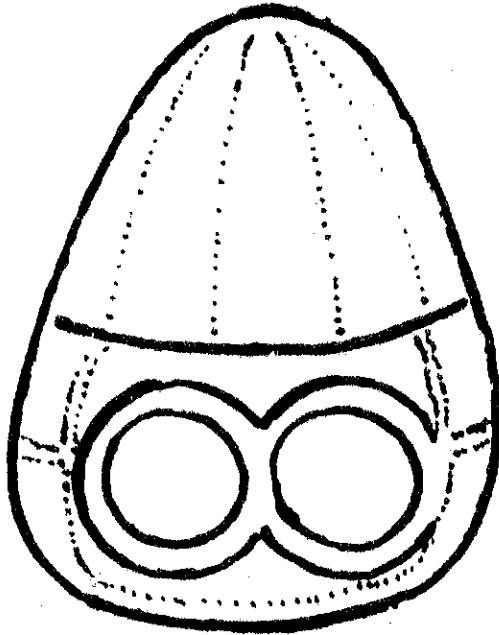


POSSIBLE MISSILE-UFO ENCOUNTER

By Coral E. Lorenzen



The flying body that was seen, in accordance with the drawing made by the witness. See below.

ENCOUNTER OF A FLYING SAUCER WITH AN AUTOMOBILE

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Investigator: Edmilson R. do Ó (of Campina Grande, PB), with the assistance of Rubens Antônio de Couto Soares (of Garanhuns, PE)

Witness: Galba José Cordeiro de Albuquerque, of Rua São Paulo, 115, Caruaru, State of Pernambuco, age 32, married, accountant and amateur radio operator.

Date and time of episode: December 3, 1975, at 9:30 p.m.

Location of the episode: A few kilometers past Garanhuns, on the road toward Caruaru.

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January 23, 1981, Morris, MINNESOTA - Witnesses reported seeing a pair of whitish-blue flashes at around 11:30 p.m. About 30 seconds after the flashes occurred, a loud noise similar to a sonic boom was heard. The flashes were visible over a four state area and reports were particularly noted in western Minnesota and eastern North Dakota.

The phenomenon greatly aroused the curiosity of a Morris resident who has been conducting a wide-ranging investigation in recent weeks. His diligent work has allowed him to piece together several interesting scenarios.

The investigator, joined by an associate, conducted interviews with witnesses, mainly to obtain directional data. If, as the National Weather Service speculated, a meteor had come to earth in the area, this data would help pinpoint the impact site through a process known as "triangulation."

Witness described the object as "a big ball of fire" which appeared white at first, then became red-orange before going out. The object raced through the sky until it reached a 45 degree angle, at which point it vanished. The descriptions also seemed to indicate that there may have been more than one object.

The next step in the investigation was an air search over the area where the objects were likely to hit. Nothing was found and, at this point, it seemed likely that meteors had been responsible for the fireworks in the sky. On the morning of January 27th, a call from an Air Force friend threw a different light on the investigation.

The friend told of two Air Force planes that had gone down on the evening of the 23rd; one north of Omaha and one in North Carolina. Coincidentally, the crash sites were directly on each side of the line assumed to be followed by the objects as they entered the earth's atmosphere.

A spokesman at the Air Force base in Omaha said that the downed plane was an F4 Phantom not owned by the Air Force, but by McDonnell-Douglas. The official account of the crash stated the the plane was so broken up that no piece was bigger than a cigarette. However, one of the witnesses contacted through the sheriff's office in the county where the crash occurred passed along some contradictory testimony.

The witness, who had a military background stated that amidst the rubble was the back half of a wing

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over their police scanners, gave an account which sheds an entirely new light on that evening's phenomenon.

According to what was heard over the scanners, the deputy saw an object hovering in the sky around 11:25 p.m. The object was being approached by two other objects, one from each side, which had red flashing lights. In addition, one of the two approaching objects emitted a white flashing light. The flash disembarked from the object in the manner of a missile and headed toward the hovering object, whereupon an extremely bright flash occurred, followed in a few seconds by a secondary flash.

