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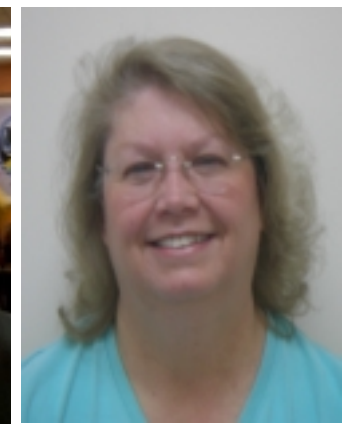
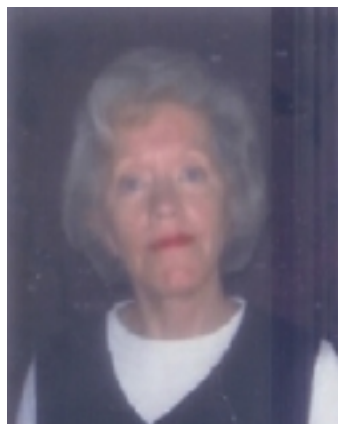
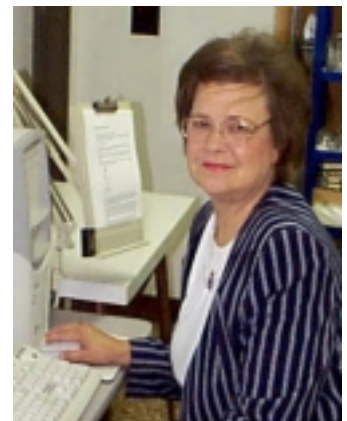
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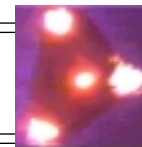
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Director's Message

By James Carrion



I am pleased to announce that the MUFON 39th International Symposium will be held July 24 – 27, 2008 in San Jose, California at the Doubletree Hotel. To kick off the Symposium, Thursday, July 24th will be dedicated to MUFON Field Investigator training sessions. If you have been putting off taking the MUFON Field Investigator exam, this is your opportunity to get quality training from world class Ufologists, pick up a copy of the new MUFON Field Investigator Manual and even take your Field Investigator exam on the same day. The planning committee is in the process of speaker selection, so look for more details to come in future MUFON Journals.



Journal Changes Coming

Many of you have written in asking why the MUFON Journal doesn't include more of MUFON's own investigated

cases. Starting in the next Journal, the Journal will include a special section for presenting files from MUFON Pandora archives. If you are a MUFON Field Investigator, it is important that you forward to MUFON HQ a copy of your completed investigations with a written case summary for inclusion in this special section.

UFO Hunters

MUFON is in the process of trademarking the phrase "UFO Hunters" along with a corresponding logo. We are publishing a new web site www.ufohunters.org that will be brought online to coincide with the History Channel's release of their new reality TV series, also titled "UFO Hunters." The new web site will contain a timeline history of UFO sightings as well as background history on the major UFO investigative organizations that have come and gone through the years. Designed to inform the public about MUFON's mission and goals, the new site will soon become an important portal for the latest UFO information on the Internet.

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Women in Ufology

This month and next, we recognize some of the women who are the movers and shakers of ufology, which is largely dominated by men. They contribute as MUFON state Directors and Assistant Directors, as journalists, authors, scientists, web designers and artists. They are presented here in no particular order.

Phyllis Budinger
State Section Director, Ohio MUFON
Owner of Frontier Analysis, Ltd.

Phyllis Budinger was born and raised in northeast Ohio. She holds two degrees in chemistry: B.S. from Baldwin-Wallace College and an M.S. from Miami University. She joined Sohio, the original Standard Oil Company, in 1964. Through a series of mergers and takeovers the company ultimately became BP/Amoco. Phyllis retired with the rank of Research Scientist from BP/Amoco in August 1999.

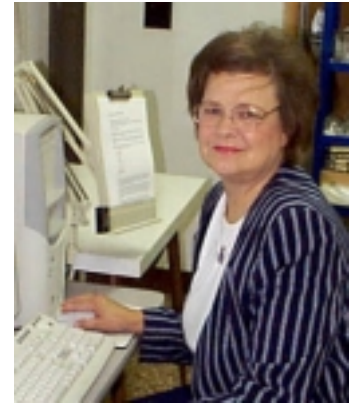
Her 35 years of experience has been in analytical chemistry. Most of her analytical industrial experience has been devoted to some facet of trouble shooting and problem solving for BP businesses. She has extensive experience in analyses using spectroscopic techniques (Infrared and Nuclear Magnetic Resonance), and has a working knowledge of most other analytical techniques.

A life-long interest in the mystery of the UFO phenomenon was the impetus for her to establish a small laboratory dedicated to the study of physical traces related to UFO

events. Frontier Analysis, Ltd. was launched in March 2000. Since then, the laboratory has examined numerous UFO trace samples from all over the world. These include samples from abductions, cattle mutilations, crop circles, UFO deposits, and angel hair.

Some highly visible cases for which analyses have been provided include: soil traces from the Delphos Kansas landing event; bedding material from a 2002 alleged abduction case in Brazil; the Betty Hill dress; assorted samples from Stan Romanek's experiences.

The results of these analyses have created media interest. She has been interviewed on national radio talk shows and television. Recently she has appeared in episodes for the History Channel's "UFO Files" series.



Phyllis Budinger

Pamela Cisneros
Charleston, South Carolina
MUFON Webmaster

"I have always pondered 'the big questions' even as a child," said Pamela Cisneros. "Reading Carl Sagan at a young age, I became fascinated with outer space and the possibility of other life forms. I am a avid seeker of knowledge and have found that ufology opens the door to many unexpected areas of inquiry, although most ufologists don't like to go down those paths. The more I learn about ufology and other 'esoteric' topics, the more commonalities and points of intersection I find."

The original designer (along with her husband) of the current MUFON logo, website and other marketing materials, Pamela has been involved as a member of State MUFON organizations in Colorado and in South Carolina.

Pamela is President of Zafari, Inc., a creative services firm she founded in 2000 in Denver, Colorado with her husband, Christopher. After nearly four successful years in Denver, her desire to return 'home' to South Carolina, prompted the relocation of the firm. An accomplished artist

since childhood, Pamela has a fresh, bold style that ensures all Zafari projects are eye-catching, visually dramatic and audience-focused communication tools. Prior to Zafari, Pamela spent over 15 years in Washington, D.C., and Denver, Colorado, as an information technology consultant serving governmental and corporate clients.

Originally from Winston-Salem, North Carolina, Pamela is a College of Charleston Honors Program Alumna with a graduate degree from Penn State. Pamela lives and works just outside Charleston with her husband/business partner, Christopher, and their three four-legged canine children Dixie, Sedona and Beau.

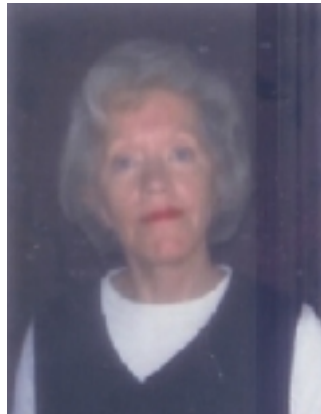


Pamela Cisneros

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Cheryl Ann Gilmore
St. Matthews, South Carolina
State Director, South Carolina MUFON

I had a daytime sighting of the classic shiny silver disk when I was a freshman in high school in Fresno, Ohio. I went to school the next day and stood up in science class and told everyone about the sighting. They all laughed including the teacher. I did not understand why because I thought this was serious business. I had another daytime sighting in 1982 in West Virginia on I-70 outside Wheeling. It was so unusual looking I could not find any published pictures. Several years later the book *The Gulf Breeze Sightings*, by Ed and Frances Walters came out. The craft on the cover was what I had seen in West Virginia.



Cheryl Ann Gilmore

The first sighting had a profound effect on my life. I read everything that I could find on the subject. I also studied the paranormal, telekinesis, many different religions and later on, crop formations and cattle mutilations.

I joined MUFON in 1992 in Ohio. We later moved to Florida and from there to South Carolina, where I live with my husband Michael of 35 years. I am an EMT and hold a HAZMAT Amateur Radio license.

I've been the state director for South Carolina MUFON for 10 years. It has at times been frustrating being connected to the UFO experience. There have also been some rewarding times, such as when I do a good interview for TV or the newspaper, so that solid information is presented to the public. I was privileged to be able to speak to a group of Boy Scouts last summer. They were so attentive and curious. My time was limited to one half hour, but I could have talked all day about ufology.

MUFON has given me a level of credibility with this subject that I don't think can be found anywhere else. The journey I have made through this field of study has been remarkable. My wish is that we will learn the truth whether it be from the governments of our planet or from the beings that have visited our beautiful blue globe for millennia.

I hope to spend many more years with MUFON and the dedicated researchers of ufology.

Looking up may not be the only way. Looking within may generate some answers as well.

Editor's Note: Cheryl is once again first in the CMS rankings. See page 21.

Susan Swiatek
Fairfax, Virginia
State Director, MUFON Virginia

Susan Swiatek was born in Washington, DC, spent her childhood near Denver, Colorado, and is today living again near the nation's capital. She is currently serving as Virginia State Director for MUFON and is also active with the Fund for UFO Research (FUFOR).

Her early years were spent reading such books as *Mysterious Fires and Lights* by Vincent Gaddis and Charles Fort's collections of anomalies. When Betty and Barney Hill's "Interrupted Journey" exploded onto the scene in 1966 with a *Look Magazine* article, Susan was hooked on the UFO and abduction mystery. Even as a young child, Susan felt the story the Hills were telling about alien visitors in a spaceship had the ring of truth to it. She sensed the serious nature of "flying saucers."

Susan's artistic abilities led her to a fine arts degree at the Maryland Institute College of Art in Baltimore. While at college, many a night was spent pacing the floor, falling into

the abyss of Budd Hopkins' seminal work, *Missing Time*. She has worked in several aspects of the electronic publishing field, never taking her mind's eye off the UFO subject for long.

A long-time MUFON member, Susan hosted the 1999 MUFON Symposium near Washington, DC. She has lectured at various conferences including FUFOR events, MUFON of Los Angeles and Aztec, New Mexico. She has created artwork for several book projects, such as Richard Hall's *The UFO Evidence-Part II*, and Ron Story's *The Encyclopedia of Extraterrestrial Encounters* (both 2001).



