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From the Director's Desk ...

Well, another year has come and gone. And with it has passed another one of the great names of UFOlogy, Len Stringfield.

Great names of UFOlogy are not easily made today, and when we lose someone who pioneered this field, we are left with a loss of immense proportions. Leonard H. Stringfield was born in 1920 and worked as an advertising executive in the Cincinnati area where he made his home. Stringfield's interest in UFOs came about during World War II. On August 28, 1945, while flying from Ie Shima, near Okinawa, to Iwo Jima, the C-46 plane that he and his crew members were flying on, abruptly developed engine trouble. While attempting to locate the trouble, the crew noticed out the window three large blobs of white light which appeared to be pacing the plane. When the objects disappeared into a cloud bank the plane's engine began to smooth out and the plane functioned normally for the duration of the flight. Stringfield began to wonder if there wasn't a connection between these mysterious unidentified lights and the plane's engine trouble. This incident heightened his curiosity about UFOs.

Then on July 25, 1952, during one of the most noted UFO flaps in history (the Washington, D.C. fly-overs), Stringfield had his second sighting. Following this, Stringfield started a group called Civilian Investigating Group for Aerial Phenomena, which put him on the road to national recognition as a UFO researcher. Stringfield's reputation as being a sensible man in a field loaded with nonsense was to earn him a special role in the Ground Observer Corps, a military-based UFO observation group.

In September, 1955, Stringfield was approached by Captain Hugh McKinsie of the Air Defense Command and requested that Stringfield evaluate reports provided by the Ground Observer Corps, and pass on the best ones. Stringfield was given a telephone code number, Fox Trot Kilo 3-0 Blue, which would connect him with the command filter center.

"I'd pick up the phone and in a matter of a few seconds," he recalled, "I'd be in touch with one of the staff people. He in turn would tape my screened report and send it in five different directions--to CONELRAD and to area radar bases. If the UFO showed up on radar, then jets would be scrambled. Everything from that point on, I was told, was classified, and I was not to ask any questions. That was the agreement. It was an oral one, I might add. They were careful not to put anything in writing." (Clark, 1980b, *The Emergence of a Phenomenon*, Clark)

Stringfield began to see that what the Air Force was doing privately was totally different from the public information they were releasing. It appeared to Stringfield that they were more seriously concerned with UFOs than what they were admitting to the public. In 1957, Stringfield disclosed these observations in his self-published *Inside Saucer Post...3-0 Blue*.

From 1957 to 1970, Stringfield was public relations officer for the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena. Stringfield was also involved in the Condon Committee, being named its Early Warning Coordinator for southwestern Ohio.

In 1977, Stringfield published *Situation Red, The UFO Siege!*

Perhaps Stringfield is best remembered for his research into crashed UFOs. In a time when stories of crashed saucers were not well-received by UFOlogists just as entity reports were shunned, Stringfield began getting reports of downed disks as early as the 70s. Of course, many of them proved to be hoaxes, but Stringfield stood strong in maintaining that perhaps we could expect to see UFOs crash. It wasn't until the Roswell incident became famous did Stringfield's work really take on merit.

Len Stringfield (1920-1994). Goodbye Len! We will miss you.

-- Michael Corbin, Director of ParaNet and MICAP

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Childhood's End?

by Greg Wheeler, Ph.D.

A review and discussion of *Abduction*, by John Mack, M.D. Scribner's, 1994.

The being communicated to him telepathically in what Ed calls "allegorical terms" a message of "instability on your planet, eco-spiritual, emotional instability... Earth shuddering in anguish, crying, weeping at the stupidity of humans...(Mack, pp. 60-61) The wake-up calls are coming fast and furious. From every corner of the planet, and every dimension of the universe, a voice is heard: Change your ways, humans, for there is little time left! Perhaps it started 1900 years ago with the apocalyptic visions of John of Patmos collected in *The Book of Revelations*, or 440 years ago with the dire "Centuries" put in rhyming quatrains by Dr. Nostradamus. But in our times, persons claiming alien abduction experiences are taking the prophetic spotlight from channelers of ancient entities, the shamans, and the psychic visionaries.

Late in the last century, it seemed to most that Science had finally secured a solid bulwark against such eschatological visions, and technological optimism replaced the ancient apocalyptic curses. Take these words of A. D. White (1960), first published in 1896, as instructive of this earlier spirit:

If, then, modern science in general has acted powerfully to dissolve away the theories and dogmas of the older theological interpretation, it has also been active in a reconstruction and recrystallization of truth... the sacred text has been transformed: out of the old chaos has come order; out of the old welter of hopelessly conflicting statements in religion and morals has come... an ideal of men who do right for right's sake; who search and speak the truth for truth's sake; who love others as themselves. (pp. 394-5)

Surely now, after 100 years of mass death through wars, nuclear annihilation, pollution, starvation, genocide, and disease, few would contend that Science has given us *The Answer*. Instead, the fragile ecosystems of earth have become a narrow precipice to which humanity clings, unwittingly close to the edge. Is the Earth in the Balance, as Al Gore (1993) has written so eloquently, and is this the last scene in the tragic story of a selfdestructive homo sapiens? Is a genetically engineered human/alien hybrid race waiting in the wings, ready to take over and renovate the gutted planet Earth?

Readers seeking answers about extraterrestrial intelligences active on planet Earth or elsewhere will search in vain the 432 pages of *Abduction*, the new book by Harvard psychiatrist Dr. John Mack. Instead, the reader will find Dr. Mack's distilled interactions as hypnotherapist-investigator with 76 persons who have recalled abduction experiences under his care over the past several years. From this pool he has selected 13 narratives intended to powerfully demonstrate "the transformational and spiritual growth aspects of the abduction phenomenon." (1994, p. 46). According to Mack, there are "profound implications of the abduction phenomenon for the expansion of human consciousness, the opening of perception to realities beyond the manifest physical world and the necessity of changing our place in the cosmic order if the earth's living systems are to survive the human onslaught." (1994, p. 15)

Looking at the method used to deliver a message of salvation may seem an irreverent and trivial concern. However, if we have learned anything in this instant media era it is Marshall McLuhan's famous koan, the medium is the message. If so, then what Mack reports in his book gives us grave concern for the "transformation process." Late Twentieth century observers of the Holocaust, Hiroshima and Rwanda will need convincing that telepathic visions given by aliens to paralyzed kidnap victims are all that credible as a message of salvation. Add in a eugenics program, rape and baby stealing, and most observers would say that the aliens and their messengers have a major PR problem.

The book *Abduction* could as easily have been entitled *Induction* or *Absorption*. These terms also describe the outcome of the abduction process. Typically, the unwitting subject is abducted from their home or car, subjected to a period of frightening and painful medical experiments, and returned to their beds, often with disturbing reminders of their experience, such as pajamas inverted or missing. This scenario would be difficult enough to comprehend if not for the subsequent disclosure that Mack's abductees then or eventually become willing participants in these events. None of Mack's subjects gives dire warning about the aliens themselves, or "goes crazy" and calls for a mass planetary uprising against this secret invader and their diabolical plan for the future. After all, one does not have to look far in the history of mystical vision to know that direct contact with superior beings can drive certain individuals mad (e.g. Ezekiel, George Fox, or William Blake). Instead, Mack's abductees report a new sense of purpose, and appoint themselves to the task of restoring balance to the planet, in the service of the alien agenda.

