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Directors Report

By Bill McNeff, State Director, Minnesota MUFON

AN ESTIMATE OF THE SITUATION FOR 2002

These seem to be "military" times. In the military, at critical points in a battle, the commander may put together an "estimate of the situation" for higher authorities. Our "higher authorities" are the ufological community. Here is my estimate of the situation.

In a September 1947 memo, Lt. Gen. Nathan Twining wrote of the "lack of physical evidence in the shape of crash recovered exhibits". Debunkers and skeptics such as Karl Pflock, former intelligence agent, have tried to interpret this statement as evidence that the U.S. government had not retrieved any crashed alien craft. Such alien craft, containing advanced technology that the science of that day would have considered a priceless bonanza, would be properly given the highest possible security classification. Even if Twining were aware of crash recoveries, he could not write anything that would indicate that they existed, and might well write something purposely misleading, if not untrue. Note that the word "lack" does not necessarily mean "a total absence"! The purpose of Twining's memo was to order the military to collect all possible information about unidentified flying objects, not to tell the world what the U.S. knew at that point in time. Yet Pflock writes, "Finally, I come to the formerly classified record, which I am convinced demonstrates beyond any reasonable doubt that Roswell didn't involve the recovery of a crashed saucer and the bodies of its crew." Much of the record is missing. The base traffic records for a year before and after July 1947 are missing, and the file is marked "Records destroyed" with no record as to who ordered this or why. Project Blue Book contains not a word about the July 1947 events at Roswell, which caused quite a stir at the time. Many other researchers, including myself, have concluded that the released documentation demonstrates a strong interest on the part of the government in the UFO subject, an interest implying that the government had hard evidence of the reality of these flying objects. Finally, the UFO research community has hard evidence, as I have described in previous articles.

So we have hard evidence. So what? Elaine Douglas, in an article in a past issue of the MUFON UFO Journal, has pointed out something that should have been obvious to all UFO researchers: Most people do not want to know about UFOs, and, God forbid, ETs. Yet a majority of the American public believes the government is not telling us what it knows about UFOs. The public is not stupid. In the backs of their minds, they must feel that there are secrets about UFOs which the government does not want revealed. Journalist Terry Hansen has convincingly shown that, by and large, the press doesn't reveal much about UFOs and ETs either, as a result of behind the scenes influence by the government. Oh, sure, we have the National Enquirer (and other similar tabloids), but a former editor of the Enquirer was, you guessed it, a former intelligence agent! It seems likely that anything the government wished to discredit would pop up on the front page of the Enquirer or some of the other tabloids. So, to oversimplify the situation, the people don't want to



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know, and the government and the press don't want you to know. Yet, slowly but surely, knowledge of the unknown phenomena seep out into the public. Cable TV has done a particularly good job of showing credible documentaries on these subjects.

During the last Presidential campaign, a MUFON member accosted George W. Bush in the company of Dick Cheney and in the presence of a CNN reporter and asked him, "If you are elected President, will you tell the American people what the hell is going on with UFOs?" Bush replied in the affirmative, as documented by CNN. But nothing has been forthcoming from the Bush Administration about UFOs, and with everything else that is going on, and given the fact that the government has nothing to be gained by release of information at present, nothing is likely to be forthcoming. Only if some very public, well-documented sighting occurs, compelling the news media to admit the presence of apparent alien craft or aliens, are we likely to hear any pronouncement from the government. In that event, as MUFON's consultant on theology writes, "MUFON could be a calm voice-well sort of calm-saying, 'We do not believe the UFOs plan to land and take over. We believe they just want us to admit they are real.'" This leads us into the religious dimensions of the phenomena - a subject too big to tackle in this article and maybe too big for this newsletter. But one of the cases I have started to investigate displays some aspects normally dealt with by religion. See "Telephone Conversation with S. M." under "Field Investigation Report" in this newsletter.

Hard Data on the Close Encounter Phenomenon: The UFO Coalition's AMP Experiment

By Craig R. Lang - CE4 Researcher, MN MUFON State Field Investigations Coordinator

As readers of this newsletter are well aware, the close encounter phenomenon is known both for its mystery and for its ambiguity. Skeptics often point out that very little tangible evidence seems to exist to support the reality of this phenomenon. Encounter events generally occur subtly, at the boundary of our awareness, leaving few indications of their presence. Thus, experiencers and researchers alike are left with a shadowy phenomenon, difficult to study scientifically.

In the past, many readers of this newsletter may have heard discussions about various attempts to obtain some objective data on this mystery. In Minnesota MUFON, the Objective Verification Project is planned to monitor the residence of one or more volunteer experiencers. Other researchers, most notably David Jacobs, have attempted to install video cameras in the residences of volunteer abductees - with ambiguous but interesting

results. In addition, some physical effects have been documented accidentally, such as a case described in the MUFON Journal, about security camera footage appearing to show evidence of an abduction event.