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LuLin (Lin) Simpson
Parker, Colorado
MUFON Director of Special Projects

I've been interested in UFOs since my sighting in the late 1960s. Always wanted to believe that there was other life but thought that books available then were not that credible. In the late 80s and early 90s my passion grew as I read more credible books, such as Linda Moulton Howe's *Alien Harvest* and so many others. Linda was a Denver Channel 7 reporter in the mid 80s. Her investigations and books, along with a speaker that I heard at the University of Denver, sparked such an interest that I set on a journey to meet the researchers, to make my own determinations about their credibility and research, and to get an answer to the nagging question of "are we alone in the universe?"

Initially, I was the PR/Marketing Director for another Denver organization, arranging public relations coverage for Linda Moulton Howe, Budd Hopkins, Stanton Friedman and Don Ecker. When I eventually found MUFON, my husband Bob and I became lifetime members. Meeting John Schuessler was a pivotal moment for me; we were both extremely impressed with his credentials and his depth of knowledge on this subject. At John's request, Bob became a business board member and I became the Membership Director. I also was the symposium chairperson for three years.

My husband and I housed all the MUFON files after the closing of the MUFON headquarters office, initially helping—along with many MUFON volunteers—to get the Pandora Project off the ground. James Carrion took over after Bob

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Susan has done covers and helped edit various UFO publications, including these published by FUFOR: *The Roswell Debris Field*, by Robert Galganski, 2002 (cover), *Delphos: A Close Encounter of the Second Kind*, by Ted Phillips, 2002 (cover), and *Grassroots UFOs: Cases from the Timmerman Files*, by Michael D. Swords, 2006 (editing).

More recently, Susan was a founding editor of *JAR, the Journal of Abduction Research*. Susan and Virginia MUFON were recently featured in an article in the *Washington Post* (Oct 2007), which was quite fair and amazingly lengthy for a paper of such caliber. Her focus continues to be collecting and communicating evidence of UFO close encounters, and reassuring witnesses that they are "not alone."

went to Iraq, then to Saudi Arabia where I joined him for a year, promoting MUFON to other Westerners during my stay.

I was an assistant state director for three years in the 1990s under then state director, Michael Curta. We held state meetings at the University of Denver, where I was employed, and brought great speakers to the campus. I was a temporary state director for Colorado for more than a year before Leslie Varnicle took over in 2002.

Reed Hall and I produced seven one-on-one in-depth interviews, "Profiles in Ufology," which were aired on Boulder PBS in 1999-2000. I also planned two trips and drove several people to Roswell, New Mexico. During the second trip, for the 50th Anniversary, I was fortunate to have met Col. Corso, over lunch at the Dairy Queen.

I studied English, Journalism and Sociology at the University of Denver, Central State College in Oklahoma and Arapahoe Community College. I am currently writing a book on my experiences in Saudi Arabia.

I believe the MUFON mission to educate the public is an important aspect to ridding ourselves of the ridicule so that ufology will be taken seriously and so scientists and researchers can get the important funding necessary. Learning that we are not alone in the universe is crucial to our future evolution on planet earth. I'd like for the youth on our planet to yearn to learn more about science and math, as well as space and our place in it.



Lin Simpson

Read about more
Amazing Women in Ufology
in the February issue of the
MUFON UFO Journal!

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Kathleen Marden
Stratham, New Hampshire
Author, Speaker and Researcher

Kathleen was trained as a social worker and educator and holds a B.A. degree from the University of New Hampshire. She participated in graduate studies in education at The University of Cincinnati and U.N.H. During her fifteen years as an educator, she innovated, designed and implemented model educational programs, and also coordinated, trained and evaluated education staff. Additionally, she taught adult education classes on UFO and abduction history.

She was thirteen on September 20, 1961, when her aunt Betty Hill phoned her nearby home to report that, the previous evening, she and Barney had encountered a flying saucer in New Hampshire's White Mountains. A primary witness to the evidence of the UFO encounter and the aftermath, Kathleen has intimate knowledge of the Hill's biographical histories, personalities, and the never-before published historical data pertaining to their sensational story.

After Betty's death in 2004, Kathy compiled two permanent archival collections for the Milne Special Collection and Archives Department at the UNH Library. The Hills' civil rights collection is comprised of documents, letters, photographs and newspaper articles pertaining to Betty's and

Barney's social and political activities. The UFO collection contains all of all the correspondence, articles and other material from Betty's extensive files, including new material, Betty's dress and the forensic paintings of her captors by New Hampshire artist David Baker. The archive is open to qualified researchers.

Because Kathy was so close to Betty Hill, especially over the last two decades of her life, she was able to review her extensive UFO files and have many long discussions with Betty to clear up puzzling questions pertaining to her UFO encounter. She recorded hours of taped interviews with Betty and the two made several research trips through New Hampshire's White Mountains. In 1996, Betty released to Kathy the audio tapes of the hypnosis sessions she and Barney participated in with renowned psychiatrist Dr.



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Debbie Lowery
Rochester, Illinois
Assistant State Director, MUFON Illinois

I have an Associate Degree in Computer Technology, and work in this field with the local government.

The existence of ghosts has always intrigued me. When I was growing up, many times a phenomenon would happen that no one would or could explain. I had an avid need to know more. In 2000 I formed the Springfield Ghost Society beginning with four people; there are now well over 75 members. Our group is very active which gives us the opportunity to interview many people. Not everything they tell me coincides with what we might consider ghostly activity, so I decided I wanted to learn more about ufology. We have



Debbie Lowery

had a few cases that seemed more like an alien visitation than a ghostly appearance. Ufology is a whole different world that I enjoy learning more about.

I'm pleased and honored to be Assistant State Director for MUFON Illinois. Most of the men who hold an official MUFON title live in northern Illinois and around Chicago, but I live in Central Illinois. These men that I work with are the best, and State Director Sam Maranto does everything he can to include me. I'm proud to be on the same team with all of them.

We have big plans for Illinois MUFON. Currently I'm the only Assistant State Director covering activity from Central Illinois to the Southern tip. We are having a membership drive to increase our state membership. Believe or not, there are people living in Illinois who have a need for our services and don't realize MUFON exists. Our goal is to reach these people to offer our services and let them know there is help and support available for them. I am very pleased to have the opportunity to be involved in MUFON during this exciting time.

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Benjamin Simon. With Betty's approval, Kathy transcribed the tapes and conducted a comparative analysis of the Hills' individual testimony versus Betty's infamous dream account of alien abduction. This startling new information, along with the Hills' historical records, became the foundation for a *Captured! The Betty and Barney Hill UFO Experience*, co-authored with Stanton T. Friedman.

For ten years Kathy served on the national MUFON board of directors as the director of field investigator training. In 2003, MUFON publicly recognized Kathy for her outstanding contribution of advancing the scientific study of the UFO phenomenon and demonstrating positive leadership.

Her professional paper, *The Use and Misuse of Hypnosis in UFO Abduction Investigations*, was widely distributed. She has written articles for the *MUFON UFO Journal* and the book *Best UFO Cases*. She has appeared individually and with Betty on local news programs, The History Channel and The Discovery Channel. The History Channel recently filmed Kathy in Franconia Notch for a new "UFO Hunters" series scheduled to air in February 2008. She was a featured speaker at the MUFON Symposium in Denver, Colorado in August, and will speak in Atlantic City, Charlotte, and Pasadena this winter and spring.

Kathy resides in New Hampshire with her husband, Charles.

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Leslie Kean

Investigative journalist

Co-founder, Coalition for Freedom of Information

Leslie Kean is an investigative journalist who has worked in print and broadcast media. Her feature stories and news analysis pieces have appeared in newspapers and magazines around the world and her stories have been widely syndicated. For many years, she was a producer and co-host for an investigative news program on KPFA Radio in Berkeley, California. Kean is the co-author or author of several published books and essays.

In May 2000, Kean published an investigative feature for the Boston Globe about the authoritative French study by the COMETA group called "UFOs and Defense: What are we Prepared For?" In 2001, her story about pilot sightings of unidentified aerial phenomena and possible aviation safety concerns was widely syndicated; in 2002, she published a story about peer-reviewed scientific studies on crop circles showing some could not have been created by hoaxers (both articles, Providence Journal). In 2002, Kean was commissioned by the SCI FI Channel to prepare a research report titled "Science and the Failure to Investigate Unidentified Aerial Phenomena."

She co-founded the Washington-based advocacy group, the Coalition for Freedom of Information (CFI), for which she is Director of Investigations. CFI's mission is achieving scientific, congressional and media credibility for the study of unexplained aerial phenomena while working for the release of official information and physical evidence (see www.freedomofinfo.org).

Since then, Kean has spearheaded CFI's freedom of

information campaign in cooperation with a law firm in Washington, DC. The effort, focused on obtaining government documents about the crash of an unknown object in Kecksburg, Pennsylvania, in 1965, has the public backing of President Clinton's former chief of staff, John Podesta. The group's work has received favorable and respectful press coverage from major TV and print media,

and Kean provided unique insight into the significance of this effort through an widely distributed op-ed piece. In December 2003, CFI filed a lawsuit against NASA due to the agency's improper withholding of documentation relating to the Kecksburg incident, for which Kean is the plaintiff.

Recently, in 2007, Kean reached an unprecedented settlement of the NASA lawsuit in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, filed as result of NASA's refusal to release its records concerning the 1965 Kecksburg UFO incident and subsequent stonewalling. The settlement requires NASA to comb through hundreds of documents in specified locations and provide copies to Kean under the watchful eye of the courts. NASA is required to declassify relevant documents, explain any redactions, and to pay Kean's legal fees.



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Consultant in Archaeoastronomy

B.A. Archaeology, B.S. Archaeoastronomy, M.ED.
Science Education Curriculum Research and Design, M.S.
Physics and Astronomy (all University of Washington).
Ph.D. Archaeoastronomy (Suffield University). As a teacher,
lecturer and professor, I've developed curriculums and
taught in the disciplines of astronomy, archaeoastronomy,
earth science, physics, math, and biology at the high school
and college level, and also at planetariums.

