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(The following report was written by Mr. Shu Jia Lin of the editorial staff of "MARCH", in Chekiang province, and translated for APRO by Mr. Shen Tao-ping)

This mysterious UFO case took place on December 13, 1979, in Chekiang province. One of the eye witnesses was Mr. Jian-min, driver for Jin Hua Chemical Factory. After he was discharged from the Army, he attended the Jin Hua Automobile Driving School and graduated. He was in his twenties then and had no defects in his eye sight.

At about three o'clock a.m., he was on his way to Fu Yang to transport silicon rocks, driving a heavy duty truck bearing the sign, "Chien Tang Jiang". It was almost four o'clock when he approached Wu-lun temple, a place between Lan Xi and the Xim An River. He suddenly came upon a car stopped ahead of him. He had to apply the brakes at once, wondering what was happening. So he got out of his truck and asked the driver of the car what had happened.

SMALL MEN SEEN

The driver nervously told him that just a moment before he had seen in front of him a light as bright as an arc and two humanoids with queer-looking short stature some ten meters away from his car and that they seemed to be crossing the highway. Then the apparitions vanished as quickly as they had appeared.

On hearing this, Mr. Wang smiled disapprovingly and asked the driver if there was something wrong with his eye sight, but the driver insisted that nothing was wrong.

Thinking that the driver was afraid, Mr. Wang volunteered to take the lead in driving the truck and let him follow. Thus, if anything should happen, the driver would come to his aid. They set off along the highway, winding among the mountain ridges. It was still very early and there was pitch darkness all around. Although Mr. Wang felt a bit tense in his heart, he managed to concentrate his thinking on his driving.

"MEN" SEEN, VANISH AGAIN

After driving some five or six kilometers, Mr. Wang suddenly found a bright light like an electric arc (bluish-white) glowing ahead. Two "people" were seen

DID UNDERWATER VOLCANO MAKE MUSHROOM CLOUD?

SCIENCE magazine for September, 1985 carried a possible explanation for the mushroom cloud which was sighted off Japan in April 1984 and has not been satisfactorily explained to date: After suggesting that it was the product of an underwater volcano, Joseph Alper said that to date there was no other explanation. However, Lt. Col. Thomas Bearden, U.S. Army, retired was quoted as claiming that the Russians have been testing "Star Wars weapons" which can produce energy in - or extract it from - a given spot" causing a "cold explosion", an almost instantaneous extraction of energy." (Editor's note: In reviewing some of the actions of various folks in the UFO field, and their exaggerations, wouldn't it be hilarious if the U.S. and Russia, who have been baring teeth and snarling at each other for decades now, proved not to have anything as startling as they have claimed? I have thought that about the U.S. "Star Wars" plan for a long time; could it be just a wool-gathering idea which, ultimately, will have to be thought out even before anyone can breadboard a blueprint?) Who are they trying to convince- each other or someone else?

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standing 200 meters ahead, beside the highway. They wore helmets, on top of which flashed a red light. Their silvery clothes were like those of an astronaut, and on their backs there were square objects like boxes and a thing like a thermos bottle was slung over their shoulders. In their left hands they each held a short rod, and they appeared to be 1.5 meters tall.

Mr. Wang applied the brake as soon as he saw them. To make sure that he hadn't been mistaken, he turned off the head lights of his truck and then turned them on again. He found the two "people" still standing there. Afraid of meeting with some bad people, he grabbed a crow bar and got off the truck only to find that the "men" had disappeared.

UFO "WAVE" IN CHINA IN 1979-80

During the two encounters, not a sound was heard. Nothing else was noticed except that there was pitch darkness. Both Mr. Wang Jian-min and the other driver experienced anything of that nature before, and had never heard of UFOs, humanoids or any other mysteries of that type.

Driven by curiosity, Mr. Wang told his experience to his driving squad. From the year 1979 to 1980, a UFO wave hit China. At about 8 o'clock that morning (December 13, 1979), Dai Kai-hua, Ji zhi-hong and Liu You-fang of the Agricultural Science Research

Organization of the General Farm in the People's Courtyard, Jian Li prefecture, Hu Bei province, watched a saucer-shaped UFO flying southeastward.

(Editor's note: In closing, Mr. Shu Jia-lin asked: "Was there an internal link between the UFO and the driver's encounter? This still remained unknown." We assume by these remarks that the writer was concerned about a possible psychological cause for the happenings.)

