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From the Publisher's Desk ...

We've packed this issue with lots of goodies that we know you'll enjoy. Welcome to all the new subscribers who've joined us after hearing the show either on the World Wide Web or on the air! Please write and let us know how you like it.

This issue features a transcript of an interview with religious figure and author Malachi Martin on The ParaNet Continuum radio program by Michael Corbin.

Our psychological consultants, Greg Wheeler and Scott Scribner, have written another of their thought provoking articles that you're sure to find interesting.

I took some pictures at the recent 30th Anniversary Celebration of Star Trek that was held in Huntsville, AL and have included them in this issue, along with some comments by Dan Goldin, Star Trek actors and some Apollo astronauts.

And of course our regular features, Random Walk, ParaNet Postings, Sources and Resources, The ParaNet Continuum Radio Show Update and Sightings return. As always, we are constantly improving this magazine. Please write or e-mail us and tell us how we're doing. If there's anything you especially want us to cover, either here or on the radio program, don't hesitate to let us know.

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Exclusive Interview with Malachi Martin



This is a transcription of the live interview conducted by Michael Corbin on The ParaNet Continuum radio program July 7, 1996.

ParaNet: Tonight we have a very special guest. He's considered to be one of the most knowledgeable experts on the Vatican in the world and he's going to talk about something that's both timely and relevant to many issues in the world today. This program is about intrigue, prophecy, geopolitics and the new world order and something that's on everyone's mind as we approach the end of the century and the end of the millenium. But more importantly, in the midst of all of this, we're going to find some events of supernatural proportions, that appear to be directly linked - that is the connection to the apparitions of the Virgin Mary to three young visionaries in a cove in Portugal from May to October of 1917.

My guest is an eminent theologian. He's an expert on the Catholic church, a former Jesuit and professor at the Vatican's Pontifical Biblical Institute. He's the author of the national bestseller *Vatican: The Final Conclave*. He was trained in theology at Louvane, where he received his doctorates in Semitic languages, archaeology and oriental history. He subsequently studied at Oxford and at Hebrew University in Jerusalem. From 1958 to 1964 he served in Rome, where he was a close associate of the renowned Jesuit cardinal Augustine B and Pope John the 23rd. He now lived in New York City. He's also an exorcist. Welcome to the program.

MM: Thank you for those kind words. It's a pleasure to be here, Michael.

ParaNet: What attracted me to you was the book, *The Keys of this Blood*, which was published in 1990. You've seen in, your connection to the Vatican over the years, quite a lot of action. A lot of people are curious about the Fatima apparitions. Can you give us an overview?

MM: What happened was that 75,000 people gathered in a field on October 13, 1917. From all over the world, especially Europe, and there were photographers and journalists from all over Europe and cameramen. At precisely 12:00, the sun started dancing in the sky. There's no way of denying this, because so many people saw it, and there were so many pictures taken. Previously, it had been raining all day and everyone's clothing was wet. All of a sudden, everyone's clothing was dry as it comes back from the cleaners - dry and fresh. And this was attested to even by people who don't believe in God who don't believe in the Catholic church. They just saw it happen. Then the sun started bending down as if to shoot against the clouds in all its colors and then retiring again. These gyrations went on for a quarter of an hour and then suddenly they all stopped and the sun shone normally. That was the miracle at Fatima. There were three young children, all of them under 10 years old, who announced this and said that the Virgin Mary was going to appear to them on that day, not to the crowd, and she was going to make a promise to them. She did, and she gave them three secrets. The first two secrets they revealed to the world, and the third they wrote down on a sheet of note paper and was finally sent to the Pope in Rome in the 1950s. It was supposed to be opened in 1960 by Pope John the 23rd. But there were conditions laid down in the letter by the Virgin that the Pope was supposed to obey. He decided not to obey them, and the letter was put away and hidden and has been read by Paul the 6th, John Paul I, John Paul II, Cardinal Westinger, I read it under privelege, and I'm under oath not to reveal the exact details of it. It's not a pleasant document. It's a very unpleasant document to read. And that's where things stand today.

ParaNet: The first two secrets all came true.

MM: They did. The Virgin predicted the Second World War and the timing of it, and she also revealed to them what Hell was like. The third secret was a description of misery and disasters that would take place unless certain conditions were met. The Pope of 1960, John the 23rd, refused to meet those conditions, and therefore, as they say, we are now in the "or". It was "either-or". So the disasters that were predicted are about to be unleashed on us all according to the Fatima doctrine.

ParaNet: How does the third secret of Fatima deal with the new world order?

MM: The third secret, interpreted on its face value, without going into the details of it, implies that the new world order now being installed (and between you and me and the holy Spirit, it is installed in a grand line now) is definitely something that will not last and is unacceptable to God. The new world order is built on money, it's built on the regulation of capital and the flow of capital and the flow of capital goods, in the hands of an elite outside of which no country or nation can live - witness how quickly North Korea has been brought to heel. Having threatened us with missiles two years ago, they're now suing for participation

and trade, because they're going to die. No nation can live without participating in the new world order, and that is the nuts and bolts of it. It has several organs, of course: it has the Bureau of International Settlements, composed of the presidents of the big central banks - Greenspan is a member for instance. It means that the executive and legislative branches of our government would not be making certain decisions - they would have decisions imposed upon them from outside. This is one of the prices we pay. The third secret implies that this is the very opposite of the kingdom of God.

ParaNet: The subtitle of your book, *Keys of this Blood*, is *Pope John Paul the 2nd versus Russia and the West for control of the new world order*. How do Russia and the U.S. and the Pope figure into this grand design?

MM: Both of them can't win. The God that the Pope stands for, and the Christ that he is supposed to believe in and lead his people to venerate and adore and serve cannot be served by the new world order. It is a purely human, non-theistic, non-Christlike, non-Christian arrangement of human affairs. There is no reconciliation. John Paul II has over time modified his dealings with the new world order, because the order has progressed considerably since 1990, and he has modified his attitude and his policy toward it, but it still remains irreconcilable.

ParaNet: Is it all anti-Christian?

MM: It's not so much anti-Christian; it abstracts from Christ's salvation and abstracts from heaven. It abstracts from morality based on revelation. Take the European union for instance. It is the lynchpin in the new world order. It will eventually be a monetary and financial unit, however they achieve it, by 2002. But there are laws there that are totally irreconcilable with Christianity and Catholicism.

ParaNet: Some people would say, what makes the Christian perspective the correct one?

MM: That depends on faith and belief. There is no organization parallel to the Roman Catholic church. It has one billion nominal members, spread over the entire world. It has a responsible machinery in all of those countries. True, the practice of the faith by many people is low, but still, it's there. As an organization, it's very well run. It has an enormous diplomatic panoply: for instance, the Pope himself has 117 ambassadors from 117 countries. Are they there for the love of the beautiful statues? No, they are there because there is a value and a prestige and a power in that worldwide organization that they covet, be it to launder their money through the Vatican bank, be it to have a neutral ground on which to discuss their affairs, as the Palestinians and the Israelis did in the past, and as we did with the Soviets in the past, as we have done with the North Koreans. That 110 acres of the Vatican is a sovereign, fully recognized state. It is a power. Today, as regards John Paul II, there is a very strong wish among many governments and many organizations and many powerful foundations, by the

way, in the States and Europe, to get John Paul II to resign. Why? Because he is not being cooperative in regards to the population explosion, and there are many other candidates for Pope who would be much more conniving and complacent about the modern idea of limiting the population. If they can get a Pope who is complacent as regards the limitation of population and as regards the new system of education - the homogenization of education throughout the world, which is, as we all know, the new educational plan, then they have at their disposal a geopolitical institution, which is a great social stabilizer. Suppose that tomorrow morning the Catholic church ceased to exist. What would happen? Our civilization would collapse. It fulfills a cultural need that can't be replaced overnight. There was never more of a geopolitician than John Paul II. He is not a theologian!

Caller: I understand that the new world order wants to take away our guns and our cars. Is there any truth to this?

MM: I think we're very far from ridding Americans of their cars. I'd like to see anyone go down to Texas and try to take away their cars. They'd be met by a hail of bullets! And about arms, no, that's a long road to that, and I don't think we're in any danger of that.

ParaNet: Is the U.N. going to play a big part in the new world order?

MM: Yes, but the U.N. will have to undergo modifications. It'll have to get arresting powers, policing powers and military powers. A lot of people make the mistake of thinking that the new world order is a *government*. It's not a government in that sense. It will utilize the services of all governments, but it will be the regulator of all human activity because it will regulate the flow of capital and the flow of capital goods.

ParaNet: And that's the key.

MM: Yes. There are millions of investors making up the stock markets of the world, but there are only a handful who play with something like forty to sixty billion [dollars]. The Pope likes to say, if I have ten men who are ten foot tall, standing in a room with forty men who are only four feet tall, who are the ten men going to talk to? In other words they're going to talk with each other because they have the wealth in their hands. There's no conspiracy here, there's no plot. It's a question of great wealth centered in the hands of a few who wisely govern and keep going the entire financial system of the world, which now has been globalized.

ParaNet: This sounds very Orwellian.

MM: Orwell wasn't wrong about everything! There's nothing sinister about this. The amassing of power due to global communication and due to the rise of great wealth in individuals. Now that has no relationship whatever to religion as such.

Caller: I'm curious to know about the role of Israel in current and future events according to any Biblical predictions.

MM: Well the Bible doesn't talk about the state of Israel at all. It talks about the Jewish people, the Israelites as the chosen people. It doesn't speak of the face of Israel as we know it. In the present geopolitical configuration of the world, Israel is the ally of the United States, and is the lynchpin in the foreign policy of the United States which at the present time is centered on the middle east because of oil, and we Americans have invested all our military logistics in making sure we have a presence in the middle East that cannot be shaken. It is not Biblical in any sense except that the Jewish people are involved.

Caller: What about the antichrist? I hear he's a general in the Israeli army.

MM: The antichrist will not be taking over the world at this time. We don't think he exists. The only indication we have of antichrist is in the 2nd letter to the Thessalonians by Paul. He gives us a quite clear indication of three traits of the antichrist: 1) He will have supreme wisdom and will solve all our problems, 2) He will be adored as God, and 3) He will accept to be adored as God. There is no one on the horizon like that today. There is nothing sure in it at all.

ParaNet: Is it certain that something like that will happen someday?

MM: Well according to Paul, yes.

ParaNet: May 13, 1981. What happened?

MM: The Pope was waving to the crowd of 75000 people in St. Peter's Square. Shots rang out, fired by a Turkish hit-man named Mohammed Ali-Akshah who had tracked the Pope to Rome. At the moment he fired his first two shots, the Pope bent down to pick up a small child, and the shots missed. The second round hit him in the chest and felled him. He was rushed to the wrong hospital, where they gave him tainted blood, giving him Hepatitis on top of his wounds. He was convalescent until about the end of the year. He claimed to have a vision of Mary in August in which she repeated the vision of Fatima.

ParaNet: And he did send for the third secret.

MM: He got the expert in the matter, a nun, to go to Spain and Portugal and do some inquiries for him. When he was better, he made a pilgrimage to Fatima and met one of the surviving children, Lucia, who is now a nun.

ParaNet: Your thesis is that the actions of this Pope are extraordinary. You believe that he had a divine vision.

MM: Yes, and he hasn't communicated that to us at all and it is creating a great confusion. Has he lost control of his church? I answer, he never sought control of his church. He is much more concerned with positioning. He has one dream only: to form a unified worldwide assembly of Christians, on whatever basis he can, and to cluster with them all Jewish

believers and all Muslim believers. He believes that such a force, if unleashed, could solve most of the sociopolitical and social problems that afflict mankind.

ParaNet: Now let's move to your new novel, *Windswept House*. Why did you write it?

MM: The fact that there is a plan, implemented for the last five or six years by Cardinals and Bishops to ask this Pope to resign on his 75th birthday. They don't consider that he is forward looking enough, vigorous enough or liberal enough and they agree with those who believe that the human population should be severely limited, by artificial means, and are willing to compromise on the whole question of married priests, and some want to see women ordained as priests, all of which this Pope will not allow.

ParaNet: Sometimes truth can only be told as fiction. There are some striking similarities between the characters in this fictional novel and those in real life. Is this a coincidence?