Even if we are dealing with ET converts, what can the abductees tell us about their alien kidnappers--their plans, their origins, their views of the prey they abduct in the night? Sadly, we learn little of their nature from this book's "experiencers." The abductees report beings who seem to enter our world through a kind of Twilight Zone between the physical and spiritual realms. The "Grays" are able to ignore conventional boundaries such as walls or ceilings, and defy gravity with ease in vessels that float like a feather in an updraft. Aliens seem to walk on beams of coherent light, and fly on blasts of color. They paralyze their victims with

wands of light while the victim sleeps, and keep control of their prey until the work is done.

There is difficult psychological material in this book, which raises another curious question. Why has the esteemed Dr. Mack chosen to abandon the traditional role of social scientist/researcher (as taken in many of his prior books) to become an ersatz ambassador between the Experiencer Clan and this, his own perishing realm of ordinary reality? His impressive portfolio supports immense credibility: Harvard professor of psychiatry, winner of a Pulitzer Prize, practicing clinician, and more. Consequently, this "ambassadorship" cannot be casually dismissed. He contends he did not seek this role, but it sought him in the guise of fellow consciousness researchers Christine and Stanislav Grof. The Grofs, interpreters of the distinctly modern biochemically induce mystical experience, had earlier studied LSD users. Being therefore well acquainted with profound transformational experiences, it seems they were attracted to the abductee story, and eventually persuaded Mack to investigate.

In his pursuit of the abductee story, Dr. Mack chose controversial methods, which he himself acknowledges when discussing the utility of hypnosis, the problems of suggestibility, and the so-called False Memory Syndrome. These methodological problems remain largely unsettled in the realm of Ufology (cf. Wheeler, 1994). For example, Dr. Mack contends that individuals experience increased reliability of recall when in a "light relaxed state." However, practitioners using tightly controlled hypnosis as a method for retrieving witness data when crimes are involved, have not found heightened reliability, but the opposite (Annon, 1989).

Methodological issues notwithstanding, Dr. Mack has proposed a way around the reliability problem: The validity of an experiencer's recollections resides in "the intersubjective unfolding of the investigator-abductee interaction." (1994, p. 25) "Under these circumstances the reported experience of the witness, and our clinical assessment of the genuineness of that report, may be the only means by which we can judge the reality of the experience." (1994, p.24). Mack's method for determining reliability has three major components: consistency of separate abductee stories, clinical intuition or judgment, and physical stigmata. Consistency is bolstered by the clinician's intuition that the patient is experiencing events "as they happened," and this derives entirely from "the interaction of the psyches of the client and the clinician" (1994, p. 25). Finally, consistency and clinical insight find support in the elements of physical evidence--the stigmata of alien visitation: missing time, lesions, burn marks, bleeding, inverted or missing clothing, physical displacement, concurrent lights, physical absence, night terror and other disturbances that accompanies traumatization.

However, it does not appear that Dr. Mack's methods are adequate to the task of understanding the abductee phenomenon. While the experiencers' stories are necessary for and consistent with aliens abducting human victims in the night, such stories are not sufficient to clearly establish the etiology of the abductee recollection phenomenon.

There is certainly nothing in the presented material to finally establish a causal link with extraterrestrial or extradimensional intelligences, other than the abductees' beliefs. His three criteria: consistency, believability, and stigmata remain vulnerable to the one arrow in Achilles Heel--there is as yet no universally accepted declaration that Earth has been visited by extraterrestrials. Such an event, incontrovertibly presented, would be the necessary key to ignite the powerful engine of paradigm shift, ending the sleepy childhood of Earth's isolation.

Good (1988) and Randle and Schmitt (1991) argue that this linchpin event has already happened, and that these truths are hidden by the defenders of ordinary reality, the Government and the Military/Industrial Complex. If this is the case, then the conspiracy of silence has been entirely successful. But, in the words of UK Defence Minister Lord Cranborne, reported (2 July 1994) by PA News reporter Chris Moncrieff from a letter to Tory MP Sir Teddy Taylor: "We are not aware of any evidence that would support existence of extra-terrestrial life--and we are not covering up any information on this subject." Carl Sagan also expresses certainty in the opposite direction of the abductees, being quoted from a meeting this summer (AP Wire, 1994, Tukwila, Wash., Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal Annual Conference.): "It's not that we're grumpy about lost continents or UFOs," Sagan said "-- it's that the world can ill afford such scientific illiteracy." Still, even without the necessary key to establish an extraterrestrial origin for this phenomenon, the abduction experience does carry its own distinctive worldview, and Dr. Mack's emphasis on a phenomenological exploration allows for a revealing look into its complexities. "Aliens" (or non-human entities from a non-ordinary realm) enter this (our shared consensus) reality with a purpose: breed hybrids capable of surviving the doomed earth's trashed ecosystems, bridging the impossible developmental gap between the inferior earthlings and the god-like advanced Gray beings, who help transform human consciousness into a form that is creative rather than self-destructive. This latter agenda, arguably the primary goal of all human philosophies and religions since the first humans plundered an ecosystem called Eden, could be seen as following historical traditions. Perhaps even the eugenics program has an historical precursor in the Old Testament folklore about the Nephilim (Sitchen, 1976). Since that prior experiment may be viewed as a dismal failure ("This race of men whom I have created, I will wipe them off the face of the earth...I am sorry I ever made them." Gen. 6: 7-8, NEB), resulting in a fearsome deluge in Noah's day, what can we hope of this new hybridizing experiment?

Contradictions abound in the abductee worldview that create further questions for the puzzled investigator. For example, while Dr. Mack highlights the unique aspects of abduction, there are many accounts of ghost hauntings which would qualify as "reliable" by his own criteria, i.e. showing consistency, clinical soundness, and even physical stigmata (q.v. Time-Life Books, Phantom Encounters, 1988, for a variety of such incidents). Consequently, one may ask if abduction is a distinctly different type of human experience, or but another extension of a rather long tradition of vagaries in human cognition?

It is intriguing to consider the overlap of the abductee experience with the ancient traditions that roughly fall under the rubric "shamanism." Interestingly, a recent book by Dr. Roger Walsh (1990) describes the shamanic experience as beginning with an often unwelcome call of various "unusual experiences." These culminate in an "initiation crisis" that "explodes through the shaman-elect with life-shattering force" such that the chosen risks madness or death if the call is refused. Once accepted, the shaman begins a "life of learning," that requires recognition of alternate realities so peculiar as to make the initiate a social pariah and recluse from "normal" social involvement. As the initiate continues, there are often intense experiences involving brilliant light, strange intelligences, and physical distress often resulting in the shaman's perception that he/she has been given "a new, stronger body fit for the rigors of shamanic work." Finally, the consumption of the shaman is in the ability to make "the shamanic journey" or ecstatic travel into realms extraterrestrial and spiritual, where strange encounters provoke the shaman into heightened consciousness and deeper meaning. For the shaman, "everything is interconnected and interdependent" and consequently our current self-destructive course is a reflection of our failed consciousness.