My experience seeing UFOs began as a baby in my crib.
My first words were in a language parents did not know, not
even my father, a language and math scholar. I claimed to be
taught Astronomy by my "imaginary" playmate who was
dressed in a silver space suit. I sat for hours and wrote
unrecognizable symbols and astronomy facts in a notebook
at age three and a half. My playmate taught me to read and I
began reading UFO, astronomy and archaeology adult-level
books at age five. Had math abilities above grade school
level. I began researching UFOs and building cardboard ones
at age eight, in fact, my entire life since childhood revolved
around interest in astronomy, science and UFOs.

At age sixteen, I was allowed membership in Denver
Astronomical Society. The Condon Committee and Dr. J
Allen Hynek invited me to set up a meeting with ETs. I
researched Alamosa, Colorado, UFO cases along with
members of Denver UFO society. I joined MUFON in 1969
and APRO, SORT and VIFON in 1969. I was Denver
Section Director in 1970-1975 while working as an educator
in astronomy at Charles C. Gates Planetarium at Denver
Museum of Natural History, 1969-1975. My husband was
Colorado State Director for MUFON at one time. We've
researched UFOs together since 1969. I helped host the
MUFON 1995 conference in Seattle, and I've spoken on

national talk radio and talk
radio around the globe on
UFOs.

In 1967, I arranged a
lecture at Boston University
between Carl Sagan and
Isaac Asimov and a team of
atheist and religious leaders.
The topic was: Is there
extraterrestrial life in the
universe? Johnny Carson, an
avid astronomy and UFO
buff, called and asked if he
could come to a live session.

I gave him a ringside seat, and he subsequently invited Dr.
Sagan to be on the Tonight Show. Carson put up the money
for the *Cosmos* TV show; these were exciting times for
astronomy. At Boston University, I worked for Dr. Gerald
Hawkins, director of the astronomy department (who later
dedicated his life to finding the diatonic scale and Euclidian
geometry in crop circles). He put me in charge of public
education and running the observatory at age 19.

At the Gates Planetarium in Denver in the 1970s, I put
on shows on UFOs and taught astronomy to school children.
Over 100,000 Denver children visited the Gates Planetarium.

My ancestors were from an island Spiekeroog Insel
(North Sea) where a UFO landed and the people from the
land forever mixed into the gene pool. I believe I believe my
ancestors have had ongoing contact. Family stories from my
paternal grandfather and great aunt described family
sightings of UFOs in the 1860s and 1880s on their farms in
Spiker, Nebraska. My father encountered UFOs while
traveling in Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona. I've had
numerous sightings with my extended family at outings.

My life continues to revolve around archaeoastronomy,
astronomy and UFO-related topics.



Dr. Marilyn H. Childs

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Kean co-organized a Washington Press Conference in
November 2007 with filmmaker James Fox. Former Arizona
Governor Fife Symington III moderated a distinguished panel
of former high-ranking government, aviation, and military
officials from seven countries to discuss close encounters
with UFOs. Representatives from seven countries called for
the US Government to join in an international dialogue and

re-open its investigation—which the Air Force shut down
over 30 years ago—in cooperation with other governments
currently dealing with this unusual and controversial phe-
nomenon. (See the December 2007 MUFON UFO Journal,
or www.freedomofinfo.org for more information).

Kean is currently working as a producer on a new UFO
documentary directed by James Fox, and has begun the
process of sifting through hundreds of documents from
NASA.

UFOs on June 5, 1969, in Brazil, Missouri, Iowa and Canada, With Personal Observations of the Ottawa Case

By Franz W. Nentwich
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Location and Elevation of My Sighting: West end of Ottawa, Ontario, Canada near the intersection of Leaside Avenue and Addison Street (latitude 45°22'53"N, longitude 75°44'10"W). Ground elevation, 77 m (253 feet above sea level).

Weather: On June 5 the *Ottawa Citizen* newspaper reported sunset at 8:48 PM, a temperature at noon of 14°C (57°F), 76% relative humidity and an expected evening low of 10°C (50°F). On Parliament Hill at the time of the sighting by the RCMP officers the sky was clear with a few clouds and visibility was excellent (RCMP 1969).

Circumstances and Time of Sighting: At the time of my sighting, in June, 1969, I was 17 years old and in my parent's backyard. When I first saw the UFO, I was facing east. My field of view was limited by a house to the north and a willow tree to the southeast, but a significant part of the sky was visible. It did not occur to me to record the exact date or time of my sighting, but the next day there was a brief news item on the radio stating that people had seen an unusual object in the sky and that an astronomer had concluded that it had been nothing more than a weather balloon. The location and direction of travel of the object that I saw is consistent with observations made by the six witnesses on Parliament Hill.

Duration of Sighting: About 10 seconds as it passed almost directly overhead at a low altitude.

Direction of Travel: The object was heading southeast (bearing 135° ± about 5°). After it flew by I could briefly see a single star-like white light somewhat above nearby houses weaving slightly back and forth in a horizontal plane relative to fixed landmarks. Unfortunately, foliage and branches of nearby trees obscured my view. Referring to a map of Ottawa, an object bearing 135° from my observation site would have passed near Uplands airport which is

consistent with the flight path observed by the other witnesses.

Shape of the UFO: The object was ellipsoidal (with an approximately circular cross-section) and about three times as long as it was wide. Its long axis was horizontal. On the underside there were two long fin-like structures on each side extending from about the middle to the rear (northwestern) end of the craft. These fins had U-shaped cross sections. The upper part of the "U" merged with the rest of the object. The long axes of these structures were parallel with the long axis of the craft. A similar U-shaped "crossmember" extended at right angles to the long axis of the UFO, joining the two fins about three-quarters back from the front of the object. It seemed to me that the cross-member would provide additional strength and that the two fin-like structures would prevent the craft from toppling over upon landing. While the object could be described as dirigible- or blimp-shaped, there was no gondola on its underside and no engine-driven propellers.

Attitude in Flight: The long axis of the UFO was parallel to the ground and parallel to its flight direction.

Minimum Speed and Estimated Size: Determining an object's speed requires knowledge of the height of the object above ground. Unfortunately, the object passed overhead so there were no identifiable objects behind it to permit accurate size estimation. However, it could have been no lower than 30 m above ground level to pass over telephone poles and trees with a reasonable margin of safety. While I was facing east, my view of the width of the UFO covered an angle of about 20 degrees. An approximate minimum width estimate based on my observations was made by considering the sides of a triangle with a 20° angle between the long sides. This suggests that the width of the object was about a third of its height above ground level. Consequently, assuming that the object was

30 m above ground level, its minimum width was 10 m. Because the object was about 3 times as long as it was wide, its minimum length would have been about 30 m. These estimates suggest that the length of the UFO would have been about the same as its height above the ground. If the object had been at an altitude of 60 m, which seems more reasonable, it would have been 20 m wide and 60 m long. It passed overhead at an estimated rate of about 10 degrees (0.1745 radians) per second suggesting that if the UFO had been at a height of 60 m, it would have been traveling at a speed of about 38 km/hour.

Visual Appearance: Surrounding the object was a zone emitting a dim blue-violet light. At the middle of the craft, this envelope extended from the object's surface to a distance of no more than 5-10% of the vessel's width, suggesting that the air surrounding the craft was emitting the light rather than the vessel itself. This is consistent with the views of Hill, who suggested that the commonly observed light-emitting envelopes around UFOs are plasmas caused by X-rays or gamma rays ionizing the air surrounding them. The craft which I observed did not, however, influence the intensity of lights in nearby houses, which did not dim, flicker or go out.

Sounds Emitted by the Object: None whatsoever.

Summary of observations made by other witnesses: Yurko Bondarchuk summarized an account of two UFOs seen in Ottawa on Thursday, June 5, 1969, by three RCMP officers and three teenage tourists. Because the details of time, direction of travel and flight path reported by these six witnesses are consistent with my own observations, and because of the radio news item mentioned above, I believe that my sighting was on this date also. For instance, the flight path of the first object, as described by the six

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witnesses mentioned, was from west of Hull to the vicinity of the Royal Canadian Air Force base at Uplands Airport. The location of my sighting was along this flight path and I remember that it was dark or almost dark. To estimate the time of the evening, I observed that the first stars on June 5, 2004, became visible at about 10:02 PM, which is consistent with the time recorded by the RCMP, i.e., about 10:15 PM. I must have seen the object after 10 PM. Also, the southeasterly travel direction of the object which I observed is consistent with the observations of the other witnesses. Given all these similarities, and the subsequent radio report, it seems almost certain that my sighting was on this date.

Details of the RCMP (1969)

Report: The original RCMP report contains details relevant to my own sighting, and because this report is accessible only through interlibrary loan or at the National Archives of Canada, a more complete version than the summary in Bondarchuk follows:

5 June 1969

1. At approximately 10:15 PM, while on patrol on Lower Drive on Parliament Hill I observed an object which appeared as a bright falling star descending vertically from an altitude of approximately 2000 feet to approximately 1000 feet NNE on the north side of the Ottawa River over Hull, Quebec. It hovered in this position for about thirty seconds, changing colours to red, green, and white. It then proceeded east and appeared to be circling, dropping and rising for about four to five minutes above eastern Hull and Pointe-Gatineau. It then hovered for about five minutes, blinking its lights constantly. At approximately 10:30 it proceeded west of Hull at an altitude of approximately 1000 feet, and came across the river in the Ottawa area and disappeared from view behind high buildings of Wellington St. at approximately 10:35. All this while the object was of no discernable shape. At approximately 10:50 a bright object appeared in the sky due south of

Ottawa. It kept its bearings at approximately 1500 feet altitude with a smaller bright object approximately 500 feet below it. The objects disappeared and reappeared at different intervals but disappeared completely at about 11:10 PM, however, it could not be ascertained if it was the same previously mentioned object.

2. At 10:19 PM all the lights on Parliament Hill (East, West and Centre Block) went out. Mr. L.T. of the Ont. Hydro was notified who said the cause could not be ascertained at the time but could be due to an explosion in the sewers at the corner of Sparks and O'Connor Sts., which was being investigated.

3. This object was sighted by 3/Cst. L.J.F., 3/Cst. N.R.M., CST W.S.M., A.P. (age 15), B.B. (age 14), and S. R. (age 14), all of Barrie, Ont. The sky was clear with a few clouds but visibility was excellent.

