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From the Editor's Vortex . . .

First off, we want to thank all of our new subscribers (and our faithful longtime members) who have waited patiently for this issue. As most of you know, ParaNet's primary focus is the radio show. Keeping it on the air has become a real priority in a time of dwindling funds. This magazine had to take a back seat to that. Rest assured that all subscriptions have been extended by 2 issues and you will receive all 4 issues per year that you subscribed.

As most of you are aware, Art Bell quit his show a few months ago. We report on some of those happenings in this issue. At this writing, Art appears to be back full time and no one has a clue what the source of his difficulties were.

We also have an interesting look into Project Silver Bug, as well as Greg Wheeler's regular article.

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Coming Full Circle: The Resurrection of Scientific UFO Research

By Greg Wheeler, Ph.D.



This past June, a remarkable report briefly bobbed to the surface of the mass media ocean. Although it merited a full meal of coverage, it garnered even less than a sound bite in the busy cafeteria of news about various Capitol Hill political intrigues. But its message was delivered, and it may signal a sea change in the way that UFO events are viewed by some establishment scientists. In this report, a distinguished academician, Dr. Peter A. Sturrock, Professor of Applied Physics at Stanford University, went on record along with a cohort of colleagues with the following announcement:

It would be valuable to carefully evaluate UFO reports since, whenever there are unexplained observations, there is the possibility that scientists will learn something new.

Within the report, Sturrock's assessment of existing UFO research was both encouraging and disheartening. The Sturrock Committee report lends much needed support to the emerging discipline of First Contact Science. But it also reminds us as well how little we have progressed in the 30 years since the Condon report successfully discouraged "legitimate scientific interest."

One has to admire the awesome power of sanctioning authority when evaluating the last three decades of scientific UFO investigations. From a social science perspective, there is no better case study than the role that the Condon report

played in suppressing widespread interest in UFO research.

The Sturrock Report may have gone a long way toward restoring the flow of interest and inquiry which Dr. Condon's report dammed shut. But long before this report, a psychologist who was originally central to the Condon investigation stated much the same thing, in even bolder language. Dr. David Saunders clearly understood the social function Dr. Condon performed. After several embarrassing public comments made by Condon, Saunders came to see Condon as needing to release a negative report, and quotes him as saying as much.

Condon was willing to speculate...on what would happen if the Project ever did find evidence to support [ETH]...he would put the evidence in his briefcase and take it straight to the President...²

Saunders own amazing observation was that:

All of us were agreed on one thing—we wanted to do whatever we could to preserve the scientific validity and respectability of the UFO question. We were seriously concerned by the substantial likelihood that Condon's own contribution to the Final Report would be so "negative" as to stifle further scientific investigation of UFOs for another 20 years or even more. (!!!)³

Saunders did admit that he himself felt several important aspects of the UFO evidence lent themselves to assertions that the involvement of intelligence was the simplest and most powerful explanation. This may have been the most important factor undermining his critique.⁴

Many have seen conspiracy in Condon's actions, and perhaps they are right. But even so, a conspiracy could not add much more than emphasis to a process which takes place on its own when science - or specifically, paradigms of knowing - come into question. The conservative, self-preserving nature of existing worldviews is well known, yet like insights obtained in psychotherapy, hard to apply to real-life situations.

Although the public has a strong belief that UFO evidence has been suppressed and discredited in order to discourage investigations, the power of such negative sanction is not easily overcome. For example, the years of ridiculous "swamp gas" and "weather balloon" pseudo-scientific explanations still wither legitimate scientific interest, even in well-documented public UFO events such as the Phoenix [Arizona] lights of 1997. If the source of these explanations is considered authoritative, the preconception that UFO reports are bogus has become so strong that such evidence can be discredited by simple official denial.

The Sturrock investigation seems a much needed antidote to these tactics. We wish to highlight some of the report's conclusions, and extend them further with a view toward the First Contact Science which we have long advocated.

The Near Death of UFO Research

In 1969 the *Scientific Study of Unidentified Flying Objects*⁵, widely

publicized as The Condon Report, was published following many months of pre-release controversy. While commissioned to be the most objective, scientific review of the UFO phenomenon to date, it's impartiality appeared to be compromised by negative public statements made by Condon during the investigation. In the eyes of those like Co-Principle Investigator and psychologist David Saunders, Condon's presuppositions were never placed in jeopardy by any of the data.

Sturrock's analysis emphasizes that the credibility of the Condon Report was largely unquestioned by the scientific establishment to whom it was directed, and is still definitive.

The "Condon Report," presenting the findings of the Colorado Project on a scientific study of unidentified flying objects, has been and remains the most influential public document concerning the scientific status of this problem. Hence, all current scientific work on the UFO problem must make reference to the Condon Report. *

Since then, while UFOs may cause "widespread public interest" they elicit "comparatively little interest from most scientists, who—to judge from their public statements—perceive the study of this phenomenon not only as unproductive but also as not respectable."⁷ This rejection of the subject matter as a whole is attributed by Sturrock to many forces working together, not the least of which is the apparent basic contradiction posed by the so-called Extraterrestrial Hypothesis (ETH): Simply stated, UFOs cannot possibly be extraterrestrial because current scientific knowledge forbids it. Or in Sturrock's own words,

When faced with such a possibility, the scientist tends to look at the implications of such a hypothesis. In making his deductions, he has available a great store of information concerning the solar system, the universe, laws of physics, and conditions in which living organisms can survive. Using this information, the scientist may well conclude that the hypothesis must be rejected.

Sturrock notes that this was essentially the thinking which held Condon at arms length from any serious consideration of the ETH for any of the documented UFO events available to him.

In sum, it is my opinion that weaknesses of the Condon Report are an understandable but regrettable consequence of a misapprehension concerning the nature and subtlety of the phenomenon. It is also my opinion that there is much in the Condon Report that could be used in support of the proposition that an analysis of the totality of UFO reports would show that a signal emerges from the noise and that the signal is not readily comprehensible in terms of phenomena now well known to science. *

Sturrock has developed a methodology from this review of Condon, which he summarized as follows:

The UFO problem is perhaps closer to astronomy than physics. No single observation of the position of a single planet establishes Kepler's law. No single observation of the position and magnitude of a single star establishes that the sun is in a disc-shaped galaxy. Nor can data concerning a single star confirm a proposed theory of stellar evolution. In discussing astronomical problems, it is essential to combine evidence derived from many observations. The strength of the observational facts may become significant only when very large numbers of observations are combined."

To accomplish this task, Sturrock discusses ways of accumulating and then sorting data, creating a "catalog" of events from which patterns might emerge, defined by a set of carefully pre-established rules for judging significant from random associations.

... patterns that appear consistently in data derived from several sources are far more significant than a pattern that shows up in the data of one source but not in the data of other sources. "Strong" facts of this type can be obtained only by careful cataloging of data from as many responsible sources as one can find. After a catalog has been compiled and patterns supported by the weight of evidence in the catalog have been established, one can then begin the comparison of

evidence and hypotheses. (An outstanding example of this process is the construction of the Hertzsprung-Russell diagram in astrophysics, which provides the crucial test for any theory of stellar evolution.) This procedure is complex, calling for a careful organization of theoretical work and data reduction. A "bookkeeping" procedure for organizing the many judgments involved in this stage of scientific research has been proposed... "

This is the crux of the matter and also the most difficult of tasks, especially in cases when certain UFO events are suppressed from the catalog by official secrecy. Sturrock addresses this by acknowledging the involvement of governmental agencies in providing or denying access to restricted information, even to the Condon investigators with security clearances. He quotes Condon: "where secrecy is known to exist, one can never be absolutely sure that he knows the complete truth."

Assuming that private UFO investigations never rely on classified data becoming unclassified, and only looked at publicly available events, the interpretive problem still remains unsolved: When is a UFO event really unidentified, and what criteria must be applied before concluding that a real unidentified event has occurred with enough reliability to extend explanatory categories beyond that of "permanent mystery?"

Saunders discussed this in his book. He proposed a concept of "remarkability" which goes beyond the statistics of probability models toward that of a more "common sense" approach. Without going into detail here, it is very similar to Sturrock's cataloging proposal and allows for a reasonable assessment of the type of data which can be very difficult to assimilate.

Saunders also discussed some interesting research about the problem of researcher bias, which he started shortly after he was dismissed from

the Condon committee. He and a student investigator appeared to find five general classifications of "prejudice" toward UFO data which could affect the outcome of any UFO research plan. That is, who decides what data can be included can be a more important factor than what data is being considered. Saunders found five categories of presupposition in his study, which are briefly summarized as follows:

- **Prejudiced:** *The UFO problem is a "nonsense" problem. All reports are garbage data.*
- **Party-liner:** *The UFO problem is a "nuisance" problem, attributable to potentially well defined physical and/or psychological causes.*
- **Skeptic:** *The ETH is neither accepted nor rejected a priori, but it is not established yet whether the data does or does not support such a conclusion.*
- **Believer:** *The ETH is accepted as true, but the outstanding question concerns the identity and/or motives of these intelligences.*
- **Contactee:** *Each UFO event is the source of new information about the motives and identity of alien beings.¹⁴*

These categorizations need contemporary validation, but it brings to the forefront that First Contact Science, like any discipline, must establish strong methods for sorting out aspects of the "personal equation" which any investigator might bring to the process, while at the same time appreciating that such categories of response to the unknown are themselves *meaningful* and part of our human world-views—our very systems of "knowing."

Finally, in evaluating a hypothesis, one must avoid procedures of data reduction that depend upon the truth or falseness of that hypothesis. Put

another way, one must avoid "theory-dependent" arguments. This requirement, above all, makes the appraisal of the UFO phenomenon very difficult: if we entertain the hypothesis that the phenomenon may be due to an extremely advanced civilization, we must face the possibility that many ideas that we accept as simple truths may, in a wider and more sophisticated context, not be as simple and may not even be truths...¹⁵

The Sleeper Awakens

In 1996, Sturrock was given the chance to try his own hand at UFO investigations after encountering a now well-known UFO research benefactor, Mr. Laurence S. Rockefeller. About a year following that meeting, Dr. Sturrock obtained funding to chair a symposium intended to look closely at some of the best UFO reports publicly available, presented by various established UFO researchers.¹⁶

The Sturrock symposium did give merit to the general idea of scientific investigations of UFO phenomena, but it is noteworthy that the methodology used was substantially different than that suggested by either Saunders or Sturrock. Instead, the evaluative criterion was scientific "business as usual":

The best prospect for achieving a meaningful evaluation of relevant hypotheses is likely to come from the examination of physical evidence.¹⁷

At first blush, this approach seems to be at odds with Sturrock's own suggestions for any future work on UFOs proposed at the time of his review of the Condon Report, and instead an orthodox adoption of the same classical science methods used by Condon in rejecting the validity of any UFO data! Sturrock made this analysis in his review of Condon.

...a minimal criticism that one might make is that the efforts of many individuals found no satisfactory integration. This failing may have been due in part to a faulty initial conception of the nature of the phenomenon. If, as the

Director may have believed, the phenomenon could be tackled as a straightforward problem of physical science, there might now be little disagreement among the scientific community regarding the validity and conclusions of the Report. The UFO phenomenon appears instead to be more akin to some of the enigmatic phenomena of modern astronomy, such as the sources of gamma-ray bursts. Concerning these strange objects, we do not know where they are, we do not know what they are, and we can only speculate on how they function; but these limitations, severe as they are, by no means deter astronomers and astrophysicists from studying them as intensively as possible.

Concerning UFOs, we are not sure whether they are hoaxes, illusions, or real. If real, we do not know whether the reality is of a psychological and sociological nature, or one that belongs in the realm of physics. If the phenomenon has physical reality, we do not know whether it can be understood in terms of present-day physics, or whether it may present us with an example of 21st century (or 30th century) physics in action. If one is, indeed, facing a problem of this magnitude, it is necessary to devote the utmost care to the scientific methodology involved in the project.¹⁸

In terms of Saunders' five categories of presupposition, Sturrock seems to approach the research problem clearly from the "party-line" direction. He states:

The general perception in the scientific community is that, if UFO reports pose a scientific problem at all, it has more to do with psychology and the science of perception than with physical science.

Indeed, most reports simply comprise narrative accounts of what someone saw or thought he saw in the sky. Sometimes the reports involve more than one witness, and sometimes an event is witnessed from two or more different locations. However, the fact is that physical scientists cannot get involved in the UFO problem unless there is physical evidence. The purpose of this workshop was to assess whether or not there is any such evidence. If the answer is no, then there is no way that physical scientists can contribute to the resolution of this problem. If, on the other hand, the answer is yes, then it should be possi-

ble for physical scientists to contribute to the resolution of this problem.²⁰

The contribution of physical science is hampered, however, by criteria of what constitutes a valid unit of data, especially when certain forms of data, such as photographs or interference phenomena can be dismissed because they do not conform to the patterns of "normal science."

