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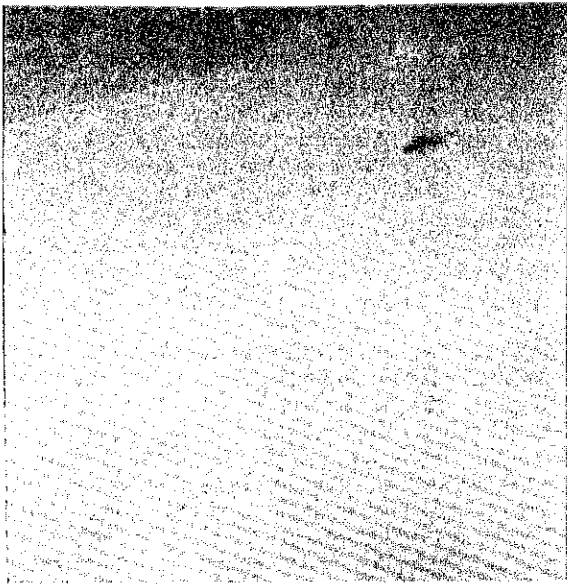
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## UFO OVER NAVY RANGE

### Object Photographed Over Charleston, S.C.



*January 22 Sighting -  
(Negative flaw on left)*

William J. Herrmann of Charleston, South Carolina was a complete skeptic prior to his UFO experiences starting on November 12th, 1977. He eventually made five sightings (Nov. 12th and 27th and Dec. 2nd and 4th, 1977 and Jan. 22nd, 1978), two of which (Nov. 27 and Jan. 22) he was able to obtain photographic evidence. He obtained four exposures of the Nov. 27th object and 9 of the January 22nd craft. The details of the sightings are as follows:

At 6:55 P.M. on November 12, Herrmann had just stepped outside his mobile home to see his brother-in-law off. He was walking to the door to re-enter his home and stopped to watch a single-engine Cessna bank and make its final approach to the Charleston Municipal Airport. From behind the Cessna he saw a large silver disc move away from the Cessna, at a rapid pace. He ran into the trailer and got his binoculars. Through the binoculars, he stated, the object "appeared

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At 10:15 p.m. on Sunday, May 14th, Duty Officer Robert J. Clark, of the Pinecastle Electronic Warfare Range, logged a call from a woman who wanted to know if flares were being used at the range as she had seen some eerie lights in the sky. He told her that there were no flares in the area and that the range was not in operation.

Ten minutes later, at 10:25 Clark logged another call, this time from a man who said that he and seven others travelling SR 19 near Silver Glen Springs had sighted an object 50 to 60 feet in diameter with flashing lights which passed above the vehicle he was driving. He said it was close enough so that he got a good look. He did not want to be identified so he refused to give his name.

After the call terminated Clark called the Naval Air Station at Jacksonville for information on any aircraft in the Area of Pinecastle, which is in a secluded area of the Ocala National Forest. He learned there were no known aircraft in the vicinity of Pinecastle. This accomplished, he and other personnel, including TD-AA Carol Snyder, went up on the tower with binoculars and scanned the sky. They located an object due north approximately 1500 ft. above the trees. After watching it for 15 or 20 minutes they decided it was "pretty stationary", and the radar was activated. Clark figured that if it was an aircraft--a helicopter, for instance, they would pick it up on radar. The object was picked up and Radar Technician Timothy J. Collins locked in on it. Collins told a reporter for the Ocala Star Banner: "We locked in on it and then all of a sudden it was gone. I've never seen anything like it and I don't want to see anything like it again."

Collins would not speculate as to the object's speed, but said the computer just couldn't handle it. "At 500 knots, we can lock up on an aircraft pretty fast. But this object was apparently traveling at much greater speed," he said. The preliminary digital read-out showed the object to be hovering at 3 knots, then suddenly it was on the move, turning in a hairpin maneuver that "fouled up the computer" and eluded further tracking.

Carol Snyder described the object they watched with binoculars as 3 blurry lights--one red, one white and one green, which appeared to be bouncing.

Two other objects were spotted that evening--one in the east shortly after the initial one, and was picked up by radar only. Another was seen

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between 11 and 12 p.m. in the southern sky, after the radar, which had been operating for only 20 minutes during the night, was turned off.

Lt. Commander John Sullivan, Chief of the operation, was not at the range when the sightings took place and heard about them Monday morning when he returned to duty. He could have explained them away as some atmospheric anomaly or experiment but he had confidence in his men who, he said, followed a standard set of procedures and was open to the idea the men shared of not being able to explain away the sightings.

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roundish and starlike, almost a shimmering effect." It moved in a straight line from the point behind the Cessna and stopped directly to Herrmann's left and then the brightness increased in intensity. As he watched, the object moved "at an incredible rate of speed straight upward, diminishing in brightness as it gained altitude."

Herrmann immediately went inside and called the Federal Aviation Agency, the 792nd Radar Squadron, the Air Force Base and the control tower at Charleston Municipal Airport. After repeating the details of his experience four different times, to four different parties and having received negative opinions and replies he gave up, chalking up the whole thing as an unusual occurrence. "Thus, rather than be subject to ridicule and damage to my character, I dropped the whole thing." It was a clear night, stars visible, but no moon.

