brightest. The smaller red and blue lights were underneath this main white light, forming the outline of the triangle shape. All the lights were flashing and becoming brighter at random times. When I was closest to the UFO I noticed it was not moving at all and was just hovering very low to the ground, maybe 200 or so feet above the tree line. I had to make a quick turn and I lost sight of it."

November 10, 2012

6:28 p.m., Castle Rock, Cowlitz, WA, Case 43828. "Three totally silent, solid, reddish orange glowing spheres forming an equilateral triangle," the witness stated. "Size: Each sphere approximately the size of a dime held out at arm's length. The three objects were close enough to my car that I almost stopped my car as I actually feared that they might block the road, but they stayed hovering where they had been the whole time so I continued southbound on Si Town Road. They were totally silent. They did not blink, rotate or change color. They maintained a constant luminosity until the end of this event. They were each very bright and each sphere was about as big around as a dime held at arm's length."

November 17, 2012

6 p.m., Richmond Heights, St. Louis County, MO, Case 44062. "I thought it was a fast moving lone cloud, but then it was clearly a black triangle when overhead and made no noise," the witness stated. "It only had some faint lighting around the edges, which may have been reflection from the city below. It disappeared over some high cirrus clouds, so I assume it was very large."

November 29, 2012

12 a.m., Waterloo, Laurens County, SC, Case 44239. "I saw the rectangular shape and heard no sound," the witness stated. "It has three or four white lights down each side and two red or blue blinking lights. It seems to disappear behind clouds when it starts back southwest."

Seven to nine scientists with diverse backgrounds

MUFON forms Science Review Board

In support of MUFON's mission for the scientific study of UFOs, the International Director along with the Board of Directors has approved the formation of a Science Review Board (SRB) that reports directly to the International Director. This is an exciting time for MUFON as we take various actions to advance our scientific prowess in the study of UFOs. The SRB was formed in July of this year and is expected to help MUFON become an international leader in the study of UFOs. Special thanks go out to David MacDonald, Marie Malzahn, and Morgan Beall whose vision, support, and dedication were very instrumental in the creation of the SRB.

The SRB consists of seven to nine scientists whose backgrounds are distributed across physics, chemistry, engineering, biology, statistics and earth sciences. There are currently seven scientists on MUFON's SRB with experience in physics, geology, electrical engineering, statistics and chemistry. Three of the members either currently work or have worked at NASA and Lawrence Livermore Labs. An additional two members will likely be added from other countries sometime in the near future. The SRB members have already devoted a significant amount of their time to the creation of the SRB and everyone involved is committed to the task.

The SRB is led by MUFON's Director of Research, Robert Powell, and has three primary responsibilities. One is to improve MUFON's scientific status with the media, the scientific establishment, and the public. The second is to function as advisers to the International Director, the Director of Investigations, and – should a unique case arise – to provide the necessary advice and/or help to the Star Team. The third role of the SRB is to review and drive major science projects within MUFON and to review any scientific papers that are published under the MUFON name.

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The SRB will improve MUFON's scientific status through the credentials of its members and by exercising its responsibilities within the MUFON organization. Any scientific related press releases or press releases of high profile cases will receive the blessing of the SRB before publishing. The SRB is the science arm of MUFON.

Second, the SRB will act in an advisory capacity to the International Director should there be general questions of a scientific nature that need to be answered. The Director of Investigations and Star Team will be supported should there arise a UFO sighting case of such significance that it requires individuals with scientific backgrounds to both support sampling of evidence and determine additional requirements for proper analysis of samples.

Lastly, the SRB will identify projects to undertake related to the UFO field. At the SRB's discretion they may initiate the projects themselves or initiate sub-teams to address the specific projects. All project proposals will be sent to the International Director for approval before they are initiated.

An important aspect of the Science Review Board is the inclusion of some of our international partners. The study of UFOs is more than just an issue within the United States. UFO organizations in other nations study and investigate the phenomenon. Like us, they have varying levels of support from their own government bodies; therefore, it is important that we share information and cooperate whenever necessary. We receive reports in the CMS database from all over the world and we will need their help in analysis of those cases. MUFON will have more exciting news on our international partners in upcoming editions of the *MUFON UFO Journal*.

The SRB is more than just seven to nine members. The pursuit of science is for all of us. There are opportunities for more individuals to support the SRB through the various sub-teams that will address various specific projects. These projects have not yet been created but they will be active projects and will require a considerable amount of work. If you are interested in supporting the SRB on a project, please forward your resume to Robert Powell at rpowell@austin.rr.com.

Massachusetts home incurs activity over 15 years

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began in the fall of 1977 and continued through the spring of 1978. Scattered incidents are still being reported to this investigator.

During the period of intense activity different individuals reported seeing one or more types of small, white-suited, helmeted figures. During 4 days from 9-12 January 1978 the major sightings of a UFO(s) occurred on the Gould property. It is possible that a single UFO landed on the property the night of January 9, remaining for two days before departing on the morning of January 12. However, the exact sequence of events is confused. On January 9 and 10 there were observations of a white suited figure in the vicinity of a UFO; therefore these sightings are Type C in the Humanoid Study Group's system.

Only the January series and two well-documented humanoid encounters in April 1978 are discussed in this article. The other events are older, less well documented or vaguer. For more details the reader is referred to the full report on file at MUFON headquarters. Raymond Fowler referred this case to me and aided in the investigation.

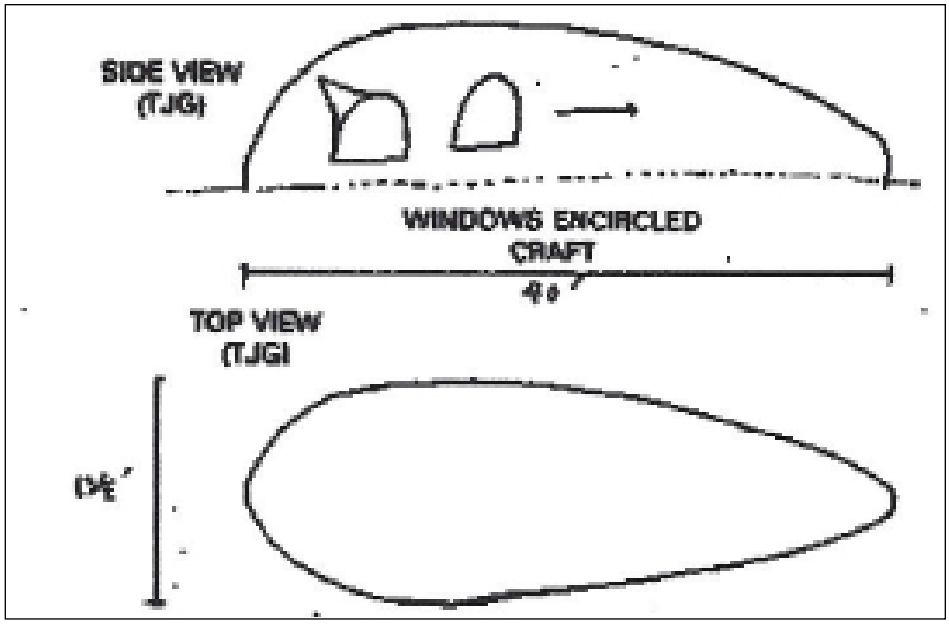


Figure 2. Boulder-like object on ground.

Synopsis

The Gould family members are Theresa (aged 50) and Thomas (52) and their three children, Allan (21), Nancy (20) and Douglas (14); ages are in 1978. Thomas is a self employed carpenter who is an emigrant from Canada. He served in the RCAF for 4 years as a medic. Theresa was born and lived in her parents' home for 42 years before she and Tom built their first home in 1967, where most of the events occurred. They recently sold the house. Theresa's mother still lives next door in the family home. Nearly eight acres of land extending to the north of these homes are in the family estate.

On December 17, 1977, the granddaughter of Mrs. Campbell, Theresa's mother and her family arrived for a 2-month visit. Carol Ann (24), T. (name confidential) and her husband Giles (nicknamed Jay, 26) have two children Jenny (6) and John (4). Giles is in the Army in Texas.

On the evening of Monday, January 9, 1978, Douglas, Mrs. Campbell and her granddaughter's family were in the Campbell house. The other Gould's were home next door. Doug and the children were put to bed between 7:30 and 8 p.m. At about 7:30 Nancy and Teresa Gould were sitting in their living room when, through the dining room window to the east, Theresa saw a large, yellowish-white light angling toward the ground. The main light may have had a small light in the rear (Theresa later described seeing 3 round lights,) The light(s) seemed to be approaching from the NE and remained in view at least 15 seconds. Nancy, who saw the object when it was closer, described a yellow-orange ball of light. She ran out the back door in time to see the object disappear behind trees some distance behind the house (azimuth: 15-30 degrees). She said the light seemed to wink out as it went behind the trees. No glow was seen; total observation time was about 20 seconds. She returned to the house, recorded the time in her diary as 7:37 p.m., and called a friend on the phone. Five minutes later when she tried the phone again it was dead and didn't work for 20 minutes. During this period Mrs. Campbell tried calling the Gould's from her home, to no avail.

In the Campbell house, the children had been in bed about 10-15 minutes when John called out. Giles went upstairs to John's bedroom (each child was in a separate room). John said, "Daddy, there's a man over there. And he was trying to touch me." The boy reported seeing a white figure in the room at the foot of the bed. His father naturally assumed the boy had been dreaming and told him to go back to sleep.

As Giles left the room, he heard a knock in the other bedroom, which should have been unoccupied. He went in to see who it was and heard a knock on a window. Pulling the curtain back, he saw a white-suited figure atop the roof on the back porch. The porch adjoins the house on the first floor. The figure was about 2-3 feet away and hooded by what seemed like a mask. Giles looked at a pair of eyes which just stared back. He dropped the curtain and went downstairs.

The night was windy and the porch door was banging. Carol mentioned the noise, so Giles went to the door to check. He went out on the porch and had to kick the porch door at its base to keep it closed. Turning to come back in, he noticed apparently the same figure standing

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Investigator says family testimony 'seemed sincere'

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just outside the door, which is all glass. No one else saw figures that night.