Clearly, these patterns of shamanic initiation appear to closely parallel Dr. Mack's descriptions of abductee experience. This fact is mentioned throughout Mack's book, but is not elaborated. These close parallels could indicate a similar underlying experiential structure, i.e. a model of everyday human consciousness which recognizes the capacity for entering and being influenced by non-ordinary and discrete altered states of consciousness. Certainly, Jacques Vallee has made these same points in his many writings, but it is worth mentioning that in this parallel conception there is also the possibility of an overlapping worldview, perhaps fully subsuming the abduction experience.

The abductee worldview suffers significant contradictions which are not addressed in Mack's book. For example, if aliens are so adept at levitation through conventionally perceived "solid masses" like walls and ceilings, and if they are so concerned with secrecy, why do they seem like Three Stooges Come to Earth, blowing up saucers and letting alien corpses lay strewn around Roswell for days until the dunderhead earthlings fall all over the debris? If we grant that the aliens are not perfect, and that accidents happen even to them, then at least one would expect to see a contingency for scooping up casualties and wreckage. According to the abductees reports of technical abilities, such happenings should be instantly knowable to the aliens and savable (i.e. beam all the stuff back up to the mother ship). At least one of Mack's abductees reports visions of the actual crash, further validating its occurrence to this group.

Why do the aliens do such a poor job of hiding themselves from their abductees? Why is a "light relaxed state" adequate to the task of cracking open the best alien post-hypnotic amnesic techniques like the covers of a new book? Why are the aliens such goof-up physicians, jamming vacuum cleaner and banana sized "probes" into various orifices, obtaining tissue samples and doing brain surgery

without anesthesia, even on children! In our admittedly barbaric "consensus reality" such behavior would be considered torture, and the feelings of oneness and sympathy for the torturers clearly an example of the Stockholm Syndrome. Why does Dr. Mack call this a simplistic theory--identifying with the all-powerful and brutal aggressors, bestial and without mercy, whose plan for salvation of the earth depends on genocide of homo sapiens? Why have these superintelligences not heard of diplomacy? Surely just landing simultaneously outside the halls of power in every capital of the earth would have as powerful a jolting effect on benighted human consciousness as stealing their babies and engaging in genocidal "hybridization." Perhaps humans might listen to their message then, and accept some advanced technological assistance regarding our own harebrained environmental goof-ups.

In summary, then, Mack's book appears to raise more questions than it answers, and does not go very far along the road of examining the origins of the abductee worldview. Amidst the plethora of New Age developments emerging in the new global consciousness, perhaps the abductee phenomenon is but a passing phase. But it may also be a movement which will take its place in the pantheon of religions, New Age movements, shamanic traditions, philosophies and personal mystical visions aiming to reshape the dominant consciousness now ruining the planet. One has to ask if Mack's intent was to somehow further that movement more than to explain it.

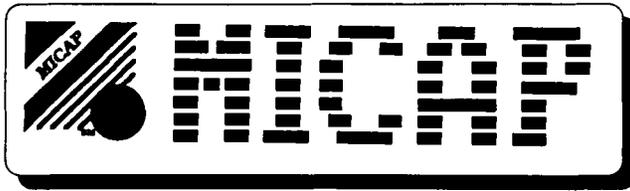
On the other hand, if the abductees are right, and the alien plan of hybridization is our future, then clearly T. S. Elliot was nothing less than a prophet. To paraphrase his famous poem of 1925, we are indeed the hollow men, the stuffed men, headpieces filled with straw, Alas! Our dried voices are quiet and meaningless, like rat's feet over broken glass in our dry cellar, violent souls of death's twilight kingdom. And at five o'clock in the morning, we may indeed be rounding the prickly pear when the alien shadow falls.

This is the way the world ends This is the way the world ends This is the way the world ends Not with a bang but a whimper.

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I'd like to talk about a subject about which I have many conflicting feelings: the role of our government in the suppression of UFO evidence from the public. I have these conflicting feelings, as I'm sure many of you do, because I was brought up to believe in the United States of America. I was taught, and I believed (and still do), that our form of government was the best in the world, despite its problems. But as I watched the bumbling, ineptness, bureaucracy and wastefulness of government agencies, the outright lies told to us over the course of time, and the stonewalling and smugness of those involved in illegal activities when questioned by Congress, I slowly lost some faith in the system. I still believe that we, the people, want a decent, honest government that is responsive to our needs and that will help, not hinder our industries to compete in today's world.

What went wrong? Why is everyone so suspicious of our government? Why do we not believe them when they tell us there's nothing to the UFO mystery? Perhaps the answer is as old as the story of the little boy who cried wolf. If you recall, the story is one we all teach our children as an admonition against lying. It works for most of us. But it

would seem that government lying is so ingrained that no one involved in it even questions it.

The problem really began immediately after WWII, when it became obvious that our spying machinery needed an overhaul. Spying is as old as humanity, and I'm not going to dispute that it needs to be done, though I wish it wasn't so. However, the U.S., in creating official agencies whose mission is to spy, institutionalized an activity that was previously done only surreptitiously. We gave people unlimited power and money, and then turned them loose in an atmosphere with almost no accountability. In some ways, this is good. The armed forces, CIA, NSA, Secret Service and FBI have uncovered many plots against the United States and its officials, and have done, I think, a good job in their areas of specialty. However, it is also incredibly easy to abuse the power that they have been given, and there are precious few ways to discover when they have crossed the line, let alone find ways to stop it. As an example, I cite the incident, which is documented in ParaNet archives, with former U.S. Senator Barry Goldwater. Senator Goldwater, who was a many-time-decorated officer in the Air Force, friends with General Curtis LeMay, and who ran unsuccessfully for President in 1964, once asked LeMay to fill him in on the UFO mystery. LeMay's answer: Leave it alone, and don't ask me again. If a man with Goldwater's credentials can't break the veil of secrecy, who can?

As Stanton Friedman and others have said repeatedly, our government is very compartmentalized. In laymen's terms, that means that its left hand often doesn't know what its right hand is doing! Unfortunately, this bumbling often leads to cover-ups, which may be nothing more than attempts to hide their stupidity rather than to hide something of real value. This is the veil that must be lifted - the notion that the public will think less of them if they admit mistakes, when in fact it would lead to more trust. Nixon discovered this the hard way.

How can this problem be fixed? I think it is as simple as providing an accountability committee in Congress - they are, after all, the people we elected to serve us. The normal checks and balances that were built into our Constitution to protect us from abuse of power by our elected officials need to be applied to the agencies created by our elected officials.

How can ordinary people right the wrongs? The obvious answer is to get more involved in grass roots politics. But there is an easier solution in today's technological society: computers! The very computer that allows you to read the latest news about UFOs on ParaNet also allows you to send electronic mail to the White House, thanks to a pilot program initiated by the Clinton administration. Through the Internet, you can write to the President and Vice President very easily. Simply set the address of your e-mail to:

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The Clinton administration has said it wants to "reinvent" government. Let's let them know what we think that means: An end to secrecy that serves no purpose. It took an uprising of historical significance to accomplish such honesty in the Soviet Union. One would hope that in the "land of the free and the home of the brave", it would take only the desire of the people, through their elected representatives, to get honesty from government. One thing we must remember, though, is that it is impossible to prove a negative. In other words, if our government really doesn't know what is going on in the UFO arena, no amount of pressure will reveal otherwise. At some point, it becomes our duty to trust them when they say, "we just don't know." Note, however, that this is a far cry from their current statement of "there is no validity to the UFO phenomenon."