MM: Well let me answer that real forthrightly. Our own favorite Normal Mailer, following Taylor Caldwell, gave usage to the term "faction". By that they mean real facts, dressed up as fiction. I did this with *Windswept House*. It was my intent to show that the church can be a stabilizing backdrop throughout the new world order.

ParaNet: How can this be accomplished with all the anti-church sentiment?

MM: Proponents of this say that if the church makes this compromise, on abortion, contraception, marriage, divorce, then it will all settle down. The church will not do that, except certain leaders would like to do that.

ParaNet: Some would say that you are just trying to undermine the church.

MM: Anyone who reads my books would see that it would be impossible to write that book without loving that Pope and that church.

ParaNet: We're coming up on the end of the millenium and we're all acting stressed! Ehat's the future hold?

MM: The visible organization of the church is a facade. Life has gone out of the system. It is a Potemkin village. You're going to see a marginalization. Within a short time, there will be a real shortage of nuns. The church as we know it is dead.

This program is available from ParaNet on audio cassette tape for \$8.00. The subsequent interview with Malachi that occurred July 14, 1996 can be purchased for an additional \$4.00 when you buy the first one, or \$8 if purchased separately. Call us at (800)836-6381 with your Mastercard or Visa, or send a check or money order to ParaNet, 710 Grove Ct., Loveland, CO 80537. There is no additional charge for shipping or handling, but Colorado residents should add 3% for state sales tax.

The ParaNet Continuum Radio Program

Producer Brian Wood was in Huntsville, Alabama for the thirtieth anniversary celebration of Star Trek. The event brought together not only the entire original cast of Star Trek, but also Majel Barrett Roddenberry (Star Trek creator Gene Roddenberry's widow), who has been a strong advocate for space exploration, and six Apollo astronauts (Alan Bean, Alan Shepard, Charlie Duke, Buzz Aldrin, Edgar Mitchell and Fred Haise) and NASA administrator Dan Goldin. This also occurred shortly after the announcement of the discovery by a NASA team of a rock from Mars believed to contain life. We felt that there was bound to be substantial news of interest to our readers at this event! Here are some excerpts, which we aired during The ParaNet Continuum September 8:

Dan Goldin: These entertaining and provocative fictional scenarios [on Star Trek] are an expression of age-old questions every human being since time immemorial has had: Is life of any form, however lowly or high, carbon-based or not, unique to our own planet? How did galaxies, stars, solar systems and planetary bodies form and evolve? How can we humans use this knowledge to enrich our lives and the lives of our children? Findings during the past few months may represent an unbelievable breakthrough: hope. A NASA scientific team believes it may have found evidence of extant life on Mars - 3.6 billion years old. What would it mean? If life exists on two planets, why not many more? If the Martian team's findings are validated, think of the stunning implications for science. Better yet, think of the stunning implications for theologians and philosophers.

Gene Roddenberry saw a future of hope and optimism. To him, the universe was an amazing place - it was a wonderful place. It was a place to be respected and not harmed; a place of discovery and wonder; a place where different customs and cultures did not have to clash. I believe that's what space exploration holds in store for us. We see it right now on the international space station. The U.S. and Russia and twelve other countries are traveling that bold, uncharted territory from fear to friendship. As a former developer of weapons, I am so proud to be working on technology that will benefit humankind and not destroy it.

Discussion with William Shatner, Leonard Nimoy, Edgar Mitchell, Charlie Duke, and Fred Haise:

Nimoy: Would you say the feeling in NASA is that there's life out there?

Mitchell: Oh certainly. **Haise:** I do. **Duke:** I don't.

Mitchell: The British astronomer Fred Hoyle made the observation in the 50's that Copernicus disabused us of the idea 500 years ago that we're the geometric center of the universe, but we still think we're the biological center of the universe. And when we went to the moon, that was still the prevailing idea, but it's vastly changed in the last thirty years.

Shatner (to Duke): Why do you believe that we're the only form of life in the universe?

Duke: If you come from the evolution side of it, then there's the probability that if it chanced here, then it chanced out there. If you believe in the creator, that we're unique in the eyes of God, then we're unique. Now God could have created something out there that we don't know about. If it is out there, I'm excited and I want to see it. I just personally don't think there is anything out there.

Shatner: What about that rock they found from Mars?

Duke: Well there are two theories about how that tunnel got into that rock: either a life form or evaporation of some of the chemical elements on Mars. That's why we need to go there: to find out more about it.

Nimoy: Why should we go back to the moon and on to Mars?

Mitchell: We should go because it is our destiny. That is just the next step. We need to explore this solar system and eventually we need to go on to the rest of it. One of the things that was presented on Star Trek that made us all snicker was your Warp Speed.

Shatner: You snickered at Warp Speed? [Audience laughs]

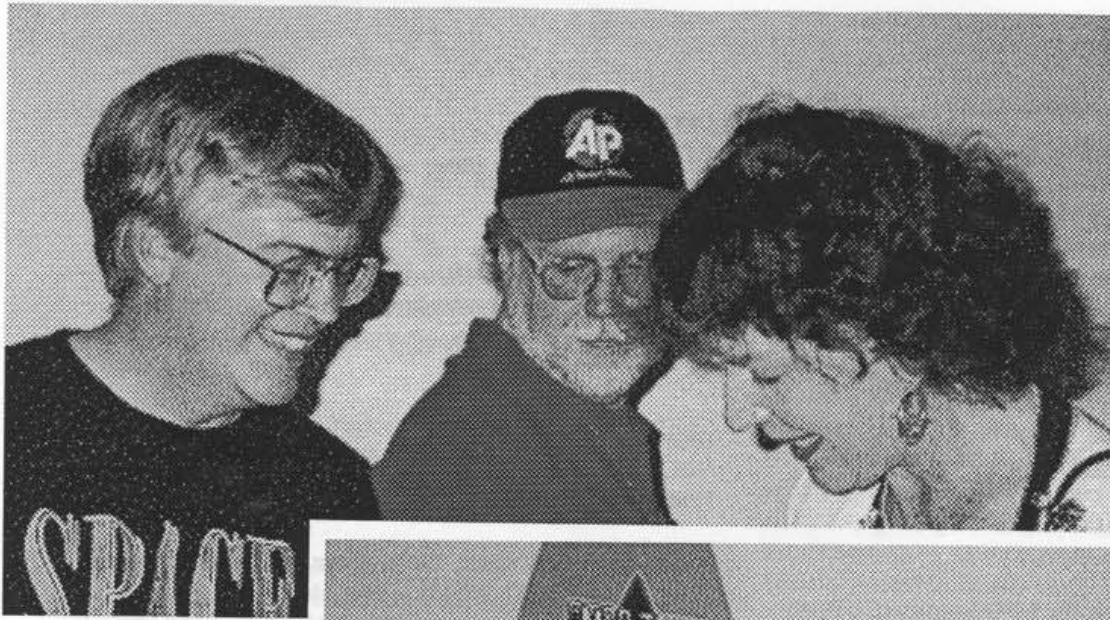
Mitchell: At that time, because there didn't seem to be any way to do it! We were envious!

Mitchell: There are now certain scientists who are looking at the metrics of space or the detailed properties of space and there seems to be a way to change the speed of light locally around the spacecraft so that it doesn't exceed the speed of light even though it appears to elsewhere.

Haise: On Apollo 13, I had a backup vehicle in the LM. We all live on this spaceship Earth, and it has no backup vehicle. We have the capability to go outward. It seems to me that that maps with divine providence that we ought to colonize the human race elsewhere, so that the human race can continue should anything happen to our precious Earth.

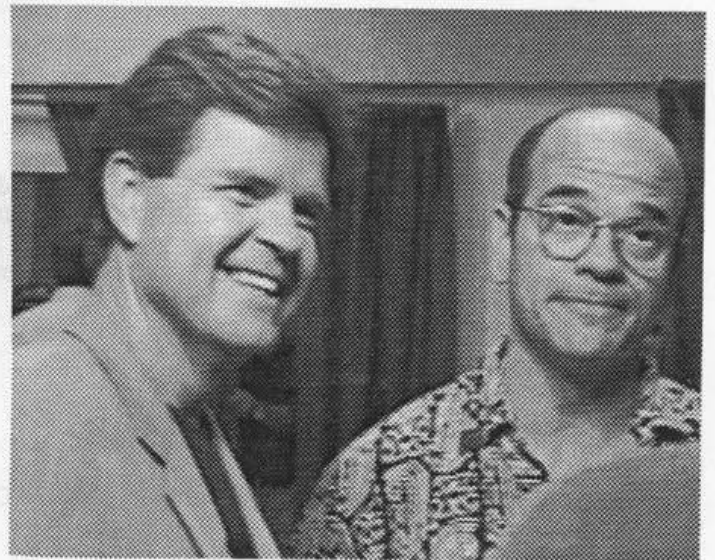
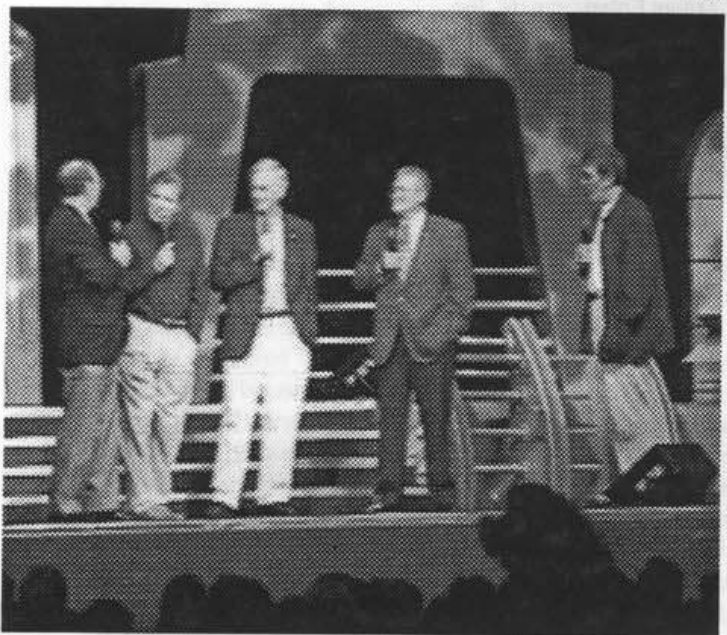
Nimoy: Which it certainly will in 5 billion years.


Shatner: And it'll happen a lot sooner than that if we don't clean up our act.




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

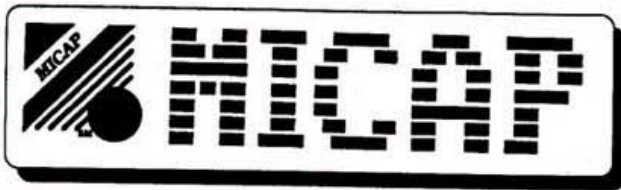
The Paranormal Borderline
UPN Television
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Hosted by Jonathan Frakes (Commander Will Riker on Star Trek: The Next Generation), it has some of the flavor of Sightings, although it is somewhat more sensationalistic. It might be worth a look.

Sightings
Sci-Fi Channel
Triage Entertainment, Inc.
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Organizational Changes.

I'm sad to report that Pour Joe's Coffeehouse is no more. This coffeehouse served not only as our meeting place, but also as a publicly accessible studio for the ParaNet Continuum radio show. The studio has been moved to a new location without public access, and MICAP meetings will also be held at a new location, to be announced. I have also decided to modify the structure of MICAP. The Denver meetings will now be run by someone else (to be announced), and the group that has met here will be considered to be the Denver chapter of MICAP rather than the National Meeting. I will continue to run MICAP as head of the National and International operations. Recently, I moved MICAP back into the ParaNet umbrella in order to better handle finances of both organizations. This newest change will allow MICAP to continue to investigate as it sees fit without the officers having to also run a monthly meeting. We plan to have one large meeting per year in the Denver area, for which we will bring in a speaker and probably even do a live remote to the radio show. I think this will be a better way to run the organization so that I don't get bogged down in the day-to-day hassles of preparing monthly meetings.

Of Cigarettes, Garlic and Other Oddities

And speaking of meetings, MUFON is having a big meeting "down under." It boasts a veritable Who's Who? in abduction research. Walt Andrus, leader of MUFON, recently claimed that aliens are here for genetic interbreeding because their planet is dying. And he claims to be leading a "scientific" organization. Is it any wonder that the general public and the media don't have any more interest in the subject with people like this spouting off? The others in that meeting, with the notable exception of Stanton Friedman, are all into the abduction business in a big way. One gets the distinct impression that they believe that aliens are abducting hundreds of people every night in the world. If they are, we ought to be seeing a lot more UFOs than we are in our skies.