The hovering object then started falling toward the ground, emitting a shower of sparks behind it. After descending for a few moments, it headed toward the northwest and changed from a whitish-blue color to red-orange before disappearing at 45 degrees off the horizon. The hovering object emitted a bright white light and appeared to be disc-shaped, according to the deputy sheriff.

Just as the deputy sheriff was ready to radio in a report, about 35 seconds later, a boom was heard. The county represented by the deputy sheriff is refusing any confirmation of the event.

One might ask: why did the aircraft come down so far from the point of the incident? The Air Force has a procedure to protect its interests in the event of a territorial air-to-air conflict that results in damage. The procedure requires that the affected planes be dispatched to bases as remote as strategically possible, within a distance that the planes are capable of covering in light of their condition. This procedure makes it easy for the Air Force to write off a mishap as an accident or in terms of other inexplicable phenomena.

The investigator has drawn up several possible conclusions that might explain this incident. It still may have been a meteor that the Air Force feared might cause death and damage if it were to land in a heavily-populated area. It thus might have shot at it with a warhead of sufficient magnitude to break it up. Why would the Air Force keep such a maneuver a secret? Perhaps a weapon of unacceptable force might have been used, and the Air Force did not wish to alarm the public.

During the period that the incident occurred, the Air Force and Strategic Air Command were undertaking extensive maneuvers in the skies over North America. The hovering object might thus have been a simulated target.

Or the hovering object may have been a UFO. The Air Force, not wanting to deal with a major UFO incident, might have wanted to destroy it, enabling it to write off the phenomenon as a meteor. The fact that the object was hovering, not falling, is convincing evidence that this scenario might be plausible.

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arming stantion, with the back half of a Sidewinder missile still hooked to it. The investigator, who is experienced as an air traffic controller in the Navy, could find no satisfactory answer to the question, "What was McDonnell-Douglas doing with an aircraft armed with missiles, conducting a post-maintenance flight in the middle of the night?" (Editor's Note: The "sidewinder" is a small deadly missile developed by civilian scientists for the Navy. It "homes in" on infra-red radiation and is incredibly accurate.)

In the Omaha crash, the pilot and the radio intercept officer had bailed out and landed a mile from the crash scene. It was learned through the Air Force friend that the personnel of both aircraft had severe "flash burns" on their eyes. No further information regarding the North Carolina crash could be obtained.

Residents of Ottertail County, who heard a deputy sheriff present his eyewitness report of the incident

Automobile

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THE ACCOUNT

On the occasion of the incident, Sr. Galba was returning home on highway BR-234. He was traveling alone, driving his Volkswagen license No. HV-6731, PE. It was a night with good weather and good visibility. Soon after passing the town of Neves (near Garanhuns), when his car was on the top of a hill, Sr. Galba saw a light on the road. This light was ahead of the witness, in the distance, and it was moving toward him. Sr. Galba thought that the light was coming from a car, as it seemed to move at ground level. As the light shining in his direction was too bright, the driver lowered his own headlights and then the light "cut out." (SBEDV: did the headlight disconnect?)

However, once his car was going down the hill, Sr. Galba could see the light better. The light that was approaching him was not on the roadway, but was coming in grazing flight "at the edge of the highway."

The witness could make out that it was an object with a strange shape, ovoid: on the top the craft had a completely transparent dome, and on the lower part it was totally opaque. On the bottom of the object, two beacons of penetrating luminosity were attached, right close to each other. Around the entire craft, at a distance of about 2m (6½ feet) there was a halo of blue light, a "very beautiful" halo.

The major vertical diameter of the object was about 4m (13 feet). The witness did not notice any noise or emission of gases from the craft. It came within about 100m (330 feet) of the automobile. At this moment, however, the craft stopped short in the air and immediately began to back up; this was done at a speed greater than that of the automobile. So, when his car reached the top of another hill, Sr. Galba could barely make out the light of the object in the distance. This rather relieved him as he was afraid of confronting the strange vehicle sitting on the highway ahead of him.

