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As with our previous issue, this issue of CONTINUUM is about a month and a half late. It seems once you get off track, it's hard to get back on. But being late does have its advantages - we're able to bring you some late-breaking stories that would have missed the Winter issue otherwise. We hope to get back on schedule with the Spring issue, due out now around May 15.

Remember, we pay for articles that we accept for publication at the rate of \$10/page (about a penny a word). Articles should be submitted by e-mail to brian@lvld.hp.com. If you don't have e-mail capabilities, we can accept articles on IBM-formatted floppy disk, in either MS Word, Lotus AmiPro or ASCII text formats.

This issue features a transcript of an interview with Jacques Vallee that was conducted on The ParaNet Continuum radio program by Michael Corbin. Jacques has been silent from the public UFO scene for many years and is one of Michael's favorite Ufologists, so we were thrilled to have him on our show in a ParaNet exclusive!

Our psychological consultants, Greg Wheeler and Scott Scribner, have written a fascinating article on false memory syndrome and alien abductions. Check it out!

I spend some time talking about a new MICAP project and also do a little roast of Richard Hoagland. Let me know what *you* think.

Michael Corbin writes a review of Vallee's new novel, *Fastwalker*, and also has an article on intelligence and the UFO phenomenon that might startle you.

And of course our regular features, Random Walk, ParaNet Postings, Sources and Resources, The ParaNet Continuum Radio Show Update and Sightings return.

As always, we are constantly improving this magazine. Please write or e-mail us and tell us how we're doing. If there's anything you especially want us to cover, either here or on the radio program, don't hesitate to let us know.

Enjoy!

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Exclusive Interview with Jacques Vallee



Noted UFO researcher Jacques Vallee was a guest on The ParaNet Continuum radio show on March 17, 1996. He was born and raised in France, where he trained in astrophysics. He later moved to the U.S. and received a Ph.D. in computer science in 1967 from Northwestern University., where he worked with the late Dr. J. Allen Hynek. He was the first to compile a computer catalog of UFO landings, and also to notice the similarity between contemporary abduction reports and medieval reports of elves, fairies and demons. Has written many books, including Passport to Magonia, Messengers of Deception and the trilogy Dimensions, Confrontations and Revelations. He served as the real life model for the character of the French scientist played by Francois Truffault in Steven Spielberg's classic movie, Close Encounters of the Third Kind. He has just released a new book entitled Fastwalker, his first novel published in the English language, in collaboration with producer and screenwriter Tracy Torme.

ParaNet: Tell us in a couple of words what the book is about.

JV: Well, it's a novel first. It's fiction, so I hope people don't take it too seriously. I wrote it for fun. I also wrote it because there are things you can say in a novel that you cannot say in a nonfiction book. I wanted to come up with a complete scenario of what might happen if there was a real coverup - if there was a secret organization gathering data about UFOs. As you know there have been many hints and speculation in the UFO research community about such groups. What would happen if there were such a group? What would they think about? Who would they be? How would they track the rest of government, and more importantly, what would they do if they got their hands on the real thing?

ParaNet: Jacques, take us on a little tour of Fastwalker.

JV: I had written this book in French about 10 years ago. It was called *Alintel*, which stands for the Alien Intelligence

Agency. Most people don't know there is such an agency, but there is in my novel. It is looking for UFO data, and it's in fact trying to get its hands on a UFO and trying to do all kinds of evil things with it. In working on the novel for the English edition, I have tried to bring in characters who would represent the different viewpoints of the UFO community, the media, the public and the military and so on. Some of the characters are ominous and scary, and others are frankly funny. Still others are sympathetic, and get abducted and confronted with the mystery.

ParaNet: If you wrote this 10 years, ago, I must say this work is very timely!

JV: It was ahead of it's time.

ParaNet: How did you get involved in UFO research? JV: When I first heard of UFOs, I was a teenager in France, a science student who wanted to be an astronomer. I thought there couldn't be UFOs because if there were, astronomers would see them and astronomers would tell us. I had seen something when I was 15, but I convinced myself that it must be some sort of prototype, so I dismissed it. I realize now it couldn't have been a prototype. What really awakened my interest is when I was working at Paris Observatory, and we were tracking satellites and we started tracking something that was not a satellite and may have been in orbit for a short time. We destroyed the tape! The man who was in charge of the project confiscated the tape and erased it! Definitely, professional astronomers were seeing things that they were not willing to discuss publicly; they were not even willing to discuss them with their colleagues. And those things may have been explainable, but that really reopened the question for me. So I started assembling data. I found there was a lot of good data, well documented, unexplained data from scientists and technically trained people and reliable observers. Then I came to the U.S. and had the privilege of working with Dr. Hynek and found that there was equally good data in the United States. At the time, I think all of us were a little bit arrogant. We thought that the subject had never been looked at seriously by scientists and that if we assembled a team to look at it, we could quickly come to demonstrate to the scientific community that there was a real phenomenon and of course that we would solve it. Maybe not us, but the scientific community as a whole would solve it, because the tools of science had never been applied to this problem. Well, here we are many years later, and you and I know that we have not solved the problem, and it has proven to be a more complex that anybody thought.

ParaNet: In the book there's a notion that there were people who seemed to know about UFO events in advance, and that there might be a link to mind control. Can you develop this for us?

JV: A lot of this is a matter of record. I didn't make that up. There has been a lot of testimony before Congress about the mind control projects of the '60s that really started in the '50s. When you look at it carefully, and I am not the only one, there is an uncomfortable relationship between some of the people who have been officially involved in UFO research and some of the people who have been involved in

psychological research and mind control. A good example of this is the board of NICAP (National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, not to be confused with ParaNet's UFO investigation agency, MICAP). NICAP, under Don Keyhoe, had on its board the former director of the CIA, which may or may not be relevant, and three of the people who were the engineers of psychological warfare in the Pentagon. Now, that should have alerted us. At the time, of course, no one thought much of it. In retrospect, it looks fairly ominous. Why were they there? What impact could they have had? Were they using NICAP? Were they just curious about UFOs? All of us who have written books or given lectures have had pilots and radar operators and SAC members and Navy officers come up to us and told us that they had seen and tracked things and strange people came up and flashed their credentials to their commanding officers, demanded the pictures and left. So someone has been collecting data for years. I have no question about this. Hynek also believed this. Does this mean that someone has the answer? Not necessarily. We have to be careful not to jump to conclusions. I play with this idea in the book - that these people have a lot of data but still have no idea what they are confronting.

ParaNet: You were the first to introduce the Pentacle Memorandum in your previous book, *Forbidden Science* as well as this one. What is this memo and why is it so important?

JV: As you know there is disagreement about how relevant it is among my readers and others in the research community. It is important to me as it was to Allen Hynek. In the late '60s, I reorganized Hynek's files because they were a mess because he was traveling all the time and people kept giving him data and he had no place to put it. In those files I found a memo stamped SECRET, which is why I never said anything about it for 35 years. The memo originated with the Robertson Panel, which as you know was a turning point in the official history of the problem. The Robertson panel was a panel of leading scientists in the country, very highly respected academics and researchers, directors of laboratories and so forth, all of them with Top Secret clearances. They were briefed by the Air Force on the UFO problem and dismissed it in a couple of days, after reviewing the best evidence of the time, saying there was no reason for science to get involved, but that UFO groups should be watched and should be monitored, which meant infiltrated. This memo was written by the people who were behind that meeting. they were with a research institute that was working for the CIA. It turns out that the CIA was who convened the panel, not the Air Force. The Air Force was the cover for the panel. The letter said that we have data that should not be discussed with these scientists. This may or may not be ominous. I think it's ominous because I think when you call together a panel of scientists of that caliber, they should have access to all the data. Here were the people who had compiled the first computerized catalog of American data. They were saying don't get this panel together and if you do, let's discuss what can and can't be discussed with them members of the panel. When I read that, it sent a chill through me. I discussed this often with Hynek. Allen Hynek did contact the people who had written the memo and they told him not to talk about it.

Caller: It is such an honor to hear you. I've been wanting to hear your thoughts. In your book, Dimensions, you said that there were statistically so many UFO sightings, that it was improbable that all of these sightings were coming from other worlds. That there was some sort of control system that was being imposed on us. Could you comment on that?

JV: When we started many years ago compiling data on UFO sightings, there were only a few hundred or at most a few thousand really puzzling cases, and you could make a case that this indicated an extraterrestrial explanation. This is what I advocated in the sixties and seventies. The problem is that we kept getting more and more data. The data we have now is in the dozens of thousands of cases worldwide and yet we only get one report in ten, and even less in third world countries. If you take the assumption that we are being visited by aliens doing a survey of our world with vehicles that are essentially spacecraft, how do we reconcile that with the enormous number of landings and abductions? With the technology we have today, with fairly small spacecraft in orbit around a planet that's emitting radio and television signals, we would know everything we would need to know about these people in an unobtrusive way. We might land a few times to get samples, but we wouldn't need to get samples every night from hundreds of people. It wouldn't make any sense! Even if we were doing a biological experiment, we see our way clear today to develop cloning techniques and so on to achieve our goals in a very unobtrusive way. So we need a better theory.

ParaNet: You advanced a theory in *Messengers of Deception* about the idea that there might be a terrestrial control device occurring. I know you're not saying the UFO phenomena isn't real. There's something going on.

JV: I definitely think there's a phenomenon and that there's a form of consciousness that's not human that's responsible for it. Whether it's extraterrestrial or not, I can't tell.

ParaNet: But you think that there's another subgroup to this.

JV: I think the phenomenon has been used as a shield to cover some very terrestrial mind control experiments. I think the Bentwaters case in England is an example of that. We have technology that can be used to confuse people, an it's logical that those technologies would be developed, and I think that the UFO theme has been used as a cover. They are well within the state of the art. Jim Oberg, who is a debunker, has proven to me that some of the UFOs that were seen in the old Soviet Union that I reported in the sixties, were in fact stories that were planted by the KGB to explain space shots that were in violation of the SALT treaty. I think in this case he is right and I am wrong. I have accepted his explanation. That's a game that everyone can play.

ParaNet: This would be very hard to unsnarl. How do you go about it?

JV: We are doing that. I only investigate cases that are reported to me directly, usually by people who don't want publicity. The field has become so sensational, with stories of fake autopsies, Gulf Breeze, MJ-12 and so on, that the

best cases are not reported. Witnesses want the information to remain confidential. Scientists are not getting the best reports. What you have in the media is essentially noise, and that's a problem.

ParaNet: Let's say that, as you suggest in your novel, the whole thing is not about aliens, but about the rogue element.

JV: If there is a technology that can do what witnesses are describing, it is not just an incremental technology over space rockets that we have now, it's a revolutionary discovery.

ParaNet: This would be attractive to people who want to manipulate the masses.