Am I being overly skeptical here? I don't think so. If people were being abducted as often as these "investigators" claim, odds are that many of your friends have been abducted. Sorry, I don't buy it. I don't necessarily

think it's a commercial ruse to bilk you out of your money, but darn close. These people have convinced themselves that, to quote *The Invaders* (a 1960's TV show starring Roy Thinnes), "The invaders are here; they have taken human form. Somehow [we] must convince a disbelieving world that the nightmare has already begun."

The guest stars in tonight's story...oops, sorry, once I get going on that show I can't stop. But it feels like the so-called scientific investigators have made the giant leap that *The Invaders* is actually a fact, not fantasy. The X-Files is borrowing a lot of that same notion, although it is masked with confusing imagery of smallpox vaccinations and the all-knowing "Cigarette Smoking Man". Hey, maybe he knows something about cigarettes that the American Cancer Society doesn't! Yeah, that's it! That accounts for why Michael Corbin smokes so much too! Aliens are repelled by cigarette smoke, just as vampires are repelled by garlic. How could I have missed it?

SETI.

Finally, I want to say a few words about SETI. Most of the UFO aficionados that I know of are not in favor of SETI, but I am. Why are they so against it? I've said it before, but let me repeat it: The scientific method involves starting with a theory (in this case, we are not alone in the universe), and then involves making predictions that should be true if the theory is correct and then devising experiments to prove the predictions (in this case, finding proof of life elsewhere). The theory becomes a law when it is conclusively proven. In the case of UFOs, much as we would like to believe that UFOs represent proof that we are not alone, they do not constitute scientific proof until one can be captured and taken apart. If that has been done, as in the case of Roswell, it has only occurred in secret. Scientific proof requires peer review and an openness that is impossible in the military. Unless the aliens "land on the White House lawn", it is up to science to prove or disprove the ET hypothesis. Does this prevent us from having our own opinion? Of course not! But let's not be too hard on the scientists of the world, who just want to follow the scientific method properly. SETI is just one way that proof can be gathered and it has the support of the scientific community. After all, the UFO enigma is so far too erratic to study. But signals from space should be there somewhere if other civilizations exist.



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TAKE ME OR LEAVE ME ALONE: FRAMES, FILTERS AND PARADIGMS FOR THE AGE OF FIRST CONTACT

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I. Scoops, Marks and Gougers.

"Money can't buy me love," the Beatles sang, but Penthouse publisher Bob Guccione must be singing a different tune: "Can't buy ETs." He purchased pictures of an alien autopsy, "clandestinely" from "unidentified" sources for the tidy sum of \$300,000, and published them in the September 1996 (27th Anniversary) issue of Penthouse Magazine. In "Fifty Years of Cover-Ups: What the Government doesn't want you to know about UFOs":

(<http://www.penthousemag.com/feats/1096/coverup>), Keith Ferrell commented:

In last month's Penthouse, Bob Guccione published a photo acquired under dark and troubling circumstances, purloined from deep government sources; a photo many years ago entrusted to the daughter of a scientist engaged in work reportedly so secret that not even the President was aware of it.

Was this the scoop of the century? Or is the mark left on Guccione really a gouge? ParaNet encourages you to compare the Penthouse photos (viewed at your local library, of course!) with the photo at our web site (<http://www.paranet.org/paranet/>) taken at the UFO Museum in Roswell, NM., "showing a dummy surgeon standing near a bed containing the alien. Look carefully at the poles of the bed frame behind the alien dummy, and compare them, as well as the position of the arms and legs of the alien published in Penthouse. You will see that they are one and the same. ParaNet thus finds that the photos published by Penthouse are pictures of the display in the museum and not actual photos of an alien. While we do not accuse Penthouse of orchestrating a hoax to sell magazines, we do believe that Penthouse publisher Bob Guccione was snookered..."

Caveat emptor (let the buyer beware) is a motto tailor-made for a Ufology bankrolled by people with dubious agendas and dominated by sensational claims and counterclaims. We've seen lots of glitz and hype, but we are no closer to a public consensus about UFOs. The search for answers has turned into a unseemly quest for an Unholy Grail. Has this situation come about by accident?

Consider additional recent examples of preemptive strikes on Ufological investigations. The ParaNet Web site references a story from the Albuquerque Journal of August 13, 1996. Pieces of a UFO turned into the Roswell International UFO

Museum and Research Center by Blake Larsen were said to have been collected at the Roswell "crash" site. The UFO fragments analyzed as metal jewelry scrap from Utah artist Randy Fullbright's studio. (For the full story, go to: <http://www.abqjournal.com/news/4news9-20.htm>).

Even Dr. John Mack easily fell victim to deliberate duplicity, according to the March 1996 PBS NOVA documentary on alien abduction, when a female reporter presented herself to him as an abductee (for journalistic purposes). She claimed that he did not question her false account even after she reported under hypnosis that she saw John F. Kennedy and Nikita Khrushchev accompanying the aliens!

At best, this latter example may illustrate a pervasive psychotherapy bias toward a subject's sincerity, which grants such narratives exclusion from scientific scrutiny. But if these are supposed research conditions, it reveals a weakness of method, where narrative is either swallowed whole by the believing investigator, or spit out unchewed by the hardened skeptic.

Technological sophistication offers no guarantee against fraud. In March, 1996, a video camera captured unexplained lights over a newly formed crop circle at Bratton Castle, Nr Westbury, Wilshire, Great Britain, 22nd July 1990. In abbreviated form, the interview (BBC) with Colin Andrews (CA) on BBC Breakfast TV and HTV West News Report went as follows:

CA: "We do have a major event here...At approximately 3:30 AM this morning, on the monitor a number of orange lights taking the approximate form of a triangle...many lights following that... There is undoubtedly something here for science."

BBC: "Are you quite sure you couldn't have been the victims of some elaborate hoax last night?"

CA: "No, not indeed. We have high quality equipment here...We have indeed secured...a major event...something of great, great significance...two major grand markings in the field...in the order of 100 meters."

Later that evening investigators had to admit that they had captured a hoax on tape, most likely perpetrated deliberately, apparently due to the proximity of the research equipment.

These and other recent Ufological imbroglios, via a negative halo effect, has inevitably created a natural first public response to Ufological data which is articulated by the BBC reporter above. A neutral viewer certainly now has grave doubts about crop circles, abductions, alien autopsies and UFO crashes. Such would be a desirable condition if one wanted to create so many doubts and stir up such bewilderment that nothing true, no matter how clearly elaborated, could be recognized. What a wonderful way to

hide realities, in a circus atmosphere where edges blur and the truth casts a thin shadow!

How can we cut through the confidence games, disinformation campaigns, publicityseekers and mere profiteers? In this din of improbabilities, what remains of the legitimate Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence (SETI)?

Paul Vigay

(http://rainbow.medberry.com/enigma/Artcl3_1.html) speaks to this problem of separating the figure from its shadow. The figure might not change, but the light cast upon it can be heavily manipulated. In an article entitled "Hoaxing, the Final Chapter", he says:

Hoaxers have posed themselves an impossible problem to overcome: that of when to stop the hoaxing. If, as they claim, all crop circles are hoaxing, there is a simple way to stop the crop circle phenomenon for once and all: for the hoaxers to stop hoaxing. If, as they claim, Doug and Dave did invent the subject back in the late 1970's, all hoaxers have to do is to stop hoaxing. That way there would be no more circles. The biggest problem for the hoaxers is that of the genuine phenomenon. As they have no control over the 'real' circles, they cannot force the phenomenon to stop merely because they stop. Therefore each year, as genuine formations start to appear, the hoaxers have to come forward and say 'yes, we did them'. They cannot simply give up hoaxing as this will reveal the genuine formations, which will continue to appear. Hoaxers have effectively given themselves no option but to continue hoaxing for as long as the genuine phenomenon persists.

By all accounts, the genuine phenomenon persists (or hoaxers have reached a new level of world-wide organization!). A Reuter's story (June 22, 1996) ran as follows: "UFO sightings around the world have risen by more than 200 percent during the past year, a Brazilian expert said at a conference in Chile. Ademar Gevaerd, editor of UFO Magazine, was quoted in the Chilean daily La Tercera as saying Friday "there are places where there has been a 400 per cent rise. This means a true wave of UFO's (Unidentified Flying Objects) visiting Earth, and I have more than 100 slides to prove it."

We believe that all of these phenomena, whether genuine or contrived, are changing human consciousness and shifting our cosmological paradigms. As if by design, we are entering the Age of First Contact.

II. Framing the Question.

We have argued in prior articles for the primacy of method, for some kind of filtering system to remove impurities and yield up a palatable truth. We have argued that Ufological research is a serious business because First Contact is so monumentally important for all humankind. Nothing does

this quest more disservice than a circus atmosphere. Consequently, our solution is to emphasize the application of First Contact Science to all evidence of ETI.

As we've discussed in our previous articles, the primary goal of First Contact Science (FCS) is to develop consensus standards of scientific investigation in SETI, and to implement those methods in a completely public and open fashion. Serious researchers would use FCS to winnow the possibilities until a consensus discovery can be claimed.

Among the knotty problems facing FCS investigators is the paradox of recognizing First Contact when it comes. Our expectations can sometimes obstruct our awareness, while our capacity for frank denial can obscure the obvious. Will our First Contact come through intercepted radio signals picked up by a SETI radio telescope dish, as is the current focus of mainstream science?

Or is it possible that this search is too narrow? Is it possible that First Contact will come to us, gradually, with increasing degrees of disclosure, from an awakening experience of vague lights in the sky and strange forms on the ground, to close encounters of the abduction kind? The FCS we propose links these forms of search into a unified program of investigation.

We are living in revolutionary times. Our cosmology is changing almost daily. Carl Sagan once quoted Philip Morrison of Project Ozma fame to the effect that the discovery of life on Mars would convert the origin of life from a miracle to a statistic. In the wake of NASA's amazing revelation in July, 1996 that Mars may have harbored primitive cellular life forms in its early evolution (<http://cu-ames.arc.nasa.gov/marslife/>), and knowing that many other local stars appear to have planetary systems (<http://www.obspm.fr:80/departement/darc/planets/catalog.html>), it appears we are moving from the probability of other life toward certainty.

It is only a matter of time before we discover who else is riding this galactic train. As suggested in the dazzling movie "Independence Day," we'd better get busy. Maybe "they" are planning a planetary version of Murder on the Orient Express. Then again, maybe we're just on the tourist run to Marrakech!

Almost 25 years ago, Carl Sagan said that contact with extraterrestrial intelligence "may be, in the long run, the most profound single event in the history of our civilization." (Sagan, 1973). Because the implications of First Contact are so immense, SETI warrants a profound concern for truth. We must neither be blinded to important revelations by service to an undisciplined skepticism (resulting in "false negatives"), nor lulled by the siren song of sincerity and belief (producing "false positives"). Instead we must refine our methods and then further refine those

methods, until FCS becomes a tool capable of winnowing the truth for *all* to see.

III. Framing the Facts.

Previously we have discussed the shortcomings inherent in the prevailing methods for investigating "alien abductions." Until now, Dr. John Mack and others have resorted to analogical, paralogical, metalogical and other "intuitive models" when dealing with reports of First Contact. Mack contends that "The intelligence that appears to be at work here...is subtler, and its method is to invite, to remind, to permeate our culture from the bottom up as well as the top down..." (Mack, 1994).

With these methods, we are left without any universally accepted conclusions, and instead are asked to accept on faith the claims of Narrators who report a complex conglomeration of traumatic victimization and religious awe, filled with contradictions such as perceived participation in the ongoing encounters along with reported helplessness to prevent their continuing abduction and torture.

Demonstrating First Contact using the minds of abductees is like trying to find one particular tagged salmon in the Pacific Ocean. Perhaps it can be done, but we will need better methods than the fishing pole of hypnosis and the net of regression. Certainly these techniques are productive--the nets are full. But is First Contact in the squirming haul?

Abduction narratives occupy a tiny island in the inescapable vastness of the human mind. As dramatic as they seem, these narratives are not unique to our time nor is the subject matter so clearly extraterrestrials as to end all debate.

