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## CLOSE ENCOUNTER IN MAINE



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### EGYPTIAN REPRESENTATIVE

The APRO Staff is happy to announce the appointment of and welcome Mr. Bishr El Touni of Cairo, Egypt, as our new representative for that country. Mr. El Touni is with a large international news service and comes well qualified for his duties with APRO. Since joining APRO he has been responsible for the recruiting of several others in that country. In the event of UFO activity in Egypt, we feel that Mr. El Touni will ably carry out any needed investigations.

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### POSSIBLE ABDUCTION IN FINLAND

*(The following is from the third quarterly report of Suomen UFOtutkijat ry, 17950 Kylama, Finland).*

After a long quiet period the UFO Research of Finland now has interesting news to report. As Finnish UFO researchers were gathering for their annual summer seminar at Kylama in Central Finland some-  
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Member Mike Melendez has forwarded information concerning the close encounter of a reliable couple and an unidentified light on the 29th of November, 1981. Mr. and Mrs. Harold (Helen) Hendsbee had decided to drive from their home in Madison to Farmington, Maine to have dinner. They left home at 5:20 p.m. and had traveled about 11 miles when they saw a car pulled off to the side of the road. Hendsbee, who is a part-time Somerset County deputy sheriff, stopped to see if the passengers of the car needed help. He recognized one of the three men, who warned him not to continue up the hill or "I'd see something I didn't want to see."

Despite the warning, Hendsbee and his wife resumed driving and shortly noticed "a bright object moving from side to side in the direction of Farmington, then it suddenly disappeared."

They proceeded into Farmington, had dinner, and shortly after 7 p.m. were headed back toward their home in Madison. When at a point at the bottom of the hill, Mrs. Hendsbee grabbed her husband's arm and said, "There it is."

"We started to go forward and it came toward us," Hendsbee later said. "It lit up the whole hill, all of the woods, everything. The light was so bright I couldn't make out the object itself. We stopped and then it moved over to the left and dropped out of sight behind some trees. . . ."

"I started up the hill again and within the flash of an eye it was in front of us again. Now it was on top of the hill about 200 yards away. I started to back up and my wife started hollering, 'It's coming toward us, it's coming toward us.'"

"I kept backing up down the hill", Hendsbee said, "and it kept coming toward us and dropping in altitude until it was about 60 feet off the ground and directly to the right of us."

Hendsbee then rolled down the truck windows but they could hear no sound and the light did not issue from any perceptible beam such as he had observed before in helicopter spotlights. He finally turned the truck and circled around to Madison on another road.

Later thought about the incident elicited a bit more information. When the object hovered over the hill, Hendsbee estimated it was about "a telephone pole high". When the object advanced toward him, Hendsbee backed his car between 30 and 40 yards, and attempted to go forward and pass it three times. After 20 minutes and the third attempt to pass the object,

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he had turned around and, instead of driving home to Madison on Rt. 43, the way they had come, they drove home on Rt. 148.

A check of other individuals in the area indicate that Mr. and Mrs. Hendsbee are reliable individuals and not likely to concoct such a story. The three men and the woman in the other car have not yet been identified or interviewed. If we should gather further information on this case we will present it in the *Bulletin*.

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## Finnish

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thing extraordinary took place on Pielinen Lake in Eastern Finland.

It all started on July 31, 1981 at 8:40 p.m. when two 35-year-old vacationing men were sailing with their motor boat toward the town of Lieksa. They were passing the Vaaraniemi Cape which is covered by ever-green trees when they suddenly saw a black sphere in the sky. The sphere was surrounded by one large light

and several smaller ones. The large light began to approach them and the men stopped the boat. Then a black object was separated from the group of lights and flew to the stern of the boat. The object seemed to be covered by a fog and there were two lights on it. Suddenly one of the men was paralyzed and couldn't move his head. However, he continued to talk with his companion. Then the lights and the black object disappeared into the sky, and the men noticed that they were not sitting in the same locations on the boat as they had been a moment before. The sky was clear and the boat was still near the Cape despite the strong water currents and the wind. The men glanced at their watches. The time was 4:10 a.m. on the following morning. They had lost 6 hours of their lives. As aftereffects they suffered from shaking hands, nightmares, and a poor sense of balance for over a week.