4. The above information was passed on to the CO 1/c "A" Div. Desk who advised the R.C.A.F. Base Station at Uplands.

Electrical Effects in the area of Parliament Hill: The blackout on Parliament Hill occurred at 10:19 PM, four minutes after the object was first seen by RCMP Constable L.J.F. (RCMP). This blackout also affected the Royal Bank Building, the Blackburn Building, the Bank of Montreal Building and the Royal Trust Building, with the problem being traced to the failure of a 12,000 volt cable at O'Connor Street between Sparks and Queen Streets (Fox). A witness reported a muffled explosion, a manhole cover flying into the air and a yellowish flame four feet high issuing from the opening (Meere). A hydro official at the scene stated that the failure was caused by a fault in the power cable similar to what might happen, for instance, to an overhead wire in a thunderstorm (Fox). Presumably, a power surge caused a spark in the high voltage line which ignited methane gas in the sewer. A few minutes after the blackout, emergency power on Parliament Hill was switched on, but normal power was not restored until about 11:30 PM (Meere). The Ottawa Hydro official stated that "It is

not an unusual incident," even though MPs were left in the dark for several minutes while parliament was in session, one man was trapped in an elevator for two and a half hours, and during the darkness a motorist drove a car down the steps on Parliament Hill (Fox).

Radar data if available could "blow the lid" off this case by providing much needed information. With this in mind, I requested radar or other air traffic control information from NavCanada but was informed that they have no records that would be of use to me, either radar or paper (Morris, email comm., 2005). Also, I requested a document referenced in an unpublished thematic guide (Library and Archives Canada), specifically, part 2 of a Department of National Defence report entitled "Target detection; search; flying saucers; general, 1968-1973 (RG 24, vol. 24031, file 3800-10-1, pt. 2, 1968-1971)." Because this document had never been requested previously, it underwent a review process, and ultimately, this report was not released therefore I was not able to determine if this report contained any information relevant to the June 5 UFOs.

Comments in the RCMP report relevant to my sighting: The RCMP constable estimated two objects due south of Ottawa, a larger one at an altitude of 460 m (1500 ft.) and a smaller one at an altitude of 350 m (1000 ft). Unfortunately, he was not able to describe their shapes. With this limited information it is difficult to relate our separate observations. The object I saw could have been the smaller object, but my estimate of its height above ground level was less than 100 m. Even at that, a hundred meter long UFO would be impressive enough.

Reports of UFOs in Missouri (Haines): About three and a half hours before UFOs were sighted in Ottawa, flight 112 was making its way from Phoenix, Arizona, to Washington, D.C. The airplane was a Boeing 707 at an altitude of 11.9 km (39,000 ft.). Just after passing over the Missouri River on an ENE heading about 1540 km to the

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southwest of Ottawa, the First Officer was startled by four oncoming UFOs flying in formation, all having the appearance of burnished aluminum. One of the objects was longer and had a shape resembling a hydroplane with the following approximate dimensions: 6 m (20 ft) long, 2.4 m (8 ft) thick and 4.3 m (14 ft) wide. The other three were dart or missile-shaped objects of identical shape. One of these three, which was on a collision course with the airplane, climbed along with the other two missile-shaped objects at the last instant to avoid collision. Safety was an issue because the objects were estimated to have passed within 90 m (300 ft) of the airplane.

James Beardsley, an FAA air traffic controller who was on the flight, saw the objects. All four of them had a burnished aluminum appearance with what appeared to be a bluish-green flame in their aft ends. In view of the explanation by Hill, the "flame" should be reinterpreted as a trailing plasma sheath. The First Officer then radioed St. Louis Center and was informed that two "paints" of unknown objects had been detected near the airliner by radar. Thirteen kilometers behind the Boeing 707 airliner a pilot flying a passenger jet at an altitude of 11.3 km (37,000 ft) radioed that he had witnessed the incident with the Boeing 707. Six kilometers behind the passenger jet the pilot of an Air National Guard Jet flying at an altitude of 12.5 km (41,000 ft) exclaimed, "Damn, they almost got me!"

Compared to the large ellipsoid-shaped object which I saw, these craft were much smaller. It is noteworthy that Klass re-examined the timing of this event in detail and showed that the incident actually occurred at about 5:52 PM, only 3 hours and 23 minutes before the first of the Parliament Hill UFO sightings.

Reports of a UFO at Cedar

Rapids, Iowa: Klass (p. 46), who sited this UFO report from the headquarters of the Federal Aviation Administration, reported that a private pilot and his

friend were standing outside the municipal airport near Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on June 5, 1969, just before 6 PM, when they spotted the UFOs coming out of the east on a westerly course. After the objects had passed, the two men promptly reported the incident to the FAA office at the airport.

The pilot said the UFOs were circular-shaped and "iridescent" in color. He estimated their altitude to be only 1000 feet above the ground, based on the altitude of a light plane preparing to land at the airport at the time. And the two men reported that the UFOs *had flown directly over the east-west runway of the Cedar Rapids airport*, approximately 225 miles north of St. Louis. Some of the ground observers, like the two men in Cedar Rapids, estimated the objects to be at an altitude of only 1000 to 1500 feet.

Report of a UFO in Brazil: At 6:00 AM in Uba, Brazil (4:00 AM Ottawa time) an orange UFO paced and circled a car and caused the engine and car radio to stop (UFOCAT).

Launch of Satellites: For the sake of completeness it should be mentioned that a satellite was launched on June 5, 1969 at 14:42 GMT (9:42 AM Ottawa time) from Vandenberg in California; it reached an apogee of 1089 km, but did not reenter the atmosphere until Oct. 12, 1979 (<http://www.astronautix.com/lvs/thoslv2h.htm>, retrieved Oct. 4, 2005). It is difficult, therefore, to attribute the observations of UFOs to this launch. Two other launches took place on this date, an X-ray astronomy mission from Norway, which reached an apogee of 130 km, and a re-entry test flight originating from Green River (http://www.rocketsservices.co.uk/spacelists/sounding/_rockets/decades/1965-1969.htm, retrieved Sept. 30, 2005). These last two launches were of limited range, were well monitored and could not explain the Missouri case.

Speculations: By considering the Brazil, Missouri and Ottawa cases together, the visual reports by several witnesses, including three RCMP officers, two commercial pilots, a National Guard pilot, an air traffic controller and more than four civilian witnesses, constitutes reliable evidence.

However, many questions remain. Were one or both of the indistinctly-shaped objects seen on Parliament Hill the same as one or more of the four objects seen in Missouri three hours and 23 minutes previously, and if so, could the smaller craft have emerged or separated from the larger craft?

In this regard, as related in Hill, a 300 m long cigar-shaped UFO was reported by nine passengers and three ship's officers aboard the coastal steamer *Landoverly Castle* on the night of June 30, 1947, at about the time of the now famous Roswell case. As in the Missouri incident related above, the Roswell craft were small, probably unsuitable for very long distance travel. In the Ottawa case, the RCMP report mentioned that the Royal Canadian Air Force Base at Uplands Airport was advised about the object, so presumably air traffic controllers at the base saw or detected the two objects on radar, considering that they were reported to hover for several minutes nearby. If, as in the Missouri case, the objects in and around Ottawa were detected by radar also, such data would greatly supplement the sporadic visual reports.

Another question concerning the Parliament Hill blackout remains. Assuming that it was caused by a UFO, which seems possible given that the two events occurred at about the same time, how could this happen when the object under observation was on the north side of the Ottawa River? Possibly, the blackout was caused by the second UFO. Another question concerns the shape of the object. Later in the summer on July 20 in Ottawa, several witnesses, including a police officer, observed an object (Bondarchuk) with a shape similar to the object which I saw earlier in June. One of the witnesses reported "A single object shaped like a watermelon, glowing brightly with an orange hue... [which] passed slowly overhead and then traveled at great speed across the Ottawa River to the Parliament Bldgs" (NRC File).

Another intriguing question concerns the emission of the dim light surrounding the UFO. Solving this

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Richard Moss State Director, Minnesota MUFON

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At the tender age of 13, Richard Moss walked into the drugstore in his hometown of Wahpeton, North Dakota, and spotted Donald Keyhoe's book *The Flying Saucers are Real*. That little 25 cent paperback launched a lifelong fascination with ufology.

Richard spent 39 years as a High School Chemistry and Physics instructor. In that capacity he introduced thousands of students (including myself) to the mystery of UFOs. His Physics classes were especially popular because he'd show the UFO films! Even after retiring from 30 years in the Long Prairie, Minnesota, school system he is still invited back each year to "take over" the last week of the Astronomy class.

Richard is adamant about the importance of educating the public, especially the younger generation, about the UFO phenomenon. In addition to lecturing at the high school each year, he has taught several Community Ed courses and manned the MUFON booths at county fairs throughout Central Minnesota.

He taught in Page, North Dakota, from 1964–1967. It was during this time that he saw what turned out to be a UFO. One typical North Dakota winter night (20 degrees below zero), he stopped to pick up a fellow member of the bowling league. In the clear Eastern sky was a very bright light. Thinking it was just the evening star he continued on his way to the bowling alley. The next day at school Richard's wife, Rogene, overheard one of her students talking to classmates about the bright light she'd witnessed the night before. The young lady said the light came down over some snowmobilers,

followed them for a short distance then disappeared. After returning to the same place at the same time for several evenings and never seeing that light in the sky again, Richard realized he too had been a witness to that same UFO.

Richard has been a MUFON member for 24 years and is a life member, but he was promoting UFO awareness even before becoming a member.

As Minnesota State Director, Richard presides over monthly MUFON meetings in the Minneapolis/St. Paul area as well as bi-monthly meetings in greater Minnesota. He is also an active Field Investigator.

He never fails to lecture on the importance of membership at each meeting. His goal is to increase Minnesota membership into the hundreds.

For several years Richard and his wife have assisted with the filming of guest presentations at both the UFO Congress in Laughlin, Nevada, and the MUFON International UFO Symposiums. Richard can be found manning a camera or copying equipment, while Rogene sells tapes in the lobby. Richard and Rogene have traveled countless miles and contributed countless hours to MUFON.



Richard Moss calls to order a MUFON Minnesota Board of Director's meeting in June. The sparkle in his eyes and mischievous grin indicate that he's doing what he enjoys—leading a MUFON meeting!

His enthusiasm is unwavering and contagious! He has been an inspiration and a mentor to many Field Investigators.

In his spare time Richard is an avid photographer, waterfowl hunter and train enthusiast.