FCS sets forth a strict standard. It says that we have to assume the negative until proven otherwise--the so-called Null Hypothesis. "Nothing's happened" until proven otherwise. This is not debunking. It is not skepticism. It is science.

We have developed a working model of what a Null Hypothesis for First Contact Science might look like, based in part on the following assumptions, which so far remain unchallenged by current "evidence".

Assumption I: *Earth has the only sentient biological life forms in the universe of which we have direct knowledge.*

The "Strong Uniqueness" version of this assumption is:

I.A. *The universe has only one form of sentient life--humans on earth.*

A less sweeping form of this hypothesis, which could perhaps be called "The Weak Unique Sentience" assumption, is this:

I.B. *ET life forms may exist, and some even may have spacefaring capabilities, but none have visited the Earth.*

Assumption II: *Faster than light (FTL) travel is impossible or so impracticable as not to exist.*

A strongly stated version of this proposition can be found at the following site:

(<http://www.phys.hawaii.edu/vjs/www/quack.txt>),

where physicist Dr. Victor J. Stenger asserts: "The apparent holistic, non-local behavior of quantum phenomena, as exemplified by a particle appearing two places at once, can be understood without discarding the commonsense notion of particles following definite paths in space and time or requiring that signals travel faster than the speed of light. No superluminal motion or signaling has ever been observed, in agreement with the limit set by the theory of relativity."

Assumption II-A: *Interstellar distances are incredibly vast, and sub-light speed space travel too arduous, for Earth to be visited more than once.*

Spacefaring civilizations that master interstellar travel might manage a range of a few dozen light years, but certainly could not send advanced scouting ships to every candidate star system even within a small volume like 10 cubic parsecs. Consequently, the probability of even one contact event is extremely low.

These assumptions produce the Null Hypotheses of First Contact Science.

HYPOTHESIS I:

None of the phenomena loosely labeled "UFO sightings" are of extraterrestrial origin. All have a normal science explanation (one that falls within the bounds of current human knowledge, or could become known within these bounds).

HYPOTHESIS II:

No persons telling alien abduction narratives are in fact being physically abducted by extraterrestrial biological organisms. All such experiences have a normal science explanation (or could have such an explanation).

IV. Sorting the Catch.

Research into abduction narratives too frequently emphasizes the unique (non-analyzable) character of the reports, and alleges the failure of *normal science* to provide an explanation for them *as veridical*. "There are phenomena and experiences reported by abductees for which we can

conceive of no explanation within a Newtonian/Cartesian or even Einsteinian space/time ontology." (Mack, 1994, p.32)

Thus far, most *scientific* approaches to abduction experiences are rejected as "invalid" by these kinds of investigators, the narratives are taken completely at face value just as reported. Instead of finding a method, Mack asks us to become the method: "In order to learn about the worlds 'beyond the veil,' as abductees put it, we may need a different kind of consciousness. This means that the process of gaining information about abductions is, to a large degree, 'co-creative'--understanding comes to those who will accept it..." (Mack, 1994, p. 391).

Solipsistic or self-contained approaches to knowledge have immense value when the goal is to change the consciousness of the "co-creators." If Mack is right, UFO and abduction narratives really serve only one purpose: personal enlightenment. Questions of universal meaning are a misunderstanding of the phenomena.

Whatever else may be true, this explains the failure of such approaches to provide guidance on the question of First Contact. This unfortunate willingness to abandon the scientific method makes the use of abduction narratives to address SETI an irrelevancy: "We do not know if any of the [abduction/UFO] phenomena exist literally...[or if]..all this may be in some mysterious way a kind of play of consciousness..." (Mack, 1994, p. 417) The Null Hypotheses of FCS remain unaddressed.

In contrast, the method of First Contact Science starts with the assumption that we have insufficient data to reach any conclusions, and that therefore the most "valid" or parsimonious explanation is that the two Null Hypotheses are true.

Part of invalidating one or both Null Hypothesis (Null I & II henceforth), and the task of any scientific methodology, is to make the evidence publicly available and open to double-checking and the cross-validated study called replication. It is noteworthy that in a field replete with immensely justified criticism of governmental secrecy, we ourselves violate these same principles by tolerating claims without public validation. Why is a privately published, commercially distributed book considered an acceptable means for Distributing the "Final Answer"? Is there not a built-in and fatally damaging contradiction in this approach, as illustrated in the anecdotes above?

It cannot be disputed that there are hundreds and perhaps thousands of well-illustrated UFO books and magazines, and a matching number of web pages on the Internet. Yet, Ufology lacks a single online "well" where the serious researcher could find all the documents associated with any single abduction or sightings case--all the affidavits, photos, measurements, methods, and laboratory results, readily

viewed or downloaded, with chat space available for critical review and interactive discussion?

Instead, the UFO-First Contact mystery has itself been abducted by an industry that claims that the "full story" can be bought in the next book, magazine, videotape or CD. The irony is overwhelming, because if some UFO disinformation campaign existed, if some UFO version of COINTELPRO under the direction of a super-secret Majestic-12 had its way, it could do no better. Take the alien, chain him to a post, charge an admission fee, and everyone will assume he is a charming fake. The mystery will remain hidden in full view.

Disconfirming Null I & II would be of such monumental importance that nothing besides open, scientific, consensual and conclusive verification should be tolerated when considering evidence of disconfirmation. Without FCS, such web pages as can be found at (<http://www.maui.net/~daryl/enmar.html>) will continue to represent the state of the art:

Some the information presented here may not be true, or it might all be true, but most likely: most of it is true. Some of the information may be dis-information from the result of the US Government's massive 'dis-information campaign.' Some of the information presented may also be perceived as negative or scary, depending on your own personal perception...

First Contact is not a yet an accepted fact. Null I and Null II have not yet been disconfirmed, nor have any of the underlying assumptions been successfully challenged. The claims and counterclaims of 50 years investigations only nullify each other. Ufology's progress toward knowledge is marked by the following two contradictory claims (one set of *many*) about First Contact.

Stanton Friedman would seem to contend that Null I is disproved (at least to his own satisfaction) (<http://www.jse.com/15/6.html>):

After 38 years of study and investigation of every aspect of the UFO problem, and having written 2 books and more than 70 papers, and answered at least 30,000 questions after more than 700 lectures ("Flying Saucers ARE Real!") and hundreds of interviews, I have reached 4 major conclusions:

1. The evidence is overwhelming that Planet Earth is being visited by intelligently-controlled ET spacecraft (i.e. SOME UFOs are alien vehicles. Most are not).
2. The subject of flying saucers (All Flying Saucers are UFOs, few UFOs are Flying Saucers) represents a Cosmic Watergate (i.e., some FEW people in government have known since at least July, 1947, when 2 crashed saucers were recovered in New Mexico, that SOME UFOs are alien spacecraft.)

3. None of the anti-ET origin arguments stand up under careful scrutiny, through they sound great until one examines the data.

4. The biggest story of the millennium involves ET visits to Planet Earth and successful cover-up of the best data ... bodies and wreckage, for almost 50 years.

On the other hand, listen to the voices of author and UFO researcher Philip Klass and Harvard physicist Paul Horowitz, as seen on the NOVA special on UFOs:

KLASS: There simply is no scientifically credible evidence that we have alien visitors. If there were, there would no longer be a mystery; there would no longer be a controversy. ..So even if the idea of extraterrestrial visitors is a bit far out, we've had more than 50 years to come up with artifacts, with evidence. And nobody has been able to come up with it.

HOROWITZ: In the last 30, 40 50 years now, we've been hearing about flying saucers, we've been hearing about, more recently, abduction phenomena and so on. But there is zero hard scientific evidence of any sort. There are only anecdotes, experiences earnestly believed but not buttressed by any sort of real evidence.

This is the true status of Null I and II, and therefore also the status quo of Ufology without an overarching First Contact Science. Same data, but mutually exclusive conclusions. We offer this simplified state of affairs as convincing evidence that there is not yet any meaningful First Contact Science, and that no progress has been made using today's methodologies toward disconfirming Null I or II. Consequently, there is little lost in starting over.

We agree with Klass and Horowitz that we only have narratives or "experiences earnestly believed", but that is because no fact is meaningful except in a context (which is what a narrative sets up). We disagree that there is *no sort of real evidence* (see his quote above) because we have not defined what we mean by "real." So we have proposed that FCS set about defining its terms and circumscribing the boundaries of the consensus reality which are supposedly violated by claimed evidence for extraterrestrial intelligence.

Daniel Lawrence O'Keefe (1982) has argued that all social realities consist of "agreements to agree" which are then resisted and eventually dissolved by the growth of new epistemologies which begin in alienated (sic) individuals. To those for whom some existing evidence is "real" and compelling, there is always a commitment to some version of reality. We would rephrase Horowitz' language and say that the problem is that there is no *real* sort of real evidence. Namely, the sort that can be found in our participation in the world, not just in a certain shared subjective context (regardless of its number of participants), and the sort which can confirm or disconfirm the First Contact Null Hypothesis.

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This problem has also been pointed out by Richard Leviton in his excellent (and very unusual) book "The Imagination of Pentecost" (1994):

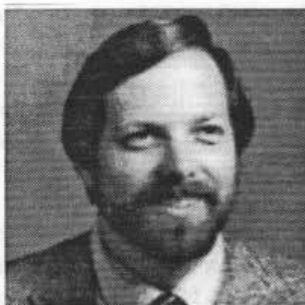
[Whitley Strieber] diverts his own and the reader's attention to the epistemological problem of whether [alien abductions] actually happen. The correct inquiry is rather, where did they happen?...Strieber constantly portrays the abduction...events as material, physical occurrences, as interactions with extraordinary beings within our quotidian sensory reality. Quite likely this is an error in cognition and Strieber's encounters are unattended out-of-body astral encounters; or worse, they may be memory implants.

Quite apart from adjudicating the evidence for Leviton's claims, we heartily endorse the kinds of issues that he raises. We agree that just because it may be true that we are all individually (or in groups) limited by our many finite worldviews, we all inevitably assert (by faith, intuition, or some other means) that we also participate in a reality that all worldviews participate in; otherwise each of us in effect implodes into solipsistic nothingness. To be "sane" in the broadest definition of that term, we all must begin with an assumption that abduction narratives and sightings can eventually be understood by attainable means until proven otherwise. That is the primary purpose for a First Contact Science, a discipline to which we subscribe.

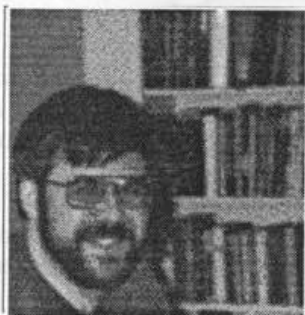
In a future article, we will show that there are many promising explanatory models for understanding abduction narratives without disconfirming Null I or II, and demonstrate why these approaches have been too readily dismissed. Such is the inevitable result of SETI without FCS. We will also discuss the problem of unusual experiences in general, and ways to bring some order to the chaos which inevitably precedes the Age of First Contact.

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Coming soon! Another great idea from ParaNet. The ParaNet radio show has amassed dozens of fascinating interviews with UFO and paranormal researchers, and we're creating compilations of 6 hours of these interviews, along several common themes. These interviews are being transferred to the audio tracks of T-120 videotapes. The video tracks will have an assortment of pictures from the ParaNet studios, and more! Order your compilation for only \$25 postpaid (plus Sales tax in Colorado).

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Tape VT-3: Mars/moon anomalies (Richard Hoagland, Stan McDaniel, Bruce Cornett)

Tape VT-4: Mind Control (Walter Bowart, Clark Matthews, John Rappaport, Nick Begich)

Tape VT-5: Remote Viewing (Shelley Thomson, Rod Lewis)

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Tape VT-10: Crop Circles, Cattle Mutilations (Iona Hoepfner, Chris O'Brien, Colin Andrews, Brian Wood)

Random Walk

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 World Wide Web, news wires and magazine stories.

Meteorite Sparked Green Flash in Sky. The eerie green flash that lit up night skies throughout the West two weeks ago was a meteorite that skimmed off Earth's atmosphere like a skipping stone, scientists said. The big chunk of space rock apparently entered the atmosphere over New Mexico and Texas, bounced back into space and orbited Earth before re-entry in a flash northeast of Los Angeles. It came the closest to Earth's surface near Artesia, NM, where it began breaking apart, spraying a brilliant shower of lesser meteorites as far as Lubbock, TX.