JV: Yes. We know that over the years several aerospace companies have had private or confidential research teams working on the UFO problem, and that they have used the open UFO organizations as a way of gathering data as well as doing their own data secretly. I try to pose that in Fastwalker. These people were space cadets, and I don't mean that in a pejorative sense - many of my best friends are space cadets! They were approaching it from the point of view of extrapolating today's science. The problem, I think, is that we're faced with something that's much more ominous and awesome and has aspects that quickly take us beyond science as we know it today. Suppose we found one of those things! Then what? If you gave your Pentium to the best scientist of the 1920s, what could he do with it? What conclusion would he arrive at as he analyzed it? There is nothing he could do with it. On the other hand, if we had biological samples, then I would think that would have to be a revolution. Because we only have one data point and that's Earth biology. We do have organic data from space, but we don't have a biological entity. If all of a sudden we did, that would be a revolution.

ParaNet: I think that there's a lot of public policy that came out of the Robertson Panel in the early sixties.

JV: I think that's why the Pentacle Memorandum is something we should ponder seriously. The reason they didn't want this panel set up wasn't that they were necessarily covering up, but that they wanted to get more data. They thought they could get more data by running simulations. What they were contemplating was taking a big area in the U.S. where there was a high concentration of UFO sightings and then planting UFOs - making their own aerial displays and then analyzing the results and doing that as a large scale military covert operation.

ParaNet: What technology was available to them back then to do something like that.

JV: Oh they could have used projectors, balloons, tethered devices, flares and so on. There are indications that some of that was done as tests to calibrate military observers. It's true in physics, it's true in astronomy. You need to calibrate them. Every observer has a personal equation that you need to take out of the equation. That's true in science, but it's also true in the military. What they were proposing was actually very smart. They said we need to establish the profile of a UFO

versus an IFO. The only way to do that is to control everything - in the air, over a certain period, and to create our own phenomena so that we know each time what was there, and then if there is something else, then we can analyze the profile. Maybe some of the reports in the literature account for that.

ParaNet: It would seem that this is more of an intelligence problem than a science problem.

JV: It's always been an intelligence problem. It probably should be treated as an intelligence problem. I was taught a lesson once, that I mentioned in *Messengers of Deception*, by someone who used to be in Army intelligence in WWII. He said you're approaching this the wrong way - you're approaching this as a scientist. I said I don't know how else to approach it! He said in science if you get 95% of the data you're happy because you have 95% of the phenomenon. In intelligence, when you get 95% of the data, you have to assume you have the *wrong* 95% because you have 95% that came from the other side. What you need is the other 5%, but that 5% has a price that's much higher than the first 95%, and that's what you have to go out and get. I've never forgotten that lesson, and I think it's both a scientific and an intelligence problem and I've tried to say that in *Fastwalker*.

ParaNet: Why did you drop out of the public UFO arena?

JV: Well I'm a scientist. I'm not really advocating a particular theory. I think theories are fine. We need to come up with hypotheses and test them, but what most of the UFO community does is try to convince Congress about the reality of extraterrestrials, mainly, and I don't think that's useful. At least that's not what I can do. I don't think I can contribute to that. I do research, and those groups do very little research. So I think I can be more useful following up on reports that people send me and questioning my own assumptions.

ParaNet: What are your plans for the future?

JV: It depends a little bit on the reactions to Fastwalker. I think it's a book that may antagonize some people and may amuse others. It certainly doesn't take any prisoners! I think that it's fun but it also sends a signal that maybe it's time to put things on the table and question assumptions. The phenomenon is still with us after all these years, and it's a very important phenomenon that science should look at. The longer science refuses to look at it, the more we're going to see cults and sects and belief systems building up randomly around this, and I think that's very dangerous.

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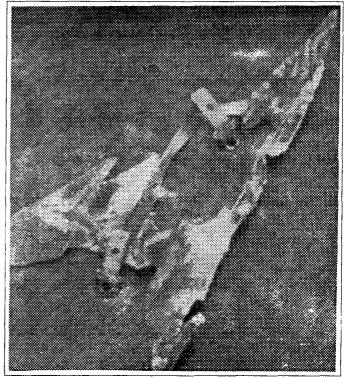
The ParaNet Continuum Radio Program

The ParaNet Continuum continues to grow around the country. New affiliates are KHTL in Albuquerque, NM and WZBZ in Burlington, VT. And at long last, KHOW2 (1190 AM) in Denver has started carrying the show live. If you still can't hear the show in your area, please give the program director a call at your local talk station and request it. The show airs live Sunday night from 9:06 to 10:00 PM ET.

ParaNet really needs your help to keep the show on the air. The show costs a lot to produce, and we are not getting any help from the usual sources of money for this kind of show (like the Bob Bigelows and the Laurance Rockefellers). It is self-funded by Michael Corbin, Deryl Bair, Brian Wood and Greg Barman, who are the sole owners of the company. The way this show is intended to be funded is though advertising. but we do not have a staff of sales people who can arrange for ads. The ads you do hear are primarily trades with other companies for services. Those trades do not help pay the studio fees or the satellite uplink charges. In order for this show to stay on the air, we must raise \$5,000 by the end of May. We would appreciate any and all donations, in any amount, that you or your friends could muster to help our cause. This amount would in no way produce a profit for us - it would simply pay the bills for another year, allowing us to focus on the quality of the show and on securing advertisers and new affiliates. If you can help, please send your donation to ParaNet, Order Processing Center, 710 Grove Ct., Loveland, CO 80537. Gifts to ParaNet are not deductible, but are sincerely appreciated. Thank you.

Are there any special guests you'd like to hear? Be sure to let us know, either by calling our 800 line or writing (snail mail or e-mail). We've had a pretty diverse bunch of guests lately, covering everything from ghosts to crop circles to UFOs. We're also very proud to have had an interview with Jacques Vallee in his first public appearance in several years. More interesting guests are planned, so be sure to listen!

Remember, if you can't hear the show in your city, you have several other ways to obtain it - if you have a computer and modem and Internet access, you can buy the show from Taylor Subscription Talk (www.tstradio.com). You can also purchase shows from ParaNet on audio cassette tape. See the list elsewhere in this issue, then call or write to order. Unfortunately, there is still no way to receive the show on shortwave or via home dish. The show is now almost two years old. As this column is being written, there are two more shows until our 104th, which marks our second anniversary. We began as a fledgling late night broadcast over KNUS in Denver, then sprang onto the national scene when KNUS offered to let us use their studio and ABC agreed to uplink the signal. We secured the hardware and phone lines needed to accept calls and also to feed the show to ABC, and obtained six affiliates. Today we have 14 affiliates, many of which are in fairly good sized markets (Albuquerque, Boise, Denver, Kansas City, and Salt Lake City), as well as a number of others in medium sized markets. We have yet to break into the big time in L.A. or New York or Dallas, but it's for no lack of trying. If you have connections into any radio markets, please give us a call and let's see what we can work out.



On the March 31, 1996 edition of the ParaNet Continuum, Walter Haut and Max Littell of the UFO Museum in Roswell, NM were on the program to discuss this piece of metal turned in to them by someone claiming to be a member of the debris crew in 1947. The unnamed soldier kept a piece in his boot and never told anyone about it until now. Littell had the metal fragment analyzed by the university in Socorro, NM and found that it is pure silver on the bottom, pure copper in the center and a mixture of copper and silver on top. Haut and Littell vouched for the integrity of this person. The unusual combination of two metals of such high purity, both of which are highly conductive to electricity, makes this fragment very interesting. According to Haut and Littell, the Mogul balloon, which the Air Force claims was the likely crash at Roswell, did not contain metals like this. Is this the smoking gun? We'll keep you posted!



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Unsolved Mysteries NBC Television Friday at 8 PM ET

Hosted by Robert Stack, this program deals with UFOs and psychic events fairly regularly, but also focuses most of its efforts on missing persons and homicides.

Out With the Old, In with the New

We've just learned of a new program, called The Paranormal Borderline, hosted by Jonathan Frakes (Commander Will Riker on Star Trek: The Next Generation), which has aired a couple of times on the United Paramount Network. At least in the Denver area, it has appeared on Tuesday evenings at 8:00 PM. Check your local listings. It has some of the flavor of Sightings, although it is somewhat more sensationalistic. It might be worth a look. Sightings has apparently not been renewed for a fifth season. And last but not least, OMNI magazine has ceased publication. They went from a monthly to a quarterly for two issues, but never quite recovered. Both OMNI and Sightings are still quite active on America Online, however (Keywords are omni and sightings, respectively). If you run across new shows or information about UFOs and the paranormal, please send it along and we'll pass it on to our readers.



REMEMBERING SHADOWS IN PLATO'S CAVE

by Gregory J. Wheeler, PhD and Scott R. Scribner, MA, CCH

The social consequences that follow some narrative claims can be profound. The stakes can't get much higher for George Franklin. Eileen Franklin-Lipsker says she looked into her own daughter's eyes and suddenly recalled an incident that would seem unforgettable to most people. She says she now remembers her father, George Franklin, brutally killing her eight-year-old girlfriend two decades earlier. Her testimony and the criminal proceedings surrounding it have retrieved more material from an already opened Pandora's box of controversy. George Franklin's attorneys contend that he is falsely accused because a valid memory of such an impressive event could not remain unknown for so long.

George Franklin's defenders draw heavily on the arguments of Elizabeth Loftus and her associates at the False Memory Syndrome Foundation who vigorously argue that research proves the unreliability of most such "recovered memories" (FMSF, 1993). If they are right, they can save an innocent man and could prevent other innocent men and women from suffering a similar fate. On the other hand, if they are mistaken or misguided in their "debunking" of the concept of "repressed memory," such that true recollections are discredited in court, then they may be responsible for helping to free incest perpetrators and vicious murderers. What is False Memory Syndrome? John Kihlstrom (University of Arizona) has proposed the definition underlying the FMSF's activity:

"[FMS is] a condition in which a person's identity and interpersonal relationships are centered around a memory of traumatic experience which is objectively false but in which the person strongly believes. Note that the syndrome is not characterized by false memories as such. We all have memories that are inaccurate. Rather, the syndrome may be diagnosed when the memory is so deeply ingrained that it orients the individual's entire personality and lifestyle, in turn disrupting all sorts of other adaptive behaviors. The analogy to personality disorder is intentional. False memory syndrome is especially destructive because the person assiduously avoids confrontation with any evidence that might challenge the memory. Thus it takes on a life of its own, encapsulated and resistant to correction. The person may become so focused on memory that he or she may be effectively distracted from coping with the real problems in his or her life." (Kihlstrom 1993).

The FMS Foundation goes on in its literature to classify other forms of uncorroborated narratives, including alien abduction reports, as instances of FMS.

The Franklin case is just one battle among many raging epistemological conflicts over truth. In such conflicts, the question is essentially the same: Whom do you believe? What testimony about any important matter can stand up to close scrutiny? Eyewitness accounts of victimization by fathers, mothers, priests, Satanists, and visitors from outer space flood our daily media. But are all these witnesses really credible?

Nowhere has witness credibility been more publicly in question than during the recent O.J. Simpson trial. A worldwide television audience watched as an edifice of meticulously collected physical evidence, bolstered by the most advanced scientific methods, succumbed to the inspired chiseling of seasoned professional debunkers (Johnny Cochran and his associates).

