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UFO PROBE IN THE KREMLIN?

UFOs PHOTOGRAPHED OVER CALIFORNIA

A rather impressive sighting of unidentified flying objects sighted and photographed over Southern California on November 16, 1978, has been carefully investigated by Field Investigator Terry Blankenship, and we will set forth the important points in his own words:

The witnesses are, Mrs. Carl Davis (Helen), her son Carl Jr., her daughter Pam, and her son-in-law Jim. As I stated earlier they all resided at the family home at the time of the sighting. From here on I am going to refer to all witnesses by their first names only.

At about 7:30 p.m. on November 16, 1978 Carl Jr. and Jim were outside their home in Covina, California, working on a family car. Although it was already dark at this time, the boys were working with the aid of a porch light. At this time Carl Jr. and Jim noticed four objects approaching from the WSW traveling at a slow rate of speed. Both boys described the objects as white in color, traveling in formation with no exact shape to the objects. Both boys watched the objects for a short period of time, during which the craft continued to move closer. It was at about this time the boys realized that what they were watching were not conventional aircraft. This area of Los Angeles county has very heavy private and commercial air traffic. All members of the family seem to be familiar with the appearance of conventional aircraft. At this time the boys ran into the house; Jim to tell Helen and Pam about what they had been watching and Carl Jr. to get his camera.

Helen stated that both boys were almost hysterical. They were both yelling for someone to turn out the lights so they could get a better view of the objects and to hurry outside, etc. After a few moments of confusion all four made their way outside.

Upon reaching the yard all four witnesses observed four objects moving away from them to the South South West and blinking off one by one. At almost the same time they observed four identical objects approaching from the West South West. (This was the time the first photo was taken), at a slow rate of speed. All four witnesses stated the objects were white or neon in color and were traveling in formation. All witnesses said there was no discernible shape to the objects and no sound was heard. Three of the family members stated the objects looked like "light bulbs in
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By V.I. Sanarov

An interesting phenomenon was observed in 1977 in the Kremlin of Moscow. At about half past eight on the morning of August 5, a fiery spherical object appeared suddenly about 200 m over the Great Kremlin Palace. Its estimated diameter was about 1 meter (3 ft., 4 in.). A few seconds later the fiery ball moved and soon divided into three minor balls. One of them descended to the Ivanovskaya Square, the other to the Tainitski Garden. Their destiny is unknown. The third yellow ball, about 5 cm (2¼ in.) in diameter, proceeded towards the Arkhangelski Cathedral. It was raining very hard. The door of the cathedral was open. Moving at about 1 meter (40 in.) from the ground, the fiery ball flew in the door and between the keeper of the cathedral and a watchman. The distance between them was one meter. In a few seconds the ball moved silently inside the cathedral to the altar and exploded against the iconostasis. No damage was caused apart from a slightly burnt wooden volute of the iconostasis carving.

Questioning of witnesses, theodolite measurements and the whole investigation into the incident caused Dr. Mikhail T. Dmitriev, Soviet chemist and expert on ball lightning who reported the case in the Soviet science-fiction magazine *Vokrug Sveta* (Around the World, June 1979), to identify it as ball lightning.

The mysterious ball, which may well have been ball lightning, produced effects that are typical of UFOs. A strong odor of ozone was detected in the cathedral. Light intensity of the 5 cm ball was 5 - 10 times as much as the sunlight. Its estimated energy would be enough to destroy the whole cathedral. Nevertheless, no heat from the ball was felt by anyone who stood half-meter from it. Its light only dazzled the witnesses. After two - three days they manifested signs of hypertensive crisis, strong indisposition, violent headaches, and sharply deprived vision, etc.

The ball-lightning interpretation of this phenomenon is at variance with the fact that the architectural complex of the Kremlin is provided with the most perfect lightning protection systems. And the fiery ball behaved as if no protective means were present.

One more fact about this mini-UFO object: about 400 years ago a similar fiery ball flew into the same Arkhangelski Cathedral in the Kremlin, approached the altar and exploded against the iconostasis.

Both the UFO-oriented and ball-lightning interpretations of this phenomenon have many mysterious problems, and thorough investigation of this event is still in progress.