Something we have going for us is the enormous grass roots potential of the Internet, a communications backbone created by the National Science Foundation for science and industry that is now being expanded to the general public. But even this freedom is under attack. For one thing, this noncommercial network is under intense pressure to "go commercial." CompuServe, which has promoted the use of the GIF format as a freely distributable binary graphics file format for the last seven years, has recently notified industry that it intends to sue anyone or any company that uses GIF without paying a license fee. Since GIF is in such widespread use, this is tantamount to blackmail, and will undoubtedly result in the end of this popular file format for use on electronic bulletin boards. The government is also getting involved in the Internet game -- the Clinton administration is trying to get approval for an NSA-created "clipper chip" that would allow any encrypted transmissions to be monitored, after "appropriate" judicial review of necessity. The Electronic Frontier Foundation is the most active organization working to fight such government control. Their literature states that their work focuses on:

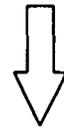
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ParaNet began an ambitious endeavor in April, 1994: a weekly radio show "dedicated to a very strange phenomenon: unidentified flying objects." This column gives you a "behind-the-scenes" perspective on the show.

The radio program is nine months old at this writing, and it has certainly been a labor of love. We want to thank those of you who have been so supportive of the show, especially the community of Monterey, CA, where our affiliate KNRV carries us. The phone calls, words of encouragement and support from all of you are very much appreciated.

The show has grown to ten affiliates at this time, and there is every indication at this time that it will be expanding in other markets soon. We are pursuing leads with dozens of possible new affiliates. Of course, every one we get makes it that much easier to get even more. If you can't get the show in your area, write to the program director at your favorite local talk station and ask him or her to carry the show.

Our current affiliate list is as follows:

KNRV, Monterey, CA
KYOS, Merced, CA
KINY, Juneau, AK
KCNR, Salt Lake City, UT
KNUS, Denver, CO (tape delayed)
KCMO, Kansas City, MO (tape delayed)
KBIM, Roswell, NM
KVNA, Flagstaff, AZ
KJAA, Globe, AZ
WROK, Rockford, IL

A list of all shows done to date is included in this issue. Cassette tapes of all shows are available. Just fill out the order form and include a check or money order. We'll rush the tapes to you. We have many more interesting guests lined up, and a few surprises, so stay tuned! And remember, the show is very expensive to produce. Contributions are always appreciated. It's not public radio, but funds are just as scarce!

Random Walk

From time to time we encounter items which deserve wider distribution but don't lend themselves to a full-blown article. Instead of just passing them by, we collect them and pass them on to you without comment. If you run across a good candidate for inclusion in this column, send it in! We don't pay for these items, but we will credit you if you wish.

• Thanks to Craig Miller, of Win-Mill Productions, who gave Continuum a good review in his magazine, *Wrapped In Plastic*, a *Twin Peaks* fanzine that we featured last month.

• And yet another thanks to Dean Phillip Kanipe, who created a World Wide Web page with all kinds of ParaNet, MICAP, Continuum, and Radio Program info in it. The WWW is the latest and hottest craze in the wacky world of the Internet. If you don't have access through a high tech employer, you can get access through a SLIP or PPP connection, plus you need a web browser like Netscape or Mosaic. A high speed (14.4 Kbaud) modem is also a practical necessity. The browser is basically a graphical user interface, and lets you navigate much more easily through the various things you can do on the Internet. Our URL address is: <http://www.duke.edu/~dpk/road.html>. Once you've found it, click **Scenes**, then **ParaNet** and look around. We've provided Dean with a MICAP application form, sighting report form, radio station list, description of all radio shows, BBS info, Continuum ordering info and more!

• Speaking of sighting report forms, have you had a sighting to report but don't know how to do it? MICAP has report forms. Send \$2.00 for postage and copying costs and they'll mail you this detailed form. MICAP's address is P.O. Box 172, Wheat Ridge, CO 80034-0172.



UFO mystery in "Falkirk triangle"

A spate of UFO sightings in Central Scotland last week has baffled locals and experts alike.

Seven people claim to have seen unidentified flying objects over the Falkirk area.

On Friday morning three cleaners at the Union Chemical factory in Carronshore saw five UFO's as they walked to work.

One of the cleaners, Beatrice Campbell, from Carronshore, said, "We first noticed them at 5.40 a.m. There was one large object which had a light orange glow. The four smaller ones sparkled on and off like stars."

"To begin with, all were stationary. Then the large object began sending beams of light to the smaller ones. Then one of the small ones began moving off towards Falkirk. At that point my flesh started crawling."

The ladies went into the factory to start their shift and told lab manager Bill Downie what they had seen. He had them draw a diagram and make a written statement of the sighting. When word of their experience spread, several more employees approached Mr Downie with similar stories.

Diane Keating, from Camelon, a packer at the factory, also made a written statement describing what she saw.

She said, "On Wednesday evening at around 7.00 pm I was looking out of a window at home when I saw an object in the sky."

"It looked reddish in colour, shaped like a ball, surrounded by a heat haze. It hovered for about 10 minutes, disappeared from view for two minutes then came back. At first I thought it was a plane. But it couldn't have been. I saw a plane fly under it."

At the same time on Wednesday, factory workers Steve Leishman and Kevin Carmichael, were walking to Steve's house in nearby Stenhousemuir. Mr Leishman, said, "We first saw an object which looked as if it was above the Denny-Stirling area. "It had a bright white colour. It moved away in the direction of Callander then came back and began to glow red orange."

"It was going really fast. We saw a passenger plane with it's landing lights on underneath it. The object was very much faster than the plane."

Another factory employee reported a sighting but wishes to remain anonymous.

Central Strathclyde Police, RAF Pitreavie and the Scottish Air Traffic Control Centre at Prestwick say they've not received any reports of the sightings.

Mark Macauley of the Royal Observatory in Edinburgh commented, "From what you have described the sightings don't correspond to astronomical objects like meteors, planets or communication satellites."

This report comes to us from the Sunday Post (a traditional, "family" Scottish newspaper), dated 30 October, 1994.

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Mailbox

Many people flip right to the letters columns in magazines to see what others have to say on the articles presented, or on the general topics covered by the magazine. Do you have ideas or comments about what we've got going here? Please let us know! Write to Editor, CONTINUUM Magazine, P.O. Box 172, Wheat Ridge, CO 80034.

Editor, CONTINUUM:

Thanks for the copies of CONTINUUM. I found the publication quite interesting (even with my own disbelief in the reality of interplanetary visitors, etc.). Best wishes, and thanks for your interest in *Wrapped In Plastic*.

Craig Miller
Editor and Publisher, *Wrapped In Plastic*
Arlington, TX

Editor, CONTINUUM:

A very fascinating magazine! And I never miss the radio show either, even if you have kept me up later than I'd like on a Sunday night. Keep up the good work, and keep your eyes on the skies.