After the week of aftereffects they contacted the famous astronomers Juhani Kyrolainen and Pekka Teerikorpi (authors of a UFO book) at Helsinki University. Since then the astronomers have conducted extensive studies including two unsuccessful attempts to hypnotize the men. So far it is only known that the phenomenon was not a meteorite and not a Russian rocket launch. The studies are continuing in collaboration with the UFO Research of Finland and new results are expected in 1982.

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# CAUS V/S NSA LAWSUIT GOES TO US SUPREME COURT

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Under the leadership of New York attorney Peter Gersten and a newly revived Committee Against UFO Secrecy (CAUS), and with some financial assistance from The Fund for UFO Research (FUFOR), events in what seem to be rapidly developing into UFOlogy's "great paper chase" have undergone a number of significant developments in the past sixteen months. Most prominent among these is the progress of the Freedom of Information (FOIA) lawsuit against the National Security Agency (NSA) filed in an effort to obtain at least 131 UFO-related documents which that agency has admitted to possessing but which they have adamantly refused to release in even highly sanitized form.

More than a year ago, in September, 1980, a "reasons of national security" argument presented "in camera" (and consequently off the public record) to federal district judge Gerhard A. Gesell in Washington, D.C. by means of a Top Secret twenty-one page affidavit, was apparently sufficient to convince the

judge to issue a summary ruling in favor of the Agency. Based upon the arguments in the classified affidavit alone, without having reviewed even a single one of the documents in question, Gesell wrote in a November 18, 1980 decision that "... public interest in (the) disclosure (of NSA's UFO documents) is far outweighed by the sensitive nature of the materials and the obvious effect on national security their release may well entail".

An appeal to a three judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals, District of Columbia, which was heard on October 28th, 1981, produced much the same effect. In a brief decision issued barely a week after the oral arguments were presented (normal time for such decisions is about two months), the panel composed of aging appellate judges J. Skelly Wright and Roger Robb, and U.S. District judge Norma Johnson, upheld the lower court's position virtually without comment. All three judges, along with U.S. defense attorney Cheryl M. Long (but *not* plaintiff attorney Gersten) had been granted special security clearances to enable them to view the same NSA classified affidavit which had been presented to judge Gesell a year earlier.

The October 28th proceeding, however, was not without some value in that a press conference held at the Washington Press Club the day before did produce international coverage of the case (largely due to the commendable efforts of veteran Washington *Post* reporter Ward Sinclair, who attended at the personal invitation of Stanton Friedman). Also, an informal dinner meeting of a number of the key figures in the newly reorganized CAUS following the hearing produced a valuable discussion of possible future strategies. (In attendance at this event were Gersten, Friedman, Larry Bryant, Fred Whiting, Dr. Bruce Macca-bee, Larry Fawcett, and William Moore.)

A telephone interview with Gersten on January 6, 1982, confirmed what had been the concensus of those at the dinner—that CAUS legal battle should continue. "The paper chase will go on", said Gersten. "We intend to appeal CAUS/NSA to the U.S. Supreme Court by the end of January." Further, Gersten indicated that he intended to file additional suits in the lower courts against the U.S. Air Force, the CIA, the DIA (Defense Intelligence Agency) and the State Department by some time this spring. One of the purposes of these actions, he explained, will be to try to force a waiver of the exorbitant search fees being demanded by these agencies. "Release of UFO information is in the best interests of the public", he said. "Based upon criteria laid down in other similar cases, it should be possible to have us declared exempt from paying fees to obtain this information."

Gersten also said that CAUS, now reorganized for non-profit as a Delaware corporation, is in the process of applying for tax-deductable status from the IRS that will enable people to make tax-deductable dona-

tions to the organization. Interested individuals are invited to contribute to the CAUS at P.O. Box 4743, Arlington, VA 22204 (sample copy of *UFOrmant*, \$3.00), or to The Fund for UFO Research, P.O. Box 277, Mt. Rainier, MD 20712. CAUS is also planning a spring conference to be held somewhere on the East coast in either April or May, further announcement of which will be made when full details are known.

*(Editor's Note: APRO's Board of Directors voted a substantial sum which has been forwarded to CAUS on behalf of APRO.)*

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## STRANGE AERIAL SOUNDS REPORTED IN 1981

Member G. C. Day reports unusual aerial sounds, and a report out of Portland, Maine also describes a strange sky "explosion."

"On 17 October 1981, in the company of Mr. Jerrold McDermott, the following was noted.

