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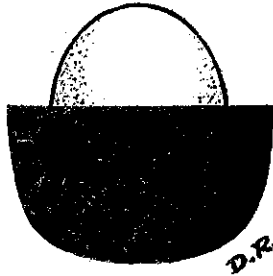
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## UFO Over New York

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*Drawing of New York UFO*

### Mini Flap In Mexico

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We have had a mini-flap of UFO reports in this area and I am pleased to forward three clippings from local papers, with my translation attached to each. Also as an addendum to one translation is a brief account of a trip I made to a mountainous area South of Turreon to investigate the sightings there (Jimulco). The principle local sighting was of a green disc-shaped object seen by over a dozen witnesses over Gomez Palacio in April. Gomez Palacio is the middle city of this tri-city complex of Turreon, Gomez Palacio, and Lerdo. All Newspapers for this area are located in Turreon.

The main group of witnesses were eight taxi drivers located at the main Plaza (Plaza Juarez) in downtown Gomez Palacio. I located an independant group of three witnesses 0.55 miles south of the plaza taxi site (not given by the papers) and obtained sufficient sighting data for triangulation to determine the approximate altitude of the object and distance from observers. Triangulation put the altitude at about 3100 feet above ground level and the cloud base height at around 3000 feet as the green disk went under some, between some, and through other clouds. The taxi drivers told me the clouds were heavy and unusually low. (agrees with 3,000 ft.) and that the night was very dark as a result.

The "South" group of witnesses were chatting in front of 751 South Hidalgo Ave., Gomez Palacio,  
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On June 4, 1978, Daniel J. Noonan went up to the roof of a 16-story student dormitory where he was going to relax and enjoy the panoramic view of the East River harbor. He went up to the roof specifically to take some photographs of the many watercraft and helicopters that were abundant in the area that Sunday. His camera was a Pentax K-1000, loaded with Tri-X film. It was a sunny, clear, windless day.

Dan, a 26-year-old student and senior at New York University Medical School, is a highly intelligent, sincere, and respected citizen of the community. Dick Ruhl, one of APRO's top-notch field investigators, and I can attest to the fact that Dan is a blunt and to-the-point individual. He does not appear to be the type to exaggerate, fabricate, or perpetrate a hoax for either recognition or monetary rewards. His student curriculum leaves very little time for socializing or hobbies. Dan's time is usually spent reading medical texts and journals. Needless to say, Dan has not read any of the many books and magazines that flood book stores and news stands on the UFO phenomenon.

About 3:00 that afternoon, Dan had been on the roof no more than half an hour and had taken 15 photographs when he observed a brilliantly glowing ball-shaped object. At first impression, the object was thought to be an airplane, a helicopter, or even a bird. Watching the object attentively, Dan soon realized the object he was viewing was something very strange. This "very bright light", as Dan called it, had no wings or propellers, there was no emission of any kind and it was completely noiseless.

The UFO was estimated to be approximately 3 feet in diameter, and between 20-30 degrees above the horizon. Dan also concluded the object was at least 500 yards away from him and moving in an easterly direction. At the time of the sighting, Dan could not actually determine a definite shape and the only thing he could be positive about was the glaring bright white light.

Being curious and not knowing what else to do, Dan snapped a picture of the object as it hovered directly over the middle of Franklin D. Roosevelt (FDR) Drive. Taking a second or two to look down from above the roof top, Dan noticed dozens of people in a position to observe the object.

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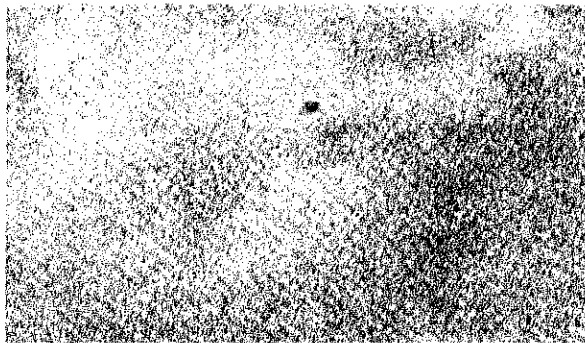
## New York

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Unfortunately, no one else has since come forward to report that they, too, witnessed this incredible sight.

Quickly returning his attention to the object, Dan observed it still hovering and glowing brightly. Suddenly, without any warning whatsoever, the object zoomed off with lightning speed in the direction of Kennedy airport. To Dan's astonishment, the object which had stood motionless, departed and went out of sight all in 2-3 seconds.

Not knowing what his 50mm camera had captured on film, Dan returned to his apartment only a few blocks away, and began to read more medical material in preparation for a National Medical Board examination in the coming weeks.



*Cropped photo of New York UFO*

His eyes grew weary and he soon dozed off. Awakening several hours later, Dan turned on his T.V. to watch the 6 o'clock news. A news reporter was speaking about and interviewing several people in Brooklyn who claimed to have seen a UFO the night before. Unknown to Dan at the time, the probability arises that these people might have seen something other than a UFO that night. First, they could have viewed the planets Saturn and Jupiter, which were in close proximity to each other. Secondly, they may have observed a commercial airplane which advertises various products utilizing a large multi-colored billboard attached. Keeping an open mind that anything is possible when dealing with UFOs, Dick Ruhl and I are still reviewing some of the sightings from that night.