January 10 was a day of high, broken clouds. Snow flurries occurred in the Boston area, but the Gould's remembered no large snow fall that day. During early January there were only a few inches of snow cover at any one time. The first large snow didn't occur until January when inches fell. It is probable that if the sky were mostly cloudy, the lighting was flat on that day. Tom Gould spent much of that day working on the property. At 2:30 p.m. he was chopping wood in an area due north of their house when he spotted a white-suited figure standing on a path beside a tree about 90 feet away. The figure stood 4 ½ feet tall, wore a squarish helmet in which were set two dark eyes or eyeholes. (See Fig. 1.) It had broad shoulders with arms which hung down the sides. The being's apparently gloved hands had 3 digits ("looked like mittens"), resembling a thumb, finger, and a thicker part. The hands and helmet were battleship gray. (Investigator's note: These details are a composite of Tom's observations of the being, based on at least 7 separate encounters. Tom claims to have seen this or a similar figure 4 or 5 times during December 1977 or a few weeks before this incident. The figure was always alone; however, Tom always had the vague impression of a second figure near the first that he couldn't quite perceive. On January 10 it is unlikely that Tom saw much detail of a white figure standing 90 feet away against a white background of a flatly lit, overcast day.)

The being stood staring at Tom. Tom spoke in English and got no reaction. But when he spoke in French, he thought it moved slightly. Tom was unafraid of the being (this not being the first encounter) and continued chopping firewood for 1-1 ½ hours glancing at the being occasionally. It never moved. (In explanation of this apparent nonchalance, Tom told me that by then the figures were a common sight to him and that chasing them had always proven futile.) Upon finishing the chopping, Tom got in his pickup and drove down the road a short way. He looked again for the being but it was gone. (The area is hilly with lots of trees and shrubs. It is easy to lose sight of a small object even nearby.) Then he noticed what looked like a huge boulder about 150 feet away down a slope in a partially wooded area. (See Fig. 2.) He stopped the truck, got out and walked some distance around the area to look for the being and to get a better vantage point on the strange object.

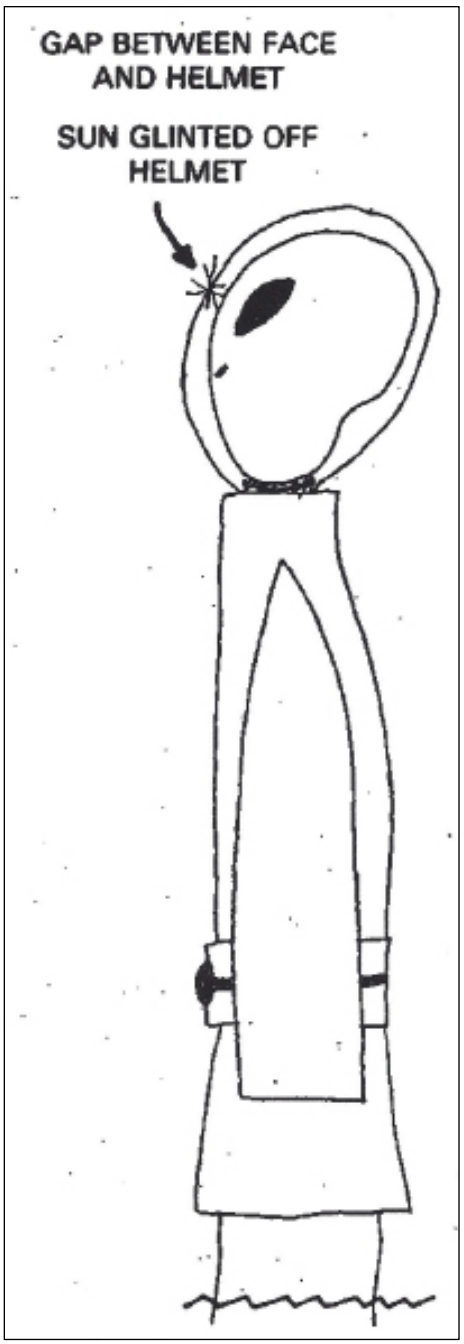


Figure 3. Observed by witness A.P.

The object was sitting on the ground; "it was egg-shaped, wider at the front than.…at the back. It's got little windows all over the sides of it....The window looked like a frog's eye - it had a hood-like over the window," said Tom. Later Nancy reported the windows as round and bubble-shaped; they seemed to protrude from the sides of the craft and were adjacent to one another. The dark gray surface of the UFO was dull and rough, like the surface of a brick. No seams or protrusions were evident.

Measurements in the area indicated that the UFO was about 40 feet long by 13 ½ feet wide across its nearer or wider end, and possibly 10 feet high (an undetermined portion lay in the snow or depressing the ground surface). The being had been approximately 300 feet to the west of the UFO. I investigated the "landing area" on April 23, or 3 ½ months later; at that time it was well overgrown with brush and small trees. There was no evidence of a depression or environmental damage except for broken limbs on two trees. These two trees were the tallest in what would have been the UFO's path of vertical descent. I was the one who first noticed these broken limbs, and pointed them out to Tom. He stated he was sure they were broken by the UFO because they had not been broken before the sighting, and the wood had appeared green and clean-cut the day after the sighting. I questioned him closely on this point. He admitted that he could not be sure he had been in the area of the "landing" within several days to a week before January 10.

Tom was afraid to approach very close to the UFO, and eventually returned home. He is uncertain when he told the family about his experience, but remembers that upon doing so they laughed and thought it was a joke. There is a discrepancy about whether the next sighting was the same day or the next day. On probably the following day (January 11) Tom was again cutting wood on the lot when he again saw the UFO sitting in the same place. In late afternoon he got first Allan, then Nancy to look at the object. Nancy remembered viewing the object

about dusk. She thought the time was about 4:30 to 5 p.m.; sunset was about 4:50 p.m. Allan, whose vision is effected by glare, thought that the sun was reflecting off the snow causing glare. He could only see what looked like a big boulder. Tom would not allow the youths to approach closer than 150 feet to the UFO. Nancy was unable to see much detail because it was dusk, and the UFO was a distance away partially obscured by trees and brush. Even so she claims to have seen 7 windows on the UFO once her eyes focused on it.

On the following day (probably January 12). Allan saw a daylight disc ascend from the property. He was in the bathroom about 10 a.m. when he suddenly observed a UFO about 100 feet in the air over a rise at an azimuth of 15 degrees. Its bearing was approximately the same from the house as the location where the landed object had been but apparently closer to the house. The object had a smooth, dull, steel gray or silver surface, and was shaped like two discs pressed together, the bottom being flatter than the top. Four long legs extended from the underside (Allan remembered seeing only 2 legs but assumed there were 4). The legs extended below the rise along Allan's sightline. As he watched, the object slowly rose vertically. He quickly ran outside, but saw nothing more of it.

He later found what he called "pod marks" in the clay-like soil near the rise. Only one of these alleged marks was visible the day I visited the site, April 23. The hole, was 4 ½ inches deep, 6 inches wide at the top and lay on an inclined portion of ground. It lay near a partially buried can. The immediate area is open with a dirt access road running through it. The topsoil has been removed from some of this area; what remains is clay-like and dry. The remains of an old hog pen lie atop the rise. I had Allan stand where he remembered the other holes and measured the distances. The result was a roughly rectangular area. Allan's idea was that these distances were the spacing between the four legs of the craft as it rested on the ground.

The investigators consider these events to be the most important and best documented. However, a host of attendent events involving both entities and

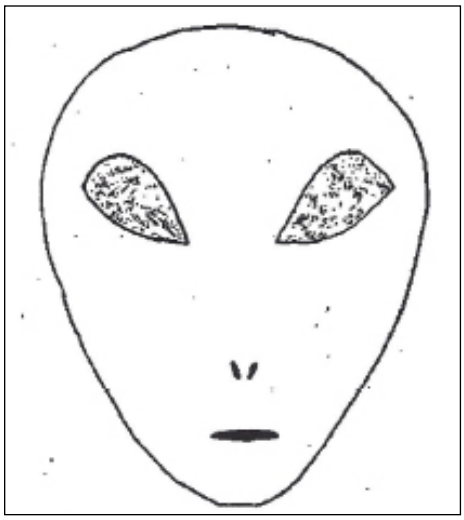


Figure 4. Face observed by A.P.

UFOs were reported before and after this period. Two are discussed below.

Two April Incidents

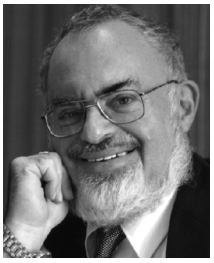
On the morning of Sunday, April 9, 1978, Doug and his cousin, D.P. (name confidential), were riding his minibike near the ruined pig house. Suddenly they glimpsed two large white heads through the low brush about 30-35 feet away. Only the heads were visible; their attitude was such that they seemed to be crouching behind the brush. Their faces were light gray with large, wrap-around dark blue eyes. Their heads were of normal size with no hair. The youths were frightened and quickly left the area.

About 2 p.m. Doug and Allan and their cousins R.P. and D.P. returned to the same area. While sitting and talking, they had the feeling they were being watched. Doug and Allan glimpsed several beings that faded from sight or moved too rapidly to be studied. R.P., however, saw at least one being and gave the most complete description. R.P. and D.P. were sitting together when R.P. saw a figure standing about 10-15 feet away. It was seen in profile (See Fig. 3) and about her height, which is 5 ft. 3 in. The head had an unusually large posterior projection and appeared to be encased in a clear, round helmet. She noticed a large, dark oval eye, a nose slit, but no mouth or ears. No hands or feet could be seen at the ends of flaring sleeves and pants. A belt with a dark central band, vertical stripes, and a black buckle encircled the waist. Recovering from her initial shock, R.P. yelled, jumped up and ran after the being. It quickly retreated with its back to her and was lost to sight in the brush.

The others did not see too many details, and particularly remembered no facial details. Allan noticed that an odor like sulphur pervaded the area. It is interesting that, except for R.P.'s account, only vague glimpses of figures were reported despite there being four witnesses in an open area in broad daylight.

R.P. saw the same or a similar entity about 10 days later on April 19. That night the four cousins were playing in the Gould basement when R.P. happened to glance at a window, which was at eye level. From only a foot away she observed a white face staring back at her! It was oval with vertical nose slits and a narrow mouth (in contrast to the earlier sighting; see Fig. 4). The eyes were large, slanted and gold in color. A transparent helmet may have covered the head. She turned to yell at her companions, but when she looked back the face was gone. This series of incidents taken as a whole is complicated and unique in my experience with UFO/humanoid reports. It is unique in the combination of bizarre events occurring over years. These events included landed UFOs, two types of humanoids, cattle mutilation, poltergeist activity, strange odors, sounds and devices. Yet all these phenomena have been reported in various combinations in other UFO reports.