The next incident took place between 5:30 and 5:45 P.M. on Nov. 27, 1977. It was twilight and the skies were cloudy. Mr. Herrmann was taking the trash out to the road and across the trailer park and over the marsh, directly above the left South Carolina Electric and gas power tower that stands over the Ahley River and Marsh, he saw the same bright silvery disc he had seen on the 12th only this time it was stationary. "For about a minute or two", he stated, "it hovered over the tower, then moved away from it, above the power lines, toward the Wando Woods subdivision." Herrmann ran into the trailer, got his binoculars and car keys and got into his car and tried to follow the object.

The object was at treetop level, and moved along above the power lines that run through the Wando Woods subdivision. Herrmann drove to the intersection of Dorchester Road and West Montague where he turned right and drove into the Charleston County Fairgrounds. He watched the object through the binoculars as it passed above the subdivision. It still had a shimmering appearance and the disc shape. He remembered that the camera (126 instamatic) was in the car (he had used it to take photos at his daughter's birthday party the previous Friday. There were seven exposures left). The object was moving in an erratic triangular pattern - up and down, making turns without banking . . . moving in a wide circle above the fairground. Herrmann snapped pictures and when he ran out of film he watched it through his binoculars. There were no surface features - it was just a disc with silver light radiating from it. It then lifted up into the clouds and was gone. Herrmann did not attempt to report the sighting and waited until the photos came back.

On Friday, December 2nd, at 9:30 A.M., Mr. Herrmann again sighted a (or the same) UFO. His

wife had gone shopping and he was taking care of their daughter. She was in the playpen and he was asleep on the bed. At 9:30 he was wakened by a "tremendous shaking" of the trailer. He jumped out of bed and looked out the window. He first thought there was an earthquake, as the vibration caused a ceramic plaque to fall off the wall in the living room.

Across the trailer park, out over the marsh, directly above the left South Carolina electric and gas power tower, that stands over the Ashley River, was the same bright shimmering silver disc-shaped object. The shaking had wakened his daughter, who was crying, so he went around the bed and picked her up out of the playpen. The shaking ceased and when he went back to the window the object was gone.

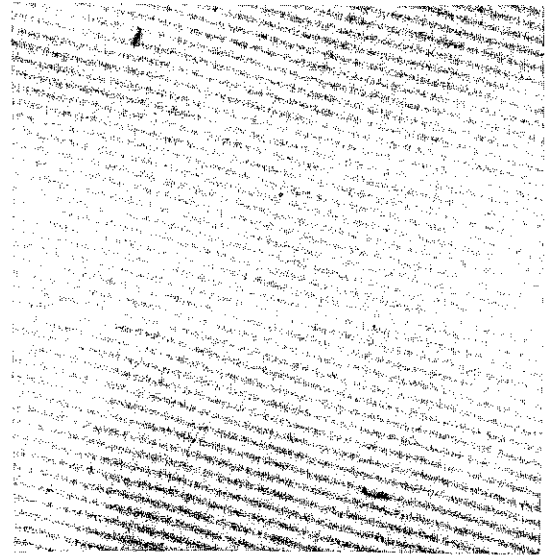
Herrmann thinks the vibrations and the disc's presence are connected. After the shaking stopped he stood at the window for 15 or 20 minutes and finally began to think he'd imagined the occurrence, but at between 10:30 and 11:00 A.M. the vibrations were again felt in Charleston. He called the Revco store about his photos, learned they were ready and at 2:30 went to get them. The photos of November 27th show a hat-shaped somewhat indistinct object.

The next time the object was sighted was at 8:30 P.M. on Sunday, December 24th. The Herrmanns were putting up their Christmas tree and Mrs. Herrmann was sweeping the excess trash and tinsel out of the door when she spotted the same silvery disc-shaped object over the general area of the power tower -- it was making the same triangular patterned movements as Herrmann had observed before. He observed it through the binoculars after his wife brought his attention to it. He notes that his wife had been skeptical of the previous sightings but after having seen it, she took it more seriously. The object was visible for about five to seven minutes. There were scattered clouds.

Herrmann's last sighting took place on January 22nd, 1978. The sky was clear with scattered clouds. He was on his way to Church at 10:30 A.M. and was turning onto Cross-Country Road from Danchester when he saw the object -- bright silver and disc-shaped as before, moving above the trees at a rapid pace. Since his November 27th sighting he had carried the fully loaded camera and his binoculars in the glove compartment.

As soon as she spotted the object he turned back on Dorchester Road and sped to an open field directly off Dorchester Road across from the Forest Hills subdivision. He pulled in, parked, got out of the car and walked quickly into the field. He scanned the area with the binoculars. The object was making a wide circle around the area about 300 feet above the trees, then began to move in triangular patterns as it had before. As it moved across and directly above where Herrmann was standing, its color changed from silver to a

silver-orange. At this point surface features - a dome on top and three bell-like protrusions on the bottom were clearly visible. He began to photograph it - obtaining seven fairly clear exposures. It remained some distance from him but not too far away for him to see it clearly. For ten minutes it moved about the sky, changing altitude constantly, turning and almost "sliding" across the sky.



