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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

JAN C. HARZAN

2018 MUFON Symposium— What We Learned

Having just returned from the 2018 MUFON Symposium, I was reflecting on all the important information that was shared with the more than 650 attendees, including 150 that attended the free Friday featuring Travis Walton and Lynne Kitei, M.D., designed to introduce new people to the field of ufology. But the most impressive thing to me was the change in the complexion of the attendees over the three-day event.

I was introduced to a man who had formerly worked for the United Nations and the World Bank. Another young lady that was the mayor of her city and interested in doing policy work in this important area, as well as notable scientists and engineers working on the opportunities that disclosure will bring to our world in the very near future. Most of these people were first-timers to a MUFON Symposium, and I doubt would have been there were it not for The New York Times article of December 16, 2017, and the subsequent media frenzy that followed. It clearly told me that we are collectively advancing the cause among the general population and waking them up to what we have known for 70 years now: that we are NOT alone.

Luis Elizondo kicked the symposium off by thanking MUFON for the work it does to document the phenomenon and how important it is that this work continue. He then shared what he calls the five observables of a real UFO (sudden acceleration, hypersonic velocities, lack of observability, trans-medium travel, and positive lift). Although this is something we have known for the better

part of 70 years, it was important to hear it from the man who ran the Pentagon's secret UFO program. The most important words I heard though were, "It is not the purpose of government to satisfy the idle curiosity of its citizens, it is the purpose of government to protect its citizens." Read this to mean if you are still waiting for the president to step to the podium and announce that ET is here, it's not going to happen. In Luis's own words, "Disclosure has happened," and it happened with the NYT's article in December.

Now the hard work begins: making sense of it all. Luis also shared that without MUFON, the Advanced Aviation Threat Identification Program (AATIP) never would have happened. It was the publicly available data in the MUFON database that was used to justify the project and obtain funding. Hence, we would not be where we are today from a disclosure standpoint without MUFON. Pretty cool, I thought. Good to know the last 50 years of hard work by MUFON Field Investigators and UFO researchers are finally starting to pay off. Ad Astra! ●





UFO TRAFFIC REPORT

ROGER MARSH, EDITOR

Worldwide news on the latest eyewitness testimony

Cases of interest are now pulled daily from the closed case files as an edited list of best cases. Witness testimony is edited for clarity.

Pilot says UFO hovered over Fort Rucker



Fort Rucker, AL. Credit: Google

A Fort Rucker pilot reported watching an “oddly-shaped, circular object” hovering over the Alabama army base, according to testimony from Case 84970.

The witness had just finished morning PT (Physical Training) and was standing around talking to two other friends before heading home at 6:45 a.m. on June 15, 2017.

“It was a warm morning with partly cloudy skies,” the witness stated. “The sun was just starting to peek over the buildings around us and was quickly starting to warm the day. At approximately 6:45 am, I observed a UH-60 (Blackhawk) helicopter flying above

the tree line approximately a mile from my current location. This is a pretty typical sight as Fort Rucker is home to initial Army flight training.”

As the witness looked up to watch the Blackhawk helicopter, another object was noticed hovering approximately a thousand feet or so above the tree line.

“From my line of sight, the Blackhawk was passing under the object but was much closer to me than the object appeared to be. From where I was standing the object was rather small, but taking into consideration the altitude and distance from my location, it had to have been no smaller than the size of an average car. The object emitted a light similar to a star but was not as bright. You could also tell that the object’s color was most likely white or a dull-like color. We knew this was no star because it was below the clouds and appeared to be much closer. The longer we watched it, the less it seemed to have a definitive shape. It appeared to be shifting shapes kind of like a ball of liquid would behave. Almost like a pulsating type behavior.”

None of the three observers could identify the object.

“All three of us have quite a lot of experience with aviation and different things associated with weather/sky activity. None of us could positively

identify this object. It hovered in one place in the air as I watched it for approximately 10 minutes. After about 10 minutes had lapsed I looked away to step toward my car. When I looked back less than a minute later, the object was nowhere to be seen. Unfortunately, I am not the only one to witness objects or have experiences on base. Another friend of mine had experienced what he describes as a close encounter in the air but refuses to talk about it. I, like him, feel it could be quite repercussive to specify any other information.”

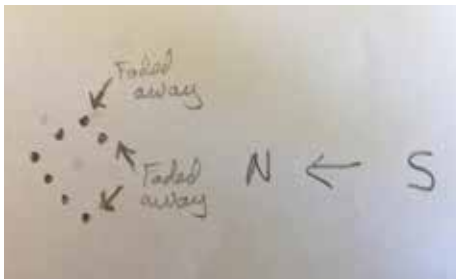
Alabama MUFON Field Investigator Rachel Cordes and State Director Scott Cantrell closed this case as an Unknown Aerial Vehicle.

“The witness being a military pilot, I have no reason to doubt his credibility,” Cordes and Cantrell wrote in their report. “Attempted to obtain ATC radar data from Fort Rucker; however, 45-day radar data retention exceeded. Considered the possibility of object being a group of balloons at altitude; however, witness had a water tower available to use as reference and noted the object did not move as balloons would have been forced to move by wind current. Interviewed the witness, who appears to be of good standing. And, lack of evidence, must rely on witness testimony. I find no reason to question or doubt testimony,

and conclude the object observed and report disposition as Unknown Aerial Vehicle.”

Fort Rucker is a U.S. Army post located mostly in Dale County, Alabama. The post is the primary flight training base for Army Aviation and is home to the United States Army Aviation Center of Excellence (USAACE) and the United States Army Aviation Museum. Small sections of the post also lie in Coffee, Geneva, and Houston counties. Part of the Dale County section of the base is a census-designated place; population 4,636.

UFO formation spotted crossing California skies



Witness illustration. Credit: MUFON

A California witness at Crescent City reported watching a chevron- or diamond-shaped formation of seven lights crossing the sky, according to testimony in Case 84508.

The witness was camping with two adults and two children ages 8 and 10 at 10:45 p.m. on June 17, 2017.

“We were camping alone at Dry Lake primitive campsite, located in the Smith River National Recreation area about 16 miles due east of Crescent City and 10 miles southeast of Gasquet,” the witness stated. “It was a very clear night and we were sitting around the campfire looking at the stars and seeing lots of satellites flying around. There seemed to be an unusually high number visible.”

The witness looked off to the south as measured by the compass app on an iPhone.

“I saw a diamond-shaped formation, which was close together. By close, I

mean if you extended your arm and then opened the space between your thumb and index finger no more than two inches, then this formation would fit within that space. It was diamond-shaped or triangular with a leader and two lights on either side trailing in chevron formation. There was a light on either side below forming the triangular/diamond formation. About 7 lights in all.”

The objects moved in unison and didn’t break formation.

“As they came closer, the trailing lights faded out much like the satellites we saw were doing as the sunlight contact made them fade. I don’t think the fading was caused by unnatural causes. I pointed it out to everyone and we all saw it cross a big portion of the sky until it was due north and farthest overhead. It wasn’t flying directly overhead but was at about 70 degrees above the east horizon. Again, I measured this on my iPhone app using a clinometer. The back lights first faded and then the other ones faded also when they reached the highest point in the sky.”

Before they faded, the witness looked to make sure it wasn’t a solid object with lights.

“I saw stationary stars behind the formation as it passed them, which indicated it was a formation of separate objects. I didn’t take a picture as it won’t show well on the iPhone. Soon after there seemed to be a brief aurora that turned the sky reddish. I don’t think that was related nor were the other satellites, but there sure were a lot flying around that were visible at that time. Nothing indicated these were more than some strange formation of objects, but it seems highly unusual that these seven objects were in a unison formation like they were. They flew a straight-line pattern. There was nothing else flying in the sky at the time when these appeared, no satellites or airplanes. The airspace here is very quiet and the visibility was incredible, the night sky was so bright. I have included a picture drawing of what we saw. All we did was joke about it and say how cool it was as it was clearly flying at the level of satellites and was

not a threat to us. It was just crazy.”

California MUFON Field Investigator Jerry Gerow closed this case as an Unknown Aerial Vehicle.

“I do not believe the objects were celestial in nature because of the consistent formation,” Gerow wrote in his report. “There is the possibility of man made aircraft flying in formation, but a lack of any kind of navigation lights required by law would dictate other than man made. Although I believe this could possibly be some sort of military flight formation, I have no proof of such, and without navigation lights of any kind, I find that doubtful. Just as easily because of the formation I do not believe it could be celestial. That leaves the possibility of an Unknown. With the flight formation, I close this case as Unknown Aerial Vehicle.”

Crescent City is the county seat of, and only incorporated city in, Del Norte County, California, population 7,643.