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WAS UFO PRESENT AT JESUS' BAPTISM?

The FORTEAN TIMES for Spring, 1978, carried a most interesting article by Paul Screeton with Chris Castle which dealt with a painting by Aert de Gelder, probably painted in 1710, and certainly one of the most remarkable artistic renderings we have seen in a long time. Thanks to the patience and persistence of our Deputy Director, Robert Marsland, who ultimately contacted the Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge, England, where the painting is on display, we are able to reproduce it here in black and white, although our presentation hardly does it justice.

SOME HISTORY

DE Gelder was born on October 26, 1645 and became a portrait painter who also depicted religious scenes and tableaux indicating oriental influence. He was a pupil of Samuel van Hoogstraten and between 1665 and 1667 he studied under Rembrandt van Rijn whose style he copied closely. The Fortean Times goes into considerable detail concerning the religious 'brotherhood' between Rembrandt, van Hoogstraten and de Gelder and the 'prevailing religious climate' within which their work was produced. We will not deal with this, but will get right on to some salient remarks by artist Chris Castle, about the De Gelder painting which we feel are very revealing.

UNUSUAL INTERPRETATION

These are Castle's words, quoted directly from Fortean Times which we sincerely thank for permission reprint: "It is twilight, a hilltop, a landscape stretches away, the slightly glowing outlines of two towns, then mountains beyond.

'But on THIS hilltop, a gathering of people in ancient dress gaze motionless, entranced at the scene taking place before them. Two figures, the one kneedeep in water, head bowed, hands in attitude of prayer, stoops slightly toward the other who with

outstretched arms sprinkles him with water.

'Something momentous indeed has caught the attention of the surrounding onlookers. The water and the two figures are bathed in a special kind of light, softly glowing. High in the sky above hovers a greenish disk at the center of which is a tiny dove with outstretched wings. From that disk emanate four narrow rays which seem to travel down to earth, penetrating the center of the place/event below. The rays seem both to support the disk above and to come down as a blessing and completion of the baptism. But the rays themselves are painted in such a way as not to appear as light beams. Perhaps some other kind of 'light' is intended. The peculiar light quality of the scene is enhanced by the glow of the central event; indeed, one feels the water to be charged with some spiritual energy.

'The overall harmony of the painting is maintained throughout by de Gelder's strict control of his palette. The rulebook of his master Rembrandt is in strong evidence in his coloration and his handling of the paint. The painting doesn't break through any revolutionary ground on the technical level. It is basically quite safely in the Rembrandt tradition. But the subject matter and overall atmosphere created is so unusual an interpretation of the Baptism of Christ that the shortcomings of the painting technique are overshadowed and soon forgotten. As Rembrandt's later works were those thick influenced de Gelder, the surface of the painting is loose and almost impressionistic in soft smudgy brush-marks. No detail of importance emerges from either the figures looking on or the landscape beyond. Both landscape and people function only as setting for the cosmic fusion of sky and earth spirits.

'There is some doubt about the artist's intentions regarding the distribution and land masses in the painting. The Baptism seems to be taking place in water (the Jordan?) on a hilltop (a river on a hilltop?) Maybe a dewpond is intended or maybe this is not the Baptism of Christ at all.' UNQUOTE.

One is at first tempted to leap to the conclusion that the disc is the same kind of disc seen before and since the date of the painting; i.e., a metallic, material thing which came down from the sky and hovered over the baptism of Christ and that this knowledge was somehow discovered by de Gelder and set on canvas. However, other interpretations can be made made in light of the information we have about de Gelder:

Screeen and Castle point out that a characteristic of at least two of Rembrandt's Biblical scenes is that 'aerial' personages occur in the top left hand corner: a winged angel in The Sacrifice of Abraham and a floating figure in the Sacrifice of Manoh. They also point out that it may

have been pure coincidence that de Gelder placed his aerial object left of center at the top of his picture.

The 'object' or disc is fascinating, as it could represent the oriental 'mandala' or soul symbol. APRO's 8X10 inch copy of the painting is a black and white, as illustrated above, but the color slide also shows one striking thing: The kneeling figure appears to have long hair, and its face is pointed toward the observer, but the face is or appears to be blank. This is not so of the other figures, including the one who is apparently doing the baptising.

It would seem important to note that the Bible often refers to 'the hills' or 'the mountains' as a source of inspiration or strength. The painting is obviously of a scene in the hills, where there is water (which is symbolic of cleansing).