Search for Planets Hits Warp Speed. Just one year ago, astronomers announced the discovery of the first planet circling a sun-like star outside our solar system. Now the count of alien planets is up to 10. "It's sort of the Planet-of-the-month club", joked George Gatewood, a planet hunter at the University of Pittsburgh's Allegheny Observatory. So far, none of the planets resembles Earth or is likely to harbor life.

Crop Circle Construction Video Analysis From a press release provided by Joyce Murphy of Beyond Boundaries comes this story sent in by noted crop circle researcher and author Colin Andrews: "A man was camping out on the hilltop of Oliver's Castle overlooking the Devizes area of Wiltshire, England...He was on the hill with the intention of watching the fields below the hill for the construction of crop circles which have been found there in recent years. At approximately 0500 hours on the 11th of August as the first light appeared he saw what he thought was a small white-lighted sphere pass swiftly across the field directly below him. [He grabbed his camcorder and started taping] Two white spheres move in ... from the right and arc across the field in a large spiral... As the spheres spiralled across the field a small circle suddenly flattened to the ground and within just seconds a large complex crop pattern materialized. A private detective agency has been engaged by Circles Phenomenon Research International (CPRI) to investigate certain aspects of this case.

Initial results ... give rise for considerable concern. It appears that several individuals are concerned with this film and not just the man 'John' who claims to have filmed it. In favor of the film: It looks convincing, very little time existed in which to fake the video, and the features described in the crop circle literature can be seen in the video. Against the footage [ParaNet paraphrasing in brackets]: 1) The camera appears to have been already set up for the event, with the crop pattern forming dead centre of the frame. 2) His comments ... fall short of the excitement one might have expected. 3) Small UFO spheres are frequently seen in the vicinity of crop circle fields. 4) Army personnel have been showing an interest in the circles and have been seen in the vicinity of the fields before discovery. 5) The pattern formed ... is like a basic snow flake design [which is a term often used by Colin Andrews]. 6) [John failed to tell Colin about the electrostatic crackling noises he heard]. 7) [Formation phase is 7 seconds -- a little too quick, and it's just too pat]. 8) "John" was determined that Colin would be the one to run with it first. 9) We were of the opinion that there were observers outside and inside the pub who might have been part of what was going on [when he signed the contract]." As always, ParaNet cautions everyone that, if it looks too good to be true, it probably is.

New Cattle Mutilation Accompanied by Crop Circles. [The following text is based on a story that appeared in the October edition of the monthly *Crestone* (Colorado) *Eagle*, written by Christopher O'Brien, who is also author of the recently published book "The Mysterious Valley." O'Brien has conducted investigations of unusual animal deaths (UADs), UFO sightings and other anomalous phenomena in the San Luis Valley of Colorado for many years and has been a frequent guest on The ParaNet Continuum radio show.]

On September 23, 1996, UPS driver Dave Jaramillo filed a report of an unusual animal death with investigator Chris O'Brien. Jaramillo and his family had been up on the family's property west of Antonito, Colorado on Sunday, September 22, when they discovered and videotaped a slain cow. The animal's tongue, rear-end, udder and one ear appeared to have been removed.

Jaramillo observed that "the cuts were real clean, with no tears or jagged edges." He further noted, "When a cow dies around here, the scavengers always tear it up in a couple of days. They haven't touched this one."

As is often the case with such unusual animal deaths, Jaramillo and his family could find no trace of tracks, footprints or blood anywhere around the carcass. But stranger still, they did find a pattern of crop circles impressed into the grass about 100 feet away. Three circles, each measuring about three feet in diameter, were arranged in a triangle twelve feet on each side. Around each circle

were three smaller circles, four inches wide -- a total of twelve circles in the complete formation.

O'Brien commented after seeing Jaramillo's videotape that the circles appeared to be gently swirled into the grass, not pressed down flat as if by weight.

"This type of potential physical evidence is very rare," O'Brien wrote. "Besides the carcasses themselves, a vast majority of unusual animal death cases feature no additional clues whatsoever. Only a handful of cases on record feature these circular markings."

The San Luis Valley, which runs north to south from central Colorado into northern New Mexico, has a long history of strange phenomena and has been held sacred by the native tribes of the area.

Six other cattle mutilations were reported in northern New Mexico since August 1, O'Brien said. In three of the cases, UFO sightings were also reported.

O'Brien logged over 30 UFO sighting cases in the San Luis Valley during the summer of 1996, including two cases of extremely large objects moving "at fantastically slow speeds." One of the objects, witnessed by five people in the early morning of August 1 near La Veta Pass, was said to be over a mile in length.

UFO Researcher doubts aliens exist. John Woolard, in a Knight-Ridder article, reports that UFO investigator Alvin Lawson, who is the director of the Garden Grove, California-based UFO Reports Center of Orange County, said "I hate to disappoint the people who want so badly to believe that we are having, and have had, contact with beings from outer space. But research I've personally been involved with disputes that entirely." That research seems to indicate that abduction experiences are simply repressed memories of fetal trauma and birth. Lawson said "Both the people that knew nothing about UFOs and the people who said they were abducted had basically the same story. When you look at it, you can't help but notice the birth imagery" such as loss of control, paralysis, pressure on the head, difficulty in breathing and traveling down a lighted tunnel into a large room with humanoid figures looking at them. Lawson adds, though, "There are some mysteries there...and I think you have to take them seriously. But the unreasoning leap is to assume that these unexplained things are aliens. There are a lot of other potential explanations that are earthbound."

Author Vanna Bonta Announces She's an Alien. To the jeering of a shocked audience, author Vanna Bonta addressed questions on an upcoming Ricki Lake show regarding her being an alien. *FLIGHT: A Quantum Fiction Novel* by Bonta has received much critical acclaim, likening

Bonta to Plato, Dante, Bach and Heinlein, while discussions on the internet emerged about whether or not the author was an ET, like her novel's heroine. Bonta's poetry has won gold medals in Europe, and her work has been translated into Japanese and Italian. In "FLIGHT", a story about a man who refuses to accept a world that defines him as nothing more than flesh doomed to die, the scientific discovery that thought affects matter is Bonta's premise behind coincidence and synchronous realities.

Hubble Photographs Alien Ship in Saturn's Rings, Says Scientist. Dr. Norman Bergrun, a highly respected scientist, engineer and author, has made a detailed study of photographic data sent back from Saturn by Voyagers I and II spacecraft and has arrived at some startling conclusions. Bergrun has concluded that the photos demonstrate that the rings of Saturn are not naturally occurring, but are the result of immense mobile objects orbiting the planet. He presents strong evidence that these mobile objects are maneuvered intelligently and that they have visited Earth's moon and probably Earth as well. This is all described in his book, *Ringmakers of Saturn*, which can be obtained in the U.S. by calling (800)597-5951. Tell 'em where you heard about it.

Clinton Signs Bills for CIA, Trade Secrets. President Clinton signed a bill in October that boosts intelligence agency spending. Clinton said he signed the Intelligence Authorization Act despite his objection to some of the bill's provisions, including one that establishes three new assistant directors of central intelligence under CIA Director John Deutch.

NRO News. Aviation Week reports that the National Reconnaissance Office is trying to polish its image by reducing over-classification. The NRO has released a batch of previously secret information. The data reveal that 60% of the NRO's estimated \$6-billion-plus budget goes to acquisition, roughly two-thirds for satellites and one-third for ground segments. Another 16% is for operations: 12% launch, 6% R&D, and 6% infrastructure. NRO revealed that its assets have been involved in over 300 launches. Its employees come from the Air Force (44%), CIA (36%), National Security Agency (13%), Navy (5%), Army (1%) and "others" (1%).

SETI On Again. Arecibo's giant ear will play a role in the on-again, off-again search for signs of intelligent life on planets outside the solar system. The Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence (SETI), based in Mountain View, CA, plans to bring its 1000-star survey of the Milky Way, known as Project Phoenix, to Arecibo by 1998. SETI is testing new listening equipment at the 300-foot-wide receiver dish at the National Radio Astronomy in Green Bank, W. Va, this fall. The project studies radio signals from space looking for signals of a nonnatural origin. So far, it hasn't found any. Congress quit financing the listening

survey in 1993. The SETI Institute, a private group, raised money to continue the search. At Arecibo, SETI will monitor 200 nearby stars.

Oxygen Atmosphere Found on Ganymede. Aviation Week reports that Johns Hopkins University and the Space Telescope Science Institute have discovered what they believe is a thin oxygen atmosphere on Ganymede, the largest of Jupiter's 16 moons. The team studied ultraviolet observations of Ganymede made with the Hubble Space Telescope's Goddard High Resolution Spectrograph. It showed that the moon probably has an atmosphere with pressure comparable to Earth's atmosphere at several hundred km. altitude - roughly the level of space shuttle orbits. But the astronomers emphasized the findings do not imply that Ganymede's atmosphere is generated by biological activity. They said it likely comes from oxygen atoms that split off from water molecules in the moon's icy surface, and possibly exposure to sunlight and meteor impacts. The new findings also suggest that the moon has light displays known as polar aurorae.

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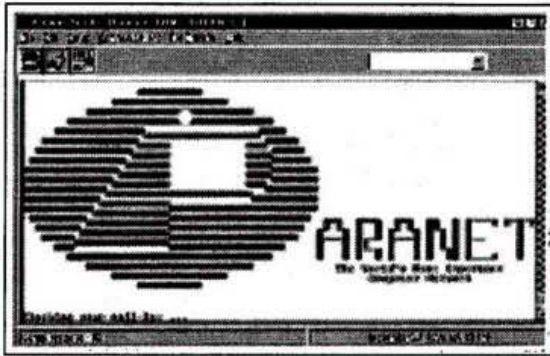
ParaNet has long been acknowledged as the leader in UFO and paranormal discussion groups. Originally a subsection of a forum on CompuServe in 1988 (and now available again as a subsection of the new MYSTERIES forum on CompuServe), ParaNet has grown to encompass its own private global network, amassing hundreds of files that are available for download. The ParaNet BBS also has forums that include discussions on topics as diverse as metaphysics, science, UFOs, abductions, psi research and more. Many, but not all of the conferences are gated onto the Internet's Usenet Newsgroups under the category alt.paranet, which allows millions of people to enter the discussion using their own Internet Service Provider. The BBS is available using a simple terminal emulator such as Windows 95's HyperTerminal at speeds up to 14.4 Kbaud. Call ParaNet's voice line at (303) 863-0484 to find out the current BBS phone line, as it has undergone some changes recently.

In December, 1995, ParaNet launched a page on the World Wide Web. The information on the web consists of audio files from interviews with guests who have appeared on our nationally syndicated radio show. We've also put hyperlinks in the web page that take you to other interesting sites, such as Aztec Books and Greenleaf Publications, both of which offer hundreds of books, tapes and software on the topic of UFOs and the paranormal.

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POSTINGS

This column presents selected posts from people who have expressed their opinions on the ParaNet computer network regarding topics from Angels to Zeta Reticuli. You can participate simply by having a computer and modem. 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.

Subject: Re: Mogul & Mylar -- Mogul's Charles Moore comments

Date: Fri, 04 Oct 1996 17:08:27 GMT

From: rudiak@garnet.berkeley.edu

"twitch" <twitch@hub.of.the.net> wrote:

Brian Zeiler <bzeiler@sprynet.com> wrote

*Twitch -- the witnesses preceded the publicity for obvious logical reasons unless you think a bunch of psychics ran the media and sought out the witnesses using astral projection methods. It was the witnesses who *alerted* the media.*

Could you be a little more specific here? This wasn't reported in any of the UFO books, etc. during the 1950s. It wasn't reported during the 1960s.

Although I'm not intimately familiar with the UFO literature of the 1950s and 1960s, there were brief mentions of the Roswell crash during this time period. The earliest mention I'm aware of was in the very first issue of Flying Saucer Review in 1955. Flight-Major Hughie Green (later to become a popular UK TV personality) told of driving cross-country through N.M. in July, 1947. Then serving with the Royal Canadian A.F., Green recalled hearing the news stories of the Roswell crashed saucer on the radio. By the time he reached the east coast, the story was dead, reporter friends telling him it had been hushed up. One of the interesting elements of Green's story was that he remembered the hearing a radio report that the sheriff and his men were proceeding towards the field of the crash within sight of the wreckage.