Daniel Taylor
Denver, CO

Editor, CONTINUUM:

I'd really like to see more interviews. Maybe you could print portions of some of the interviews you do on the show for those of us who can't get it.

Werner Applegate
Detroit, MI



ParaNet Postings

ParaNet Postings is a feature consisting of discussions posted to the ParaNet BBS. There are many ways to post articles to ParaNet. You can log on directly by calling the BBS at (303) 429-2713. You can post to the seven Usenet newsgroups such as alt.paranet.ufo either directly if you have Internet access or via service providers like CompuServe, Delphi, Prodigy or America Online. You can log on to one of the many FidoNet nodes around the world that is tied into the ParaNet network. Ride the information superhighway! It's a lot of fun.

This issue, we have selected a grab-bag of interesting comments that have been posted recently to the ParaNet BBS. They range from comments on the similarity of UFO designs with airships of the day to comments on the similarity of angels to aliens. We'll let you decide if these writers are right, wrong or nuts.

From: Tim.Shell@p0.f150.n30163.z1.FIDONET.ORG
Subject: UFO Alien Inconsistencies

etlsney@etlxd30.ericsson.se (Simon Early) asked:

SE> 1) What is the correlation between documented reports of sightings and the aircraft design of the day? I seem to remember drawings made of 'foo-fighters' in WWII by American and British pilots had the UFOs with Turbo-props as a means of propulsion.!

Design and performance of alien craft (going all the way back to the Mystery Airship sightings of the 1880's) tend to display characteristics at the leading edge or slightly beyond the capabilities of existing aircraft.

SE> 2) Bob Lazar claims that the insides of the UFO is immune to the G-forces which would otherwise crush the aliens in their non-spacetime warping atmospheric travels. If so, why do the poor little ETs die when they splat against a mountain, or ground like the Roswell incident and the New Mexico incident (1947?).

A malfunction of the power system would disable the mechanism that counteracts inertial forces as well as the propulsion system.

SE> In order to go from 0 mph to several thousands in an instant must be on a par with them whacking into a mountain?

At least. So it would appear that this particular trick is not within our current capabilities.

SE> 3) Why are the majority of reported aliens of our order of magnitude? Why two eyes a nose, a mouth? Why do they breath oxygen (or appear to)? [...]

Aliens may be more human than not. They may be from Earth. If not from the future, then perhaps from another as yet undiscovered "quality" of reality.

SE> 4) when was the last time a UFO publication donated all its profits to charity - that would soon dispel the "I'm doing it for the money" factor and add some REAL credibility.

That's a bit of specious argument. Time Magazine isn't free, either. Yet its credibility remains intact. Credibility is dependent upon the facts of each individual case.

SE> 5) whats the mechanism protecting these little guys from Cosmic radiation/nuclear radiation/interference.

If you can somehow establish a closed inertia system, then protecting yourself against radiation might be easy. Besides, if they're from Earth, then they're not exposed to any more radiation than you or I.

SE> If they're so advanced, why do they need to travel in a ship at all? Why not just use one of these 'spacetime warpers' to point themselves at the precise location (say in a field) . flick a switch and hang on to the unit (Bob Lazar claims it's quite compact)

Good question. Perhaps they wish to travel in a ship precisely so we can see them and what they are doing. There are a number of reasons why they might want to do this, education being one of them.

*SE> 6) Bob Lazar describes technology which is, at best only hundreds of years beyond our capabilities. Surely its a bit co-incidental that these aliens are *only* a few hundred years ahead of us.*

Technology advances to solve a problem. Once it solves the problem, the technology need not advance. Wheels remain round. Projectiles remain pointy. Sure the materials change, but the design remains the same. If the aliens have created an efficient, effective interstellar propulsion system, then it may be unnecessary to develop it further.

SE> Even if its a few thousand years, one look at the Drake Equation will still make it look improbable, and if it is likely, then instead of there being a few types of aliens then its more likely that they're bloody everywhere.

Most people focus on the extremes of the Drake Equation, but actually, the probability of there being only be a few types of aliens is exactly equal to the probability of there being either none or thousands.

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The story may be apochryphal. Although if an alien is humanoid, why is it so outlandish that it would like what we like? In a certain way, the obviously ridiculous detail of the story works in its favor. By lying about something like that, it damages the story credibility. So why tell it?

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You and me both.

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Don't you see? That's exactly what makes the stories so odd. They really do contain a lot of anachronisms, barely advanced technology, crude medical procedures, and some stuff that's simply unarguably nonsensical. I find that very fascinating.

Somehow or another *we* have some kind of influence in how these things present themselves. They very often appear as an extrapolation of ourselves -- they fly a little faster than we can, but not much; they perform medical procedures not much (or at all) in advance of ours; they look like what humans could look like in the future, but not that far into the future; they pop in and out of existence without leaving a good, solid trace. It's almost as if someone was using these things to give us a little peek into our own future, or at least a possible future.

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Tim "Interacting in a Strange Way" Shell

From: pvigay@cix.compulink.co.uk ("Paul Vigay")
Subject: Re: Crop Circle Experiment

To quote k3omalle@sisko.sbccc.ca.us ():-
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From: migca@aol.com (MIGCA)
Subject: Re: UFO mating?

In article <2eb91594@p0.f391.n109.z1.fidonet.org>, Stephanie@f391.n109.z1.fidonet.org (Stephanie) writes:
Ya know, it sounds like the old "incubus/succubus" stories of the Middle Ages...am I the only one who notices a common theme in cultural myths? I am not saying it doesn't happen, because I DON'T KNOW. I just see similarities and wonder if the same phenomena happen over and over and are just seen in different contexts throughout the ages...

I have always been intrigued by the recurrent mythological themes present in many UFO stories. Makes you wonder if humans have always been interacting with non-human "others" who have shared at least part of our reality for ages. Jacques Valles discusses the story you speak of at length in several of his books. Another very good book which discusses the mythological aspects of the UFO phenomenon is "Angels and Aliens" Keith Thompson, Fawcett-Columbine 1992.

From: 3wp4holmesm@vms.csd.mu.edu
Subject: Re: Alien Intelligence?

Mike Lacy <lhplacy@reading.ac.uk> writes:
Why is it that everyone seems to assume that all extra-terrestrial life, ufo pilots etc. will be super-intelligent? Once a species reaches the level of intelligence necessary for the collection of knowledge, all that is needed is time. One hundred years ago, human flight was considered impossible; now it is commonplace, and we have sent unmanned probes to most of the planets in the solar system. Is in not unreasonable to presume that, given time, mankind will eventually travel to the stars and visit other planets? Our average intelligence has not really gone up by much in the last Millenium either; in fact, one of the first things that civilization does to a population is to slow, or stop the process of natural evolution (after all, no one likes being selected against). Thus any alien race would probably encounter the same barrier to any increase in their "genetic intelligence capability". No doubt any space-faring race has more knowledge than we do, but to say that they are more

intelligent (or even wise) is rather like saying that Columbus was more intelligent (or wise) than the "Indians" he accidentally discovered.

Maybe what is meant is that aliens are more advanced, not more intelligent. Using the word *advanced* thus would show that they could be of various degrees of intelligence (including stupid) but have a great deal of time on their side. Oh, by the way, Columbus did not accidentally discover the Indians. They did not need discovering.