However, Dan was not aware of these facts, and decided to take his negatives to the New York Post (daily newspaper), have them develop them, and print anything of interest. The next day, Dan bought the newspaper at a local stand and found his photo and story on the front page. The photo was clear, unexplainable, and interesting enough to make headlines. Meanwhile, Dick Ruhl, who has investigated numerous cases over the past decade, decided that seeing isn't always believing and had the photograph blown to 150mm and analyzed. The saying, "a picture is worth a thousand words" applies to Dan's photograph. The object was found to be about 3 feet in diameter, solid, apparently metallic. No trickery was used as far as this preliminary analysis shows. The blow-up showed a half semi-circle of black or dark mass on the lower portion, with a smaller semicircle of shiny material attached above it (see diagram).

This case is of the utmost importance because it involves a daylight UFO traveling over a densely populated major city, and is backed up by a photograph that defies explanation, taken by a competent, reliable, credible source. Why would a man who has struggled so hard to achieve his goal of being a doctor, risk everything by saying he has seen a UFO unless it is the truth?

Dick and I are still investigating and hope to come up with someone to corroborate Dan Noonan's sighting.

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## Mexico

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when their attention was attracted by a "blue-green" disc flying from west to east crossing over Hidalgo some distance to the south. The time, as noted by everyone, was a little after one a.m. The three witnesses were: Sr. Izequiel de la Torre Age 17 (lives at above address.) Sr. Jurge Machuca Flores Age 18, and Sr. Alvaro Ibaria age 35 (also interviewed).

Izequiel de la Torre showed me by sketches, description and pointing the angular altitude of the disc which I measured by his "marks" on trees, poles and lines to be twenty five degrees above level. He sketched a four to one ellipse with yellow spots or lights beneath which rotated as the disc moved along making viewers here and at the taxi site conclude the disc rotated as it moved along. The sighting lasted about ten seconds with the disc moving about 20 degrees before being lost in the clouds (i.e. two degrees per second).

I had great difficulty arriving at a reliable angular size estimate; in fact I did not. I found de la Torre using twenty to one, for he said if the disc were 400 meters away it was 20 meters in diameter. But he added he didn't know how far away it was. In agreement with this, a ten peso coin at arm's length (1.2 inches at twenty four inches) gave the same one to twenty ratio. He thought the angular size at least this (as did the taxi drivers!). But to contradict everything else he said the size of the UFO was three or four inches at the tree branches which I measured to be one hundred thirty eight feet away!

At the taxi driver's site at the plaza I discovered one witness not mentioned in the Siglo article. He was Juan Francisco Flores. I talked with him and others including Esteban Bugarin. To them the color was green, in or out of the clouds. Flores said he knew the disc rotated because there were yellow points of light on or near the rim which could be seen to rotate, indicating the motion by rotating a five peso piece in a horizontal plane about a vertical axis. The angular elevation marked by the top of a palm tree I measured with a protractor to be eighteen degrees. The car odometer showed 0.55 miles between sighting spots in a north-south direction.

Another interesting and possibly UFO-related occurrence happened in *Gomez Palacio* on the night of January 2, 1978. According to the story told me by one of the editors of the Siglo of Turreon, a relative of his was sitting in his front room reading late at night when he suddenly looked up to see a tall blond, blue-eyed man in the room. The witness asked, "Who are you?" On receiving no reply he asked "What are you doing here?" At this point the stranger is said to have turned around without touching the floor, and that his body was surrounded by a glow. The stranger floated through the doors of two other rooms and into a patio at the rear of the house, followed by the

witness. The glow around the man's body increased and he flew up into the air and out of sight.

Understandably the witness doesn't want his name used and this story has never been published to my knowledge.

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## Book Review

### EXTRATERRESTRIAL INTERVENTION: THE EVIDENCE

By Jacques Bergier and the Editors of *INFO*  
Henry Regnery Company, Chicago, 1974

Although the title claims that the book contains evidence about extraterrestrial intervention, it doesn't. It is a loosely organized and collected group of stories about anthropological mysteries and oddities, stories of strange creatures and clippings from various newspapers. It certainly doesn't contain anything that could be called hard evidence.

Bergier starts on shaky ground while talking about the Acumbara figurines found in Mexico. He claims that Carbon-14 dating shows that the organic material associated with the figurines is 3590 ± 100 years old. He immediately assumes that it means that the figurines are that old. It does not. Only the material tested is 3590 years old. It is an assumption that no anthropologist would make. The anthropologist would carefully point out that the organic material could have been old when the figurine was made and that more dating, more evidence was needed before a final date could be determined.