The testimony of the Gould's seemed sincere. Each family member was sincere and concerned in reporting details. Successive interviews revealed no basic discrepancies in the stories. Our character reference checks showed that the Gould's were considered honest people though possibly prone to exaggeration. In conclusion, it is my opinion that strange events did occur in Middleton. The January incidents and observations of the white-suited humanoid(s) are especially noteworthy because they were reported by several people, sometimes in groups and at close range during daytime. The witnesses to these events included three groups outside of the immediate Gould family. It is highly unlikely that all of these people were lying or hoaxing, hallucinating, or misinterpreting natural or man-made phenomena.



perceptions

Mainstream media needs to get involved and educated on ufology

By Stanton Friedman

In a recent column I discussed the utterly foolish claim by Sir Martin Rees, the British Astronomer Royal, that only kooks see UFOs. Of course no evidence was provided, no sources were noted, or references given. This is not surprising because to anybody who has studied the research, there is a great deal of evidence that there are many quite respectable witnesses such as astronauts, astronomers, pilots, military personnel who have had excellent sightings.

Rees is now at it again.

He told the media in late November, "We fret unduly about carcinogens in food, train crashes, and low level radiation. But we are in denial about "low probability high consequence" events that should concern us more and which in our ever more interconnected world, could have global consequences.

Rees' Cambridge University is the location of a new "Center for the Study of Existential Risk (CSER)." Chief of the risks he believes are Malicious Artificial Intelligence devices! Rogue robots scouring the universe. The other top threats are nuclear war, climate change and rogue biotechnology. I would have thought that as an astronomer a much more serious threat to mankind would be an encounter with an asteroid. After all, wasn't such an encounter responsible for the demise of the dinosaurs? How about an encounter with a rogue planet? How about a supernova explosion in the neighborhood? Many have occurred and they would seem to be able to cause the demise of civilizations within a pretty good distance.

I can't recall the last time I heard anybody worry about train crashes. However, according to the McAleer Law Firm of Atlanta, there are about 5,800 vehicle-train crashes each year



Sir Martin Rees. Wikipedia image.

in the United States alone. These accidents cause 600 deaths and injure about 2,300 per year. It is also estimated that there is a derailment every two weeks leading to a chemical spill. Some require evacuations of local residents. I certainly enjoyed a number of train trips, without crashes, during a lecture tour of the UK a number of years ago. Perhaps I should have been worrying.

As discussed in a chapter in "Science Was Wrong," the threat of man-caused destructive global warming has been very much overstated by another UK based group, the IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change). The panel, like Rees, has been guilty of many false claims. As with the subject of UFOs, the basic rule is, don't bother me with the facts, my mind is made up.

Naturally there is no mention of the possible destruction or invasion of us by some of the many intelligently controlled extraterrestrial spacecraft that seem to be stopping by, picking up innocent Earthlings, destroying aircraft that attack them, being spotted on radar, occasionally crashing at places like Roswell and Aztec, etc. MUFON receives over 600 sighting reports a month. Has the good doctor Rees collected, reviewed, evaluated, or compiled ANY reports of any visits by Artificial Intelligence devices from elsewhere?

I was also asked on a recent radio program why a number of scientists, like Rees, are so negative about flying saucers. My simplified answer was that it was the result of ignorance combined with arrogance…certainly a good description of Rees' "holier than thou" attitudes. Almost invariably one finds that the debunkers haven't studied the relevant evidence related to saucer sightings, radar visual cases, the physical trace cases, the government cover-up that is so easy to document, or even technology for interstellar travel, or high performance flight in the atmosphere. The arrogance seems to come from the crazy notion that because these noisy negativists have advanced degrees in various scientific fields, they would have known if there were any good sources of evidence for extraterrestrial visitation. They don't, not because there aren't any, but because they haven't bothered to look and presume that they can make any silly claims that come to mind. One I have heard more than once is that reproducibility is the essence of science. What nonsense.

Many of the great discoveries in science were made by accident by curious, rather than dogmatic scientists, who had courage enough to admit they didn't know everything and here was a new observation for which they had no explanation. Let's check it out. Think of X-rays, radioactivity, penicillin. Think of studies of crimes, accidents, solar storms, meteor falls. Generally these cannot be predicted or controlled or easily reproduced, but they can be studied. Reports can be collected. It would obviously be very hard to reproduce solar storms.

Having worked under security for 14 years, I have to laugh at claims that governments can't keep secrets. One

astronomer claimed that the proof for that was how much we have learned about President Clinton's genitalia!!! Another claimed that if Roswell had actually happened, half of the academic physicists would have to have been pulled from universities! On the contrary, most of the relevant research would have been done by those thousands of scientists working at the nuclear weapons labs or in industry on classified projects. Estimates of the annual black budgets have ranged from 20-40 billion dollars per year by such groups as the National Security Agency, the National Reconnaissance Office, and the Defense Intelligence Agency etc. etc. or by such companies such as Lockheed, General Electric, and Westinghouse.

As an illustration of the ignorance of these debunkers, I was told that if Roswell had happened there would have been publications in the "Physical Review," the "bible" of the American Physical Society to which most physicists, including myself, belong!! The Stealth Aircraft was developed by Lockheed in secret at a cost of 10 billion dollars over a period of about 10 years. The very expensive gaseous diffusion plant at Oak Ridge National Laboratory for the separation of Uranium 235 from Uranium 238 was a mile long and used 5 percent of the electrical power being produced in the United States in the early 1940s, in secret. When Harry S. Truman was vice president of the United States (until May 8, 1945, when President Roosevelt died) he knew nothing about the Manhattan Engineering District which built the plant and developed atomic bombs.

Two other questions have been directed my way recently.

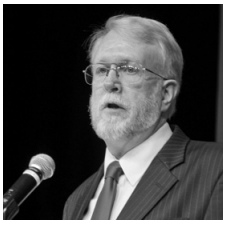
Did I think the world was going to end per the predictions of those who point to the supposed ending of the Mayan calendar on December 21, 2012? And if that doesn't happen, when will Disclosure of the facts about Flying Saucers take place and what will its impact be? My reading of comments by Mayan elders indicates that they do not believe that the world is coming to an end. I have lecture commitments and even a cruise planned for my wife and myself this coming year and certainly would not have accepted the tasks and the trip if I thought the end was near.

I was intrigued by a front page article in the Bangor, Maine, *Daily News* on December 5, 2012, "12.21.12. Is the end of the world coming?" by Nok-Noi Ricker, a BDN Staff writer. He reports on the results of an international poll of more than 16,000 people. The percentage who agreed that the Mayan Calendar which some say ends in 2012, marks the end of the world, ranged from a high of 20 percent in China to a low of 4 percent in Germany and Indonesia. In the USA the percentage was 12 percent and only 9 percent in Canada and Australia. I guess the answer will have been found by the time you read this…presuming you will have the chance to do so.

Concerning DISCLOSURE as touted by such enthusiasts as Dr. Steven Greer and attorney Alfred Webre, I haven't the slightest reason to think that it might be happening soon. Personally, as I have often stated, I don't want highly classified advanced technological information derived from examination of crashed saucers or of measurements made by sophisticated instrumentation of flying saucer maneuverability, to be declassified unless all countries declassify what they have learned as well. Clearly on a planet where a trillion dollars per year are spent on military activities, there is not much trust of other governments. From a larger viewpoint, nobody in power wants to give up power. Knowledge is indeed power. It is quite obvious that nobody is in a position to speak for planet Earth or to negotiate with aliens. Does any national government really want its citizens to owe their primary allegiance to Planet Earth or some Earth-based political entity? What would happen if clear cut evidence was provided that aliens were often abducting Earthlings? I suspect gun sales would go up and that there would be a mighty push for all out war against alien intruders. Shoot first, ask questions later, is not a healthy situation.

Frankly I have been saying for many years that if any major media outlet such as the *Washington Post* or *The NewYork Times* or *Denver Post* etc. etc. would spend half of what the *Washington Post* did on blowing the lid off the Political Watergate, they could blow the lid off the Cosmic Watergate. There is plenty of proof that the US government has been covering up. Think of the many almost completely blacked out TOP SECRET UMBRA CIA UFO documents. Think of the 156 old TOP SECRET UMBRA NSA UFO documents on which almost everything is whited out. Think of General Carroll Bolender's comments about reports of UFOs, which could affect National Security, not having been part of the old Project Blue Book. These have been discussed before in my columns and in my book *Flying Saucers and Science*.

There have been a few relatively brief press conferences held at the National Press Club in Washington DC at which military and intelligence people, have, for example, told their stories of alien interference with ICBMs having nuclear weapons on board being shut down such as described by Robert Hastings in his book about "Nukes and UFOs" and in a book by Jim Klotz and Robert Salas who was an AF Captain at Malmstrom Air Force Base when such an event took place. A number of the contributors to Leslie Kean's well documented book *UFOs, Generals, Pilots and Governments Officials Go on the Record* testified at another such press conference. I have recently accepted an invitation to speak at a 5 day long (April 29 - May 3, 2013) conference being arranged by Steve Bassett to a Committee of Former Congressman. Bassett claims he has received a million dollar grant from an unnamed donor to set up such an event, "Citizen Hearing on Disclosure." It may be time and there supposedly will be documentaries made from the 40 hours or so of testimony. Certainly last year's petitions to the White House for Disclosure were not successful. I can't say I am optimistic, but it might be worth the effort if enough media people get involved and educated. Tune in.