It was opening day of Duck Season. We were in a 14 ft. boat, which was stationary, in approximately the center of Crane Prairie Reservoir. The time was about 11:00 a.m. It was a clear day, not a cloud in the sky and the horizon was clear on the north-south plain from the angle of about 3 degrees for the distance of two miles—mountains forming the skyline.

Our boat was pointed north-south, my back to the north and McDermott's back to the south. We both heard a sound approaching from the north. The sound approach was slow, enough to turn my back to attempt to observe what was approaching. The sound travelled directly above and to the south, at a constant rate of speed. Both our bodies and heads turned to follow the sound and to scan the sky. We saw nothing.

Now we come to the subjective part. Try to describe a noise. McDermott said it was a helicopter. I disagreed and immediately stated the sound was not that of rotating egg-beater. There were three distinct noises.

1. Instead of the rotating wing beat, the noise was a rotating swooshing push from center.
2. There was a constant mechanical rotation hum.
3. At a constant point in the mechanical rotation, there was a definite high point of friction—indicating a rough spot.

4. The sum of these three distinct sounds indicated a mechanical rotation operating at a slow cycle of approximately one per second.

5. The distance above is sheer guesswork. My estimate would be 50 to 100 ft. based upon the clarity of sound, constant rate of travel and the north-south track directly over head. Based on the above assump-

tion if the object were at 500 ft. of elevation, nothing could have been heard.

This is not much to establish a theory, but the sounds were heard and nothing was seen by either of us." Unquote. End of Mr. Day's Report.

Authorities had no explanation for the "explosion" heard over Portland Maine at 10 p.m. on Saturday, December 4, 1981. The sound was centered over the Deering Oaks section of the city and a flash was seen simultaneously with the noise.

One fire department spokesman said that the department had "checked every possibility, every angle", and no evidence had been uncovered to indicate the nature of the incident. One witness, Ollie Keith of Grant Street said, "It was just so loud, it was like a sonic boom." One of her neighbors also reported to the police that she had seen the sky light up at the same time that the boom was heard.

We offer this information in view of the fact that strange aerial sounds have long been part of the UFO phenomenon, and sometimes precede extended UFO activity.

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## ASTRONOMICAL DATA

By Lee Emery

This data applies to those areas located from approximately 30° north latitude to 50° north latitude, including most points in the U.S., Canada, Europe, Central Asia, and Japan. The rising and setting times are calculated for the middle of each month. Add 1 hour for the beginning of the month and subtract 1 hour for the end of the month. All times given are approximate and may vary up to 30 minutes either way, depending on the observer's location in relation to his local time meridian.

### FEBRUARY 1982

**PROMINENT PLANETS:** *Venus* has now shifted to the early morning sky and rises in the ESE about 5 a.m., shortly before sunrise. *Venus* reaches its maximum brilliancy towards the end of the month, so beware of strange atmospheric effects and optical illusions caused by its position close to the horizon.

*Mars* rises about 10 p.m. in the eastern sky, appearing as a fairly bright reddish-orange point of light. It moves to a position 45° above the southern horizon by 3 a.m., and by sunrise is found about 30° above the WSW horizon.

*Saturn* rises just before *Mars* in the East and can be found just above *Mars* throughout the night.

*Jupiter* rises about midnight in the East and becomes the dominant object in the southern sky before sunrise at a point 30° above the horizon.

**BRIGHTEST STARS:** *Sirius*, the brightest star in the sky, is found about 20° above the SE horizon after sunset. By midnight, it has moved to a similar position above the SW horizon before setting in the West at approximately 2 a.m.

*Capella* appears nearly overhead after sunset. By midnight, it is 45° above the western horizon and then sets in the north about 5 a.m.

*Vega* rises about midnight in the NE and by sunrise is found about 70° above the eastern horizon.

*Rigel* is located 35° above the SE horizon at sunset in the constellation of Orion. It sets in the West about 1 a.m.

*Betelgeuse*, an orange colored star in Orion, is found in the ESE after sunset at an altitude of approximately 35°. Located near *Rigel*, it sets in the West about 1:30 a.m.

*Arcturus*, found near *Mars*, rises as an orange colored star about 10 p.m. in the Eastern sky. By sunrise, it is located about 60° above the western horizon. It can be distinguished from *Mars* by its twinkling effect.

**METEOR SHOWERS:** There are no major showers expected this month.

**MOON PHASES:** First Quarter—February 1  
Full Moon—February 8  
Last Quarter—February 15  
New Moon—February 23

### MARCH 1982

**PROMINENT PLANETS:** *Venus* remains an early morning phenomena rising in the ESE approximately 5 a.m. By sunrise, it is found about 20° above the SSE horizon.