Giant rectangle UFO reported over India



Chandigarh International Airport area. (Credit: Google)

A Indian witness at Chandigarh reported watching a “giant rectangular object” crossing the sky, according to testimony in Case 84506.

The witness and a friend were “roaming in the office campus” after dinner at 10:22 p.m. on June 15, 2017.

“I noticed one giant UFO in the clear night sky,” the witness stated. “Imme-

diately I told him and he also saw the same thing. One giant, rectangular object was moving very fast in a straight line and it had three dots of light underneath. I know that most of you guys are ignorant enough to believe that we are the only intelligent species in this vast space. But maybe whatever we saw today was not man-made cause we have never seen anything like this before, and it was moving quite fast without making any noise. That was pretty fascinating.”

Robert Spearing investigated for MUFON International and closed this case as an Unknown Aerial Vehicle.

“Object was rectangular, which is unusual,” Spearing wrote in his report. “Lighting of three red lights in a row was also unusual. Object size could not be determined. Object was travelling east near a military base located at the regional airport. It is assumed the object was fairly large (i.e., jet plane-sized). It is impossible to determine what the object was based on the limited info received, but it can be assumed it was not a helicopter or plane and it was too big to be a commercial drone. Classifying as an Unknown Aerial Vehicle because it was clearly technological.”

Chandigarh is a city and a union territory in India that serves as the capital of the two neighboring states of Haryana and Punjab.

Virginia witness says UFO hovered over neighbor's home



Richmond, Virginia. Credit: Google

A Virginia witness at Richmond reported watching and videotaping a

cylinder-shaped object hovering over a neighbor's home, according to testimony in Case 84480.

The witness and her husband were sitting outside on a porch at 10:45 p.m. on June 17, 2017, when the incident began.

“I noticed what looked like a meteorite shooting across the sky at three separate times a few minutes apart from one another,” the witness stated. “I thought it was odd for this to happen back-to-back because I’ve never seen that before, but I ignored the thought and continued to talk with my husband.”

Minutes later the witness noticed an object with bright red and blue lights rising up from behind the house across the street.

“I stopped my husband dead in his conversation and said, ‘What in the hell is that?’ My husband looked up and dismissed it as being an airplane at first, until we both noticed that the object stopped in mid-air and began hovering above the house across from us.”

The witness panicked and ran inside the house.

“My husband stood out there and was able to get our neighbor a few houses down to come outside and witness what we were witnessing. After about a second or two, I came back outside and just stood there staring at this thing before pulling my cell phone out to record. There was no sound coming from this object. It just sat there. I couldn’t keep my eyes off the lights as they flashed randomly.”

Five minutes later, the object started moving southwest and was gone.

“As my husband and I stood out there talking about what we just saw and unsure of what it was, we saw a red, orb-like object appear in the sky making quick, zigzag maneuvers before zipping north. We couldn’t believe what we had witnessed. It all felt so surreal and I’m not sure what it was we saw that night, but whatever we experienced, it was definitely strange.”

The witness included one video clip with the report, which was filed on June 19, 2017.

Virginia MUFON Field Investigator Victor Rodriquez closed this case as an Unknown Aerial Vehicle.

Hovering triangle shoots orbs to ground level



Lummi, Washington. Credit: Google

A Washington witness at Lummi reported watching a triangle-shaped object “as big as a house” that passed overhead, but hovered briefly while shooting orange-colored orbs to the ground level, according to testimony in Case 85309.

The witness was driving home from a casino at 10:30 a.m. on July 20, 2017, when the incident began.

“I saw a huge, triangle-shaped object come from the south direction and travel north,” the witness stated. “It was big as a house with red lights all over the bottom.”

While most UFO reports indicate no sound with the object, the witness did hear the object in this case.

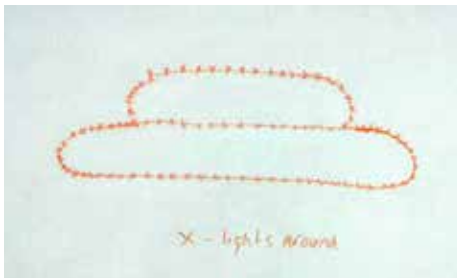
“It made a humming sound as it passed almost overhead. As it went north over by the river, it stopped and shot out 10 orange orbs down into the river or close to the bank anyway. I watched it for about 20 minutes. It was raining that morning, but the clouds were clear out when I saw it.”

The Lummi, also known as Lhaq'tem-

ish, or People of the Sea, governed by the Lummi Nation, are a Native American tribe of the Coast Salish ethnolinguistic group in western Washington state. The federally recognized tribe primarily resides on and around the Lummi Indian Reservation to the west of Bellingham in western Whatcom County, 20 miles south of the border with Canada.

Washington MUFON State Section Director Timothy Ward closed this case as an Unknown Aerial Vehicle.

New Jersey lights in sky form a triangle



Witness illustration. Credit: MUFON

A New Jersey witness at Wayne reported watching three circular lights hovering in the sky forming a triangle, according to testimony in Case 84520.

The witness was outside walking a dog at 3:30 a.m. on June 21, 2017.

"I thought I kept seeing lights like a car driving down the street," the witness stated. "But every time I looked there was no car. Then I saw this triangle with circles in the sky. It wasn't moving. I watched it for about 10 minutes and then the lights went out. Like flipping a switch."

But the lights soon came back on.

"My dog tried to run and pulled me. The lights went off again. I came inside and wrote this. I thought it might be a plane but no green or red lights. Then I noticed shape better. Orbs in a triangle with very bright lights. It just hovered and turned the lights on and off. When the lights went out I couldn't see it anymore. I just stood there watching it, wondering what it

could be."

New Jersey MUFON Field Investigator Glenn Green closed this case as an Unknown – Other.

"While there are no pictures, the witness gave a remarkable, detailed, verbal description," Green stated in his report. "Her dog was acting unusual. Described the object as oblong shape within a triangle with two levels of windows. This object seemed to be a combination of other sightings."

Wayne is a township in Passaic County, New Jersey, population 54,717.

Witness says UFO ejected smaller objects



Cumberland City, Tennessee. Credit: Google

A Tennessee witness at Cumberland City reported watching a sphere-shaped UFO ejecting smaller objects, according to testimony in Case 84559.

The witness and his son were camping on Elk Creek in Cumberland City, at 9:30 p.m. on June 21, 2017.

"We both witnessed a UFO hovering above the tree line," the witness stated. "It sat there for about 10 seconds and other UFOs were ejecting out of the main object every four to five seconds."

The scene then repeated itself four times.

"Then the object that was ejecting the others, vanished. Ten minutes later, it happened again. Except this object ejected three other objects and then it vanished. Then it took place one last time about five minutes later and

ejected four more objects and then it vanished as well."

The ejecting objects were not moving to the ground level.

"The objects that were ejected were not floating down. They were moving down like they were going somewhere."

The witness then observed another sighting.

"I was watching a passenger jet move across the sky. It had the blinking lights and was moving south. Then I looked to the left of the jet and observed what I thought was another jet, but this object did not have any blinking lights. It was very bright and looked as if it was a lot lower than the passenger jet. And then, it just vanished as well. This second sighting took place about 30 minutes after the first sighting. No more sightings happened after that. And we were up until 3 a.m.

Tennessee MUFON State Director Angelia Sheer closed this case as an Unknown Aerial Vehicle.

Cumberland City is a town in Stewart County, Tennessee, population 311.

Barbell-shaped UFO reported over Australia



Bibra Lake, Australia. Credit: Google

An Australian witness at Bibra Lake reported a barbell-shaped object hovering overhead, according to testimony in Case 84571.

The witness was awoken by a brilliant light in the bedroom about 2:25 a.m. on June 21, 2017.

"I first thought it was next-door rear

lights, but too bright,” the witness stated. “The light went out but was replaced by a bright orange glow coming from the southeast of the house. I went in that direction and observed a dumbbell-shaped light and item in the sky at around 45 degrees. I looked at it for some minutes but was driven back inside by the heavy rain.”

The witness mentioned the sighting to a next-door neighbor, but they experienced nothing.

“There has been no press or TV mention. The object did not move while I was looking toward it. About an hour later the light went out. It was raining heavily throughout the sighting.

Australian MUFON Provincial Director Mike Robinson closed this case as an Unknown Aerial Vehicle.

“The object was about 500 feet from the informant at 45 degrees, making it about 100 meters off the ground,” Robinson stated in his notes. “The object was the size of a truck in a dumbbell shape.

“No noise, no propellers, no jet engines and very brightly lit in a dumbbell shape. Clearly not mistaken for balloons, swamp gas or stars or aircraft.”