From: acolman@magnus.acs.ohio-state.edu (Alison Colman)
Subject: Re: Alien Intelligence?

Oh, by the way, Columbus did not accidentally discover the Indians. They did not need discovering.

He accidentally ran into them on the route on which he had planned to "discover" a shortcut to the Orient and India. He "discovered" a New World unknown to the Europeans. The fact that they (and he and his cronies) cruelly exploited it doesn't lessen it as a brave adventure (in the entrepreneurial spirit) and a "discovery". Hey, the Curies "discovered" Radium and died from it.

From: hatunen@netcom.com (DaveHatunen)
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It wasn't a "New" World, either. It had been here for millions and millions of years. It's a little like stealing a used car and referring to it as "my new car". He "discovered" it in the sense that you might "discover" that a street you thought went through was actually a cul-de-sac.

From: jguard@eos.ncsu.edu (James Grady Ward)
Subject: Re: Gravity & speed of light

Photons are still traveling at light speed inside the atmosphere, [but] they appear to be moving slower because of their bouncing off of the atoms in the air and a couple of other affects that make them take a wavy jerky path through the air, but when they are actually moving they are still moving at the speed of light.

From: acolman@magnus.acs.ohio-state.edu (Alison Colman)
Subject: Re: Gravity & speed of light

This is now my personal mission - to elucidate to non-believers how light travels at a constant speed through space and how it interacts with matter.. Imagine the fabric.. and imagine an area that is a block of glass.. This area of the fabric is "wet".. The "ripples" in this area travel more slowly than those in the "dry" region.. This is similar to the effect of light passing in and out of glass compared to light passing through free and open space.

The photons are not bouncing off of the atoms, they are not "inside the atmosphere", they are moving slower because the space they are travelling in has been "wetted" by the close proximity of matter and electric charges. Space is "wet" in this region and the "rippling" ahead of the particle is slowed down.. The energy in the "ripple" is enhanced since it now also contains some added "weight" from the "wetness" of the matter in the area.. But the energy of the particle has been "exactly" decreased because it has slowed in speed behind the "ripple" through the "wet" area. When the particle leaves the "wet" area of fabric the "ripple" will lower and "suck" the particle into its wake as it accelerates to the speed it is capable of in the "dry" area of the fabric.

From: Dan Deangelis
<DDEANGEL@PSUHMC.HMC.PSU.EDU>
Subject: Gravity drive no FTL

Tim Shell said:

Regardless what those jokers told Robert Lazar to send him barking up the wrong tree, UFOs don't utilize a gravity field. Any gravity field strong enough to bend space would most likely rip the planet apart, and compress the ship generating it down to peanut size.

Okay. Then a UFO utilizing Lazar's gravity drive to escape the Earth's gravity and position itself in space would need to create a "phantom" mass at least as large as that of the Earth. Imagine yourself in a little paper boat situated between two whirlpools, representing the gravity wells. If the two whirlpools are equally large, you'll hover between them. The second you fall under the influence of one, the other must increase to maintain the equilibrium. The farther down the well you go (closer to the Earth's center) the larger the force of the other whirlpool has to be (the phantom mass point) To a nearby body like the Moon, there would appear to be at least the mass of two Earth-sized planets affecting it. Even if it was only for an instant, the Moon would be rocked from it's orbit.

And just how can the Lazar ship generate a phantom mass point someplace other than where it is? It'd be like turning on an electromagnet in New York and picking up iron filings in Sri Lanka without anything happening in between. ???

Good points, but (there's always that but..) remember what Lazar said, he is talking about taking a gravity 'wave', amplifying it, and FOCUSING it to a single point far away. Sounds pretty neat, and since we can't test it or get a real grip on what it means (since we dont know everything about gravity) we dont know if this is true or not. What happens when you focus gravity?? A blackhole? What properties will gravity have when it is focused? Beats me.

Think of it this way, like a magnifying glass directing sunlight to a single point, it gets hot enough to start a fire, yet we did not create a fusion reaction to mimic the suns fire

(your two whirlpool example). And Lazar isn't talking about creating a strong gravitational force to pull you towards the focused point with greater force than earths gravity, he is talking about pulling the focused point of space to you, and then moving into it.

Lots of arguments can be made about this stuff, there is definitely a lot of research needed here. I'm telling ya, understanding gravity is gonna catapult the world into a new era. Might not be in our lifetimes.

From: kiwi@iis.ee.ethz.ch (Rene Mueller)
Subject: Contactees & Involuntary, Spontaneous Invisibility
Organization: Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETHZ)

Contactees & Involuntary, Spontaneous Invisibility
Researcher Desires Help

I am a hypnotherapist in Santa Barbara, California, and have a support group for people who believe that they have experienced some form of encounter and/or abduction by alien beings. The meetings offer a totally open and safe space for a dialogue regarding personal experiences, personal beliefs, and the implications of what such encounters might portend in a larger sense for this planet. Any topic regarding anomalous phenomena that a group member feels strongly about and wants to discuss is allowed.

I was not surprised, therefore, when a woman asked to speak to me about something that was troubling her and that she didn't know how to deal with or understand. In all honesty, when I heard her story, I thought there was the possibility that this individual was highly imaginative. But when a second person some time later spoke to me of the same thing, I decided to look into this further.

The first woman's story, whom we shall name Vera (pseudonym), went something like this: Vera had driven her car to the post office to get stamps. She walked in and joined the line, taking the end position. Soon thereafter a man walked in and asked the man directly in front of Vera if this was the end of the line. The man ahead of Vera answered that he was indeed the end of the line, wherein Vera spoke up and said she was the end of the line. No one looked at Vera or acknowledged that she had spoken and, in fact she was almost stepped on as the second man took up the end position in line. Vera thought to herself how rude these people were and moved slightly to the side of the line, so as not to be jostled; she continued moving up with other people. When her time came to go to the counter to be helped, she walked up and stated her business and quite to her amazement, the man behind her walked right up and did the same. The postal clerk never acknowledged Vera but began assisting the man. Vera announced loudly that she was there first, but no one paid the slightest attention to her. Getting very upset by this time with what she considered extreme rudeness, she just walked out of the post of fice and went home. A number of days later, she was attempting to

get some assistance in a store and no one would help her or even acknowledge that she was present. It seemed as if she was invisible to people around her and also couldn't be heard when she spoke. She had no idea what was happening, but she certainly wasn't pleased about it.

When a second person came to me with a story that seemed to involve invisibility, I began to take this a little more seriously. In brief, this woman was sitting on the sofa, letting her mind wander as she stared at the wall. The wall seemed to take on a less- than- solid form and she was fascinated with it. When she finally came out of her reverie, she was astonished to find her husband searching the house for her and she certainly had not been there. Here, again, although she was physically present, she seemed to be unseen by another person.

At his point, I decided to check with a number of other researchers and see if anyone else had ever heard of such a report. I was surprised to find that a number of other researchers had in just the past year or so. either heard of this or knew someone directly who had experienced something akin to this.