*Mars* rises earlier in the evening this month, about 8 p.m. in the eastern sky. By midnight, it is located approximately 45° above the SW horizon and by sunrise is about 15° above the western horizon.

*Saturn*, still located fairly close to *Mars*, rises about 8 p.m. in the eastern sky and follows a similar path to *Mars* throughout the night. Note that *Saturn*, *Mars*, *Jupiter*, and the star *Arcturus* are all still found relatively close together in the late evening sky and are the 4 brightest objects at that time towards the East and SE.

*Jupiter* rises about 10:30 p.m. in the eastern sky. By 3 a.m., it is located about 30° above the southern horizon, once again dominating the pre-dawn sky. By sunrise, it has moved to a point 20° above the SW horizon.

**BRIGHTEST STARS:** Star positions remain unchanged except that rising and setting times are about 1 hour earlier in the first half of the month, and two hours earlier in the second half of the month.

**METEOR SHOWERS:** Once again, no major showers are expected this month.

MOON PHASES: First Quarter—March 3  
 Full Moon—March 10  
 Last Quarter—March 17  
 New Moon—March 25

NOTE: There are 2 basic types of meteor observations. A meteor that overtakes the earth as it moves in its orbit will appear to cross the sky somewhat slower than a meteor that meets the earth head-on. The latter will streak across the sky much faster and will usually appear brighter to the observer, depending on its size.

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## HUMANOIDS IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

By Leonte N. Objio and Richard W. Heiden

There have been many UFO cases in the Dominican Republic, ranging from simple sightings in the sky to entity cases. Close encounters of the third kind are not very abundant, though they form a fair percentage, considering the size of the country.

We will give the reader a series of cases of encounters with UFO occupants occurring in the Dominican Republic.

### THE CASES

#### 1. 1949 Cibao area of NW Dominican Republic

When leaving her country house, a woman observed a luminous object in the sky that was approaching where she was. She noticed that inside were the heads of humanoids, so she immediately called her neighbors. They could all watch when the beings in the UFO threw down at them a box containing canned food. Then it moved away out of sight. The witnesses ate the food, which had a strong flavor, but without salt.

#### 2. 1972 Santo Domingo (Distrito Nacional)

While a mother and her two children were sleeping in their home, the mother woke up early with a start when the room strangely lit up and she saw two human-like beings dressed in white coveralls near the window. They ran out when she shouted. Her older son, age 15, came and looked out the window, seeing a circular object rise up vertically at great speed.

#### 3. September 1972 Villa Altigracia (San Cristobal)

A woman claimed in a letter published in a Santo Domingo daily on September 22 that on a recent night she had seen two short beings get out of a strange device with lights, and grab a goat that seemed to be paralyzed. They carried it into the UFO, which took off at great speed until disappearing from sight.

#### 4. September 22, 1972 Palenque, near San Cristobal (San Cristobal)

At 9:00 a.m. or shortly before, while driving toward the UNPHU (National University) experimental farm, Sr. Virgilio Gomez saw a being dressed in green gesticulating for him to stop, which made him think it was a military inspection. Nearby he saw two other tall beings, also human in appearance, dressed in green coveralls and with a type of watch on their left wrists. Their skin had a sickening yellow-gray color. In the bushes there was an oval-shaped craft. The being approached him and said he was Freddy Miller, a Dominican who had been rescued from drowning at sea by the UFO beings and taken to Venus to live. After conversing for five minutes, they departed.

There was, in fact, a Freddy Miller who had disappeared on May 5, 1959, while boating with four others in calm sea near Santo Domingo. It is also of interest to note that Miller had been a passionate believer in flying saucers.

#### 5. November 6, 1972 Paya, Bani (Peravia)

During an indoor evangelistic religious service, a strange flying object "like a big star" was seen to come over the house. It lit up the house completely inside, and everyone there panicked. The preacher, Maruno Enrique Baez, said he saw a strange being he called an "angel" that took him by the hand and led him (followed by those present) to the room where Ramona de Baez was lying in bed, suffering from stomach cancer. The preacher touched the stomach of the lady, who said later, "I felt something cold on my back," and from that time she was cured. (This was verified at the place where she had received treatment.)