*January 22 Sighting - Disc at upper left - Note C-141 at lower right.*

The object moved behind a cluster of trees and was not visible for a minute or two - then came back and negotiated a climb that was unbelievable to Herrmann. Then he noticed why - a C-141 Starlifter was to his extreme right - heading toward the Charleston Air Force Base. In the time Herrmann could count to four, the object was directly behind the C-141, directly above and below the C-141. Then it reversed its trajectory and sped back at a higher altitude and executed a triangular pattern and climbed extremely fast whereupon the color changed back to silver and was finally no longer visible.

Herrmann stood around, occasionally walking around the field, for about twenty five minutes. He was non-plussed and speechless.

The photos which are reproducible will accompany this article. Mr. Herrmann's experiences are further illustration of those cases which indicate the individuals can have "repeat" sightings.

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## Large Object Stalls Autos

By Don Todd

This is a report of a UFO encounter of the "second kind" occurring on December 17, 1977--Saturday--4:00 p.m., in Kenyon, Rhode Island and investigated by Dave Barstow and me.

Mrs. Marguerite Camp, age 56, is a personable, clear-headed, intelligent farm woman, not given to emotion or fantasy. She is descriptive, observant and has good recall. As a defense worker at Quonset Naval Air Station during World War II, she worked on B-17's, B-25's, F6F's and B-29's. As a G.O.C. (Ground Observer Corps) observer, she was a Rhode Island watcher during the war years and is therefore exceedingly familiar with a wide variety of aircraft and lighter-than-air vehicles.

Mrs. Camp has a 19 year old daughter, Marlana, who accompanied her in the pickup truck during the encounter. Since Marlana is slightly retarded, did not observe nor have any reaction regarding the object, she does not enter into the case.

At 4:15 p.m. on the 17th of December just after the encounter, Mrs. Camp contacted Otis Air Force Base on Cape Cod, Massachusetts and talked with the Military Police. Upon their suggestion, Mrs. Camp then called the Rhode Island State Police and talked with Trooper James P. Mullen of the Hope Valley Barracks. Trooper Mullen in turn contacted APRO investigator Dave Barstow. Dave called me on Sunday, December 18 at 2:00 p.m. I then phoned Mrs. Camp to set up an appointment at her home for an interview.

Shortly thereafter I talked with Trooper Fitzgerald and Trooper Mullen of the Hope Valley Barracks, as well as the Charlestown Police as regards any further incoming information or witnesses having called in. No further information was available. Dave in the meantime, visually checked the police "activity sheets" for any later additions or information regarding the encounter. Nothing new had developed or had been added.

At 9:30 p.m., Sunday the 18th, Mrs. Camp, Dave and I sat down in Mrs. Camp's home over coffee and she related the following:

Upon returning home on Saturday with her daughter and some bags of grain from Agway Feed and Grain, Mrs. Camp proceeded south on Route 2. At precisely 4:00 p.m., just south of Biscuit City Road, Mrs. Camp observed through the windshield of her white pickup truck, slightly to her right front (west), a single ovoid, plate-like object tilted slightly so that both the upper and lower portions were visible. (Drawing enclosed) Mrs. Camp immediately pulled her pickup off the road, stopped and got out to observe the object, allowing the truck engine to continue running.

At this time a second car (green Gremlin, for which we are still searching) with a woman occupant pulled in behind Mrs. Camp's truck, stopped with the car running and stared out at the object. Upon Mrs. Camp's urging her to get out and observe more clearly, the woman reluctantly emerged from her still running car and looked up.

Mrs. Camp's remarks to the woman were, "That is certainly not any type of earthly aircraft. Have you ever seen anything like it before?" Looking up in awe, the woman replied almost reverently and in a half-whisper, "No. I've never seen anything like that in my life."

The object was motionless, approximately 600-700 feet off the west side of the road and estimated to be 1000 feet or so in the air. It was motionless with the lower circular gondola appearing to be blurry as if it were spinning.

Mrs. Camp estimated the object's size to be three to four times the size of a B-29 and two to three times as tall. It appeared to be made of a sort of flaming blue-white metal and gave off a brilliant blinding blue-white aura or glow. Through the glow, Mrs. Camp could see above the mid-lateral line, four to five rectangular windows. The windows looked glossy-black, appearing onyx-like.

The object exhibited no individual lights, emitted no signals, gave off no exhaust, afterwash or odor. There was absolutely no noise connected with it, nor were there any visible markings.

The sky was clear with the sun visible just to the north of the object. The weather was crisp, cool and with a slight wind.

While Mrs. Camp and the second woman stood observing the disc, suddenly both auto engines stalled out. Thereupon the object swept smoothly up onto its edge, rose vertically in the air, hovered for a matter of seconds, and then sort of backed down into its former horizontal position again.

At this point, the second woman raced back to her car, started it, and drove off at high speed, careening from side to side on the road as she sped away. Mrs. Camp, through fascination with the object, was chagrined that she had not thought to get the other woman's name or her registration number.

Mrs. Camp related that while she was observing the disc, she had the definite feeling of exhilaration. Although she had just a twinge of trepidation when the object upended, thinking it might move over the truck and lift it off the ground or some such thing, she did not have any real fear of the object.