By the witness's figuring, the time of the entire observation was about eight minutes. This includes the first five minutes when he adjusted the headlights of his automobile and he was looking directly at the flying craft, and three more minutes when he could still discern the brightness, now weaker, in the distance.

On the occasion of the episode, the car radio was not on. Sr. Galba did not notice any interference in either the engine nor the headlights. At that hour, there was no traffic of other terrestrial vehicles on the highway.

Even a year after the episode, the witness had attacks of strong nervousness, in making his statement to the investigator. As he had studied flying at an airplane club, Sr. Galba knows the rules and techniques of (terrestrial) flights; so it is impossible for

him to have confused the object he saw with known terrestrial aircraft; in addition, he thought that the flying craft demonstrated intelligent control.

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OBJECTS OVER ENGLAND

August 31, 1980, ASHBORNE - Inexplicable shapes and lights flying over the countryside and hovering above rooftops were spotted by 37 people in 13 places from Hatton to Buxton. After four months of research, the Nottingham UFO Investigation Society came to the conclusion, for the first time ever, that they were faced with totally unidentifiable flying objects.

From the descriptions by witnesses, the sightings fell into 3 groups, two of which could have been caused by a single object. The third set of sightings could not be linked logically by time and location, and were assumed to be of a further object or objects.

The first group of sightings started about 12:30 that night when an Ashborne woman and some friends noticed a mass of lights flying towards them from the Osmaston direction. When they looked more carefully they saw a pulsating object slightly larger than a four-bedroom house, covered with flashing red, blue and green lights.

As it passed overhead with a buzz-humming sound, calves rushed to the opposite corner of their field, and the woman's dog-who normally refused to come into the house-raced inside. The object headed northwest, towards Clifton, and could have been the same thing seen by John Lister at about 12:35.

Lister saw a cluster of "brilliant lights coming towards me, red, green, white and blue. The blue light seemed to be higher on the craft than the other lights, and they were extremely brilliant." As the craft got closer, he got the distinct impression of a high tail fin and what seemed to be ducting at the bottom rear of the craft. The rear gave off smoke or vapor of some sort and Lister Watched as the object flew silently away to the northwest.

A few minutes later, a couple spotted a group of white, blue and green lights surrounded by a strange mist near Mapleton. It flew off towards Dovedale, so low that it narrowly missed the corner of a house, with a buzzing noise similar to an old aircraft.

The second group of potentially linked sightings originated with a woman in Chaddesden who saw an unusually bright, large star outside her window about 12:30. She got up and noted something like a giant chandelier, dome-shaped and covered with bright lights, hovering silently on a level with her bedroom. It was four times the size of the full moon and flew off

slowly westward after 2 or 3 minutes.

In Shirley, at about 12:35, a group of five people noticed a bright star like Venus heading towards the village from the south. It slowed down as it came nearer and, through binoculars, looked like an outsized jumbo jet with about 12 lights producing a halo effect above it.

The final, unconnectable set of UFOs consists of 8 separate sightings between 12:20 at night and 5:00 in the afternoon. The investigators plotted all the sightings on a map and started a search for possible explanations. Inquiries to the Ministry of Defence, the RAF, Watnall Weather Centre and local airports revealed nothing.

January 2, 1981, PETWORTH - Peter Langridge and his 15-year-old son were driving along a narrow, winding lane bordered with high hedges when they saw an object in the sky straddling the road at a height of "one and one half telegraph poles". He stopped the car and told his son to look out the back window. The boy replied, "There is something in the sky behind us and it's got lights on."

Peter then got out of the car for a closer look and described the outline of the craft as resembling two 50c pieces, one above the other, connected by inward curving panels. He said, "The thing was dark but a deeper dark than the night," and it had yellow lights around it that created a haze rather than a beam. As it hovered it appeared to be reverberating, but made no audible sound.

Suddenly becoming "incredibly frightened, panic stricken", Peter moved back to the car. He looked back and saw the object still in the air, although it had shifted slightly to one side. He was then distracted by a passing car, but looked up to see the object going away. He said the object "faded out" gradually from one end "as though it was being erased."