To date, most monitoring attempts have generally met with mixed success. They offer tantalizing clues to suggest that physical effects do occur, but as yet little solid evidence. However, these results are just a beginning. Acquiring much more data in a very systematic manner might yield just such evidence.

In the last two years several organizations, including MUFON, have been participating in a low-key effort, called the Ambient Monitoring Project (AMP). This project is international in scope, being conducted jointly by MUFON, the J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies (CUFOS), and the Fund for UFO Research. This project is a serious, comprehensive scientific study, to capture some concrete scientific data about this elusive phenomenon.

Earlier research suggests that the ambient energy fields which permeate one's home seem to be affected by close encounter events. Thus, the Ambient Monitoring Project (AMP) experiment employs a non-intrusive package of scientific instrumentation to continuously measure these fields. At regular intervals, the project team electronically collects and analyzes this data, to obtain a continuous profile of the fields within the experimenter's home, and any disturbances in them. In addition, the experimenter is invited to keep a daily journal, recording anomalous events, etc. At the close of the experiment the electronic data and the experimenter's journal are evaluated in a double-blind comparison to determine any correspondence that may exist between them - evidence of an encounter event.

Over the last year, Minnesota MUFON has been an active participant in this project. In a joint endeavor with Wisconsin MUFON, we have installed the AMP box in the home of one experimenter, resulting in an excellent set of data. In addition, Iowa MUFON has done several installations, and another Minnesota installation is planned for this winter or spring, by one of our out-state investigator(s). The project has gotten some excellent data to-date, and is now ready to proceed on a larger scale. We therefore invite anyone who feels that they may be an encounter experimenter to consider participating in this experiment. Participation is entirely voluntary at all times during the study, and can be ended at any time. All participants remain strictly confidential and privacy is respected at all times.

Those who have experienced this phenomenon are very aware of the mystery they present, both to the experimenter and to the researcher. If you think you

might be interested in being part of this attempt to better understand this puzzle, please feel free to contact Craig Lang (763-560-1532, crlang@mm.com). Also, if you know of someone else who might be interested, I invite you to forward this information to them. By participating in this project, you - or someone you know - could help us all to move one step closer to solving the mystery of the close encounter experience.

Alien Abduction Defense

by Dick Moss, MN MUFON ASD

Ann Druffel holds a B.A. in Sociology and has done graduate work in screenplay and creative writing. She is a certified hypnotist.

Druffel's first interest in UFOs dates back to 1945 when she watched a high bright yellow object over Long Beach, California. It released small shiny objects which flew away from the main object. This sighting occurred at about the same time the first experimental atomic bomb was detonated in New Mexico.

She authored *The Tujunga Canyon Contacts* in 1980 and *How to Defend Yourself Against Alien Abductions* in 1998. A new book, *Scientist vs the System: Dr. James E. McDonald's Fight for UFO Science* is forthcoming.

The following is a summary of some of the main points of her presentation at the MUFON 2001 International UFO Symposium held in Irvine, California.

For a start, Ms Druffel takes issue with other abduction researchers who theorize that abductees are not able to defend themselves and should not resist these experiences because they might be for mankind's higher good. She regards abductions as traumatic events that go against the inalienable rights of human beings.

While admitting that there are abductions, such as the Barney and Betty Hill case, that seem to be linked to UFOs, Druffel maintains that the extraterrestrial nature of the phenomenon is unproven. Analyses of implants have not been proven to be the result of extraterrestrial technology and no verified hybrid baby has ever surfaced.

Because seventy people were able to defend themselves by using various physical and mental techniques, she has concluded that the "creatures" are not technologically advanced extraterrestrials nor an order responsible for the evolution of humankind. They must be something else.

Instinctive resistors seem to regard the visitors as intelligent and non-human beings which materialize only briefly in earth's space-time.

The majority of abductions take place in what seems to be an as-yet-unidentified altered state. Although abductions seem physically real, a growing number of abductees recognize that they are "out of body" and take place in what we can call "altered reality."

Druffel does not believe that a physical kidnapping actually takes place during an abduction. But, the abductees experience the event on a level of reality so vivid that they often assume they are fully awake. Most defense techniques break this altered state and the experiencer returns to full waking consciousness. The entities vanish and the scenario ends.

For centuries entities out of folklore have tampered with human beings in altered states. Lodovico Sustrari of Padua, Italy (an acclaimed Catholic theologian) wrote about such creatures in 1701, calling them incubi. His book *Demoniality* has been made available by Dover Publications as recently as 1989.

Americans usually think of demons as devils or minions of Satan, but that is not what Sustrari meant. They were creatures who abducted and sexually harassed people in Europe, but were not "devils." They were not part of normal physical existence, but lived a hidden existence on our earth plane. Although this creature is deceptive and can shape-shift when harassing humans in many unpleasant ways, they are not satanic.