From clay figurines we move to mystery artifacts pulled from stone. In 1961 three people found what they thought was a sparkplug embedded in rock. According to Bergier, or in this case Ronald J. Willis, who wrote the chapter, an unidentified geologist made some unspecified tests to determine that the artifact was 500,000 years old. If everything about the story is true, then it is an amazing find. Unfortunately, we aren't presented with enough evidence to make any rational choices. Unidentified scientists, however great they may be, can't be considered reliable sources because we can't check their credentials or their statements.

From anthropological and geological mysteries, we move rapidly to the "Great Airship of 1897." Quoting two sources (both written in the 1960's) Bergier mentions the Alexander Hamilton experience with a calf-napping UFO. Research, however, discloses that Hamilton belonged to a liar's club, and all the men who signed the affidavit attesting to Hamilton's honesty were members of the club.

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## Review

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Very few UFO investigators take the Hamilton story seriously any more.

From Hamilton we move to the explosion of the Airship in Aurora, Texas. For over ten years no one who knows the facts has believed that case. The articles about it certainly exist, but there is no truth in them. The author of the Aurora crash story, H.E. Hayden admitted he made it up. Some researchers stopped looking after they found the crash story. The full account was printed some weeks later.

The last bit of poor research is the Brad Steiger claim that three people were mysteriously cremated at the same time on the same day in three different locations. Good research has shown that none of this is as reported. One man did die in a flaming truck, but considerable more than just his body was burned. It didn't happen at the time or on the day that Bergier reports. The man in Holland couldn't have died in a Volkswagen because the factory to produce the first Volkswagen hadn't been built. And there is no record of a HSS Ulrich in 1938. Three pieces of evidence are cited but none of the "facts" in them are right.

To answer one of Bergier's questions about why scientists are wary of investigating these kinds of cases, I can say, "Lack of proof." That is the whole problem with this book. No research is done on the primary sources, no verification of anything he claims is available and he completely accepts anything that he considers unusual without checking the facts.

Kevin D. Randle

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### **BIGFOOT, LOCH NESS MONSTER AND OTHER PARANORMAL PHENOMENON "BITE BACK"**

by John de Herrera, Field Investigator

A highly slanderous article titled: *UFOs Horoscopes, Bigfoot, Psychics and other nonsense*, appeared in the March 1978 issue of Smithsonian magazine and in the July 1978 Readers Digest. The author of the article was Kendrick Frazier, the editor of a publication by CSICP - The Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal.

Most people would agree that some of the so-called "paranormal phenomenon" is being

exaggerated and exploited by unscrupulous individuals. Too many claims do go unchallenged. The majority of people who have had an unusual experience and the investigator who examines the report welcome open-minded inquiry. The facts are eventually revealed by dedicated researchers.

I would like to challenge the notion that Kendrick Frazier the writer, Phil Klass the debunker, Randi the magician, and Kusche the pilot, are speaking for the scientific community. Scientists are highly qualified to speak for themselves. They are individuals with varying opinions about unusual phenomenon.

A poll conducted by Dr. Peter Sturrock of Stanford University found that 80% of the astronomers polled said that the UFO question deserves scientific study. Out of 1,356 who responded to the poll, 62 had observed something unusual in the sky. Some of these were very good multiple witness reports. In 1971, Industrial Research magazine conducted a poll and found that 54% of the scientists and engineers believed that UFOs exist and 8% claimed they had seen one.

In order to get some information about Kendrick Frazier, I interviewed his brother Jim with whom I am well acquainted. The following is what he had to say:

Questions: John De Herrera

Answers: Jim Frazier

Q: Hello Jim. Did you read the article in Readers Digest by a Kendrick Frazier?

A: Yeah!

Q: Is he your brother?

A: Yeah. Ha ha ha. He's become an authority on UFOs and he doesn't know anything about them.

Q: How long has he been interested in UFOs?

A: Oh. He doesn't know anything about them. He's never read anything.

Q: Oh! He doesn't know anything?

A: Uh huh. Ha ha ha. He doesn't know anything but he's the editor of their magazine. This is the CSICP committee. They depend on Randi the magician and Phil Klass, who study the literature. Kendrick doesn't study the literature - he just studies Phil Klass.

Q: Does he give you a bad time about your UFO involvement?

A: Not really. He would believe it if there was, you know, anything that would make him believe it.

Q: Something tangible?

A: Yeah. He's one of those guys who believes that if they were here they would contact the scientists.

A: Oh?

A: He's never been able to get past that.

Q: A scientist worshiper?

A: Yeah. He's editor of Science News for about eight years. He's a real neat guy.

A: Oh?

Now we know something about the qualifications, or lack of qualifications, of the CSICP committee editor. He may be a "real neat guy" but he doesn't speak for the scientists and in fact he isn't qualified to speak at all on paranormal phenomenon. It was naive of Kendrick to assume that the UFO phenomenon, horoscopes, biorhythm, Bigfoot, Loch Ness monster, Bermuda Triangle, psychokinesis, and every other thing he and his pseudo-scientist friends dislike are all the same and are nonsense.