Neither Peter nor his son remembered the incident by the time they reached home. Only much later did a chance mention of something in conversation remind them of their encounter. Peter also could not remember the time scale of that evening's events, and he took some 3 hours to cover what should have been a 1.5 hour drive.

PRESS REPORTS

By Joe and Doris Graziano

September 12, & 20, 1980, Fairfield, NEW JERSEY
On September 12, around 10 p.m., a group of teenagers spotted multiple UFOs in the West Drive area. One of the Objects descended to an altitude of

100 to 200 feet above the ground. All the objects were reported to be dull orange in color.

On the same night, about 9:30 p.m., Evette Abate and John Levy were riding a moped on Club Road when they spotted a strange object hovering high in the sky. They stopped and watched the object for about 5 minutes, joined for a time by another neighborhood resident.

Abate described the object as "sort of a cylinder...a dark metallic grey." It had several rows of white lights on the lower portion and one red light on the top, all of which were spinning as the object hovered. The lights did not blink, and Levy said it was "soundless" and "about the size of a lemon" held at arm's length.

Eight days later, Laura and Robert Barton were returning to Fairfield around midnight. Robert, who was driving, spotted a dark, cylinder-shaped object moving at low altitudes slightly faster than their car. The object was completely visible despite an apparent absence of running lights.

Suddenly the object lit up, blurring its outline, then went out and the dark cylinder shape was again visible. As the object moved farther away from the car it lit up again and Laura got the impression of an "oval or disc shape" illuminated by a "yellowish light." Robert, who had trouble watching the object while driving, described the light as orange in color. Both described the lights as "non-descript", not individual lights of a beam, but a general illumination.

The couple finally lost sight of the object after watching it for about 10 minutes. They later said the object appeared about the size of an orange held at arm's length.

At about the same time as the Barton's sighting, Lillian Kramer was in bed when she noticed a strange object hanging motionless in the sky beyond her window. She watched the object for about 10 minutes before turning again toward sleep.

The object was described as an inverted bowl or a half-moon turned on its side. It was illuminated by a "fairly bright orange glow" and its size was also compared to an orange held at arm's length.

Similar sightings, at about the same time of night, occurred in the Fairfield area in late August.

October, 1980, Watauga, NORTH CAROLINA
Early in October, at about 9:30 p.m., Uldeene Potter spotted a strange light from her kitchen window. Later she watched it from her outdoor porch as it moved along the Watauga River to a dark field near Rocky Face Mountain and apparently landed. On October 13, at about the same time, she again spotted it, and so did her husband.

The Potters estimated that the light was more than three miles from their home, moving very slowly and making no sound. It was described as a clear, round light which flew toward another flickering red light. "It flew straight to this thing and then I didn't see it anymore. It looked like it was on the ground," said Mrs. Potter. She added that both sightings lasted

about 45 minutes and that each instance was nearly identical to the other.

On October 15, around 9:30 p.m., a 16-year-old baby sitter and the two children she was watching saw what looked like a "real big star sitting up on the mountain." It lifted off the top of the mountain and started moving rapidly toward the house. As it approached the house it changed angles and the three could see amber and red lights on the bottom. The youths saw the light from inside the home, but said there was no sound.

On October 17, also around 9:30 p.m., a 29 year old mother, her 9-year-old daughter and an 11-year-old friend saw an odd light while driving home from a movie. A very large gold ball of light flew over the car in front of them about 200 to 300 feet above the road. The ball was described as very large, pulsating and having a bluish beam behind it. They watched the light for 20 to 30 seconds until it disappeared over the trees, and reported hearing no sound.

On October 26 Randy, Michael and Kevin Baird saw some strange lights fly over their grandparents' home. They said the object had 1 red and 2 blue lights, made no sound and moved rapidly across the mountains. They said they could distinguish no shape because of the lights.

Mid-October, 1980, Murl, KENTUCKY - Ann Stephenson and her husband, two sons and sister have been watching mysterious lights for nearly three years. The lights were described as white with a yellow tint and about the same size as the lamp of a street light.