UFOs and Nukes

Big Sur official acknowledgement would be strategic vulnerability confirmation

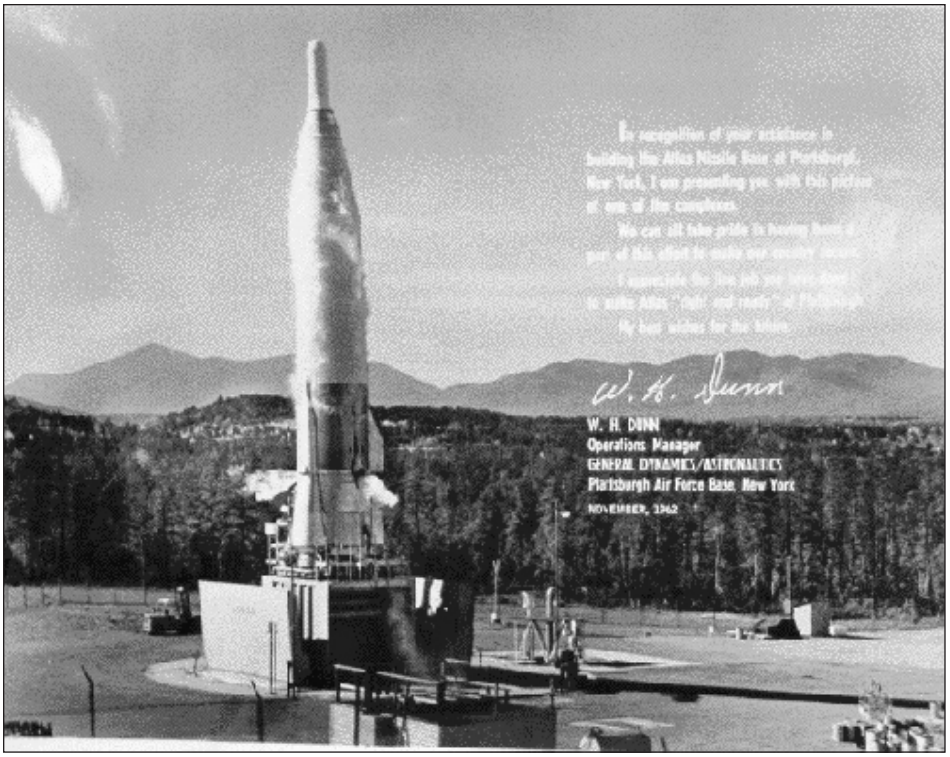
By Robert Hastings

The officially still-classified Big Sur Incident—according to the two ex-U.S. Air Force officers who have nevertheless openly discussed it—involved the inadvertent telescopic-camera filming of a UFO that had suddenly appeared near a dummy nuclear warhead during a test flight. Both men say the unknown craft approached and circled the warhead, which was traveling at over 11,000 mph, and used dazzling beams of light to shoot it down.

Former Lieutenant (now Dr.) Robert M. Jacobs and the late Major (later Dr.) Florenze J. Mansmann, Jr. say that the nearly unbelievable incident was immediately classified Top Secret and the amazing film confiscated by the CIA.

Jacobs, who was assigned to the 1369th Photographic Squadron at Vandenberg AFB, California, and held the title Officer-in-Charge of Photo-instrumentation, states that while the UFO's maneuvers near the warhead were readily discernible on film, other minute details—including the object's domed-disc shape and its rapid, rotational spin just prior to each burst of light—were only discovered during an enhanced optical analysis conducted at the base.

The telescope/camera system was itself located at Big Sur, California, over 100 miles northwest of the missile launch complex. Due to the NW-to-SE orientation of that segment of the state's coastline, the remote, mountaintop site afforded the best angle to film the ICBM tests from a side-view. The state-of-the-art instrument employed an ultra-light-sensitive Image Orthicon—essentially a television camera tube—whose images were filmed for study with a 35-mm movie camera.



Atlas-D missile with 1.45-megaton warhead.

Following the dramatic incident, says Jacobs, a 16-mm version of the film was shown to a small, select group at Vandenberg. At the conclusion of that meeting, he was told to "forget" the filmed events and to never mention them again. Years later, Jacobs learned that after he had left the room, the crucial frames were cut out and quickly confiscated by two CIA agents who were among those in attendance.

Importantly, after Jacobs' startling account was first published in the early 1980s, the details—relating to both the UFO incident itself and the subsequent cover-up—were quickly and entirely endorsed by Major Mansmann. In 1964, Mansmann had been assigned to Vandenberg's Office of the Chief Scientist, 1st Strategic Aerospace Division. It was he who had ordered Lt. Jacobs to attend the restricted screening of the film in his office at the division's headquarters building.

Dr. Jacobs' summary of the case, "Deliberate Deception: The Big Sur UFO Filming," was published in the January 1989 issue of the *MUFON UFO Journal* and may now be read at http://www.nicap.org/reports/bigsur2.htm.

The Private Letters of Jacobs and Mansmann

I first interviewed Jacobs by telephone in 1986. Afterward, I was provided with copies of personal correspondence between himself and Mansmann which referenced the Big Sur event. Additionally, researcher Lee Graham provided me with copies of letters Mansmann had written to him,

as well as to another individual, Peter Bons, on the same subject.

In those letters, now accessible at http://www.ufohastings.com/documents, Jacobs and Mansmann were obviously still stunned by and marveling over the Big Sur UFO incident, some 20 years later. It is important to note that this correspondence was never intended for publication, to support the validity of the case. Rather, the letters contain the private musings of two former USAF officers—involved and knowledgeable insiders—who had experienced what was obviously a life-changing event for each of them.

In one letter to Graham, dated January 30, 1983, Mansmann lamented the fact that Jacobs had gone public with the still-classified case. He wrote, "I do have some deep concerns about information, so vital to the future of mankind, falling into the wrong hands." He then alluded to the Soviets' theft of American atomic bomb secrets during World War II. Nevertheless, said Mansmann, because "the cat [was] out of the bag" he had decided to confirm Jacobs' account of the incident to various individuals who had written to him.

In a letter to Bons, dated March 8, 1983, the retired major described the image of the UFO captured on film: "Details would be sketchy and from memory. The shape was [a] classic disc, the center seemed to be a raised bubble...the entire lower saucer shape…was glowing and seemed to be rotating slowly. At the point of beam release—if it was a beam, it, the object, turned like an object required to be in a position to fire from a platform...but again this could be my own assumption from being in aerial combat." Mansmann's evaluation of the UFO's origin was explicit: "...the assumption was, at that time, extraterrestrial."

At some point, Lee Graham forwarded copies of these two letters to Bob Jacobs. The former lieutenant subsequently wrote to Mansmann on January 14, 1985, saying "[Your comments to Graham and Bons] reveal a great deal more about that fateful piece of film than even I knew. It appears that you did a good deal of analysis on it at the time."

Jacobs continued, "The technology to which you and I were witness, the technology recorded on that few feet of film, indicates orders of magnitude [beyond] our relatively primitive efforts in mechanics, propulsion, and possibly quantum physics as well. Such intelligence might be suspected to regard us as little more than savages."

Jacobs then speculated that the UFO's aggressive action was intended as a reprimand. Referring to the four flashes of light which seemingly disabled the dummy warhead, he wrote, "…those beams of light on our film [were] a WARNING. A shot fired across the bow, so to speak, of our nuclear silliness ship."

The importance of this 1980s-era correspondence is obvious, given that it captures the candid, unguarded thoughts of the two most important sources for the Big Sur UFO story. Notably, those impressions coincided to a remarkable degree, even though Jacobs and Mansmann had no contact with one another once they left Vandenberg AFB some 20 years earlier.

Much later, Dr. Mansmann wrote to a producer with the SciFi (now Syfy) Channel series *Sightings*, Curt Collier, who had asked the retired major about the truthfulness of Dr. Jacobs' statements relating to the case. Dated November 15, 1995, the letter began, "Dear Mr. Collier, Responding to your letter regarding the validity of the January 1989 *MUFON [UFO] Journal* story by Dr. Robert Jacobs, it is all true as presented. And yes, I have also responded to other researchers in the past, but only after Dr. Jacobs released the details of these sightings [sic] negating my secrecy bond."

Mansmann continued, "The Image Orthicon camera system we used in capturing the Unidentified Flying Object on film had the capacity to photograph the 'nuts and bolts' of the missile launch and its supersonic flight. In retrospect, I now regret not being able to evaluate the film for more than 3 showings. The only people in attendance of the viewing were: The Director of the Office of the Chief Scientist and his assistant, two Government Agents, Lieutenant Jacobs and myself. The two Government Agents confiscated the film and placed it in a briefcase and departed after I had checked their authorization to leave with the film. I was instructed later by the Office of the Chief Scientist, the Judge Advocate General's office and my Commanding Officer to consider the incident top secret." Mansmann concluded his letter to Collier, "I am writing to confirm Dr. Jacobs' account."

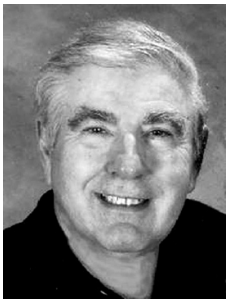
In other words, Dr. Mansmann was once again unreservedly endorsing Bob Jacobs' report of a UFO shooting down a dummy nuclear warhead over the Pacific Ocean, probably on September 15, 1964. (Because the official records relating to the amazing incident are currently still classified, this best-guess date was eventually selected by both officers decades later, based on their personal recollections about the case.)

The 'Skeptics' Counterattack

In its Winter 1993 issue, *Skeptical Inquirer* magazine—published by the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal (CSICOP)—featured an article titled "The Big Sur 'UFO': An *Identified* Flying Object", written by Kingston A. George. In 1964, George had been the project engineer for the experimental telescopic-tracking and filming of missile launches at the Big Sur site. In that role he had worked directly with Lt. Jacobs.

Given CSICOP's well-established position of debunking *all* UFO sightings, it is not too difficult to guess the tone of George's article. He begins by dismissing Jacobs' "weird claims" and then offers an alternate, prosaic explanation for the events captured

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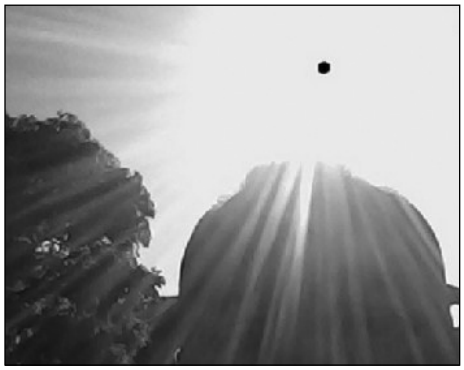


filer's files

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 Disc



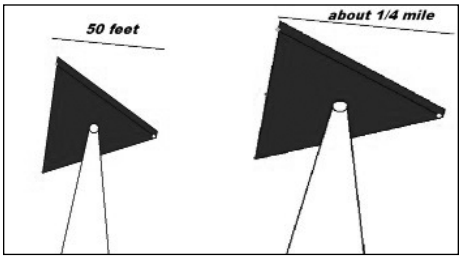
SOLEDAD – On November 25, 2012, plain and simple I took two pictures of me with the sun behind me but both in a different position. When I looked closely at them I saw a black, empty spot directly in front of the sun. I'm not sure if it's just the exposure, but am willing to send you the pictures. It was not visible with the naked eye. Note: Some cameras create a black sphere in the center of a bright scene. Thanks to MUFON CMS.