After about ten minutes of observation, the object then suddenly moved westward at unbelievably accelerated speed, maintained altitude and diminished speedily to become a small point of pinkish glowing light.

The physical evidence:

Mrs. Camp complained of the brightness of the object hurting her eyes when watching it and of black, wavy lines in front of her eyes thereafter; a

burning sensation not unlike the irritation from watching a welder's torch or from overexposure to ultra-violet light. The sensation lasted for 1½ to 2 hours and then slowly subsided.

Both vehicles on the ground stalled out apparently when the object swept up vertically, probably enlarging or intensifying its magnetic field, thereby affecting the electrical systems of the ground vehicles.

Mrs. Camp's pickup truck had had a slight irregularity in the engine prior to the encounter but she reports that it now runs smoothly as if it had had a recent tune-up.

At 11:15 p.m., Dave Barstow and I left Mrs. Camp's home. We have both the State and local police on the alert for the woman in the green Gremlin or any other witnesses to the encounter. Mrs. Camp is advertising in the local paper, hoping that the other woman will respond. (To date no further information is forthcoming--Ed.)

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## CRITTERS EXAMINE FARMER NEAR LUBLIN, POLAND?

By John Brent Musgrave

A correspondent in Poland who wishes to remain anonymous has just passed on the following information about a possible occupant/contact case which took place about 60 kilometers from Lublin, Poland. Much of the information is based on articles appearing in the newspaper *Kurier Polski*, as well as work by another Polish UFO investigator.

About 8 o'clock Wednesday morning, May 17th, 1978, a 71-year-old farmer was driving his horse drawn carriage through a wooded area. He came upon four strange entities (some reports say two) by the roadside. They were described as being about 1½ meters tall, and all wore tightly fitting black "divers suits" which were completely smooth without buttons, pockets, etc. The critters themselves had a green complexion, with slanting eyes and membranes between their fingers. They moved by a jumping motion, and the farmer claims their speech was inarticulate. But apparently they invited him into their "bus-shaped", white rectangular vehicle which hovered nearby. This was described as being 5 meters by 3 meters by 2½ meters. On its edges were four "barrels" with straight and helical shaped "tubes" which were spinning rapidly within the "barrels".

Once inside, the farmer says he only saw benches in a completely black coloured room. He then claims to have been examined by an apparatus which resembled an X-ray machine.

After this he was offered some transparent substance the critters themselves ate. But he declined the offer. After his adventure was over, the farmer returned to the village on his carriage and summoned some of the local folk. They could no longer see the vehicle, but some rectangular "foot-prints" were found in a muddy section by the road bank. There is a report that at the same time as the farmer's adventure, another person in the same village was alarmed by her son who insisted an airplane was hovering above the grainery. But before she could get outside in time, it "flew off" with a "terrible noise" which shook the cottage.

Later articles in *Kurier Polski* claim the farmer probably saw a helicopter and crew.

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## Multiple Phenomena on Colorado Ranch

Report on the Investigation of UFO Experiences  
on a Rocky Mountain Ranch

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[Editor's note: This incredible report is so lengthy that it will, of necessity, be serialized.]

This report is unusual in several ways: no names of individuals associated with the experiences are given, and no information is given about the location of the area; the individuals describing these events have not subjected themselves to polygraph examinations, personality inventories, or other methods of personal assessment. The reasons for these procedures are not because the participants are fearful, on a personal basis, of any evaluation; rather, they are concerned, on a social basis, with revealing information about the identities of persons with whom they have experienced these unusual events. They do not wish to subject their friends and families to inquiries from the general public or from military or governmental representatives.

Thus, the investigators share some responsibility in providing information about the claimed UFO experiences but in preventing information about the witnesses and locations being known to others. This request for confidentiality of information was made, and approved, on the basis it was the only way for information about these UFO experiences to be shared.

### PRELIMINARY INFORMATION

Dr. Derr, who serves as a Seismologist with the U.S. Geological Survey in Denver, Colorado,

received a telephone call from individuals who expressed an interest in his credentials as a scientist and as a UFO investigator. At first, the individuals did not wish to give their names and addresses; however, after initial discussions, the persons agreed to conversations in the home of John and Janet Derr, with the understanding that they were representing several persons who do not wish to have their names and addresses revealed.

### PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION

Dr. and Mrs. Derr met with the two individuals and talked with them about the events which have occurred on a ranch near a small Rocky Mountain community. For this report, we have called it "Clearview, Colorado." The participants in these various experiences will be identified as follows (titles and relationships are correct, but fictitious names have been used):

*The Business Partner [Jim]:* The Business Partner is a middle-aged man who has professional training in physical and biological sciences, and who has served in the U.S. military services, including a position as a Public Information Officer. The man is intelligent, educated, articulate, and familiar with the techniques of military operations, including military secrecy.

*The Family: Husband and Wife [John and Barbara]:* The Husband is in a management position in a large corporation; his position could be threatened by any undue personal publicity. The Wife is a middle-aged woman, who is intelligent, articulate, and perceptive in regard to people's feelings and attitudes. Their teenage sons share the interest and concerns of others in the community, and the oldest son (Joe) was allowed by his mother to describe events in which he had participated.