The objective observer should wonder about the methods used to pursue truth. And nowhere is the method more in question than when an eyewitness narration is derived through spontaneous or "refreshed" memory.

From the moment an event occurs, those involved begin building and rebuilding their inner narratives. This mainly unconscious activity is influenced by emotional trauma, distractibility, levels of innate memory, and motivation for recollection, to name only a few factors. Even the simplest form of memory, e.g. trying to keep a grocery list in your head while you shop, can be susceptible to additions and deletions. Consequently, it is easy to suppose that the memory of traumatic or highly unusual events, acquired during conditions of turbulent emotions, might not also have a changeable quality. (Johnson & Hasher, 1987)

Perhaps only a murder can compare with the intensity and sheer terror of an alien abduction scenario. In ufology, some sources offer little more than luxuriating gossip as "evidence" of these shocking allegations, which are surely inconceivable in this or any other time: human beings used as breeding stock for technologically advanced but ruthless extraterrestrial monsters (Raphael 1996).

Conventional science considers these dramatic narratives of alien encounters as fantasy, or as at most ephemeral psychological processes unworthy of study. But Harvard psychiatrist John Mack would have us take the phenomenon seriously (Mack 1994). Consequently, narratives of some UFO abduction witnesses appear to have attained what some have called "cognitive status" (Hick & Binkley 1962). While we puzzle over how to scientifically approach this enigma (Wheeler 1995), we must do more than just "believe" them. When individuals make such claims, conventional wisdom labels them insane or fraudulent and then moves on. The use of the term "insane" here is political, not legal or medical--"insane" narratives demand no attention from normal science. This attitude is sadly reinforced by the widespread publication of abduction narratives without any critical analysis. If the methods used to judge the truth in murder cases leave so much in doubt, why does ufology have a lesser standard for truth, when the destiny of the human race allegedly hangs in the balance?

We have contended that alien abduction narratives have been given little credibility in part because investigators have depended on the least reliable methods to analyze their results (Wheeler & Scribner 1995; Brooksmith 1995). For example, the recovered memories controversy is prominent in the discussion about alien abduction narratives because this is the cornerstone of the abduction edifice. A weak stone it is (Jervis 1995).

There are certainly many forms of psychological trauma, and their origins and outcomes vary widely. A schizophrenic can be traumatized by a psychotic episode. A dreamer can awaken horrified and unable to sleep again even without evidence of any unusual environmental changes. These private forms of trauma can be traced to brain disease or dysfunction, but are still traumatic to the individuals involved. In abduction research so far, the primary emphasis has been on detailing the various forms of alien contact through narratives recalled by subjects in hypnosis, or through spontaneous revival of memories. These narratives are then considered "valid" by criteria of "consistency", "sincerity", and the ostensible presence of psychological symptoms of traumatic stress.

Since all the so-called evidence for "anomalous trauma" comes from anecdotal recollections of hypnotized witnesses, and from "recovered memories," the findings are analogous to a dog finding its tail and chasing it. Far more basic research in memory, trauma and personality is required before any such category of experience can be identified as a universal paradigm. The unfortunate difficulty here is that such findings have been uncorked by researchers who have not questioned their own methods and findings publicly. As a result they may have given an impression to many of nonscientific goals, such as cashing in on book and movie deals, which has greatly disturbed such longtime UFO researchers as Jacques Vallee (1995).

The "Narrators" (as we prefer to call those John Mack has labeled "Experiencers") have made very serious claims. Such claims are currently relegated to the New Age section of the bookstores, but given the right set of historical circumstances, growing credence in these reports could result in significant social upheaval, as have the claims undergirding most world religions. As yet, no single case that claims contact with extraterrestrials, whether a hostile abduction scenario or a euphoric space brother rapture, stands up to serious cross-examination. This implies at least that the investigations were inadequate (as OJ's lawyer's claimed in his case), or there are no real abductions occurring (the view held by most scientists). In the latter case, we may be dealing with a psychological phenomenon of a type that still holds a controversial place within the consensus reality of normal science (Kuhn, 1962).

Of course, the "evil genius" argument would have us believe that no research is effective because "they" can outsmart us at every turn, anticipating our moves like the Star Trek villain "Q" and hiding their presence until they are ready to be revealed. Frequently our government is assumed to be complicit in this scenario. This then implies that no research can be effective and by implication that no research needs to be done. This approach is always crystal clear. If an evil genius hides purposefully, then obviously there must be an evil genius in the first place. Case closed. Bring out your faith!

We must not yield our minds to these closed system models. They remind us of the Aristotelian-trained priests in the days of Giordano Bruno and Galileo Galilei. Galileo answered them by taking out his crude but effective telescope and looking for himself. His courageous act must be our example.

A scientific approach to alien abductions must start with the "null hypothesis": that there are NO aliens visiting us in the night, therefore ALL contacts and sightings have a psychological or other explanation. When the null hypothesis is proven wrong beyond a shadow of doubt (for example, with less than a 1% chance that the proof itself is false), we will have crossed the threshold in proving contact and we can declare the official end of doubt. The simple and clear conclusion we must draw is that at present, abduction data from recovered memories can never sustain this criterion.

This is the same criterion that any individual must use in judging his or her own subjective experience. How likely is it that what seems to have happened, actually did happen? How open am I to alternative explanations for what I believe happened? The FMS Foundation holds that it is my rigid adherence to a literal interpretation of my recalled experience (my narrative) that defines the FMS "syndrome." Rather than reporting an event, I am stating a belief, and as such, I cannot be swayed by alternative interpretations or facts.

Our own experience tells us that people change their stories. And indeed we seek ANY person who first narrated an alien abduction experience but later, with time or therapy, came to a different interpretation of events. Recanters, come forth!

Can alien abduction be a generic container for a wider variety of human experiential contents? We believe it can.

It is time for a new approach in ufology and especially for the study of narratives of human-extraterrestrial contact. This requires an approach which neither dismisses unusual narratives out of hand nor invests such claims with automatic credibility. Phenomenologists have compared this approach to verifying whether soup is actually ready before calling others to come in and eat (Luijpen, 1969).

To get verifiability, we must stop free-associating to the smudges before us and wipe our eyeglasses clean. A Rorschach Inkblot approach to reality can never reach a consensus. Each will see what they see, independent of the other. Rather, a scientific ufology must have as its highest priority to establish its conclusions about alien abduction narratives (AAbNs) in a very public and consensus manner. If this requires the "mother of all investigations," then so be it. Ufological researchers must stop preaching to the converted and hit the mean streets of outright disbelief with some degree of savvy. If ufology is to ever deserve the name "science" (which is what we propose), the time has come to JUST DO IT!

In our next article, we will discuss our own approach to alien abduction research, and ways to prepare not only for encounters with the "unknown" but also for the known fiery tests that await us in the courtroom of consensus science. That is where the final judgment will be made and the verdict handed down. The mainstream, not an esoteric coterie of fringe groups, will decide whether ufology remains a field of fantasy and science fiction or becomes a thriving intellectual discipline.

The challenge is immense. Funding for intensive research as we will propose is unlikely to become available, because the chimeras of illusion are simply more attractive than the discipline of the null hypothesis. Where is the political fervor for funding a research proposal that begins with the proper assumption that there are no alien visitors?

Even if the abduction scenario cannot be validated using the best methods we can devise, in the process of investigation we gain greater knowledge of human psychology and belief formation. Meanwhile, the best service we can perform for Narrators is to investigate each claim with the thoroughness of the laboratory scientist, the practical awareness of the forensic investigator, and the sensitivity of a clinician.

Any AAbN has the potential to be a pivotal "working fact" for the disciplines of ufology or psychology, or both (Melton 1996). Carefully chosen cases, using clear criteria established beforehand, should at least receive the special professional research attention afforded a world-class murder investigation. Until then, we are chasing shadows on the walls of caves. Plato already warned us about that.

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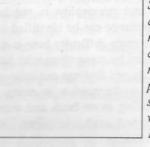
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It is good to keep an open mind, but not as open as, say, a refuse can!



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MICAP is excited to announce the formation of Project Think Tank. This discussion group, still in the formative stages, will allow ordinary people the chance to get involved in our research into the UFO enigma. We plan to break the group up into as many small groups as we can, each with the mission of researching one narrowly defined aspect of the UFO phenomenon. Monthly status reports will be submitted by each group, and the final report will be submitted for review to a science-oriented magazine, with the intent of having a scholarly work published. The goal will not be to determine what the UFO phenomenon is, but rather to determine methods for investigation of the phenomenon that could be used by scientists all over the world without fear of peer ridicule. Just as the Robertson Panel intended to "strip the UFO phenomenon of its mystery", we intend to put the mystery back in the phenomenon and request a full-scale frontal assault by scientists on the enigma. Only MICAP members will be eligible to participate, so if you haven't joined, now would be a good time. And if you have, be sure to let us know that you want to be involved. The research phase will take a couple hours of your time a week, and writing skills will be useful. Members outside the Denver area are required to have computers and modems in order to participate, as we will need timely documents submitted electronically. We'll have details on the progress of the project in future issues of Continuum, and a copy of the final report will be available after peer review for a fee.

Hoagland's Heroes

What's the deal with Richard Hoagland, anyway? In my opinion, he's gone off the deep end. Now I know I may offend some of you by saying this, but I have to question the wisdom of statements such as "What really happened to Apollo 13?" and "Controversial 36-year old report issues warning that civilization could collapse", which are clearly exaggerations to get attention, not to tell a reasonable story. While I am hopeful that we'll find that extraterrestrials have visited our solar system in the past, and although I believe that it is in our best interests to continue manned exploration of our solar system, starting with the moon and Mars, I am afraid that Hoagland is hurting the cause more than helping. If he was really trying to stimulate the complacent public into getting on the bandwagon for a return trip to the moon, I would be all for it. But his methods are highly sensational, and I fear it is for a self-serving reason - namely money. He has found a niche that is making him considerable money and has perhaps lost the desire to get at the truth in favor of selling more books and videos, collecting lecture fees and so on.

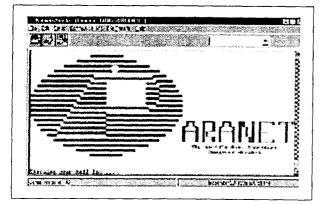
I truly hope I'm wrong. I have spoken to Richard Hoagland on several occasions, and find him to be a witty and thought-provoking speaker who seems to really believe what he is saying. However, there is a large body of scientists and engineers who believe that Hoagland is simply barking up the wrong tree. The thought of structures on the moon and Mars fires the imagination, but it is simply never going to convince the skeptical scientific community that there is a signal in the noise! I do not believe for a minute that there is a NASA coverup at work here. NASA was far too involved in just running the moon missions and achieving Kennedy's goal to spend time and money covering up evidence of a lost civilization. Indeed, it is their mission to find life elsewhere! It is far more likely that the moon mission photos simply did not have the resolution to detect the kind of artifacts that Hoagland is looking for. Manned return to the moon is a necessity, but not to search for artifacts. As I have said here before, it is possible to mine Helium-3 on the moon, a potential source of unlimited energy on Earth. That should provide the justification for returning to the moon. If we happen to find glass domes in the process, well ...