In responding to this presentation, the panel took the position that evidence of interference with aircraft equipment is interesting but, in the absence of corroborative data from flight recorders and other mechanical or electrical recording equipment, the evidence presented must be regarded as anecdotal. It is quite possible that the persons making the report summarized above did indeed see unusual and striking phenomena. It does appear that the airplane departed from its normal flight path, but this could have happened for a variety of reasons. As with reports related to other categories of physical evidence, the evidence summarized in this section should be regarded as suggestive but far from sufficient²¹

None of the cases presented provide clear proof of a sample that is outside present scientific knowledge.²²

This said, it is interesting to note the language used to describe samples which the author has clearly said cannot be explained by current scientific knowledge:

But instead of calling into question basic assumptions, the data itself is negated.

It is remarkable that the scientific community has exhibited so little curiosity in the past... There is no doubt that this lack of curiosity is due in part to a lack of reliable and accessible information.²³

Again, the difficulties for the author are immense. He notes that the UFO field carries with it negative associations while at the same time investigators, using their expertise in a casual fashion, have "arm-chaired" impressive data into off-

the-shelf categories, all of which attempt to end the mystery. In his own report, Sturrock shows that much of the best evidence cannot be understood, and yet because it can probably be understood, such explanations are taken for granted as "good enough" and the "strangeness quotient" readily reduced to zero. For example,

After 21 years of activity, the GEPAN/SEPRA files now contain about 3,000 UFO reports supplied by the Gendarmerie. About 100 of these reports were found to justify specific investigations. Of this number, only a few cases remain unexplained today.²⁴

What exactly does "explained" mean in this context? Did the "swamp gas" hypothesis "explain" the lights seen over the Florida swamp, or "running lights" explain the Phoenix lights of 1997? And what is the power of "unexplained events" in shifting the hypothesis machine out of neutral?

Conclusion

While such easy dismissal of paradigm-busting observations occurs regularly in everyday science, it is curious to see how someone with an open mind, such as Sturrock, can still look at data which defies reasonable explanation, and say that there is "nothing new" in the observation. Surely that represents a psychosocial phenomenon as much or more of interest to First Contact Science as any process of mere observational science. Namely, UFO events are so incredibly strange and outside the range of everyday conceptual categories that only a hypothesis-dependent conclusion can suffice: "since a large mass cannot suddenly move at right angles to its line of motion, what I just saw cannot be a large mass."

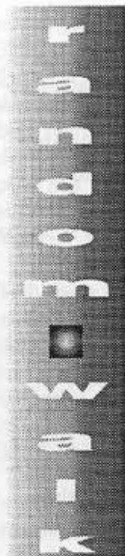
I would advocate to Dr. Sturrock that he reconsider his earlier methodological insights and proceed with the installation of a fil-

tered database model, perhaps additionally incorporating Saunderson's "remarkability" criterion. With these and other innovative approaches, perhaps the anchor of the Condon Report can finally be lifted.



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- My thanks as usual to Scott Scribner, who took time out of his busy dissertation schedule to review this article.*



This is ParaNet's news column. It's called Random Walk after the mathematical concept in which the direction of each successive move in a sequence of movements is determined entirely at random. In other words, this is a random assortment of interesting news tidbits culled from the Worldwide Web, news wires and magazine stories.

This issue, there's one news topic for which we're devoting the whole column: the fiasco surrounding Art Bell quitting his program "forever" and then returning two weeks later.

Here's an excerpt from Art Bell's resignation announcement:

"You may recall about a year ago... I told you that there was an event, a threatening terrible event occurred to my family, which I could not tell you about. Because of that event, and a succession of other events, what you're listening to right now is my final broadcast on the air. This is it folks, I'm going off the air and will not return...

What you are listening to, is MY FINAL BROADCAST... That is the end of this man's broadcast career."

-- Art Bell

2:50 AM PDT, Oct 13, 1998

This came as quite a shock to Art's network, Premiere Radio Networks. The following press release was made by Premiere three days later:

Premiere Radio Networks
Statement to the Press
Coast to Coast AM with Art Bell
Dreamland with Art Bell

October 16, 1998 -- Kraig T. Kitchen, President/COO of Premiere Radio Networks today announced, "Premiere Radio Networks will continue to distribute both Art Bell's Coast to Coast and Dreamland programs in the regularly scheduled time slots. For a short duration, Art has requested special guest hosts to do his show. On October 19, veteran talk radio broadcaster Hilly Rose will be the first of several potential guest hosts. The program's tradition of including knowledgeable guests will continue during this period. Art Bell will make a statement to his listeners during the first hour of his broadcast on Monday October 19 on Coast to Coast with Art Bell."

As advertised, Hilly Rose played a prerecorded announcement made by Art Bell, which said, in part:

"I [resigned] because of a terrible life-threatening event which occurred to my family about a year ago, as well as events subsequent to it... Since my resignation, my network has been doing their very best to help resolve the situation. Frankly on the night I resigned, I thought it could not be resolved. Now, I hope it can... It certainly was not a publicity stunt or contract ploy as rumored by my competitors and detractors."

-- Art Bell

Then, finally, on October 23, Art made one more announcement:

"The situation has improved to some degree, and I pray it'll continue to do that. I WILL NOT further exacerbate the crisis by making public what should remain private... To again state as categorically as I'm able, this was not any kind of hoax or stunt, it was not a contract ploy nor a negotiation tactic for more money. Money has never been a goal for me in doing this program, NEVER... I'm very happy to report, I WILL RETURN to Coast

to Coast AM and Dreamland beginning Wednesday night, October 28th."

-- Art Bell

When he returned on October 28, Art Bell said, in part:

"When I signed off the air, I told you that it had to do with a terrible life-threatening event that occurred to me, to my family actually, a year ago and events that were subsequent to that and that was it. I was off the air. Well, that's still true. That event occurred and became an absolute crisis on the night that I signed off... actually prior to it. Something that I thought would take my complete full-time attention and for a period of time, of course, it did. Boy, did it! ...The Press... little did I know what would occur. Within 24 hours, I had a full-time encampment of Press around my home... During this time, my network stepped in and helped me. That's what has made possible my return tonight. Now, not that what happened didn't happen. It's not that what happened is still not very serious and life-threatening, because it is. Obviously I would love to be able to tell you about it. Believe me, I would. But, if I did, I would IMMEDIATELY harm my family and so I'm not going to do that."

-- Art Bell

EDITORIAL:

As a competitor to Art Bell, ParaNet was initially excited to have the opportunity to expand its program as a response to Bell's apparent exit. We were in touch with many syndicators and programming networks in the days that followed. When Bell returned, we were both relieved and frustrated. Our selfish reasons should be obvious. On the other hand, Bell was apparently responding to a threat to his family. We

were relieved that the problem, whatever it was, was being dealt with. However, there are a few things in Bell's statements that indicate a lack of perception on his part that we find appalling. Bell was apparently surprised at the media and public response. What did he expect? A highly rated talk show host had quit without warning to his network, and refused to offer a reason other than a vague threat. His exit came during the twice yearly National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) convention, and within days of the announcement that Clear Channel Broadcasting had purchased Jacor/Premiere. It would be only natural to suspect a contract play or publicity stunt. His statements invite speculation, something that he as a bellwether of public opinion should have been able to anticipate. We find it hard to believe that he could have been so naïve. He also said that money has NEVER been part of the equation for him. We find that to be highly unlikely. As his only source of income, his radio show fed his family for years. He stated in his book *The Art of Talk* that he made \$9 Million from the sale of his show to Jacor. If money is not important to him anymore, it's because he no longer needs it. We don't dispute that he has had a longstanding interest in radio, and many in the broadcast industry would agree that it's not easy to get rich in this industry. But his words leave a bad taste in our mouths. ParaNet hopes that whatever individual or group threatened him and his family is located and incarcerated, and we wish him luck in solving the problems that have resulted. We hope he will be as forthcoming as he promises once the danger is past.

Within two weeks of Art's return, on November 13 (Friday the 13th) the Council for Media Integrity (CMI) and the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the

Paranormal (CSICOP), held a press conference in which they presented an award to Art Bell, host of the radio program, "Coast to Coast, AM". Called "The Snuffed Candle Award," it is meant to recognize people "for encouraging credulity, presenting pseudoscience as genuine, and contributing to the public's lack of understanding of the methods of scientific inquiry." The previous winner of this award was Dan Aykroyd for his show "The PSI-Factor."

According to Paul Kurtz, chairman of CSICOP and coordinator of the new Council, "The media have now virtually replaced the schools, colleges, and universities as the main source of information for the general public. . . . the irresponsibility of some of the media in the area of science and the paranormal is a worldwide problem. But it especially applies to the United States, where the media have been distorting science, and in particular presenting pseudoscience as genuine science."

CSICOP added, that they are "appalled by the number of 'documentaries,' which are really entertainment programs, presenting fringe science as real science. The Council is critical of the many talk shows devoted to the paranormal, in which claims in favor of the paranormal are given a platform but skeptical dissent is rarely heard. A statement endorsed by members of the Council maintained that, "If the United States is to continue to provide leadership and compete in the global economy, then we need to raise the level of scientific literacy and understanding of the general public. We are not, of course, asking that TV producers not run these shows or make a profit. We surely do not wish to censor the media. We only ask that they provide some balance and provide some appreciation of the scientific approach. The council will monitor such programs, and

attempt to persuade producers, directors, writers, and the general public to leave room for the appreciation of scientific methods of inquiry. We realize that the media are being attacked from all sides, but we think that a plea for raising the level of understanding of science should be heard."

While ParaNet agrees that Mr. Bell deserves this award, we also believe that CSICOP should not throw stones. CSICOP's mission seems to be to debunk everything that comes along, also with insufficient scientific inquiry. We won't pretend that we have not been guilty of occasionally airing insufficiently researched ideas, but we at least make a conscious effort to present our opinion on some of the things that are "going around" in the UFO and paranormal communities.

ParaNet strives to get at the truth, while attempting to be as entertaining as possible in the venue of a talk show. We appreciate the support we have had from you, our listeners, members, subscribers and friends. Please help us spread the word that ParaNet hopes to fulfill the promise of bringing respectability, truth and open-mindedness to the topics we discuss.

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Project Silver Bug

By Michael Corbin

As we discussed the theme of this issue of *Continuum*, we felt it was necessary to take a hard look at what has developed publicly concerning Project Silver Bug. Therefore, we have dedicated this entire issue to this project.

Tim Matthews, a British UFO researcher, first came to our attention during the early part of 1998. Tim published a paper via the Internet titled, *Flying Saucers - Secret History*. This paper has stirred up a considerable controversy between the "die-hard" alien agenda fans and those that tend to approach the whole saucer business from a more centered angle allowing for all possibilities to be considered. Tim's paper presents a well-researched and footnoted anthology of circular airframe designs that were pioneered beginning in the 1930s. This research and development, far from being alien in origin, had its early roots as far back as the 1930s. Despite numerous documents to substantiate Tim's claims, many in the UFO community seem to prefer the non-scientific method of attacking a man's personality rather than his evidence. Of course, this is true to form and perhaps one reason why this very important topic has not received much attention. It simply doesn't fulfill some people's fantasies about what UFOs are. However, any inquiry of any value must look at all possibilities, no matter how far from our beliefs they may be.

With this in mind, let's ask a question: Could any or all UFO sightings be attributed to man-made devices?

In Tim Matthews' article, we find that there is strong evidence that the Germans were working on saucer technology. Although actual reports of them flying are merely anecdotal, there is sufficient evidence available through Tim's article to suggest that several governments were pursuing saucer technology.

Since we have reprinted Tim's article in this issue, we will not go over it in fine detail.

In 1995, the government released a technical report titled, *Project Silver Bug*. According to the document, marked SECRET, plans were being drawn up in 1955 for a disc that was to be 75-feet in diameter, utilizing a radical propulsion technology, the radial flow engine.



"Is this the REAL Flying Saucer?"
Look magazine cover from 1955.

This disc, according to the engineering report, would be capable of flying over 2400 miles per hour at an altitude of 80,000 feet, with a range of about 4,000 miles. Although the technical report does not give any clues to the actual construction of this device, known as the Y2, can we reasonably speculate that one of these devices was built and flown? Without the actual documents to prove that such a device was built and flown, we cannot conclude definitively that this actually happened. However, we can extract certain clues from the technical report as well as clues from an article which appeared in Volume 19 of *Look Magazine* from June

14th, 1955, the same year that the ATIC technical report was prepared. Strange coincidence? Perhaps.