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The Coronado UFO Incident

A Case of Multiple Abductees

By Michael J. Evans and Preston Dennett. 2007, Galde Press, Inc., P.O. Box 460, Lakeville, MN, 55044-0460. www.galdepress.com, soft cover, 6x9, 179 pages, \$14.95.

Reviewed by Dwight Connelly

Although this book carries a dual byline, it is obviously the work of veteran UFO researcher Preston Dennett, who has written a number of UFO books, including *UFOs Over Topanga Canyon* and *One in Forty, the UFO Epidemic*. He has also written numerous articles for the *Journal* and other publications.

This book has been a long time coming, as the main incident occurred in 1994. One of the key witnesses (Evans) approached Dennett to write the book in 1999, but it is just now seeing the light of day, 13 years after the encounter.

There are two main elements which, together, set this case apart from the multitude of similar cases. First, it involves multiple abductees, and second, it occurred in an area supposedly secured by the Secret Service in preparation for a visit by President Clinton. (The book's back cover incorrectly says that the incident occurred when Clinton was present.)

In the Introduction, Dennett says the case "involves at least six witnesses, possibly more," but in fact there are four primary witnesses: Mike Evans, Laurie Angelene, Nancy Stahler (pseudonym), and Nancy's brother, Phil Baxter (pseudonym).

Mike's wife, Gina, and Phil's wife, Patricia (pseudonym), were also present, but were not primary witnesses, although Patricia may have been abducted.

The four primary witnesses were well acquainted prior to the incident. Mike and Nancy, as MUFON investigators, had interviewed Laurie about a 1992 case, and had set her up for hypnotic regression involving that case with the same regression hypnotist who would play the primary role in this case.

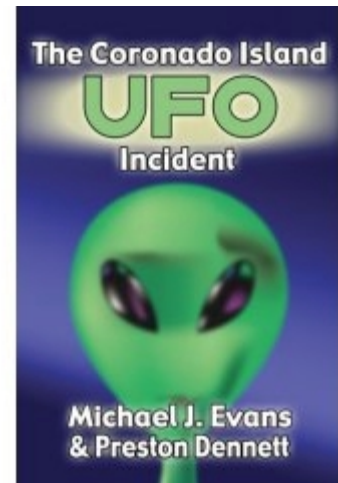
There may have been two other individuals who had unusual experiences that night in the same general area. Patrick (pseudonym) and his male roommate were reportedly in a hotel across the street. Patrick reported a triangular-shaped mark on his penis the morning after the main incident involving the four primary witnesses, but had no recall of anything unusual. His roommate refused to be interviewed, but suggested that something unusual may have occurred.

The setting of the main incident was the del Coronado Hotel on Coronado Island, south of San Diego, California. The four witnesses and two wives were there to attend the Triad UFO conference on the weekend of March 26-27, 1994.

Mike's conscious recall of the incident involved blood on his pillow the following morning, apparently from a wound in his left ear. He also recalled a bright light coming into the room through a window, and had mild flu-like symptoms when he awakened.

Nancy's reported conscious recall of the incident also involved a strong light, and she awakened the next morning with her blanket wrapped tightly across her neck as if someone had tucked it there. She had strong flu-like symptoms after waking up.

Laurie, who was Nancy's roommate that night, reportedly had more conscious recall of the activities than the



others, although she did not reveal this for more than a year, and not until Nancy and Mike had discussed the incident. She said Nancy's moaning woke her up, and the room was filled with light. Laurie had reportedly experienced many prior encounters, and said she tried to hide Nancy, but short gray-skinned figures filed into the room and moved Laurie back to her bed (without touching her). Nancy disappeared, according to Laurie.

Laurie says she heard a scream from Mike's room which sounded like him. She fell back to sleep, and awakened after daybreak to see that Nancy was back, but Nancy had her blanket wrapped around her neck. This caused Laurie to laugh.

Mike knocked on the door, and Nancy answered the door (Laurie's version), or Laurie answered the door (Nancy's version). They agreed to meet for breakfast. At breakfast Mike tried to discuss the possibility that something unusual happened during the night, but neither Laurie nor Nancy wanted to talk about it.

Phil recalled nothing unusual, but decided he did not want to go to the UFO conference, despite being excited the day before about going. He decided to go shopping with his wife, who wanted nothing to do with UFOs. Over

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the following months he recalled “bizarre snippets of that night.”

There it remained until more than a year later as the witnesses gradually discussed the details they consciously remembered from the Coronado Island and other personal incidents. Then they agreed to hypnotic regression, and additional details emerged for Mike, Nancy and Phil, but little was added to Laurie’s conscious recall of the incident.

Phil recalled seeing his wife taken and returned in a beam of light. He also reports hearing a man (Mike?) scream from the hallway. Mike was unable to recall being abducted, even through regression. All the witnesses had apparently experienced encounters both before and after the Coronado Island incident.

The hypnosis of all the witnesses was done by a woman who Dennett calls Angel (pseudonym), who had previously regressed Laurie, as noted above. While described as a “hypnotherapist and UFO researcher” who had handled many cases, the locale and extent of Angel’s training is not provided. It seems strange that an individual who has been very much involved in the UFO phenomenon would not want her name and background used in this book.

Also muddying the water to some extent is the fact that Angel was a mutual acquaintance of the four primary witnesses, and had accompanied them to the Coronado Island meeting. Moreover, there is no transcript of the hypnosis sessions whereby one could judge whether the witnesses were being led (although many researchers are convinced that witnesses cannot be led under hypnosis).

It is interesting that in his otherwise unremarkable and somewhat weird Foreword to this book, Dr. Roger Leir, of implant removal fame, stated in regard to hypnotic regression: “The

most important factor is the individual performing the procedure. What is their background and training in alien abduction regression?”

Dennett states, “Never has a case involved so many witnesses and so much physical evidence.” True, there are four primary witnesses, all of whom reportedly have a history of encounters, but there were four abductees in the famous Allagash case, several eyewitnesses in the Travis Walton abduction, and at least three unrelated witnesses in the excellent Kelly Cahill case. The Cahill case, of course, also included impressive physical evidence.

In the Coronado Island case, the regressions indicate there were only two reported abductions (Nancy and Patricia), although there may have been more.

The most compelling physical evidence in this case has to be the alleged implant removed by Dr. Leir from Nancy’s leg (Nancy is given the pseudonym of Annie by Dr. Leir). Nancy believes she received the implant during the Coronado Island encounter.

The removed object is anomalous, in the opinion of Dr. Leir, but final testing has not been completed. See Dr. Leir’s interesting book *The Aliens and the Scalpel* for more details on Nancy’s case and other implant removals.

Also presented as evidence is an MRI of Mike’s head which supposedly shows three “foreign bodies” located in various parts of his brain. Other scans indicate objects in his leg. None of these have been removed, and there is no reference to a diagnosis by a named surgeon or other medical authority as to what these images might be showing.

All four witnesses have reported a variety of physical effects, including bruises, other injuries, blood pressure changes, and even rapid healing. Again, there is no reported medical diagnosis by a named physician involving any of

these.

Much is made of the fact that the alleged abductions occurred under the collective noses of the Secret Service, and there is even speculation that these government agents were doing more than just preparing for an upcoming visit by President Clinton.

Laurie and Nancy, for example, seemed to think that they were being observed and even followed by the Secret Service. “They were talking to their watches a lot,” says Laurie. “All of a sudden we had three waiters. Nobody else in there had three waiters.”

It is, of course, significant that bright light encounters could reportedly occur within a block of the house which President Clinton was going to visit, and not be seen by the Secret Service agents. Were the bright lights observed, and did this cause the Secret Service to focus on the residents of the rooms involved?

While not quite a smoking gun case, *The Coronado UFO Incident* was well worth recording, and this book is well worth reading—even without an index, which would have been very helpful in this complicated case.

Corrections

Two people in December’s cover photo were misidentified. The first man seated at the left is Claude Poher, not Vasily Alexeyev. John-Charles Duboc should be Jean-Claude Duboc.

Page 3. The former governor of Arizona is Fife Symington III, not II. He saw the Phoenix Lights in 1997, not 1977.

Page 24. The Night Sky should be January 2008, not 2007.

The Editor regrets the errors and feels very foolish.

A Giant Step Closer to UFO Craft Lighting

LEDs, LEPs, and OLEDs may explain how UFOs interiors are lit

By Warren P. Aston

Probably the most consistent feature of reports of UFO craft interiors is the description of a light source that appears to come from “everywhere,” rather than from the bulbs or tubes that we still use for lighting. In one 1932 case for example, when the witness commented on the uniform lighting inside a large saucer-shaped craft, his alien hosts told him “our lighting system is in our metal...this is all we can tell you, for it would be impossible for you to understand...”¹ Interior lighting without any obvious source has been reported as far back as such reports have been made and over the years has obviously impressed witnesses used to our century-plus old Edison-era incandescent lights.

This may all be about to change. In just the last few years, researchers have made huge advances in a range of new technologies that promises to usher in a new age of lighting. Over a decade ago, Sandia Laboratories in New Mexico developed a silica-based gel matrix infused with tritium gas. The radioactive decay of the tritium releases a safe, intense and long-lasting (20 years or more) *radioluminescent light* that requires no outside energy source.²

More recently, Japanese scientist Shuji Nakamura has been able to develop *LEDs* (light-emitting diodes) that emit more lumens (i.e. light energy) per watt than any incandescent or halogen bulbs.³ They are not only more energy efficient—important in this day of dwindling fossil fuels—but they last longer, emit almost no heat and are less expensive to run.