The face on Mars is a different story. There is ample evidence that Mars once had a different atmosphere and that it had liquid water running through rivers. That makes it quite possible that life could have had a chance to start there. Did some cataclysm destroy Mars, taking with it whatever humanoid life had existed there? I think it is worth finding out, and I think it is sheer arrogance on the part of the scientific community to totally debunk the possibility that the face is real. They are losing a golden opportunity to capture the heart of the people in a grand adventure, and in so doing secure funding for a manned mission to Mars. In this case, they are wasting precious time, and will wake up one day to see a foreign flag on the red planet.



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POSTINGS

This column presents selected posts from people who have expressed their opinions on the ParaNet computer network regarding topics from Angels to Zeta Reticuli. You can participate simply by having a computer and modem. Call the ParaNet BBS at (303) 863-0469, or log onto your Internet service provider and access the network via the Usenet newsgroup alt.paranet.ufo.

From:	jason@ican.net (Jason Gray)
Date:	Monday, March 04, 1996 2:31 AM
To:	alt.paranet.ufo
Subject:	Government counter-intelligence and
	UFOs

Having researched the UFO phenomenon for a few years I have swung from belief to skepticism and back again many times. The realization of finding the truth behind UFOs and UFO related phenomena seems utterly elusive. This does not mean that the search must bring up UFOs or must show the lack of UFOs but just what it is, if anything. I constantly remind myself of Nietzsche's term "the will to believe" when examining any of this material. I am at a point where my "will to believe" is non-existent. However, since I have the need to find out what the UFO phenomenon is, then I must continue to research and theorize based upon that research.

If we are to take the skeptical approach to this entire phenomenon then we can eradicate UFOs as alien in nature. Since I am researching this phenomenon I cannot go to the extreme and say that no phenomenon exists. I have to assume that "something" is happening. Based upon this I then ask myself, "what could be causing such a disturbance"? If it is not external in nature (i.e.., alien) then it must be internal (i.e.., government, military).

Since it is known that military powers around the world go to extremes to hide and cover new weapons then it is reasonable that this "something" has everything to do with the need to cover. Aerial phenomena are not new to the world but the level and frequency is new. If I assume that all unexplained phenomena before the dawn of aerial flight is linked to naturally occurring things then the unexplained phenomena occurring after the dawn of flight can all be linked to naturally made (earth based and celestial objects such as meteors) and terrestrial made objects. Again, this assumes an internally based source.

During WWII various strange phenomena were observed (i.e.., foo fighters). This phenomenon has a nature based explanation (electrical). Since this time various phenomena have been reported (some unexplained). At this point my theory begins to come in.

My theory is that the various countries of the world who had the power of flight investigated these phenomena. Their conclusions lead to something like this: upon further investigation of various unexplained phenomena we have concluded that they are naturally occurring and pose no threat to the national security of this government or people.

However, at some point along the way (somewhere around project Bluebook) it was soon revealed that the UFO phenomenon had enough of a mystery behind it to be co-opted by the military as a cover for various research projects. In essence, the military could cover up various covert projects under the blanket of UFOs. For example, if the testing a new, unmanned craft, was viewed by a citizen and this citizen went to the press and reported what this thing looked like and how it behaved then it might expose a new weapon to the enemy. If however, a UFO mask was encouraged and elucidated by the military then this could create a significant enough distraction from the military itself. If the mystery is there then the possibility is there the possibility of alien space craft. If I take this even further and suggest that the military powers saw the potential to test various counter-intelligence tactics using its own population as a test group. The next step is technology. Commercially available products and the public knowledge of DNA replication and manipulation suggests that given a covert enough operation and the lack of ethical watch dogs, we, as human beings, could create some pretty weird stuff. This could also create the rationale for black projects (unaccounted for projects) - national security. Since public knowledge of such projects would encounter violent opposition then it would make sense to hide them (we would not want to be associated with the Nazi's now, would we). This is not so far-fetched since it is known that the US military tested the effects of radiation on its own people by tainting water supplies. They also injected mental patients with radioactive material to see the results. It would not be out of the ethical boundaries of the military to mutate various organisms. The farthest I could see the military going could be the production of a humanoid soldier - but it depends upon the technology at hand.

In conclusion, my current theory is that the UFO phenomenon is being played upon by the current military

powers of the world to cover up various experiments that would normally be unacceptable to the general public. Since there is enough of a mystery surrounding the UFO phenomenon and the National Security card has been played based upon this mystery then there is little if nothing the national representatives can do even if they wanted to. In essence, the world military powers can overstep all laws once they are behind the curtain of National Security.

Is it possible to peek behind this curtain? Is it legal for the military powers of democratic countries to pursue any level of experimentation once it is behind the curtain of National Security? Is it possible to use the law to open up this curtain?

From:	Jim Deardorff <deardorj@ucs.orst.edu></deardorj@ucs.orst.edu>
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Subject:	Science journal mentions UFO

Has this been noted in this newsgroup yet? In the Feb. 16, 1996 issue of the prestigious journal Science, "UFO" actually gets mentioned in a non-derogatory manner! It was in a heading under the title of the article "Setting a Biological Stopwatch." Page 905.

Actually, it was also in a totally irrelevant manner, but what more can we expect?

The heading reads, "The body's interval timer -- a short-term timepiece separate from the better known circadian clock -- used to be treated like a UFO, but the neurobiological evidence is getting harder to ignore."

Might the implication be that the UFO evidence is also being seen as getting better, so that it might soon be deemed deserving of study by "reputable" scientists?

Further in the news article it reads, "...Warren Meck, a Duke University cognitive neuroscientist, revealed some of the clockworks. 'You used to hear about the interval timing clock the way you hear reports about extraterrestrials,' says Meck. "Does it actually exist as a structure?" And the answer is "Yes.""

Again, a favorable analogy. What's wrong? Will Meck now be drummed out of science for saying this, even obliquely? I do recall that back in 1977 Science (6 May issue) Kuiper & Morris had an article in which they dared to mention "UFO" once in talking about how advanced aliens would likely be able to remove elements from Earth (as in mining or genetic material) and do it "with no more attention from us than a UFO article or a missing person's report." That was the most they dared say, and in an Appendix at that, but was cleverly done. There may have been a later reference to "UFO" in Science concerning a crop circle -- I've forgotten, but if the word UFO was mentioned there, I think it was in jest or in a derogatory vein.

From:	klaatu <root@earthops.org></root@earthops.org>
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To:	alt.paranet.ufo
Subject:	Re: UFO's are not necessarily aliens

[In previous posts, these comments appeared:]

How about a small set of robot probe ships? Kinda like super rovers. We keep seeing the SAME disks over and over. Every now and then, a new crew of data takers shows up. How about several large spacecraft carriers located within our solar system?

That's my own assessment. Nearly a decade ago, there was an article conveniently buried in some long-lost magazine, which regarded interpretations of some data coming in from the flyby of Saturn. Evidently the data could be interpreted as meaning that there was something in the B-ring, about the size of a football field, and evidently this object was giving off enough energy to power a fairly large city, and that was just the radiated power observed.

My immediate thought was that this could conceivably be evidence for an interstellar ship, hanging out in the Saturnian rings, mining deuterium for fuel.

Of course, I wasn't the only person to think this, and some excellent SF writers promptly knocked out novels on the subject. The best of the lot was Niven and Pournelle's _Footfall_, which should have been read long ago by all of the readers of this newsgroup.

The point being that unless you want to postulate outrageous power supplies, and superluminal drives on disc-shaped craft measuring less than a hundred feet in diameter, these practically _have_ to be excursion craft. The requirement is now for location of the carriers.

Reasonable places to look for these would be in Jovian space, or Saturnian space. The moons of Saturn would be excellent places to look for heavy hydrogens suitable for fusion fuel.

From:	Brian Zeiler
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To:	alt.paranet.ufo
Subject:	Re: Carl Sagan - Science by
-	Proclamation The "Cult" of SET1

craig.lang@Medtronic.COM (Craig Lang) wrote:

The inconsistency in ETH is due to the lack of a means to get from "there" to "here" with a time and energy cost small enough to allow routine visits to Earth.

I disagree with both your premise and your conclusion. First, we *do* have an understanding of propulsion to get us up to 10% c. Of course, it is expensive and so on, but at least it's possible. Making claims about alien economics, as Jill Tarter likes to do, is a ludicrous endeavor.

Anyway, we don't need to know how something works to guess that it exists. We don't need to know where the disks come from to know that strange disks are in our atmosphere. We don't know how the Big Bang works or how life arose from amino acids or how intelligence arose from basic life. We don't know what dark matter is, but we know it exists.

To date, physics offers no such means of interstellar or superluminal travel.

Like I said, 10% c is theoretically compatible with today's physics. Such an expansion rate easily allows a civilization near the center of the galaxy to expand outward to the edges in 500,000 years -- which is an incredibly short period of time. The problem is not with interstellar travel -- it's with the behavior of the UFOs being inconsistent with what scientists *wish* alien visitors would be like. They would be very disappointed to learn that aliens don't give a damn about humans or our planet enough to give us their technology and medicine and share with us their cultural histories. So, it's not the question of "how" they get here, because there are several possibilities. It's the question of how to reconcile their furtive behavior with the romantic historical notion of aliens "landing on the White House lawn" and holding physics lessons for everybody.

From:	jamesoberg@aol.com (JamesOberg)
Date:	Saturday, March 30, 1996 2:03 PM
To:	alt.paranet.ufo
Subject:	Re: Jim Oberg dodges all the tough
	questions on Larry King Live with Don
	Ecker

During their space mission in September 1966, Pete Conrad and Dick Gordon spotted an approaching satellite ("a wingman"), watched it pass in front of them, and took several photos. They discussed it all over the radio with Houston, and NASA later released the blobby photos (sort of kicks the legs out from under the "NASA UFO coverup" whine, doesn't it?). Tracking data at NORAD led to the identification of the object as the Russian Proton-3 satellite. The crew's eyeball observations of the satellite, which were much sharper than the photographs, had details consistent with the satellite's structure which weren't known until a

model was put on exhibition in Europe. I talked to Gordon extensively about this, and corresponded at length, and also more briefly discussed it with Conrad. Nevertheless, to confirm the identification, in 1977-1978 I collected archival tracking data and orbital parameters, and worked them by hand to reconstruct the trajectory in detail. I shared that data, which I had found, with Bruce Maccabee and Brad Sparks, two UFO researchers. Although the orbits crossed at the appropriate place and time, the position of Proton-3 wouldn't match exactly. I wrote that off to the uncertainties inherent in predicting position of a terminally decaying satellite in a low, unstable orbit (it burned up a few days later). Maccabee disagreed and insisted it had to match precisely (despite the fact that the tracking data was explicitly labeled NOT be used for precise work). Sparks hinted he had found another satellite that matched better, but he wasn't going to tell me which one. I was satisfied it was a satellite, probably -- but not provably -- the Proton-3, and in my published accounts described that ambiguity. But I kept the satellite tracking data, and recently -- armed with fifteen years worth of more orbital mechanics experience at the Johnson Space Center, and with home computer power far in excess of the best office computers of the 1970s -- I revisited the analysis. In passing, in a 'net discussion, I said I was even more satisfied that it really had been Proton-3, and suggested that other people should independently recheck the orbital data to see what results they came up with too. For this I was vilified by some UFO thugs as a "despicable liar", since they didn't like the way I had described the original 1978 analysis and since they clearly didn't want anybody else to recheck the answer. They wanted it to be a "true UFO", to disregard the astronauts' testimony of the object's shape and motion, and to show me up as a paid agent of the gummint coverup conspiracy. They seem to hate it when famous UFO cases are solved, and since I've solved so many of their favorites. they act like they hate me too and want everyone else to do so as well. But the identification of the Gemini-11 object remains the central issue here and I repeat my invitation to interested researchers to obtain the original data. They will have to start from scratch like I did, because if I provide the data and it backs me up (surprise!), the thugs could just say I faked it. So write to the archivists at NORAD and NASA. Then the new researchers need to do their own home computer projections. Then we can compare real results, not venomous ad hominem distractions. I cheerfully await the results of independent work, while stoically enduring the ankle-biting dwarfs.