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Photo #1

also stated he noticed a red flash of light in the sky as the objects moved away and disappeared. A short time later, some or all of the family, saw a single object come from the same general area where the last three

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the sky". Each object was a little smaller than a dime held at arm's length. There was no estimate of speed, except "slow". The elevation was guessed to be between 65 and 75 degrees. At this time the object at the upper right of the formation started to descend toward the object at the lower right of the formation. Jim stated that he thought the two objects were going to touch, but before this could happen the craft rose and moved away from the other object. Just after this, the object in the lower left side of the formation disappeared. (This was when photo #2 was taken). All four witnesses stated the object did not fly away, it faded away. The object stayed constant in size with the other three craft but slowly blinked off. The family continued to watch the remaining three objects for a short time (This is when photos #3 and #4 were taken) until these objects began to move off to the South South West and fade out. At this time two of the four witnesses noticed a color change in the craft. Jim stated that the three objects changed color from white to a dull red. Helen said she noticed a slight color change but was unable to describe the exact color. The other two family members, Carl Jr. and Pam, either did not see or did not remember a color change. Jim

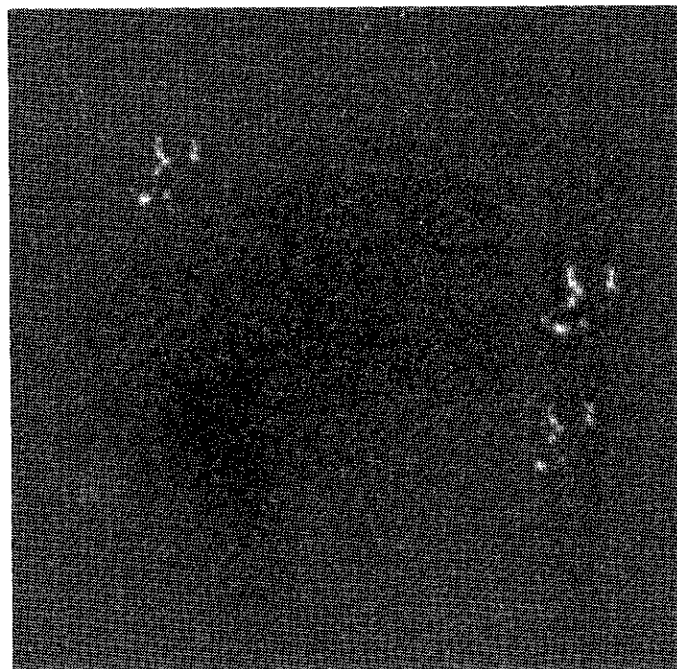


Photo #2

had disappeared. The object was moving at a greater speed and moved away in a Northerly direction. None of the witnesses were exactly sure of the time duration of the total sighting, but all agreed it was between five and ten minutes. The start of the experience was gauged by what Helen and Pam were watching on television at the time.

I have talked to these people several times over the last year. At all times I have found them rational and down to earth. They seem to have had no interest in UFOs before the sighting and very little since. Only in their own experience. Their main interest seems to be in finding out what they saw that night.

There are two very interesting aspects about this sighting.