These technologies allow major companies such as Philips to produce a wide range of “photonic” materials that allow clothing, curtains, cushions and furniture to feature moving, changing color displays of images and writing that utilize tiny LEDs embedded in the material and made entirely of cloth.⁴ These displays can also be interactive,

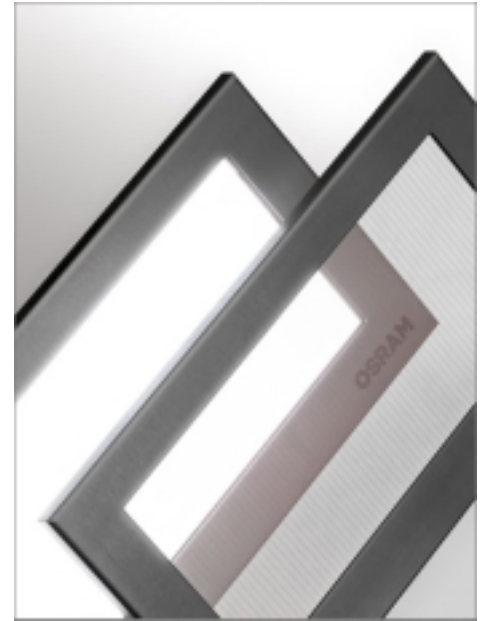
responding to touch, heat and pressure, and can function as communication devices. It may soon be possible to make a video cell-phone call via a “screen” on your sleeve for example. More significantly, researchers are moving closer to developing other materials that will incorporate a solid state light and energy source.⁵ *LEPs*, light-emitting polymers (plastics), using just a few volts power, are already available and can cover large surfaces.⁶ Light-emitting paints that can cover walls are also being developed.⁷

But perhaps the fastest moving area of this developing light technology is the so-called “organic” LEDs (*OLEDs*). Among a multitude of uses this process offers large, uniformly-lit sheets. It is here that we see the closest parallel to what UFO interiors are reported to be like.⁸ It is easy to imagine an entire UFO cabin interior comprised of these panels, or something comparable, illuminating everything inside with a shadowless light.

To the average person on the street, all these developments may mean only better picture quality on their home TV screens and cell phones.⁹ UFO researchers, however, will have a deeper insight into this new science. They will welcome the evidence that what UFO encounters have long taught us is based on real, advanced, technology that we are now beginning to replicate.

NOTES

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Large-scale prototype of the transparent white OLED tile.⁷

- discoveries is best told in Bob Johnstone, *Shuji Nakamura and the Revolution in Lighting Technology* (Amherst, NY: Prometheus Books, 2007).
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Perceptions

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An Open Letter to Dr. David Morrison

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Dear Dr. Morrison: I have read with considerable interest and dismay your recent comments about UFOs on eSkeptic. (www.skeptic.com/eskeptic) They provide a splendid example of the intellectual bankruptcy of the pseudoscience of anti-ufology. It appears that you, along with *Skeptic* publisher, Dr. Michael Shermer, have assiduously followed the four basic rules for UFO debunkers: 1. Don't bother me with the facts, my mind is made up. 2. What the public doesn't know, I won't tell them. 3. If I can't attack the data, I will attack the people, as it is easier. 4. Do one's research by proclamation, because investigation is too much trouble. I write as a nuclear physicist who belongs to the American Nuclear Society, the American Physical Society, the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics. Over the past 40 years I have lectured on the topic "Flying Saucers ARE Real" at more than 600 colleges and over 100 professional groups in all 50 states, 9 Canadian Provinces, as well as 16 other countries. In short, I have been doing my homework.

Surely you as a scientist in a prestigious taxpayer-supported position have an obligation to do your homework before putting your words out in a very public forum? You claim that astronomers don't see UFOs. No source or reference is provided for this false claim. One would expect that you would at the least investigate the work of other astronomers and scientists as opposed to the often unreliable information on the internet. I would certainly recommend *The UFO Experience*, by Dr. J. Allen Hynek. He was chairman of the Astronomy Department at Northwestern University and for 20 years

was the scientific consultant to the US Air Force's Project Blue Book. Not only did he investigate many cases for Blue Book, but he reported on UFO observations by other astronomers. There were many, though most professionals are very wary of going public because of the knee jerk ridicule from people such as yourself and Dr. Shermer. Shermer revealed his almost complete ignorance of the topic when he and I appeared on the Larry King show in July and in a 3-hour debate on Coast to Coast radio in August. Not so incidentally, Clyde Tombaugh, discoverer of Pluto, had two UFO sightings.

Allen Hynek was one of three astronomers of the 12 scientists who provided testimony to Congressional Hearings held by the House Committee on Science and Astronautics on July 29, 1968. Another of the scientists was Professor James E. McDonald, a Senior Physicist in the Institute of Atmospheric Physics at the University of Arizona. Of course the great majority of UFO sightings are of objects moving in the atmosphere, so he was operating in his area of expertise. He began as a skeptic, visited Project Blue Book, discovered a very large number of very intriguing cases, and wound up interviewing over 500 witnesses. His 71-page congressional testimony includes 41 high quality sightings including sightings by astronomers; I can provide a copy.

Dr. Peter Sturrock, now retired, was an astrophysicist at Stanford, down the road from you. He was courageous enough to conduct surveys of the membership of the San Francisco Section of the American Institute of Astronautics and Aeronautics and of the American Astronomical Society. Of course, he discovered there had been UFO sightings by astronomers and other professionals though most were, of course, reluctant to go public because of fear of ridi-

cule. Peter's book is *The UFO Enigma: A New Review of the Physical Evidence*. Several other excellent books were written by Dr. Richard Haines, now retired, who was a long time Ames Scientist.

Hynek's book *The UFO Evidence* includes information on 746 unexplainable UFO sightings out of the 4,500 cases which were investigated by the mostly professional members



Stanton Friedman

of the old National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomenon (NICAP). There were, of course, a number of sightings by professional astronomers. A much larger *Update* was published in 2001 and contains even more. In terms of compilations of serious UFO data, though not without flaws, I would certainly recommend *Project Blue Book Special Report No. 14*, the largest unclassified study of UFOs ever done for the US Air Force. The work was done by Battelle Memorial Institute in Columbus, Ohio. A total of 3,201 sightings were investigated, evaluated as to quality and categorized. There are 240 tables, charts, graphs and maps. I am sure it would shock you to learn that 21.5% of the sightings were listed as "Unknowns," completely separate from the 9.5% listed as "Insufficient Information." The better the quality of the report, the more likely it is to be an "Unknown." A chi-square analysis based on six different observable characteristics showed that the probability that the "Unknowns" were just "Knowns" was less than 1%. The duration of observation for the "Unknowns" was longer than for the "Knowns."

Friedman: An Open Letter

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Don't be surprised that you haven't heard of it. Fewer than 2% of the attendees at my lectures have read it. Of course Dr. Shermer hadn't either.

You claimed that despite all the amateur astronomers out observing the sky, none have seen UFOs. Wrong again. You provided no basis for this claim either. Have you searched the literature or even Google? Have you surveyed groups of amateur astronomers? I doubt it. Gert Herb conducted a survey of the membership of the Astronomical League and found that about 23.9% of amateur astronomers had observed "an object which resisted (their) most exhaustive efforts at identification." 8.2% had a "high strangeness sighting" (Astronomical League Newsletter XXVIII No. 4, August 1979). Do you have some reason for believing that all could have been explained? About 15% of the amateur astronomers attending a lecture I gave at Griffith Park admitted they had seen a UFO.

You have also claimed, again falsely, that security cameras, despite their presence all over, have never observed a UFO. Again no source is given. Did you actually contact security organizations or have your people review a lot of film? If one puts [security camera UFOs] into Google, one gets a huge number of hits. Admittedly, some of these hits refer to security cameras which were made in a UFO-like shape. On just the first page, however, 7 of the 10 items listed dealt with observations of UFOs by security cameras. Since these are not normally used for such a purpose, it seems highly likely that that many more were recorded but not noted.

Having worked as a nuclear physicist for 14 years on a wide variety of classified advanced nuclear and space systems at major companies, I was dumbfounded by your claim that if evidence for aliens had been discovered, it would have been splashed all over the media. How naïve can you get? I obviously have no information indicating that you have worked under security or have visited any of the 20 document archives I have visited. However, it doesn't take much effort to find

many instances of huge very important scientific programs conducted out of public view. The operation of the first self-sustaining nuclear chain reaction by Enrico Fermi and colleagues at the University of Chicago on December 2, 1942, was conducted in secret, despite its being of earthshaking importance. There were 12,000 people at Bletchley Park in England during World War 2 intercepting secret German military communications and—having broken the codes—deciphering, translating and distributing the material very carefully to those with an appropriate need-to-know. This was of great help in winning the worst war in history. Nothing was made public for 25 years. The Naval Research Laboratory developed and finally successfully launched a number of Corona spy satellites. The first one in 1960 obtained more information about Soviet military installations than all the secret U-2 flights that had preceded it. However, the first public discussion was in 1995. The huge Super Secret National Reconnaissance Office, whose very existence was classified for many years, launched seven very expensive Poppy Satellites between 1962 and 1971. The task was to monitor Soviet ships at sea. The first public discussion was in 2005. In November of 2007 the New York Times and US News and World Report reported on the cancellation of NRO's "Future Imagery Architecture" contract with Boeing, costing an estimated \$18 billion dollars. There was no previous public discussion. The development of the stealth fighter took 10 years and \$10 Billion and was done in secret.

Now you and Dr. Shermer might say "but these were all military programs." I suspect, judging by the SETI and Skeptical literature, that you have not even considered the national security aspects of the flying saucer enigma. Surely you can understand that the first country to duplicate the flight capability of flying saucers, which can obviously fly circles around anything we Earthlings have flying, would rule the world. They would make great weapons delivery and defense

systems. Furthermore, each country would want to keep other countries from learning what they have learned about the technology from sophisticated instruments monitoring UFO flight characteristics from interceptor platforms and spy satellites, and from examination of wreckage recovered near Roswell in 1947 (or elsewhere). Try my book *Crash at Corona: The Definitive Study of the Roswell Incident*. Each country would also want to determine what the intelligence and scientific communities of other countries have learned. One of the many serious implications of an announcement of flying saucer reality is that many people might want to think of themselves as Earthlings rather than keeping the old nationalistic labels. No government wants that. You might ponder the implications of orders issued to military pilots in 1952 to "shoot down UFOs if they don't land when instructed to do so." (See the new book *Shoot Them Down* by Frank Feschino Junior). I wrote the foreword and epilog.

I realize I have made some strong comments above. But claims from a prominent government scientist deserve much more investigation than you have put forth. Dr. Shermer has arranged a number of debates at Beckman Auditorium at Cal Tech. I would be happy to take either or both of you on in a formal public debate with a moderator, etc. I am sure I can find another scientist who has studied the evidence to be on my side of the question, "Are Flying Saucers Real?" I would also be willing to speak at NASA Ames on an expenses-only basis. Feel free to make a profit by charging admission. There is plenty of information about me and flying saucers at my website www.stantonfriedman.com. I can provide comments from satisfied customers.