#### 6. March 12, 1975 Off Punta Ocoa (Azua)

While fishing from a boat at 4:30 in the morning, the witnesses saw a flying object approaching. The UFO seemed to be of two sections, the first like a very transparent dome lit up inside, slightly hemispherical in shape; the second was a disc, which seemed to surround the dome at its base. It stopped overhead, and they could see the silhouettes of two figures with humanoid features who seemed to be wearing bulky helmets on their heads. The beings seemed to be working what were apparently controls. The UFO lost itself out to sea.

#### 7. August 14, 1976 El Fundo, Bani (Peravia)

When two boys, cousins, were playing with a dog on a farm, at about 5:00 p.m., they saw a being like a robot, dressed in black trousers and a type of red sweater. The skin on its bare arms was scaly, yellowish-green in color, and no eyes or nose were seen. It had curly blond hair. The dog was barking as though she wanted to attack it. The boys hid behind some bushes, and then they heard a strange sound and saw a strange black sphere, which "rolled" behind some underbrush and disappeared. Meanwhile, the robot

slowly and stiffly moved away toward the west.

8. *August 15, 1976* Santo Domingo (Distrito Nacional)

An elderly gentleman observed near the yard of his house a few meters (yards) from the ground, a strange bright object circular in shape, out of which came a human-like figure, who almost immediately got back in the UFO, which took off rapidly.

9. *September 1976* Jimani (Independencia)

Oscar Moquete was walking at night about seven kilometers (four miles) from Jimani, when he observed a strange human-looking being dressed all in black emerge from the underbrush. The being said that he was from another world, and that he wanted the witness to be his contact to pass messages to mankind. The witness was afraid, and fled.

10. *June 24, 1977* La Caleta, near Boca Chica (Distrito Nacional)

While returning to Santo Domingo at about one in the morning, Senor A.S. Cruz saw a light over the sea, which descended to water level, and a tube came out of the bottom and took up water. The witness stopped to watch the unusual spectacle. The UFO stopped its suction action and headed toward him. As it approached, the witness saw two beings in the windows who seemed to be looking at him. Sr. Cruz tried to drive away, but his car would not start. Then he noticed the presence of another identical UFO. Behind the two objects was "a pair of thick black tubes or cylinders that were joined together." Suddenly, and in complete silence, the UFOs were sucked up by the tubes, which immediately started moving, and then disappeared before the witness's eyes. At this time Sr. Cruz's extremities were "asleep." The UFOs were also seen by a fisherman.

11. *November 20, 1978* Los Rios, suburb NW of Santo Domingo (Distrito Nacional)

The witnesses in this case consist of a female medical technologist, her psychiatrist sister, her ten-year-old daughter, and their two housemaids. At about 9:00 p.m. they observed a light in the sky that approached until going down behind a nearby hill. The electricity failed when they saw two lights come out from behind the hill and go to position themselves at the side of the street, about 200-250 meters (650-820 feet) from the witnesses. When a car approached and stopped in front of the lights, they could see that they were conical-shaped beings, or "like someone wearing a sheet over his head." The lights were flashlights at waist-level. The beings were 3.0-3.7 meters (10-12 feet) tall. Then two or three dark normal-sized beings appeared, running in front of the car. These beings and/or the conical figures positioned themselves on different sides of the vehicle. All the lights then went out. The witnesses now heard loud metallic blows. After they stopped, the lights came back on and they

returned to where they had come from. At that moment the power returned. Others also reported seeing unusual lights, and a neighbor heard the sounds.

12. *December 6, 1978* Rincon, Jarabacoa (La Vega)

During the night, four witnesses observed a UFO stationary over a pine tree for four hours. The UFO was in the shape of a disc with a dome on top, and it moved away slowly out of sight. At about 6:00 a.m., the watchman saw a tall being next to the pine tree where the UFO had been sighted. It was dressed in a type of coverall, and had very bright eyes. The witness thought it was a thief, so he attacked it, but it stepped aside and disappeared.

The sightings related here are a sample to give the reader an idea of the humanoid cases in the Dominican Republic. Most have been objectively investigated by different groups and investigators.

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## REPEAT SIGHTING IN TEXAS

*TEXAS - October 26-31, 1981 - Galveston.* Residents have spotted an eerie, glowing light hovering over Galveston Island for the entire week. Police and the Coast Guard have been inundated since Monday, the 26th, with reports from Winnie, LaPorte, Texas City and Hitchcock.