*Others:* Others who have described events in which they had personal experiences are the Photographer (Roger), who photographed areas of unusual conditions; the Neighbor (Connie), a friend of the family who has known the Family and Business Partner for several years and who was willing to describe her UFO sightings; the Law Officer, who was willing to describe his sightings and his investigations of animal mutilations.

### FURTHER INVESTIGATION

After the initial statements by the Business Partner and the Wife, Dr. Derr and Dr. Sprinkle continued to participate in further investigations. Dr. Sprinkle serves as Director of Counseling and Testing and Professor of Counseling Services at the University of Wyoming, Laramie, Wyoming. He has been interested in UFO investigations for many years, and serves as APRO consultant in Psychology. Because Dr. Derr has a private airplane as well as a private automobile, he is able to travel long distances in a relatively short time. Dr. Sprinkle met with Dr. and Mrs. Derr to

discuss the preliminary investigation and to travel to the community to meet with the concerned individuals. Interviews were conducted with the Family and the Business Partner, the Neighbor, and the Law Officer. In each instance, the individuals requested that no publicity be given to their names and locations, although they were willing to discuss the events which have occurred and their own reactions to these events.

It was obvious to Dr. and Mrs. Derr and to Dr. Sprinkle that the individuals involved were under some stress as they described their experiences (nervousness in voices; concern about not talking while in public places; willingness to talk with trusted friends, but a wish not to discuss matters with persons who might disrupt the friendly relationships between individuals in the community). The "escalation hypothesis" to account for these strange events went from "tricks by neighbor boys" to "military operations" as possible UFO events. The evidence, according to the claims of these people, is massive that unusual events have occurred; however, the evidence provides little in the way of "proof" that these events have occurred. The significant effect is the emotional impact on these people; they all state that the events have altered their lives, and they believe that the unusual experiences are part of a huge operation.

The Business Partner and the Family are willing for the investigation to continue, although they are no longer living on the ranch. The events caused them such concern that they felt they were forced to abandon their hopes and dreams for a Rocky Mountain ranch life.

### SUMMARY OF STATEMENTS

(For detailed information of statements, see *Appendix I: Chronology of Unusual Events*).

The UFO witnesses have described, in various conversations, a variety of UFO sightings and related experiences. These events are summarized as follows:

A few years ago, the Business Partner and the Husband and Wife pooled their financial resources to buy a ranch in the Rocky Mountain area. The ranch was to be renovated and established as a working cattle ranch. Despite the long distance from their original location, they were pleased with the size and features of the ranch, including adequate grazing area, woods and springs feeding a pond near the ranch house. They were puzzled because the ranch had been abandoned for several years, prior to their settling on the ranch. Also, they were puzzled because of the "unspoken" mystery surrounding a building which had "disappeared" more than a decade earlier. After settling on the ranch, they experienced a variety of unusual events: 1) A humming sound often was experienced in their house, although the hum could not be traced to electrical systems (which had been rewired), or to any other devices in the house.

Often the humming sound was loud and distinct; but seemed to follow a pattern of being heard during a wind storm and for an hour or so after a wind storm. 2) Noises indicated that someone was walking around outside the ranch house; at times, someone seemed to open the car door and beat upon the walls or doors of the house and then run away. 3) Creatures who looked like "Big Foot" were seen in the woods. 4) UFO sightings included nine glowing discs, which set down in the pasture near the pond; during that observation, a light flash was observed by two men, including the Business Partner; at that same moment, the Wife, who was looking out of the window, experienced a "blow to the head;" she fell unconscious to the floor and was revived within a few seconds. 5) The Photographer took a picture of a large "circle" (approximately 75 feet in diameter) in a clearing; initially, the "circle" supported no vegetation, but now the grass and weeds are beginning to grow again. 6) The Business Partner observed a landed disk in the woods, and saw two humanoids nearby. He and the oldest son in the family saw a "box" (approximately 3 feet long and 18 inches wide and 18 inches thick) which emitted strange hums and other sounds, while flashing on and off with multi-colored lights, giving an appearance of an electronic device. 7) One morning the Business Partner awoke, unable to move, and saw a tall, skinny creature wearing a helmet standing in the room by the glass door, observing him.

8) There were many instances in which the electrical power of the ranch house and buildings were cut off, causing the area to be plunged into darkness; however, other ranchers did not have electrical power blackouts during these episodes. 9) On one occasion, during an electrical black-out, the radio and stereo systems of the ranch house and bunk house emitted sounds of a voice saying "you have been allowed to remain. Do not cause us to take action which you will regret." 10) The Business Partner described his experience of seeing two small "humanoids" near a landed disk in the woods. 11) A cattle mutilation occurred around the time of increased UFO activities, and the cow was identified as belonging to the ranch. 12) A body of a young bull was found shortly after a hunting episode. The oldest son and his friend were frightened when they discovered the cow because they had seen either a bear or Big Foot in the area. The young bull, which did not belong to the ranch, was found with his head twisted back and with various organs and parts of his body removed as if by surgical operation. 13) The Business Partner described his experience of being told by a humanoid that he should not go near the "box;" a Big Foot creature was seen walking toward the box and then fell to the ground. The humanoid said to the Business Partner, "As you can see, it can be lethal." 14) The Business Partner described his experience of being in the woods where he saw a disk and two humanoids, who looked and acted as if they expected him to arrive; they spoke to him in