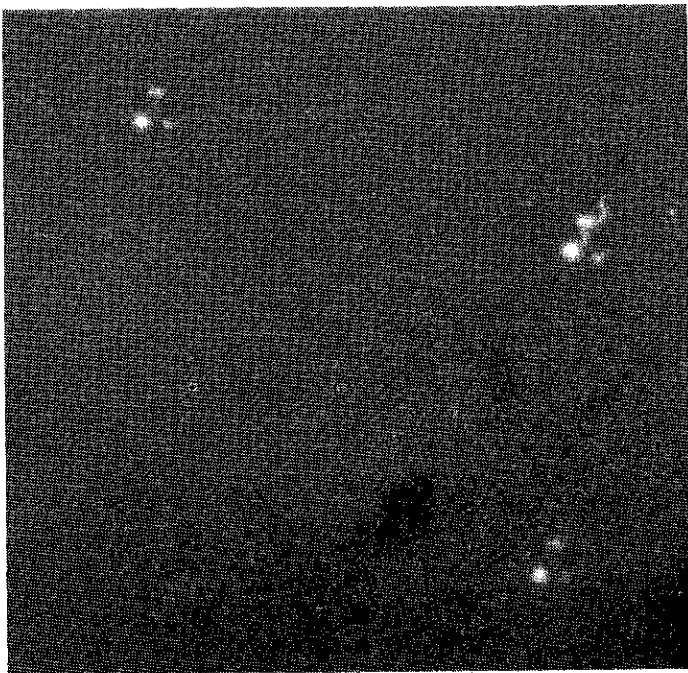


Photo #3

The first strange thing is the color of the objects. All the witnesses stated that the objects were white or neon in color when viewed. The only time the craft changed color was at the end of the sighting. The photos, though, show objects with large red lights on one end and smaller blue-green light on the other. No sign of white. I feel this could be explained in two ways. One, the objects were larger and at a greater distance away than the witnesses realized. If this were true, the colors could have blended together and caused an optical illusion as far as the exact color was concerned. It is also possible that the objects were displaying color or lights that were invisible or distorted by the color perception of the human eye.

The second, and most important point, was the disappearance of the object as shown in photo #2.

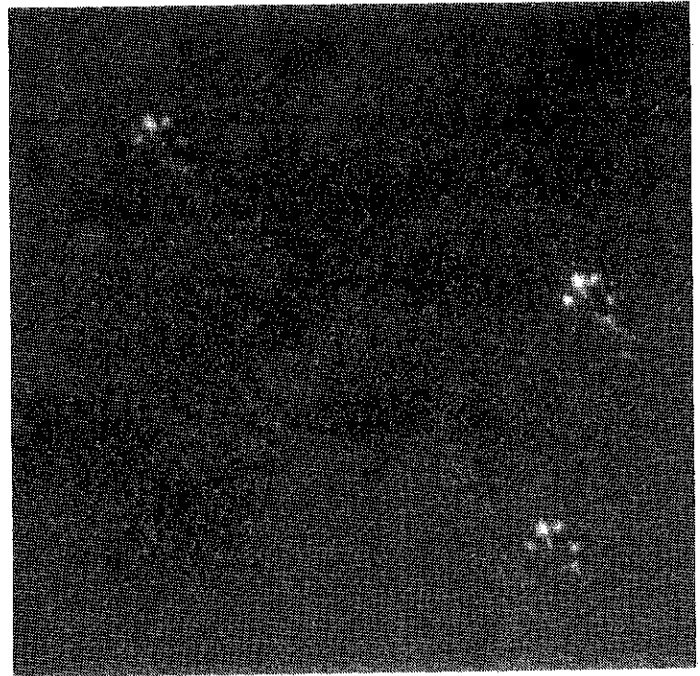


Photo #4

We have all heard and read about UFOs that display the ability to vanish, fade away or disappear. To my knowledge this is the first photo I have ever seen that actually shows this phenomenon. As you can see in this photo, the object is still present, but seems to be vanishing as the photo was taken. In the long run this may be the most important aspect of this case.

I would like to point out one other aspect. When you view the first slide, the slide where four objects are visible, the last of the first group of objects can be seen as they move away to the South South West. The object appears as a small red orb. It is located below and to the left of the main group of objects in the slide.

UFOs UNDER RESEARCH

[From "UFO Encounter" P.O. box 111, N. Quay, Brisbane, Australia]

Many claims are constantly being made through the media and in books and magazines about the origin and nature of Flying Saucers. It is therefore necessary to qualify from time to time what we mean by the terms "Flying Saucers" and "UFOs".

However, because the UFOs have never declared their reality by landing *en masse* (and according to some sociologists, the lack of such a mass landing

shows that the UFOs have a policy of non-interference, which in turn shows they possess the ethical rules of advanced civilizations — see the writings of Major Donald Keyhoe, Captain Edward J. Ruppelt, Professor James McDonald, etc.) everything about the composition and origin of UFOs is still unprovable.

In a situation such as this, where there is a climate of doubt, most of us start to select our own answers and to stack the evidence to strengthen our decisions. This is a very human failing; even scientists and professional UFO researchers often do this.

UFO RESEARCH (Queensland) has been researching Unidentified Flying Objects for more than twenty years. On the next page the committee has recorded their conclusions, based on the proposition that flying saucers are in fact physical space craft. While the committee recognises that some psychic phenomena do exist, and that many sightings are simply ordinary terrestrial phenomena misinterpreted, there is reasonable evidence that some sightings are of physical space craft visiting our Earth.