There are two circular lights which seem to hover a little above the tree line, but sometimes only one is visible. The lights move slowly and silently, sometimes drifting far apart and sometimes coming close enough together to appear as one. At times they appear stationary; the Stephensons have watched them for over an hour at a time.

The lights do not appear on any regular schedule and sometimes they glow a bright, blood red. They usually drift apart until one drifts out of sight behind a mountain, but sometimes they shrink gradually from sight then re-appear just as gradually. The family last spotted them in mid-October.

Donna Bell had heard about the lights but had never seen any until about two months ago. About 5:30 a.m., the booming weather woke her and she got up to check if a window was open and saw a strange light. She woke her husband, Jerry, and together they watched the light for about 15 minutes.

The light had two short, dim rays shooting down from it, but the rays did not come close to the ground. As they watched, the light moved slowly above the treeline and disappeared behind a mountain. When it came back into sight, it was red. That was the only time the Bells have seen the unusual light.

October 19, 1980, Detroit, MICHIGAN - Shortly after 9 p.m., eight sheriff's deputies saw something

bright in the sky in the area of western Wayne County. Deputy Robert Barackman said the officers all told the same story.

They reported a large, white stationary object in the sky with no noise and no advertisements on the object. Deputy Charles Wiggins reported that the object just took off at a high rate of speed and disappeared into the clouds.

Barackman said he also received nine citizen calls on the object. At his request the operations tower at Detroit Metropolitan Airport tried to get a radar fix on the object but could not.

September 30, 1980, Sale, Victoria, AUSTRALIA - Around 1 a.m., the Hereford cattle in an adjacent paddock woke farm hand George Blackwell. He heard a whistling sound and got up to check the cattle; they were running across the paddock. He then saw a top-shaped object about 10 to 15 feet high with a row of lights, like portholes. It was white with a black-brown band.

Blackwell watched the object land and then got on his motorcycle and rode toward it. When he was within 150 yards, there was a "terrific rush of air" and the object lifted off, narrowly missing a shed and water tank. He then discovered a burnt circle about 6 meters across.

The grass was bruised and cape weed flowers had been torn from their stalks around the circle. Cow pats embedded in the ground had been lifted and blown 4 to 5 meters away from the circle.

About a week later, the circle had become more distinct as damaged grass died. In six distinct spots, the grass and flowers were unharmed. The cattle frightened by the object still refused to walk over the charred ring.

Members of the Victorian UFO Research Society examined the area and found no unusual radiation or magnetic deviations within the circle. However, a metal detector registered a reading around the mark.

The researchers met another possible witness, Kelly Postle, who saw what she thought was a meteorite in the sky on the same night. They also reported that Blackwell's description of the object was identical to that reported by a Willow Grove man near Traralgon in 1963.

December 4, 1980, Perth, AUSTRALIA - Air Traffic Controllers at Perth International Airport tracked UFOs in three separate observations between 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. The regional director of transport, Ellis Kell, said the UFOs were tracked at a height of more than 24,000 feet until they disappeared at more than 60,000 feet. He said there were no aircraft or weather balloons in the area to explain the sightings.

Danielle Russell, 12, said she saw 4 objects moving quickly across the sky from north to south about 11 a.m. They changed color from red, to blue, to green.

Wing Commander Ian Lindsay of the Royal Australian Air Force Base at Pearce said a Macchi jet

was sent up following the Perth Airport report but sighted nothing.

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UFO CONTACTEES: CAPTIVE COLLABORATORS OR COSMIC CITIZENS? ^o

By R. Leo Sprinkle

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In 1976, Pat telephoned me, introduced himself, and stated that he had seen several strange objects in the air over his well and ranch; I told him that I would send him a report form to complete and return, and I thanked him for his call. He completed and returned the form; later, he called to invite me to visit the ranch, while Deputy Sheriff Jim Conyers investigated the mutilation of a cow. I did not accept the invitation; I had been quite busy with my office duties, and my weekend travels to various states to interview UFO abductees.

Almost 2 years after Mr. McGuire's initial telephone call, I finally drove the 30 miles to his ranch; my willingness to investigate his UFO experience was based upon the possibility that Pat had experienced a "loss of time" during a hunting trip with his brother-in-law in the Teton Mountains during October of 1973.