The Celtic cultures called them faery folk and Muslims referred to them as jinns. They were called elementals in Buddhist countries, bunions in Malaysia, medved in Slovenia, and by other names in Australia and by Native Americans. Their shape-shifting ability might have allowed them to appear in forms acceptable to the cultures with which they interacted. In Ireland, sexual harassment seemed limited to switching babies during which time a changeling was left behind.

Jinns should not be confused with the concept of genies. The Koran describes them as a third order creation positioned between angels and mankind. They supposedly exist on a hidden plane and their bodies are described as being made of "smokeless fire," an Arabic term that has no English translation.

The American culture is a fairly new merging of older cultures. One might wonder if these abducting creatures were aware of our developing nation, trying to figure out what shape-shifting form would frighten us. America has preserved only remnants of our ancestors' ways. Just what shape-shifting form could frighten

Americans enough so that we would yield to attack? Did they begin presenting themselves as UFO occupants, a form which might frighten even a technologically advanced society? Did its penchant for sexual harassment take the form of hybridization techniques to make it acceptable to Americans, many of whom were a bit puritanical compared with other countries? Are, then, UFO alien abductors simply an ancient human problem shape-shifted into modern form?

The resistance techniques can be listed as mental struggle, righteous anger, protective rage, physical struggle, support from family members, appeal to spiritual personages, intuitive practices, metaphysical practices, and repellants.

Space limitations here do not allow for a detailed description of each. But, readers might be interested in a few highlights regarding the first four.

Mental Struggle is used prior to the appearance of the entities when paralysis is experienced. The victim instinctively focuses mental energy toward breaking the paralysis. In one case a girl succeeded in moving a finger and the paralysis broke for both her and her roommate. Righteous Anger is targeted directly at the entity, in essence demanding to be left alone.

Protective Rage is an escalation of Righteous Anger and has been used to protect family members from harassment by experiencing rage after the intruders have departed. She speculates that it places a psychic shield over the home so that the entities actually sense rejection from their higher plane. Perhaps they perceive

that these humans no longer fear them and that their power over humans has vanished.

Both Righteous Anger and Protective Rage must be devoid of hatred, which is rooted in fear and despair. The victim cannot hold any grudge against the entities. They should simply be regarded as a form of intelligence that has temporarily stepped beyond its limits.

It is Druffel's idea that experiencers need to develop a sense of their own inviolable rights. They also need to get rid of any notion that these creatures are either technologically superior or that they are somehow in charge of mankind.

In one case of Physical Struggle three entities materialized from a beam of light in a woman's bedroom. She jumped up and clutched one of the creatures by the neck, which snapped. Its head fell over on its back. The woman, a compassionate person, felt sorry she had injured the creature but communicated to the entities, "You're going to leave me alone." The

other two dragged the body back into the beam of light and vanished.

She was left alone for a few months. Then, Nordics appeared which were as sexually intrusive as the Greys. The shape-shifting abilities of the entities permit them to return in more pleasing forms which can worm their way into the confidence of humans. The danger is that many begin to think they are "chosen" and are given extraordinary information about the universe, dangers facing our earth, etc.

This has been a very brief summary of a few of the main points of Ann Druffel's presentation. Some of it was taken verbatim and some was paraphrased. Abductees, especially those who perceive that these intruders are not really a lovey-dovey bunch, should consider obtaining a copy of her book, *How to Defend Yourself Against Alien Abductions*.

Reader are encouraged to obtain a copy of the MUFON 2001 INTERNATIONAL UFO SYMPOSIUM PROCEEDINGS, which contains the complete transcripts of twelve speakers. It is available at \$28.50, postage included, from MUFON, PO Box 369, Morrison CO 80465-0369.

Non-members are encouraged to consider joining MUFON to help support the important grass roots effort made by many committed individuals. Your participation is welcomed.

On: UFOs and the National Security State

A letter by Joe Firmage (partial)

Having studied the UFO mystery for many years, I have many important questions. Most of them are focused on the long-term, transformational implications of the remarkable phenomena reported. Other questions relate to our understanding of 20th century history and the true present circumstance of human civilization. I share with you below some of these latter questions, with the hope that they may at least open your mind, and at most engage you in a shared quest to open what may be among the grandest future chapters in our ancient saga.

40 Questions for Scientists Who Care About Truth:

1. What are the implications of physicists' realization that "space-time" is not a void, but is rather an ocean-like medium of energy? (1)
2. Are scientists and journalists aware of new, broadly-published, peer-reviewed theories of the nature of gravitation and inertia meeting every experimental test of general relativity, yet in principle allowing super-

luminal motion of gravity-propelled spacecraft without time dilation? (2)

3. If scientific papers speculating on time travel, worm holes, and 'many universes' are greeted by the press with respectful wonder and awe, why are scientific papers speculating on notions far less exotic - propulsion systems not requiring that we shoot matter out of a nozzle - greeted with skeptical disdain, especially when no empirical data exist to support the former, while much exists to support the latter?