Bibra Lake is a suburb of Perth, Western Australia.

Silent sphere described over small Pennsylvania town



Red Lion, Pennsylvania. Credit: Wikimedia Commons.

A Pennsylvania witness at Red Lion reported watching a silent sphere

floating in the air under 400 feet, according to testimony in Case 84532.

The witness was standing in a backyard looking for deer at 7:15 p.m. on June 18, 2017.

“I noticed a silver but mostly transparent sphere floating in the sky about 300-400 feet in the air,” the witness stated. “The object floated without sound, or light.”

The witness attempted to take a video of the object.

“I pulled my phone from my pocket and switched to video mode but would not pick up the object; it blended perfectly with backdrop in media, but clear as day in the sky with the human eye.”

The object quickly moved away.

“The object after 10-15 seconds shot off out of sight followed directly after by a helicopter and a non-commercial plane at the same low altitude and course. A second after that a loud boom was heard.”

Pennsylvania MUFON Field Investigator Larry Shaak closed this case as an Unknown – Other. Red Lion is a borough in York County, Pennsylvania, population 6,373.

Cylinder-shaped UFO photographed over California



Cropped witness image. Credit: MUFON

A California witness at Pleasanton reported watching and photographing

a cylinder-shaped object silently crossing the sky, according to testimony in Case 84589.

The witness was outside at 11:35 a.m. on June 24, 2017.

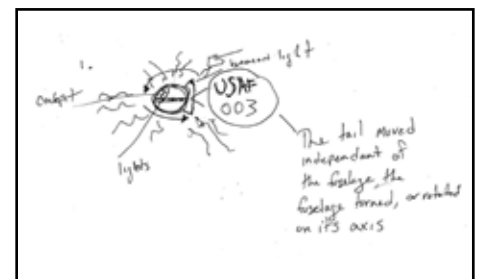
“The object hovered for three to four minutes and then disappeared leaving a C-shaped cloud—indicative of immediate sound barrier breaking,” the witness stated.

California MUFON Field Investigator Jerry Gerow closed this case as an Unknown Aerial Vehicle.

“From the five attached pictures the object is clearly not cropped or transposed,” Gerow stated in his report. “Taken from different distances with corresponding increase in size makes these pictures accurate. The question is, what’s in the air? I checked with the Pleasanton Police, MUFON and NUFORC with no correlating cases. Appearance and distance rule out celestial object of any kind. I know of no object flying that looks like this object. I ruled out a drone because it would have to be military because of size, and something unknown that emits no sound and flies away or disappears almost instantly. That leaves an Unknown Aerial Object.”

Pleasanton is a city in Alameda County, California, population 70,285.

Witness says cloaking ‘UFO’ had USAF insignia



Witness illustration 1. (Credit: MUFON)

A California witness at Moorpark reported watching an odd object with cloaking abilities with the words “USAF 003” on its tail stabilizer, according to testimony in Case 84601.

The witness was sitting in a restaurant drive-thru lane at 11:24 a.m. on June 25, 2017, when the incident occurred.

“Looking right at it, my eyes hurt to look at it,” the witness stated. “It is using some kind of neural confusion. It was like trying to look at a needle coming at your eye. It gave off some type of electrical interference and seemed to rotate radially even though it was stationary. It looked big enough to hold one or two people.”

But the witness stated that there were letters and numbers on the object that were readable.

“I could see very clearly on the tail stabilizer, USAF 003, in white paint. There were bright, silver fixtures and they had solid beacon lights that were white. The tail moved independent of the fuselage. There was a cockpit windscreen/canopy. It was non-reflective, silver material, that had a very odd indentation. It looked like a cookie sheet with a larger section around it to extend it, like a top hat.”

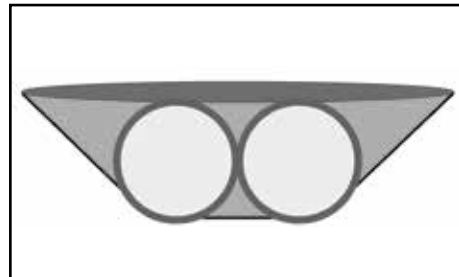
The witness seemed to think that the object was cloaking itself.

“The electrical interference seemed to pick up. It disturbed another one just like it in formation next to it and I could see an illusion effect and then nothing as the cloak reengaged and they were gone. There was an inaudible, pulse-like concussion as well. I said, ‘holy (blank)’ and it went over the microphone to the drive-thru guy, and he said, ‘hold on.’ And it definitely changed the electromagnetism around us. Something felt off. The air was empty. It felt like a rug had been pulled out from underneath the air. It’s hard to explain. They were about 400 feet above the 118 overpass in Moorpark, California. I swear by this statement and its truth. The metal looked old and was matte-like. It did not pick up light like high gloss paint. I’ve been going through books since I came home. It’s good to know it’s us that has this stuff.”

The witness included three illustrations with the report, which was filed on June 25, 2017. California MUFON

Field Investigator Rick Browman closed this case as Information Only. Moorpark is a city in Ventura County in Southern California, population 34,421.

Silent UFO reported over Ontario



Witness illustration. Credit: MUFON

A Canadian witness at Picton, Ontario, reported watching a slow-moving, discoidal unidentified object moving southeast, according to testimony in Case 84695.

The witness was traveling westbound along Church Street toward County Road 10 southwest of town at 7:50 a.m. on June 28, 2017.

“Passed the airport and descending down the escarpment when an unidentified craft was spotted above,” the witness stated. “It seemed to be traveling southeast from the northwest, slowly, and approximately 50–60 degrees above the horizon and stood out against the blue sky. The size at this point was the size of a Canadian quarter (2.3cm/0.93” diameter) held at arm’s length. No sound was heard during the whole experience nor were any electrical/mechanical problems experienced.”

The witness slowed and pulled to the side of the road while maintaining visual contact with the object while attempting to get a phone out to take a photo.

“In my haste (as well as a jungle of aux and charging cables) I dropped the phone and when I got it the unidentified object had already passed over the horizon.”

The witness first thought the object might have been a super ultralight aircraft flying into the airport.

“I have seen hundreds of aircraft land there and never seen any sort of configuration in such a way as this, nor was there any sound. Frankly I don’t even remember ever seeing any sort of aircraft land at the airport this early in the day. The majority (at least 95 percent) of the aircraft that land at this small airport are Cessna 172 and Piper Cub aircraft and I have seen plenty of those and it was certainly not that. The only helicopter seen in the area that remotely has the same configuration as what I saw is a CH-47 Chinook and those you can hear for miles.”

The witness has been around military aircraft.

“I live in Trenton, Ontario, which is home to 8th Wing of the RCAF and my mother was in the air force and I have grown up learning about planes and I am certain it was not a plane or a helicopter. The only other thing I can think of it being is possibly a balloon drone and that seems unlikely given the time and place of the sighting as well as having to be operated so close to the air field. Eyes on object at this point was approximately five seconds as it traveled across my field of view and disappeared past the trees. There seemed to be a light, albeit a somewhat opaque or dull light emanating from the two circles below the main ‘disk’ of the craft. My reaction both during and after was more of excitement than fear, though slight nausea was experienced for a few hours following, though it may have been due to too much Chinese food the night before.”

Canada MUFON Field Investigator Warren James Westall closed this case as an Unknown Aerial Vehicle.

Picton is an unincorporated community located in Prince Edward County in South Eastern Ontario, Canada, roughly 160 km east of Toronto. ●



PERCEPTIONS STANTON FRIEDMAN



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Pushing for Answers

I would not have thought there was a connection between tragedy and ufology, but I recently spent most of a day watching a memorial service at the large Aitkin Center here in Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada. Over 1,000 people were there to memorialize four people who were shot to death here two weeks ago, including two police officers. Two of the victims were women. Such things never happen HERE IN Fredericton, the capital city of the picture province of New Brunswick. It has about 60,000 people and is home of the University of New Brunswick. There are only about 750,000 people living in New Brunswick, which covers about 30,000 square miles. In contrast, the state of New Jersey where I grew up occupies only 8,000 square miles and has over 8 million people. We have enjoyed living here for more than 30 years. But four murders? One man did the shooting and is unhurt and in custody. Most people here are still in shock.

Is there a connection with ufology? I believe there is, but an indirect one. A totally unexpected event can be very disruptive indeed. Hard to imagine something more disruptive than an announcement that aliens have been visiting. Obvious unanswered questions would be: What do they want? Are they evil or friendly? Where are they from? Are there visitors from one society or from many? How long have they been here?

The Fredericton murderer is in custody. But I haven't seen answers to the obvious questions, and this guy has been living here. Policemen are not considered evil here and are well-respected. We never worry about crime here, so how could this happen? Think how upsetting an announcement about aliens would be.