The Sophia Institute presents a lecture by Richard Sigismund The Psychic Connection: ET Contact and the Manifestation of Psychic Abilities in Humans Tuesday, April 23, 1996 at 6:30 PM University of Denver, GCB Auditorium \$10 Gen'l, \$5 Student; Info: (303) 988-7835 ١

SIGHTINGS

National UFO Reporting Center Sightings: November, December, 1995

This listing (the most current one available at press time) pulled from NUFORC's Web page was at http://www.nwlink.com/~ufocntr. This is proof that UFOs are continuing to be reported at a good clip, despite the fact that they are not reported by the major media. The National UFO Reporting Center is run by Peter Davenport. His address is P.O. Box 45623, Seattle, WA 98145. Peter was a guest on The ParaNet Continuum radio show on September 24, 1995 (show #76). Copies of that radio program can be ordered from ParaNet. See the ad in the back of this magazine.

11/1/95 0:15 Bothell, WA - Exp. UFO investigator, MUFON member, witnesses very bright bluish/white flash of light that lit living room. Descended rapidly.

11/1/95 11:40 Manson, WA - Man repts. 2 "guys in scuba divers suits w/ wrap-around glasses" in his apt.. "Photographed" man w/ "flashlights." Through wall!

11/1/95 21:45 - Sedro Woolley, WA - Husband & wife see peculiar colorful, stationary obj. to E, over Alger Mtn.. (Possible star??)

11/3/95 Albany, NY - Man repts. witnessing triangular shaped craft pass overhead on NO 03, 04, & 05. Illuminated clouds; changed shape!

11/3/95 14:17 Maryland Hts., MO - Woman notices "tiny little shiny obj." in daytime sky. It suddenly drops to horizon in approx. 10-15 sec., disappears from sight.

11/3/95 22:25 Belmont, CA - Woman witnesses a "round, fluorescent gree ball of fire" descend out of night sky & disappear behind hills to S. Long, fiery tail.

11/3/95 23:00 Colton, CA - Woman observes peculiar "red star" in N sky. Viewed it w/ coworkers. Obj. finally moved off and disappeared from sight.

11/3/95 23:06 W. Seattle, WA - Woman repts. pecular small obj. in morning sky, "like a bright star." Then it began to move, rose up, drifted south. Red beacon vis.

11/4/95 Brockton, MA - Man reports witnessing "bright light coming through the trees." He goes to window, sees peculiar "long tube" pass over his house.

11/4/95 11:53 Chelan, WA - Software engin. repts. very bright, peculiar orange "fireballs" to the SSE of his home. Similar sighting in same area 280C95.

11/4/95 23:45 Alfalfa, OR - Young man (MUFON trainee) & girlfriend witness a "straight, triangular beam of light" projected down (?) from cloudy sky.

11/5/95 0:00 Lexington, KY - Young man in state of excitement calls to report a "big ball of light" had circled him as he walked along RR tracks. Missing time(?).

11/5/95 21:45 Champaigne, IL - Woman & 9-yr. daughter heard "sirens" then noticed obj. sitting above nearby trees. Looked "like Xmas lights." Followed them.

11/5/95 23:20 Mascoutah, IL - Nurse returning home sees "bright white light shoot over her truck, straight ahead (of her)." Upset. Possible phy. effect on car.

11/6/95 0:15 St. Augustine, FL - Anon. rpt. of bizarre obj. that "looked like the Shuttle" moving S to N across sky, 20 deg. in 20 sec.. Visible exhaust plume. Bright.

11/6/95 0:20 Tampa, FL - Woman & husband witness "extremely brilliant white light w/ pink & blue" in the E sky. Appeared to eject obj. Changed shape.

11/6/95 20:45 Lebanon, OR - Mother (39 yrs.) & son witness bizarre, very brightly lighted disc hovering over rural road. Moved extraordinarily suddenly, fast!

11/8/95 19:00 Pilot Rock, OR - Two brothers witness cluster of 4 bizarre blue-white lights ahead on highway. Strange effects. Drove 98.7 miles on 2 gal. gas.

11/10/95 19:50 Beaverton, OR - Family returns from restaurant and notice "emerald green beam" of light going horizontally over their home. Beam ended abruptly.

11/10/95 23:25 Auburn, WA - Man experienced 15 sec. power outage in Enumclaw, then witnesses major blue, then green flash south of Auburn. 50 deg. of sky.

11/11/95 1:15 Eugene, OR - Three adults hear a strange noise, see a strange "star" to W. Obj. does gyrations, then streaks N. 10 min. later, they see 3 more.

11/11/95 18:25 Rock Island, WA - Man on Hwy 28 sees extremely bright obj. "shoot across windshield," blow up into many fragments when it entered cloud of fog.

11/11/95 19:00 Solvang, CA - Two young women driving to party encounter a large cylindrical-shaped obj. "w/ a lot of lights on it." Drifted slowly, streaked.

11/11/95 21:45 Kirkland, WA - Woman on cruise boat sees large obj. w/ 8-10 strange red lights, passes overhead N to S, dips, rises vert. out of sight! No sound.

11/12/95 21:00 Las Vegas, NV - Woman repts. two stationary, "colorful," lights to W & NW of her position. (Description not inconsistent w/ twinkling stars.)

11/13/95 0:15 Birmingham, AL - Man standing outside sees what looks like "shooting star." Obj. split into 3 lights, "like isosceles triangle," shot across sky to SE

11/13/95 19:50L. Oswego, OR - Woman repts. three peculiar green beams of light overhead. (MUFON investigator reptd. was probably laser-based adv. light.)

11/14/95 18:45 Midway, GA - Mother notices "aircraft" over Midway River, suddenly "engine noise" seem to slow. She & kids see 2 "mushroom shaped" craft.

11/15/95 3:00 Green Co., TN - FAA empl. relays facts of written rept. Man and woman encounter 3 bizarre ships that hovered over them on Hwy. 70.

11/16/95 17:18 Simsbury, CT - Woman & friend (pilot) see very large blazing yellow/orange "comet" streak horiz. E to W, explode. Changed course, dropped vert.!

11/16/95 21:40 Elk Grove, CA - Woman outside smoking sees bizarre craft "w/ red lights" pass silently overhead. When she peered around house, was gone.

11/17/95 0:30 Tacoma, WA - Young man repts. he returned home from store, neighborhood boys excited about strange obj. that had just passed overhead.

11/17/95 22:20 Sector 18, NY - FAA Boston Cntr. relays 2 rpts: 2 comm. jetliner crews rept very bright light, green tail, pass by them on N side very fast. Close.

11/17/95 22:20 Basking Ridge, NJ - Young man, while driving N, witnesses dramatic white fireball to east streak N to S. Sees similar red streak N to S in W sky!

11/17/95 22:20 Orange, VT - Woman witnesses multiple red, radiant objs. hovering over her mountaintop farm, then immense white flash. Objs. streaked S (?).

11/17/95 22:25 Lower Nazareth, PA - Woman witnesses huge, triangular-shaped ship, covered w/ bizarre lights, "like traffic lights." Very dramatic sighting.

11/17/95 22:26 Yarmouth, ME - Young man reports huge, bright white light, "w/ green wake," pass overhead very fast. Other witnesses stopped cars.

11/17/95 22:27 York, ME - Father, son, & many bystanders witness incredible "starlike" obj. w/ "white aura, long green tail," STREAK FAST from NE to SW.

11/17/95 22:30 Fall River, MA - Young woman saw extremely bright white light with green tail streak toward the south. No sound.

11/17/95 23:00 Seattle, WA - Man repts. witnessing peculiar red and blue flashes over Seattle. One flash filled 180 deg. of sky w/ red light. Observed an orb.

11/17/95 23:00 Arlington, WA - MUFON member relays multiple reports about people who witnessed "pink and blue flashes" same night as sightings over Seattle.

11/17/95 23:00 Seattle, WA - Young woman repts. witnessing multiple "flashes of red and blue light" in and above the clouds. Were to the NE of Capitol Hill.

11/17/95 23:30 Seattle, WA - 2nd Seattle Univ. student calls to report remarkable "pink and " blue flashing lights in, or above the clouds.

11/17/95 23:30 Seattle, WA - Young woman in Seattle Univ. dormitory sees bizarre, pronounced red, pink, blue intense, multiple flashes of light in clouds to east.

11/17/95 23:30 Seymour-J.AFB, NC - Duty sergeant rpts multiple calls from citizens regarding 1 or more (?) objects hovering, maneuvering near USAF base. Radar neg.

11/18/95 0:00 Orlando, FL - Woman repts. bizarre "half circle" obj. in sky to SE. Projects ray downward! Something appeared to "fall" from the main object.

11/18/95 1:15 Muskegon, M1 - Woman repts. daughter encountered intensely bright red, triangular obj. sitting on side of road. Obj. rose, disappeared suddenly.

11/18/95 15:08 Seattle, WA - Nat. UFO Rpt. Ctr. phones AP & UPI wire services. They have no info re 17NO95 sightings; express no desire to inspect data.

11/18/95 17:40 Mojave, CA - Woman repts. 2 objs., "big and small," hovering in clear sky to SW. Lights appear to blink or strobe. Other witnesses.

11/19/95 0:26 Framingham, MA - Young woman repts. seeing w/ friends a large, round, bright obj. overhead. Filled car w/ green light. "Pains in head."

11/19/95 17:30 Phoenix, AZ - Woman, grandson, and several other witnesses rept. approx. 10 shiny objs. maneuvering, reflecting sunlight overhead. Streaked off.

11/19/95 18:00 Trenton, IA - Young man hunting sees two peculiar bright lights hovering in sky, "like planets." Suddenly they flashed, changed color, moved.

11/19/95 18:30 Redding, CA - Woman in car facing E saw very bright, bizarre obj. streak horizontally from L to R. Head was blue, tail was yellow, orange, red.