We must then ask ourselves a myriad of questions: Did De Gelder paint what he felt inspired (by what or whom? And why?) to paint. Or did he insert a representation of something he had, himself, seen (the disc) into a painting because he felt it belonged there?

It is not likely that we shall soon obtain answers to these and a host of other questions which arise from this picture, but it is an interesting artifact.

(see painting, next page)

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APRO Aids AF Workshop

Early in 1985 APRO received a request from the Air Force Museum at Wright-Patterson AFB (Ohio) for material to aid in presenting a course for an Aerospace Workshop. The material Headquarters sent included the summary of the manual "Introductory Space Science" issued at USAF Academy since 1968. Their letter of thanks follows:

"Dear Mr. Marsland, I want to thank you for sending the hand-out information that we included in the participants' educational packets for our Third Aerospace Education Workshop. We had the most successful workshop ever this year. "The participants were a blend of different ages and teaching backgrounds. They felt that the literature that you sent would be very useful in the classroom. Thank you for your continued support in this educational program. Sincerely, (signed) Richard L. Uppstrom, Colonel, USAF, Director.

(Editor's note: The colonel can probably expect an explosive letter from Phil Klass of Champion Skeptic fame, taking him to task for distributing material which he (Klass) does not approve of).



CLARIFICATION

In the last issue of the Bulletin, Headquarters announced that publication of the Bulletin would be suspended for an indefinite period of time. Since then a plethora of rumors have floated around the field of "UFOlogy", all of which are false. The announcement in the Bulletin was simple and easily understood by most, judging from the number of get-well cards and messages received by Mrs. Lorenzen.

At this time I would like to make things as clear as I can without drawing pictures. I WAS seriously ill, but am well on the mend. Part of the reason for my ill health was the fact that my husband, Jim, who is also APRO's Director, has been fighting cancer for over a year. Lest some folks read only this far and grab their telephones to spread the word, please hear me out. Jim is also on the mend, the cancer is in remission and the prognosis is good. I think most of you will realize that with two people who have been married as long as we have (42 years) the illness of one greatly affects the health of the other. So it has been with us.

We both appreciate the kind thoughts and prayers of our many friends as well as the written messages. The reason that the announcement was written as it was is due to the fact that when a Bulletin is late there is a certain hair-trigger minority who feel that an insulting or cantankerous letter will speed things up, and we didn't need that sort of harassment at the time. We felt that if we made the delay indefinite, those who were a part of that minority would ask for back issues, etc., and get out of our hair, so to speak. As it so happened, only a half dozen or so took out their credit in back issues and the rest have remained. Those who did write had only words of encouragement.

CHANGES AHEAD

Mr. Lorenzen will be retiring in the summer of 1987, and possibly earlier, depending on his health. The last year and our experience with health problems demonstrated that we cannot go on living in this huge house with its attendant chores. I am not young enough anymore to care for large a home, nor is Jim able to carry out his chores in addition to his position at the University and doing his part in APRO.

To that end, we are selling our home of 20 years and looking for a smaller, more convenient domicile. Out of the 33 years of APRO's existence, we have furnished it with a home for 22 years. Even during the 11 years that APRO enjoyed a public office, one room was retained for storage and Mr. Lorenzen's and my use for our duties in connection with the organization. At present, APRO fills one large sun porch and another room and has since 1981.

At present, APRO is selling off some of the library (duplicate books) so that it can be comfortably contained in whatever quarters we find ourselves in, and the storage which has been obtained at a storage facility.

A recent edition of the MUFON journal announced what Walt Andrus assumed was the "sad demise" of APRO. Fortunately, few people paid much attention, but we would like to set the record straight. As we have requested before, if you want the straight goods about APRO you'll get it from the Bulletin, and nowhere else. As it is, judging from the various rumors (one was to the effect that the files were going to be turned over to the University of Arizona!!!!) we can only assume that some people don't have their brains hitched up to their mouths. All it would have taken from anyone would have been a post card, letter or telephone call, and questions would be answered.

The coming months are going to be trying ones for all of us here at Headquarters. We do not yet know when a definite publishing schedule will be re-established, but hope that it is soon. Meanwhile, we will expect to hear from one and all about sightings and clippings and leads to cases in your areas. We may not be able to answer all correspondence, but at least you now know we're still here.

THANK YOU AGAIN, ONE AND ALL!