4. Are scientists and journalists aware that much of the research staff on a pivotal government-funded study of UFO evidence - the Condon Committee - resigned or were fired when they challenged its director's intention to report a pre-ordained conclusion that all UFO sightings can be explained in mundane terms? (3)

5. Are scientists and journalists aware that the chief scientific consultant in the Air Force's Blue Book study of UFOs later characterized the project as a publicity maneuver to mollify the public, himself convinced by the evidence he saw that genuine, unexplained aerospace phenomena are in our midst? (4)

6. Are you aware that reports of these two government funded, now-discredited studies - the Condon Committee and Project Blue Book - are the primary reasons why most scientists and journalists have dismissed UFO evidence as pseudoscience? (5)

7. Are scientists and journalists aware that hundreds of thoroughly credentialed pilots and military officers have officially documented sightings of structured craft demonstrating motions possible only through gravitational propulsion, and that some of these sightings are accompanied by radar records? (6)

8. Are scientists and journalists aware that hundreds of thousands of similar sightings have been made by people around the world, dating back thousands of years? (7)

9. Why have U.S. intelligence agencies refused an official request by the Federation of American Scientists to release their budgets for the years 1947 through 1970? (8)

10. May there have been a larger reason than Cold War fears driving the establishment in 1947 of the National Security Act, the CIA, and the Air Force?

11. Why were administrative and communications records from the Roswell Army Air Force Base covering the period 1945-1949 destroyed without explanation? (9)

12. Why did defense contractors' ubiquitous predictions in the 1950s of the emergence of gravitational propulsion systems suddenly go quiet? (10)

13. Why did the National Security Agency and partner organizations secretly begin tapping land-line phone conversations world-wide by the 1950s, expanding the capability in recent decades to include most satellite communications? (11)

14. Why did President Eisenhower, in his nationally televised farewell address, bluntly warn his fellow citizens of the "potential for the disastrous rise of misplaced power", sought or unsought, by the military-industrial complex? (12)

15. Are scientists and journalists aware that, on November 12, 1963, President Kennedy issued National Security Action Memorandum 271 directing NASA to begin preparations for a joint space program with the Soviet Union? (13)

16. Are scientists and journalists aware that among thousands of pages of allegedly-authentic leaked classified documents relating to UFOs is a purported memorandum from President Kennedy, also dated November 12, 1963, directing the intelligence community to begin sharing classified UFO files with NASA in preparation for a joint US-USSR space program? (14)

17. Are scientists and journalists aware that perhaps history's most quoted and respected debunker of UFO sightings, Harvard astronomer Dr. Donald Menzel, was in fact a consultant with Top Secret Ultra clearance to the National Security Agency? (15)

18. Why did President Reagan mention the hypothetical scenario of an extraterrestrial presence around Earth in several of his most important speeches, including to the United Nations? (16)

19. May there be a deeper reason explaining why President Bush is so adamant about fielding a new defense shield against '21st century threats from rogue objects in the air and space'?

20. Why has President Bush ordered that presidential papers following the Carter administration may be concealed from our democracy forever? (17)

21. When the vast majority of U.S. advanced physics research has been funded by the military-industrial complex, what discoveries may have been concealed long ago under the premise of National Security?

22. Are you aware that former leading officials of the French Air Force and Space Agency published a report in the summer of 2000 stating their appraisal that some UFOs are likely spacecraft of extraterrestrial origin, and that the U.S. probably has come into possession of extraterrestrial craft? (18)

23. Are you aware that prominent U.S. physicists have begun to come out in support of the likelihood that some fraction of UFO sightings do indeed identify spacecraft of extraterrestrial origin? (19)

24. Are you aware that the Aerospace Editor for Jane's Defense Weekly - among the world's most respected defense analysis journals - publicly released less than 90 days ago the following conclusion after ten years of research: the U.S. military has likely been experimenting with gravitational propulsion systems for many decades? (20)

25. If the music industry can align all powers in its possession to obliterate Napster's liberation of songs, what might vastly larger interests have done with energy and propulsion technology that would liberate electricity and transportation. and global politics?

26. How might human civilization have (d)evolved if Faraday's discovery of the principle of induction was made not in the public domain, but in a secured facility, deemed a "national security threat" by virtue of its power to revolutionize steam locomotion and oil-based lighting infrastructure, and kept secret for half a century?

27. If there is a world-changing secret buried within our National Security State, which dynastic interests most likely govern it today?

28. If the massive National Security Agency and National Reconnaissance Office were kept entirely secret for decades, is it possible that other large, classified programs remain largely unknown to Congress and the public?