In the *Look Magazine* article, a picture graces the cover which looks suspiciously like the technical drawings from the Project Silver Bug report. Below the drawing is a caption: "Is this the REAL Flying Saucer? A craft that will outrun and outmaneuver our present jets and eliminate vulnerable runways needed by our air guardians." The article goes on to discuss a "rumored" Canadian saucer project which was working on saucer technology. The article further discusses underground hangers with tubes that would rise through the ground to the surface of the earth, allowing a vertical take off and landing of these devices, concealing their location away from enemy forces that otherwise might bomb the runways as was done with conventional military aircraft.

What appears to be a "smoking gun" revelation has seemingly died on the vine as the years passed, without so much as a debate in the halls of UFOlogy. Why?

Some might respond that it is because the researchers and investigators are fearful to look into this angle because the alien question might dissolve. However, even with this level of denial by UFOlogists, I am not convinced that Project Silver Bug amounts to anything more than another elaborate smoke screen designed by the government to dupe the public into believing that saucer technology, as described in the technical report, is nothing more than an advanced form of aerial weaponry. Yet, even with this scenario, we may be tempted to throw out the baby with the bath water, we must look a bit deeper into this before we dismiss it as mere misinformation.

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Flying Saucers – Secret History

By Tim Matthews

Over the last few months new information has emerged relating to the terrestrial origins of flying saucers. This goes to the heart of modern-day UFO research and because we neither claim that UFOs are of ET origin nor that flying saucer sightings are explainable as evidence of natural phenomena or simply "misidentifications" of mundane phenomena we are under attack from all sides. Nevertheless, the evidence we have put forward has encouraged many researchers to become engaged in a debate that some people might have hoped had gone away.

The fundamental point to make is that, according to a great deal of UFO literature, despite the best efforts of researchers to identify the objects described in UFO reports there remains a hard core, perhaps 1-2%, that are said to represent 'true' or 'real' UFO phenomena. Therefore the evidence suggests that many of this 'core' of 1-2% of sightings relates to structured craft of 'unknown' origin. In this case, I am writing about flying saucers - often quite small, seemingly constructed of some metallic substance - occasionally described as 'brushed' aluminum:

Take for example the McMinnville, Oregon, photographs taken by Paul Trent on 11th May 1950. These are some

of the best examples of a saucer photograph and extensive analysis has shown that: "This is one of the few UFO reports in which all factors investigated, geometric, psychological, and psychical, appear to be consistent with the assertion that an extraordinary flying object, silvery, metallic, disk-shaped, tens of meters in diameter, and evidently artificial, flew within sight of two witnesses."

This is very important UFO research which shines new light on this most 'elusive' mystery of the Twentieth Century. Perhaps it is time for a little demystification....

We suspect that 'flying saucers' were developed, to some extent in parallel, on either side of the Atlantic during the Second World War. This realization, or understanding, is becoming increasingly a focus for research even though a long period of time has passed since those developments took place. Our research might be said to represent a 'small voice of calm' within the UFO community, whose increasingly shrill calls for Western governments to 'come clean about UFOs and aliens' tend to obscure the truth about flying saucers.

To others, our research is an example of the 'Federal Hypothesis', that which states that:

"The answer seems to be that, in the USA at least, UFOs are controlled not so much by an intelligence as by an Intelligence Agency".

In the first place, it is certainly not the case the new generation of man-made flying saucer advocates are "apologists"

for Nazism as is suggested by the skeptics who claim that because some "nazi" saucer researchers are of dubious political persuasion then all subsequent research is invalid.

This type of guilt by association is, of course, a rather ineffective way of arguing with the evidence.

Secondly, debunkers argue that because some supposed sightings of flying saucers have been explained or that they are explainable then all sightings should be called into question. The reader has seen that there are impressive UFO sightings that clearly relate to structured circular craft and that these

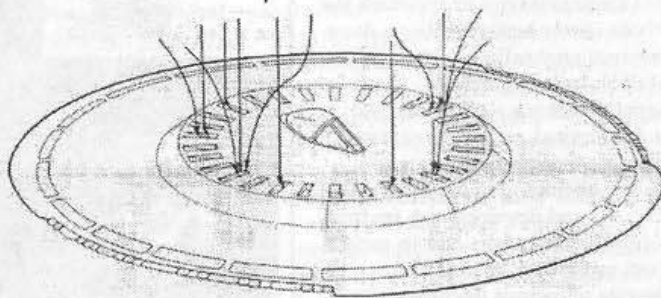
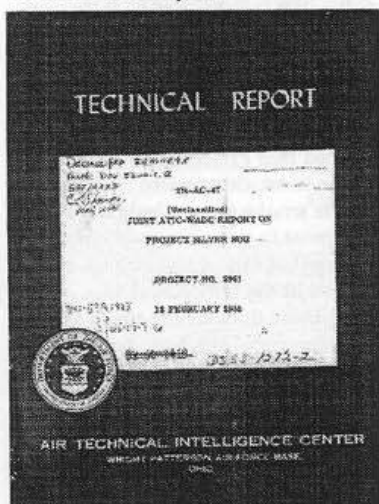


Fig. 6 Airflow into hinge During Take-off and Landing

have been reported from around the world with a concentration upon the USA - a fact which surprises few researchers.

Despite the argument that German scientists had no more advanced technology than the allies, one American was very clear as to the technical achievements of nazi scientists: Major General Hugh Knerr, Deputy Commanding General for Administration of US Strategic Forces in Europe, wrote to Lieutenant General Carl Spatz in March 1945:

"Occupation of German scientific and industrial establishments has revealed the fact that we have been alarmingly backward in many fields of research, if we do not take this opportunity to seize



Note: All illustrations in this article are reproduced from the Silver Bug technical report

the apparatus and the brains that developed it and put this combination back to work promptly, we will remain several years behind while we attempt to cover a field already exploited."

It is possible to look into the area of German flying saucers without reference to so-called "established" sources. These authors are often targeted for attack by skeptics and include Allen Harbinson, who has contributed to the subject through his exciting series of Project Saucer novels and the more recent non-fiction paperback "Projekt UFO" and Renate Vesco, whose research appeared in the late 1960s as a paperback with the title "Intercept But Don't Shoot" and later as "Intercept UFO". Vesco appears to have cooperated with "hidden knowledge" writer David Hatcher Childress in the production of "Man-Made UFOs - 50 Years of Suppression". In addition to these books, which are interesting though imperfect in their presentation (and omission) of the evidence, there are also two books written in the 1970s by Ernst Zundel under the pseudonym "Mattern Friedrich" which were popular for a short time within the far-right political community and may still be available.

Zundel himself is a controversial figure for a number of obvious reasons which include support for anti-Semitic groups, his publication of books and magazines denying the holocaust, and his links with most of the influential neo-Nazi groups in Germany, Britain, the USA and Canada. His most important book on the subject of German flying saucers is entitled "UFOs: Nazi Secret Weapons".

Despite the fact that Zundel is a character with whom we have little or nothing in common from a political point of view, his espousal of far-right politics neither means that every piece of information in his two books is wrong nor that they should be ignored. It is important to realize that Zundel's main purpose in writing and dissemination these books was not primarily an attempt to advocate the supposed "superiority" of Nazi technologies but to make a fast buck.

In short, Zundel did it for the money, and he has made it quite clear that these

publications are, in his view, not to be taken 100% seriously. The skeptics point to Zundel as a major source on German secret projects despite the fact that there are several other books and articles, including primary material, that have no link with such questionable politics. Where we have a situation where skeptics will use any tactic, we can expect them to claim that any use of contemporary German-language material is evidence of "apology" for Nazi war crimes. This is not the case although we do not any longer intend to look over our shoulder every time we mention German pre-war or wartime technology. We research this subject in order to shed new and important light on the fundamental reality of man-made flying saucers.

The final point to bare in mind regarding this subject is that the victors of any conflict have a head start in writing the history books and, in the case of the immediate aftermath of the Second World War, burying or spiriting away evidence, documents, plans and blueprints, actual technology and a variety of other materials that the allies did not, and do not, want the public to know about - for a variety of reasons that may become apparent.

Despite the fact that the man-made origins of flying saucers are of the greatest implications in terms of our understanding of postwar history, "man-made UFO" researchers have to some extent been deliberately ostracized and smeared.

Nevertheless, a great deal of new information has emerged in recent years and there is still more to come. The suggestion that fifty years after the end of the Second World War new information

cannot emerge because this period has been the subject of the most intense scrutiny is an illogical one. For any number of reasons information can stay buried and, beyond mere speculation, we know that files relating to the Second World War remain locked in the deep dark vaults of the Public Records Office in Kew, London. Remember this - records are routinely held for 30 years and can be held for 50, 75 and 100 years after the event. By the time they emerge they may have been altered, edited or sanitized to "protect" the identity of those responsible for the imple-

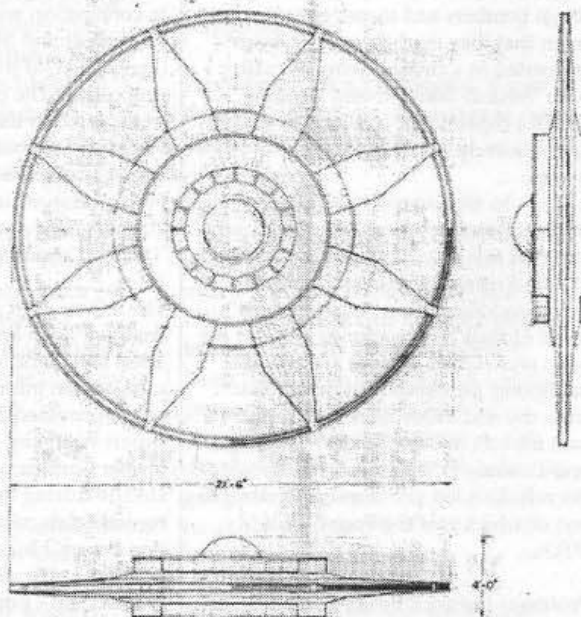


Fig. 1. Three-View General Arrangement of Proposed Multi-Engine Research Aircraft

mentation of policy. One simple example that comes to mind is the emergence in recent years of new and credible information about the German nuclear research programme underway during the Second World War. Much of this has been the result of research undertaken by Philip Henshall who has also contributed a great deal to our understanding of advanced German weapons projects through his books on the rocket research facilities at Peenemünde on the Baltic coast.

Even before the allies landed in Normandy in June 1944 special groups of language and technical research spe-

cialists had been organized in order to recover as much of the technological hardware and research data relating to advanced German weapons. This effort was dedicated to getting hold of much more than data on the V2 rocket - the most obvious and well-known example of German scientific expertise. Already, through an intelligence estimate passed to the allies via a Norwegian source and known as the "Oslo Letter", the allies were aware of other weapons under development and in operation by axis powers. These included radio-controlled bombs, huge guns, rocket launchers, new radar systems, long-range bombers and torpedoes. It would seem that they might also have been interested in a circular-wing aircraft with Vertical-Take-Off-and Landing (VTOL) capabilities. In short, an early and relatively primitive flying saucer.....

In order to make some progress in terms of this research it seems necessary to avoid using the standard sources - Vesco and Harbinson - even though some of their information is valid as we have seen. Other sources are equally intriguing. One source indicates that from the mid 1930s there was significant interest in both Vertical-Take Off and-Landing (VTOL) and circular wing aircraft. This led to a number of designs one of which was the Focke-Wulf VTOL.:

Professor Heinrich Focke was particularly interested in emerging helicopter and autogyro technologies and was involved in the design and production of the FW6, Fa223, Fa226, Fa283 and 284 models during the war. The creation of the jet engine encouraged him to design a propulsion system known as the "turbo-shaft" still used in most helicopters today. In 1939 he patented a saucer-type aircraft with enclosed twin rotors. This was a revolutionary development described as follows:

"The exhaust nozzle forked in two at the end of the engine and ended in two auxiliary combustion chambers located on the trailing edge of the wing. When fuel was added these combustion chambers they would act as afterburners to provide horizontal propulsion to Focke's design. The control at low

speed was achieved by alternately varying the power from each auxiliary combustion chamber."

This was by no means the only circular aircraft.

Another similar aircraft was the troubled AS6 partly designed by the leading aviation expert in Germany Dr. Alexander Lippisch whose work at the Gottingen Aviation Institute was legendary and whose impact upon post-war 'UFOs' cannot be underestimated. His revolutionary "DM" series of small triangular aircraft were built and flown in conjunction with students at Darmstadt and Munich Universities (hence the DM prefix) and used rocket propulsion. The plans for these were transported to the USA after the war. His most advanced design was undoubtedly the Lippisch Supersonic Flying Wing which, although never built, strongly hinted at the triangular 'UFOs' of the 1980s and 1990s.