11/19/95 18:30 Carson City, NV - Woman calls after dramatic sighting of "a red streak of light, w/ blue in middle" moving SE to NW. Width "as thick as my thumb!"

11/19/95 18:35 Placerville, CA - MUFON investigator relays rept. of multiple sightings of bizarre "meteor." Multiple newspaper articles.

11/19/95 18:37 Redding, CA - Father w/ children witness orange ball of light bob above trees. Suddenly witness streak of white light w/ green tail" finger wide.

11/19/95 20:45 Holton, KS - Youth w/ friend pursue on Hwy. 16 "triangular thing in sky, w/ yellow, blue, and green" lights. Obj. turned abruptly, flew north.

11/19/95 21:50 Olathe, KS - Family repts. a stationary obj. in night sky that is flashing red, blue, silver. Appears to rotate. (Not inconsistent w/ star.)

11/19/95 22:35 Biddeford, ME - Man leaves work at hospital, encounters large "plate-shaped obj. w/ 3 multi-color rings around it." Obj crossed road, rose vert.

11/19/95 23:06 Virginia Beach, VA - Mother heard high-pitch whine pass over house. Daughter witnessed large circular craft w/ multiple circular whitish, yellow lights.

11/20/95 6:15 Belle Fourche, SD - MUFON State Dir. relays rpt: Postal empl. heading W on highway witnesses very large white w/ green tail streak vert. to horizon.

11/20/95 13:42 Tampa, FL - Nursery owner repts. peculiar ring of flattened grass on his property. Grass had been killed earlier w/ spray, but was matted down.

11/20/95 19:12 Sumter, SC - Woman repts. her husband had just witnessed two bizarre ships, "a round one, and a long torpedo-shaped obj.," pass overhead.

11/20/95 20:25 Federal Way, WA - Woman, friend, observe very large obj. in sky w/. bizarre lights. Stationary at first, then began to drift to W. No sound.

11/20/95 21:50 Bremerton, WA - Woman reports witnessing peculiar lights in W sky, which suddenly disappeared from sight. Lights "looked round."

11/21/95 18:00 Peyton, CO - Young man&mother; 2 intensely bright white lights, side by side, moving erratically across sky. Green flashes, sonic

11/21/95 22:00 Memphis, TN - Woman & neighbor witness bizarre obj. pass overhead. Obj. had long wings, "like a glider," w/ 8-9 lights on each. It folded wings!!

11/22/95 19:45 Woodland, CA - Mother reported her son had become very agitated after witnessing a strange craft outside his bedroom. Disc w/ "fluttering" sound.

11/22/95 20:03 Haltbro, PA - Woman reported witnessing a cluster of "gold cigars." Passed overhead very fast. Objs. were thicker in center. Distinctly gold.

11/24/95 Comanche Co., OK - Man calls to relay reports of multiple cattle mutilations in Comanche, Telman, & Grady Counties. 7 calves in 1 rpt. News articles.

11/25/95 0:42 Wishkah River, WA - Experienced MUFON investigator/law officer relays rpt that woman, son witnessed bizarre bright light, green beam near home.

11/25/95 20:01Woodland, CA - Two young boys witness 2 bright, white oval objs. streak to E, then to NE below the clouds. Objs. were very bright.

11/28/95 21:30 Bellevue, WA - Software engin. witnesses "stripe" of green light in N/S orientation across sky above scudding clouds. (Adv. laser light rptd. 28NO.)

11/29/95 16:40 Antelope Valley, CA - Man on Hwy. 14 sees two bright objs. w/ trails behind them flying slowly along a parallel course. Larger becomes black dot.

11/29/95 19:05 Redding, CA - Woman witnesses bright "star" in NW sky which suddenly splits into two lights. I descends to hor., other rises vert., disappears.

11/29/95 21:28 Glen Ellen, CA - Woman calls to rept. that her son & husband had seen a huge obj. w/ 3 red flashing lights. "Shape of sub on Seaquest TV program."

11/30/95 22:35 Howell, NJ - Man saw 2 lights, apparently coming directly toward him, then a 3rd appeared, forming a triangular shape. Hovered nearby, faded.

12/1/95 17:20 Waukesha, WI - Woman in car witnesses "shooting star" descend vertically, suddenly stop, suddenly shoot of horizontally. Multiple lights on it.

12/1/95 21:00 Mt. Shasta, CA - Comm. pilot repts. witnessing multiple peculiar flashes of light from N of Mt. Shasta to Eugene, OR. Bursts moved N w/aircraft.

12/1/95 22:55 Owosso, MI - Pilot, former FAA controller, sees 5 "pinkish" small lights in clear area of sky, arranged in precise staggered-V formation, streak.

12/1/95 23:40 Orland Park, IL - Man repts. seeing 4-5 very bright, multi-colored lights in southern night sky. Appear to move, but very little. (Twinkling stars?)

12/2/95 22:00 Sebastopal, CA - Man in car witnesses 2 peculiar lights, which suddenly became 3 lights, then began to move slowly. Heard "engine sound."

12/3/95 11:20 Chandler, AZ - Woman sees bright light in daytime sky. Was "oriented vert," and was moving E to W, then to SW. Moved fast. Saw 2nd light.

12/3/95 21:00 Boring, OR - Woman, son, & friend witness multiple, rapid red flashes in clouds in distance, then overhead. No sound. Other repts. to 911.

12/3/95 22:00 Nisqually Delta, WA - Woman & husband, while driving S on Hwy. 1-5, witness obj. beside road light up huge area of sky for 3 sec., again 10 min. later.

12/4/95 2:14 Seattle, WA - Man reports a brief power failure, looks outside and witnesses a luminous obj., size of star, streak from W to E in southern sky.

12/4/95 22:16 Geneva, NY - Woman rpts a very bright stationary light in SE sky "below Orion's Belt" that looks "like a horseshoe." Alternating red, blue, white.

12/5/95 20:30N. Bend, WA - Newspaper reporter calls seeking information regarding sighting of peculiar object over N. Bend on prior night.

12/5/95 20:30 North Bend, WA - Two adults, 7 children, witness "an orangey light, like an 1/8th moon," hover, move south, then hover again in clouds. No sound.

12/6/95 17:00 Bothell, WA - Father & daughter driving in car witness "beautiful electric blue" triang. shaped obj. in evening sky. Flipped on side, maneuvered.

12/6/95 22:45 Lynnwood, WA - Five youth watching TV see a "black obj., w/ no lights" streak by apt. window. Later, saw beam of light over pond. Called 911.

12/7/95 20:40 Oldsmar, FL - Six witnessed very bright obj. streak from N to S in E sky. 1/4 size of full moon. Blue head, short orange/blue tail. Silent.

12/9/95 18:30 Springfield, IL - IL State Police/Morgan Co. Sher. relayed mult. repts. of peculiar, very brightwhite&blue flashes in sky. Seen by citizens, troopers.

12/10/95 6:00 Clayton, NM - Nurse & daughter see 2 very bright objs. in a.m. sky, flashing red, white, blue lights in constant pattern. Both moved. Not stars.

12/10/95 18:12 Phoenix, AZ - Man, neighbor, 6 kids witnessed first three bright objs. in twilight sky, then two others streaked up to 1st 3. Not stars or planets.

12/10/95 22:45 Houston, TX - Man & wife on freeway see round disc w/ red blinking lights streak by. Obj. flipped on edge. Wife saw door or hatch on bottom.

12/10/95 23:00 Jolliet, IL - Man witnesses bright red streak of light travel from W to E in front of his car as he is driving N on highway.

12/12/95 22:30 Glen, NY - Young woman & friend witness bizarre, round obj. w/ intensely bright blue/white lights. Pursued obj. in car; obsrvd. it on ground.

12/13/95 18:45 Upper Makefield, PA - Two young girls witnessed extremely bright white, spinning lights overhead. Lts. turned blue, disappeared. Local power failure.

12/14/95 4:24 Boise, ID - FAA employee observes six objects descend out of the night sky and explode into fragments very close to ground. Bizarre sight.

12/14/95 14:45 Pomona, CA - While delivering packages, man observes 16 round, or oval, tiny golden objs. overhead. Objs. maneuvered, suddenly disappeared.

12/17/95 20:15 Greenville, NC - Man witnesses 3 orange lights in triangular pattern hover momentarily, glide across sky, pause, pivot, the fade from view.

12/18/95 21:45 Scottsdale, AZ - Man (pilot) & woman witness stationary bright obj. w/ strobe lights in NE sky. Regular strobing pattern. FAA radar negative.

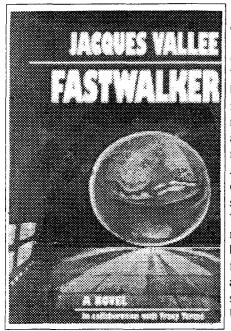
12/19/95 17:40 Indian Heights, IN - Man, other residents, witness bizarre cluster of lights--"red in middle, 3 white lights around it." Reported to flicker.

12/20/95 23:50 Schnecksville, PA - Man & daughter witness triangular obj. w/ 3 very bright white lights on the corners, 1 red light in the cntr. Obj. circled their home!

12/27/95 20:15 Rte. 40, CA - Man w/ wife witness bizarre "grayish yellow light" streak almost vert. from night sky, go to horizon.

Book Review: *FASTWALKER* by Jacques Vallee and Tracy Torme'

Reviewed by Michael Corbin



If the real story can be told, then FASTWALKER can start to tell it. This is the newest book by internationally renowned author and UFO researcher. Dr. Jacques Vallee, in collaboration with screenwriter Tracy Torme. But, this is not just any UFO book. It is a fictional novel, and a must read for students of Ufology.

FASTWALKER takes the reader on a rapid tour through the more seedy side of UFOlogy and introduces us to what may be a highly likely scenario of government and military involvement in the UFO enigma - the possibility that the reality of the phenomena and it's intent is deeply buried in a mountain of disinformation, psychological warfare and rogue intelligence agent spookery, not to mention a surprising twist at the end that leaves the bewildered reader in a state of anger and confusion. Vallee develops the theme with a cast of characters reminiscent of a James Bond thriller. General Bushnell, the head of Alintel, a super-secret government agency charged with the management of the UFO problem, is the manipulator. Bushnell is a ruthless cold warrior with every tool of high-tech wizardry at his disposal. Peter Keller, a journalist who works for a tabloid-style television program who gets sucked into a cauldron of intrigue with Rachel Rand, the victim of an alien abduction. And, behind it all is a character that is introduced only as VULCAN, who holds the key to Operation Alintel. Vulcan's identity is revealed in the end during a presidential briefing. The story is set around the capture of an unearthly craft. A

pilot is murdered after chasing a FASTWALKER, but why? We are taken on a journey that answers this question and much more.

Although parts of the story line are developed inadequately, what is more important to this novel is the theme. It is unmistakably Jacques Vallee in his recurrent *Messengers of Deception* theory which have made his past books so worthy of careful examination - that the UFO phenomenon represents a vehicle by which mankind is being deceived and manipulated through some very human technology. Whether the manipulators behind the scene are alien or human is not as important as what Vallee says in this book that the real fear of official acknowledgment of an alien presence is not the possible panic that may overtake the world, but rather the criminal culpability that has occurred as a result of what the government has done with the technology.