29. Are you aware of the lengths to which the military-industrial-intelligence community could go to prevent revelation of world-changing knowledge, if such knowledge would thoroughly challenge its power structure, and if there are indeed severe risks of misuse of resulting technology? (21)

30. Do you believe that the revelation of past contact with extraterrestrial life forms could profoundly transform our world for the better, giving us all an inspiring, unifying perspective of the grandeur of the Cosmos from which we spring, and pointing to new

technologies that could dramatically reduce humanity's environmental footprint on Nature?

31. For how long will scientists and journalists continue to be happy with spoon-fed denials by officials of any significance to the following documented quotes? (22)

"Before we could do any more, the Army, after conferring with [U.S.] officials, ordered the investigation stopped." - Renowned physicist Dr. Paul Santorini, on UFOs over Greece in 1946

"The phenomenon reported is something real and not visionary or fictitious." - General Nathan Twining, September 23, 1947, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, 1955-1958

"Army intelligence has recently said that the matter of 'Unidentified Aircraft' or 'Unidentified Aerial Phenomena,' otherwise known as 'Flying Discs,' 'Flying Saucers,' and 'Balls of Fire,' is considered top secret by intelligence officers of both the Army and Air Forces." - 1949 FBI memo on UFOs

"In view of the wide interest within the Agency . outside knowledge of Agency interest in Flying Saucers carries the risk of making the problem even more serious in the public mind than it already is." - CIA memo, 1952

"I am convinced that these objects do exist and that they are not manufactured by any nation on Earth." - Air Chief Marshall Lord Dowding, Commander-in-Chief, Royal Air Force Command, London Sunday Dispatch, July 11, 1954

"Reliable reports indicate there are objects coming into our atmosphere at very high speeds and controlled by thinking intelligences." - Navy Admiral Delmar Fahrney, public statement, 1957

"The trick would be to describe the project so that, to the public, it would appear a totally objective study, but to the scientific community would present the image of a group of nonbelievers trying their best to be objective but having an almost zero expectation of finding a saucer." - Robert Low, University of Colorado senior administrator, former intelligence officer, and assistant director of the Condon Committee, in a confidential 1966 memo suggesting the approach of the Condon UFO study

"My study of past official Air Force investigations (Project Blue Book) leads me to describe them as completely superficial. Officially released 'explanations' of important UFO sightings have been almost absurdly erroneous." - Dr. James McDonald, speech to American Meteorological Society, 1966

"When the team was ten miles from the landing site, static disrupted radio contact with them. Five to eight minutes later the glow diminished, and the UFO took off. Another UFO was visually sighted and confirmed by radar." - Classified report by an Air Force Strike Team at Minot AFB, 1966

"Unknown objects are operating under intelligent control... It is imperative that we learn where UFOs come from and what their purpose is... Behind the scenes high ranking military officers are soberly concerned about UFOs. But through official secrecy and ridicule, many citizens are led to believe the unknown flying objects are nonsense." - Admiral Roscoe Hillenkoetter, first Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, public statements in 1960

"I had the evidence that a crash did happen. I ask [you] this, were you there with me? Did you have the clearances? They can't answer these questions. They simply criticize with no evidence." - Colonel Philip Corso, former head of the Foreign Technology Desk, United States Army Research and Development and National Security Advisor, Eisenhower Administration, on video in 1998 shortly before his death

"Because of the developments of science, all countries on Earth will have to unite to survive and to make a common front against attack by people from other planets. The politics of the future will be cosmic, or interplanetary." - General Douglas MacArthur, October 8, 1955, New York Times

"Congressional investigations . are still being held on the problem of unidentified flying objects and the problem is one in which there is quite a bit of interest. Since most of the material presented to the Committees is classified, the hearings are never printed." - Congressman William H. Ayres, 1958

"I've talked with people of stature - of military and government credentials and position - and heard their stories, and their desire to tell their stories openly to the public. And that got my attention very, very rapidly... the first hand experiences of these credible witnesses, now in advanced years and anxious to tell their story. We can't deny that, and the evidence points to the fact that Roswell was a real incident, and that indeed an alien craft did crash, and that material was recovered from that crash site." -Dr. Edgar Mitchell, Apollo 14 astronaut, from a taped interview in 1998.

"[I am] disturbed by the way in which the CIA has been diverted from its original assignment. [It has] become a government all of its own and all secret. They don't have to account to anybody." - President Harry S. Truman, Washington Post, December 22, 1963

"Maximum security exists concerning the subject of UFOs." - Allen Dulles, 1955, Director of Central Intelligence and later member of the Warren Commission

32. Will the community of scientists - stewards of humanity's wisdom, knowledge, history and future - look away in denial of overwhelming evidence that the Cold War's capitalist-military-intelligence complex has managed the epochal process of CONTACT for at least a half-century under cover?