Galveston County Constable Joe Scrofne said he saw a flickering object with red, yellow and green lights on the edges through his binoculars. Sgt. Dennis Langford and several other officers stepped out of the back door of the station and saw a "large white light" hanging low over the rooftops. Langford got in his car and drove toward it, but before he could get near it, he said it moved away and disappeared somewhere over the airport.

The light is similar to the famous Gurdon Light which has been spotted in Arkansas for the past 5 decades. Authorities, scientists and other cynics who usually scoff at such reports are now making an attempt to figure out the source of both lights.

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## OBJECT(S) OVER COMPUTER COMPLEX

*NEW HAMPSHIRE - September 29, 1981 - Hudson.* At least 20 people reportedly witnessed some unexplained activity in the skies over Hudson. One witness described a "long and low" object hovering over Centronics Data Computer Corporation between 9 and 11 p.m. A security guard at Centronics said he observed an object at 4 or 5 different spots, "sometimes low, sometimes high in the sky."

Stanley Searles, another security guard, observed an object about 8:30 p.m. some 50 feet above the tree line. "There was a straight line of light coming from it. It didn't move, and it was there for about 15 to 20 minutes." Searles then proceeded on his nightly rounds and went outside to the guard shack at about 10 p.m. where he again observed the object. Two other guards at the shack also witnessed it. This time the object had red lights "as bright as the stop light at the foot of the street." The object made no sound and finally disappeared behind the tree line at 10:20 p.m.

Another witness said the object was much too low for an aircraft and that it "seemed to flow" in the manner of an aircraft, stopped dead in the sky, then moved straight up and down. "The red lights were so bright that the pine trees reflected red," he related.

About this same time last year a similar object was sighted during daylight hours, and was observed by at least 14 guards and maintenance men at Centronics. It made appearances for two days and, 3 days later, similar sightings were reported in the town of Hillsboro.

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## PRESS REPORTS

*By Doris and Joe Graziano*

*MARYLAND, September 25, 1981 - College Park -* Jamie Cuticchia, William Gray and Viresh Gulati, all 14, spotted a cigar-shaped object and watched it with binoculars for about two hours, from 8 to 10 p.m. The object gave off a "whitish-yellow glow", had blue lights in front, white lights in the center and a red flame trailing out the back. It hovered at times and at other times darted straight up and down and off to the sides at 45 degree angles.

The State Police and College Park Airport reported no helicopters or any unusual aircraft in the area. Jamie said he called the State Police to report the incident and was connected to what he thought was a tracking station. The station reported having something unidentified on radar, but Jamie did not, in his excitement, get a name or phone number for the agency he reached.

*MINNESOTA, August 10, 1981 - Northfield -* Russel Matson was driving to work around 3:30 a.m. when he noticed a distant object which he thought was a satellite. As he got closer, he could see two lights and thought it might be a helicopter, but he couldn't hear any noise. Matson stopped the car and stepped out for a better look and the object turned perpendicular to the road and came right over him.

He described the object as having a hexagon shape with a span of 60 to 90 feet and about 15 feet thick. It had two green lights on one side and two red lights on the other with white lights close together in the back and front. The speed of the craft was approximately 10 to 15 mph and it made a slight "whooshing" sound.

Matson watched the object for 40 to 50 seconds before a truck drove up behind his car, which was blocking the road, and the driver honked his horn. He beckoned to the truck driver and the driver stepped out and also watched the object. Matson said he then became scared of the craft and sped to work.

After arriving at work, he told his boss, Bruce Nygen, about the incident and pointed to the craft still in the distant sky. Nygen said he saw the lights but



could not confirm the size, shape or color of the object because it was too far away.

*MISSISSIPPI, July 30, 1981 - McComb* - Jennifer Lindsey and her three children left the home of her parents about 8:30 p.m. As they passed through Liberty and were close to Berwick, the children sighted something with a lot of "very bright lights" moving in the air from north to south. The object went out of sight to the south but soon returned to sight, moving westward. When they reached home, they again saw the object moving eastward and eventually passing "very slowly and low" above the house.

Mrs. Lindsey said the object was bigger than a jet plane, shaped like an arrowhead and appeared to be made of a metallic material "like chrome, but flat—without a glow." Behind it, separately, was a red light traveling in tandem with the leading object.

About 30 minutes after disappearing to the east, the object again moved over the Lindsey house in a westward direction, but "this time there was no red light behind." Mrs. Lindsey later learned that a friend, Karen Anthony, had also seen the object.