The information about the AS6 (V1) emerged in an article written by Hans Ebert and Hans Meier based to a certain extent upon information and a photograph provided by German aviation expert Wolfgang Spate. (Spate was the former Commander of Operational Test Unit 16 during the War and more recently recognized as a leading aviation expert. He served in the refounded postwar Luftwaffe.) The article, entitled "Prototypen - Einselschicksale deutscher Flugzeuge, Der Kreisflugler AS6 V1", was included in a the respected Luftfahrt International in 1980. In certain respects the AS6, built by Messerschmidt, was based upon similar thinking as the Zimmerman V173 "flying flapjack" - designed for use by the US Navy from 1942. The "flying flapjack" was far more successful and developed at the Chance-Vought works in Connecticut and despite its' supposed limitations was a propeller-driven aircraft designed to be flown from an aircraft carrier, hence the need for Short Take off and Landing (STOL) capability. The flapjack was able to fly at low speeds of approximately 40mph. The flight envelope was 40-425 mph and a more advanced version, the XF5U1, was also tested.

One other important feature of these circular wings was an early 'stealth' capability. The Horten brothers Reimar and Walter, known for their many successful flying wing prototypes, had developed a composite wing made of plywood held together by sawdust, charcoal and glue intended to absorb radar waves for use in their HIX model.

In 1946 Chance-Vought was using a similar technique. A skin called 'metalite' was used in one of its' circular wings. Thomas C. Smith, former President of the Woodstream Corporation and a Penn State graduate engineer at the time, reported that he had seen a 'flying saucer' (XF5U1?) taking off vertically from the Chance-Vought facilities in Stratford, Connecticut at the time and that it had used this composite. This was reported last year.

This means that the circular wing or 'flying saucer' had a limited stealth capability years before the use of Radar Absorbent Materials was considered for other advanced aircraft....

We can certainly dismiss all the nonsense so prevalent in various media on the subject of German flying saucers which relates to the development of circular-wing aircraft as the result of "occult" or "mystical" beliefs. The truth is that the circular wing was designed for technical reasons.

Whilst it is likely that any information relating to the limited AS6 would have been taken by the allies for examination at a later date it would seem that there is some evidence to suggest that a more advanced jet-powered flying saucer was at least designed, if not built, from around 1943 onwards. The first source is Flight Captain Rudolph Schriever who came forward in 1950 and claimed that he had worked with a small team at facilities near Prague with a view to developing a flying saucer-type vehicle. The Schriever story first emerged in "Der Spiegel" magazine dated March 30th 1950 entitled "Untertassen-Flieger Kombination":

"A former Luftwaffe captain and aircraft designer. Rudolph Schriever, who says engineers throughout the world experi-

mented in the early 1940s with "flying saucers" is willing to build one for the United States in six to nine months. The 40 year old Prague University graduate said he made blueprints for such a machine, which he calls a "flying top", before Germany's collapse and that the blueprints were stolen from his laboratory. He says the machine would be capable of 2,600 mph with a radius of 4,000 miles, Schriever is a US Army driver at Bremerhaven."

This is a most credible story. Schriever claimed that the model built for testing was completed in 1944 with a view to flying it in 1945. Nevertheless, the Russian advance ended any hopes of a test-flight.

A 1975 Luftfahrt International report took these claims seriously and noted that after Schriever's death in the late 1950s papers found amongst his belongings had included technical drawings of a flying saucer.

Schriever seemed to argue that although a saucer had existed it had not flown. This is contradicted by a possible eye-witness, George Klein.

He claimed after the war in an interview, given on November 18th 1954 to the Zurich-based "Tages Anzeiger", that he had actually seen a flying saucer test on 14th February 1945 and that the craft had performed remarkably well reaching an altitude of 30,000ft in 3 minutes as well as a high speed of hundreds of miles and hour. Despite the fact that subsequent information leads us to conclude that a jet-powered flying disc was developed at the end of the war Klein spoke of a "ray-guided disc". Despite this fanciful claim some of the things he said made more sense. For instance, he claimed that some of the work on the flying saucers had taken place at Pennemunde. Pennemunde was of course the focal point for the development of the A4/V2 rocket. Interestingly, Klein also claimed that the

necessary stability for the saucer had been attained through the use of a gyroscope. This is exactly the method used in the later German rockets developed by the Von Braun/Dornberger team. What is more, the entire rocket effort moved to the Mittlewerke underground facilities near Nordhausen in the Harz Mountains. It is claimed, by several other witnesses, that a flying saucer was tested in the vicinity of Kahla in Thuringia in early 1945.

The evidence presented above seems to have been taken seriously not only by mainstream magazines and national newspapers in the 1950s but also by the author of "Brighter Than A Thousand Suns", Robert Jungk. This is an authori-

Ministrium or RLM, TM]. The Air Force research workers were in a peculiar position. They produced interesting new types such as the Delta [Lippisch and Horten, TM] and flying discs. The first of these "flying saucers", as they were later called - circular in shape, with a diameter of some 45 yards - were built by the specialists Schriever, Habermohl and Mieth. They were first airborne on February 14th 1945, over Prague and reached in three minutes a height of nearly eight miles. They had a speed of 1250mph which was doubled in subsequent tests. It is believed that Habermohl fell into the hands of the Russians. Mieth developed at a later date similar "flying saucers" at A.V Roe and Company for the United States".

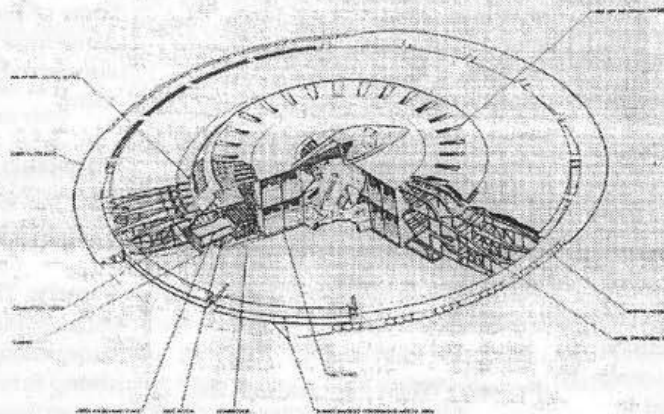


Fig. 4 Section Cutaway of Research Aircraft (Radial Flow Engine)

This use of the original Schriever story is interesting if only because the author felt that the information was good and warranted exposure. Given the nature of the book, we might well ask whether the author had any other information that supported the claims made as to the characteristics of the circular aircraft. It is up to the reader to decide whether these claims make any sense at all and more importantly, how this might affect our understanding of flying saucer history.....

tative and historical account of the development of the Atomic Bomb written by a respected author. The book itself, still available and published by Harcourt and Brace, received critical acclaim from Bertrand Russell, amongst others. A section of text on page 87 of the paperback edition states:

"The indifference of Hitler and those about him to research in natural sciences amounted to positive hostility."¹¹

The accompanying footnote reads as follows:

¹¹"The only exception to the lack of interest shown by authority was constituted by the Air Ministry [Reichs Luftfahrt

Until recently, it would have been rather safer and perhaps more sensible to argue that although various prototype saucers existed in whatever form they were never tested. Safety is often the best policy given the shark infested waters of modern-day UFO research. However, thanks to three years of painstaking research by UK astronomy, aviation and photographic expert Bill Rose which included on-site research in Germany, Canada and America we now know a great deal more. Initially Rose felt, like many skeptics, that the evidence for German flying saucer (and UFO) reality was very shaky.

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INTERVIEW

Interview with John Anthony West, ParaNet Continuum #121, 8/4/96

Interview with L. Fletcher Prouty regarding mind control by the CIA From The ParaNet Continuum Radio Show, Oct. 25, 1998

Prouty is author of the book *JFK - The CIA, Vietnam and the plot to assassinate John F. Kennedy*. He was the basis for the character "Mr. X" in Oliver Stone's movie, *JFK*. He's a retired colonel of the U.S. Air Force, jet pilot and former professor of air science and tactics at Yale University. During the Kennedy years, he was chief of special operations for the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He was directly in charge of the global system designed to provide military support for the clandestine activities of the CIA.

ParaNet: Tell us about project Paperclip.

Prouty: At the end of WWII, we knew that there were numbers of German and other European scientists who were very advanced in certain fields. In fact, the evidence of rocket aircraft that the Germans had flown, scientists had flown, and for some reason, we didn't have quite as much experience in that area. So men like that, like Werner Von Braun, were all brought to the U.S. We had to have regular aircraft pick them up - thousands of them - that were not in the scheduled system, and it happened to be my job in those days to send the aircraft over to pick up these men. The idea was that we might just as well capitalize on what they already knew, rather than work our way up through it. I talked a lot to Von Braun, and he said that he was mad at Hitler because Hitler wouldn't use the nuclear weapons the way they ought to be used.

ParaNet: You've talked about operation MK-ULTRA, which was the CIA's mind control experimentation. The country was shocked in the 70's to learn that the CIA had experimented with drugs on unwitting American citizens. What was the thrust of behavioral modification programs that the CIA was looking into?

Prouty: That is a very important question. The CIA was not designed to do mind control work. By the latter part of the 1950's, the CIA was given the job of MK-ULTRA, which is mind control work. I have that material, and I would recommend to any of you who are interested that you check out the work of Walter Bowart, who wrote the book "Mind Control".

ParaNet: Who gave the orders to the CIA to do this?

Prouty: When they realized that this resource [mind control] was available, various committees in the government convinced the National Security Council that we should study this. They decided to make the CIA responsible for it.

ParaNet: Do you know why the occult figures so prominently in MK-ULTRA?

Prouty: Well, first of all because it's so effective when it's done the way they do it. I must make clear that I retired in 1964, and there's an awful lot that's happened since then. But it was clear to me back then, that a large number are from operation Paperclip.

ParaNet: Would it be fair to say

that what they perfected under the experimental phases could be operational today?

Prouty: Oh, there's no question about that! Not just our own program, but others in the world - the Soviets, the Chinese, the British. And they meet together! At that level, when you're talking about something so dangerous, it's not a military agreement you have to get together, they have to agree on what their limits are if they think that humanity is going to stay together. Some of these things are extremely dangerous and extremely powerful depending on who's got control of them.

ParaNet: What do you see that has happened in this country since you retired in 1964?

Prouty: There is power in the banking industry that we don't know enough about. It's a very strong function. If you control the money, you control what goes on in the world. The world is becoming more one-world than ever before. Whether the people that are doing this are doing it for the benefit of the world or for themselves is up for conjecture.

ParaNet: Could a one world government become a reality?

Prouty: Well of course. There are weapons out there that are far beyond anything that's ever been used and it might be done by other means - people better understand this business of mind control and what it can do because it isn't just mind control - they can create a type of illness that people get that makes them do certain things that they wouldn't be doing otherwise. It's

"human control" - the control of humanity. I've known some of the leaders in this, and we are overlooking it too much.

ParaNet: How do we stop this?

Prouty: Education. The more people know about it, the better chance we have to control it. But if people think it's just something about of comic strips, nothing will happen. Without knowledge you can't go too far in any subject. For example, this country has a very inefficient transportation system. We should have trains running 250 miles per hour. Japan has done this with no accidents. We should be able to do this too, and we should have the best in the world, but we don't. Our school system is far below where it should be. Our infrastructure should be the best in the world. I know of aircraft that have been flown that are much better than what's flying now. We have the knowledge. We need a better money system than the Federal Reserve. And it goes on and on...

ParaNet: Any comments on the subject of UFOs?

Prouty: When I was in Tokyo, I was commander of a squadron that flew back and forth from Tokyo to Hawaii during the Korean War. In that period, I received a personal Top Secret memorandum from Washington saying that if any crew members saw anything unusual in the air, they were to report it immediately and we were to question them thoroughly and then send that report to a certain office in the Air Force. I had a captain of a C-54 come in who had just arrived from Honolulu and he said "Sir, I'll have to talk to you about something we saw when we were coming past Midway. My crew saw it. I had 60 passengers on my plane and they were excited about it." These things happened. How do you explain an object that appears off the wingtip

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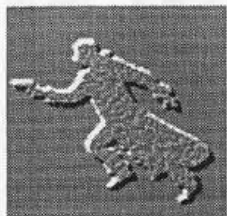
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The Lone Gunmen



Under a U.S. covert project called "Paperclip" (<http://www.dc.peach-net.edu/~shale/humanities/composition/assignments/experiment/paperclip.html>) U.S. officials brought German scientists to the United States after World War Two. These scientists, who served the Third Reich until the Allied invasion, designed fantastic aircraft and weapons, even though few of these aircraft were actually built or tested by the Reich. The U.S. military, seduced by German engineering ingenuity, enlisted these scientists to work on the secret Y-2 aircraft, termed "Project Silverbug." The Y-2 aircraft, also known as a "VTO" "flat-riser" aircraft was an attempt to eliminate the use of a runway. Y-2 was constructed, according to the Silverbug report, "with a very large radial-flow gas turbine engine, which when covered, will form a flying wing with a circular platform, similar in appearance to a very large discus."