Florida Orb

FORT LAUDERDALE – **Every m**orning I sit on my boat dock and watch the sunrise while having my coffee. On November 29, 2012, about 6 a.m., I had my camera with me because I like to take photographs and there are some awesome birds that land on the dock posts. When I go out to the dock, it is pitch black and as it gets lighter, you can differentiate clouds from trees. I took numerous photographs that night and I captured an orb on my camera that I never saw with the naked eye.

As the sun came up I took three pictures of the sun per second and I noticed a penny-sized bright orb in several photos. So, I stopped my picture taking and looked at the sky. There was NOTHING there. It was a very bright light that stood out as the only thing in the picture save for a bluish glow in the sky from the sun coming up. I took more pictures but the orb was there in every single picture I took, yet I still could not see it with my naked eyes.

The people on the news reported seeing it before going to bed on the night of the 28th and I saw it early on the 29th.



JACKSONVILLE – I was in my car headed west on I-10 and saw some lights in a triangle formation and one beam of light that appeared to scan the area on September 17, 2012. As it got closer, I saw a solid triangular craft about 50 feet across, and two more of these craft within five minutes. Shortly a fourth triangular craft about 1/4 mile in size with lights on all corners and a light scanning in various directions flew by. Thanks to MUFON CMS.

Missouri Triangle

RAYTOWN – I was on my way to work on November 30, 2012 at 4:25 a.m. and saw a huge, black triangle flying low, a hundred feet over my street moving northeast. The object was moving very slow as it crossed over the street and hovered above the house on the east side of the street. The object was black, darker than the night sky with the exception of three very bright, pulsating lights at each corner and a large bright center light. The lights changed colors but did not appear to have any pattern to the movement. The silent object was absolutely huge and easily covered the entire house and then some. I tried to film it but my cell phone would not come on. So I quickly made a sketch of what I was seeing. The object started to move slowly and I tried to film again and I looked up and the object was gone. Thanks to MUFON CMS.

Hawaii Abduction

KIHEI/MAUI – On August 31, 2012, I awoke about 10:45 p.m. with a black mass hovering over my entire body. I felt a slight burning sensation on my arms and legs. The reason I know the time is because I could see the time on the cable box. I knew for a fact that it was not a dream because I could see and feel the black mass, while my husband was sound asleep.

Within a short time, I was in some type of pod with a dark blue/gray metallic-like material. I could see some light through a very small, foggy window and it felt like I was lying in a slimy gelatinous substance that covered my entire body. Unfortunately, I could not smell anything because I lost my sense of smell several years ago. I

was screaming to the top of my lungs, but the rest of my body could not move. I felt the presence of someone or something around me, but could not see anything in clear sight, except the pod I was in! It was horrible!

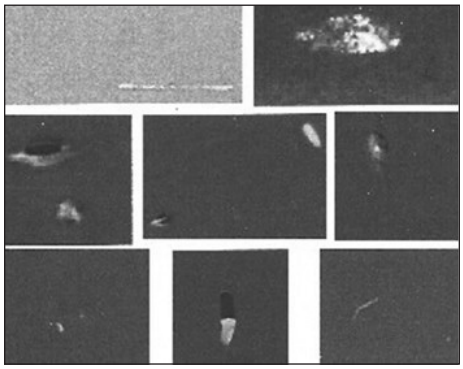
I awoke about 5:45 a.m. on September 1, 2012, in a complete state of hysteria at the opposite end of my bed. My hair was soaking wet with a sticky gel-like residue and my husband awoke to help me. He said that he awoke at 2:30 a.m. and I was gone. He thought that I was in my studio painting. The first thing he noticed was my hair and touched the gel. He went to pull this gelatin from my hair and it sparked and dissipated immediately. My hair was still soaking wet, and I had a red rash on my left arm the size of a silver dollar. He immediately placed a cold compress on it. Over the next three weeks the rash/burn healed, but left a visible scar/discoloration.

I have no idea what happened to me that night, but it has weighed heavy on my mind for several months. I searched the Internet and found a similar story in Hawaii. I am terrified and I am now using sleep aids to fall asleep at night and sleep with the lights and television on every single night! Plus I keep hearing strange vibration sounds all the time. The burn/scar discoloration is still on my left arm and I am having frequent nose bleeds, including pain to the upper right eye and nasal cavity. I made an appointment to see an ear, nose and throat doctor next week.

I was awake about 11 p.m. and got up to use the rest room and saw two strange, wiggly wire-shaped light forms just bouncing around the hall. I went to step closer towards them and they were gone. I set up my camcorder in the hall but did not find anything abnormal on the camcorder the next morning, although I do not remember going back to bed.

I remember that night having a weird dream in full color where I was waving to other people in a bubble that was floating or flying in the blue sky. I heard a big boom sound and saw very clear water with dark gray slates on the bottom. The entire area seemed very familiar to me and I was not afraid. I asked someone in a metallic shimmering hooded robe in my dream, "When would I be going back home?" I awoke the next morning with a round, red burn mark on my right cheek. Just when it seems to heal it gets inflamed and red all over. I normally have flawless skin. The burn is 3/8″ on the left side of my face. Note: This sounds like a "classic abduction" scenario. The witness is referring to another sighting that was reported at the same location in Hawaii on August 31, 2012. The witness sent photos showing some of the physical damage from the abduction. Thanks to William Puckett, Director, UFOsnw.com.

Indiana Multiple Sightings



BLANFORD – Richard Bondira has been photographing UFOs on clear nights since January 2012. He sent me dozens of photographs of UFO that he has filmed over the last six months. Sightings are continuing in October and November. As many as 10 or more UFOs can be seen on some nights. They mostly hover but can be seen maneuvering, spinning around, or going straight up. They usually come from the southeast heading northwest. Thanks to Richard Bondira.

Nebraska Triangle

O'NEILL – My son and I were driving to our cabin about 7:05 p.m. on November 30, 2012, when I noticed an object with several lights only a few hundred feet high moving slowly. It resembled a combine in the air with one pulsating orange light. Several small lights formed the outline of the object.

The first time we saw it for only 30 seconds before all of a sudden it was gone. The second time was a few miles further down the road when my son noticed it again moving northeast. We were driving 70 mph and it was pulling away from us. At first I thought it could be a large aircraft like a B-2 bomber however I've never seen a plane that could move that slow. The lights easily made it stand out in the dark sky. It's nothing like anything I've seen before. Thanks to MUFON CMS. Note: Several other states including Missouri, Michigan, Washington, Texas and Pennsylvania reported similar low flying, triangle-shaped objects during November.

Kansas Spiral



OVERLAND PARK – On November 29, 2012, around 4 a.m., I let my dogs out back and noticed a huge spiral contrail above my house. The moon was pretty much full so it was lit up and easy to see. I have never seen a contrail in that shape before so I grabbed my camera and increased the exposure time to two seconds so I could capture pictures in the dark. In the pictures you can see the moon and two contrails. In the left of the pictures you can see a normal contrail traveling in the same direction as the spiral contrail. I did not see the object. I just saw the resulting contrail. The large size and cork-screw contrail seem very strange. I edited the photos using Google photo editor to help see detail of the contrail. Thanks to MUFON CMS.



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'Unimaginably bright' flash of light illuminates ground like daylight

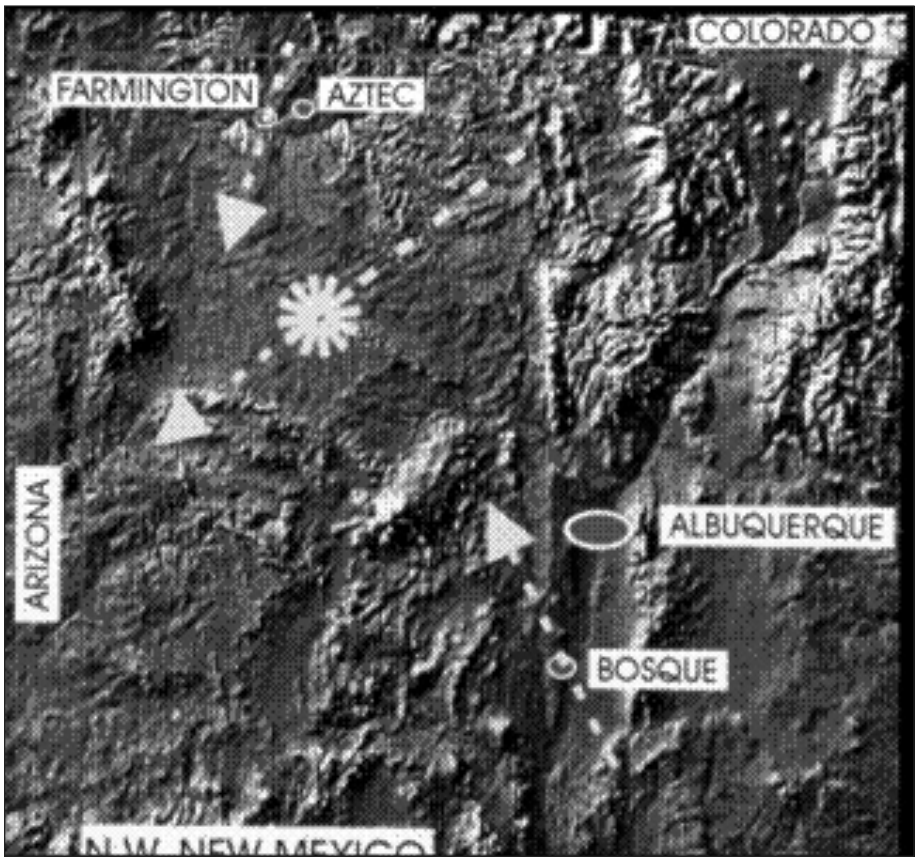
By Peter B. Davenport

In my article for the *UFO Journal* last month, I briefly alluded to the immense flash of light that occurred over the southwestern U. S. at 11:18 p.m. (Mountain Time) on Sunday night, August 15, 1999, and I promised to address that event in a future column. That bizarre and fascinating event is the subject I address here, with the hope of being able to communicate to the reader just how dramatic it was, and, in my opinion, how mysterious it remains, to this day.