Thirty years later, Sheriff Wilcox's daughter and granddaughter said that Wilcox's wife, Inez, had told them that Wilcox had been at the main crash site and seen the saucer and dead aliens, including one live one. Inez Wilcox said that soon afterwards, the military came and threatened her and her husband with the death of their entire family if they ever talked. Kevin Randle and Don Schmitt also reported that when one of the Wilcox's deputies was contacted, he refused to talk, saying that he didn't want to get shot.

Another brief mention of the Roswell crash was in Frank Edwards's fairly popular 1966 book, "Flying Saucers - Serious Business. Edwards wrote (not too accurately) at the start of Chapter 4:

"There are such difficult cases as the rancher near Roswell, New Mexico, who phoned the Sheriff that a blazing disc-shaped object had passed over his house at low altitude and had crashed and burned on a hillside within view of the house. the sheriff called the military; the military came on the double quick. Newsmen were not permitted in the area. A week later, the government released a photograph of a service man holding up a box kite with an aluminum disc about the size of a large pie pan dangling from the bottom of the kite. This, the official report explained, was the device borne aloft on the kite and used to test radar gear by bouncing the signals off the pie pan. And this, we were told, was the sort of thing that excited the rancher. We were NOT told, however, how the alleged kite caught fire-- nor why the military cordoned off the area while they inspected the wreckage of a burned-out box kite with a non-flammable pie pan tied to it."

In 1968, Robert Loftin of NICAP published "Identified Flying Saucers," in which he wrote (p. 21): "Vast, material evidence was obtained from a ranch, near Roswell, New Mexico, where a flying saucer crashed and burned. The Air Force cordoned off the area until the evidence could be removed."

Note that none of these early public references to the Roswell crash mention anything about odd physical properties to the debris that was found (or recovery of aliens). These descriptions didn't arise until 1978-1980 when the first Roswell witnesses were interviewed before publication of Berlitz and Moore's "The Roswell Incident." These included Jesse Marcel, Jesse Marcel Jr., Bill Brazel Jr., and Floyd and Loretta Proctor. For sure Jesse Marcel had never met or knew Bill Brazel or the Proctors. These people all lived about a thousand miles apart when interviewed. Yet all three sets of witnesses gave nearly identical debris descriptions for "beams" which resembled balsa wood, but which couldn't be cut, marked, burned or broken. And then there was the strange thin metal "foil," which also defied cutting or burning, and which Bill Brazel said unfolded itself without creasing. Marcel said the thin metal couldn't be cut or burned, and wouldn't hold a dent or

crease, and Loretta Proctor said Mac Brazel also told her the metal couldn't be cut, burned, and unfolded without creasing. Then in 1985, the 1947 Schulgen memo describing flying saucer construction was declassified. Gen. Schulgen mentioned to intelligence operatives that thin metal foils and balsa-wood-like material of "extreme lightness and structural stability" might be used in flying saucer construction. Now where could he possibly have gotten that description?

I've asked Twitch to take a stab at explaining the Schulgen memo. Of course he completely dodged the question, just like he dodges all the tough questions. He claims to have this exceedingly high standards when it comes to evidence. He even refused to LOOK at the video of the Nellis UFO, complaining that it must be nothing but disinformation. But when some UFO debunking rumor or character assassination piece (such as against Jesse Marcel) is published in that Net rag "Saucer Smear," you can bet Twitch will bring it up here as if it was Holy Truth handed down by God. This is how he dismisses EVERYTHING Marcel said, even though just about everything in Marcel's story has been corroborated by other witnesses or documents like the Schulgen memo, the surviving FBI telegram, news reports of the day, and so on. This is simply the way Twitch operates. He's completely deluding himself if he thinks his standards of evidence are high.

So I'm not at all surprised when Twitch dismisses ALL statements of ALL witnesses, even when they cross-corrobrate one another, weren't in contact with one another, weren't contaminated by non-existent media reports, and had no way of knowing that other witnesses existed, much less knowing what other witnesses would say.

It wasn't reported until about 1980 (I'm doing the dates from memories, so they may be off) There were rumors of a Roswell crash that preceded 1980, but descriptions of odd materials didn't seem to occur until around 1980.

So we are talking about old memories where the inhabitants of the UFO now look like the aliens from the time when they were reported and not like the aliens from the period of the crash or slightly after the crash.

I really don't know what Twitch is blathering about here. There were no media reports of aliens from the period of the crash or after, unless he's referring to Frank Scully's 1950 book, "Behind the Flying Saucers." The more current reports of the Roswell aliens actually describe beings more similar in appearance to humans, rather than the current popular media description of the "Greys."

All altered in the same way. Amazing. Your memory argument is such nonsense for ignoring the Schulgen memo. Can you explain the Schulgen memo?

Which is what you might expect from the intense publicity.

More complete nonsense from Twitch. There was NO media publicity about the strange materials at the time of the

Roswell crash. The Schulgen memo about flying saucer construction materials was written 3-1/2 months after the Roswell events, in the ABSENCE of such publicity.

No, I've never tried. Without more knowledge than we have, we can theorize all we like.

Here is what I mean about Twitch ducking the hardball questions. He won't try, because he must know he CAN'T explain the Schulgen memo. No debunker can. There is no rational reason why the Chief of Air Intelligence would speculate about high-performance, possibly interplanetary craft as being made of thin foils and balsa-wood-like material unless this was based on something of substance.

Can you explain the Memo about our not having any physical evidence from the head of AF intelligence?

Of course, while avoiding all comment on the Schulgen memo, Twitch feels perfectly free to comment on another memo [the McCoy memo], using it as "proof" that there was no Roswell saucer crash. If Twitch were being halfway consistent, he would also say about the McCoy memo, "Without more knowledge than we have, we can theorize all we like." But naturally, Twitch immediately assumes all sorts of things about this memo, including that McCoy would necessarily be in-the-know.

A few comments about this memo. First of all, COLONEL McCoy WAS NOT the head of A.F. intelligence, as Twitch states. He was the intelligence chief of the Air Materiel Command at Wright Field, where Project SIGN was located. The REAL heads of Air Intelligence were GENERAL Schulgen in 1947 and GENERAL Cabell in 1948. In fact, the various McCoy memos were to Gen. Cabell, after Cabell began pressuring McCoy for answers to the flying discs. These memos in the Fall of 1948 followed immediately after Project SIGN's August, 1948 Estimate of the Situation, which said they believed the flying saucers to be interplanetary, but also denied the existence of physical evidence.

There is an interesting, but unverified story, about the drafting of the Estimate in Kevin Randle's book "UFO Casebook." Randle said he casually spoke with an A.F. colonel in the early 1980's before he (Randle) became involved in investigating Roswell. The colonel said he had helped write the Estimate. The first draft sent to USAF chief Gen. Vandenberg described physical evidence in the form of metal debris recovered in the New Mexico desert. Allegedly, Vandenberg ordered these paragraphs on physical evidence removed. When the final draft was sent to him, he ordered the Estimate burned, citing the lack of physical evidence.

Prior to this, Vandenberg had been chief of the Army general staff's intelligence division and then director of the Central Intelligence Group, the CIA's predecessor, from 7/46 - 5/47, before being replaced by Hillenkoetter. [And

Hillenkoetter, while on the Board of Directors of NICAP in 1960, wrote a letter to Congress stating: "It is time for the truth to be brought out... Behind the scenes, high-ranking Air Force officers are soberly concerned about the UFOs. But through official secrecy and ridicule, many citizens are led to believe the unknown flying objects are nonsense...". In fact, Vandenberg's position as director of the CIG coincided with the first UFO wave in Europe, the so-called Scandinavian "ghost rockets" that appeared in July 1946, and which crashed into a number of inland lakes, primarily in Sweden. These incidents were investigated by U.S. and British military intelligence, but the results of these investigations have never been made public. You can bet Vandenberg knew about it, however. Greek physicist, Dr. Paul Santorini, who worked on the Manhattan Project, publicly stated in 1967, that U.S. military scientists and intelligence officials visited him and told him to stop his investigation of the ghost rocket incidents in Greece. Santorini later told researchers, such as Raymond Fowler, that secrecy was invoked because officials were afraid to admit of a superior technology against which we have "no possibility of defense."

So the point here is that evidence was probably being suppressed. Was McCoy part of this process, or was he some lower intelligence officer not part of the loop? We have no way of knowing if he would have been considered to have a "need to know," despite his position at Wright Field, or what sort of orders he may have been under. Something as momentous as a flying saucer crash would have been the most closely held secrets and highly compartmentalized. Jesse Marcel, e.g., even though he was head of intelligence at Roswell and the principle air crash investigator, was cut completely out of the Roswell case after his initial investigation. Vice President Truman didn't know of the existence of the Manhattan Project. You would think he of all people had a need to know, but he wasn't included.

And, let's not forget the immortal question: 'what happened to Nurse X?' But the most interesting of all is: "Where are those 15 gold helmets buried?"

Well, here Twitch goes trying to dodge the major issues about the debris and the Schulgen memo. But he really knows very little about the Roswell case, despite his alleged "high standards" of evidence, because he inevitably ends up repeating debunking material from Philip Klass reprinted in "Saucer Smear."

Despite the inability to find a "Nurse X," portions of Roswell mortician Glenn Dennis' story about "Nurse X," calls from the base about small caskets and preservation techniques, and descriptions of the aliens have been partly corroborated by others. I'm not going to go into details here. Suffice to say for the moment that at least one other witness from the base hospital was tracked down and remembers "Nurse X," and the former Police Chief of Roswell remembers Dennis telling him about the base call for caskets just a few days

after the crashed saucer story broke in the newspapers back in 1947.

Jim Ragsdale's change of story to include "gold helmets" on the aliens he allegedly saw occurred within months of when he died and apparently under financial pressure or inducement. I don't know if Ragsdale was telling the truth initially or not, and I don't really care, since I think the cross-corroboration from other independent witnesses about the anomalous debris and the "coincidental" description in the Schulgen memo form the heart of the Roswell case.

We have the chief of the Air Force Intelligence stating that no physical evidence exists that UFOs are alien spacecraft, so I think that needs to be debunked much better than it has, before you can say that we know or believe that an alien spacecraft crashed there.

Why don't we first start with the FACT that he WASN'T chief of A.F. Intelligence?

Are you saying that the head of intelligence didn't say that? Do you have any evidence to support such a position? Everyone else believes that he said such a thing.

Col. McCoy said that, but NOT the chief of A.F. Intelligence. From various declassified statements made by McCoy, it sounds as if he was privy to UFO case reports, including a large number that have NEVER been made public. This was revealed in some recently declassified minutes of a SECRET A.F. Scientific Advisory Board meeting held March 17 and March 18, 1948. McCoy said, "We have a new project -Project Sign -- which may surprise you as a development from the so-called mass hysteria of the past summer when we had all the unidentified flying objects or discs. This can't be laughed off. We have over 300 reports which haven't been publicized in the papers from very competent personnel, in many instances - men as capable as Dr. K. D. Wood [Prof. of aeronautical engineering at the Univ. of Colorado], and practically all Air Force, Airline people with broad experience."

However, only 135 of those Project Sign case reports have been made public. What happened to the other 200 or so, like those from Dr. Wood?

McCoy's immediately following words were, "I can't even tell you how much we would give to have one of those crash in an area so that we could recover whatever they are." Various possible interpretations of this last statement are, 1) McCoy would have been told of a crash, but since he denies a crash, there was none; 2) McCoy would have been told, but wasn't cleared to say anything about it at a meeting classified only as SECRET [McCoy's other statements denying physical evidence are also in documents classified only at a SECRET level, not TOP-SECRET]; 3) There was a crash, but McCoy was never told, being a lower intelligence officer.

Of course, Twitch immediately assumes choice #1 is necessarily the correct one.

Your reasoning is so severely strained sometimes, Twitch, that it clearly exposes your bias.

Yes. I'm biased against eye-witness testimony. It isn't trustworthy.

You mean like all those people that your hero Col. McCoy mentioned, such as Dr. Wood and the "practically all A.F., Airline people with broad experience?"

Did you read the article from the former aircraft crash investigator where he agreed that eye-witness testimony is the worst sort of evidence? Even when it is taken by a trained investigator!