While the professional debunkers such as Frazier and Klass, start with the preconceived notion that all aerial phenomena are nonsense, the "believers" accept the notion that UFOs are benevolent extraterrestrial visitors here to help us solve our problems. Armed with these beliefs and notions, they both set out to "gather the facts" that support their peculiar views.

Funds provided by Public Television Stations, Exxon Corporation, and the National Science Foundation were used to research and film a documentary titled "The Case of the Ancient Astronauts." It was not surprising to find that he had engaged in fraud to promote his claims. Even though the documentary did not prove or disprove that the Earth has been visited by space voyagers, it was still a worthwhile endeavor.

It would be false to assume that only non-scientists engage in fraud. Recent articles in Science magazine indicate a serious problem in the scientific community: "Scandal in the Heavens: Renowned Astronomer Accused of Fraud," Nov. 18, and "Creative Penmanship in Animal Testing Prompts FDA Controls," Dec. 23. A close examination would reveal that only a small number of people engage in fraud.

The skeptics and debunkers constantly cry out "there is no evidence" while the witnesses and investigators say "absence of evidence is not evidence of absence." Both groups are in error. They apparently are not aware of what evidence is. Webster has this to say; *evidence - the means of proving or disproving an alleged fact; testimony, exhibits, etc.* There is certainly an abundance of eyewitness testimony to verify some of the paranormal phenomenon!

In the future we should all try to be more responsible. It is pointless to attack the character of someone if you dislike what he reports. Ridicule does not change the facts. Fraud should never be tolerated.

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## Old Sighting Department

As time passes and the general public is exposed to UFO lore and the subject becomes less notorious, many individuals who have had a UFO experience in the past are coming forward with the details of their sightings. Although not current, the following two items are being presented to illustrate the fact that many more people have

seen things than reported them at the time.

In the future we will present those reports from the past if they are of sufficient interest or degree of strangeness to warrant publication.

(1) "I would like to tell you something that happened to me and my 9 year old son. It was a cold February night about 10:30 P.M. (Feb. 18, 1973). We lived near a river in Pearson, Ga. My baby girl was real sick and I needed some aspirin, so my husband stayed home with her. My son and I got into our car and we started to my mother's home which was about three miles away. As we got to the forks of the road, out over the corn field my son and I saw a bright white light coming, it got right over my car until it was about five (5) feet above it. I said, 'son let the window down and see what it is.' He did and there was no sound at all. I said 'it is a plane', and he said 'no, mother, it's just a light.' Well, it stayed right up with us.

"We turned off at mother's and it took off over the pine trees. I ran in and told my mother what I had seen. She and my 14 year old son ran out to see it but it was gone. Then me and my 9 year old son left, going back home. But as we got on the road there it was. I couldn't believe my eyes. I stopped my car and turned off the motor, as if I was under some kind of spell, believe me, I have always been afraid of the dark, but I wasn't afraid at all. I just sat there looking at it. It was glowing a purplish color, and it was about 25 feet above the ground. The whole corn field was lighted up. It was shaped like a football, and just glowing. I just sat there. My son brought me back to my senses. He was crying 'mother, let's go.' He was afraid and begging me to go. I started the car, ran home and got my husband. I tell you this really happened or I wouldn't have got my baby out of bed and her sick as she was. We all went back to show my husband where it was and what we had seen but when we all got there it had disappeared, gone, vanished.

P.S. My husband took me and my son in separate rooms and he said we told exactly the same story.  
(Signed) Anonymity requested

(2) "I am sure you get your share of letters from 'crack-pots'. There is no way I can prove I am not one, but nevertheless, I am just a common everyday housewife with four children. I have an ordinary husband, I am 44 years old and spend my days fairly routine. The reason I am writing to you is because on Monday Oct. 3rd, 1977 approximately 4:30 P.M. my day was no longer "routine". I saw a UFO. I have read your paper frequently so I thought maybe you people at least wouldn't be too quick to say I'm crazy. I haven't told anyone except my husband. My 13 year old daughter witnessed the incident with me.

"I was out in the yard when my children came home from school. The boys had places to go so my daughter came out with me. It was a beautiful fall

day with unlimited visibility, very clear blue sky. We were watching some milk-weed drift in the breeze and we noticed some spider webs, very white and floating in the sky. I looked very high above the usual "junk" found floating in a fall sky, and spotted a strange object sitting perfectly still. I called my daughter's attention to it. It was hard to just spot so I don't know how I ever saw it because it was very high and no particular color, not shiny or flashing any lights. Maybe the usual "metallic color" would fit. Then as we watched two small round objects appeared, same color and at that height, they looked like stars if you could see them in the day time. These little fellows started all kinds of strange maneuvers around the large thing, then one zipped away faster than the eye could follow. The sky was so clear and bright we moved to a shady spot under a tree to see better and I noticed a flock of maybe two dozen Canadian geese, very high, but no mistake, they *were* geese. They were moving fairly slow but were almost directly under the UFO which was much, much higher than they. Now here is the hairy part--We moved over about six or seven paces and took our eyes off the geese, in the tiny space of time it took to move, those geese were *gone*. I mean gone, we scanned the sky in every direction and they could not have landed, gone across the sky or anything else. Not even a jet can move that fast and the UFO was gone also.