Years ago, the SETI community talked about receiving radio signals from hundreds of light-years away but has always avoided the question of alien visitations. But now we know that, surprisingly, there are about 1.6 planets per star—so about 16,000 planets within a mere 100 light years of Earth. The neighborhood may be crawling with civilizations. But are they friendly with each other? Do they travel between neighboring societies? How long have they been visiting? Will they allow us to leave the solar system? Why haven't they landed on the White House or Kremlin or Beijing lawn? Since governments control the major visitor detection systems, such as radar, why haven't they told us Earthlings? Have governments talked to each other? Do any governments claim to speak for Earth? Is there a connection with the Bible? Have we learned how the visiting vehicles work?

We Earthlings have only been space travelers since 1957, and we are already looking at means for reaching

nearby stars. I was involved in a study of nuclear fusion for deep space travel way back in 1962. We know that various fusion reactions power the stars. I have suggested atmospheric propulsion via plasma interactions. But Earth is 4 billion years old. Others may be using much better techniques about which we may be totally ignorant. My rule is that technological progress comes from doing things differently in an unpredictable way. Our technological developments are really quite recent compared to the 4-billion-year age of the Earth. We know that there are many stars and presumably planets older than the sun. So, we may very well be the Johnny-come-lately. Tough on our egos.

There are large questions here for which we don't have answers, not the least of which are what do governments know and when will they tell us? I don't know of any campus on which courses about such matters are being actively pursued. Shouldn't professors and journalists be pursuing such matters and suggesting answers? Based on my more than 700 lectures in 50 states, 10 provinces and 19 countries, I know that many people are interested, but that SETI is at least not publicly seeking answers. Shouldn't we be pushing for answers especially if studies have been done? There is an important challenge here.



40th Anniversary of the Pinecastle UFO Incident

The Case Has Still Never Been Solved

By Dinah Lechner, MUFON Florida State Director

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Monday, May 15, 1978, Ocala Star Banner headline reads 'Radar Tracks UFOs Over Forest.'

The newspaper reported that the Navy's Pinecastle Electronic Warfare Range, a restricted area (R-2910) ESE of Ocala, in the Ocala National Forest, had picked up an unidentified flying object on its radar the night before. This was exciting news for Ocala, which is located in the center of Florida. UFO researchers around the country were ecstatic and many well-known names would soon be embroiled in this high-profile radar-return case.

The article reported that at 10 p.m. on May 14, 1978, the Pinecastle Duty Officer, Robert J. Clark, received a call from an anonymous woman, claiming to be at the Silver Glen campground, which is located on SR 19, south of Salt Springs, Florida. She asked if Pinecastle was using any flares that night. Clark answered, "There were no flares and the range was closed."

At 10:10 p.m., Rocky Morgan, a local fishing guide, was the second caller and reported that he and eight other locals

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Pinecastle Electronic Warfare Range.

saw an object, estimated to be 50-60 feet in diameter with flashing lights. They saw it pass over at treetop level, so the locals were concerned about fire damage if flares were being dropped—hence, the phone call. Morgan also reported, "It started getting lower." He claimed, "It must have landed out there in the forest."

Clark, according to the log, notified the control tower Watch Stander to search toward the Silver Glen Springs area with binoculars. The Watch Stander reported stationary lights at an estimated attitude of 1,600 feet in that area. Clark also reported checking with the Jacksonville Center for the possibility of commercial or military aircraft operations in the area. The Center responded that there was no information on known flight operations in the Lake George area where the Silver Glen Springs campground is located.

Duty Officer Clark then summoned TD2 Timothy Collins from his barracks to begin the procedure of getting the sophisticated MSQ-102 tracking radar on line, which, at this time of the night, required a generator to be started, and then another 20 minutes was needed for it to warm up in order to begin actual operation. As reported in the log at

11 p.m., a lock-on (for calibration purposes) was achieved on the watchtower, which was the nearest object.

- **10:30 p.m.** Lights appeared to hover stationary over trees in the WNW at eye level. It was noted the lights appeared to hover directly over an old Civil Defense tower which was located three miles away.
- **11 p.m.** The radar system had warmed up. The lights were still stationary.
- **11:20 p.m.** Radar “locks on” to target, places it at same range as tower. The radar man only would commit that the lights were tree-top level.
- **11:30-35 p.m.** The lights make an abrupt disappearance both visually and on radar. This was simultaneous confirmable via the intercommunication between tower and radar van.
- **11:40 p.m.** Visual observers spot the lights again, but north of previous location at tree-top level. The radar observer searches area but unable to lock on. Collins also visually sees through his periscope; he notes that there was no way of knowing whether this was the original “UFO” or a second one.
- **11:45-50 p.m.** Target vanishes from sight, is gone from the radar display in the duration of one sweep.
- **Midnight** A PPI radar mode to follow motion, the object was discovered on radar for the third and last time, now moving at a speed in excess of 500 knots and accelerating southbound for about seven seconds. Then on the radar, the target made a hairpin turn in the space of one second at a distance of about 15 miles south of the base and, maintaining the same high speed, closed on them. When it made it to a distance of five miles, seen visually through binoculars by Air Controlman Gary Sneed, the light abruptly stopped. The radar system succeeded in locking onto the target for the second and final time, showing it to be moving northbound at the speed of two knots. The strange motion was observed for one to one and-a-half minutes and the light disappeared from the scope in the space of one sweep. Sneed further reports watching the light vanish through binoculars, unable to determine any method of disappearance other than the sudden extinction of the lights, visible to the unaided eye.
- **12:30 a.m.** Radar shut down after fruitless search for additional sightings.

In an interview with Timothy Collins, “The radar operator tried to train the radar on the object and it accelerated rapidly, evading efforts to lock and track it on the computer. When the radar operator caught up with the object, it reversed directions and started back toward Pinecastle. The radar operator finally locked on the object after it had practically stopped moving.” A total of eight Navy

personnel, including TD-AA Carol Snyder, visually observed red, green and white lights of the object from the control tower for over an hour.

Ufology weighs in on the Pinecastle Incident

Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Editor in Chief of the International UFO Reporter (IUR), printed a report in Vol. 3, No. 8, June 1978, entitled “UFO of High Merit – Navy Radar-Visual in Florida.” The article stated, “Finally, a case, and a Radar/Visual at that, worthy of our readers’ complete attention. Naval personnel at a bombing range in central Florida were prompted to go outside and look at multi-colored lights when civilians called the base, asking if the light was one of their own parachute flares. Around a dozen people on the base witnessed the sight, including Air Controlman Gary Collison in the observation tower, and radar operator, Timothy Collins, eight years’ experience in the radar van, and Duty Officer Robert Clark, 14 years of experience, additional personnel Carol Snyder, Robert Nunez and Elmer Pumphrey.”

The article developed alternative explanations as well: astronomy—Venus or Jupiter was a candidate, meteorology and even aeronautics came into play. The conclusions made by managing editor Allan Hendry explained several major drawbacks that weaken most Radar/Visual cases. Lacking in this report, however, was a mysterious “part 2” in which IUR was going to print the results of the FAA’s study of its radar tape replay, the testimony of the civilian witnesses and the testimony of the second tower observers.

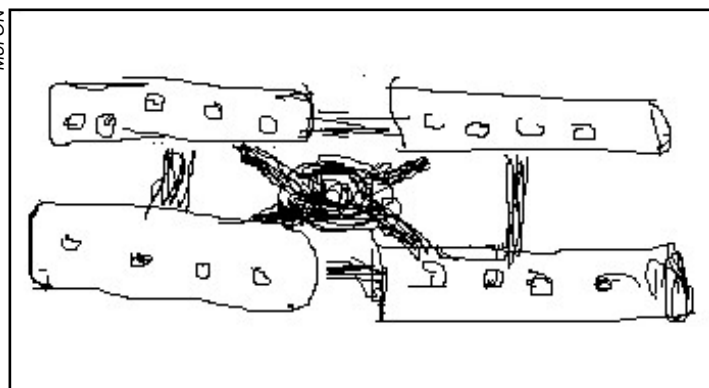
In May 2016, CUFOs was contacted, and the second part of the article or any draft of the proposed article, plus the radar information, were requested. Unfortunately, no more information was located.

In the September 1978 issue of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena’s (NICAP) UFO Investigator, regional investigator Ernest T. Jahn issued a report. It was a rehash of several previous reports, but included an added statement of thanks for the cooperation of the military members who had worked with NICAP on the sighting.