Around 9:00 p.m. on the 19th or 20th of August, Greg Walsh and his wife Brenda, and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Wall also observed an arrowhead-shaped object. It was so large that Greg at first thought it was several large planes flying in formation. He estimated its length at 150 yards with corresponding wing width in the usual proportion to a jet plane.

The object flew extremely slow without varying speed and made a loud noise, but not as loud as a conventional jet aircraft. All witnesses agreed that it had bright lights in or near its bottom roughly outlining its shape. An experimental Marine Corps plane has been mentioned as similar to the observed craft, but whether it was a plane of this nature or some other type of aerial transport is not known.

*WISCONSIN, September 5, 1981 - Blanchardville* - Robert Johnson found a small, 46 inch, triangular-shaped patch of dead alfalfa in his field, and the source of the marks is the subject of much debate. The county sheriff believes the marks were caused by lightning striking the ground, but the director of the Lafayette County Office of Emergency Government disagrees.

He explained that he had seen lightning strikes before and they didn't look anything like this mark. There were also unexplainable marks in the ground at the points forming the triangle. Samples of the marred grasses and the soil were sent to county and state agriculture officials for examination.

*CANADA, June 18, 1981 - Alvinston, Ontario* - Danny Pavey, 11, first noticed the two perfect circles on the lawn last week and his mother said she noticed them after the grass had been cut. The two circles are each about 2 feet across and 4 feet apart. The grass

has died within the circles.

The circles are too large to be caused by setting a garbage can on the grass. The Paveys thought of chemicals, gasoline and many other things that could kill grass, but have ruled them all out.

*CALIFORNIA, September 15, 1981 - Corte Madera* - In February, Lori and Jerry Morgan saw what appeared to be a huge flying saucer near their home. It had two extremely bright lights and hovered near the ground. They learned later that Lori's boss also saw the craft that night and a San Jose newspaper reported sightings in the area.

On Tuesday, September 15, Jerry just happened to look out the window and "there it was again." He and his wife went outside where they watched the object with a third, unidentified, person. The object hovered for 2 or 3 minutes, then lifted up and headed toward San Francisco.

*FLORIDA - August 4, 1981 - Live Oak* - Around 10 p.m., the 16-year-old daughter of Al and Sandy Rogers saw lights outside and heard sounds similar to those made by a tractor. She had seen them the night before but didn't pay too much attention. This night she called her mother and together they viewed a huge object with red lights at both ends hovering near the house. It was about 60 feet long and floated nearly 30 feet above the ground.

Mrs. Rogers then went back in the house and got her husband, who jumped into his truck and chased the object, which was slowly moving away. He tore up the quarter-mile road from their house to the main road at about 70 mph, but lost sight of the object as it crossed the road.

Objects similar to the one sighted by the Rogers family, as well as red disks, have been spotted in the area for as long as three years.

*INDIANA, August 18-19, 1981 - Portland* - A rural Portland woman called Jay County police on two consecutive nights to report seeing oblong objects with pale flashing lights on them. Mrs. Veigh DeBolt described "funny flashing lights" near her house at 8:40 p.m. on the 18th, and again at 8:37 p.m. on the 19th.

An unidentified Jay County policeman said he saw an object hover over his car on the night of the 18th. He said it looked like an airplane with a green light on one end, a red light on the other end, and a white landing light underneath. However, the object stopped dead about 600 feet high and did not make a noise like an airplane.

Jay County police also said they had received radio traffic on the night of the 19th that Grissom AFB had tracked several unidentified objects on radar about 1 a.m.



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## UFO, JET "CHASE" OVER BRAZIL

At approximately 3:20 a.m. on the morning of Monday, February 8, 1982, Captain Gerson Britto was piloting a Brazilian VARIG airliner between Fortaleza and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, when a UFO was spotted.

For one and a half hours the big jet was "escorted" by a "sandwich-shaped" object which displayed amber and blue lights around its midsection. Britto, a seasoned pilot with 20 years of flying behind him, decided to alert the passengers. As a result of this action, most of the 150 passengers observed the object.

### HYNEK SAYS: VENUS

APRO was first alerted to the details of this case by Irene Granchi, our Representative for Brazil. She was surprised and dismayed to learn, upon reading the news coverage of the incident, that J. Allen Hynek, former U.S. Air Force consultant (Project Blue Book) on UFOs for 20 years and head of the Center for UFO Studies (CUFOs) had pronounced the object to be merely another sighting of the planet Venus.