"Here is a reasonable idea of the thing and it is about the size we were seeing it. (Sketch shows a thick baseball-bat-shaped object except that the "hand-hold" end flared out, then ended in a point).

We saw no wings, no lights, no anything except this whitish grey thing and the two little round ones. The lines are to sort of show how they were going around the big one and dotted line shows how one zipped off from it.

"It is not my intention to write a book but I will give a little background of where we live. \_\_\_\_\_ is an old mining town about one mile or so from the Kansas line. Straight South from Kansas City.

"There are about 350 people here. Most of the men work elsewhere. Just a usual hum-drum small town. I never mentioned this to anyone because I'm sure they don't 'believe in' UFOs and if I said anything they would have little green men dining with me, if you get what I mean. I don't consider UFOs as something to 'believe in'; anyway, something either *is* or it *isn't*. I have always felt there was no reason for a reputable person to say they saw one unless they had in fact seen one, so I am sure they are there. Now since I have seen one - I am no dummy. What I saw cannot be given all the usual explanations. It makes me mad the way they try to make people look like fools, but the silly things they try to explain everything makes these "authorities" look like bigger fools than the ones who saw the UFO.

"Thank you so much for being open-minded

enough so I could write this. I have felt so very strange and vulnerable since. We "earthlings" feel like we own the world. Now I find myself saying, 'do we?' We who 'believe in' flying saucers and UFOs try to tell ourselves, 'if they meant to harm us they would.' Well, what if they aren't ready yet. Will we be any more able to keep from being zapped or whatever than those geese were? They never bothered them either--but they are sure as hell gone."

(Signed) Anonymity Requested

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## Multiple Phenomena on Colorado Ranch

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

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### Part Three

Jim: By this time I was sleeping on the couch in front of the door with the gun and staying awake most of the night to catch whoever it was. I was beginning to suspect that somehow the real estate man was involved in it; that he was trying to make us break the contract so he could resell the land. I was lying on the couch about 2 a.m. There was a humming noise again and I raised up and looked out the window. The disk came out of the north across our property, very slowly, right in front of the front windows and went up the gully past the whole front of the house.

Barbara: I did not see the disk--what I saw was the glow from the disk-my bedroom was on the other extreme of the house and I could see a glow over a slight hump. I screamed and Jim came running to tell me what he had seen.

#### 8. Friend's Car Chased by Disk

Jim: By then I was getting a little more upset and I went into town. Two of our best friends owned the restaurant and we sat down and we talked to them about it. They then opened up and told us about the property and some of the unusual occurrences. They told us about the people down the road who had just moved into the county and had mentioned an incident just prior to that. Prior to our moving out there, their cousin and nephew were going down the road past our property. A

disk allegedly came off of our property, (it wasn't ours at that time) and followed the car. They went down the road, turned the corner, and pulled into their house. They ran inside and while all the people in the house watched, the disk hovered over the car for approximately 45 minutes. Later, she went into town and talked about it. After hearing this, I went back to the law officer and apologized; I had to eat crow over the fact that there obviously was something going on. We subsequently patched up the friendship and I think we are so-so friends now.

Barbara: He has been very supportive in coming out to help when we have had problems.

Jim: And he moved out there by us shortly thereafter and told me that he, frankly, was quite scared but that it was his duty. He didn't feel that he could do anything but that if we needed him he would come. This made us feel a little bit better.

#### 9. Neighbor Has Seen Lights for Years

Jim: We found out that there was a "Crazy Lady" in the county; we had heard a lot of stories of her calling the law officers with stories of lights over our property, before we moved in.

#### 10. Apparent Harassment by Hairy Creature

Jim: During this time I felt that something was trying to scare us away. We heard a slamming noise and I went out to our car but didn't see anything. Then I saw the trunk light on the dash of the Cadillac. The trunk was locked; I opened it and saw that the pin switch had been bent over to the side. Something had opened and closed the trunk and bent it when only I had the key. I again filed that as something unusual. Something would continuously come up and beat on the sides of the house twice and run--you know, just like Halloween. Again, I decided it was the real estate man. I went down and talked to the law officer again; he requested that I not shoot anything. He was afraid that whatever it was could shoot back harder--much more undesirably than I could. So it continued progressively for some time after that beating on the walls and running. I would run out and I would see a big hairy thing running. I was tolerating it to a certain degree. One night I didn't--I went out and one was running beside the corral and I shot it. Barbara came running out and when Harry and Roger came back from town we went tracking to see if we could find what I had shot. It didn't seem to hurt it at all; there was a little flinch--I'm a good shot so I know I hit it. There was no blood, no traces, no signs. We pursued it onto the property next to us. Then I heard this most unusual sound. They said it was like a double sound--it was a whine with almost a beeping noise intermixed. The closest sound I think I could describe to it is the South American primate of some type. Some people said it sounded mechanical; it didn't to me. And we roamed around looking but didn't find anything except we seemed

to be led in a certain direction. We didn't find anything; we returned to the house and I notified the law officer that I had shot one. He gave me hell and told me I was lucky this time and he didn't want anybody killed.