Coral E. Lorenzen

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ANOTHER COLORADO MUTILATION

Lou Girodo, chief investigator for the district attorney's office, is now probing what he believes is the first reported cattle mutilation in Colorado in the last 18 months (since fall, 1983). It happened in approximately December 1984 on a ranch 13 miles north of Trinidad. The 800 pound Hereford steer appeared to have been dropped from a considerable height. There were no gnaw marks on the carcass and it wasn't dragged to the site because there were no marks on the ground. The animal's tongue, genitals and intestines were missing and the hide had been rolled, like newspaper, from the rear of the animal almost to the shoulder.

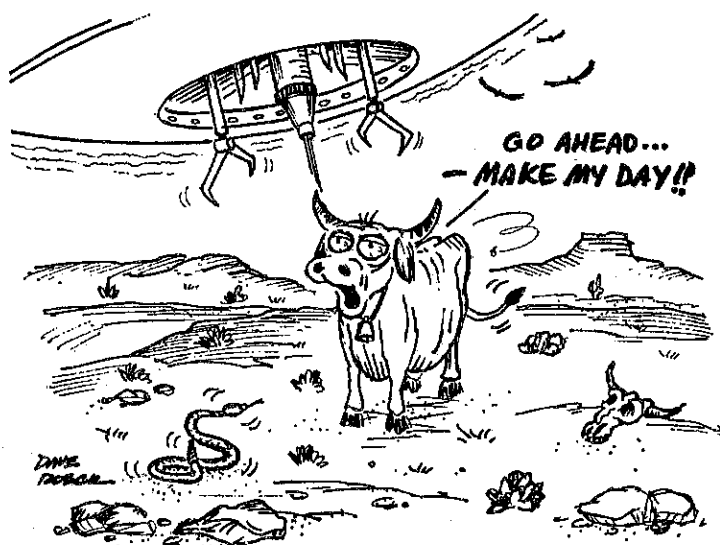
Three nights before rancher Myron Scott found the carcass of his steer, he noticed 2 white, bright pulsating lights hovering about 100 feet above the ground. He said there was no sound during the more than 15 minutes he observed the lights.

Girodo believes that other mutilations have gone unreported because cattlemen don't want to be laughed at. He also says that no one has found a satisfactory explanation for more than 8,000 cattle mutilations worldwide since 1967.

(Editor's note: This mutilation displays a

characteristic which this publication had lamented as lacking in prior mutilation cases: namely, no indication that intestines had been disturbed. The intestines are one of the first parts of an animal that predators devour, in order to get the nutrients from the grain and vegetable contents of the stomach and intestines. Interesting!)

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HUGE PHENOMENA OVER CHINA

Thanks to Bert Nelson of Havre, Montana, we received preliminary information, via a news clip from the Great Falls Tribune, and further information from John D'Andrea who translated directly from the People's Daily newspaper, a Communist Party publication of the following case:

The newspaper said that the Peking-Maris flight CA933 of the Civil Aviation Administration of China, the state-run airline, was over Lanzhou, which is the western Gansu provincial capital, at 10:40 p.m. on June 11 when the crew observed an unidentified flying object.

The object, located at 39 degrees, 30 minutes N and 103 degrees, 30 minutes E, was seen to the right of the airliner, and was going "extremely fast" and paced the aircraft from north to south. It was in sight for approximately 2 minutes. The article said that the object shone for "25 to 30 miles" (40 to 50 kilometers) and was about six miles (10 kilometers) wide.

The crew reported that the object was elliptical in shape and located at an altitude of about 10,000 meters, on the same plane as that of the aircraft.

MULTIPLE LIGHTS

The object had an extremely bright spot at the center, and three horizontal rows of bluish-white lights on the perimeter. The article said that there was no explanation for the delay in reporting the incident, or whether or not any of the passengers had also observed the strange object. Any further information, whether from clippings in the U. S. or China, will be most welcome at Headquarters.

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HYNEK: UFO MOVEMENT BASICALLY AMATEURS

In a recent interview in OMNI Magazine, J. Allen Hynek, former consultant to the U. S. Air Force (20 years, in fact, at a handsome yearly rate) again seemed to dance on the fence where the UFO field is concerned. After saying that he didn't "mean it unkindly", he dubbed the current UFO field as "filled basically with amateurs". He then goes on to point out that most of the investigators are not "professionals" (emphasis ours) and are technically ill equipped and "lack funds". The emphasis on the latter is ours too, and we point out that "funds" or "funding" is a favorite subject of Hynek's in recent years.