Since the early '50s researchers have had sufficient facts and circumstantial evidence to support the propositions on the next page. We suggest, therefore, that official recognition of UFOs will not be forthcoming in the near future. Individuals are therefore urged to continue their own study of UFOs as being normal space craft from other planets, and to consider what effect this concept of the nature of UFOs would have upon their own personal beliefs, and on the society in which we live today.

SOME PROPOSITIONS ABOUT UFOs

PROPOSITION 1

UFOs or Flying Saucers are mechanically constructed, metallic space craft. There are two basic shapes — circular and cigar-shaped, the latter being a carrier craft for travelling deep space. When witnesses sometimes report other types of UFOs, they are describing the shape of the glow, or forcefield sometimes visible around the object, and not the solid craft itself.

PROPOSITION 2

Propulsion of UFOs is by electromagnetic energy. Although we do not yet use this energy system for our own transportation and energy supply, we do have reasonable theories to explain all the observed side effects and flight patterns of UFOs, and still allow both the craft and the pilot to be physically normal, in the ordinary human sense of that word — even while coping with the high speeds and tight maneuvers observed on radar and by witnesses. There is, therefore, no reason to look for explanations in the paranormal field: refer to the book 'Ufology' by James M. McCampbell.

PROPOSITION 3

Occupants of UFOs are human like ourselves. A popular fictional representation of this proposition is the film "Star Wars" in which many types of robots,

"Wookies", and all types of craft are put into service, but within the plot, those who control it all, the "goodies" and "baddies" alike are all humans. Proposition 3 states that we humans are in fact cosmic basics.

PROPOSITION 4

Origins of UFOs are other planets, either inside or outside our own solar system. Again, at this point in our research there is no need to look within the paranormal field for origins, since our own and other solar systems are yet to be fully explored and understood.

PROPOSITION 5

Censorship of information about UFOs is applied by the authorities, both to world-wide reports and to our own space flight reports, because UFOs (representing transport and energy systems superior to our own) and their human occupants (representing human societies with advanced ethics and policies superior to our own) are a direct threat to the economic and political establishments of our time.

UFOs & AMERICA'S ABOMINABLE SNOWMAN

IS THERE ANY LINK?

By Jon Beckjord

So far, no genuine UFO remains have ever been found on our planet, and their very existence is open to fantastic amounts of debate. Also, so far, no remains of the famed Abominable Snowman, be it the Nepalese variety or the NW American type, has been recovered and studied either. Are there any other things that they may have in common? Are they in any way linked?

Perhaps, but not in a way that some investigators would like to think. A small percentage of reports concerning UFO "landings" and alleged abductions have involved having a crew of ABSMs either on board or in the immediate vicinity. In some cases, witnesses have told such investigators as Indiana's Don Worley, that they have actually seen "Bigfoot" type animals marching out of landed UFOs, bent on some hidden mission. This could be interesting science fiction, unless the midwest can somehow explain why it seems to spawn these type of reports while the Pacific NW, the home range of the alleged Bigfoot creatures, seems to produce relatively fewer, if any, reports of direct links between UFOs and these unproven primates.

However, aside from the possibility that Bigfoot and his family may have the same curiosity about UFOs as we do, and may simply come out to watch at the

same time as witnesses to UFO "landings" do, there may be some other links between these two types of unproven phenomena—links that are difficult to measure by the usual methods of science. As an example, Dr. J. Allen Hynek, director of the Center for UFO Studies, has taken the attitude that UFOs may not necessarily be spaceships *per se*, that is, made of nuts and bolts and "hardware". He is open to alternative hypotheses that might explain their existence in the minds of observers, and he is careful not to try to pin this down to any one definite choice, but stays open to many possible explanations until proof presents itself. One of the more common alternative suggestions that is bruited about in the UFO field is the possibility that UFOs are able to alter the rules of physics *as we know them*, and may be able to exceed the speed of light, move in time, come in and out of other "dimensions" and play other games with space-time. We certainly have not found any solid physical evidence in the form of bodies of occupants, crashed space ships, broken-off parts, or the like. Also, the sudden right-angle maneuvers and incredible acceleration and even disappearances that UFOs are alleged to perform, could be explained if such an ability to alter time and space at will did exist.