Although all of the facts are not in at this writing, a curious scenario has taken place: A Brazilian Astronomer, A Mr. Renaldo, had also pronounced the object to be a misconception of the planet Venus.

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However, airline pilots who were familiar with Captain Britto and the Fortaleza-Rio course, as well as Venus, took Renaldo over the same route at the same time of the morning and got an admittance from him that the object described by the pilot and the passengers could not possibly have been Venus.

Mrs. Granchi, who was scheduled to lecture in Fortaleza during the week following the sighting, made a point of questioning the pilots of the flights she took and the information she elicited indicated that the Varig object constituted a legitimate UFO case.

Meanwhile, an unidentified (at this writing) lady passenger was taking bids from various people in the media for the photograph she took of the object during the flight. She was asking an immense sum (3 million cruzeiros) which no one was willing to pay at the time. Hopefully, by the time we have the complete facts on this case, the photo will have been released.

Meanwhile, we do know that Britto's sighting, his ability and his integrity have received the endorsement and support of many military and civilian authorities in Brazil. Further information is forthcoming and will be published in the *Bulletin*.

## DUES \*\*\*\*\* RENEWAL

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# THE CHANGING FACE OF UFO RESEARCH

APRO is now in its 31st year of existence. We have published the Bulletin continuously since the summer of 1952. After a temporary setback (which we blame on the depressed economy) membership is on a definite up-swing.

Many of those rejoining after a short absence tell us that they have found that the Bulletin is the best source of objective UFO news reporting that is available today. Such response makes clear the priority that must be accorded our publication in order to best serve our membership. . . .

Apparently the priorities that enable us not only to survive but to lead in a field where leadership is recognized rather than chosen, still prevail. Most meaningful progress in the UFO field has been accomplished by "moonlighters"—individuals who expend substantial amounts of time and other resources in an effort to supplement the body of UFO knowledge and/or to increase public awareness of the *realities* of the UFO Phenomenon and its many connotations. We commend and support them as always.

There are, on the other hand, a number of "limelighters" who are attracted to the UFO subject chiefly because it is an easy road to notoriety. Such individuals are prone to statements or postures designed to attract attention—scientific responsibility and intellectual honesty being of no particular consequence to them. The UFO mystery is confusing enough without the addition of deliberate confusion. With friends like these, objective research needs no enemies. Most serious students will agree that propagation of misinformation from these sources is a serious obstacle in the path of truth and can be quite damaging to the field's public image. Still, the "limelighter's" success depends largely on a sin of omission where many of us fail to "bite the bullet" and take a stand on the matter. It is all too easy to provide tacit support for these elements when political expediency dictates. Appearing on the same program (for example) lends such tacit support.

A couple of years ago I suggested to Dr. J. Allen Hynek (over dinner at the Doubletree Inn in Tucson) that one of the crying needs of the UFO field was a system of accreditation for bonafide UFO researchers. We recognized that many of the field's most prolific contributors were without impressive academic credentials and that a system should be developed based on protocol of ethics and merit independent of academia.

Hynek has since called for "those in each organization, as well as those not affiliated with any organization, who appreciate and are capable of adopting a professional stance, to close ranks and unite—as individuals—in a sort of spiritual bond to set up a code of professional standards, a code of ethics, for investigators, researchers, and writers on the subject. A general code of procedures." (1981 MUFON Symposium this past July in Cambridge, Mass.)

In response to that call, Barbara Shutte has proposed "a new concept in UFO Research" called *UFO Clinical Services* (UFOCS). Though it is undoubtedly the result of a conscientious and painstaking effort, it seems to us that implementation of Ms. Shutte's proposal would impose burdens of a financial and clerical nature that no existing UFO organization could shoulder at present. Additionally, it would in effect give the rabbits a share in guarding the lettuce patch and could easily become yet another barrier on the path to the goals it espouses. Calling on "buffoons" to eliminate Buffoonery does not work.

A current watchword in the manufacturing industry is *productivity*, designated generally as the ratio of product to the resources utilized to produce that product and market it.

We in the UFO field need to monitor our productivity carefully. Our survival may depend on it.

It is considerations such as the foregoing that must be weighed when deciding whether or not to participate in public symposia. While we appreciate the implied endorsement of past achievements that such invitations embody, it should be realized that non-acceptance should not necessarily be read as "isolationism but rather as a tendency to put our money where our mouth is.

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