In March 1979 in a monthly publication called *Second Look*, well-known science writer Robert Sheaffer wrote, “The Ocala Sightings—Did A UFO Penetrate Restricted Airspaces?” The article refuted comments made by Allan Hendry in an earlier *Second Look* piece (“A Second Look at the Ocala Sighting”) describing the radar return and the abilities of the MSQ-102.

The October 1979 issue of *Second Look*, in its correspondence section, printed several letters that further elicited comments from Philip J. Klass and additional remarks from Sheaffer and Hendry. In each of the articles,

“On May 14, 1978, at night, witness was coming home from Ocala with a friend and was driving down an unpaved isolated road when they encountered a craft. Witness recalls standing, leaning back against car looking up at a craft. It was a hazy experience. Witness recalls feeling like moving in slow motion, describing the craft as giant tinker toys with round pod-like compartments connected with large cylinders. It had green, white possibly red lights (looked pinkish). Anyway, the colors seemed to look like muted and blurred neon lights. It was no more than 20-30 feet away from our location.”

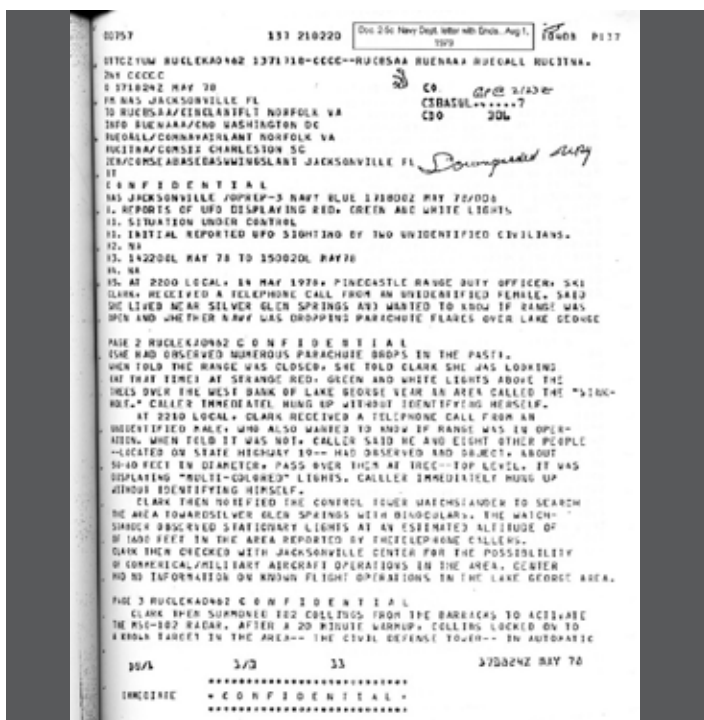


Witness Illustration

UFO Researcher Paul Dean shares his military expertise

Paul Dean, an Australian-based researcher who specializes in U.S. government and military documents, weighed in on the subject for the MUFON Journal: “The Pinecastle Test Range incident of May 14, 1978, is unusual. As a researcher who didn’t have access to the naval personnel involved and doesn’t have a complete understanding of the radar systems in place at the facility, it’s hard to know what was being seen visually and detected on primary radar. It’s one of those cases where one, an outsider, had to be there. We can make a strong argument that the radar hits were merely a glitch or a ghost return from the top of a man made structure, with two planets in the sky clearly at the same time. Likewise, we can make some assumptions that seasoned officers at such an important naval facility would be scarcely fooled by such simple issues. I mean, the planets would have been there in the sky night after night, and the radar system operators were surely experienced in what was false and what was a possibly a real return from a tangible, airborne target. Their jobs, and all their training, demand it.

Courtesy of Paul Dean



Released Confidential Navy Document.

“What is interesting to me about this case is the manner that it was reported. The usage of an OPREP-3 NAVY BLUE transmission is telling. The OPREP-3 system is reserved for serious and immediately threatening or urgent events that could cause considerable damage or awkwardness for the U.S. military. The funny thing is this: we have known about the OPREP-3 system being potentially used for UFO reports all along, if inadvertently. After the closure of the United States Air Force’s (USAF) Project Blue Book, their two channels

laid out in official military reporting procedures that could be used to report UFOs which affected national security. One was the JANAP-146/CIRVIS procedure which laid out the important 'Communications Instructions for Reporting Vital Intelligence Sightings' (CIRVIS) process for reporting aerial unknowns. The other was 'Air Force Reporting System' (AFOREP) channel. These reporting channels were mentioned by Brig. Gen. Carrol H. Bolender, who was the Deputy Director of Development, for the Deputy Chief of Staff, Research and Development, USAF, when he authorized Project Blue Book's closure. Dated the 20th of September, 1969, Brig. Gen. Bolender's 'Air Staff Summary Sheet,' usually referred to as the 'Bolender Memo,' states:

'Moreover, reports of unidentified flying objects which could affect national security are made in accordance with JANAP 146 or Air Force Manual 55-11, and are not part of the Blue Book system... ...as already stated, reports of UFOs which could affect national security would continue to be handled through the standard Air Force procedures designed for this purpose.'

"JANAP-146/CIRVIS reports, we know a lot about, but researchers have seldom assessed the Air Force Manual 55-11. This manual, in the 1960's, gave instructions for the old 'Air Force Operational Reporting System' (AFOREPS). AFOREPS included several operational reporting categories, one of which was the OPREP-3 channel for the urgent reporting of 'Serious Incidents and Serious Events' to higher command. In February 1971, the OPREP-3 system was migrated to the U.S. Army, the U.S. Marine Corps, and the U.S. Navy. So, by 1978, OPREP-3s were being used from places like Pinecastle or Naval Air Station Jacksonville, to report serious safety events or incidents of grave military concern. Specifically, the USN uses a sub-class of OPREP-3 called an OPREP-3 NAVY BLUE. When Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) researchers obtained copies of the Pinecastle/Jacksonville OPREP-3 NAVY BLUE that concerned the May 1978 UFO sighting, they were somewhat surprised. It demonstrated that someone within the U.S. Navy in Florida took this purported UFO event quite seriously.

"Explicitly, the OPREP-3 NAVY BLUE message was sent from NAS Jacksonville to the Commander-in-Chief of the USN's Atlantic Fleet (CINCLANFLT) at Norfolk, Virginia. Classified CONFIDENTIAL, one particular line states: 'NAS JACKSONVILLE /OPREP-3 NAVY BLUE 1718002 MAY 78/006.' Note the term 'OPREP-3'. Further, beneath this line, the message reads: 'REPORTS OF UFO DISPLAYING RED, GREEN AND WHITE LIGHTS.' Two more lines down the message states: 'INITIAL REPORTED UFO SIGHTING BY TWO UNIDENTIFIED CIVILIANS.' The term 'UFO' is openly

used here. When these records were released under the FOI Act, even the Public Affairs officer, N. P. Young, stationed at Jacksonville Naval Air Station, who processed the papers, had this to say about the incident: 'I have never been a believer in UFOs, but I assure you I am convinced that a number of people witnessed an unexplainable event that night.'

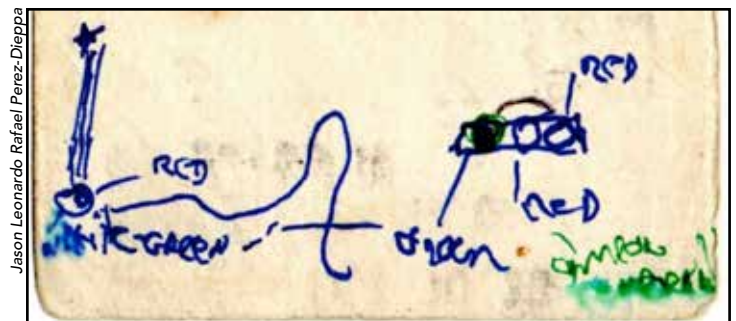
"Either way, mundane or not, the case has never technically been solved. And, as I have highlighted, the use of an OPREP-3 to report it tells us that the Navy officers really thought something highly unusual or unidentifiable was being seen visually and imaged on radar. After nearly 40 years, we will probably never know."

Further Investigation

In an attempt to find any new data on the case, the local law enforcement agency in Salt Springs was contacted. "It was a Navy problem, not ours," was its only comment.

May 2017, the Ocala Star Banner was contacted to ask if there was any interest in an anniversary story. There was no response. Flyers were posted in the immediate area asking for any information concerning the event of May 14, 1978.

Currently, Jason Leonardo Rafael Perez-Dieppa, a witness to the Pinecastle incident, hosts a Facebook page entitled The Pinecastle Florida UFO Incident, which is dedicated to what he observed. About a year ago, while going through old items, he ran across an old business card on which he had scribbled what he saw during the incident. He wrote, "From the pitch-dark back of a Fiat, this is my original 'report.'" It appears he viewed red and green lights that evening, as well.