I was given several leads in Texas and followed up on them. I spoke with two individuals in different towns who reported invisibility experiences. One woman went through a cafeteria line and when she approached the cashier, the cashier couldn't see her. It was only when the woman began to get upset with being ignored that the cashier suddenly saw her standing there and appearing to be a little shaken up, rang up her lunch ticket. Another woman who had similar experiences wanted to test this and after having been ignored at a movie theater ticket window, walked in and out of the theater past the ticket person several times. No one ever indicated that they could see her. Then to be absolutely certain, she entered the lobby of the men's room to see if she could get stares. No one even looked her way. And there are other stories...

I don't know what these reports represent, but I am interested in gathering information from other researchers and investigators who might be encountering this phenomenon. I am especially interested in seeing if any kind of correlation can be found between those individuals who feel they have been aboard an alien craft and those who are experiencing this invisibility phenomenon. It would be interesting to learn of, in passing through the force field of a craft, the abductee's own vibrational frequency is somehow altered or raised. After all, reported craft seem to have the ability to appear and disappear at will and might have a force field that alters vibrational frequency and allows for these phenomena.

Although it stretches the imagination to consider that involuntary, spontaneous invisibility could be occurring to some abductees, I am putting forth a serious inquiry to the researchers and investigators who read this, asking for your assistance in acquiring any data and information that might come to your attention in this regard. I can be reached at the address below.

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PS: Don't send me (the poster) emails, write direct to the address shown above, if you like to get/share information, thanks! --

From: krowell@teleport.com (Keith E. Rowell)

Subject: Re: Evidence for cattle mutilation's alien origion

I am the person who investigated the 1990 mutilation of 5 steers just outside of Vancouver, WA. (I just put up two closeup photos of the "cookie cutter" serrations found on anomalously mutilated animals at times. Be sure to use your GIF viewer to take a look yourself.)

We found that there was some "satanic" cult activity in the Clark county area surrounding Vancouver, WA. We have copies of some of the brief sheriff's deputy reports with pictures. Sheep were the largest we were aware of. There was usually some blood outside the animal in evidence and also obvious ritual signs and human presence signs (tracks, etc.). This activity was occurring off and on during the previous year and current 1990 year of our mutilations. All the deputies were aware of the cult activity, and the deputies who briefly investigated two of the five mutilated steers made no connection between our mutes and the on-going cult activity. The deputies assumed that some vandal with a gun had dropped the steers. They called large animal vet Randy Lee. Lee found no evidence of bullet holes or bullets after skinning one of the animals and examining one other.

To my knowledge, no cult-connected person has ever been arrested for cattle mutilation. Why not? Maybe they aren't related.

From: bobemme@clark.net (Bob Emmert)

Subject: Re: Mysterious Discoveries in China/Tibet

[anonymous sources are quoted as saying:]

High in the mountains of BayanKara-Ula, on the borders of China and Tibet - a team of archaeologists were conducting a very detailed routine survey of a series of interlinked caves. Their interests had been excited by the discovery of lines of neatly arranged graves which contained the skeletons of what must have been a strange race of human beings; strange because they had unnaturally spindly bodies and large, overdeveloped heads.

I believe this is a well-known Fortean story from way back (1920's?). It might also be found in one of James Churchward's books. Ask somebody who's into Fort. You can also go thru T. Lobsang Rampa's books. He mentions quite a bit about this.

Rampa's 'Cave of the Ancients' was quite interesting, even though Rampa was somewhat controversial (novel concept here, right?).

From: "Mesarch, Tim"
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Subject: Psychology & UFOs

[an anonymous source is quoted as saying:]

At issue is the question, "What can psychology do for ufology?" The answer, IMHO, is "A few things." Psychology and psychologists can make a limited contribution to understanding UFOs and ufology. To say otherwise would be foolish at best, arrogant at worst. Here is how psychology and psychologists might contribute to the field:

1. First, psychologists and similarly credentialed mental health professionals can help to differentiate between those who are mentally ill, those who are faking, and those who are sincere reporters of UFO-related events and experiences. Those who have read Streibers' "Communion" and many similar books may recall testimony supporting his good mental health. Such testimony helps to validate that the events witnessed are objectively true. Validation is particularly important when an individual has reported a sighting, landing, abduction; how, otherwise, can the sole reporter find credibility?

Data from psychologists, psychiatrists, and others (e.g., lie detection specialists) support the claims of UFO witnesses; or, such data may help to weed out publicity hounds and charlatans.

2. Second, psychologists can provide research findings supporting the claims of UFO witnesses, abductees, etc., for sound mental health. There are numerous studies which indicate that UFO "believers," witnesses, and abductees are essentially normal. How would the field of ufology be regarded if the finding was otherwise? NB that we are fighting an uphill battle -now-, despite the fact that we are "normal."

3. Third, psychologists can provide therapy to those who have been traumatized by UFO-related events. Reassurance can go a l-o-n-g way towards helping a person who has witnessed UFO related phenomenon. "Am I crazy?" is a common question, and to hear a professional answer "No" is heartening. I must agree with Mr. Shell that there may be limitations here, however: if a person is repeatedly traumatized (i.e., through abduction and associated experiences), therapy may ultimately prove to be of little value.

4. Fourth, psychologists can bring standards to bear upon UFO related investigations, particularly where hypnosis is involved. When I read reports of abduction experiences I often question the expertise of those asking the questions, and believe that we must hold ufologists to a high standard. Much that passes as "science" is wishful thinking, fantasy, or projection. Fortunately, the field seems to have developed understanding of controlled investigation and the need for standards in inquiry.

There may be other ways that mental health professionals can contribute to ufology. The four dimensions above come immediately to mind. I would love to hear from others.

I think that psychology can provide a valid contribution by examining personality characteristics of those who have reported paranormal experiences, particularly UFOs. Here are a couple of references from PsycLIT; I can provide more if people are interested...

TI: Close encounters: An examination of UFO experiences.
AU: Spanos, -Nicholas-P.; Cross, -Patricia-A.; Dickson, -Kirby;
DuBreuil, -Susan-C.

JN: Journal-of-Abnormal-Psychology; 1993 Nov Vol 102(4)
624-632

IS: 0021843X

AB: Ss who reported UFO experiences were divided into those whose experiences were nonintense (e.g., seeing lights and shapes in the sky) and those whose experiences were intense (e.g., seeing and communicating with aliens or missing time). On a battery of objective tests Ss in these 2 groups did not score as more psychopathological, less intelligent, or more fantasy prone and hypnotizable than a community comparison group or a student comparison group. However, Ss in the UFO groups believed more strongly in space alien visitation than did comparison Ss. The UFO experiences of Ss in the intense group were more frequently sleep-related than the experiences of Ss in the nonintense group. Among the combined UFO Ss, intensity of UFO experiences correlated significantly with inventories that assessed proneness toward fantasy and unusual sensory experiences.

TI: Fantasy proneness, amnesia, and the UFO abduction phenomenon.

AU: Powers, -Susan-M.