When I met Pat, I found him to be a friendly and pleasant man. I was fascinated by the huge well and irrigation. Pat is of average height and weight, with an open and sincere manner; he is proud of his ranch, and his family who come from a background of Irish-Catholic traditions; he is not an articulate speaker, and he admits to his difficulties in writing and spelling; however, he is intuitive about people and situations; and he is suspicious about any businessman who tries to tell Pat L. McGuire what he should do and how to do it!

Pat has been willing to be the object of many investigations: psychiatric evaluation; psychological inventories; and hypnotic time regression procedures. According to the report of a psychiatrist, Dr. Angela I. Howdeshell, Pat was diagnosed as experiencing no psychiatric illness; according to the psychological inventories, Pat's pattern of scores are like those of persons who are seen as friendly, dominant, conscientious, suspicious and "hard to fool." In the presence of many investigators and observers, Pat has allowed

himself to follow hypnotic time regression procedures for exploring his impressions and memories of his UFO experiences. The obtained information is so strange that all of us, including Pat, find ourselves blinking our eyes and shaking our heads in disbelief!

In my initial report to APRO (November 1978), I described the various claims by Pat, his family, and co-workers: sighting a large "ball of fire" over the fields; sightings of "flying saucers" over the well and over the rise near the trailer home; poltergeist activity (raps or knocks on the trailer); electromagnetic effects on the electrical systems by the house and well, etc. Pat has described many strange events which occurred while he was alone on the ranch, e.g., electromagnetic effects when, without any known cause, the power of the irrigation systems would be turned off. During one night, he experienced paralysis of his body, which left him screaming for a few minutes until the paralysis gradually subsided.

During the summer of 1976, two cattle mutilations occurred on the ranch, shortly after a period of many UFO observations. At that time, Pat was of the opinion that he and his brother-in-law should "catch the guys" and claim the reward. (Pat had assumed that "sex cults from Laramie" were responsible!) However, with careful planning and a quiet approach toward the "lights," they were unable to see any persons or vehicles. Then, one evening, Pat observed a "flying saucer" descend toward a ridge, approximately 1 mile from the trailer house; through his "spotting" telescope, Pat watched the UFO as it seemed to hover, then move around the ridge; the cow, which had been under the UFO, was no longer there. The next morning, Pat drove to the area, found a calf bawling, but he found no trace of the missing cow. Pat began to change his views: he wondered if UFOLK were responsible for the mutilations, as if "they" were "governors" and in control of human activities.

Then, in the winter of 1979-80, during several hypnotic sessions, Pat found himself describing two kinds of impressions which were puzzling and mysterious: impressions, or memories, that he had been transported to an "Oval Room" for instructions by alien beings, so that he could begin his plans to dig a well; and impressions, or memories, that his "mind" or his subconsciousness had been "implanted," somehow, into the body of an "Israeli General," during the war between Israel and Egypt in October 1973. Pat obtained impressions from the UFOLK that he had lived several lifetimes as a Jewish military officer, fighting Romans, and other enemies of Israel.

Although Pat is puzzled by these impressions, he now wonders if these impressions are connected with his compulsion to buy and wear a large belt buckle which features a "star of David." Now, he also wonders if these impressions, or memories, are connected with a (precognitive?) feeling, which occurred in 1973: a "vision" while watching a TV news program, that Israeli military forces would move toward Cairo, only to be stopped by USA paratrooper forces. Pat

said that his "vision" was confirmed in a conversation with a young man, wearing a USA Army jacket with an 82nd Airborne "patch," who worked as a temporary crew member on the well. Then, Pat began to doubt the claim of the young man, because no mention was made in the public news about the USA military forces in Egypt during October of 1973.

Pat is puzzled about the significance of these impressions about possible past lives; these impressions are not consistent with his childhood training. However, he accepts the possibility that he may have received "instructions," in 1967, to begin plans for digging the well; he describes his efforts in digging the well to be similar to the compulsive behavior of the hero in the movie, *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*. Pat is puzzled by the impression, or memory, of a message from the UFOLK that they would "bring the water" if he would dig the well; however, he knows that the well exists, and he knows that several neighbors and companies have tried, without success, to drill other wells in nearby locations.