#### 11. Communications

Jim: They stopped bothering us quite so bad, I think, after that. We came home one night after shopping--the three boys were alone at home. That same sound was going on to the east and one up by the barn (west)--like calling back and forth. It was like they had an intelligent pattern of communication. It was broken syllables--it wasn't like animal sounds. It was like it was their communication. I joked and said, "Well, the least you can do is come down and help us carry the groceries." When we went in the three boys were hidden in the back bedroom, terrified. From what they said, something had been beating on the house continually that night. Well, I have a pretty good temper which I have lost only three or four times in my life. I stormed outside--I don't remember exactly what I said but most of it can't be repeated. I think I threatened that if we can't have the land, then you won't either--I'll blow the whole thing away. I meant it too--I would have destroyed it before I would have moved right then--I was mad. I went into the house, had some coffee and calmed down. Then, since our septic tank and toilet weren't working, I went outside. While outside, this voice just came out of nowhere and said four words, "Dr. Jim, we accept." I think that was the first time I was really shaken rather than just angering or disorienting me. That was all, just like FM stereo, it came from everywhere. I came in the house and was pretty upset.

#### 12. Cars Damaged

Jim: One night "it" destroyed two cars. Barbara has a green Cadillac and a station wagon. One night when we went to leave, the transmissions on both cars were inoperable. We had to have both cars repaired. Again, I assume "they" did it; I've never had two transmissions go out like that on two good cars. I again felt that we were being driven off and I was still trying to believe it was the real estate man. Both cars required total transmissions as all the gears were shot.

#### 13. Shiny Black Box

Barbara: I wasn't feeling well that night and I went back to lie down in the dark for awhile. I had pulled the drape part way on the window creating a triangular area. There were some patches of snow outside and from where I was lying on the bed the triangular area was lit up by a background of snow patches. I lit a cigarette and as the match went out, I realized that the triangular area wasn't lit up anymore. I scrambled down to the foot of the bed and looked out. I could see only a middle section of something that looked



like a box. It was black and very shiny. It wasn't lit but looked like it reflected light. There was a rounded shape around it--it looked like something was carrying it under his arm. It was close to the window--within two or three feet. There is a line of trees behind the house and it was between the trees and the house--the trees are about four or five feet from the house. I ran in to tell everyone what had happened. We ran outside and, as usual, no one could find anything. This has happened more often than not. By the time you tell someone or get your coat on, etc., you couldn't find anything. But we found that if we didn't turn the porch light on, we could get out quickly enough to hear something.

#### 14. More Harassment

Jim: There were many smaller incidents that were unnerving. A friend of mine from Boston came out but I finally had to tell him to go back. He was becoming paranoid and thought that whatever it was had come to get him; he was going to go out and let them get him because he couldn't stand waiting any longer. We had several friends come out who were harassed one way or the other or terrified; a car door opened and closed when it was locked. I went in and talked to the law officer again. If he really felt we were in any danger, I would move the boys. He said that nobody he knew of had been hurt. They had lost horses, a lot of cattle and animals of one kind or another and people had been terrified. The mutilations were going on at a much heavier rate during this period--this was 1976--the mutilations were occurring weekly.

#### 15. Neighbor Family Terrified, Move Away

Jim: About that time, the school bus driver, who was watching a large ranch for the owners and had some cattle of his own, moved back to Nebraska after being terrified. His son's yearling was mutilated and the boy evidently saw something that terrified him.

Barbara: His mother came over and asked me if we had seen anything like her son had seen because his father hadn't believed him. He had seen something very large and was really scared. I didn't want to discuss it because of the children but said that we had had some strange occurrences.

#### 16. Plane Crashes

Jim: Also, during that period, two airline pilots and the son of one of them came out and wanted to put a landing strip on our land in exchange for my use of their plane. I agreed. About three weeks later, one of them and two others were killed in a crash nearby in clear weather. The plane was found in the daytime, but I don't know if it happened in the day or at night. Others who have inquired deeply into the mutilations, I understand, have disappeared, including the editor of a

magazine who was never seen again. I also understand that two National Guard interceptors were up close to here and went down while in pursuit of a UFO at night. All of this was a little unnerving so I decided I was going to stop my own inquiry. I was going to just quietly mind my own business.

#### 17. Nine Disks Land in Front of House

Jim: The forest ranger, David, from California, came again to visit. It was late at night, about 2 a.m. Almost all of these incidents have happened at night; we have never seen anything during the daytime. Peggy and Harry were also visiting. Nine disks landed in the front yard and I got a very clear view of them. They matched exactly one of the pictures I had seen in a book I have. Harry and Barbara were at the window and David was asleep in the bedroom. I called for David and I started out the front door. I was walking toward them as Barbara and Harry watched from the window.