Hynek has been ready to accept honorariums and pre-paid trips hither and yon to speak at various UFO functions but it seems that he may not have been sincere in his participation with his "fellow UFOlogists" because 90% or probably 99% of the individuals involved in the UFO field are not professionally qualified to investigate. But, then, how does one go about qualifying for such a unique endeavor?

ACCREDITATION

It has been our experience that to do a thorough job as an investigator of aerial phenomena, one must have a basic knowledge of many disciplines. To name a few: atmospheric, meteorology, aviation, basic physics, geography, etc., etc. The reader may wonder why we have not stressed astronomy. The fact of the matter is that early on, when the UFOs became publicly popular in the late 1940s, it was immediately assumed that they were from outer space, and therefore people thought astronomers would know something about them. If we're dealing strictly with UFOs, without any preconception of what they are, astronomers would quite

probably be the least important personnel needed in the evaluation of the phenomena. A first-rate atmospheric physicist would be our number one person, to weed out the atmospheric phenomena. We would not even require a professional astronomer to weed out those sightings of the sun, moon, planets, stars, etc., because that basic knowledge is available in any college course or textbook dealing with the heavens.

So we must ask ourselves: How did Hynek become the Champion or titular head of UFOlogy? The answer is that the man who would have been the logical and qualified leader was Dr. James McDonald, atmospheric Physicist at the University of Arizona, died, the Condon Committee folded, and so did the Air Force "investigation", and Hynek was in the wings and stepped into "center stage".

Concerning the latter, in February, 1974 Hynek visited Tucson and lunched with three members of APRO's Board of Directors at which time he made a pitch to be handed a list of APRO's Field Investigators along with their addresses and telephone numbers. During the conversation, all three APRO people were somewhat taken aback when Hynek stated that, after the Condon Committee closed its doors and issued its final report, and the Air Force closed down its "project" (emphasis ours) "Fate seemed to place me center stage" where the UFO situation was concerned. This statement was noted and later, when Hynek was quoted as saying that he regarded himself as the "Galileo of UFOlogy" we began to suspect that Hynek might regard himself as some kind of Messiah to the field of UFOlogy.

Now that the good Doctor has chosen to deny his fellow travelers and look down his academic nose at what he seems to perceive as lesser people, perhaps it should be pointed out that it was the "amateurs" who went out and did the bone-grinding work of investigation in the early years when the Air Force, for whom Hynek was working and doing their bidding, was making a laughing stock of anyone who took UFOs seriously. Those "amateurs" were actually preparing the way and readying the stage so that when the time came when it was safe and stylish to do so, Hynek could walk in and appear at the Center.

When Hynek made his much-heralded (in the press, naturally) move to Phoenix, Arizona in the fall of 1984, the press notices quoted him as stating that millions would be spent in this mecca of technology (by his Center, of course) which was being donated by an unnamed philanthropist. The clippings of those interviews are on file, and this description is conservative, if anything. Since the first notice, Hynek's rhetoric has calmed down considerably. When at first he talked about the millions to be spent here, and putting CUFOS' computers to work on the 80,000 + cases in their data banks, the latest clipping to come to our notice has been one which refers to 1,000 (yes, 1,000 only) cases which are going to be fed into a

computer to see what comes out.

The OMNI article quotes Hynek concerning his plans for a "new research facility" Most of his utterances deal with grandiose plans using the services of psychologists, in teams, to interview witnesses.

As a matter of fact, a recent issue of Flying Saucer Review has an editorial by Gordon Creighton in which he defines Hynek's position on UFOs - they are "thought projections".

Also, during the OMNI interview, Hynek bemoans the "ups and downs" he has suffered throughout his tenure in UFOlogy. We suggest that he doesn't know what ups and downs are. Finally, he gets around to what one newspaper reporter termed his favorite subject: funding. Actually, it's hard to blame him considering the fact that quite likely most of his adult life has been spent either seeking funds or spending funds which, ultimately come out of the public coffer. If he had asked us amateurs before he walked "center stage", we could have told him there wasn't any money in it, now, couldn't we? And quite likely, given the amount of funding he has received (CUFOS is funded entirely by donations, according to their periodical) most of us amateurs could point to considerably more accomplishments than Hynek can. But then, Fate did not choose us - we just happened along by accident. And we did what we did, our way - without funding.