33. How properly could such a singular process have been conducted, deprived for at least five decades of the diverse wisdom, knowledge and perspective of millions of philosophers, cosmologists, physicists, chemists, biologists, anthropologists, sociologists, psychologists, engineers, ethicists, historians, journalists, artists and scholars of religion?

34. If a vital truth of our very Nature has been concealed from us, may that in part explain humanity's continuing struggles with religious, political, economic, technological, and psychological adolescence - consequences of the lingering imposition of a flat-earth worldview?

35. If governments were to grant relief of security oaths relating to information on UFOs, call for witnesses to step forward and see no witnesses forthcoming, then wouldn't the question of government cover-up be put to rest succinctly?

36. If, on the other hand, governments were to refuse to offer relief of security oaths relating to information on UFOs or refuse to call for witnesses to step forward, then what may we conclude?

37. When will we band together, demanding relief of security oaths for those with first-hand knowledge to testify in open hearings before the United States Congress and the people of Earth?

38. Do we or do we not have both the right and need to learn the truth of our Nature?

Many people - mainly those who've not studied the UFO mystery deeply - have asked me, "Joe, you're a smart guy. You can live a great life doing whatever you want. Why are you complicating it by raising such controversies?"

The social paradigm of the second millennium is hurtling us into what scientists now call the Sixth Great Extinction of life on Earth. (23) Forests are disappearing. Fisheries are becoming depleted. Oceans and lakes are being flooded with wastes. Aquifers are emptying.

Weather patterns are shifting. Human numbers continue to climb. Earth's biosphere cannot sustain the existing footprint of civilization, with billions still in abject poverty. And as of 2001, capitalism is programmed to lift the developing world into U.S.-style patterns of consumption using the 20th century's platform of technologies, and more than one billion people in China have just officially joined this program. (24)

Yet human beings everywhere are asking, "Is this what life is supposed to be about?"

Our worst challenges require our best solutions. I do not believe that most people are aware of the relevance of the UFO question to the solutions humanity needs in order to survive and thrive upon our precious, blue-green, Cosmic coral reef.

This leads me to ask two final questions. Leaders, scientists and journalists, I ask you:

Is "Know Thyself" to be limited by the rule of secret councils of the capitalist-military-intelligence complex?

Have you read Rich Dolan's masterpiece of journalism: UFOs and the National Security State?

A renewal of life on Earth and an inspiring future for all the world's children await minds and hearts of science to stir from a long slumber.

Joseph P. Firmage November 22, 2001

"I believe no other problem within your jurisdiction is of comparable scientific and national importance. These are strong words, and I intend them to be.

"I now regard the [extraterrestrial hypothesis] as the one most likely to prove correct."

- Dr. James McDonald, testimony to the United States Congress, 1968; this brilliant, courageous, world-renowned scientist apparently committed suicide three years later.

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U.S. Has Heavily Researched Anti-Gravity, Book Says

by Bradley Perrett, Reuters, 09 September 2001

LONDON (Reuters) - The U.S. military may have conducted serious research into anti-gravity based on Nazi studies, a top defense journalist suggests in a new book.

In "The Hunt for Zero Point," journalist Nick Cook says, based on a decade's research, he believes by the 1950s the U.S. was seriously working on anti-gravity "electrogravitics" technology, which would lift and propel vehicles without wings or thrust. "I feel intuitively that some vehicle has been developed, particularly given that there is this wealth of scientific data out there, and the Americans have never been slow to pick up on this sort of science," Cook, the aerospace consultant for Jane's Defense Weekly, told Reuters in an interview.

Cook uncovered reports and sightings of a Nazi research device that had been hidden in a remote part of Poland, where it had apparently been supplied with great quantities of electricity -- which an electrogravitic experiment would require. Curiously, barely a hint of such Nazi research appeared after the war, suggesting that whoever captured it -- probably the United States -- immediately stamped it "secret," he said.

Cook noted that, as a respected expert, he is risking his reputation by writing seriously about a technology associated with UFOs, which most scientists dismiss as science fiction embraced by "hocus-pocus" believers.

The United States is known to have a huge budget for so called "black projects," because it spends more on defense than can be accounted for by adding up the value of public programs. Cook admitted he cannot produce a conclusive case. But that is the nature of black projects, in which even the workers usually have no idea what they are working on.

In 1947, amid the early craze of UFO reports, an air force general reported on the possibility of the United States building disc-shaped objects with extreme rates of climb and maneuverability but without noise or evident propulsion.

In the mid 1950s electrogravitics was the subject of a few press reports, including one that described work by most of the United States' major defense contractors, Cook reported.

And then it all went quiet -- just as stealth technology suddenly disappeared from view in the mid 1970s, only to re-emerge as operational aircraft in the late 1980s. Academic papers on the subject have mysteriously disappeared from libraries.