As the reader will see below, and what makes the event of such interest to the UFO community, is the fact that many eyewitness accounts suggest that the epicenter of the flash occurred in the same general area toward which three mysterious aerial objects appeared to be on converging trajectories, and converging at incredibly high speed!

During the late evening, on that Sunday night, the UFO Hotline started ringing, and the ringing did not stop for many days. People from all across the western U. S. were calling…from New Mexico, Nevada, Arizona, Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, Colorado, Montana, Texas and Mexico…and reporting, almost incredulously, what they allegedly had just witnessed. The callers described an apparently immense, and unimaginably bright, flash of light, which lit the ground around them with illumination brighter than that of daylight for approximately 2-3 seconds.

One witness, and adult male, who had grown up in the vicinity of Four Corners, Colorado, and who was approximately 60 miles away from his home at the time of the flash, explained that not only was the ground around him illuminated like daylight, but he could also see familiar features on mountain tops near his home in Four Corners, 60 miles distant from where he was standing! This report was one of several that made me believe the accounts of witnesses as far away as Wyoming and Montana, who claimed that the flash they had witnessed had illuminated brightly the ground around them. Moreover, some witnesses, many hundreds of miles from the flash, claimed that it had cast visible shadows on the ground!



This map illustrates the locations of witnesses in Aztec, Farmington, and Bosque, NM, and the ground tracks of the objects reported by the witnesses.

In addition to those calls from the southwest over subsequent days, NUFORC continued to receive reports from all across the U. S. and Canada…Minnesota, California, Ontario, Florida, and from many other locations…about events and sightings that seemed to me to be suspiciously reminiscent of, and possibly related to, the major flash that had occurred. The full spectrum of the reports can be seen on our website, UFOCenter.com, where 54 entries are posted for the evening of August 15. Those reports represent only a minor fraction of the total number of telephoned reports we received for the incident,

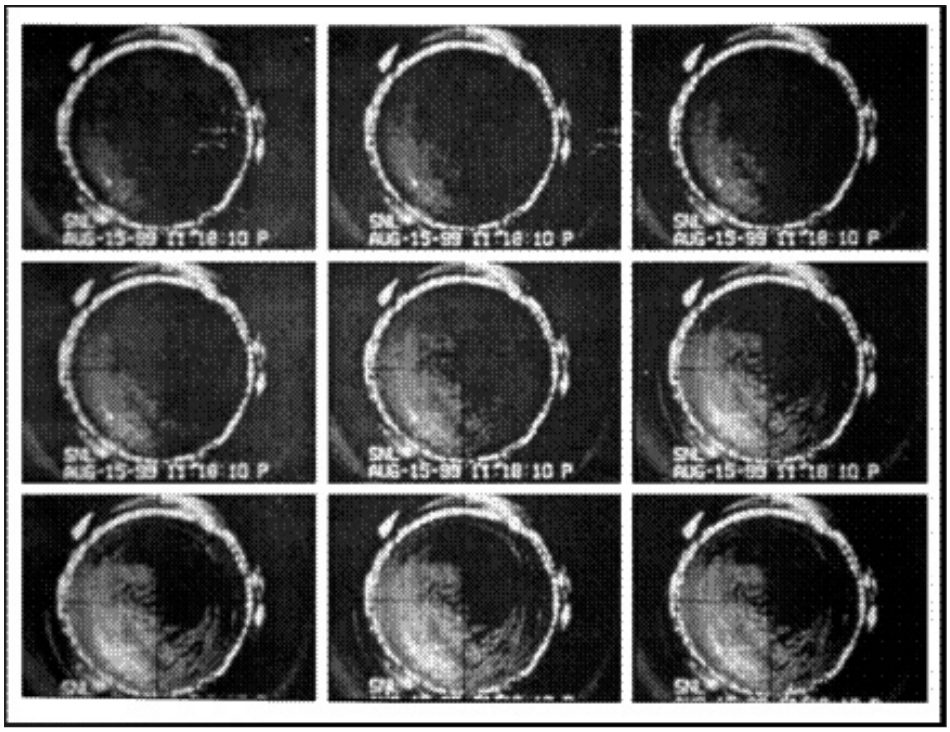
given that most people do not take the time to follow up a telephone call with a written statement.

What makes this first flash so interesting, and a fact which seems to rule out any type of meteoric event, is that a second, and similar, flash occurred, approximately 21 minutes after the first!! Whereas the epicenter of the first flash was subsequently determined to have been in western New Mexico, approximately 60-80 miles west of Albuquerque, the epicenter of the second flash was much closer to Las Vegas, Nevada, and it was, I believe, not quite as dramatic as the first flash over New Mexico. However, the second flash was dramatic enough to have caused it to be reported on 11 p.m. (Pacific) news in Las Vegas, only shortly after it had occurred there. That fact was confirmed by several witnesses to that second flash, who appeared together with me on the late night radio program, Coast to Coast, hosted by Art Bell, to discuss that second flash.

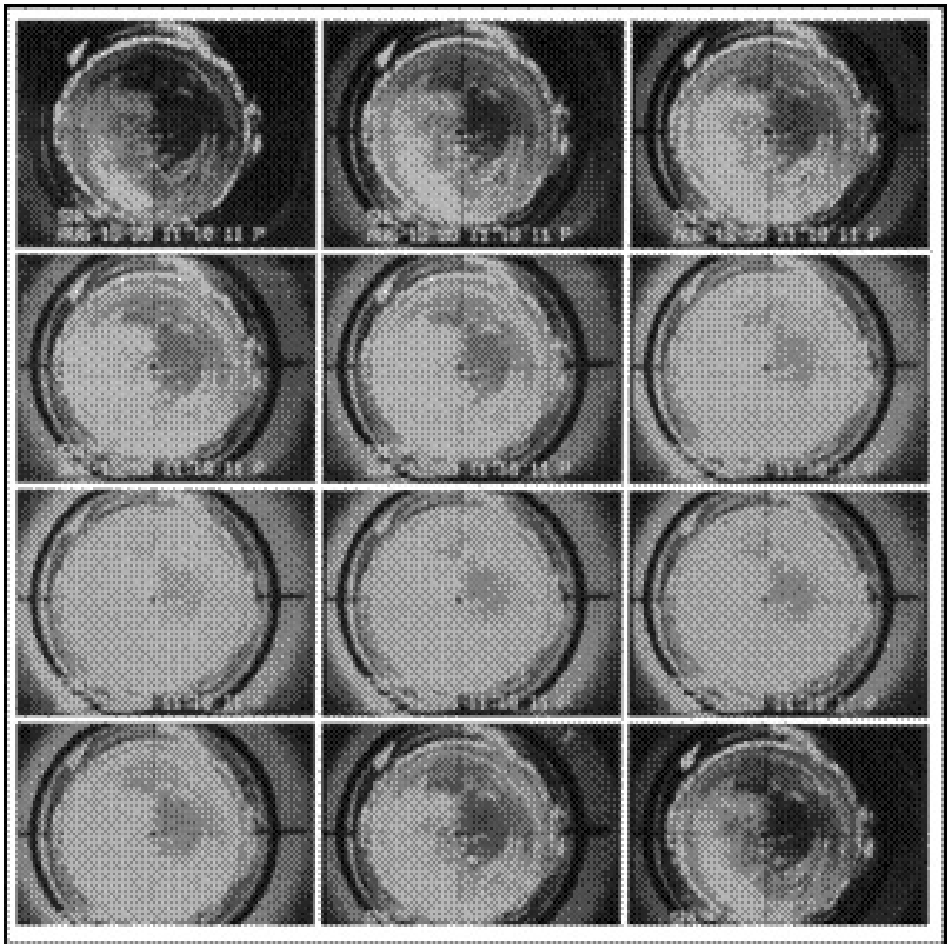
As is usually the case, following a major event like these two flashes, it can be several days, or even weeks or months, before the reports and evidence can be assembled into a coherent body of fact, sufficient to be able to say with any reliability what had occurred. Typically, following an event like this flash, an investigator has a table littered with notes and records, which tell him that *something* dramatic must have occurred, but just what it was, remains unclear.

However, in the case of this incident, I had an early advantage in my analysis. I had the advantage of having an acquaintance inside the offices of Sandia Laboratories, in Albuquerque, who knew of my work in ufology, and who correctly reasoned that I would like to have access to what was taking place inside those government offices, regarding the event. That source also knew that the event had been recorded by Sandia's multiple "sky cameras," situated around the Albuquerque area. Hence, shortly after the flash had occurred, NUFORC began receiving a stream of objective information about

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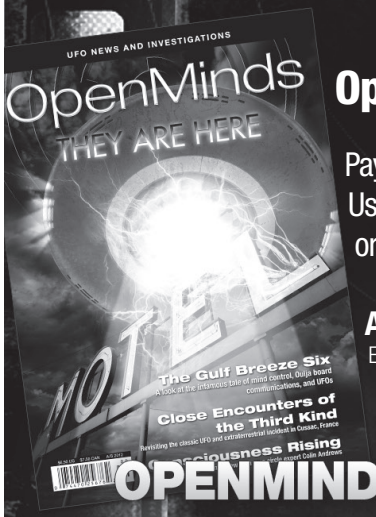


Still frames, taken from video footage of the flash on August 15, 1999. Each frame is separated from the next by 1/30th of a second.



These still frames, taken from a Sandia Laboratory sky camera, mounted on a building in downtown Albuquerque, illustrate how massive the flash was, at its peak.

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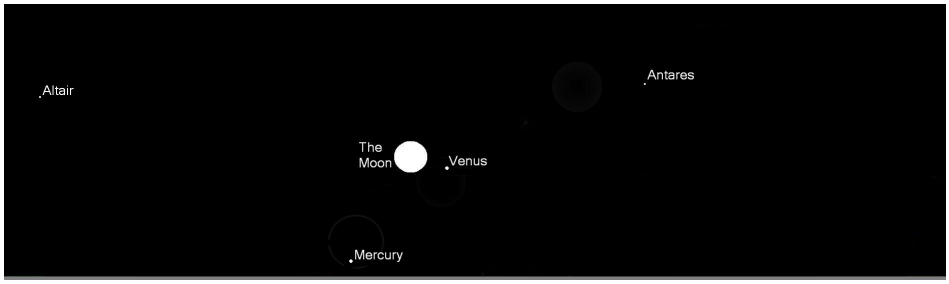
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the night sky

By Gavin A.J. McLeod



Grouping Of Bright Planets and Stars: The Moon, Venus and Mercury, Altair and Antares just before sunrise on January 10, 2013.