English and told him that they were sorry for the inconvenience and disturbances which had occurred to the people living on the ranch; they said that they expected some changes to occur in the events which were happening at the ranch. However, after the encounter and seeing the "skinny creature," the number of strange events, and the tension associated with the experiences, seemed to increase for the people living on the ranch. 15) A fire began on the front porch of the ranch house, apparently started by electrical wiring in contact with paint buckets on the porch. With the continuation of the strange experiences, and the fear and stress associated with the events, the Business Partner and the Family decided to abandon their attempts to live at the ranch. Now, the Business Partner and the Family are engaged in a small business operation; however, they are hopeful that someday they may be able to return to the ranch and to develop the property into a working ranch.

After talking with the family and friends of the oldest son, a conversation was held with a woman (Connie) who has been a friend of the family and a member of the community. She described a UFO sighting which occurred 12 or 13 years ago; she also described a later sighting, which increased her puzzlement and concern. At first, she assumed that there was some "military explanation" for the sightings; but as she learned more about the feelings and experiences of her friends and neighbors, she began to wonder if some other explanation might account for these strange events.

The Law Officer was quite explicit in requesting that this information not be publicized; he did not wish to cause any public ridicule to be brought upon his office, and he did not wish to cause any ridicule or publicity which would disrupt the harmony of the community. He said that in 1975 there had been several hundred cases of cattle mutilations reported, and he had investigated many of these cases. In 1976, there were fewer than a hundred, and in 1977, there were fewer than ten. However, he pointed out that during 1977 he was following a policy that he go out on very few calls regarding reported animal mutilations. This policy apparently was an intentional method of reducing the number of reports of cattle mutilations; however, no one knows whether it is the policy of the Sheriff, or whether it is a policy which is being followed by law officers of other counties, states, or regions. The law officer described his fear and apprehension when, out on night patrol, he saw strange lights near the road. He knew the territory well enough that, if he were to drive down the road, he would know where to find a car or truck, or a vehicle in the road. However, many of these lights seemed to be silent objects which moved "off the road" and into the air, revealing "cockpits" as they flew away. He did not claim to see any humanoids associated with these lights or objects, but has viewed enough of these events to know that they are very real and that they cannot be accounted for by the usual explanations of "airplanes," "helicopters," "hallucina-

tions," or the "planet Venus." Although he cannot verify the events described by the Business Partner and the Family, he knows that their earlier concerns were based upon the assumption that neighbor boys were playing tricks. Later, they questioned him about the "cause" of the reported mutilations. Now, the Law Officer is aware that military operations may not be an adequate explanation for the experiences and the sightings which have occurred near the area. The Law Officer does not profess to have an explanation, but he no longer scoffs at the hypothesis of extraterrestrial visitation.

### CONCLUSIONS

Although it is difficult to describe and explain the claimed events, it is quite apparent to the investigators that the people with whom we have been talking are intelligent, articulate, and perceptive individuals. The intellectual and emotional doubts (and courage) which are experienced by these witnesses are apparent in their conversations and in the way they have conducted themselves during the interviews. The UFO witnesses seem to be experiencing a dilemma in which they wish to be seen as conscientious and patriotic Americans, and yet they are convinced that "U.S. military operations" is not sufficient explanation to account for the strange events which they have experienced. Their concern about the meaning of these events is enough that they wish to share information with trusted persons, in the hopes that investigators may be able to provide them with a better explanation for these unusual events.

Within the limitations of maintaining the confidentiality of witnesses' names, and addresses of witnesses, it is hoped that this report will provide APRO consultants with information about the investigation of the unusual events, and it is hoped that some suggestions can be shared on possible methods for further investigation of the area.

### APPENDIX I CHRONOLOGY OF UNUSUAL EVENTS

Note: The following is a condensed transcript of the initial interview with the Business Partner (Jim) and the Wife (Barbara)--not their real names. The conversation has been somewhat condensed for clarity and easier reading, and reordered slightly to group descriptions of the sightings and unusual events at the beginning, leaving their speculations at the end. Some information from subsequent interviews with the Photographer (Roger) and one of the frequent guests (Harry) has been inserted as if said by Jim. Jim and Barbara have reviewed this entire manuscript and approved it for release in this anonymous form.

#### 1. The House Hums

Jim: The first unusual occurrence, after we moved onto the ranch, was a strange hum. We went

out and disconnected all the electrical wires. And at first we just thought it was an unusual occurrence--we had done the wiring ourselves. But the house hummed most particularly during a wind storm and for some time afterwards. I found out later that the ranch may be undermined with a large amount of coal mines. It was one of the largest coal areas in early Colorado history. And supposedly one of the largest is on our ranch, but we've never found any traces of it at all. And I've really looked; I've walked every inch of the land. I still believe that there are some kind of pumps underground that pump the water out due to the barometric changes that raise the water level after a windstorm. It is almost invariably associated with the wind, it is quite loud and distinct; and on the occasions that we have seen UFOs, the hum usually comes along and it is quite similar. I don't believe aircraft would go up every time the wind came but the house does hum almost with every major windstorm. I'll play you a tape of the hum that we recorded. The house does this continuously during a windstorm and usually for an hour or two afterwards, depending on the length and intensity of the storm. It was humming the last time we were there--about six months ago--and I'm sure if you go there and could spend in excess of 8 hours there, you would hear it. The most practical time to hear it is about 6 or 7 o'clock in the morning--almost religiously, it is like an alarm clock. It does come on at other times during the day but it is easier to hear it at night. There is a particular area that it emanates from stronger and that is where we put the microphone to record it. If you want to make a tape of this and can do anything with it to analyze it, feel free to do it but I don't want to give up the tape.