In recent years, the CIA and the Air Force have begun declassifying and releasing documents on experimental disc aircraft designated as "Project Silverbug" that may be related to many of the Third Reich's experimental aircraft. The Lone Gunmen have it on the QT that Silverbug aircraft were designed to fly at 2300 MPH and able to reach an altitude of 80,600 feet as early as 1955. We also have heard that Silverbug disc craft has the ability to hover and take off vertically like a helicopter.

In this installment of The Lone Gunmen, we take you on a strange

journey, looking at Nazi saucer technology as it relates to Air Force documents on Silverbug.

A Die-Hard Issue: CIA's Role in the Study of UFOs, 1947-1990
by Gerald K. Haines from Studies in Intelligence Semiannual Edition #1, 1997

<http://www.odci.gov/csi/studies/97uncas/ufo.html>

Gerald K. Haines is a historian with the National Reconnaissance Office. In this article, Haines offers an articulate examination of the role of the CIA in the investigation of UFO reports. According to Haines, "What emerges...is that, while Agency concern over UFOs was substantial until the early 1950s, the CIA has since paid only limited and peripheral attention to the phenomena." Hmmm. The Lone Gunmen don't think so!

Air Intelligence Digest

<http://www.cufon.org/cufon/flydisc.htm>

Read a historical article from the December, 1954 issue of the U.S. Air

Force Air Intelligence Digest (AID) titled "The Flying Disc" and the Project Silverbug documents at the Computer UFO Network (CUFON) Website. Also check out the "Electrogravitics Systems" link "...an examination of electrostatic motion, dynamic counterbary and barycentric control" at <http://www.cufon.org/cufon/electgrav.htm>

The Aviation History On-Line Museum

<http://www.aviation-history.com/index.html>

The entry for "swept-wing" states: "The whole idea of sweeping an aircraft's wing is to delay the drag rise caused by the formation of shock waves. The swept-wing concept had been appreciated by German aerodynamicists since the mid-1930s, and by 1942 a considerable amount

of research had gone into it. However, in the United States and Great Britain, the concept of the swept wing

remained virtually unknown until the end of the war. Due to the early research in this area, this allowed Germany to successfully introduce the swept wing in the jet fighter Messerschmitt ME-262 as early as 1941. After the war, German advanced aeronautical research data became available to the United States Army Air Force (USAAF) as well as Great Britain. This technology was then incorporated into their aircraft designs." Could be possible that Silverbug evolved out of this "incorporation"?

Flying Saucers and the Third Reich

<http://unmuseum.mus.pa.us/germufo.htm>

This well designed and informative Web page, poses some interesting questions regarding WWII German experimental aircraft. One of the more interesting facts reported by the authors of this page is on aircraft designer Victor Schauberger, born in Austria in 1885. Schauberger's phi-

The Lone Gunmen

The origin of the Lone Gunmen was recently explained in an X-Files episode entitled "Unusual Suspects." Set in 1989, X-Files junkies were finally able to see how Byers, Frohike and Langly joined forces to become the Lone Gunmen. "X," Muldur's mysterious informant and protector, when asked by an angry Byers if he belonged to the same rogue group responsible for JFK's assassination, replied: "I thought it was a Lone Gunman." Multitalented and paranoid, the Lone Gunmen provide research support to Agents Mulder and Scully on the many fringe cases that are the X-Files.

[Taken in part from the Official X-Files website at <http://www.thex-files.com>]

losophy was that aircraft should be designed "going with the flow of nature" rather than against it; this lead him to saucer shaped flying machine, that used a "liquid vortex propulsion" system. His theory was that "if water or air is rotated into a twisting form of oscillation, known as a 'colloidal,' a build-up of energy results, which, with immense power, can cause levitation." Read more at this fascinating Web page and be sure to check out an artist's conception of a Nazi flying disc cruising over the Alps.

Flying Saucers Are Man-Made Electrical Machines

<http://trufax.org/books/space.html>

Read a book review of Space Aliens from the Pentagon: Flying Saucers Are Man-Made Electrical Machines, written by William P. Lyne, first released in 1993 and revised and expanded in 1995.

Flying Saucers Invade Europe

<http://www.esper.com/RareBird/eur-ufo.htm>

This page is a compilation of foreign newspaper stories appeared during the European UFO flap of 1950-54, and printed at the peak of sightings in a small English-language magazine published by Charles Harnett at Kaiserslautern, Germany.

Flying Saucers - Secret History A new report by Tim Matthews

<http://ufoinfo.com/news/fssh.html>

This articulate and well-researched report questions the extraterrestrial origins of flying saucers; Matthews states "The case for man-made UFOs is stronger than ever whereas the evidence for 'alien flying saucers' is wholly untenable." He reminds us to "Never forget the CIA memorandum circulated in 1952 by Director Walter B. Smith which noted the possible use of flying saucers for the purposes of psychological warfare." Tim is a previous guest on the Paranet Continuum Radio Show.

German Flying Saucers!

[cs15http://www.qtm.net/~geibdan/newse/may/nazi.html](http://www.qtm.net/~geibdan/newse/may/nazi.html)

Read about the "Pinkel Saucer" as reported in a 1954 German magazine Frankfurter Illustrierte, as well as other Nazi disc craft info.

German Secret Weapons and the UFO/Nazis Connection: Research Project

<http://www.ufo.it/german/german.htm>

The "UFO/Nazi connection" began, according to this Website, after the end of World War Two. The "connection" centers around "alleged German developments of saucer-shaped crafts able to fly with incredible performances...known as the "V-7 Legend" (as from a claimed circular machine claimed to have flown in Prague on February 14, 1945)." This Website is chock-full of artist's conceptions of what German experimental aircraft might look like, and also contains a "A Preliminary Bibliography" of German secret weapons at <http://www.ufo.it/german/german1.htm>. The Lone Gunmen highly recommend this site.

Military (Black Projects) Aircraft...Welcome to the World of Stealth!

<http://www.colinmil.mcmail.com/>

From the AX-17 to the SR-71A, this site has info and picture of black aircraft.

Nazi Saucers Described In Atom Bomb Classic

<http://www.qtm.net/~geibdan/newse/nov/nazi.html>

and

<http://www.scifi.com/sightings/web082197/newss.html>

A Sightings researcher was contacted by D. Robin Stowell, a typesetter who claimed to have typeset the original manuscript of Brighter Than A Thousand Suns, a history of

the race to build the atom bomb. Stowell recalled a footnote in the book that described German saucers that were 45 yards across, capable of reaching speeds over Mach-1 and climbing to an elevation of nearly eight miles!

REICHDREAMS

by J. Miranda & P. Mercado

<http://users.visi.net/~djohnson/rdreams/rdreams.html>

This Website says "The information about German Secret Weapons you cannot find anywhere else!" We believe it. Dossier #10: German Circular Planes and Dossier # 15: Bat Wing German Planes especially interested us!

Report on Project Silverbug

<http://home.fuse.net/task/Silverbug.htm>

This essay, written by George Belanus, reports a number of German aeronautical engineers were reputedly brought to the United States after World War II to continue their work on VTO flying disks which had originated as a Luftwaffe research and development project. Belanus also discusses the Flugelrad, or "Wingwheel," a saucer-helicopter which could take off vertically, as well as early American attempts to design and create saucer aircraft.

Silverbug @ UFO World

<http://ufo-world.simplenet.com/silverbug.html>

This great site shows the original declassified 1955 Air Technical Intelligence Center report on Silverbug from Wright Patterson Air Force Base, as well as documents that UFO World obtained using the Freedom of Information Act. The images are photocopies of the original converted to .jpg format for the Web. If you have RealPlayer, you can watch a Sightings documentary on Silverbug at UFO World too.

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ParaNet 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. Log onto your Internet service provider and access the network via the Usenet newsgroup alt.paranet.ufo. Spelling and grammatical errors have not been fixed—these articles are exactly as posted.

Logic says E.T. visits a high probability

Scientists speculate that we are less than 200 years away from inter-stellar space travel. That's not that far off. So let's just say that one out of a million of those intelligent civilizations, have achieved interstellar travel. That would mean that there are over 4,000,000 intelligent civilizations in our universe with the knowledge and power to reach our planet.

So have they visited us? That has yet to be proven but I do know one thing. With more and more scientific discoveries emerging, the believers are starting to have a better case than skeptics.

Based on the logic cited in the above post and the assumption that there are $4,000,000 = 4 \times 10^6$ intelligent space travelling civs in our universe is true, it is almost certain that none even know we exist, let alone have traveled here. Read on...

Part of the problem with the previous post's logic is that of one of these "civilizations" "finding" us in the first place. It makes finding a

needle in a haystack child's play. The intelligent life would have to be within about 100 light years from us and probably closer, because that's as long as we have been transmitting electromagnetic energy (i.e. a homing beacon) that could be considered "intelligent". (Based on some of the radio/tv shows produced, that's debatable too: You will find that the number of intelligent space travelling civs in that smaller volume of space would be extremely less than the number 4×10^6 . Reduce that new lower number by the % chance they would even be able to detect our faint emissions and the number you get is so close to zero it's not funny! Or not. Read on for a small bit of math to illustrate.

Just to give you an idea of how much to reduce the number 4×10^6 , find the fraction of the volume of a 100 light year sphere to that of the volume of the entire universe, and that is the fraction of the intelligent civs in our little piece of the universe. This assumes a homogeneous distribution of intelligent civs in the universe of course, which the original number assumes anyway. Considering the most distant objects are on the order of billions of light years, we could say for the sake of argument that a lower bound on the size of the universe is on the order of 10^9 light years. So $10^2 / 10^9$ is 10^{-7} .

Volume is proportional to r^3 , so $(10^{-7})^3 = 10^{-21}$. So the number of space travelling civs in that smaller volume of space would be approximately $4 \times 10^6 / 10^{-21}$ or 4×10^{-15} . That is one *helluva* lot less than 1.

Spelled out: 0.0000000000000004 intelligent space travelling civilizations, in our little 100 light year sphere around our little blue ball we call earth. Even if volume weren't proportional to r^3 and just r , it

would still be 0.1 civilizations, but we know that volume is r^3 , so it's really less than one to understate it just a bit!

I doubt there are any E.T.'s visiting us based on that logic, sorry.

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The joy of debunking

-----Original Message-----

From: John <john@no-s.pam>

Newsgroups:

alt.alien.visitors,alt.ufo.reports,alt.paranet.ufo,

alt.alien.research

Date: Saturday, December 05, 1998 7:08 PM

If you want me to admit to a religion, all right I will. I was baptized as a Roman Catholic. I must add that this was done entirely without my knowledge nor consent because I was just a baby at the time. Now that I am a baptized Roman Catholic (on the churches record only) my religious belief would be better described as a Roman Catholic Heretic, although I have absolutely no religious faith nor do I believe in any form of worship what so ever towards any fictitious supreme being. Even if there were by the remotest possibility a supreme being, I doubt that it would approve in worship nor would I ever contemplate worshipping it. This is why I believe that all religion is EVIL.

Jerry Bryson wrote:

It's evidently John's religion. ET will be amused at him, when they show up (and I think they will)

Lou Minatti louminatti@yahoo.com wrote:

This isn't a religion/atheism newsgroup. Or is it? In some ways, UFOology is a religion. Failure doesn't mean you can't; it just means you haven't. This is a multi-part message in MIME format.

Paranoid?? Who is paranoid, me? I invite them to come and get me because I know they won't. If they did come, I would have concrete confirmation (at least personally) that we are being watched. As for being schizophrenic, is that what I am for questioning what is commonly refereed to as "a known truth" even if it is not proven and therefore only a theory.

Ron Cecchini wrote:

Why is it that none of you alien / UFO debunkers use your arguments and/or expertise toward debunking mainstream religious beliefs?

Holy friggin' shit ... Paranoid much?

Well, maybe it's unfair of me to jump on your case, since i'm new here. However, i'm a good judge of delusional paranoids/schizophrenics, and, well, if the shoe fits ... Anyway, don't count me amongst your alleged "disinformation agents". I'm just a wittle ol' Scientific Agnostic looking for proof of something. (FWIW, i debate w/ all proponets of the mystical & paranormal; e.g. religionists, mystics, healers, et al.)