Moon Phases:

Last Quarter January 5th , New Moon January 11th, First Quarter January 18th, Full Moon January 27th.

Bright Planets (Evening Sky)

Mercury (magnitude: -0.6 to -1.4): From Sagittarius into Capricornus.

For northern hemisphere observers Mercury will appear in the night sky after the third week; by the end of the month Mercury will be standing very low above the west-southwest horizon at sunset and will set below the west-southwest horizon about ¾ hour after sunset.

For southern hemisphere observers Mercury will appear in the night sky after the third week; by the end of the month Mercury will be standing very low above the west-southwest horizon at sunset and will set below the west-southwest horizon about ½ hour after sunset.

Mars (magnitude 1.2): From Capricornus into Aquarius.

For northern hemisphere observers Mars will begin the month standing above the southwest horizon at sunset and will set below the west-southwest horizon about 2 hours later; by month's end Mars will be standing above the southwest horizon at sunset and will be setting below the western horizon about 1 ½ hours later.

For southern hemisphere observers Mars will begin the month standing above the western horizon at sunset and will set below the southwest horizon about 1 ½ hours later.

Jupiter (magnitude -2.7): In Taurus.

For northern hemisphere observers Jupiter will begin the month standing high above the eastern horizon at sunset and will set below the west-northwest horizon about 2 ½ hours before sunrise; by month's end Jupiter will be standing very high above the east-southeast horizon and will set below the northwest horizon about 9 ½ hours later.

For southern hemisphere observers Jupiter will begin the month standing above the north-northeast horizon at sunset and will set below the west-northwest horizon about 5 ¼ hours later.

Bright Planets (Morning Sky)

Mercury (magnitude: -0.6 to -1.4): From Sagittarius into Capricornus.

For northern hemisphere observers Mercury will begin the month rising above the southeast horizon about 3/4 hour before sunrise and will be standing low above the southeast horizon at sunrise but will sink into the glare of the sun before midmonth; Mercury will appear in the night sky after the third week.

For southern hemisphere observers Mercury will begin the month rising above the southeast horizon about 1 hour before sunrise but will sink into the glare of the sun by the end of the third week; Mercury will appear in the night sky after the third week.

Venus (magnitude -3.9): From Ophiuchus into Sagittarius.

For northern hemisphere observers Venus will begin the month rising above the east-southeast horizon about 1½ hours before sunrise and will be standing above the southeast horizon at sunrise; by month's end Venus will be rising above the southeast horizon about ½ hour before sunrise and will be standing very low above the southeast horizon at sunrise.

For southern hemisphere observers Venus will begin the month rising above the southeast horizon about 1 ½ hours before sunrise and will be standing above the east-southeast horizon at sunrise; by month's end Venus will be rising above the southeast horizon about 1 ¼ hours before sunrise and will be standing low above the east-southeast horizon at sunrise.

Saturn (magnitude: 0.6): In Libra.

For northern hemisphere observers Saturn will begin the month rising above the east-southeast horizon about 5 hours before sunrise and will be standing very high above southern horizon at sunrise; by month's end Saturn will be rising above the eastern horizon about 6 ½ hours before sunrise and will be standing above the south-southwest horizon at sunrise.

For southern hemisphere observers Saturn will begin the month rising above the east-southeast horizon about 3 ¼ hours before sunrise and will be standing high above the east-northeast 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 above the north-northeast horizon at sunrise.

Other Celestial Phenomena

Zodiacal Light: Zodiacal light will be visible in northern latitudes in the east before morning twilight beginning January 29th, 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:

January 7th: Saturn 4 degrees north of the Moon. January 10th: Venus 3 degrees south of the Moon. January 13th: Mars 6 degrees south of the Moon. January 22nd: Jupiter 0.5 degrees north of the Moon.

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CMS rankings

Here is December's CMS Ranking Report for all State Directors. Congratulations to Debbie A. Ziegelmeyer (Missouri), Cathy Richards (Ohio), Lakita Adams (North Carolina), Douglas Wilson (Colorado), Roberta Smith (Kentucky), Eddie Middleton (Tennessee), Gregory Andersen (Iowa), Steve Winans (Kansas), Cheryl Ann Gilmore (South Carolina), Donald R. Burleson (New Mexico), Max Mitchell (Utah), Richard Beckwith [INACTIVE] (Wyoming), Bob Gardner (Delaware), 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 ninty (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.

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	State	Director	Weighted Rank	Assigned	Completed
1	Missouri	Debbie A. Ziegelmeyer	100 %	151/151	174/174
2	Ohio	Cathy Richards	100 %	156/156	144/144
3	North Carolina	Lakita Adams	100 %	105/105	113/113
4	Colorado	Douglas Wilson	100 %	94/94	95/95
5	Kentucky	Roberta Smith	100 %	56/56	67/67
6	Tennessee	Eddie Middleton	100 %	57/57	52/52
7	Iowa	Gregory Andersen	100 %	42/42	49/49
8	Kansas	Steve Winans	100 %	35/35	42/42
9	South Carolina	Cheryl Ann Gilmore	100 %	60/60	39/39
10	New Mexico	Donald R. Burleson	100 %	28/28	29/29
11	Utah	Max Mitchell	100 %	17/17	23/23
12	Wyoming	Richard Beckwith [INACTIVE]	100 %	3/3	14/14
13	Delaware	Bob Gardner	100 %	12/12	13/13
14	South Dakota	Jim Klancnik	100 %	5/5	7/7
15	Texas	Teresa Turner	99 %	228/228	226/227
16	Florida	Morgan A. Beall	99 %	173/173	186/189
17	Michigan	William J. Konkolesky	98 %	248/257	233/233
18	Pennsylvania	John Ventre	98 %	209/209	208/216
19	Connecticut	William Shakalis	98 %	36/36	38/39
20	New Jersey	George A. Filer, III	97 %	65/67	64/65
21	Alabama	Richard Hoffman	97 %	32/34	34/34
22	West Virginia	Fred R. Saluga	97 %	18/18	21/22
23	Indiana	Stewart I. Hill	96 %	108/108	88/94
24	California	Georgeanne Cifarelli	95 %	254/256	250/273
25	Georgia	Ralph O. Howard, Jr.	95 %	68/75	77/77
26	Oklahoma	Richard Gardner	95 %	61/63	53/56
27	Vermont	John Ventre	95 %	5/5	9/10
28	Idaho	James Baker	93 %	18/19	22/24
29	California	Ruben J. Uriarte [Area 1]	90 %	163/191	178/187
30	Rhode Island	John Ventre	86 %	29/30	17/22
31	Massachusetts	Bob Gardner	85 %	44/45	37/50
32	Wisconsin	Vicki LeBlanc	83 %	44/49	39/50
33	New Hampshire	John Ventre	75 %	29/29	14/27
34	Alaska	David McManus	71 %	5/8	4/5
35	Virginia	Susan L. Swiatek	70 %	51/54	32/68
36	Arizona	James E. Mann	69 %	87/161	135/160
37	Nebraska	John C. Kasher	69 %	15/16	4/9
38	Maryland	Donald Borton	68 %	43/44	15/39
39	Oregon	Thomas Bowden	66 %	88/93	37/95
40	New York	Samuel A. Falvo	65 %	154/168	74/190
41	Minnesota	Craig R. Lang [Section 4]	64 %	53/58	23/61
42	Maine	John Ventre	62 %	19/31	22/35
43	North Dakota	Dale Brown	62 %	4/4	1/4
44	Arkansas	Norman D. Walker	61 %	13/19	11/20
45	Montana	Marie C. Malzahn	58 %	8/13	5/9
46	Mississippi	Richard Hoffman	54 %	3/8	13/18
47	Nevada	Marie C. Malzahn	52 %	17/45	29/43
48	Hawaii	David McManus	51 %	2/7	9/12
49	Louisiana	Reginald Buck	50 %	8/20	17/28
50	District of Columbia	Marie C. Malzahn	50 %	0/0	2/2
51	Washington	James E. Clarkson	49 %	0/0	113/115
52	Illinois	Samuel Maranto	30 %	76/154	17/141

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what Sandia scientists were saying about the flash, and what might have caused it.

Moreover, and of greatest assistance to my analysis of the incident, was that I received from inside Sandia Laboratories a short video, captured by a Sandia "sky camera," mounted on a high building in downtown Albuquerque, which had recorded the first event in great detail. That video provided me with the precise time of the event...18 minutes and 16 seconds after 11 p.m. (Mountain Time). Also, the individual who sent me the video included video excerpts of other, more prosaic, aerial events, which allowed me to compare the recorded flash with other "pedestrian" events that the camera typically captured, e.g. a full moon, or a dramatic meteor, passing overhead.

The video recorder, mounted in the "sky camera," began recording the first flash at 18 minutes and 16 seconds after 11 p.m., and it recorded 72 frames of video, which typically runs at 30 frames per second. Hence, the duration of the flash was almost precisely 2.6 seconds, which was consistent with what many witnesses had estimated.

WITNESS REPORTS

I share below a report, submitted by Mr. Jacob Hottell, who was out walking with his dogs near his home in **Aztec, NM**, at the time of the flash. Here is the text of his report:

I saw an incredibly brilliant bluish white light traveling at an incomprehensible speed!

On Sunday night 08/15/99 at 11:23 p.m. (sic. 11:18 p.m.), I was walking on a nearby hillside with my dogs. It was very dark and I was facing north-northwest, admiring the Milky Way galaxy. Suddenly, the whole earth lit up. The trees in front of me were bright green.

My natural instinct was to search for the source of the light. It was coming from over my right shoulder (Note: to the east). I turned to my right and saw a brownish trail, or streak. The huge blue-ish white brilliant light was about the size of a full moon. Instantly, the light went behind some spotty clouds. (There were gaps between these minor clouds.)