Does our land-locked Bigfoot have the same ability? Perhaps. Some new evidence has come forth about one ULO (Unidentified Land Object) that was filmed in northern California in 1967, by horse breeder Roger Patterson and a partner, Bob Gimlin, that not only tends to make the film of theirs more authentic and impossible to have been faked, but also seems to indicate very unusual powers or abilities for the subject Bigfoot. This *Roger Patterson Bigfoot Film* shows less than a minute of a tall, stocky, hair-covered primate-like animal, striding purposefully away from the two horsemen on two legs. The film shows the animal actually making the tracks that were studied and cast later. These tracks were 14½ inches long, and had a stride of 41 inches between them, a stride that a normal man, even a man 6 ft. 7 inches tall, the same calculated height as the animals in the film, could not manage to maintain smoothly for several hundred yards. Yet, the rumour has persisted that perhaps somewhere, somehow, a master costume-maker, unknown to Hollywood (which said it had nothing to do with it, & indicated that it couldn't have been done anyway) teamed up with a giant of a man who had his arms & chest built in a way that other men were not, & faked the film with Patterson and Gimlin. Although two bio-mechanical scientists, one in Russia (Donskoy) and another in Britain (Grieve, with a reservation that Patterson had to have been using an amateur film speed on his camera) have endorsed the film as not being faked, all the evidence that tends to support the film has been based on opinion, albeit expert opinion.

At last, however, has come along something that was before our noses all along, that can be measured and compared and found to either be in the human range or not at all. Thanks to author-investigator John

Green, this factor is *weight*. After all, if the "Bigfoot" in the film weighed impossibly more than a man, it couldn't *be* a man, but something else. And if the weight found was more than any large man could humanly carry while trying to hop 41 inches from step to step, and still look smooth, all the time hiding the load under his suit, then it *still* couldn't be a man. So how heavy was it? John Green suggested in his 1973 book, *Bigfoot, on the Track of the Sasquatch*, that someone ought to use engineering formulas on the indicated depths found in the Bigfoot footprints. Taking this up, we checked with soil engineers and found that up to certain high load limits, compression down into the soil in such soils as was found at Bluff Creek, the film site, is proportional to the weight applied. Thus, when a 200 pound man, the brother in law of investigator Bob Titmus, (who were both at the site shortly after the filming), found he could penetrate only a fraction of an inch into the hard-packed soil, and the Bigfoot tracks were consistently *eight times* deeper down on the average, the Bigfoot must then weigh eight times more, and when the larger footprint area is considered, over twelve times more. Our final figure turns out to be 2,448 pounds for a mere 6 ft. 7 in. Bigfoot! Is this figure an anomaly? Hardly—our investigation group has found many instances of such deep tracks, and the experience is commonly remarked on by investigators in many of the reports compiled by John Green, Peter Byrne, Don Worley and even Alexander Bourtseva, an engineer in the USSR.

Thus, it seems likely that Bigfoot all over the world has an exceptional weight,—an inhuman weight, and even a weight that is abnormal for any primate of such a size. The largest gorilla on record weighed not over 660 pounds, and even the extinct *Gigantopithecus* has been estimated at being not over 900 pounds, and this fossil ape was the largest known primate. Yet, this biped with hair that is not over seven feet tall, weighs about what a medium sized hippo would weigh, out of the water. This fact then does two things for the Bigfoot story: it makes the film seem far more authentic, and impossible to have been faked, for what man-in-a-monkey-suit could carry an extra 2000 pounds, unseen, and still make 41-inch strides? And certainly no marks of a wheeled hydraulic press were ever found in the woods, nor even any marks of carved-out footprints, etc., etc., by the very skeptical investigators that followed up the story. And secondly, it places Bigfoot and his bretheren in an abnormal, perhaps even paranormal class of animals that have physical characteristics that are "impossible", such as having a density of body that approaches that of lead. If Bigfoot has such an impossibly dense body, it may well have other physical and even time-space characteristics that enable it to disappear (as some witnesses have claimed), absorb bullets and not bleed or die, and to run at incredible speeds, far faster than biologically possible for its huge bulk.