There is still no firm evidence that electrogravitics is more than science fiction. Civilian scientists and amateurs have experimented with it, and while some have reported success, no one seems to have reproduced their results to prove that it works.

Field Investigator Update: December 2001 by Craig R. Lang MN MUFON FI Coordinator

In the last two month, the Minnesota MUFON field investigators have been steadily chipping away at a considerable backlog of cases. Many of these had resulted from an influx of reports coming from the National UFO reporting center (NUFORC). While in many of these cases, the witness was not interested in follow-up, several cases have hit "pay dirt". One case, investigated by Dean DeHarpPorte is described later in this article.

In addition to the NUFORC cases, the usual steady trickle of reports continues to reach Minnesota MUFON. Many of these are sent to us by e-mail. Bill McNeff, MN MUFON State Director describes one such sighting report which he received by e-mail in early December [CL Note: I am paraphrasing much of this report to maintain witness confidentiality].

This sighting took place in October, 1979. The witness was driving with his wife, from North Dakota to the Twin

Cities. They were headed East on Hwy 1 in Marshall County, Minnesota, near Thief River Falls. At one point, they observed an extremely bright light hovering low over the road, about a mile ahead of them. Thinking that it might be an accident or a road construction site, they assumed that they would see it more clearly as they approached. However as they drove toward the light, it remained quite a distance ahead of them.

Curious, they accelerated to a high speed attempting to catch up to the object. As the car began to close on it, they saw that the object was actually an extremely bright yellowish light, approximately 4 to 6 feet in diameter. It seemed to be hovering about 3 to 4 feet above the road. As they got to within approximately 100 yards of the light it suddenly shot directly toward them. The witness immediately put on the brakes and swerved to avoid a collision. Instantly the light was back to its original position, approximately a mile ahead.

Determined to see what the light was. The witnesses again gave chase, and once again, as they neared the object, it suddenly shot right at them, then abruptly resumed its position about a mile ahead. This second time they were able to observe that the bottom quarter portion of the light merged into a brighter-whiter light than the rest of the object, and was bright enough to make them squint. Determined to get a closer look, they gave chase for a third time, coming to within 30 to 50 feet of the object, with similar results. At that point they decided that enough was enough, and continued to follow the object at a safer distance for a few more minutes. The witness turned blinked his headlights, and flashed his brights at it, with no result. The object remained ahead of them - until suddenly, as they neared the town of Warren, MN it abruptly disappeared.

CL Notes:

The description of this witness' sighting and that of the Val Johnson sighting of August 1979 are extremely similar. The two events are in a similar location and only a couple of months apart. Furthermore, as I discovered when investigating a sighting near Thief River Falls two years ago, there are numerous sighting cases (usually unreported) in that part of the state. Many consist of lights, hovering above the roadway, or just above the tree line. On at least one occasion, they have responded to a witness who flashed a light at it in an attempt at communication. It is not at all clear whether a high level of UFO activity in that area might be due to its remoteness, or whether the location is somehow important to the phenomenon. However, I suspect that we can look forward to many more reports from this part of the state in the future.

In addition, the event described in the report above occurred at the peak of an apparent wave of sightings in

the northern Twin Cities, which have been investigated by Minnesota MUFON. A check of the MN MUFON website, investigation reports section - for the time around 1979 - reveals some excellent cases. And these appear to be just the tip of the iceberg - many more sightings in the 1979 wave may well be out there, unreported.

Stillwater, MN Triangle: April 2001 - Reported to the National UFO Reporting Center

In December, MN MUFON received a set of reports from the National UFO Reporting Center (NUFORC). While many of these could not be investigated for various reasons, one very spectacular event which occurred near Stillwater was investigated by Dean DeHarpPorte. The following description is summarized from Dean's field report, which was filed with both MUFON and NUFORC.

The witnesses, a married couple, called the UFO reporting center on the night of the sighting. Their report was relayed to Minnesota MUFON and Dean investigated the case. The witnesses were in their car, driving east on a rural highway near Stillwater, MN. Both observed apparently unexplained events at the same time. However, Dean's report notes that the sightings do not appear to be the same object. It is not clear if they are related, or are separate, simultaneous sightings.

Witness 1 Object description:

Sitting on the passenger side of the car the witnesses were traveling in, witness 1 (the husband) noticed a lighted, triangular object to his right. The object appeared to be about 250 ft on a side. The witness reported the triangle was equilateral, though his (inexact) drawing showed it as isosceles. It was not possible to discern a texture to the surface of the object. A bright white light was at each apex of the triangle underneath the craft. The lights were not bright enough to illuminate the ground beneath the craft. There was also a red light in the center of the bottom of the triangle, less bright than the white lights, which blinked about once per second. There were no other lights on the object and no windows, orifices or other surface features were visible. The color of the object was black, but not the same color as the stealth aircraft. The object produced no sound, although the witness did not get out of the car. No other witnesses are known to have observed the object.