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PRESS REPORTS

by Doris and Joe Graziano

Keene, NEW HAMPSHIRE, October 15, 1984. The Keen Police Department received a call from a Winchester resident at 7:34 p.m. reporting something bright hovering over the city. Sgt. Jack C. Zeller was dispatched to the Rte. 1 area where he reported seeing an object hovering several hundred feet above the ground.

As Zeller approached, a car coming from the opposite direction screeched to a halt and two men jumped out, pointing to the object and asking the officer what it was. The object, which had red and green pulsating lights but no landing gear or wings, sat "absolutely stationary" about 3 or 4 feet off the ground, about an eighth of a mile in front of the police cruiser.

Zeller shone his thousand candlepower light on the craft and it began moving towards the cruiser at about 20 mph. It came within 150 feet of the car and then zoomed off to the south "at a very high rate of speed." The object then followed the contour of the mountain, went out of sight and returned and hovered close to the ground before taking off at high speed.

Another New Hampshire police officer, Steven Hamel of the Rochester P.O., reported coming in contact

with an UFO off Rte 16 last year. Overall, there have been 13 reported sightings in the area.

Tyrone, PENNSYLVANIA, October 23, 1984. Melvin Morrissey was driving his pickup along the Janesville Pike at 8:30 p.m. when an object with "a circular shape like a saucer" flew over him. The object was about 100 feet above the treetops and "about the size of a football field, with an amber light on the bottom and red lights in a circle on top."

Morrissey pulled off to the side of the road, killed his engine and leaned his head out the truck window. He watched the silent object for 2 or 3 minutes as it moved "faster than a plane, but not as fast as a jet" until it disappeared over a ridge.

A few minutes later, he and his two children, for whom he had returned home so they could look at the object, saw lights in the gamelands number 158 to the southwest. The state police said the lights were probably from the WTAJ-TV tower, but Morrissey, his son and Police Chief J. Thomas Cooper went to the gamelands two days later and could not see the tower lights.

Dorset, ENGLAND, December 15, 1984. Andrew Child and his wife, Pam, spotted a gray, doughnut-shaped object with a ring around the middle while driving from Yeovil to Portway Close around dusk. They stopped and watched the object with other motorists for about 10 minutes.

The witnesses estimated the object to be about 5 miles away and 5,000 feet up. Viewing through binoculars, they could see no lights or markings and said the object did not move except to rotate very slowly.

Cantwell, ALASKA, January 8, 1985. Area residents reported seeing a blinding white light pass overhead and vanish over the mountains. Witness John Wallace said, "It lit the sky up for 30 or 40 seconds and completely illuminated the mountain range around it for 15 or 16 miles."

Jack and Shirley Lawson, who run the Reindeer Mountain Lodge, said several people had seen the light. Leon and Elizabeth Smith, of the Igloo Lodge, said that they did not see the light this time but have seen something like it in the past. The Smiths, who refuel helicopters at the lodge, were positive that the light was not an aircraft.

Anchorage, ALASKA, February 17 and 18. Colored lights that hovered over East Anchorage between 10:30 and 11:00 p. m. on the 17th were apparently caused by hot air balloons, federal officials said. But the head of a local balloonists' group countered that the city's hot air pilots were attending a banquet when the lights were sighted, adding that "nobody in their right mind" would have attempted a night flight over

the city without special gear.

Observers said up to a dozen of the bright colored spots - similar to aerial flares - seemed to move quickly over the Chugach Mountains near Anchorage, then gather over the city itself. Alaska Air Musers Association president Don Reed said, "There is only one balloon in town that's equipped for night flying and there's only one set of lights, and that set isn't even working."

The following night, at about 9 p.m., a flock of bright amber lights appeared over West Anchorage. Some of the lights glowed alone in the sky while others appeared in crude designs or straight lines of 3 or 4 lights each. The lights appeared to climb slowly into the sky before hovering and then disappearing 30 minutes after they appeared.

Jonesboro, ARKANSAS, January 14, 1985. Patrolman David Sanders of the Trumann Police Department drove to a Monroe St. address between 8 and 9 p.m. to investigate a reported light over a house. When he arrived, he saw a large glowing object which took off, stopped near a church, then appeared to "shoot" toward Harrisburg.

About 20 seconds later, Deputy Sheriff Larry Mills, alert to the sighting, spotted the object in the Weona area. Mills, who is a pilot, estimated the orange object to be 300 to 400 feet off the ground.

The National Weather Service said the object was likely a high altitude weather balloon. This would explain the lack of sound, but does not account for the object's movement against the wind.