Witness Illustration

"Of these [unknown UFO] reports, the radar-visual sightings are the most convincing. When a ground radar picks up a UFO target and a ground observer sees a light where the radar target is located, then a jet interceptor is scrambled to intercept the UFO and the pilot also sees the light and gets a radar lock on only to have the UFO almost impudently outdistance him, **there is no simple answer.**" (Edward J. Ruppelt, Capt. USAF, The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects, 1956; boldface added) ●



CROSSTALK

T. L. KELLER

The Eisenhower Family Legacy Part I

1961 farewell speech

In his final address to the public, President Eisenhower warned of the influence of the military and American industry—that there was a “permanent armaments industry of vast proportions” that had achieved excessive influence in government policy.

DARPA

Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency. “The Pentagon’s Brain,” DARPA leads the Pentagon’s research and technology agency. Created in 1958.

Dwight D. Eisenhower

Thirty-fourth president of the United States (1953-1961), five-star Army general and Commander of Allied Forces in Europe following World War II.

Eisenhower Briefing

Alleged preliminary briefing document for President-elect.

Document

Dwight D. Eisenhower prepared by Admiral Roscoe Hillenkoetter, chairman of the Operation MJ-12 Committee. Dated November 18, 1952, the document summarized the current state of research and development involved with crashed and recovered ETI craft and crew members.

ETI

Extraterrestrial Intelligence (i.e., ET being). Coined by Dr. Steven Greer.

humanoid

Having human form or characteristics.

Military-Industrial Complex

Informal alliance of the military and related government departments with defense industries believed to excessively influence government policy. Term coined by Eisenhower in his 1961 farewell address.

About This Series of Articles

This is the third in a series of articles concerning current and future challenges in the fields of science, engineering, biosciences and human development. In each of these articles we will present a controversial topic. We call this series, Cross Talk.

In this article, Karen Schimmels-Rastatter, Laura Magdalene Eisenhower and T. L. Keller will independently offer their thoughts and comments on the Eisenhower family legacy. In Part 1 we present the Karen Schimmels-Rastatter story. Part 2 will cover Laura Magdalene Eisenhower’s experiences.

The Eisenhower Family Legacy (by T. L. Keller)

Background

During World War II, President Roosevelt took direct action to establish a permanent war industry supported by the defense divisions of American companies such as Boeing and General Motors.¹ During the presidency of Harry S. Truman, multiple crashes and recoveries of extraterrestrial craft took place in the 1940s and thereafter. Between that period and 1953, President Truman established the infamous Operation MJ-12 Committee. Subsequent to his election, Eisenhower was alleged to have been presented with the Eisenhower Briefing Document. In 1953 General Eisenhower took office as the President of the United States, and it was during the Eisenhower administration that DARPA was created.

It was toward the middle of Eisenhower’s time in office that he became acutely aware of the buildup of the American defense industry. Eisenhower had realized that effective control of the defense industry had been passed from Congress to private industry and the Pentagon. It was during Eisenhower’s final farewell address to the nation that he warned of the unwarranted buildup of what he referred to as the “Military-Industrial Complex.”

Oddly, at that same time (1961), Lt. Colonel Philip J. Corso was manning the U.S. Army’s Foreign Technology desk under Lt. General Arthur Trudeau’s Research and Development division at the Pentagon. There, Corso was in the process of farming out the various Roswell artifacts to American industry for their technical analysis, evaluation and future exploitation.

Reputed Eisenhower–ET Contacts

In 1954 President Eisenhower mysteriously disappeared from his Palm Springs residence for an undisclosed period of time. The press was told that his absence was due to a “toothache.” Allegedly, he was flown to Edwards Air Force Base (formerly Muroc AFB) in California’s Antelope Valley on a mission to meet an extraterrestrial diplomat (also based upon a 1954 letter by a certain Mr. Gerald Light²). As the report went, no agreement was concluded. Then, the next year,

Eisenhower is reputed to have met a different extraterrestrial diplomatic group and have concluded an agreement, presumably on a quid pro quo basis. No treaty was signed as that would require Congressional assent. Their 1955 meeting is represented by the illustration below showing Eisenhower's Lockheed Super Constellation and an ETI craft at Holloman Air Force Base in New Mexico.



Artist Conception of Eisenhower–ET Diplomatic Mission³

Karen Schimmels-Rastatter

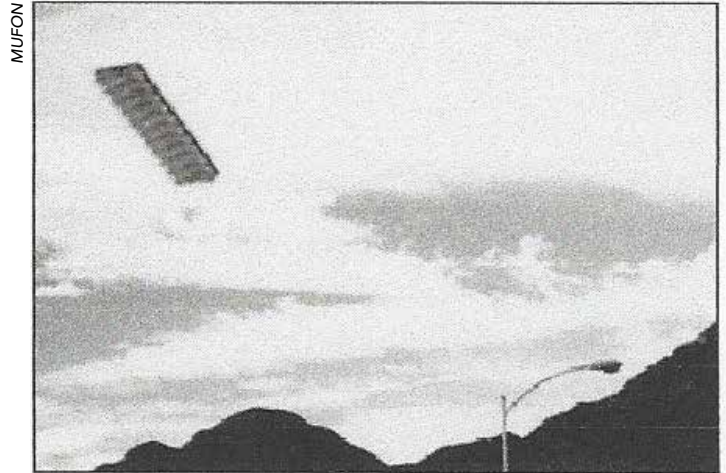


I met Karen Schimmels-Rastatter in Phoenix, Arizona, earlier this year following my presentation at a Phoenix MUFON meeting. Karen Rastatter is the “sixth cousin once removed” of Laura Eisenhower and the “fourth cousin twice removed” of Dwight D. Eisenhower. During a luncheon, Karen described her encounters with extraterrestrial beings and then told me about her Eisenhower family connection.

First Abduction

Karen's first extraterrestrial visitor incident occurred outdoors in Euclid, Ohio, after dark while she was stargazing in the summer of 1959. She was only eight years of age. In a clear, cloudless sky she saw what was to be a very large, dark gray, rectangular UFO on the order of 900 feet in length (i.e., the length of three football fields or more). It was silent, apparently had no exterior lighting, and the bottom of the craft had an uneven, almost industrial, appearance. Today, she refers to it as a “mother ship.” There were numerous much smaller UFO craft that were flying around and about the mother ship. The smaller craft were different shapes. These included discs, triangles and cylinders. Many of the smaller craft were projecting lights or beams toward the mother ship and other smaller vessels. Some of the smaller craft were being launched from and some landed into the main vessel. I presented Karen with several craft

images from the MUFON Journal, and she selected the photographic image below as the best match.



Rectangular “Mother Ship”⁴

Karen's own words about the events following her sighting:

“The next conscious awareness I had, I found myself standing in a gray, smooth surfaced, circular room. My back seemed to be against/next to a wall on one side of the room. I suddenly noticed a black hooded, small Being across the room along the opposite wall. The Being spoke to me telepathically, directly into my brain (which is the third eye area of the forehead) and his only words were, ‘be good.’ His outfit was long and floor length with no body parts visible. I remember thinking, ‘What is that; where am I?’ I had no idea why I was there or what the Being was doing there. There were no other ETs or humans present during the incident. The Being did not take me anywhere else nor did it do anything physical to me that I remember. However, I’ve come to believe that something physical must have been done to me, because otherwise why would I have been taken there?”

“The Master’ did not have any sash, jewelry or other colored embellishment on his robe. He did not walk or appear to float and only stood still. . . ‘The Master’ never identified him or herself to me. I estimate my height to have been about 4’ 6” at age eight. ‘The Master’ was shorter than I and about half the size of my height at the time.

“I don’t know how I arrived in that room with the ET. I did not walk when I was in the room. I remember a slight panic and then a sudden calm right before and after he spoke [telepathically] to me. I remember no anatomical inspections or samples taken. After he spoke to me, the next thing I remember is being [transported] back from where I had been, flying through the night air outdoors, to my bedroom in my home.