You stated in another thread that the person you were responding to (obviously a disinformation agent...) didn't understand what "the full implications" would be of the discovery of an E.T.I. Well, m'bruthah, *i* do. It's one of the things i think about non-stop.

'However', given that the implications 'ARE' so great, do you really think i/we should believe every latest report of an alien abduction, crashed E.T. UFO, cattle mutilation, or crop circle? Or rather, keeping in mind just how serious and far-reaching the effects of an encounter with an E.T.I. would be, should we be steadfast in being as rigorous,

SKEPTICAL, and demanding of irrefutable 'proof' as we can be? i for one, honestly & truly hope that E.T.'s exist. But i'm not gonna believe it just 'cause someone said to...

ron

(who wonders why those crashed E.T. UFO's didn't have an <Eject button, or a parachute, or somethin'. i mean, a civilization 1,000,000+ years ahead of us should have thought of that, right?)

Have you ever heard of the term "brainwashed"? Open your eyes and look, open your ears and listen. Do this with all the media, with government policies, with natural disasters, etc. etc. Now try to see what is not being covered by the media and what the politicians do not tell you. There is something extremely serious and disturbing going on behind the scene in total secrecy. I bet that if we were living in the dark ages you would believe that the Earth is at the center of the universe and would think me a lunatic for suggesting that the earth is in fact just a small sphere in a vast ocean called the universe. The ideology between the dark ages and the present is exactly the same except for the issues which have changed. We are in effect living right now in a modern version of the dark ages.

Andrea Chen wrote:

Ron this is the alt hierarchy. alt stands for (and I don't make this up) anarchists, lunatics and terrorists. aav is one group which still tries to keep to the original vision.

Anyway, don't count me amongst your alleged "disinformation agents".

Ron, on aav it's a tradition to be a disinfo psyop. When you are accused it shows that you've made it.

This is true and it IS very disturbing. It's called "incompetence" and it's a huge problem in both government and media (although I'm not sure about the "natural disasters" part of the statement).

ANYONE who's been present when a "news event" occurs, then sees the subsequent "coverage" of the event, will quickly realize that the news media is often hopelessly incompetent.

In my experience, they skim quickly over the top of the event, ignoring anything of substance, and report only the most obvious, pandering, self-serving, simplistic interpretation.

Somehow, this seems to be parallel to the way politicians approach problems, too.

It IS just incompetence, however. To suggest that all of the thousands upon thousands of news gathering people out there are somehow in a giant conspiracy to hide the truth is to grant them far more organizational ability, energy and drive than I think they possess.

John <john@no-s.pam wrote:

Now try to see what is not being covered by the media and what the politicians do not tell you. With the exception of an occasional Rose Garden photo-op, non-events are not covered. What, exactly, is your objection to this?

Failure doesn't mean you can't; It just means you haven't. He wants to see Reno naked.

Jerry Bryson wrote:

Maybe the aliens view life differently than we do, they are after all "alien". Perhaps they know that after the physical death there is life in another body, so death really is not

significant. Just a theory.

Mark Shippey wrote:

ron: (who wonders why those crashed E.T. UFO's didn't have an Eject button, : or a parachute, or somethin'. i mean, a civilization 1,000,000+ years: ahead of us should have thought of that, right?)

Good question. How could an advanced technology like supposed crashed saucers not have some kind of perfected safety mechanism? The images of the bodies on the ground becomes very primitive and absurd when even our jets have ejection technology. Maybe the aliens just didn't think of it. Woops.

Obviously, after Roswell and other crash retrievals, we know that the aliens do not have a recovery procedure of their own. Unless of course, the special forces that do the military recovery are in really alien hybrids masquerading as human military personnel. In which case they do have a recovery mechanism in place that is very effective and it does a good job at preserving the secrecy of their reality. This would explain why the military has no knowledge of any aliens at Roswell, because they really don't. The aliens cleaned up the mess.

Jerry Bryson wrote:

Mark Shippey <kprinter@dfw.nationwide.net wrote:

And obviously backed up to the hilt with redundant systems, rescue and salvage vehicles, etc. A crashed vehicle would be gone by the time the army arrived.

John <john@no-s.pam wrote:

Obviously, after Roswell and other crash retrievals, we know that the aliens do not have a recovery procedure of their own.

No, it only indicates Roswell was a hoax.

Failure doesn't mean you can't; It just means you haven't.

Perhaps the nazi holocaust was also a hoax. No, I don't mean that it never happened, but perhaps it wasn't 6,000,000 jews that were murdered, it was something like maybe 6000 that died. You know, the media is always full of bull. Try tackling that.

For God's sake, let's not start on that one. Next to "who is the better starship captain, Kirk or Picard?" it's the oldest running argument on Usenet.

Really? Too bad I don't know who Picard is.

actual3 wrote:

I mean all of the debunkers, are most of you hypocrites? You should question established dogma with the same fervor that you have towards UFOs and EBEs

Rob Hafernik wrote:

In article <3668B204.D5C70D3@no-s.pam, John <john@no-s.pam wrote:

Why is it that none of you alien / UFO debunkers use your arguments and/or expertise toward debunking mainstream religious beliefs? Yes, I do demand a concise explanation without BS claiming that religion is truth, or whatever other excuse your imagination cares to concoct..

Some of them do. Check Deja News for people who post to both alt.alien.research and alt.religion.christian, there are several overlaps.

In article <3669EBCA.FF818FF3@no-s.pam, John <john@no-s.pam wrote: There is FAR too much out there

deserving of skepticism to get to it all. We HAVE to pick and choose. Some choose religion, some choose UFOlogy, some choose other subjects. NO ONE could possibly have time for all of it.

YOUR priority may be religion, but others of us don't have the same priorities. Why should we? I was using the argument as means to explain to the unenlightened that religion has brainwashed our society to the point where it (religion) is no longer questioned.

The days of the inquisition and burning are gone only because the mainstream religions, most notably the roman catholic religion, has got a foothold within society. I believe that if the masses were to again question this religion, believing it to be full of lies and inherently repressive, then again the burning and inquisition (metaphorically speaking) would resume. Perhaps in the form of imprisonment or confiscation of assets thereby rendering the dissident silent.

I very seriously distrust an organization such as religion, it is PURE EVIL!

Um... What society do you live in, John? I see religion questioned all over the society I live in. It's the reason you see people practicing different religions from that of their parents.

"The days of the inquisition and burning are gone only because the mainstream religions, most notably the roman catholic religion, has got a foothold within society."

The burnings, etc., are in hiatus because no one faction is big enough impose themselves upon the rest of us. The Inquisitions occurred when one group had a monopoly and that monopoly was threatened.
"The burnings may be in hiatus but

not the "etc."

The "etc." is bombed abortion clinics, murdered gays, lynched blacks (and whites), ETC.! All done to please the christian god in whose name most evil deeds are done. The devil must be very happy to have all those christians hauling coal!

No, it's just that there is more bunk in UFOlogy than in most religions.

LOL! And that is no easy achievement!!

A Traveler

<Traveler@Spiritual.Universal.Journey wrote:

There is of course, some overlap in the UFO cargo cults and things like Heaven's Gate.

johnmpat <bullwinkle@wossamatta.edu wrote:

hitler had a bunker

cant you find another signature jerry, got that one memorized ?

whats a debunker anyway ?

The dictionary definition has been quoted recently. Hoaxers have redefined it on this hierarchy to refer to those who object to spam.

I find it amazing how defensive so many people get when it comes to UFOS. They get upset if anyone disagrees, no matter which side of the fence one believes the case to be. While on mainstream religion, (emphasizing mainstream) none of them try to force it down your neck. But I find UFO nuts can't seem to help themselves, and those that disagree, can't seem to stop arguing. My view is believe what you want to believe, and until you can produce facts to prove otherwise, don't contradict what I believe...

I wholeheartedly agree. Every counter I have seen (minus A FEW) have been immature in nature. Personal attacks and the like. But those same people demand that their opinions be supported on the basis of personal freedom. Political correctness be damned, and those people can F.O..

For those of you who think that last part was pro-PC, get a grip. When you take everyones opinion into consideration, you have no conclusions. Not EVERYONE can be right. You skeptics seem to forget this. Because when it all comes down, you got just as much evidence it doesn't exist as any regular researcher has that says it does. And since you guys don't take pictures or eyewitness accounts as evidence, what are we supposed to accept from you.... your word? Puhlease! Your logic? What makes yours so superior? Your credentials? Doubtful. I guess that leaves your witty reporte. In that case.....keep up the good work, I guess.

Warren factfynder wrote:

In article
<3669F596.E7F9685E@geocities.com,
warangel@geocities.com wrote:

I guess that leaves your witty reporte. <sic

Exactly, this is the ONE category of the debate where the skeptics seem clearly to have the upper hand (notice, I didn't even split that infinitive). I don't know what causes it, but after reading the UFO groups for years I have to conclude that something about being a Believer causes a repression of the sense of humor.

I suppose it's possible that, along with their anal probes and other procedures, the aliens have a treatment that suppresses the sense of humor. The general humor-impaired status of the Believer com-

munity could thus be considered evidence to support the case for alien abduction phenomena.

Golly Gee Rob,

If you had seen the size of that anal probe that Zippy-Doo-Dah had in Holeflapper and they put something like that in you, you wouldn't have much sense of humor either. I do feel sorry for the anal probe incumbents. I would feel grouchy and invaded myself.

Regards,Harry

It is easy to be a UFOlogist, if you don't like the facts, invent new ones.
harryb@chatlink.com

Disagreement is the essence of debate. This would be a very boring place if we did not contradict each other. And the parody and satire from both sides can be quite entertaining. But do think we should keep it far from the level of serious personal insults. Even if the evil stoopid sp00k debunkers or the dumb gullible UFOlogist believers get you mad, we should not call naughty names. We should have better manners than that.

"Why can't we all just get along?"
Rodney King

Mark Shippey wrote:

" ... we should keep it far from the level of serious personal insults .. " Amen!

Mainstream religion doesn't have to force itself upon you. There are enough zombies to do it for them. Every person that is conditioned is a zombie. The government's full of them, the schools, your parents, your friends, all the cops and firemen, etc. Only atheists are unconditioned. Only they have the right to inherit the Earth. Everyone else is just spoiling it for the rest of us.

Jerry Bryson wrote:

EEP! I think you hit a nerve, there, Mark. His atheism seems a bit shallow.

John <john@no-s.pam wrote:

You are a brainwashed idiot.

Hi John. I think you have become angry and incomprehensible. Why in the world would anyone want to "brainwash" an idiot? This statement don't make any sense to me. Please wipe the foam from your mouth, settle down and try to come up with a really intelligent insult.

Regards, Harry

"Even if there were by the remotest possibility a supreme being, I doubt that it would approve in worship nor would I ever contemplate worshipping it."

This brings to mind a funny story from Somerset Maugham (an English Novelist of the early 1900's): When I was young I had an elderly friend who used often to ask me to stay with him in the country. He was a religious man and he read prayers to the assembled household every morning. But he had crossed out in pencil all the passages that praised God. He said that there was nothing so vulgar as to praise people to their faces and, himself a gentleman, he could not believe that God was so ungentlemanly as to like it. —

Spoken like a good ex-catholic! I'm always happy to hear from those who were smart enough to break away from the ranks of zombies. In a sense, I think Atheism can be viewed as a religion. I personally question, religious people (atheist too), scientist, ufologist, myself, etc. I have learned that beliefs are kinda like rocks in a river we stand on. Some rocks are wobbly and we fall

and get wet (some of us more than others), while other beliefs/rocks are more sturdy. Some people might be able to balance themselves rather well with/on wobbly beliefs/rocks, I might add, while others fall off and get wet. But then again maybe getting wet is not such a bad thing. Does anyone get the feeling that we're kinda making up the rules for ourself as we go along here.

Or another metaphor for beliefs, is a buffet. Some people think certain foods taste good while other people don't. There is junk food, which isn't the best thing for the body if you eat it all the time, but it has it's pleasures. While certain foods that are good for us, taste bad. I recommend moderation, and a little bit of everything if you wish to have a healthy mind. But what healthy means to you, is up to you to define, if you choose to define it at all. Bye now.

Oh, I also wanted to share my thought that not believing in something, is still believing. Er uh, I believe:)

Aaron LeClair <saucer@bellsouth.net wrote:

"In a sense, I think Atheism can be viewed as a religion."

Absolutely, for some; not for others. Theism is also not a religion for some believers.