What can be concluded from the experiences of Pat McGuire? What are his impressions of UFOLK who steal a cow and who monitor his life and well and irrigation system? Pat is puzzled by these strange experiences, but he is aware of several changes in his life:

1. After 1973, he experienced anxiety whenever he tried to hunt in thick timber; now, after hypnotic time regression procedures, he again enjoys hunting trips to Western Wyoming.

2. He recognizes the possibility that the "flying saucer", which picked up one of his cows, could have picked up a cow - unobserved - on the other side of the ridge. He interprets this experience as an indication that "they" wished to be observed. Now, he no longer holds the view that animal mutilations are performed by humans; he believes that UFOLK are "in charge."

3. Pat no longer fears the presence of UFOLK; the monitoring of the well and irrigation activities seems to be a benign, or neutral, rather than a hostile, activity.

4. Pat does not know how to interpret the impressions of "past life" experiences; however, they are vivid impressions. He can accept the possibility that "past lives" impressions are "fantasies" or that they are "real." In either event, his attitudes are those of a person who cares about other humans, especially children, and he now believes that UFOLK are "governors" of humankind.

SIGNIFICANCE OF UFO CONTACT

What can be concluded from the investigations of UFO abductees and contactees?

If one listens to these persons as they describe their initial memories or impressions of abductions, then one can conclude that these persons view themselves as *captives*. Most of these persons are frightened; sometimes these persons are frantic and almost hysterical as they describe their abductors, and as they "relive"

the abduction experienced during hypnotic regression sessions (Sprinkle, 1977).

If one watches these persons during their daily activities, one often sees them as obsessive - compulsive (or creative!) in their behavior. Contactees often act as if they were *collaborators*: working with unseen demons who push, nag, cajole, and/or encourage the contactees to complete a project or mission. Some contactees feel obliged to move to another area; some begin reading about ancient civilizations; some receive impressions or messages of scientific theories and devices; some receive impressions or messages of "future" events.

If one observes UFO contactees over a span of years, then one could offer another hypothesis: *these persons are changing from Planetary Persons to Cosmic Citizens* (Sprinkle, 1979a). These individuals seem to exhibit a caring concern for all humankind, as if they are experiencing compassion for all other persons, not only their immediate family and friends. They seem to have developed many of the characteristics which have been described as "Cosmic Consciousness" (Sprinkle, 1976b).

OBJECTIONS. Of course, there are many objections by skeptical investigators about these claims, and impressions, which arise during hypnotic time regression procedures. Experienced investigators, e.g., Lawson (1979), and Hendry (1979), raise questions about the uses of hypnosis in evaluating UFO abduction claims. There seems to be little objective "proof" to substantiate the claims of UFO contactees. But there is a tentative hypothesis which can be explored about the difference between UFO "observers" and UFO "witnesses."

HYPOTHESIS OF UFO WITNESSES. Experienced investigators are in a position to consider one specific hypothesis about UFO contactees: UFO "observers" who become "witnesses" increase their opportunities to develop successful lives. In other words, the hypothesis can be stated as follows: those persons who claim UFO encounters, but who refuse to "go public", may experience personal difficulties in developing successful lives; those persons who claim UFO encounters, and who become "witnesses" or who are willing to "go public", may risk social ridicule but their personal lives will be enhanced. (If the reader/listener has seen the movie, "Oh, God", starring John Denver and George Burns, then he/she is aware of the model or paradigm: Hero/Heroine experiences a series of strange, and bothersome, "coincidences" or psychic manifestations; Hero/Heroine is reluctant to become a "witness" or to tell other people about the experiences; the manifestations continue. Then, Hero/Heroine decides to follow the urge and give the "message" to the public or to the rest of the world. The twofold message is simple: God exists; be kind to one another. Hero/Heroine experiences social ridicule, but gains spiritual maturity and a sense of personal satisfaction in completing the task or mission!)