JN: Dissociation-Progress-in-the-Dissociative-Disorders;
1991 Mar Vol 4(1) 46-54 IS: 08962863

AB: Explores the hypothetical relationship of fantasy proneness to amnesia and reviews the literature on fantasy proneness, absorption, and dissociation. The dissociative material includes studies on partial or complete amnesia that have been related to traumatic life events. The relationship between psychological trauma, amnesia, and fantasy as an adaptive and coping response to stress is examined. The phenomena of individuals reporting their abduction by extraterrestrials (ETs) is reviewed with the following question in mind: Does the group of people who believe they have been abducted and sexually traumatized by ETs inform us of a possible relationship between amnesia and fantasy proneness? (PsycLIT Database Copyright 1992 American Psychological Assn, all rights reserved)

The following article was contributed by Shelley Thomson, a remote-viewer living in California. Shelley's article explores the Role of the Government in UFO research. It has long been suspected that the government has had a deep involvement in UFO research, although publicly they deny any involvement.

The Role of Government

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The author construes the role of government as follows:

Government participation began in the 1940's when a crashed disk was apparently salvaged in New Mexico. Eventually other disks and parts were acquired. The material was kept secret. It was expected to provide scientific insights which would give a decisive military advantage in the anticipated war with the Soviet Union.

As time passed, the program evolved into a much larger and heavily compartmentalized form, including treaties with other countries governing the sharing of high strangeness data and artifacts. In the course of time these programs achieved virtual autonomy.

If viewing serves, the hoped-for scientific breakthroughs have not materialized. Unhappily for the military, creative thinkers do not flourish in uniform. After exhaustive effort, the inadequacy of current scientific theory has been clearly established.

In an issue of invasion-from-above (to borrow the military conceptualization) the effective scout force is the entire civilian population. Both remote viewing and circumstantial evidence suggest that government agencies undertook to collect intelligence from the civilian population while attempting to keep the entire matter secret. Intensive efforts were made to distract and discredit independent researchers on the subject; front groups of all varieties were established; disinformation was distributed.

The apparent objective of the strategy was to prevent the formation of a consensus regarding the possibility of alien contact and to frustrate scientific research into the subject. The strategy continues to the present day. Meanwhile, among the limited number of aerospace and military insiders, an intense interest developed concerning alien technology.

The aerospace industry is driven by the profit motive. Huge funds are available for black budget projects. A knowledgeable insider can develop a proposal, in cooperation with a large aerospace company, and market it to the black budget for an enormous profit. There is no meaningful oversight for these contracts. The players can go home with millions if they are successful. (It should be noted that success means turning on the tap in Washington; it

does not necessarily imply that the scientific objectives of the contract have been fulfilled.)

Like other institutions, government is operated by individuals competing for money and power. The few individuals who can perceive the presence of aliens as an issue for our species rather than an opportunity for personal profit are isolated and powerless. There is no reason to think that this will change.

At present the secret projects dealing with alien contact operate with nearly full autonomy. At higher military levels there is a reasonable fear that revealing the technology could enable scientists in a much smaller country (Libya, for example) to make a fortuitous discovery that could change the power balance of the world. If the alien question were reviewed at higher political levels, the outcome is easy to foresee: under current conditions there is no--absolutely no--prospect that a group of bright engineers from Toyota will be allowed to examine a flying saucer. And finally, it would require extraordinary courage for a president to publicly disclose the nature of certain foreign treaties and the activities which have been conducted upon that authority. As politically explosive information, the existence of aliens pales before these treaties.

Through remote viewing, the author followed a number of remarkable stories to discover that they were apparently fabricated by government agencies. These included: accounts of underground bases in which humans and aliens worked together; accounts of alien craft summoned by meditators "sending love;" accounts of aliens sending telepathic messages from the Pleiades; accounts of human-appearing aliens secretly controlling world governments and banking systems. The examples of these stories studied by the author were unequivocally false. They appear to have been created as part of an effort to distract and confuse the general public. In this respect, they have been highly successful.

The multiple disinformation efforts of government agencies have a common denominator. Together they operate to stimulate public confusion, to prevent the development of consensus on the issue, and to impede scientific research.

Barring important changes in national perspective, the government may be dismissed as a factor. Its activity is merely to confuse the issue and delay the adoption of effective response strategies.

A few remarks about intelligence agents. The general reader may not appreciate the significance of the involvement of military and intelligence insiders in black budget R&D. These individuals are in a good position to know where and for what projects black budget money can be found. By attending conferences and pursuing standard intelligence gathering techniques, they are able to discover where potentially marketable developments are being pursued in the private sector.

Is it conceivable that these agents would make covert entry into an individual's laboratory, seize his notebooks, drawings and prototype, and bring the items to a small private R&D

company in which they have a personal interest, there to be reformatted and sold to the taxpayer?

It is naive to think that they would not.

The author believes that much of the contents of the black budget would not bear close examination for their provenance. It is a convenient operation for the agents: they need not think up the idea on their own, merely discover who has it. Their R&D cost will be minimal. And the original discoverer is very unlikely to find out who profited from his idea. Inslaw was not an isolated case.

One of the worst features of the situation is that once an development has been funded in the black budget, the insiders have an incentive to suppress the idea in the public sector. The original discoverer may encounter very significant obstacles, including repeated burglaries and aggressive surveillance, in continuing his/her research. Overt and covert obstacles may be placed in the way of publication. Promising developments may be lost forever. This robs both individuals and society at large.

An obvious example of this economically driven process in action is the evolution (devolution) of the field of parapsychology. After a long hiatus following J.B. Rhine, the remote viewing experiments funded by the defense department at the Stanford Research Institute achieved striking success. The field was rejuvenated. Private

colleges, universities and foundations all over the United States developed programs in parapsychology.

Shortly after the publication of the SRI work, both these programs and scientists privately doing psi research came under attack by a suspiciously well-coordinated combination of Christian fundamentalists and professional skeptics. The attacks ranged from letter-writing campaigns accusing scientists of "promoting charlatanism" to the deliberate sabotage of experiments, and included the appearance of groups of hecklers at scientific lectures. A tactic of the latter was to drown out the speaker by chanting "anti-science!" in unison. Universities could not stand these pressures. Foundations were closed, scientists were fired, grants were terminated.

Parapsychology is dead in the public sector. It is, however, alive and kicking in the black budget. The original remote viewing project at SRI is now operated by a small private research organization, funded by the same secret military source.

It may interest the reader to know that a number of the intelligence agents who were involved with research in parapsychology are now extremely interested in ufos.

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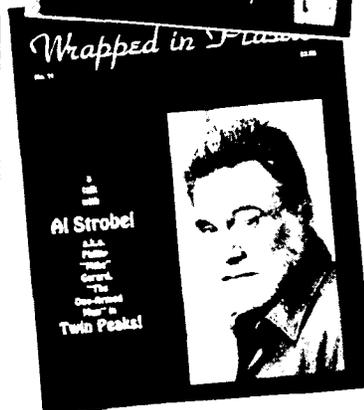
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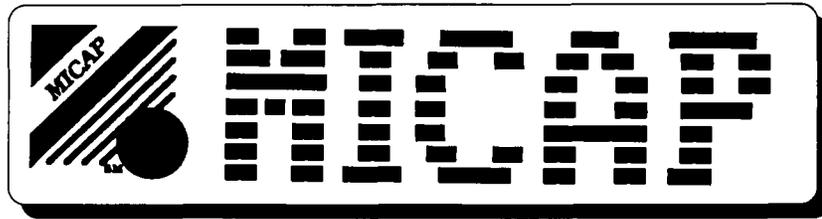
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