The heart of the book is a dialogue between Professor Byrne and Peter Keller in a New York coffee house. This conversation centers around the infamous Robertson Panel briefing that took place in January, 1953. The Robertson Panel was a real briefing that took place on the heels of a massive number of UFO sightings and the public hysteria that accompanied it in 1952, the highlight being the July, 1952 overflight of the nation's capital. Many noted researchers believe that the Robertson Panel was nothing more than a public relations front that was convened by the CIA to establish policy to deal with the public's ever-growing curiosity over the UFO phenomenon. In the discussion between Byrne and Keller, Vallee introduces the Pentacle Memorandum, a secret document that Vallee discovered several years ago among some of Dr. Hynek's files. The memorandum was discussed in Vallee's last publication, Forbidden Science. In the dialogue, Byrne and Keller discuss the importance of the memorandum and it comes out that the government was not concerned over whether UFOs represented interplanetary intelligence, but rather what was done with any technology that may have been captured and what the government has done with that technology. FASTWALKER also introduces a technology that is utilized by the intelligence community to duplicate the effects of real UFOs to assist in their ongoing program of deception and manipulation of society. There are many, many other surprises in FASTWALKER.

This book is a must read for anyone who wants a change of pace away from the typical humdrum so prominent in UFO books of our day.

I think that we should look for a movie to be made of this book in the near future. Tracy Torme, best known for his screenplay of the television mini-series *Intruders*, and the famous Travis Walton abduction story *Fire In the Sky*, collaborated on this book with Vallee.

Random Walk

Richard Hoagland's Announcement at National Press Club Gets Cold Reception from Media. A NASA spokesman called Hoagland's accusations of a NASA coverup "simply not true" after a press conference conducted at the National Press Club in Washington D.C. on Thursday, March 21. Hoagland said that there is evidence of a lost civilization on the moon that was detected in photos returned by the Apollo astronauts and that NASA has engaged in a coverup of this knowledge for the last 25 years. Very few papers covered the event, though USA Today ran a paragraph in Friday's (March 22) edition. Here's a section of Hoagland's press release announcing his intentions:

Former NASA scientists, engineers and other researchers, under the aegis of The Mars Mission [will show] dctailed scientific analysis of possible ancient artificial structures. This material ... is part of a continuing Mars Mission investigation into possible "suppressed" NASA solar system findings, based on a highly controversial warning contained in a 36-year-old government report

The "warning", of course, refers to the Brookings Institute report. Here are the relevant conclusions from the report, courtesy of MICAP:

The implications of a discovery of extraterrestrial life

Since leadership itself might have great need to gauge the direction and intensity of public attitudes, to strengthen its own morale and for decisionmaking purposes, it would be most advantageous to have more to go on than personal opinions about the opinions of the public and other leadership groups.

The knowledge that life existed in other parts of the universe might lead to a greater unity of men on Earth, based on the "oneness" of man or on the age old assumption that any stranger is threatening. Much would depend on what, if anything, was communicated between man and the other beings...the fact that such beings existed might become simply one of the facts of life but probably not one calling for action. Whether earthmen would be inspired to all-out space efforts by such a discovery is a moot question. Anthropological files contain many examples of societies, sure of their place in the universe, which have disintegrated when they had to associate with previously unfamiliar societies espousing different ideas and different life ways; others that survived such an experience usually did so by paying the price of changes in values and attitudes and behavior...

Two research areas can be recommended -

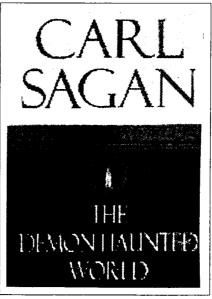
Continuing studies to determine emotional and intellectual understanding, and attitudes--and successive alterations of them if any--regarding the possibility and consequences of discovering intelligent extraterrestrial life.

Historical and empirical studies of the behavior of peoples and their leaders when confronted with dramatic and unfamiliar events or social pressures. Such studies might help to provide programs for meeting and adjusting to the implications of such a discovery. Questions one might wish to answer by such studies would include: How might such information, under what circumstances, be presented to or withheld from the public for what ends? What might be the role of the discovering scientists and other decisionmakers regarding release of the fact of discovery?

Bigfoot Researcher Says Sasquatch Should be Shot. Washington State University anthropology professor Gordon Krantz said, in an L.A. Times story written by Kim Murphy, "Someday down the line, 50 years from now, somebody by the rare chance might just stumble across the skeleton of a Sasquatch, and ... the government ... establishes definitely they were there, but they're extinct...Well, they could have been saved if only we would blow one away now. The first one who bags one should get a big, big prize. The second one should be hanged." Peter Byrne, director of the Bigfoot Research Project at Oregon's Mount Hood said "These things have never harmed anyone, and they've never demonstrated any kind of aggression, and we feel that any attempt to shoot one would be criminal."

TV Guide Rips Nova on Alien Abduction Story. Susan Stewart, in *Hits and Misses* in TV Guide, says "When a respected science series does a show called *Kidnapped by UFOs?* you have to wonder. Either Nova has lost its mind or some very normal-looking people have."

In Carl Sagan's new book, The Demon-Haunted World; Science as a Candle in the Dark, Sagan says "An extremely important point that I've tried to develop in this book is that the method of science is more important than the content. The method of being skeptical and at the same time open to new ideas. Intensely skeptical." He adds, "I don't think anyone could be more interested than I am in whether we're being visited. It would save me so much time and effort to study extraterrestrial life directly and nearby, rather than at best indirectly and at a great distance. Even if the aliens are



short, dour and sexually obsessed if they're here, I want to know about them."

This 457 page book addresses, among other things, the face on Mars, aliens, visions, mind over matter, prayer, and the UFO phenomenon in general. As a counterpoint to the pseudoscience that we are inundated with, this is a must read.

UFOs: Fact or Psychological Warfare?

by Michael Corbin

For years now, the UFO enigma has held the fascination of many, many people around the world. Whether or not a person believes in the possibility of life outside our tiny, blue planet in the vastness of a seemingly boundless universe, there is not anyone who has not glanced up at the sky and wondered what may be out there. The UFO presents us with a challenge, both scientific and cosmological, and causes many to ponder the bigger question: Are we alone? For some, the UFO presents a foolish pursuit by people who are starved for attention or just simply looking for something to do on a Saturday night. In a world of high technology, computers, satellites and the ability to nuke the planet many times over, the UFO may also present us with a way out. The prospect of friendly "space brothers" is a romantic notion of some who really believe that someone out there will help us solve our problems and make life a little easier. No more wars; no more disease; no more worry. For others, the UFO is representative of a possibly dying civilization who are farming humans for their continued survival or wayward space travelers who are out to have a little fun with human beings. Perhaps they are scientists who are studying humanity to find out what we are about. No single subject, except for religion, has caused more debate or concern as the UFO phenomenon.

Whatever we think UFOs are is not relevant if we cannot prove our theories and move from speculation to knowing. The chasm between the two is vast and perilous and can be a pathway of confusion, chaos and ultimately the robbery of one's ability to gain knowledge and "know" something. While there are different pathways to knowledge, one such way is science. To suppose knowledge is not to know something. Terminology is very important to this article, therefore before we get much further, allow me to define "science":

sci'-ence (si-ens) noun Abbr. sc., sci. 1. a. The observation, identification, description, experimental investigation, and theoretical explanation of phenomena. b. Such activities restricted to a class of natural phenomena. c. Such activities applied to an object of inquiry or study. 2. Methodological activity, discipline, or study: I've got packing a suitcase down to a science. 3. An activity that appears to require study and method: the science of purchasing. 4. Knowledge, especially that gained through experience. 5. Science. Christian Science.

As can be seen from the above definition of science, there is a clearly prescribed method that is necessary to achieve knowledge. In the study of UFOs, can we honestly say that this method has been applied? If so, what are the fruits of that study? Although theory is a very important part of the scientific process, can we say that our theories have been proven given what we do or do not know about UFOs today? The honest searcher of truth must say NO! The reality of this situation is that we know nothing at this time. It is fair to conclude from this that most people who claim to "know" the origin and identity of UFOs do not know for if truth is self evident, then it would stand to reason that the same source of truth that informed them would also inform us. This is absent in the UFO problem. The test of this is to ascertain from various magazines, books, lecturers and researchers what they know. It is found that they all disagree on what UFOs are. We can conclude, therefore, that we do now know what UFOs are and the notions that we have of knowledge is not knowledge at all. This presents a serious problem for all and leads us right back to where this article began.

One of the major pitfalls on the pathway of gaining knowledge, particularly with the UFO question, is misinformation. To define "misinformation":

mis-in-form' (mis-inn-form) verb, transitive mis-in-formed, mis-in-form-ing, mis-in-forms *To provide with incorrect information.*- mis-in-form-ant (-forment) or mis-in-form-er noun- mis-in-for-ma-tion. -noun.

Commonly referred to as "disinformation" by many researchers, it is strongly suspected that a lot of information that is placed in the stream and digested by many people about the UFO phenomenon is "disinformation" or "misinformation". This disinformation is very detrimental to the path of knowing what UFOs are, and more importantly, can actually undermine the very nature of the phenomenon itself.

Whatever UFOs are or aren't, the public's awareness of them has increased to a mythological proportion. It is rare to pick up a book on the subject or to see a television program that doesn't seem to propound the myth that aliens are here, they are abducting human beings for genetic hybridization, and in some cases, they are hostile and dangerous. Though there seems to be very little proof of this, it is interesting that this "image" of alien intelligence has become so main stream and popular. The ever-popular New Age Movement seems to be a major source of so-called "enlightenment" and claims a heritage with the aliens or "space brothers". Constantly, we are introduced to so-called "abductees" who claim that they have been selected to perform a galactic service to humanity and whole "religions" are popping up around these gurus of alleged truth. By contrast, the nature of the UFO phenomenon has seemed to change radically from the 40s, 50s and 60s, where UFOs were seen to be technologically-based devices performing unusual aerial

maneuvers over sensitive military installations around the world, leaving landing traces in the form of burnt grass and stalled motor vehicles. Today's UFOs seem to have ditched their spectacular public displays in favor of more covert and personal contact with human beings. The early days saw UFO "flaps", sightings in immense numbers. There hasn't been a substantial UFO flap since the early 1980s. UFO sightings have been totally replaced with UFO abductions. What once caused public hysteria has been replaced with public acceptance. What does this tell us? If anything, it tells us that the public is gullible and capable of embracing anything that is popular regardless of truth or what evidence is contrary to a stated position.

Although the UFO phenomenon is undoubtedly real and may represent a non-human intelligence, something quite unrelated to the reality of UFOs is influencing the way that we perceive them, and may not even represent the true nature of UFOs. What dynamics are responsible for this?