"As an example, here is a letter written on January 10, 1980, to a woman, Peggy, who is frightened and puzzled about her UFO experiences and her feeling that she is being monitored by UFOLK. The letter is written by Ms. Ann Canary of Denver, Colorado. Fourteen years ago, Ms. Canary experienced an UFO encounter, including abduction; bodily examination; out-of-the-body experience; and near-death experience. For 12 years, she lived in fear of ridicule and rejection by family and friends. After hypnotic regression procedures to assist her in recalling and integrating her memories of her UFO experiences, she has become more open in discussing her experiences, and she is more willing to share her beliefs about the significance of UFO contact: the merging of "science" and "spirituality."

Now, she sees herself as a "Cosmic Citizen" who is dedicated to the welfare of all humankind, and she feels an affinity to all existence. She is concerned about the current crises in Earth's political, economic, and military conflicts; however, she is optimistic about the scientific and spiritual development which can emerge. She writes to Peggy as follows:

January 10, 1980

Dear Peggy,

I received your letter yesterday and will try to write you what words I can that may help you or at least give you some reassurance and comfort. I did receive a letter with your name and address and request for me to correspond with you from Leo several days ago—but I had company with me until January 6 so had no privacy for letter writing. Sorry for the delay in getting with you.

First, I would suggest that you get a loose leaf notebook and try to keep a record of your feelings and experiences. Keep it next to your bed and record as much of your experience[s] as you can remember. It may prove very helpful in future months in trying to find your own explanation for what has been happening to you.

I am not clear as to what you mean when you write, "zapped my mind." Could you explain further. Is this a telepathic communication, or do you feel that you are being monitored physically in some way? I ask this question for I have found that they work on each individual in a different way. With some individuals they seem to pursue biological knowledge. With others they are more interested in your mental capabilities [thoughts or knowledge in a particular area they are concerned with communicating with you about—like law enforcement on Earth, or how you feel about being a teacher, engineer, etc.]

With others they appear to be interested in what motivates your morality or ethical conduct towards others. Your inner spiritual awareness, open mindedness, and conduct within yourself towards your surroundings.

I am not sure that I can tell you what they want or why they seem to be paying attention to you at this time in your life. This is one of the major questions we all have to try to deal with—why?

I am not positive that they are from space—but they could be. I have often wondered if they are not multi-dimensional and are here to study and learn about our world. I believe they are from space, but I have no proof; and they certainly do not respond to the known laws of physics or science as we know it. Their communication with me has been thru various dreams and telepathic means.

I feel that what they wanted from me was for me to become aware of the reality of our living Universe. They do on occasion check on me or monitor me in some way. I can usually feel their presence and hear a slight ringing when they are looking me over. They seem to check on the progress we make here—and after they establish contact with you they can always locate you.

Peggy, don't be afraid of them. In the first place—those that I have had contact with in the past may have appeared to have been "cold" in their dealings with me—but basically they are very intelligent and clinical in their approach to us. They do not understand human emotional reactions and I think that this is one reason they have not made themselves public or obvious beyond doubt to this planet.

I believe, like I stated above, that they keep coming back to monitor and check up on my progress. To see how I am progressing with the knowledge that has come my way and that I have been receptive to as a result of my experience with them several years ago. Peggy, I do not have solid answers for you—but you can rest assured that you are not alone. There are many of us—and each of us has experienced something unique that has changed our concepts about our Universe, our Planet, ourselves.

Try to pray often and meditate within yourself. Keep an attitude of peace if at all possible. You may have an opportunity to learn and grow as a human being that could prove to be most worthwhile and very rare. There are many questions to be answered and it appears that each one of us is given only a small part of the puzzle.

So, keep faith with yourself. You and you alone know what has happened. You may not be able to prove it [none of us can at this point in time], but the important thing is that you believe in yourself, and what you have experienced. There are some books that you might try to find and read. At the close of this letter I'll send you some suggested titles and the names of the authors.

Try to learn all that you can—and keep an open mind. I would suggest that you be careful in so far as who you share your experiences with. Keep a diary and stay open for the possibilities for learning and growth.

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