Most cordially and looking forward to your reply,
Stanton T. Friedman
cc Michael Shermer



Filer's Files



By George Filer
Director, MUFON Eastern Region

Note: These reports are presented in order to keep readers informed of some of the vast number of sightings being reported. However, these cases have not been officially investigated, unless noted.



Best UFO Photo of 2007

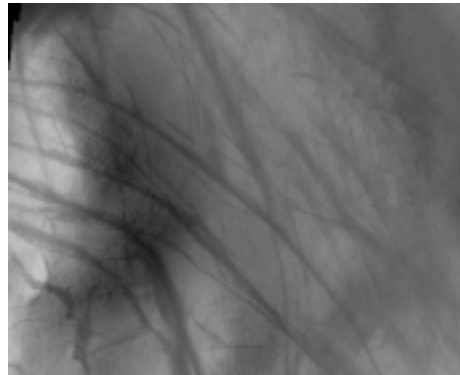
REDONDO BEACH, CA—On March 31, 2007, the witness first sent the photo and provided the following one liner: “Saw silver object hovering over pier.” The witness later stated, “The photo was taken on the dock beside the Redondo Beach Pier at 150 W. Torrance Boulevard. It was moving north to south at a high rate of speed (similar to jet speed). The object then stopped and hovered for five seconds.” It was during this time that the witness took the photo. About two seconds later the object sped to the south and the witness lost sight of it. The camera used was a Kodak Easyshare DX7440 4 megapixel model.

Investigator’s Notes: This photo is one of the best photos that I have seen of a classic silver flying disk. Not only does the photo show a flying saucer, but the flight characteristics described by the witness defy conventional aerial motion because the object was moving rapidly, stopped, hovered, and then sped off. Thanks to Bill Puckett UFOS Northwest <http://ufosnw.com>

Tennessee sound in sky is terrifying

CHATTANOOGA, TN—We heard an unimaginable noise above our car on the interstate. December 26, 2007, on 7:30 PM, the car shook. We saw lights in a row that moved at a high rate of speed in sharp turns and went straight into the air. It happened too fast to get a picture.

Investigator’s Notes: Did the witnesses experience a low flying jet over the freeway? This is not likely an aircraft they are not supposed to fly over 250 knots below 10,000 feet over populated areas. Thanks to Bill Puckett UFOS Northwest <http://ufosnw.com>



Strange Tracks on Mars

John Schuessler writes, these are interesting tracks on Mars located at 59.7N, 325.7E. NASA explains these are dust devil tracks in along Nia Vallis in the Argyre Basin. Image by NASA/JPL/MOLA

Texas blue ball flashes

ARLINGTON – On December 29, 2007, I was at Six Flags over Texas assisting a man with his camera and noticed a white flash like a camera flash. We looked up and saw the blue ball with a green glow around it with a white tail. It was moving across the sky from the southeast around Duncanville

and moved north of me and wrapped around to the west toward Fort Worth. I was looking north and it pretty much moved east to west.



George Filer

The ball was about the size of a marble in the sky and seemed to be as high as an airplane. It took about 5 or 10 seconds to go across the sky. I didn’t see where it finished because there was a roller coaster ride blocking our view. The tail was about 5 times the length of the ball. It did not make a sound. The guy next to me saw it and said “you don’t see those every-day. That was pretty awesome.” He said it looked like a big green comet. I mentioned that I saw a blue comet and he said that he saw it too except it looked more green to him. Thanks to MUFON CMS

Canada sightings

NORTH TRYON—When Tony Quigley and his wife Marie, just east of the Confederation Bridge, saw a dark spiral in the sky they went for the video camera. “When we first saw it, it was going so slow. We said, is it a meteorite, or what the heck is it? So when we did start to tape, it was above the cloud and that’s the part we missed,” said Marie. Environment Canada and the Transportation Safety Board of Canada cannot explain just what it was a PEI couple filmed in the Island skies on Wednesday evening. Thanks to Brian Vike, Director of HBCC UFO Research, <http://www.hbccufo.org>

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PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND—Chris Rutkowski wrote, I spoke with the witness of the UFO case. On December 26, 2007, at about 5:30 PM, he and his wife saw a dark object spiraling toward the ground near the horizon. They grabbed their video camera and began filming, and what was caught on film is remarkable. A blackish object giving off “smoke” was seen, which the witnesses likened to a “plane in trouble.”

The actual object was difficult to see, but the witness thought it was shaped like a ball. It was descending at a shallow angle in a corkscrew motion, moving west, away from the witnesses. Eventually, a long, black contrail was formed. The witnesses lost sight of the actual object, and it did not seem to actually reach the ground before it became too dark to observe it, lasting more than half an hour in total. The link to the video is at:

<http://www.journalpioneer.com/index.cfm?main=broadcast&bcid=751>

UFOs in Mexico City during recent blackout

Ana Luisa Cid reports, On December 11, 2007, dozens of districts in the Mexi-an capital and some municipalities in the state of Mexico were affected by a 25-minute blackout caused simultaneous explosions in three electric power stations. The Ministry of Civil Protection said causes of the explosions are unknown. They took place at the substations of the Nonoalco and Tlatelolco plants, as well as the one located in Ecatepec.

The incident was reported at 23:30 hours. People living near the Tlatelolco Unit stated that they heard loud explosions within the plant shortly before the blackout, which in turn caused several flashes. A terrorist attack against the facilities of the Luz y Fuerza company has been officially discarded.

I had a personal sighting at 11:30 PM, in the company of my family as I drove along Avenida de los Cien Metros in the Gustavo A. Madero district. An object made up of two shining lights, one sphere above and another below, both of them very large and shiny, traveling at relatively low altitude. The object remained static. It was, however, difficult to capture it on video due to the motion of the car and the impossibility of pulling over on an expressway.

It should be noted that this is not the first time that the UFO phenomenon is linked to blackouts in Mexico. Renowned researcher Pedro Ferriz states that then-president Luis Echeverria told him that he and his wife were witnesses to a sighting during the blackouts in Cuernavaca, Morelos, on September 23, 1965. Translation (c) 2007. S. Corrales, IHU. Special thanks to Ana Luisa Cid)

Poland: Round objects over Power Plant

BELCHATOW—On August 14, 2007, a witness from Czestochowa was able to observe two round whitish objects that were constantly appearing and reappearing for about 3 minutes over a power plant in Belchatow—Europe’s largest thermal power plant located in Central Poland. The witness states, “I saw two enormous round objects

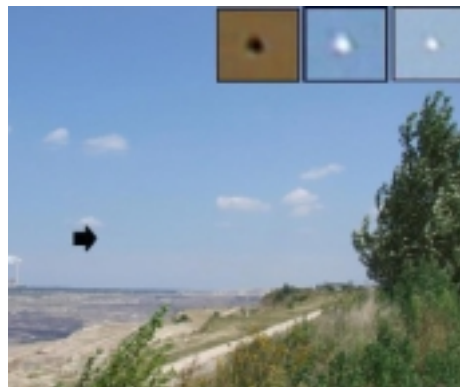


UFO over Mexico shot December 2007

between chimneys of the power plant. I saw them with my naked eye. They were the approximate size of ping-pong balls.”

The witness quickly grasped his digital camera (Sony Cyber-shot DSC-H5) and took photos of some of the elusive objects. “After grasping the camera and applying zoom I noticed that those objects had whitish surface,” the witness said. “Then I began to photograph them trying to catch a glimpse of them at the same time. I’d like to emphasize that the objects were disappearing at regular intervals (about 20 sec.) and then reappearing. Their movement was steady and firm. Finally, only one of those objects remained visible for the next 15 sec. Then both objects were no longer visible and disappeared in plain sight in the clear sky.

UFOs keeps appearing over manufacturers and power plants all over Poland. Thanks to Piotr Cielebiac a UFO investigator and writer. He lives in Poland and reports on sightings in and around Poland and area. He is part of the NPN: <http://www.npn.ehost.pl/> and the *NOL the Eastern European UFO Journal* <http://nol-polishufojournal.blogspot.com/>



Round objects over Poland power plant

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mystery might hold clues concerning the method of propulsion and suspension, which Hill, after considering the flight characteristics of many UFOs, attributed to an acceleration field. Klass interpreted the Missouri UFOs as meteors, passing east to west from Bloomington, Illinois, to Glenwood, Iowa; a photograph of these was even showcased on the jacket cover of his 1975 book. Interestingly, if the size of the plasma can be taken as an indication of relative size, the leading "meteor" was larger than the trailing "meteor," which is similar to the Ottawa case, in which the leading object was observed to be about twice the size of the smaller object.

I believe that the Missouri case can be reinterpreted as follows. Two relatively large craft entered the atmosphere from Bloomington to Glenwood from which smaller scout craft separated or emerged. These smaller craft could explain the UFO reports north and south of the flight path of the two large UFOs. Perhaps the UFO seen by the pilot and his friend at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 128 km (80 miles) north of the main flight path, and estimated at a height of 305 m (1000 feet), was one of these small scout crafts. In this regard Harkrader, who took the photos of the two "meteors," reported "seeing additional flaming fragments break off and go into trail behind the fireball" (Klass). As in Ottawa a few hours later, perhaps these UFOs were attracted to the airport. Unfortunately, the FAA report based on the accounts of the two witnesses is so vague that it is not possible to discriminate between UFOs directly above the airport and the main fireball over a hundred km away. In this regard, a typical fireball becomes visible at an altitude of about 130 km above Earth (Butler), suggesting that the fireball in Iowa would have been visible high above the horizon in Cedar Rapids. However, the Uba, Brazil UFO, which was observed circling a car earlier the same day, was obviously relatively small and definitely not a meteor. Similarly, the

four objects seen by the crew of the commercial and military planes about 125 miles south of the main flight path were relatively small. Klass, who favored a "meteor" interpretation, suggested that the objects seen on the radarscope in the St. Louis tower were the two planes following flight 112. However, it seems just as likely that the St. Louis radar operator was referring to oncoming traffic.

Conclusions: The combined evidence suggests unusual UFO activity on June 5, 1969. The UFOs did not appear to be natural phenomena such as meteors or man-made objects such as weather balloons. The large ellipsoidal and much smaller craft, which were observed on this day by numerous witnesses in North and South America had characteristics which suggest that they were not manufactured using the Earth-based technologies of the late 1960s. The evidence suggests that civilizations much more advanced than ours exist in the Universe and that they have perfected advanced high speed interplanetary transportation technologies.