Position, movement and duration:

The nearest surface of the object was approximately at a 60 degree angle from the ground when the craft was at its lowest altitude. When first seen the object was about 400 ft above ground but moved down "quite rapidly" to about 150 ft and hovered for several

seconds, then rose up to about 400 ft. There was no apparent lateral motion of the object. The car was moving about 45 mph but slowed to 10-15 mph immediately upon sighting of the object. The object was last seen to the rear of the car and disappeared when the car got too far away for the witness to see it. The duration of the sighting was about 1 minute. Witness 2, the driver, did not see the object because she was concentrating on driving.

Sighting evaluation: CE1.

The object described is similar to the description of many triangular objects seen worldwide for the past 20 years. There is no conventional explanation apart from the possibility that the craft was an advanced military aircraft. However, current known technology is not consistent with a craft capable of hovering and moving rapidly vertically upward and downward without engine noise. Thus Dean's report concludes that this is an unexplained sighting.

Witness 2 Object description.

Witness 2 observed two white lights, separated by the width of her thumb at arms length directly in front of her (toward the east). The lights were estimated to be 15 miles away (though she emphasized the uncertainty of this estimate), and were seen at the same time as witness 1 observed the triangular object to his right. Witness 1 also observed the two lights, but not closely, since he was occupied with observing the triangular object to his right. Witness 2 estimated the size of the lights to be about 1/8th the diameter of the moon and the brightness as brighter than a streetlight. Based on the inverse square law, this would mean the lights were more than 225 times the intrinsic brightness of a streetlight. As far as she could tell the object was not illuminating the ground. No other witnesses are known to have observed the lights.

Position, movement, and duration.

Witness 2 estimated that the object was about 20 degrees above the horizon. This would make the altitude of the lights about 6 miles (~31,000 ft). The lights appeared motionless for about 1 minute, then moved downward rapidly until they disappeared below the tree-lined horizon about 3 seconds after they began their descent. The calculated speed of movement was 7200 mph. The lights disappeared at about the same time as witness 1 lost sight of the triangular object. The witnesses observed airplanes in the vicinity but witness 2 was adamant that the lights she saw were not conventional aircraft. The nearest airport is 9 miles to the southwest, 135 degrees to the right of (behind) the direction where the objects were sighted. There are no airports within at least 40 miles to the east of the sighting location.

Additional lights:

During the time the 2 lights were hovering, they emitted 2 smaller lights which circled downward and back up and joined with the primary light a few seconds after they appeared. The witness had no estimate of the speed of these lights and said they were not quite as bright as the primary lights.

Sighting Evaluation:

The description of the sighting, along with other factors such as time of day, sighting geometry and proximity to the airport, argue that it may well have a prosaic explanation, such as a conventional aircraft. However, it's association with a simultaneous unexplained sighting by someone in the same car makes this event far more interesting than it otherwise would be.

The husband's sighting description bears striking similarities to several spectacular triangle sightings which Minnesota MUFON has investigated over the years. Triangle sightings have been investigated by Bill McNeff, Casey Holt, Joel Henry and myself. The sighting event sequences are generally similar, with the object being seen by motorists, who observe it pass slowly overhead. Descriptions of the objects are also very similar: Slow moving dark triangles, on the order of 100 feet across, moving silently at about tree top level. They typically have white or colored lights at their vertices with a brighter white light at the center.

Also prominent in these cases are the apparent paradoxes which accompany the sighting. The most spectacular of these is the sighting location - generally near a well-traveled road, or populated area. Yet, there are seldom any other reports of sightings by independent witnesses, even though the object should have been widely observed. This paradox is very common. Often such triangle sighting cases are often accompanied by unreported paranormal events, which are generally not reported by the experimenter.

If you have any further updates on events discussed in this column, or know of any information that might bring to light other sightings or encounters, please contact Craig Lang at:

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or contact us through our website. Also stay tuned to this column in each newsletter as we discuss the most current MN MUFON sighting cases.

New reports seem to come in almost daily. Cases not yet described above are now being investigated by many of our investigators. With each event, the opportunity to become involved in UFO studies continues to expand. For those wishing to become a field investigator

themselves, classes are conducted as sufficient interest is indicated. We try to hold classes approximately three times per year, and hope to hold the next one this spring. If you are interested, and feel that you have the necessary time, energy, and objectivity to be a UFO investigator, please contact Craig Lang. If you have not already done so, you also will need to join MUFON as a field investigator trainee and purchase the MUFON field investigators manual.

We need as many active investigators as possible in our effort to better understand the UFO phenomenon. For those who decide to pursue the study of this strange phenomenon, there will always be enough mystery to go around.

Happy investigating...

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