Maralinga, AUSTRALIA, January 16, 1985. An unidentified flying object is believed to have stopped a freight train on its outback run. Two locomotive engineers watched as a mysterious light hovered for several minutes above their freight train, which suddenly lost power. The men were forced to unload most of their cargo to get to the top of a steep embankment without losing the disabled train. The stretch of line where the incident took place is near the restricted Woomera military base and only a short distance from Maralinga. The train was examined to determine the cause of the power loss, and railway officials said a mechanical failure was unrelated to the reported lights. (Editor's note: We must assume that the engine of this train was a diesel as steam engines are more or less things of the past. Since the 'beginning' of the reports of UFO interference with automobile engines, researchers have noted the seeming inability of the UFOs to inhibit the operation of diesels. This may be a new manifestation of the phenomenon and something we should be on the lookout for in the future).

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AN OPINION SURVEY

by James Wonders

INTRODUCTION

Your answers to the questions which follow will relate very important experiences, beliefs and theories about your personal attitude toward "UFO phenomena". Such events cover a wide range of activities, so please express your own observations and opinions. The more detailed and accurate your answers are, the better APRO will be able to interrelate and comprehend a clear perception of people's real thoughts and experiences.

Some people may not be familiar with the term "UFO", so explain any special, amazing (aerial?) event(s) or object(s) which you ever saw. Please try to respond to all of the questions even if the answer is only yes or no. This information will be applied to a statistical survey and all confidential responses will be deeply appreciated and contribute greatly to APRO's ability to understand and scientifically validate the incredible scope of modern UFO phenomena.

This survey may be copied and passed on to anyone whom the reader feels might like to participate in this study. Also, APRO will respond to requests for additional copies for wider dissemination.

(Please circle ALL of the choices which best approximate your convictions and reactions to UFO reports or personal experiences and/or FILL IN YOUR EXACT ATTITUDES AND THEORIES.

1. Which of the following responses best describes your attitudes toward UFO Research?

- a. Provokes thoughts out of the ordinary.
- b. Arouses strong interest.
- c. Gives you hope for the future of humanity.
- d. It is a meaningful, enriching hobby or study.
- e. It is an idle curiosity.
- f. Creates apprehension or fear.
- g. Is of little or not interest.
- h. Is nonexistent (you are NOT aware of any UFO activity or research)
- i. Other PLEASE FILL IN RESPONSE(S).

2. Which of the following responses best describe YOUR ATTITUDES IN REGARD to the origin of UFOs?

- a. Originate from our imagination.
- b. Originate from our planet Earth.
- c. Originate from other planets or satellites WITHIN our Solar System.

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- d. Originate from OUTSIDE our Solar System.
 - e. Originate from the future of Earth.
 - f. Originate from realities beyond present understanding.
 - g. Other. PLEASE FILL IN RESPONSE(s).
3. Which of the following responses best describes the ACTUAL NATURE OF UFOs, IN YOUR OPINION?
- a. Misidentified conventional aircraft, weather balloons, etc.
 - b. The result of an over-active imagination (i.e., UFOs do NOT exist).
 - c. Technologically advanced crafts from Earth.
 - d. Inexplicable atmospheric, magnetic or geologic causes.
 - e. Space craft which house extraterrestrial life forms.
 - f. Craft housing humanoids who live on or within the Earth, of unknown origin and culture.
 - g. "Time Machines" or interdimensional craft from other historical periods, or systems of reality.
 - h. Totally unknown phenomena.
 - i. Other, PLEASE FILL IN RESPONSE(s).
4. Which of the following choices best describes your EXPERIENCES WHICH LED TO AWARENESS OF UFO PHENOMENA?
- a. I am NOT aware of any UFO phenomena, NOR am I interested in such reported activities.
 - b. I am somewhat interested in the nature of UFO phenomena from the experiences of people I've met, news reports, or other information sources.
 - c. I became interested in UFO phenomena upon seeing inexplicable events OR after considering thoughts regarding the possibility of extraterrestrial life forms existing and visiting Earth.
 - d. Other. PLEASE FILL IN RESPONSE(s).
5. Have you ever seen a UFO which executed aerial maneuvers which tend to deny or contradict normal, daily experience? (Examples: EXTREMELY fast moving objects, silent hovering objects which make radical movements/appear and/or disappear; objects that change in size, shape, composition, color or appear to react to our thoughts; objects which affect the mechanics of electrical systems of vehicles, radar, television or other unique occurrences; objects which cause excitement, happiness or alarm while they attract the attention of domestic animals, yourself and other people).
- a. Yes
 - b. No
 - c. Perhaps (not sure).
6. What is your mental reaction to the potential existence of UFOs or an actual personal sighting(s)?
- a. Disbelief.
 - b. Fear-provoking, at the thought of the unknown or more advanced species of life.
 - c. Objective curiosity of such thoughts or occurrences.