Perhaps then, if Bigfoot can leave tracks that show

an incredible weight, and even tracks that simply "end" in the snow, and if it can possibly disappear, and even have photos taken of it when the photographer didn't see anything, as did Marion Schubert of Pinole, California, then perhaps it has a great deal in common with the UFO phenomenon, which is replete with stories of similar paranormal characteristics that seem to indicate a basis for life or existence that is not the same basis on which we exist. Both Bigfoot and the UFOs may come from a time, or a space, that we have not yet evolved into, and simply because we are just beginning to learn that there may be other things than are dreamt of in our philosophy, perhaps we should consider taking these reports of UFOs and ULOs, even UWOs, such as the Loch Ness Monster and Ogopogo, as hints of a future to come, and not deny them simply because we have not yet invented the instruments to measure them with.

Persons with information, films, photos, casts or bones are invited to contact Project Bigfoot, Box 444 Northgate station, Seattle, Wa. 98125 or phone (206) 522-9381, in confidence.

ANOTHER AIR FORCE INVESTIGATION?

*By Robert Barrow, B.L.S.
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Is the U.S. Air Force back in the UFO business?

Rumors come and go, of course, but a knowledgeable government source with prestigious authority recently informed me that this is indeed the case. According to my contact, "... the Department of the Air Force has been doing some studies in (the UFO) field, which will be released in early 1980.

"Although this has not been a well publicized fact," the individual continues, "it was necessary for the Air Force to overtake this assignment, particularly since more and more sightings have been mentioned by our citizens across the country." It is expected that a report will be made available publicly.

If the reader feels stunned by this revelation, I can assure you that this researcher is no less surprised. And while I have made a personal decision to not identify my source at this time, I can attest that the person is certainly in a position to be cognizant of such information.

But curiously, or perhaps not, the Air Force tells a different story. Upon receipt of this information, I inquired of the USAF Office of Information in Washington (with no mention of the above). My letter simply read:

"In light of continued public interest in and sightings of unidentified flying objects, I would like to know if the U.S. Air Force is presently conducting studies or research into the UFO phenomenon. Should your answer be in the affirmative, I would be grateful

for any information you can provide."

The AF reply was, to say the least, impersonal. I received a form letter, attached to several fact sheets of UFO information as it relates, or rather no longer relates, to the Air Force's UFO investigative role.*

The form letter, unsigned but with point of origin designated as the Office of Information of the Secretary of the AF at the Pentagon, is not without interest. For one thing, it states that their "mail on (the UFO) subject is very high, so we are using this form letter response in order to answer you quickly." Inasmuch as my government source similarly acknowledged that sighting reports from the public were causing pressure for the Air Force (i.e., the government), this factor could indeed help bear out the truth of what I learned from the source.

Nevertheless, the USAF letter mentions NASA's recent decision to decline a UFO investigation, and "The Air Force agrees with that decision." Also included is the intriguing statement, "If legitimate evidence is discovered to indicate that we have had visitors from outer space, I'm sure that the government will open new investigations." Well, if there is indeed a new AF study going on, as yet undisclosed publicly, is that the reason? Apparently, the USAF is presently overwhelmed with letters from citizens who think UFOs are of extraterrestrial origin.

In all fairness, I should mention that the USAF also included a sheet — a *very outdated* one, incidentally — which lists descriptions and addresses of APRO, NICAP, INFO and other organizations.

At any rate, it shouldn't be long before we learn whether this latest "Air Force investigation" disclosure is true. Circumstances, however, dictate that UFO researchers should at least be aware of the possibility, nothing more or less.

*Information about the alleged Air Force activities were given to me in July, '79. I wrote the USAF for confirmation on July 30, and their reply was dated August 7.

A Reply to Vincent White's Review of Vallee's "Messengers of Deception"

Vincent White seems dismayed by Vallee's book in that it seems to invalidate much of what organizations such as APRO have been striving for these many years. I offer some hope to Mr. White, for Vallee has somewhat corrected the impressions he made in the book with a recent interview in *OMNI*, which will be read probably by far more people than will ever take the time, and the \$2-\$5 it will take to buy the book and digest it. In the interview, Vallee points out that there are a number of current theories of UFO origin/explanation and he adds to these several of his own. While his book concentrates largely on one of

these theories, he now seems to wish to shift attention to another theory he has, which he did mention in the book, and this theory may be less dismay-producing than the one emphasized in the book.