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Field Investigator's Corner: CMS Rankings

By *Chuck Reever*

MUFON Director of Investigations

Here is December's CMS Ranking Report for all State Directors. Congratulations to **Cheryl Ann Gilmore** (South Carolina), **Jim King** (Iowa), **Steven Purcell** (Tennessee), for being 1st, 2nd and 3rd respectively in the month of December. The top 10 State Directors are highlighted.

The report is based on our two measures of UFO Investigation effectiveness: assigning reports within 72 hours of receipt, and completing all investigations within 90 days of being assigned.

The "Assigned" column is a six-month running average of the number of cases assigned within 72 hours divided by the total number of cases received in that six month period. The "Completed" column is the number of cases completed beginning sixty-two (62) days back and going back six months from there (for a total of eight 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.

State Directors can improve their scores by being sure to assign all cases within 72 hours, and to follow up with their 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 the State Director.

If you have any questions or need help with your investigations please contact me at 530-414-4341 or 530-582-8339 or via e-mail at wizard@telis.org.

Rank	State	Director	Weighted Rank (50/50)	Assigned	Completed
1	South Carolina	Cheryl Ann Gilmore	100 %	12/12	9/9
2	Iowa	Jim King	100 %	8/8	7/7
3	Tennessee	Steven Purcell	100 %	8/8	13/13
4	Delaware	Ralph P. Flegal	100 %	1/1	1/1
5	Kansas	Tracey C. Smith	100 %	14/14	9/9
6	New Mexico	Donald R. Burleson	100 %	13/13	22/22
7	Florida	Bland Pugh	96 %	48/52	56/56
8	Wisconsin	TG Whiteagle / DJ Watson	94 %	12/12	15/17
9	Texas	Kenneth E. Cherry	94 %	43/47	59/60
10	Illinois	Samuel Maranto	91 %	43/44	35/41
11	Georgia	Walter Sheets	90 %	14/15	15/17
12	California	Georgeanne Cifarelli	90 %	59/62	69/80
13	Pennsylvania	John Ventre	89 %	28/28	23/29
14	Indiana	Jerry L. Sievers	85 %	41/45	37/46
15	Washington	Laurence Childs	85 %	13/17	19/20
16	West Virginia	John Ventre	83 %	9/10	7/9
17	New Jersey	George A. Filer, III	75 %	11/17	18/21
18	Nebraska	John C. Kasher	66 %	4/9	8/9
19	Colorado	Leslie H. Varnicle	63 %	44/49	22/59
20	Utah	Elaine Douglass	53 %	15/18	4/17
21	Minnesota	Richard D. Moss	52 %	6/19	14/19
22	Oregon	Thomas Bowden	49 %	23/45	29/61
23	North Carolina	George E. Lund, III	43 %	6/22	10/17
24	New York	James G. Bouck, Jr.	41 %	41/52	3/62
25	Michigan	William J. Konkolesky	38 %	19/51	21/52
26	Connecticut	Erik Kubik	37 %	5/13	5/14
27	Arkansas	Norman D. Walker	33 %	4/11	3/10
28	Ohio	William Edward Jones	33 %	15/31	7/39
29	Louisiana	Michael D. Sandras	31 %	6/15	2/9
30	California	Ruben J. Uriarte	31 %	17/66	31/84
31	Arizona	George C. Parks	23 %	27/82	6/43
32	Maryland	Bruce S. Maccabee	16 %	0/16	6/18
33	Nevada	Mark Easter	10 %	1/27	4/22
34	Wyoming	Richard Beckwith	7 %	1/7	0/6
35	Virginia	Susan L. Swiatek	5 %	3/27	0/23
36	Alabama	Roy E. Patterson, Jr.	5 %	1/9	0/22
37	Massachusetts	Greg S. Berghorn	5 %	1/17	1/24
38	Oklahoma	Charles L. Pine	0 %	0/2	0/0
39	Hawaii	Puuloa M. Teves	0 %	0/4	0/5
40	New Hampshire	Peter R. Geremia	0 %	0/4	0/9
41	Vermont	Dan Lavilette	0 %	0/2	0/5
42	Washington	Gerald E. Rolwes	0 %	0/2	0/4
43	Missouri	Bruce A. Widaman	0 %	0/8	0/12
44	Idaho	Robert Gates	0 %	0/13	0/12
45	Kentucky	Earle T. Benezet	0 %	0/14	0/16

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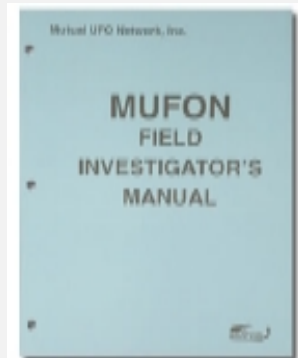
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MUFON would like to thank George Fawcett for his recent donations of UFO case files, videos, slides, and other UFO paraphernalia to MUFON's Pandora Project. Thank you George for leaving a legacy to MUFON.

George has investigated over 1,200 UFO sighting reports and has read over 700 books and 1,000 magazine articles on the subject since 1944. He has published over 100 UFO investigative and research articles. In 1975 Fawcett authored the highly illustrated book, *Quarter Century of UFOs in Florida, North Carolina and Tennessee*.

His illustrated UFO lectures have been well received by almost 600 different colleges and universities, service clubs, military and scientific organizations, technical and special interest groups in the United States and overseas.

George has been a guest on dozens of radio and TV shows and also featured in many books and magazine and newspaper interviews. George also served as the founder and chief advisor to the New England UFO Study Group (1957), the Pennsylvania and New Jersey Two-State UFO Study Group (1965), the Florida UFO Study Group (1968), the Tar Heel UFO Study Group (1973) and the Mutual UFO Network of North Carolina, Inc. (1989).

Over the years he has been a member or field investigator for the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization (APRO) in Arizona; the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP) in Washington, D.C.; the Scientific Bureau of Investigations (SBI) in New York; the J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies (CUFOS) in Illinois; the Fund for UFO Research, Inc. (FUFOR) in Maryland and the Mutual UFO Network, Inc. (MUFON) in Texas.

Director's Message

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Position Announcements:

Steve Purcell has resigned his position as the **Tennessee State Director**.

New State Directors:

Kurt Pflieger is the new **North Dakota State Director**. **Richard Lynch** is the new **Rhode Island State Director**.

New Assistant State Directors:

Steve Reichmuth is the new **Assistant State Director for Case Management for Northern California**. **Deborah Atherton** is the new **Assistant State Director for Wisconsin**.

New Field Investigators:

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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 in appearance to the light from a city or town just over the horizon.

Eclipses

Annular Solar Eclipse (February 7th): This annular eclipse will be visible from a wide track that traverses Antarctica and southern regions of the Pacific Ocean. A partial eclipse will be seen within the much larger path of the Moon's penumbral shadow, which includes the south-eastern third of Australia, all of New Zealand and most of Antarctica.

Total Lunar Eclipse (February 21st): The eclipse will be visible over the Americas, Europe, Africa, and those in western Asia will be able to observe the total eclipse of the Moon. The total eclipse should be a spectacular sight, even though quite short-lived; it should be visibly colored by the Earth's atmosphere

Conjunctions and Occultations

February 1st: Venus 0.6 degrees north of Jupiter.

February 1st: Antares 0.6 degrees north of the Moon.

February 4th: Jupiter 4 degrees north of the Moon.

February 4th: Venus 4 degrees north of the Moon.

February 16th: Mars 1.6 degrees south of the Moon

February 26th: Mercury 1.3 degrees north of Venus.

February 29th: Antares 0.6 degrees north of the Moon.

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Moon Phases

New Moon February 7th
First Quarter February 14th
Full Moon February 21st
Last Quarter February 29th

Bright Planets (Evening Sky)

Mars (magnitude -0.6 to 0.0): In Taurus. For northern hemisphere observers sunset will find Mars shining brightly high above the southeastern horizon, it will shine brightly all night and set below the west-southwest horizon about 3 ½ hours before sunrise. For southern hemisphere observers sunset will find Mars low above the northern horizon, it will shine brightly all night and set below the west-southwest horizon about 4 1/2 hours after sunset.

Bright Planets (Morning Sky)

Mercury (magnitude 1.9 to 3.2 to 0.6): In Capricornus. For northern hemisphere observers Mercury will begin the month lost in the glare of the Sun but will rise above the east-southeastern horizon as the month progresses; at midmonth Mercury will rise above the east-southeast horizon about 1 hour before the Sun and will be found very low above the southeast horizon as the Sun rises. For southern hemisphere observers Mercury will begin the month lost in the glare of the Sun but will rise above the east-southeastern horizon as the month progresses; at midmonth Mercury will rise above the east-southeast horizon about 1 hour before the Sun and will be found very low above the east-southeast horizon as the Sun rises.

Venus (magnitude -3.8): Moving from Sagittarius into Capricornus. For northern hemisphere observers Venus will rise above the east-southeast



February 28th 2008 before sunrise, looking southeast. The two innermost planets close together in the sky is a relatively rare sight.

horizon about 1 ½ hours before the Sun and will stand low above the southeast horizon as the Sun rises. For southern hemisphere observers Venus will rise above the east-southeast horizon about 2 ½ hours before the Sun and will stand high above the east-southeast horizon as the Sun rises.

Jupiter (magnitude -1.9): In Sagittarius. For northern hemisphere observers Jupiter will rise over the southeastern horizon about 3 ½ hours before the Sun and will stand high above the southeastern horizon as the Sun rises. For southern hemisphere observers Jupiter will rise in the east-southeast horizon about 4 hours before the Sun and will stand above the east-southeast horizon as the Sun rises.

Saturn (magnitude 0.4 to 0.2): In Leo. For northern hemisphere observers Saturn will rise after sunset in the east-northeast, shine all night and set in the west-northwest just after sunrise. For southern hemisphere observers Saturn will rise after sunset in the east-northeast, shine all night and set in the west-southwest just after sunrise.

Other Celestial Phenomena

Zodiacal Light: Zodiacal light will be visible in northern latitudes in the West after evening twilight beginning Wednesday February 23rd and lasting two weeks. The phenomenon is only visible from very dark locations.

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