If you were to believe Twitch increasingly tiresome logic, eyewitnesses are so unreliable, that you can't even trust them to know whether they saw an air crash or not. In REAL life, however, eyewitnesses may not agree on the details of what happened, but they get the main events right. And the more important or dramatic the event, the more likely we are to remember it. That's why I still remember exactly where I was, the expressions on people's faces, the words that they said, etc. when I first heard about Kennedy's assassination or the explosion of the space shuttle. But I couldn't tell you what I was doing an hour earlier or a week later.

Further, the more eyewitnesses involved, the more likely you are to build up an accurate reconstruction of what happened, even if the various stories are incomplete, people can't agree on the details, or some of the witnesses are lying.

The simple fact is that eyewitness testimony is unreliable at the best of times. When it is extremely old eye-witness testimony, it is totally worthless.

This is just more nonsense from Twitch. Obviously the older the memory, the less reliable it becomes, but it certainly isn't "worthless." In Twitch's fantasy world, people are little more than brainless zombies, who NEVER remember ANYTHING correctly. It's amazing that we're even able to walk and talk.

If we were to accept Twitch's weird view of reality, we would have to ignore ALL oral histories. Forget about the vet's stories of what happened to them on D-Day. Forget the stories of the concentration camp survivors. They're all unreliable, lies, poorly remembered, self-serving, fantasies, tall tales, etc.

But unlike Twitch, we all know we DO remember momentous events in our lives, even if the details are imperfect and even if they happened a long time ago. I would think that if people were witnesses to something extraordinary happening in Roswell, they would remember it.

As long as the main evidence that UFOs exist comes from eye-witnesses, it will not be scientifically acceptable.

However, when something other than eyewitness testimony is offered to Twitch, he still refuses to touch it. Witness his refusal to discuss the Schulgen memo. Or how about his recent refusal to even LOOK at the video of the Nellis UFO or the Mexico City UFOs? He says he's being scientifically pure, since the provenance of the Nellis UFO can't be demonstrated. He knows, a priori, that it is nothing but disinformation, just like he "knows" whether Col. McCoy would have been told about a saucer crash. And without hesitation, he routinely cites as gospel truth debunking material he's read in that wonderful, scientific, peer-reviewed gossip rag, "Saucer Smear."

That is not only bias, but a fact.

It is a fact that Twitch is very biased about what he considers to be good and bad "scientific" evidence. Gossip in "Saucer Smear" = Good evidence. Eyewitnesses and videos = Bad evidence. McCoy memo = Good evidence. Schulgen memo = Bad evidence. Twitch's assumptions about what was known = Good evidence. Non-Twitch assumptions = Bad evidence.

(If you don't believe it go to the University of Chicago Law School and look up some of the texts that they use to train lawyers. And lawyers happily accept evidence which is far below scientific standards.)

Why doesn't Twitch cite the various references from which he gets his UFO debunking arguments? That way he can demonstrate what his "high scientific standards" are for the group, unlike those low-life lawyers. No doubt "Saucer Smear" and Philip Klass will be near the top of his list.

Subject: Re: The Evil United States Government

Date: 4 Oct 1996 15:03:27 -0400

From: zess@aol.com (Zess)

It's just way too easy to "perceive" conspiracies in the doings of the government - it's a rorschach inkblot thing (and they do blot a lot of ink). They suck, yes. No doubt about it. But in attributing these machiavellian conspiracy connivances to them you are flattering them. They are mostly too dopey to pull them off - look at what happened with this spy, Ames, at the CIA. My grandmother could have figured out this guy was being paid off by someone foreign. But the CIA couldn't. Their genuine scams - the CIA's backing of a criminal organization that distributed cocaine to the Crips and Bloods (see the San Jose mercury News website), said cocaine becoming inner city crack cocaine, to get Contras money; the backing of the Contras who were obvious losers; the CIA involvement in heroin revenues in SE Asia; their little mind control experiments like MK Ultra

- all come to light fairly easily because of their incompetence.

I mean - 60 Minutes did a thing recently on Gulf War syndrome and pretty convincingly identified the main cause as a pill the Pentagon forced our enlisted men to take. This poisonous pill - and there were many studies showing it was a lousy medication and very dangerous - was supposed to protect against nerve gas and actually made it worse, and it makes you sick besides on its own. They lied to enlisted men about it, they were experimenting, it turns out, with hundreds of thousands of service men and women. Using them for guinea pigs. And of course it has all come out. Like the government use of people for radiation experiments some decades ago, without the knowledge of the guinea pigs. It all comes out - because they're incompetent morons.

I'm still reeling over the implications of the poison-pill-in-the-Gulf. I can't believe it. What incredible betrayal of American soldiers. And will anyone who ordered this be prosecuted? They should spend the rest of their lives in Leavenworth. But they won't.

Subject: Re: Ufo

Date: Fri, 04 Oct 1996 19:06:39 -0700

From: Ric Justice <ricj@ix.netcom.com>

Justin Turner Cole wrote:

Yes I agree that our government is trying to hide all of this from us, but we are not nearly as stupid as you infer. If we were that stupid then there would be no one from the USA on these newsgroups, and there would be no one like myself and my friends who discuss UFO's and related phenomenon. There would be no people who listen when someone tells of a strange happening that they were part of. Hollywood never would have made shows and movies such as "Fire In The Sky" or "The X-Files" or "Sightings" or even the newest show "Dark Skies" (which I have not seen yet, is it any good?) to name a few. These shows are definitely not fact (even though sightings has facts supporting the event; but it ignores the skeptical evidence to make its point) but they do reflect the fact that the people here are interested, do know that it is happening and that the government is not as capable of hiding this phenomenon as you are trying to make everyone believe.

Justin Cole: UFO's is here your government is just to weak to tell you. The truth's is just under your nose, but to live in a country like the USA where so much is going on to cover up things about the UFO's, it is unlike to reveal the truth not the government or the leaders that's just the way things are over there, the same is it with JFK the country stills thinks that one man and only one man did it, The military and the government are pulling you around with your noses you can't see the wood for trees because they are lying for you. People in other country's can see how easy you to be lie and hide for, it is so easy to see when the military is giving you a lie. But what are you doing about it nothing they can go on

lying and hide the truth for you as long as they like. The military has made so many mistakes over the years, you can ask yourself if there is no thing called a UFO WHY are the military through the years in such a hurry to deny all, because if there is nothing there is nothing to deny. Just look at the universe and see how big it is and ask yourself can we be alone in this big universe then, it have to be a BIG NO we are not alone if we are comparing us with the Aliens we are back in the stoneage. THERE ARE SOMEONE OUT THERE AND THEY ARE HERE. WAKE UP AMERICA IT IS TIME TO SEE THE TRUTH IN YOUR EYES RONALD REGAN AND OTHERS BEFORE AND AFTER HIM KNOW THE TRUTH BUT YOU DON'T.

Justin,

Hollywood has made a large number of vampire films, too, as well as a few with unicorns. Popularity is no measure of truth. And Hollywood is more than happy to make movies that exploit all such interests.

The NDEs, e. g., have been used to prove there is a "soul," but there have never been cases that could be documented scientifically. Even if there are some "surprising" phenomena, they would hardly be any more than anecdotal. However, you raise an interesting point. One must keep one's mind open enough to look at possibilities. But that mind is useful only when it is also rigorously critical. Hopefully, we can find a balance between the two extremes. Fact is, however, there is so much reasonable work going on in scientific circles, and the literature is so vast and pertinent, that most of us don't have time enough to keep up with reading in our several fields, let alone the mystical, unscientific, and even the superstitious nature of a lot of the fringe literature.

Subject: Re: New Planet Zeta 2 found?

Date: 5 Oct 1996 01:00:18 -0400

From: raver187@telarama.lm.com (1.8.7)

geibdan@qtm.net (danG.com) writes:

> Has a new planet been found in the Zeta Reticuli system ? See the 4th quarter article in UFO News in UFO Folklore at <http://www.qtm.net/~geibdan/frame1st.html> [or use the hyperlink on the ParaNet web page - Ed.]. For More on the Zeta Star system, read the articles in "Meet the Aliens " also at UFO Folklore.<

If it has been detected, it cannot be an earth-like planet, because such a planet is not big enough. The planet must be more Jupiter sized. That means, alien life on the surface of this planet would be rather unlikely.

Correct. It is supposed to be about 0.27 the mass of Jupiter and it orbits very close to its star (within 0.140 AU). Of course this does not rule out an earthlike planet further out. It could be that this is just the first planet we detect around Zeta 2 Ret. We now know that there is at least 1 planet around Zeta 2 Reticuli.

SIGHTINGS

National UFO Reporting Center Sightings:
March, 1996

The listing on the next few pages was pulled from NUFORC's Web page at <http://www.nwlink.com/~ufocntr>. This is proof that UFOs are continuing to be reported at a good clip, despite the fact that they are not reported by the major media. We've also included some of the more interesting case studies which were accompanied by pictures. The National UFO Reporting Center is run by Peter Davenport. His address is P.O. Box 45623, Seattle, WA 98145. Peter was a guest on The ParaNet Continuum radio show on September 24, 1995 (show #76). Copies of that radio program can be ordered from ParaNet. See the ad in the back of this magazine.

Subject: Mass UFO Sightings - National UFO Reporting Center

Date: Sat, 05 Oct 1996 15:33:05 GM

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

SUBJECT: A. SPRINGER, NM, MASS SIGHTING (03OC96) B. CALIFORNIA "FIREBALL" (03OC96)

During the evening of Thursday, 03OC96, the National UFO Reporting Center received several reports from the southwestern United States regarding a number of UFO sightings and events. Given the similarity of some of these events to other sightings that have been reported to our Center in the recent past, together with the seemingly well documented nature of some of the sightings, we are seeking more information about these events.

Springer, NM--At approximately 2000 hrs. (local) on Thursday night, 03OC96, a number of vehicles traveling on I-25 somewhat south of Springer, NM, were witness to a cigar-shaped object, estimated to be at least "two stories" tall and covered with very bizarre lights. The object was seen to descend out of the night sky and hover over an area near the highway. At least 4-5 automobiles, and 2 or more tractor-trailers, were stopped along the highway, and their occupants were reported outside their vehicles looking at the object. At some point during the sighting, the object was seen to extinguish its lights and apparently settle to the ground. At least one young person was emotionally upset by his observation of the craft, and was still in shock several hours after the event.

The Center would like very much to communicate, either by our telephone Hotline (206--722-3000), or via e-mail, with

any of the individuals who were personal witness to the above event, or other similar events in the nearby area.

CALIFORNIA--On Thursday night, 03OC96, numerous sightings of one or more blue-green "fireballs" streaking overhead were reported to various state and law-enforcement agencies in the state of California. Some reports hinted at the possibility that the sightings were associated to several fires (nature unknown) that allegedly had broken out just as the object(s) passed overhead.

The California Emergency Management Office in Sacramento received reports of the "meteor shower" from sources in at least four counties.

One observer in Bakersfield, CA, called the National UFO Reporting Center to report that he had seen a bluish, or blue-green, fireball descend almost perfectly vertically to the east of his location in Bakersfield. The object was observed for approximately 20-30 seconds, during which time it traversed an arc or approximately 30 degrees of angle. The object disappeared below the horizon to the east.

The National UFO Reporting Center would like to receive BRIEF reports from individuals who may have been witness to the above event(s). Please send your descriptions to the following e-mail or postal address:

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PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE NATIONAL UFO REPORTING CENTER IF YOU ARE SEEKING MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THESE CASES. ALL THE INFORMATION THE CENTER HAS AT THE TIME OF THIS POSTING IS CONTAINED IN THE DESCRIPTIONS ABOVE. THE NAME(S) OF THE WITNESSES WILL NOT BE RELEASED, MOST OF ALL TO THE PRESS, AND INVESTIGATIONS ALREADY HAVE BEEN INITIATED AS OF THE DATE OF THIS POSTING.

The next few pages contain listings from some recent sightings reported to NUFORC and displayed on their web site.