He starts out by pointing out the current theories:

- 1) the extra-terrestrial spacecraft theory
- 2) the "it-is-all-nonsense" theory, such as from Oberg and Klass

And then he adds these of his own, which others have also introduced from time to time, in whole or part:

- 3) the covert human operation theory—unknown persons or governments are out to set us up by making UFO phenomena appear in order to manipulate us in some unknown way.
- 4) the new technology of alternate physics theory — someone, or some group has found new physical principles that enable them to do the extra-ordinary things that UFOs do. This group could be extra-terrestrials or it could be humans — Vallee does not make this clear.
- 5) the alternate reality theory — we are used to looking at life and our universe from one type viewpoint — a materialistic one, based on Cartesian coordinates — a two-dimensional and three-dimensional view. What we are seeing in UFOs may be the result of an alternate reality — the intrusion of things or objects from a different space-time.

Vallee doesn't make this very clear as to how it relates specifically to the phenomena we record in UFO sightings, etc. I personally think that the last two theories, 4 and 5, are related, and that Vallee doesn't yet know how to articulate them clearly enough. Hence in *Messengers of Deception*, what comes through is the grand manipulation-and-hoax idea, and these two more important theories we are less exposed to. I would like to take these last two and combine them, while giving credit to J. Allen Hynek for his ideas that relate to these two theories, which he came out with far before Vallee did. There are certain parallels with theories in the Bigfoot field, and in other Fortean phenomena areas as well. In fact, we could substitute the word Bigfoot for UFO in all of the theories stated above, and there would be little change in the result. We in the sasquatch research area are told that:

- 1) sasquatches come from elsewhere, but are real, and perhaps migrated many thousands of years ago from China or Asia. This is our "nuts-and-bolts" theory, and we could call it "bones-and-flesh" instead. The essence is that the objects (Bigfoot and/or UFOs) are objectively real. If so, we should be able to find dead ones, or crashed ones. So far, no *solid* proof has been found of this.
- 2) it is all a grand hoax. Or, we are being fooled by our mistakes. Sightings, photos, tracks, blood and hair samples, feces samples, and reports that never end, just as in the UFO field, make this silly.

- 3) Covert Human Operations — just as difficult in the BF area as in the UFO area. And what for?

At this point I would like to introduce a combination of Vallee's #4 and #5 theories, and Hynek's ideas and combine them into what I would like to call a New Physics theory that can possibly explain UFO phenomena, Bigfoot phenomena, and perhaps all Fortean phenomena. It goes like this — when we sailed the ocean, we thought in two dimensions — East, West, North and South. When we discovered flight, we added Up and Down. Later, we even added the idea of Light Years of travel in space. As many have pointed out, the speed of light problem means that visitors from other star systems must have mastered a means of exceeding the speed of light in order to get here, if they are indeed from another star system. If they could do this, then they may have other means of showing us the feats they perform, right-angle take-offs, sudden disappearances, high speed, etc. However, this doesn't explain sasquatches that we take photos of but don't see, or extra-ordinarily heavy weights (over a ton) for bipeds under seven feet tall, or tracks that disappear in snow. It also doesn't explain Nessies in Scotland, or lake monsters in the US and Canada. Thus, I posit that in addition to mastering speed of light problems, that we are also faced with a *leak in space-time*, perhaps an interdimensional leak, or perhaps a means has been found, and always existed even, for travel from one space-time to another at will. Perhaps solar flares cause this leak to peak from time to time, as some have suggested in other UFO organizations, perhaps the UFOs can actively move at will from their dimension to ours at will, while poor Nessie and clan, and the sasquatches, are restricted to passing back and forth almost by mistake — witness dumbfounded-looking sasquatch families wandering down North Dakota roads, ignoring cars, in 1977, and a very confused-appearing Bigfoot climbing out of a downtown Texas park pond back in the sixties, as reported by John Green. In these, and other events on record, the animals seemed to act as if they *had gotten off at the wrong station*.

I can think of no other explanation than this interdimensional-alternate reality-New Physics theory to properly explain the actions of the UFOs, Bigfoot, Nessie, and all other representatives of John Napier's "Goblin Universe". Thus, take heart — Vallee's theories will do no more harm than Hynek's, once properly understood. UFOs, *et al*, all do exist, but on their own terms, and on their own set of New Physics rules. It is now our job to study what we can of them while they are in our world, and to find a means to learn with them or from them, how to pass with them into their worlds. Practically, we need to push forward in our studies of physical space-time on the scientific front, and as a temporary and immediate alternative, we should concentrate on finding psychic persons who can genuinely communicate with these Fortean animals and the UFO craft, to see if some kind of on-going and

productive communication can be established. I fear that this call may result in a rash of contactees making new claims — for which shall be the *real* contactor of these things that Sheaffer calls “jealous phenomena”? And here is where organizations such as APRO can apply their expertise — in the weeding out of false contact persons and the possible encouragement of those who are able to make real and sustained and productive contact.