Barbara: It sounds almost like a turbine of some kind. The tape doesn't give a clear sound of it. It would come on sometimes louder and sometimes softer. Once, the first year, at Christmas, it came on so loud we had difficulty talking and hearing each other. That is the only time it came on that loudly. It never again came on quite that loudly. My husband was the first one that heard it. We had just finished moving the last few loads in and Jim and I were still in town picking up some more things. John had gotten to the ranch first. The children were at a friend's. The minute we walked in, John said there was something wrong with the wiring and there is this terrific hum in here. And we had put all the wiring in ourselves. We worked on the house for three months before we could even move in. There was dirt all over it 'cause doors had blown open and it was just terrible. Jim had put most of the wiring in and we thought that maybe we had done something wrong so we shut off all the breakers we could find. And that didn't stop it so we went out and turned it off at the pole so there was no electricity at all coming in from the pole which is in the center of the corral.

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# FBI Interrogates UFO Researcher: Government May Confiscate Documents

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Two FBI men visited UFO researcher Robert Todd on the evening of July 28, 1978, he told this reporter in exclusive telephone interviews. Todd, age 24, was interrogated about his letters to the National Security Agency (NSA) for more than an hour at his parents' home in Ardmore, Pa., a suburb of Philadelphia. Todd specializes in sending freedom of information requests to the U.S. Government about UFOs.

An Air Force major advised Todd by telephone late in the day, Friday, Aug. 4, to seal in an envelope all copies of a statement about a Cuban Air Force jet allegedly destroyed while trying to shoot down a UFO in 1967. According to Todd, Maj. Gordon B. Finley, Jr., said "someone may be around" to retrieve the envelope. But, added Todd, "he didn't say when."

"Assuming the security analyst's statement is true," Maj. Finley is quoted by Todd, "it does contain classified information." When Todd told Finley the FBI had said it was "Secret or above," Finley reportedly remarked: "I don't know about the 'or above' part, but that it is Secret--that sounds about right."

(This information reached CAUS too late to contact Finley for comment in Washington, D.C., before the weekend. Finley is chief of the torts and freedom of information branch, Air Force Judge Advocate General's Office.)

The FBI men questioned Todd about the source(s) for his requests to NSA concerning the Cuban jet mishap and the records of a former NSA employee now active in UFO research in the Midwest. Todd said he then did not know of a widely disseminated UPI dispatch of Jan. 13, describing the Cuban incident.

"I explained to them," recounted Todd, "a researcher had obtained this statement, that the researcher had passed it on to the reporter. . . (who) passed it on to me". Todd said he "finally broke down" and told the FBI the reporter was Robert V. Pratt of the National Enquirer. He refused to disclose the name of the "West Coast researcher" to the FBI.

FBI spokesmen in Washington, D.C., and Philadelphia, refused to confirm or deny the interview or interest in Todd "at this time." Spokesman for NSA headquarters, at Ft. Meade, Md., would not comment on NSA's alleged role in the UFO incident or the FBI investigation of Todd.

Todd said the FBI men read his rights to him. Then they "tried to intimidate me," said Todd, "by citing the espionage laws and advising me of the penalties involved, namely, life in prison, or death." He added, "I was shook."

Todd sent a flurry of information requests about the Cuban incident to the Air Force, CIA, NSA, and the Navy, from February to July of this year, all without success. However, on Mar. 10, CIA suggested Todd "check with the Cuban Government for records on this incident."

Todd notified both NSA and the Air Force, on July 14, that since neither agency wished to cooperate, he would contact the Cuban Government for further information. Since he thought both agencies hinted he might have classified data, Todd asked that they "provide advice as to what information in the attached statement should not be transmitted to the Cuban Government." He gave them a 20-day deadline for replies.

"And in response to that," observed Todd, "two FBI agents knocked on my door."

## CUBAN JETS INCIDENT

Details of the Cuban jets case have been obtained and pieced together by CAUS, including a copy of the widely distributed security specialist's statement. The specialist was assigned to a unit of the U.S. Air Force Security Service (AFSS), which was the 6947th Security Squadron centered at Homestead air force base just south of Miami. The squadron's mission is to monitor all Cuban Air Force communications and radar transmissions.

One hundred of the squadron's men are assigned to Detachment A, located at Key West Naval Air Station. This forward base against attack from Cuba is on Boca Chica Key, a tropical island in the Florida Keys, just east of Key West and about 97 miles from the nearest Cuban coastline, to the south. Several such squadron units are scattered geographically to enable direction-finding equipment to locate fixed or mobile land based radar sites and communications centers and to plot aircraft movements from flight transmissions.