I remember [being transported through the summer air] vividly. I went through the roof of the house and landed on my feet and found myself standing, next to my bed.”⁵

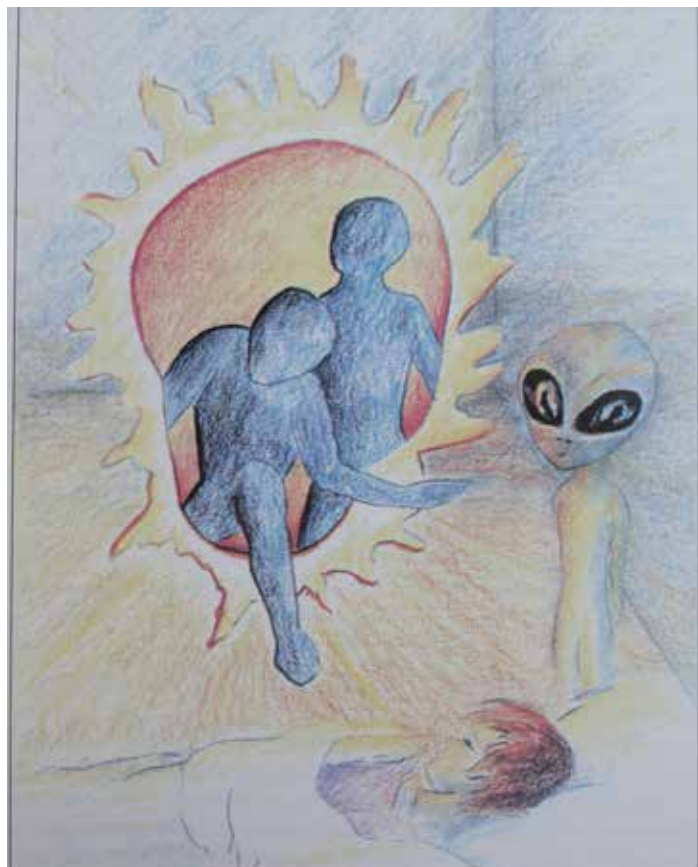
Second Abduction

Karen’s second abduction occurred in 2011 in her home in Maricopa, Arizona. She refers to her abductors as the “Shadow People,” clearly a different group of ETI beings from her 1959 abduction. Karen calls them “Shadow People” because they looked like shadows with a “translucent, dark gray-bluish” appearance. In Karen’s words, here is her description:

“I was suddenly awakened by a feeling that something or someone was in my bedroom. I opened my eyes to a darkened room to see and feel one of the ‘Shadow People’ grabbing a hold of my arm and pulling me out of the bed. There were at least two or three of them in the room. Another ‘Shadow’ being grabbed my other arm. They began to pull me through the room and down the long hallway towards the front of the house. I remember feeling a panic and thought to myself, ‘They are taking me!’ I decided quickly that this was not going to happen and when I passed the last bedroom door in the hallway to my left, I telepathically said, ‘No, I’m not going with you now’ and pulled my arms from their grip. I darted hard left into the bedroom. I quickly climbed into the bed that was in that room and hid under the covers until I was able to fall asleep again. I do not know why they were there or why they came to me at that time in my life as an adult. I’ve come to believe it may have been a test, to see if I was ready to be taken consciously as an adult. I was not prepared then to go with them, but I am ready to go now if they were to come again.”⁶

After hearing of Karen’s description of the “Shadow People,” I sent her an image provided to me by Linda Moulton Howe of what Howe calls “Shadow Beings.” Here are Karen’s comments:

“The physical description that you sent via Linda Moulton Howe is accurate about them being ‘dark gray-bluish humanoids.’ They were faceless with no communication, physical attributes or gender (other than being humanoid). Their height as 5’ to 7’ is correct. I did not see a ‘tear in the fabric of three dimensions,’ but it is possible that if there were a tear, it could have been in another part of the house that I did not see. The ‘Shadow People’ were not accompanied by any small Grays that I was aware of. I believe that the ‘Shadow People’ could be [Howe’s] ‘Shadow Beings’ and their name could be interchangeable, and may be descriptions for the same entity.”⁸



Linda Moulton Howe’s “Shadow Beings”?⁷

Cross Talk (by Karen Schimmels-Rastatter)

[TLK:] It’s worth pointing out that this is the first time that Karen Schimmels-Rastatter has made a formal, public statement about these incidents. She notes that she has had many anomalous or paranormal events in her life, but these were the two when she was consciously awake. Here are her words:

“It was later in my life, in February of 2012, while I was attending an International UFO Congress in Arizona, that in the vendor area of the conference, I saw a replica of the ‘Being’ I saw in 1959. It was a sculpted alien figurine, made by the late Sculptress, Cynthia Crawford. I immediately stopped in my tracks as I walked by her display, in awe of what I was seeing. There in front of me was the Being I had encountered as a child in sculpted form! I yelled out, ‘there it is,’ because I had never seen anything like it since 1959. Cynthia immediately stopped what she was doing and came to my side and asked me, ‘How do you know this one?’ I proceeded to explain, and it was then that she told me that the Being that I had an encounter with in 1959, was called ‘The Master.’ She told me that it is rare to have had an experience with this ET and that he was a very important leader/ruler in the Galactic order of things. I have called the Being I experienced in 1959,

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ONE-ON-ONE MARIE CISNEROS



Bob Upson

Today the One-On-One sits down with Field Investigator, Star Team and ERT member, Bob Upson. Bob is a graduate of University of New Hampshire with a BS in civil engineering. Thirty years later he earned a doctorate in clinical hypnotherapy from American Pacific University. He grew up with an awareness of UFOs in New Hampshire. He states he developed an interest in hypnosis in college just by chance. He was a follower of Budd Hopkins, whom he later met. He had a part-time practice of hypnotherapy in New York and later practiced hypnosis in Florida. He joined MUFON and became a Field Investigator, Star Team member and, with his interest in abductions, he joined the MUFON Experienter group, which was initially led by Les Valdez and now by Kathleen Marden. Bob states he has performed many regressions with ex-

periencers and finds the abduction phenomenon fascinating and feels it is hard to not believe. He grew up in New Hampshire. Most of his professional career was in construction in New York State, and he is still working as a professional engineer. After 13 years in Florida, he is now located in Jacksonville. He states he continues to work doing part-time hypnosis as interesting cases come his way. He is a member of the NGH (National Guild of Hypnotists) and is a Certified Hypnotist and a Certified Instructor; thus, he can teach hypnosis to people who wish to gain their CH status.

JOURNAL: When did you join MUFON?

BOB: I joined in 2007 and became an investigator in 2008 as well as a member of the abduction research team under Les Valdez. Later became a Star Team member and continued on to

the Experienter Research Team under Kathleen Marden.

JOURNAL: If you could investigate any UFO case from the past, which would it be?

BOB: A mass experience case like the 1966 Westall school children in Australia or one of the mass sightings in the Hudson Valley back in the 90s. I have had a few hypnosis cases from experiencers in the Hudson Valley Triangle cases; the consistency of details is the convincer.

JOURNAL: That is wonderful that you were able to meet Budd Hopkins. Is there anyone at MUFON that you have never actually met that you would just like to sit down and talk with?

BOB: I have a wide ranging interest in the UFO subject. While I have tired of chasing sightings to prove UFO reality to the skeptics (I equate this to convincing them that "candy is sweet?"), I still have an interest in the

technology. I think a discussion with Robert Wood can be very enlightening. In regression, you hear many relate their descriptions of the interiors of craft and some hints of technology. There are so many guesses as to what we are dealing with, and we struggle to relate it all to our understanding of physics.

JOURNAL: Interest in MUFON seems to have greatly increased since the Pentagon released its videos through the To The Stars Academy. In your opinion, do you think this will affect MUFON? If so, in what way?

BOB: I believe it has to. Since MUFON is the largest organization in the pursuit of answers, as videos like the “tic tac/F18 target screen” come out—increasing awareness and the search for answers—people are going to turn to MUFON. When they do, we need to have an informative web site that provides places to get answers and keeps them coming back to self-educate. Not a critique to MUFON’s present site, just stating the obvious marketing enigma that I deal with on my own sites.

JOURNAL: In recent years, there has been a lot of talk about disclosure and transparency in the UFO community. In your opinion, has Disclosure happened?

BOB: I do not believe “disclosure” is an event, but a process. Sure, at one time we were all hoping some president would come out and say “they are here,” which some believe Kennedy and Reagan wanted to do. There was even talk of Clinton trying but being shut down. I believe the government in their management of the media and entertainment industries has been dribbling information for 20 years or more, and it seems we have been getting bigger spoonfuls lately. It is their way of letting us know without admitting they have been deceiving us for 60 years. Some believe that the group mentioned in the previous

question is just an agent of such an effort. Or if you want to believe Corey Goode and that group, they already are part of the issue and are working up to making the awareness easier to accept. From the time of my first interest in the subject, it has been “we don’t know what we don’t know.”

JOURNAL: What skill set has your work and education as an engineer brought to the table as a Field Investigator?