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- d. A high degree of interest which encourages beneficial thoughts and actions in daily life (related or apparently unrelated to the UFO phenomena).
 - e. Other. PLEASE FILL IN RESPONSE(s).
7. What do you think are the more probable reasons for UFOs TO BE HERE ON EARTH?
- a. For scientific research of our social, spiritual and environmental systems.
 - b. To stimulate spiritual, social, and mental developments.
 - c. To obtain natural resources, such as H₂O, minerals, etc.
 - d. To vacation to exotic worlds of great beauty.
 - e. To observe and partake in the "return" of the Christ Spirit To Earth.
 - f. To enslave the earth and its people.
 - g. Other. PLEASE FILL IN RESPONSE(s)
8. What affect has the knowledge of UFOs' probable existence had on your life?
- a. None that I am aware of at this time.
 - b. An interesting theory to debate when life seems to be somewhat mundane or dull.
 - c. A dramatic influence toward higher levels of awareness, happiness, activity and meaning in life.
 - d. Reassurance that civilization can progress beyond the present stage of our social, mental, economic and spiritual development.
 - e. Other. PLEASE FILL IN RESPONSE(s).
9. Why do you think UFOs GENERALLY refrain from overt contacts with governments, organizations, individuals, or landings in populated areas?
- a. Because there are reasons beyond our comprehension.
 - b. To reduce fear in the general population by slowly aculturating Earth's people to the potential existence of extraterrestrial life forms.
 - c. To observe Earth's people and systems under relatively normal social conditions.
 - d. To study our reactions to strange, unique and unknown phenomena.
 - e. To maintain our social/cultural systems intact, as they assist the growth of our civilization by discreet means of thought stimulation and activity.
 - f. To enslave Earth through the "Trojan Horse" tactics by our acceptance of the obvious fact that UFOs are basically non-aggressive and technologically superior.
 - g. There are Universal laws against the direct approach of advanced civilizations to "native" populations(which may well result in social chaos and confusion).
 - h. Humanity is not yet ready for direct contact with more evolved species of life due to our general social/cultural/spiritual state of being at this time.

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- i. They have no motive or purpose in direct contact at this time, for their own unique reasons.
 - j. Other. PLEASE FILL IN RESPONSE(s).
10. What can possibly explain the relatively NUMEROUS REPORTS of UFOs being sighted since WWII and also REPORTS OF SUCH OCCURRENCES IN PAST AGES?
- a. They can travel vast distances in relatively short periods of time.
 - b. They have an active ongoing interest and specific motives for being on Earth over the eons.
 - c. They are living on or within areas of Earth which are beyond our knowledge at this time (under oceans, lakes, underground on the Moon, etc.
 - d. Something special is occurring on Earth of a spiritual nature and many beings representing many different civilizations across the Universe are traveling here to witness and partake in the events as they occur.
 - e. They are collecting resources like water, plants, etc., and/or various life forms for economic reasons.
 - f. No UFO reports, past or present, have any significance, nor are they potentially of extraterrestrial origin.
 - g. Other. PLEASE FILL IN RESPONSE(s).

ESSAY QUESTIONS: Please give reasons or examples which support your answers, if possible.

- 11. Please add any observations, deductions or THEORIES you have in regard to UFO phenomena AND your REACTIONS to such knowledge or personal experience.
- 12. How can the knowledge that UFOs potentially exist as extraterrestrial life forms be APPLIED to daily life for you, as an individual, and to our Earth's civilization as a whole?
- 13. Do you believe or think UFOs are from other star systems which possess planets relatively similar to our own Earth?
- 14. Have you, any of your family members, or close friends seen a UFO from relatively close range? If so, please briefly describe the best case(s) you recall, vividly.
- 15. PLEASE make any additional comments about UFO research, UFOs themselves, and the role of APRO in future UFO research and methods of applying the masses of information and knowledge thus far received.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION IN RESPONDING TO THIS RELATIVELY SIGNIFICANT ISSUE!

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