"Failure doesn't mean you can't; It just means you haven't"

Just don't try to cash in on any insurance claims for "acts of God". Speaking of insurance, if you are abducted, and the craft crashes..... Just a thought. — Warren

All insurance claims for "acts of god" should be submitted to the Vatican since it's usually the christian god who runs amuck on planet Earth. I don't believe that the insur-

ance companies are going to blame buddah, etc. "In god we trust", ask any judge who the sign above his/her head alludes to.

warangel@geocities.com wrote:

"Just don't try to cash in on any insurance claims for "acts of God".

Never thought of doing that.

"Speaking of insurance, if you are abducted, and the craft crashes..... Just a thought."

There is alien abduction insurance. I think it's over in Europe. I heard one guy actually got paid too. I forget how, much. — Warren

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Nevertheless, and without reference to the UFO community in his personal quest for the truth, he was able to use his expert technical knowledge to follow up leads and to make significant progress.

First of all he was able to discover that Dr. Walter Miethe, whom all sources agree was involved with Schriever, Klaus Habermohl and Giuseppe Belluzzo (an Italian engineer) had been the Director of the saucer programme at two facilities located outside Prague. In May 1945, after testing of the prototype had taken place, both Miethe and Schriever were able to flee in the direction of Allied forces. Habermohl was captured by Soviet forces and spirited East where he ended up working on various aviation projects quite probably at facilities located outside Moscow.

It would seem that Klaus Habermohl was the man who developed the radial-flow jet engine, described in various articles as a system of "adjustable" nozzles, of great significance just ten years later. (Radial-flow allowed for VTOL performance and used the little-known "Coanda" effect.) Rose learned that not only had test flights taken place but that film footage of these had been taken. This had always been rumored and makes perfect sense given the nazi fetish for keeping records on everything. The footage, of good quality, has subsequently been stored in a secure location and shown only to a handful of people. Rose was shown some stills taken from the original film and given his expert photo-technical background concluded, after careful consideration, that this was probably real and historical footage. He calculated that the craft was around half the size claimed in Klein's report. The saucer, rather less contoured and sleek than postwar artists' impressions might suggest (and unlike Bob Lazar's S4 "Sports Model"), was perhaps 75ft in diameter. The saucer was shown in flight above the runway over the heads of a couple of observers.

Although this is in itself of the greatest significance other more contradictory evidence has emerged. One of the people that Rose met had good information

about the February test flight and was able to confirm that several people had seen the test-flight - as we might expect. It was said that Schriever himself had piloted the test craft. This does seem sensible (and logical) given Schriever's background in the Luftwaffe - although it is at variance with his own account. One can only speculate as to why this may be. It should be pointed out that the performance characteristics of this jet-powered aircraft have probably been exaggerated and although it might have been technically possible given further research and development to approach supersonic speeds, this was almost certainly not achieved in February 1945. Finally, it seems as if Klein himself was centrally involved in the saucer project and may indeed have had responsibilities for procurement.

We know a little more about Dr. Miethe. One of the important pieces of information came in the form of a rare group photograph showing various young German scientists in 1933. The photograph shows Werner von Braun and Walter Miethe. It would seem that these two knew each other well. During the War various lists of "wanted" German scientists were drawn up. One of these was the "Black List" used by Counter Intelligence Corps and Combined Allied Field Teams (CAFT) as they moved through Germany from 1944 in order to help them get hold of the important scientific personnel.

Dr. von Braun was certainly at the top of the list and if Miethe and he were old friends and had cooperated on early rocket projects, there is little doubt that Miethe would have been a target too. Nevertheless, his work near Prague put him out of reach and only through Miethe's own efforts did the allied teams get their hands on him.

The immediate postwar is critical to an understanding of both the myth and reality of flying saucers or UFOs. One thing is for sure: hundreds of nazi scientists as well as intelligence personnel, many of whom had been involved in the abuse of thousands of slave laborers, were transported via Operation Paperclip (so named after the original designation Overcast was compromised). Many of these technical personnel were sent initially to Fort Bliss in Texas. From here they were farmed out,

according to their ability and expertise, to the many advanced scientific facilities dotted throughout the USA and Canada.

Interestingly, Chance-Vought, builder of both the V173 and XF5U1 prototypes, moved its' base of operations to Texas in early 1947. The company seems to have been less than candid at this early stage about the true nature and extent of its' involvement in flying saucers. The official story of the demise of the XF5U1 - that there was no interest in developing a propeller driven aircraft from 1948 after the advent of jets - is now in question. It would seem that a jet-powered version using Allison J33 engines was actually test-flown at Muroc Field in 1947. The history books tell us that the propeller-driven version was to be tested here before the programme was cancelled. Nevertheless, our understanding of the situation is that technical drawings of the jet-powered version have now surfaced through a series of Freedom Of Information Act requests. Given the overall design of this craft and the many sightings of flying saucers in New Mexico and the Western seaboard in the late 1940s it is safe to conclude that the sightings related to a saucer of terrestrial origin with limited performance characteristics.

The best of these are arguably the sightings over Muroc Field reported by serving military personnel on 8th July 1947 and the subject of subsequent internal investigation which revealed that the object seen was disc-shaped moving at around 300 miles per hour.

The military witnesses Gerald Neuman and Joseph Ruvolo stated that in their opinion this was a man-made aircraft travelling at only 300 miles per hour and this view was supported by a civilian witness named Lenz.

Similar objects were seen - many of them in and around the White Sands Proving Ground where we know for sure that many of the Paperclip scientists were working. It is probable that at this stage people were seeing a US-built circular-wing aircraft and only gradually, in the late 1940s/early 1950s, were German advances incorporated into the overall saucer programme.

After all, military historians agree that a huge amount of material was recovered from facilities in Germany and it took a great deal of time and effort to collate this. We know both from Gerald K Haines report and from the recently declassified (1995) Air Technical Intelligence Centre report on "Project Silver Bug" that prototype saucers were actually test-flown (obviously before 1955) in order to determine their usefulness in terms of future dispersed base operations designed to reduce vulnerability to Russian air attack. Hence the possible use of VTOL aircraft from camouflaged facilities.

I also suggest that the sightings reported by military personnel during the 1952 'Operation Mainbrace' may have related to a similar flying saucer prototype. It seems to me that such a major exercise would offer an excellent opportunity for testing and evaluation.

Given that we now believe that Klaus Habermohl designed the first radial-flow engine, a revolutionary development by any standards (even today) in 1943, it is likely that within a few years progress had been made although the advanced nature of the engine made only for slow progress. The incorporation of a radial-flow engine using the Coanda Effect in combination with a circular wing made this a weapon worth keeping secret.

The jet-powered circular wing and the Silver Bug craft were two out of three variations upon a theme. There were two Silver Bug prototypes, Projects Y and Y2, the first using a stan-

dard axial flow engine, the second the more advanced type. "Project Y" was also designated P724 (P being the AV Roe Company project number) and was in fact a hybrid saucer/ AVRO Arrow (the Arrow was an advanced supersonic aircraft cancelled in the early 1960s supposedly after the US pressurized on the Canadian government).

The existence of projects beyond the limited Avrocar adds further weight to the suggestion that Avrocar was little more than a cover for much more advanced aircraft. Let us be quite clear on this point: Both Projects Y and Y2 were separate and distinct from the Avrocar and in fact the evidence further suggests that the craft test-flown near Prague in February 1945 was actually more advanced! It is interesting to note that proponents of the extra-terrestrial hypothesis tend to use the failed Avrocar programme as evidence that flying saucers "must be" of ET origin. We must now dismiss such misleading conclusions.

On a separate note and in view of the suggestion that underground facilities have been built in the postwar period it now seems that in certain cases these were used to house small numbers of flying saucer-type aircraft. This is not to say that they were located in the wilds of Canada but more likely within the White Sands Proving Ground and later on or near the Groom Lake facilities in the Nevada Desert. Whilst the man-made reality of flying discs has been hijacked by Bob Lazar, John Lear and a generation of US Ufologists, it seems as if the remote nature of Groom dry Lake

bed was considered both with flying saucers and the U2 spyplane in mind.

There is no doubt that all kinds of weird and wonderful aircraft are tested from Groom Lake but in terms of flying saucers it seems as if they may have arrived in 1959/60. The facilities there, although home to secret CIA and possibly National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) aircraft have primarily been operated as US Air Force Flight Test Centre Detachment 3 (AFFTC Det 3). AFFTC is headquartered at Edwards Air Force Base, formerly Muroc Field. It is vital for the reader to understand that Silver Bug, Project Y and in fact all the saucer programmes we now know about had very strong links with the US Air Force.

In fact, Dr. Miete worked primarily for the USAF even though he was sub-contracted to AVRO - possibly as a cover for the real efforts underway in the USA whereby the design work was undertaken in Canada and the majority of test flights within US borders. Having said that there was a mention of Canadian saucers made in several newspaper articles and books in the early 1950s. Even Donald Keyhoe notes a conversation with an "informed" source on this subject in his populist "Flying Saucers From Outer Space" (1953).

More interesting was an article featured in Look magazine dated June 14th 1955 (Volume 19) which featured a design study for a flying saucer produced by Thomas Turner, an British aeronautical engineer with Republic Aviation Corporation. It would seem that Turner

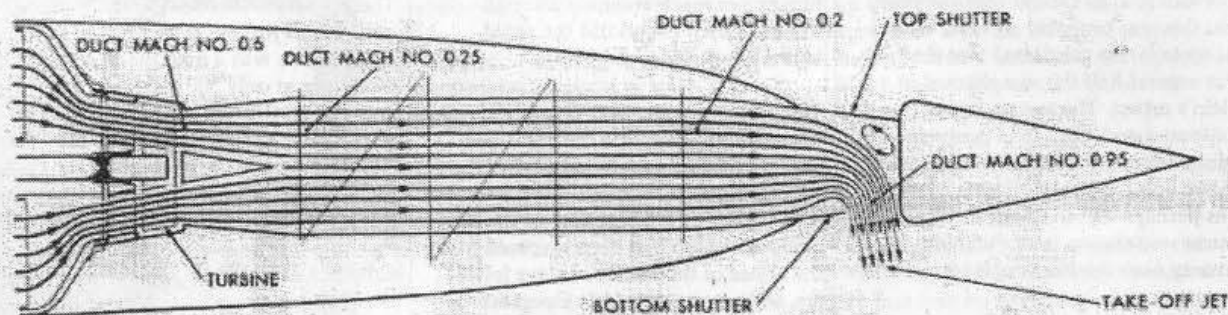


Fig. 8 Typical Section of Exhaustor Duct Showing Take-off Gas Flow

might have had some knowledge of Silver Bug if only because his proposal for a flying saucer was almost exactly the same as the ATIC aircraft. In addition Turner's proposal includes use of the Coanda effect and the placing of a pilot in a prone position in order to allow for high acceleration and quick turns.

Both these would seem to come from an understanding of German projects the skeptics deny existed. Other notable features of the article include the use of language, for instance the following which reminds us of the introduction to the Project Silver Bug report:

"Future airports built for vertically rising flying saucers would have no need of the long, vulnerable runway's today's fighters require. The complete operation could go underground. Tunnels with take-off shafts set into the ground, complete with maintenance bays, fuel and crew quarters, would be bombproofed shelters for a saucer squadron. The shafts would be sealed after take-off for camouflage and protection."

This sounds rather like the need for dispersed base operations discussed in the Silver Bug document. I further suggest that we now have a possible primary source for Renate Vesco's insistence that flying saucer bases were situated in the wilds of Canada in a 'remote area of British Columbia'. A picture of such a saucer base is shown in the article and reproduced in this report. The quality is not that good:

The article quoted Brigadier General Benjamin Kelsey (Deputy Director, Air Force Research and Development) who commented that a major problem was the existence of longer runways for the modern fighter and how these were vulnerable and might be destroyed through a single crippling enemy strike. Hence the need for VTOL operations. The article included above is of the utmost importance: in the mid-1950s at the same time that both the US Air Force and CIA were attempting to play down the significance of flying saucer and UFO reports there is substantial evidence to suggest that design teams were building and testing flying saucer prototypes.

Although it has proved difficult to find out about the reality or otherwise of a separate saucer-testing facility situated at Papoose Lake within Area 51 Bill Rose has been given information that this was the HQ for much saucer prototype testing and that several accidents and crashes resulted from use of early radial-flow engines.

More recently the unusual story of archeologist and historian Jerry Freeman emerged in a series of articles published in the well-known Las Vegas Sun newspaper. Simply stated, Freeman wanted to find evidence of a 19th Century pioneer wagon train known as "the lost '49ers". Unfortunately for him, and for history, their remains lay within the boundaries of Area 51!

Undeterred, Freeman decided to go on an expedition into the twilight zone and after several days reached Papoose Dry Lake.

He saw a security vehicle in the exact same place that the claimed S4 facilities were hidden and also thought that he saw come sort of door opening in the rock face. It is possible, that electrogravitic systems have been tested both at the Papoose and Groom Lake facilities.