BOB: Everyone has their own skill set to contribute. I think being an educated engineer, being adept at working with my hands, understanding how physical structures work on Earth’s physical environment with its constraints, it may or may not be an asset. Same with my other hat of hypnosis training and experience, I can see where there are non-physical forces involved. Where do the physical and mental part, if at all? When you do past life regressions and listen to information about events and places that don’t seem to relate to known ways of life in the past, but are nevertheless described in the utmost detail by subjects? Memory regressions of experiencers of alien interaction produce similar detailed descriptions that are not physically possible, so you have to question which side of the coin is reality. Out-of-body experiences, remote viewing, premonitions: they are all in the same arena as UFOs—they have skeptics despite the proven obvious inability to deny.

JOURNAL: In your opinion, what are the qualifications of a good investigator?

BOB: I did many field investigations and it took a while to realize that you must spend the time to get the details, samples, testimony without perceived expectations. Those who do it from a purely scientific and exhaustive effort are the best. There are many tools out there for the investigator and determining which apply to the investiga-

tion at hand and how to use them is crucial. Our Field Investigators are the best-trained and most critical of the cases as any skeptic. The difference being they are getting the facts to form an opinion, not just denying the phenomenon as skeptics do.

JOURNAL: Hypnotic regression has been instrumental in gaining insight and knowledge about the abduction experience. Can you briefly walk us through a typical session?

BOB: The only part that is typical is the mechanics of inducing a hypnotic state and then bringing the experiencer back out to full awareness. Between those stages, it is a new experience every time. Usually the experiencer will be told to go to some part of the event they recall and prompted to move time forward or backwards by small increments. Sometimes the senses are used to make a movement, such as a feeling, a smell, something they see next. The part that comes from experience is to not let the experiencer’s emotions get too strong and to not lead them. You want them to relate what happened. Same as with a good investigator, no preconceived expectations, just what is happening without forcing the flow of information being recalled. The hypnotist may end up leading the experiencer because what is being told is not relatable to his understanding of physics. How does a person float through a glass patio door? I had one that related being stuck halfway and the Greys leading her had to move her back inside and try again! Many women who are in early stages of a pregnancy and go to a checkup find they are no longer pregnant. The doctor is baffled as there is no indication they were ever pregnant and no experience of a miscarriage. ●

To suggest someone from within MUFON as the next One-On-One guest—please get in touch with Marie at mariehelena777@gmail.com.



MUFON MINUTES **KERRY MCCLURE**

MUFON welcomes new Field Investigators: John Row, OH; Melinda Wolfe, Idaho; Zach Royer, WA.

Congratulations to the following MUFON appointees: James Horne, CAG, Florida; Janny Charrueay, CAG International, France; Juan Vidal Nicolau, Assistant National Director, Spain; Kumaresan Ramanathan, Assistant National Director, India.

COLORADO MUFON meets 2nd Saturday monthly, greater Denver area. Open to public. Discuss history of ufology and meet like-minded people. See comufon.org.

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HOUSTON MUFON meets 1st Saturday monthly, 4-6 p.m., 7026 Old Katy Rd., Suite 264, Houston, TX 77024. See HoustonMUFON.org.

ILLINOIS MUFON (Rockford, IL, Area) meets 4th Saturday monthly, 10 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Rockford Public Library East Branch,

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MAINE MUFON meets Saturday, September 22nd, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Millinocket Memorial Library. Discussing personal experiences and recent Maine sightings. Open to public.

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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA MUFON South Bay – San Jose Chapter meets 3rd Sunday every other month, 1-4:30 p.m., Community of Infinite Spirit Center, 1540 Hicks Ave., San Jose. Speakers and MUFON case reports, \$5 admission, open to public, need not be a member to attend. Contact Ruben Uriarte at ruben_uriarte@hotmail.com or northern-californiamufon.com. The Shasta Chapter meets in Redding, CA. Email Stacey at shastamufon@yahoo.com. The Marin-Sonoma Chapter meets 1st Saturday monthly, 1-3 p.m., Petaluma Senior Center, 211 Novak Dr., Petaluma, CA

94954. Open to public, \$5 admission. See mufonmarinsonoma.com.

PHILADELPHIA MUFON 11th Annual UFO Conference October 26-27, with Whitley Strieber, Col. Alexander, Barbara Lamb, Bill Birnes, Guy Malone, Frank Chille, Alex Chionetti, Joe Foster, and Denise Murter. Register at mufonpa.com.

PHOENIX MUFON meets September 15th, 12 noon-3 p.m., Arizona Historical Society Museum, Tempe. Zuni Elder Clifford Mahooty lectures on "30 Days After Travis Walton – the Perspective of the Zuni and Their Star People." See phoenixmufon.com.

PITTSBURGH MUFON 11th Annual Conference October 20, with Col. Halt, Ben Moss, Tony Angiola, Jeremy Ray, Dr. Osmanagich, Dr. Scarnati, and Larry Arnold. Register at mufonpa.com.

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SAN ANTONIO MUFON meets 4th Tuesday monthly, except December, 6:30 p.m. (6 to eat and socialize), Luby's, 4541 Fredericksburg Rd., San Antonio, TX 78201. Free to public, live-streamed on Facebook with interactive chat. See facebook.com/search/top/?q=mufon%20san%20antonio.

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'The Master,' ever since that meeting with Cynthia Crawford.

"There have been other extraordinary 'experiences' during my life, of which there is not enough room in this article to share. I believe that I was selected by the universe to be a member of the Eisenhower family and also to be 'experienced' into galactic awareness as a young child. Laura and my bloodline run deep into genealogical history through many generations of shared relatives who contributed to many of the historical changes of mankind. My 'Universal Directive' has been to facilitate a higher consciousness and awareness of understanding, communication and love among the people of Earth. This 'Universal Directive' has provided me opportunity to do this work throughout my life, in a number of ways. The experiences have been many, profound and life altering for myself and the many I've touched. As we all begin to live in the awareness of Disclosure, my work has become more detailed and intense with full 'Universal Directive' now in full motion.

I believe Laura Eisenhower may well feel this way too. Although Laura and I have had different life experiences and our 'Universal Directive' work has also been different, we are cut from the same bloodline, thus

connecting the 'Universal Directive' into a combined energy of consciousness awareness, that we now share with others. It's 'The Eisenhower Connection.' The Eisenhowers were given the gift of the consciousness message from the Universe a very, very long time ago. That message is simply 'Love', in all its forms. With 'Love' all things are possible, without it, we will cease as a planet Earth. ●

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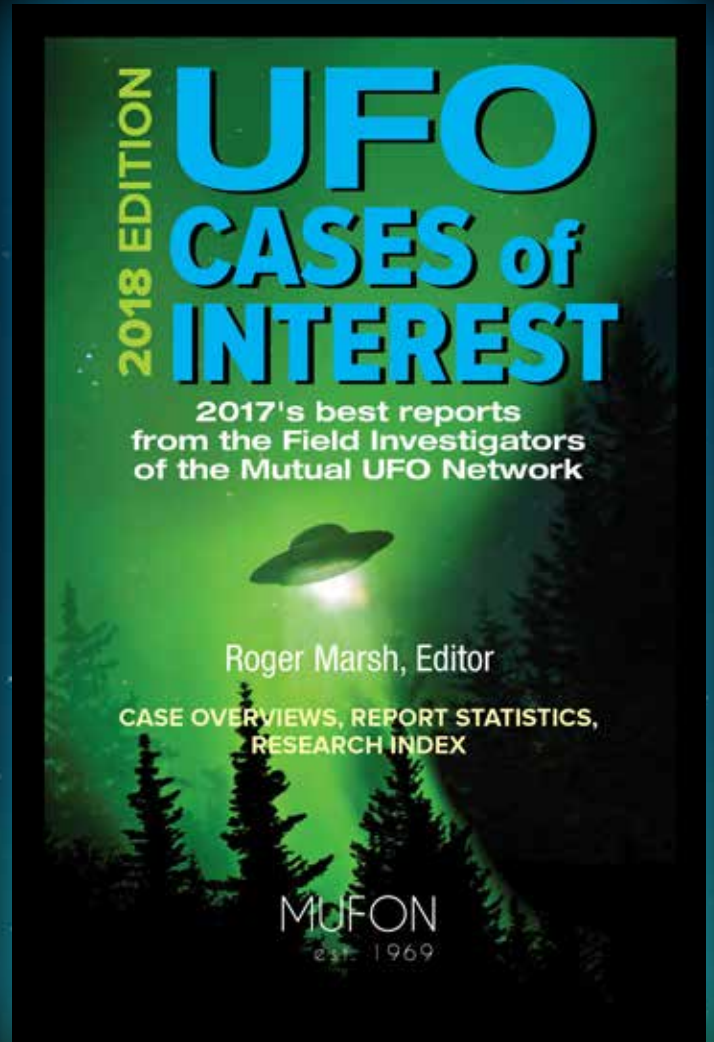
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