Barbara: Harry and I were watching from the window, both from the same window. What I can't figure out is that Jim and I saw such a large array of them but Harry saw large, dark football shapes as if they were blocking part of the view. We were trying to see what would happen in the whole area--and watching Jim walk out--which I didn't want him to do. I have no awareness of what happened as far as what anyone else saw from that point on. My face was close to the glass and something hit me in the forehead--a forceful impact like something hit me. I was knocked back off the couch and fell to the floor. Harry saw light out of the corner of his eyes, and Jim said he saw a flash of light. I didn't see it.

Jim: Harry yelled to me and I said I saw it. Harry said, "It's Barbara, it's Barbara." And I went running back to the house and found her in the middle of the floor.

Barbara: The next thing I remember after looking out and seeing them was Jim putting a flashlight in my eyes to see if I had a concussion.

Jim: While I was working over Barbara on the floor, they disappeared. I thought about it subsequently and wondered why they didn't do it to me since I was the one walking toward them. But then I began to understand that they did the most practical thing that could be done to get me back inside and get both people away from the window. And I think I really began to respect how clever they were. Then I began to suspect that maybe the government was doing it to us. Except that there were a lot of unusual things. For instance David had been paralyzed during the incident--he could hear us calling but couldn't get up until it was over. But then he went out walking with me and what we call ultrasonics, the extremely high-pitched sounds, were going on out there and continued all night. David was sick then for three days. The sound would sometimes give us headaches but not all of us at once--to different individuals at different times.

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## OFFICIAL POSITIONS

"I'm not aware of anything" about the Todd investigation said Paul B. Lorenzetti, spokesman for the FBI field division in Philadelphia, on July 31. But, he added: "I'm not cleared to gain information in such investigation. . . . I have very little contact with the security end of anything."

Lorenzetti reiterated, "I just don't have any knowledge of any of this," and suggested a "call back later after I have got security (to) look for it."

The next day, Lorenzetti put special agent Roger Midkiff on the line, but first he explained: "I've already given him instructions, if there is a pending investigation. . . he is not to make any comment. That is the official policy of the Bureau as far as the Attorney General's guidelines are concerned."

Agent Midkiff said that if there was an investigation, when it was completed there might be some official statement on it. Apart from such statement, he hinted this reporter might be contacted for another reason or reasons, as noted (above).

Spokesman John Perks at FBI headquarters, Washington, D.C., said on July 31 that he, too, knew nothing about an investigation of Todd: "I don't have any knowledge of this. . . , we're going to have to check."

Later that day, Perks' superior, Tom Coll, called and said: "We never confirm who we've talked to or who we haven't talked to. . . We *never* do that."

Coll said near the end of his call: "Whether we have had agents talk to him (Todd) or they haven't, I don't know. But even if I did, we wouldn't confirm or deny it."

Charles Sullivan, spokesman for NSA, at its headquarters in central Maryland, was reached for comment about the Todd story July 31: "If the FBI is involved--and I'm only knowledgeable of that because you have said so--I'm not going to be responsive to you *at all*." He explained, "You are not going to get anything from any government agency about another government agency. . . . It is tough enough knowing what goes on in my own Agency."

"I know nothing except for what you've told me," Sullivan stressed.

But the younger FBI agent said he was a pilot and admitted he once had seen a UFO. He indicated "for what it was worth," recounted Todd, that "he had seen something that he could not identify." This agent told Todd the information in the statement was classified "above Secret," but later he said "it's Secret or above."

One agent asked Robert Todd, "Do you know a Todd Zechel?" Todd had asked NSA, by letter of July 10, of a W. Todd Zechel was ever employed by NSA, as was claimed in an interview published by the International UFO Reporter in May, 1978, which Todd enclosed.

The FBI men confirmed, said Todd, that the Bureau had received his letter from NSA with the interview. Todd said he does not know Zechel and he told the FBI he did not think Zechel had any connection with the Cuban incident. (Later, Todd wrote to the FBI and NSA that Zechel had "absolutely nothing whatever to do with the Cuban incident.")

(Zechel is director of CAUS. Zechel mentioned this reporter, Brad Sparks, by name in the International UFO Reporter interview and in such a way as to suggest association. When this reporter asked the FBI Philadelphia field division to comment on the Todd story on Aug. 1, Special Agent Roger Midkiff of the domestic intelligence section refused. But, Midkiff volunteered, "if there is something that might concern you directly, then, I'm sure that it would be brought to your attention at the appropriate time." Midkiff asked for, and was given, this reporter's phone number and address, then he said, "if there is any reason to get in contact with you, then we can.")

The question of tapping Todd's phone arose at one point. Said Todd: "I mentioned (to the agents). . . , based on the information they had given me, it seemed to me they had sufficient justification for a wiretap on my telephone. They smiled."

Todd said he told the FBI men that, under authority of the Freedom of Information act, he was going to demand the FBI file on its investigation of him. "They said they couldn't send me the information I had just given them," said Todd, "because it was classified."