It might be sensible, at this stage, to note the existence of several texts on the question of future propulsion systems for flying discs written in the 1950s. One of these, entitled "Electrogravitics Systems" mentions a research project called "Project Winterhaven" undertaken in 1952 in order to validate Thomas Townsend Brown's "Biefeld-Brown" effect. The report in question makes for fascinating reading and states that:

"Using a number of assumptions as to the nature of gravity, the report postulated a saucer as the basis of a possible

interceptor with Mach 3 capability. Creation of a local gravitational system would confer upon the fighter the sharp-edged changes of motion typical in space." And that:

"Glenn Martin say gravity control could be achieved in six years, but they add that it would entail a Manhattan District type effort to bring it about."

The reader will perhaps not be surprised to learn that once again this report was kept away from public view for some 35 years by Air Force Aeronautical Laboratories at.....Wright Patterson AFB! It was declassified and made available through the Technical Library in the early 1990s.

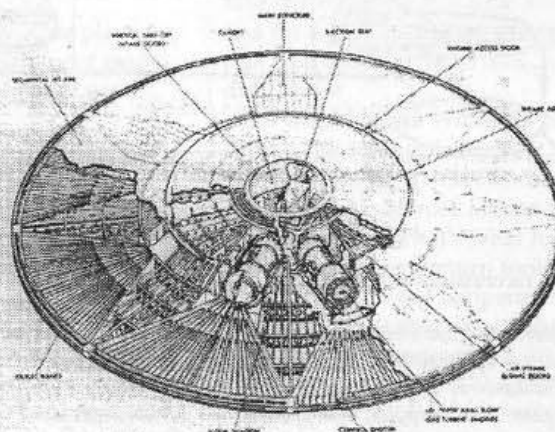


Fig. 2 Cut Away of Research Aircraft

Whatever the final truth of the matter, we have done enough to establish that flying saucers grew from separate and distinct German-American projects begun in World War Two.

Relatively primitive German discs must have been developed partly because of the failure of the Luftwaffe to defend Axis airfields from allied bombing and the resulting need for VTOL operation. The V173 that became the XF5U1 and later a jet-powered "flying pancake" was born out of a US Navy requirement for an STOL aircraft.

So why the secrecy?

A number of simple answers emerge:

firstly the radial-flow engine is still advanced today. It allows for supersonic flight and tremendous VTOL performance. A revolutionary propulsion technology, electrostatics, might threaten the economic status quo. A circular wing offers good stealth capability and effective handling at low speeds. According to the Silver Bug documentation, radial-flow allows for an aircraft to perform a range of staggering maneuvers including flying edge-on - a characteristic noted in numerous flying saucer/UFO sightings.

It would seem that even if the most straightforward flying saucer stories are to be believed then these aircraft have been used primarily as high-perfor-

Although Paperclip may have resulted in technological achievements the moral position is certainly open to question.

It would seem that the Soviets may have had their saucers too and undoubtedly more is to emerge from the archives there. As a result the US would undoubtedly have been concerned to build the similar and competing aircraft that was Silver Bug. Once again, such Soviet work would have been based upon recovered German, not alien, technologies and there has been some suggestion that the Soviets did indeed develop flying saucers. Jan Aldrich's "Project 1947" has sought to collate information about early flying saucers sightings and media reports.

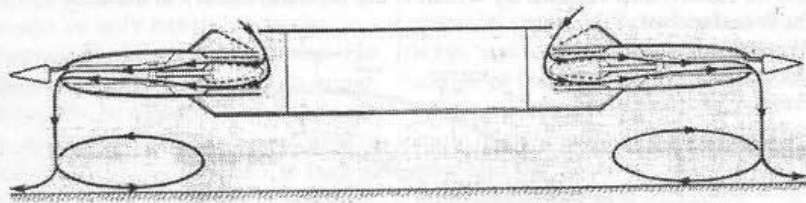


Fig. 5 Ground Cushion Effect

mance reconnaissance vehicles.

The psychological effects of seeing a flying saucer could only be heightened if it was "unknown" to the observer - an aircraft that did not appear in anything more than pulp fiction tracts about terrifying close encounters with aliens and which was regarded pretty much as a product of science fiction not science fact. Never forget the CIA memorandum circulated in 1952 by Director Walter B. Smith which noted the possible use of flying saucers for the purposes of psychological warfare.

There is also the whole, and unresolved, political question of the mass transportation of Nazi scientists and their families, some with dubious wartime records, to the USA under the secret Paperclip programme. Although the existence of Paperclip was known in the early postwar period the actual shocking details of the deals between victor and vanquished led to great concern particularly by those who survived the horrors of concentration camps and/or forced labor under German occupation.

One of these reports may have originated via Project Wringer, a postwar effort tasked with interviewing military, industrial and other personnel of former Axis countries, Prisoners of War held in the Soviet Union and other Eastern Bloc nations or displaced persons with intelligence or military information. Jan Aldrich found the following report whilst undertaking research at the US National Archives:

"10. SOURCE: EP 134892, Rpt. No. 5418-47758 dated 19th January 1954. Date of Observation: May 1953.

"Preamble: During his internment in PW camp #1 in STALINGRAD (48/42N 44/30E) SOURCE ????? some ???? of general interest and ??? allegedly observed a couple of flying saucers. SOURCE was always interned in the camp. He understood a little Russian."

"Flying saucers: SOURCE emphasized that he had never seen or heard anything of flying saucers before he observed two of them on a dusty morn-

ing over Stalingrad in May 1953 when he was on guard within the camp. He observed them in a rather high altitude flying fast in one direction, one following the other. Thinking they had something to do with scientific research of Russia he forgot about his observation until he came back home in Oct. 1953 and saw designs of flying saucers in West European magazines. He could not provide further details."

It is difficult to know what to make of such reports except to point out that they were taken seriously by operatives within the intelligence community. In fact, all the evidence we have - some of which is included in my forthcoming book entitled *UFO Revelation* - is that in the early 1950s there was a reorientation of thinking relating to flying saucer sightings whereby the CIA, particularly, chose to concentrate upon attacking the veracity of flying saucer reports by doubting the credibility of the witness. At the same time, the Agency knew, as Haines admits, that saucer prototypes were under construction.

Study of the many CIA documents made available through FOIA requests indicates that the CIA was misleading the public. The Agency often directed requests for information on flying saucer sightings to the Air Technical Intelligence Centre (ATIC) at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. Whilst both the Agency and ATIC were claiming that they were unable to determine the origin of flying saucers ATIC/WADC were working upon Silver Bug - and maybe more besides. In addition to this, Project Grudge had recently been downgraded (March 1952) and redesignated Blue Book and this was headquartered at....Wright-Patterson Air Force Base!! In any case Blue Book investigators were unable to explain away some 701 of 12,918 sightings they investigated. Project Blue Book was downgraded through the 1950s to the stage where there was only a handful of personnel working on UFO sightings.

In fact, according to David Jacobs, the downgrading took place after September 1953 and went hand in hand with Air Force regulation 200-2 which stated that local Air Force base commanders could only discuss sightings if

they had been solved and that any others should be classified. Jacobs also notes that February 1955 (Silver Bug was released from ATIC-WADC on the 15th February) was of significance because ATIC sought to explain away as many sightings as possible and to leave no unsolved cases.

Project Blue Book Special Report Number 14, dated May 5th, 1955 and release in October determined that;

"On the basis of this study we believe that no objects such as those popularly described as flying saucers have over-flown the United States."

We now know that this was a lie:

"CIA officials knew that the British and Canadians were already experimenting with "flying saucers". Project Y was a Canadian-British-US developmental operation to produce a non-conventional flying-saucer-type aircraft, and Agency official feared that the Soviets were testing similar devices."

The downgrading and the debunking of UFO reports was deliberate and took place at exactly the same time that the US was working upon advanced flying saucers. Once this is understood and established the official attitudes towards flying saucer sightings make more sense. Secrecy, and perhaps even paranoia, appear to have gripped the intelligence community and the USAF: even now, some forty five years after Silver Bug was test-flown former project workers remain tight-lipped. We can only conclude that silence in this case indicates particularly advanced tech-

nologies and the need to keep a lid on the details relating to them.

One could easily make a case that the development and debunking of flying saucers was undertaken at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base and it is to be hoped that this document will encourage people with information about US saucer projects to come forward. It is up to UFO researchers to reorient their thinking, to come to terms with man-made flying saucer reality and the ongoing cover-up relating to it....

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Surely it is to the military-industrial complex and not the heavens above that we should look for the origins of the flying saucer.....

Tim Matthews, Easter 1998.

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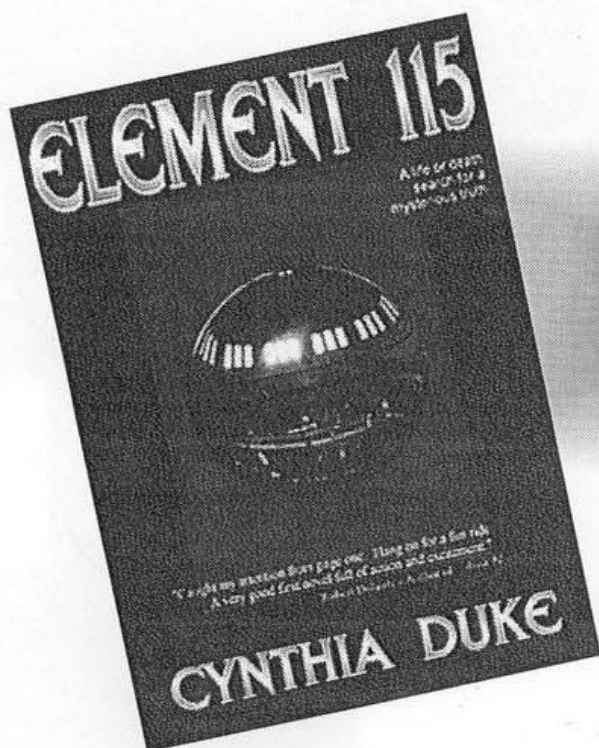
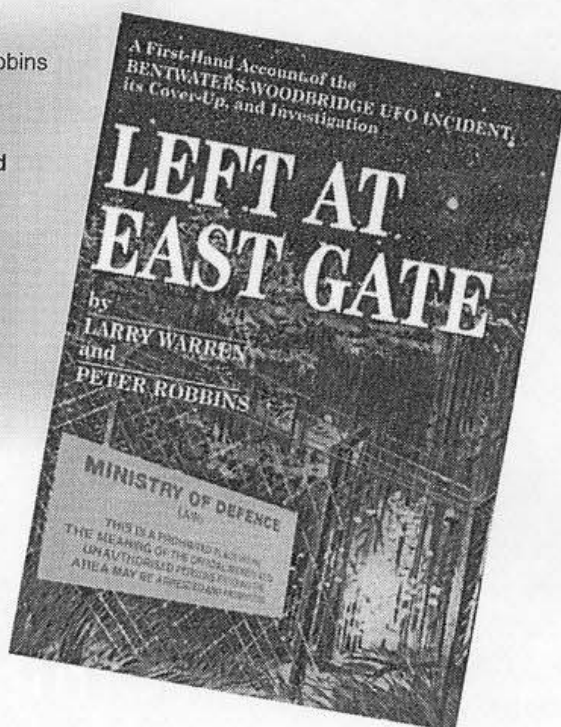
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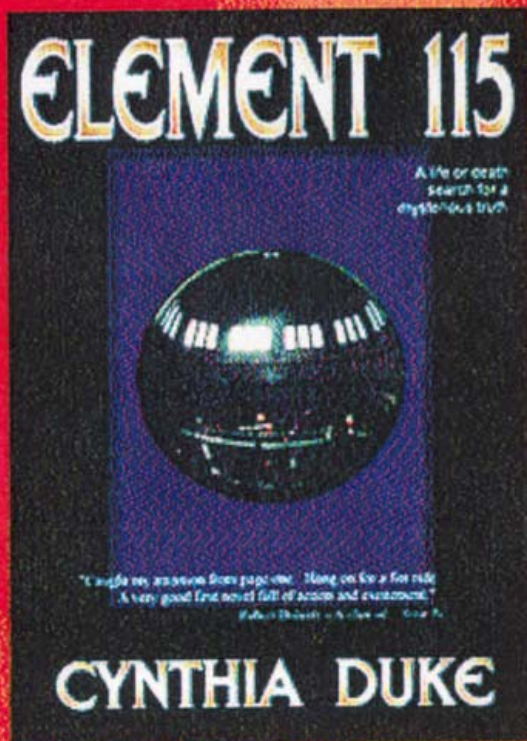
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