One day in March, 1967, the Spanish-speaking intercept operators of Detachment A heard Cuban air defense radar controllers report an unidentified "bogey" approaching Cuba from the northeast. When the UFO entered Cuban air space at a height of about 10,000 meters (about 33,000 feet) and speed of nearly Mach 1 (nearly 660 mph), two MiG-21 jet fighters were scrambled to meet it.

(MiG stands for Soviet aircraft designers Mikoyan and Gurevich. The single-seat MiG-21UM E76 is the standard top-of-the-line fighter supplied to Soviet bloc countries such as Cuba. It is capable of Mach 2.1, or 1385 mph, in level flight, service ceiling of 59,000 feet, and combat radius of more than 300 miles on internal fuel.)

The jets were guided to within 5 kilometers (3 miles) of the UFO by Cuban ground-control.

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intercept radar personnel. The flight leader radioed that the object was a bright metallic sphere with no visible markings or appendages.

When a try at radio contact failed, Cuban Air Defense Headquarters ordered the flight leader to arm his weapons and destroy the object. The leader reported his radar locked on the bogey and his missiles were armed. (Missiles probably were K-13A air-to-air types designated "Atoll" by NATO.)

Seconds later the wingman screamed to the ground controller that his leader's jet had exploded. When he regained his composure, the wingman radioed there was no smoke or flame, that his leader's MiG-21 had disintegrated. Cuban radar then reported the UFO quickly accelerated and climbed above 30,000 meters (above 98,000 feet). At last report it was heading south-southeast towards South America.

An Intelligence Spot Report was sent to NSA headquarters, since AFSS and its units are under NSA operational control. Such reports are standard practice in cases of aircraft losses by hostile nations. NSA is required to acknowledge receipt of such reports, but the 6947th's Detachment A did not get one; so it sent a followup report.

Within hours Detachment A received orders to ship all tapes and pertinent data to NSA and to list the Cuban aircraft loss in squadron files as due to "equipment malfunction." At least 15 to 20 people in the detachment were said to be fully informed of the incident.

Presumably, the data sent to NSA included direction-finding measurements that NSA might later combine with other sites' data to triangulate the location and altitude of the MiG-21 flight paths. If the AFSS equipment in Florida was sensitive enough, the UFO could have been tracked by its reflection of the Cuban ground and airborne radars.

(This is beside conventional U.S. radar tracking, using our own transmitters.)

### FBI INTERVIEW

Todd, who is an articulate speaker and effective writer, described the late-afternoon FBI interview for CAUS:

"It was about 5:30 or 6 o'clock. My mother answered the door. They asked for me; they did not identify themselves. Then I came down and they flashed their identification cards. I knew what it was about as soon as I saw 'FBI.'"

The FBI men and Todd went into the living room, while Todd's parents kept their St. Bernard dog occupied outside. Todd never got the FBI men's names.

"I had to sign a paper," continued Todd, "saying I had been read my rights." Todd said he waived his silence because "I didn't have anything to hide."

"They started to read (the espionage laws)," but Todd told them, "I'm familiar with them." One FBI agent said the laws carry a penalty of life in prison or death. Both men hinted at the possibility some indictments would be issued, Todd said. "It was just so shocking," Todd related.

"To tell you the truth, I had really considered quitting the whole thing (UFO research)," recalled Todd.

Todd, who earlier warned NSA and the Air Force he might write to Cuba for details of the violent MiG-21 encounter with a UFO, said the FBI asked him if he had ever written to a foreign government. "I told them I had--the Soviet Union, no less," said Todd. "I explained it to them and let them know it was innocent."

The older FBI man said the Bureau had been asked by NSA to investigate the "matter" because NSA has no law enforcement functions, Todd recalled. The agents sat on opposite sides of Todd, who noted: "I felt like a ping-pong ball. One of them took the hard line, one of them took the soft."

The FBI men indicated they knew, or had copies, of Todd's July 14 letter to NSA with the attached security specialist's letter. They asked Todd to identify the source of the letter, and he replied "that a researcher had obtained this statement (who) passed it on to the reporter (who) passed it on to me." The question was repeated many times because, Todd said, the younger agent kept confusing the "researcher" and the "reporter." Todd said eventually he "broke down" and identified the reporter, Robert Pratt of the National Enquirer.

"I told the FBI Bob (Pratt) was going to Dayton for a UFO conference," said Todd. "They asked me where it was being held and what dates and all that. I didn't know where. . . , I just knew the dates, 29 and 30 (July)."

"They asked about the researcher," said Todd. When he refused to identify him, the FBI man pressed him to reveal if he was on the east or west coasts. "So I said the West Coast--what harm could that do?" (The researcher is believed to be physicist Stanton T. Friedman of Hayward, Cal., who was quoted about the Cuban incident in the UPI report of Jan. 13.)

One FBI agent asked Todd if information in the source statement was ever published. "I said, to my knowledge, it had not," remembered Todd, who did not know about the UPI report until later.

Todd was not without some questions of his own. He wanted to know if any information in the source's statement was classified and at what level. The older FBI man, wh Todd said bore a "granite face" and dressed in a white suit, replied: "Some of the information is classified. Most of it is b-----t."

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