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| 3/1/96 | Princeton, WI | Man witnesses a large, orange-colored ball of light. Minutes later, he sees a bizarre cluster of sequentially blinking balls of light. |
| 3/1/96 19:08 | Issaquah, WA | Couple witness bizarre object circle overhead, fly to the W at slow speed. Red light in center, white flashing on nose, blue behind. |
| 3/1/96 19:30 | Seattle, WA | Woman walking dog, witnesses a large, oblong obj., very bright yellow-orange, streak overhead at "incredible speed." |
| 3/1/96 19:55 | Redmond, WA | Four young people see bright orange "fire in the sky" pass slowly overhead, fly W. Possibly 4 tiny lights on each corner. Bizarre! |
| 3/1/96 19:58 | Bothell, WA | Experienced UFO investigators witness elliptical obj. w/ red light in middle, white & blue lights on ends. Chase in car for 10 min.. |
| 3/1/96 21:30 | Seatac, WA | Man reports seeing bright light 20 deg. above W horizon. Red, white, green, blue. (Probably Venus.) |
| 3/1/96 22:15 | Bath, IL | Woman, children, neighbors witness "big orange ball of light." Obj. dims, then reappears w/ red blinking light. Moves off fast. |
| 3/2/96 0:30 | Mountain Village, AK | Woman rept. stationary light "w/ search light going around in circles." Red, blue, white in middle. (Possible twinkling star?) |
| 3/2/96 19:10 | Seattle, WA | Anonymous caller reports seeing "a red thing with a tail pass near the moon." She inquired whether it could be "satellite w/ tether." |
| 3/4/96 19:25 | Casa Grande, AZ | MUFON UFO investigator relays report: man witnessed white sphere of light streaking from NW to SE over Casa Grande. |
| 3/5/96 19:45 | Whidbey Island, WA | Two women witness 3 "huge, bright golden lights" hovering above water to NW of home. Objs. dimmed in sequence, disappeared. |
| 3/7/96 0:25 | Coral Gables, FL | Young man and woman report witnessing an obj. in the W sky, that was moving & flashing red, blue, and white. Moved suddenly. |
| 3/7/96 20:55 | Henderson, NV | Man & wife witness odd obj. w/ red and orange flashing lights fly very low over their house from the SE. Reversed direction, flew off. |

3/9/96 1:15	Boise, ID	Two young men in public park witness "meteor," then realize there are multiple tiny V-shaped objs. overhead. Objs. form wedges.
3/11/96	Horry Co., SC	Sheriff's dept. relays: Citizen reported seeing a large obj. "w/ a ring of lights around it" rise from ground level. 2 deputies see.
3/13/96 23:05	Pink Hill, NC	Man walks onto porch, notes very bright light in sky with "4 small lights on one end, giving off sparks on other." Suddenly moves off.
3/15/96 18:35	Evansville, IN	Two men in car see 2 bright orange lights in N sky, which move, then extinguish. Reappear in NW sky, split into 5 objs., disappear.
3/19/96 20:30	St. Petersburg, FL	Five adults witness bright object in W sky, 45 deg. above horizon. When aircraft flew by it, obj. streaked to S, then returned.
3/20/96	Woodland, CA	Man sees diamond-shaped obj., which appeared "shiny and metallic." Obj. looked "like 2 triangles." Ascended, streaked off.
3/20/96 21:00	Seattle, WA	Young woman & 2 friends witness 3 lights overhead, arranged in a triangular pattern. Suddenly, a 4th light appears. Not aircraft.
3/22/96 8:00	Bethesda, MD	Fed. empl. sees extremely bright "cylinder, or the side of something," hovering in sky. STREAKS off. Other fed. empls. observe.
3/22/96 16:00	Meridian, MS	Man, former USAF intel. officer, sees spinning, silver colored, metallic opal-shaped obj. to S of Hwy 20. Obj. instantly disappears!
3/22/96 23:29	Houston, TX	Elect. eng. witnesses a V-shaped formation of approx. 20 objs. pass overhead from W to E. Very fast, silent. Excellent report.
3/23/96	Middletown, NJ	Woman, husband, multiple train passengers witness bizarre "aircraft," which suddenly stops, becomes bright red, blue, then yellow!
3/23/96 19:16	Guemes Island, WA	Man reports seeing a meteor at 50 degrees (magnetic) descend almost vertically. Size: 3mm at arm's length. Very fast.
3/23/96 20:00	Ocala, FL	Woman witnesses extremely bright light in neighboring field behind trees. Hears a huge "crash" that rattles neighborhood.
3/23/96 20:58	Salinas, CA	Young man and girlfriend see 2 tiny, distinctly pink-colored points of light streaking from N to S in W sky. Moved oddly, "floated."
3/24/96 19:25	Medford, NY	Man, daughter, nephew see 6 "tiny white dots" pass S to N at extremely high speed. They believe was 1 obj. w/ 6 lights. Fast!
3/24/96 20:10	Austin, TX	Comm. pilot & friend on Austin airport see "triad of white lights" streak directly over airport. "Speed was incredible." Radar neg..
3/24/96 23:15	Allentown, PA	Couple witness obj. "like a cross, with circles on the bottom" pass over their truck. Six transparent "windows" on bottom surface.
3/25/96 23:56	Portland, OR	Couple witness 3 "pinkish, beige, solid" lights streak overhead to NW very fast. Each object the size of a "very dim star."
3/26/96 0:16	Pleasant Valley, CT	2 policemen witness "meteor," which splits into 3 lights that hover. 2 of them "regroup," streak E. 3rd light follows them!!
3/26/96 19:30	Miami, FL	Couple on roof see extremely bright red light flying directly toward them. Saw yellow on nose, tail was "on fire." Streaks off.
3/26/96 21:45	Thousand Oaks, CA	Man & wife in hot tub see 2 "tiny triangles" streak from S to N directly overhead, as fast as "shooting star." Silent; yellow color.

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

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

Here's a list of our most recent shows, with a thumbnail sketch of the topic and the guests.

- Show #86 - 12/3/95 Colin Andrews, noted crop circle researcher reveals some startling news made by an official in the British Ministry of Defense, and delves into the crop circle mystery with latest findings.
- Show #87 - 12/10/95 Whitley Strieber, author of *Communion*, discusses his new book, *Breakthrough*
- Show #88 - 12/17/95 Jeannie Blum - author of *Woman, Heal Thyself*, on alternative therapies, and Richard Hoagland - latest moon findings
- Show #89 - 12/24/95 John Rappaport - author of *Government Mind Control Experiments on Children* discusses a grim topic in a fascinating manner.
- Show #90 - 12/31/95 G. Cope Schellhorn - author of *Surviving Catastrophic Earth Changes* discusses the subject of his book as well as a human mutilation case in Brazil with UFO overtones.
- Show #91 - 1/7/96 Zechariah Sitchin - Prolific author of *The Earth Chronicles* discusses his latest book, *Divine Encounters*
- Show #92 - 1/14/96 Ralph Blum - Author of 1974 book on UFOs - a fascinating interview with a very articulate and humorous author
- Show #93 - 1/21/96 Rod Lewis - Remote Viewing. A discussion about Psi Tech and the government's recent revelations that it has used psychics for remote viewing
- Show #94 - 1/28/96 Roy Blake - Author of *Objective Evil: Satanic Cults in U.S. Intelligence* discusses his book
- Show #95 - 2/4/96 Dr. Nick Begich - Co-author of *Angels Don't Play This Haarp* discusses the military's High-Energy Atmospheric Auroral Research Project (HAARP), which is designed to irradiate Earth's ionosphere with billions of watts. A very frightening prospect.
- Show #96 - 2/11/96 Walter Bowitz - More on government secrecy
- Show #97 - 2/18/96 Al Chop - Civilian PR Officer for the Pentagon in 1952 talks about the Washington, D.C. overflights that created a stir in 1952
- Show #98 - 2/25/96 Martin Caidin - Aerial hauntings by the author of *Ghosts of the Sky*
- Show #99 - 3/3/96 Kent Jeffrey - Originator of The Roswell Initiative talks about proof that the alien autopsy was a hoax; Area 51 researcher Glenn Campbell talks about his database of UFO investigators
- Show #100 - 3/10/96 Peter James - Psychic talks about the nature of ghosts and hauntings</TR>
- Show #101 - 3/17/96 Jacques Vallee - Noted UFO researcher and computer scientist on UFOs and his new novel, *Fastwalker*
- Show #102 - 3/24/96 Thomas Kulp; Clyde Lewis - Greek Orthodox Priest, author of article on demons in Fate magazine talks nonsense. Clyde Lewis, the second guest, runs a local talk show before ours in Salt Lake and he discusses KCNR's offer of \$10 million to the first one who can bring a flying saucer to the KCNR parking lot!
- Show #103 - 3/31/96 Walter Haut and Max Littell - Directors of the UFO Museum in Roswell talk about the strange piece of metal turned into the museum by a soldier who helped clean up the debris in 1947; Also open lines.
- Show #104 - 4/7/96 Open lines - General discussion on UFOs. ParaNet correspondent Clark Matthews comments on a Laurance Rockefeller project.
- Show #105 - 4/14/96 Best of ParaNet - Replay of show #93, with Rod Lewis
- Show #106 - 4/21/96 Betty Hill - Famous abductee Betty Hill discusses her life and her new book.
- Show #107 - 4/28/96 Travis Walton, Mike Rogers - Famous abductee Travis Walton and his co-worker Mike Rogers discuss Travis's new book, *Fire In The Sky*
- Show #108 - 5/5/96 Kevin Randle - Kevin discusses recent research into the Roswell incident.
- Show #109 - 5/12/96 Dr. Edgar Mitchell - Apollo 14 astronaut talks about his new book *The Way of the Explorer*
- Show #110 - 5/19/96 David Lewis - Author of UFO: End Time Delusion discusses his take - that UFOs are demonic.
- Show #111 - 5/26/96 Various guests - Michael Corbin interviews Jesse Marcel, Jr., Betty Andreasson Luca, Derrell Sims at the Denver UFO and New Age Expo.
- Show #112 - 6/2/96 Cheryl Powell; Stan McDaniel - An update on forensic abduction research from Cheryl and a discussion of the Mars face by a scientist who has studied it.
- Show #113 - 6/9/96 Graham Hancock - Co-author of *Message in the Sphinx* discusses the latest research into the pyramids and the Sphinx. Graham is one of our most popular guests.
- Show #114 - 6/16/96 Chris O'Brien - Author of *The Mysterious Valley* discusses his new book on the San Luis Valley in southern Colorado, home of Cattle mutilations, UFOs, Bigfoot and ancient Indian legends.
- Show #115 - 6/23/96 Stanton Friedman - One of Ufology's most persistent advocates, nuclear physicist Friedman discusses Roswell and the controversial MJ-12 documents. Friedman claims new evidence shows they are real.
- Show #116 - 6/30/96 David Brandt - National Space Society spokesman talks about becoming a spacefaring civilization.
- Show #117 - 7/7/96 Malachi Martin - Eminent theologian, an expert on the Catholic church, a former Jesuit and professor at the Vatican's Pontifical Biblical Institute talks about the Pope, Fatima and his book, *Keys of this Blood*
- Show #118 - 7/14/96 Malachi Martin - A continuation of last week's discussion, and more on his novel, *Windswept House*.
- Show #119 - 7/21/96 Open Lines - A variety of interesting discussions with callers.
- Show #120 - 7/28/96 Richard Hoagland - The latest moon, Mars findings.
- Show #121 - 8/4/96 John Anthony West - Co-author, with Graham Hancock, of *Message in the Sphinx*, discusses their research.
- Show #122 - 8/11/96 Stan McDaniel - Scientist discusses recent finding of a Martian meteorite with life.
- Show #123 - 8/18/96 Open Lines - A variety of interesting discussions, including HAARP, with callers.
- Show #124 - 8/25/96 (Not available due to technical problems)
- Show #125 - 9/1/96 Clark Matthews - UFO Researcher, ParaNet sysop discusses mind control.
- Show #126 - 9/8/96 Brian Wood - MICAP Director plays sound clips from the 30th Anniversary Star Trek Celebration in Huntsville, AL including interviews between William Shatner and Leonard Nimoy and several Apollo astronauts, and some of the keynote address given by NASA administrator Dan Goldin
- Show #127 - 9/15/96 Ted Flynn, Matt Werner - Author of *The Thunder of Justice* and in-studio Catholic priest discuss apparitions of the Virgin Mary.
- Show #128 - 9/22/96 (Not available due to technical problems)
- Show #129 - 9/29/96 Graham Hancock, Robert Bovall, Rand Flemass, John Anthony West - More on the Sphinx, from the experts. (This show is missing the first three minutes)
- Show #130 - 10/6/96 Rod Lewis - A fascinating discussion on remote viewing.
- Show #131 - 10/13/96 William Still - Author of *New World Order: The Ancient Plan of Secret Societies* discusses the machinery behind the so-called New World Order

Don't be left out!



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