By vigorously thrusting back both of the old and tired UFO theories, the nuts-and-bolts theory and the its-all-nonsense theory, Vallee has done us all a favor. Let the dust settle, and let us go on in the light of these new ideas.

Jon Beckjord

LEVELS OF REALITY AND THE UFO DISPLAY

By R. Leo Sprinkle, Ph.D.

[Delivered at the 1st UFO Congress in Brazilia, Brazil — October 26-30, 1979]

INTRODUCTION

My dear General Uchoa, I thank you from the bottom of my heart for the opportunity to participate in this International Congress of Ufology. And for your request that there be no smoking in the auditorium, I thank you from the bottom of my lungs!

Also, I wish to express my appreciation for courteous and generous assistance from your many friends, including your secretary, translators, reporters and photographers, and the young ladies who go about their errands looking so cool and so lovely!

I wish to express my admiration for your intellectual leadership, for your courage, and for your charm. I salute you!

Ladies and Gentlemen, I came to the congress with the intent to read a paper on the uses of hypnotic procedures in the investigation of UFO experiences. However, in the interest of time, I have rewritten my paper. I shall read only a small portion of the original paper (those investigators who wish to receive a technical paper on the uses of hypnotic procedures can write to me for a copy).

My thanks to my translator, Robin, for his talent and energy. Perhaps, a “Robin” and a “Sprinkle” can bring some “Springtime” to a dry paper.

In my opinion, there is room for many investigators in UFO research: physicists, biologists, psychologists, and parapsychologists. There are many levels of experience which can be investigated: See the proposed model.

In my opinion, the UFO experience is a “display”: a display of various levels of reality, so that the witness is forced to *reconsider* his or her limited notions of reality. (See model).

In my opinion, the UFO experience also gently prods the UFO *observer* towards the recognition that he or she should become a *witness*: to have the courage to speak, to describe, to report the UFO sighting — often without evidence to support the claims about these “silly” and “bizarre” events.

My esteemed friend and colleague, Dr. Richard Haines, suggested that those of us who claim to have observed UFOs, and who are trying to be scientists, have a biased point of view. I agree. However, I also believe that those of us who claim we are scientists, and who are trying to become UFO observers, have a lack of first-hand information. Perhaps we all can work together and learn from each other.

Someday, I hope to attend a conference where the UFO contactees are the main speakers, and the UFO researchers sit and listen!

My initial UFO sightings (in 1950 and 1956), and my own studies of UFO witnesses during the past 17 years, have led me to several tentative viewpoints. These viewpoints have not come easily because I am slow to learn my lessons. However, through good friends, like Coral and Jim Lorenzen, Allen Hynek, and others, I have had the opportunity of talking with hundreds of people, as well as reading thousands of UFO reports. I have conducted a survey of more than 200 persons who claim to experience psychic impressions of UFO phenomena. And I have worked with over 40 persons who claim to have experienced an abduction by UFO occupants; with hypnotic techniques, we have helped each other to learn more about the significance and meaning of these UFO experiences. At this point, because of my own personal bias, I shall attempt to talk like a scientist: I shall present my views as hypotheses, or speculations, not as conclusions; also, I shall present my views through the words of another investigator.

SPECULATIONS

Here are the speculations of James E. Frazier (Personal Communication, 1978) about the significance of “contact” experience between UFO percipients and the intelligence behind the UFO phenomenon:

Purpose of Contacts: Filtering of knowledge to people of Earth.

Method of Operation: A certain type of person is being abducted and implanted with information which is to serve as a bridge to understanding the “extra-terrestrial” perspective on Earth. Implantation involves an area of the mind which cannot be tapped by hypnosis unless so permitted by “extra-terrestrials”. The knowledge is designed to be doled out in a step-by-step fashion, to the proper people of Earth and at the proper times. This is all controlled by “keys” and “cues” implanted along with the knowledge.

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