Todd figures he has sent approximately 1,000 freedom of information requests about UFOs to the government since 1974, mostly at his own expense. Lately, he has been working for Charles L. Tucker, 51, of Nappanee, Ind., a mattress manufacturing executive who runs the International UFO Bureau (no connection with the independent publication International UFO Reporter).

To make his request for the FBI file as specific as possible, Todd thought of another question for the agents: "I have read enough FBI documents to know they always refer to the subject. . . by saying 'captioned as above.' Before they'd leave, I wanted to know how they were going to caption *this one*--Internal Security or Espionage?"

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But, Todd related, the agent who replied said it was neither: "He said it would fall under 'Counterespionage.'"

A few minutes after Todd identified reporter Pratt, the FBI men got up to leave. On the way out, they again met Todd's parents, who had gathered in the dining room during the last half hour of the session. According to Todd:

"My mother asked if I was in trouble. And (one agent) said 'no,' that I was the 'man on the end of a string.' What drama. He said it straight-faced and I think he meant every word. . . Then my mother said, 'You ought to get the top guy.' She was a big help."

### DOCUMENTS TO BE TAKEN?

Air Force Maj. Gordon Finley reportedly phoned Todd at about 4 to 4:30 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 4. Todd recounted: "He told me he was calling because it was the last day of the 20-day time limit I had put on my request for information in my July 14 letter. . . . It came out to 21 days on the calendar."

Maj. Finley said the statement on the Cuban incident, if "true," included classified information, Todd related. "He asked me how many copies of the statement I had. And I asked him why he wanted to know."

Finley then told Todd to seal all copies of the statement in an envelope and that "someone" may come by to pick it up. Todd said he refused.

"I asked him what (was) the classification of the information," Todd recalled, "and he seemed very reluctant to give me that information." Todd told Finley about the FBI investigation and quoted the agent who had said "Secret or above." Finley said, according to Todd, that Secret sounded about right.

"I asked him if the Air Force was going to turn the matter over to an investigative agency," said Todd, who had the FBI in mind. "And he said 'probably.'" Finley indicated to Todd the Air Force had given his letter a lot of thought.

Todd argued the Cuban incident had been so widely disseminated, the information was "compromised totally." Finley rejoindered, "I'm not qualified to debate that point," and he said it was to be the center of debate during the next few weeks.

When Todd first mentioned to Finley the NSA-requested FBI investigation, Finley is said to have remarked, "NSA is ahead of us." According to Todd, Finley said Todd might be contacted by some intelligence agencies. "He didn't specify which agencies and I didn't ask."

Finally, Todd said to Finley he would lock the Cuban incident statements in his file cabinet. "He thanked me for that," said Todd, and they hung up.

## Letters

*[Editor's Note: The writer of the following letter assumes that APRO is of the opinion that the UFOs are hostile. While some may lean toward that conviction, APRO is comprised of thousands of people who hold widely divergent opinions].*

APRO's theory that UFOs mean us ill is a conclusion that I, reluctantly, accept. Not because they are evil, but because we may become like a rabid dog: a danger to all, not just ourselves.

Their reasons for being here could be, as Lucan Duncan has stated, as frustrated meddlers. Their reasons may also be none of our business; even though it ought to be.

These aliens could be doing nothing more than conducting a long sociological and biological study and who knows what else, of how we, as a species, develop and progress. They could be, in a figurative sense, learning from us. When I say this, I have in mind Immanuel Velikovsky's credible theories of cataclysm; Robert Temple's excellent book "The Sirius Mystery" (which should be reviewed by APRO); Lucan Duncan's book "Mysterious Signals from Outer Space" and his opinion about the Epsilon Bootes probe; Ezekiel's encounter of the Bible and Ivan T. Sanderson's theory that aliens from space are living in and mining and monitoring from the world's ocean bottoms.

We really have no choice in the matter, anyway. They are more powerful than us. Just because a race of entities have reached a level of technological power and ability does not necessarily mean compassion or moral behavior toward other species who are not so advanced.

Technology and morals do not, as history has shown us, go hand in hand. Ideology must end before humanity can begin.

Carl Sagan said on a Public Broadcast of NOVA that it would be "nice if people from space came to earth and made things right." Yes, it would be nice of them. But right for whom? Anyway, why would they want the headaches? What if they were communists? Capitalists? National Socialists? Fascists? Or Utopianists? Do we want our dreams pummeled into the ground? Do we want to be known, to ourselves, as failures? What business is it of theirs?

Is life on earth like that of a butterfly struggling to crawl out of its cocoon? A butterfly must struggle for itself in order to become strong. Are they watching us, like someone once watched them? Are we teaching them something about life?

Can mankind on earth accept other intelligences in space? Yes, as long as we do not meet them.

Aliens from space probably do not consider us ready to accept them, since we have not solved our problems or accepted each other as neighbors. Speculation on my part? Yes. A butterfly must struggle for itself in order to become strong.

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