Then suddenly, "spikes of radiation" flashed off of the bluish white ball. The spikes spanned from horizon to horizon. The ball disappeared, and the sky and the earth then fell dark. I was stunned remembering the magnitude of the spikes that shot from east to west then fell downward like an umbrella, or like "cat's claws." They were curved.

I am an audiovisual engineer and electronics technician. Sound is my profession. I waited for at least 10 minute for a sonic boom or some other atmospheric disturbance, but nothing happened…it was silent. I heard crickets and there was some kind of night bird chirping away. The sound of the night seemed to magnify!

Trying to comprehend the speed and time that this all took place left me in a state of shock for several days. It must have taken place outside of our atmosphere because there was no sonic boom, etc. This (fact) dramatically multiplies the distance (that must have been) covered, in a few split seconds.

One noteworthy aspect of his report is that the object passed to the east of his location. It is interesting because NUFORC received another report from an adult female, a grandmother, who had resided her entire life in **Farmington, NM**, located approximately 20 miles to the west of Aztec. She reported that the object that she and her grandson had witnessed had passed directly overhead their location. Obviously, those two witnesses had witnessed a different object from what Mr. Hottell had been witness to, and those two objects appeared to be on different ground tracks that appeared generally to converge in the southern sky, where the flash then occurred!

Moreover, NUFORC also received a report from a gentleman who was at his home in **Bosque, NM**, located south of Albuquerque, at the time of the flash. He reported that he had been witness to an object in the night sky, which he saw streaking to the northwest, just an instant before he witnessed the immense flash to the north of his location. What makes this report of interest is that he was a very high-quality witness. Not only was he a medical professional, but also, he was a professional pilot, with a commercial/Airline Transport License issued to him. This latter fact is noteworthy, given that he probably is quite capable of accurately estimating direction, angle of elevation, and other technical aspects of his sighting that he shared with NUFORC during his telephoned report.

CONCLUSION

The cause of the New Mexico "flash," in my opinion, remains a mystery. The scientists at Sandia had very little to say about the event, although I know from my source in that laboratory that some quite capable and prestigious scientists there were left mystified by the flash. One of them agreed with my assessment that the amount of energy that must have been released during the flash, in order to illuminate that large an area of the Earth, served to rule out a meteor. Both he and I had arrived at the same conclusion that any dramatic meteor that would have caused that bright, and long-duration, a flash, almost certainly would have generated an atmospheric shock wave that would have been easily detected at ground level. However, no audio report was reported by any of the witnesses who submitted reports to NUFORC.

In my opinion, the event remains a mystery…and a very intriguing one! I am very pleased, indeed, to have the opportunity here to be able to share with the reader some of the more interesting, and baffling, details of the event!

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on film during the launch in question, which he said actually took place on September 22, 1964.

Because space is limited here, I must ask the reader to go to http://www.ufohastings.com/articles/deep-denial-or-disinformation to review a much more detailed discussion of the ensuing debate and ongoing controversy surrounding the case. That said, I will nevertheless briefly present a few relevant facts:

● Kingston George's article quotes extensively from Dr. Jacobs' earlier article in the *MUFON UFO Journal* but, whether by intention or incompetence, badly misquotes much of what Jacobs actually said, thereby making the former lieutenant's assertions appear uninformed and inaccurate. A side-by-side comparison of the two articles indisputably proves the point. My view is that George was deliberately attempting to make Jacobs look foolish, in an effort to discredit his dramatic revelations.

● At the time George's debunking article was published in *Skeptical Inquirer*, the magazine's editor, Kendrick Frazier—who is identified in each issue's publisher's statement only as a "science writer"—was also working as a Public Relations Specialist for Sandia National Laboratories, a facility long involved with the engineering of atomic and thermonuclear devices. One must look diligently to find any reference to this fact and it was only due to my own efforts that Frazier's two-decades-long position as a spin doctor for the U.S. government's nuclear weapons program became widely publicized.

● Another leading member of CSICOP (now called the Committee for Skeptical Inquiry or CSI), James Oberg, once did classified nuclear weapons-related work while a U.S. Air Force officer.

In an extremely revealing private letter to Dr. Jacobs, Oberg chastised him for leaking "top secret UFO data."

This, of course, is completely inconsistent with Oberg's public persona as a UFO skeptic who steadfastly claims that UFOs do not exist and, therefore, the U.S. government has no need to cover-up their reality.

Fortunately, rather than being intimidated, Dr. Jacobs published key portions of Oberg's letter, thereby exposing the faux-skeptic's duplicity.

Considering the now-declassified CIA Robertson Panel report, which recommended recruiting the media to help debunk UFOs, one must ask whether *Skeptical Inquirer's* strident anti-UFO stance is due to mere bias, in the face of overwhelming evidence supporting the UFO reality, or something else altogether.

My view is that Frazier's "skeptical" publication has knowingly engaged in government-sanctioned disinformation regarding UFOs in general, and the Big Sur case in particular.

Regardless, one might argue that key members of CSICOP/CSI have ulterior motives for their desperate attempts to discredit the Big Sur incident.

Given what Jacobs and Mansmann have revealed, it is understandable that the Air Force and the CIA, as well as those sympathetic to the UFO cover-up, would wish to explain the case away.

At a minimum, we are discussing the existence of vastly superior spacecraft, capable of pacing and disabling our nuclear warheads in space.

An official acknowledgement of the Big Sur event would effectively be a confirmation of our strategic vulnerability.

More to the point, a formal verification of the warhead shoot-down would represent an irreversible admission of extraterrestrial visitation, simply because the technology exhibited by the UFO was vastly beyond human achievement in 1964 and undoubtedly remains so at present.

Finally, if one goes to http://www.ufohastings.com/documents and scrolls down to the "Miscellaneous" section, one will find a Reuters wire service article from July 17, 1974, describing an incident very similar to the Big Sur case, as revealed by unnamed U.S. Army missile experts, involving "ghost ships" pacing a dummy warhead launched from Vandenberg AFB in August 1973. In other words, Big Sur UFO Incident was apparently not unique.



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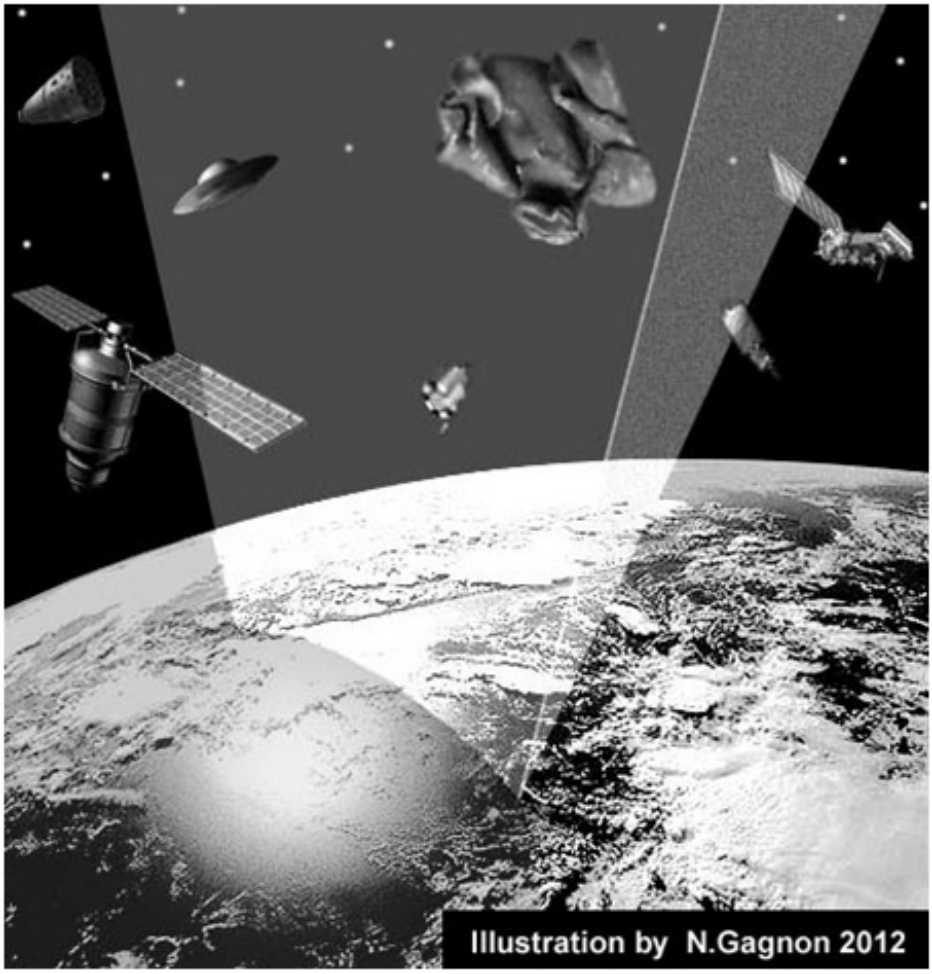
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New 'Space Fence' will help growing orbital objects threat

by Norm Gagnon
STAR Team field investigator

The U.S. Air Force Space Surveillance System, aka the "Space Fence," is a multistatic radar system that detects space debris entering into the Earth's low orbit over the United States.

The aging surveillance system has been in place since 1961 and its current technology is only capable of tracking about 20,000 pieces of man-made space objects that are whizzing above the atmosphere at more than 2,000 miles an hour (3,219 km/h).

The objects pose a serious threat to manned space flight and satellites.

The Air Force is in the process of improving its space debris tracking system by 10-fold and expects to deploy its new $3.5 billion Space Fence technologies by 2017.

Under consideration is which of two top U.S. defense contractors' proposals for the advance system it will choose for the initial project.

The new system will closely detect, track and identify as many as 200,000 unaccounted pieces of space debris using a solid-state S-band radar "curtain of energy."

The system will be capable of identifying objects that are cluttering the orbit and will potentially be a risk of colliding with active satellites, space crafts or the International Space Station.

The new program will provide greater accuracy and timeline to meet space situational awareness requirements.

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With many states now voting their officers in, Pennsylvania decided to do the same. Please congratulate the following on their new assignments: Wayne Gracey, ASD; Bill Weber, CI; Fred Saluga, CI. Also - Mike Melton, Delaware CI and Bob Gardner, Delaware and Massachusetts SD. And Bob Gardner will continue to help PA and with the Fall Conference.

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