The Psycho-social Dynamics of Manipulation

Has the UFO phenomenon evolved to what we see and know today, or has it taken a completely different course, unknown to us, with something else having taken its place for no other reason than to influence and control our perceptions and actions? This question could be more significant than we first realize. If this is true, why? Are there any precedents for this? The answers have been around us for a long time.

On the surface, most people would agree that UFOs may represent a wholly observable and scientific problem. The rationale is that if a UFO can affect the environment, burn grass, stop a car and cause electromagnetic disturbances, then it has a basis in a physical and material reality. This qualifies it for science, since science is concerned about the world around us. We know that the early days of UFO research saw a strong response from military and civilian authorities to understand the nature of the phenomena from a scientific standpoint. According to such noted experts as Captain Edward Ruppelt, the first head of Project Blue Book, the Air Force's official investigation into UFOs, that the UFO problem commanded the attention of the scientific establishment such as Battelle Memorial Institute, a large government research institute staffed by scientists and engineers. The Air Force contracted with them and with Dr. J. Allen Hynek of Northwestern University. Hynek's job was to apply scientific methodology to the reports and attempt to explain them. Most people would agree that whatever was learned has been the bulk of the massive government cover-up that has been with us for years. In other articles that I have written, I have pointed out that UFOs were not only a scientific problem, but an intelligence problem. This is a very important point to remember since intelligence doesn't seem to have anything at all to do with the reality or the understanding of UFOs, yet it looms larger

than any other aspect of the UFO problem. What does this or should this tell us about the "official" interest? Quite a bit.

During the late 1940s and well into the 1950s while UFOs were making their big debut, something much more important than science was going on behind the doors of the Pentagon and other high-level government agencies. Although I doubt that we will ever realize the full import of this, it is quite obvious from the numerous publications of that time that the intelligence problem posed by UFOs was more serious than an actual physical presence of UFOs flying through the skies. After all, assuming that the military authorities were aware that something strange was going on, they were nothing more than spectators in the face of some awesome technology that they were unable to get close enough to study, much less stop intrusions of sensitive military areas. According to Al Chop, a Pentagon spokesman during the 1952 Washington, D.C. overflight, when asked what the mood was among the top military leaders at the Pentagon, told the ParaNet Continuum Radio Program audience on February 18, 1996, that they were convinced that the phenomenon was interplanetary and that they had expected "an invasion at any minute." But, it didn't happen that day, nor that week, nor that month, nor that year and from then on out they didn't know what to expect. This left the leaders of the country in a total state of concern over national interest and what to tell the demanding public.

But, the bigger concern rested with the people, and those who were responsible for maintaining societal order, the intelligence community. In this arena, the "hardware" is not as important as what the perception of the people is about the "hardware". In this particular area, although highly ignored by the UFO research and investigative community, lies enough evidence to map what has been done to bring us to the point that we are at today. Although a science has been utilized to mold our psyches, it is not a science applied to understanding the UFO phenomenon. At some point, perhaps much earlier than 1947, a radical departure from the science of UFOs was taken by the intelligence community. While the "real" scientists were working on the "hardware" aspects of it, the government social scientists were working on the public and its perception of the phenomenon. This was accomplished in a variety of ways, primarily the use of disinformation and public manipulation of data. Although we can only speculate as to why this may have occurred, one scenario which comes to mind involves not what UFOs are, but what the government and intelligence agencies have done with this knowledge.

Mind control has long been of tremendous interest to the government, both for strategic purposes in war, and at a societal level as well. Most mind control research has been spawned by military scientists attempting to maximize the effect of the military within hostile countries. One of the most prominent threats to American national security came from the Cold War, where the United States believed that the

Soviet Union was spending a considerable amount of resources on the subject of mind control and its uses on whole societies. Of course, mind control has long been of interest in occult circles as well. With the fallout of the infamous Orson Wells broadcast of War of the Worlds in 1938, the government got a wake up call concerning the psycho-social dynamics of mass public influence. As you may recall, this broadcast was a theatrical play about the invasion of Earth by evil Martians. A public panic ensued where several people died. This event may have had a tremendous impact on psychological warfare technologies.

If we accept the possibility that an alien spacecraft crashed in Corona, New Mexico, in July, 1947, then it may have been the nexus for what has taken place up to the present time. Again, going back to the late 1940s and 1950s and Al Chop's revelations over national radio, it becomes quite evident that there was a serious concern that a potential interplanetary invasion of Earth was imminent, and that American military and government leaders may have decided that the public could not be told about any of it since the government had so little actual knowledge of the true nature of the phenomenon.

Given this equation, it is reasonable, and provable, that the government decided that the best policy was to steer the public away from the truth and keep them in the dark about what was really going on. Jacques Vallee and other noted UFO researchers have brought numerous government documents to the UFO research arena that proves that something much bigger, and perhaps much more sinister, was going on behind the curtain of secrecy in the early 1950s. This curtain of secrecy may have been hiding the machinery of mass manipulation and disinformation which has been used to promulgate the public's perceptions of what UFOs are. It is no secret that in September, 1947, the world's most mysterious and most secret intelligence apparatus was set in motion at the order of President Harry S. Truman. Known as the National Security Act of 1947, the birth took place of the CIA (Central Intelligence Agency), the NSA (National Security Agency), the NRO (National Reconnaissance Organization), and perhaps a host of other super secret agencies all charged with the task of collecting intelligence for analysis and policy making covering a wide range of unknown subjects. As Captain Edward Ruppelt notes in his famous book, The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects, that the biggest problem in the late 1940s was how to collect interplanetary intelligence. Was this question just rhetorical? Probably not. According to Ruppelt and Donald Keyhoe, who was a retired Marine Corp major, there was a lot of scientific inquiry going on behind the curtain of secrecy for quite some time. The intelligence importance of the problem emerged long before the 1947 National Security Act. Thus, by the time that the Robertson Panel was convened in January, 1953, the information base that was being amassed by the military/industrial complex was tremendous. Most people believe that the Robertson Panel was convened by scientists to decide what should be done

scientifically about UFOs. The truth is the Robertson Panel was convened to decide what to do about the intelligence problem that was being created by the UFOs. It was here that certain policy was established about how to "debunk" the subject and steer the public away from the mystery of UFOs. This panel was attended by such notable spooks as Allen Dulles. It was this panel that made crucial decisions about the machinations of the coverup. However, it is suspected that this was only a "white wash" in and of itself to sway even the government leaders away from the real action. This leads us to theorize that the truth may be layered so deep that even some government leaders at the very top do not even know the true nature of UFOs.

Follow the money!

At the heart of the "secret" lies a motive of money and power. The operators of this "secret" are the rogue intelligence agents that possess the "secret" and are using it as a foundation to implement a variety of diversions that would keep people away from knowing the truth of the phenomenon. This is done with the use of the media and other tools of mass manipulation all geared toward disinforming the public. Even the Robertson Panel admitted this.

When attempting to separate the wheat from the chaff, it is vitally important that the student of UFOlogy always trace theories and suppositions back to their source. It is in this that some light may be shed upon who would benefit by the lie and why. It has long been known that a lot of so-called "contactees" of the early day were in fact intelligence operatives. Despite this knowledge, a lot of people fell for the lies of these operatives and were distracted from their paths of discovery.

The 1980s and 1990s have seen the infamous MJ-12 hoax as another example of disinformation. In everything that we have been exposed to including the wild claims that the government has aliens in its possession, not one shred of proof has been forthcoming. Despite this, we are continually assaulted with wild sighting and abduction reports that make the early days look like child's play. We see UFO researchers waste precious resource chasing down these stories and elevating the story teller to heights of piety, without a single shred of proof to substantiate their claims.

As I mentioned earlier, it is very important to not dismiss science as our fundamental tool for gaining knowledge about UFOs. It is all that we have at the moment. It is also important that we not spend too much time on wild and baseless claims, and to extricate from our midst those charlatans who refuse to cooperate with real scientific methodology. To expose them as frauds is a positive step in a direction that will bring respect to the field. A civilian effort at study and research is what will make the difference, not getting the government to open its files.

The ParaNet Continuum Radio Program - "The 60 Minutes of Ufology"

In April of 1994, ParaNet began a very ambitious endeavor - a national radio show that would give people a chance to learn more about UFOs and the paranormal by imparting the knowledge that ParaNet has learned in the eight years of its existence. The show airs live from 7-8 PM MT Sundays, but is tape delayed in several cities. A current list of affiliates and an updated list of shows are posted on our web site. All of the shows are available on audio cassette tape. Prices are \$8.00 for one, \$6.00 each for two (\$12.00 total), and \$5.00 each for three or more. Shipping to U.S. and Canadian addresses is included in these prices. International shipments - add \$1.00/show.

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Show #5 - 5/15/94	Tom Adams - Cattle mutilation investigator	
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Show #7 - 5/29/94	Keith Ferrell - VP/Editor of Omni magazine, discussing Project Open Book	
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Show #9 - 6/12/94		
Show #10 - 6/19/94	Father Alexis Young (orthodox priest) - Angels and demons	
Show #11 - 6/26/94	Stan McDaniel - Author of report criticizing NASA about structures on Mars	
Show #12 - 7/3/94	Thomas McDonough - Lecturer at Caltech, author of books on SETI	
Show #13 - 7/10/94	John Burroughs and Jim Penniston - Officers involved in Bentwaters UFO case	
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Show #23 - 9/18/94	Dr. Robert Nathan - JPL photography expert	
	Brian Wood - International Director, MICAP	
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Show #25 - 10/2/94	Kevin Randle - latest on the Roswell incident, comments on the recent Air Force report	
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Show #82 - 11/5/95	Best of ParaNet (John Salter, others)
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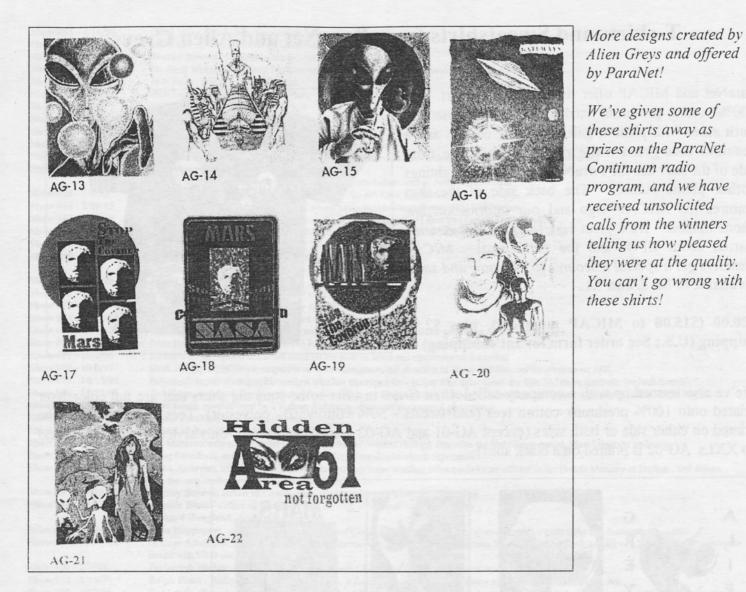
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