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1977 Sketch/ Sighting and 1981 Sketch Similarity Another One

On the cover of the MAY/JUNE 1982 INTERNATIONAL UFO REPORTER appeared a sketch of the object reported by witnesses on the Darco cutoff road in Harrison County, Texas on November 24, 1981. ASSOCIATE Ray Stanford of Austin, Texas observed this sketch and immediately remembered a sketch sent him sometime earlier by a witness in another part of the country. He has shared with us a copy of the report of that case by the witness and we share it with you here.

The reporting witness, Jennifer F. Canfield, and her husband live on the New York/Pennsylvania state border straight west of Poughkeepsie, New York, near the town of Callicoon, New York. The time was between 7:30 and 7:45 PM E.S.T. on the evening of July 3, 1977. The following is a word-for-word report by the witness:

"The sky was heavily overcast. We were sitting on our front porch. That is to say, my husband and I were sitting on the porch. We are located in the state of Pennsylvania, in the Delaware River valley. Our home is in sort of a natural basin and we face a ridge of mountains, directly across the river in New York state. We can see down river approximately two to three miles. It was a quiet evening, except for the occasional burst of firecrackers from early celebration of the Fourth.

"As we were talking to each other and casually looking toward the southeast, we remarked about a brilliant light coming slowly up the river basin toward us. Our guess, at the time, was that it was travelling at an altitude of one thousand to fifteen hundred feet. As the light seemed to glide soundlessly closer, I ran inside the house to get a pair of binoculars and called my parents and several other relatives to see the strange light. Through the binoculars we saw not one light, but two huge headlights. Behind the lights was a formation I

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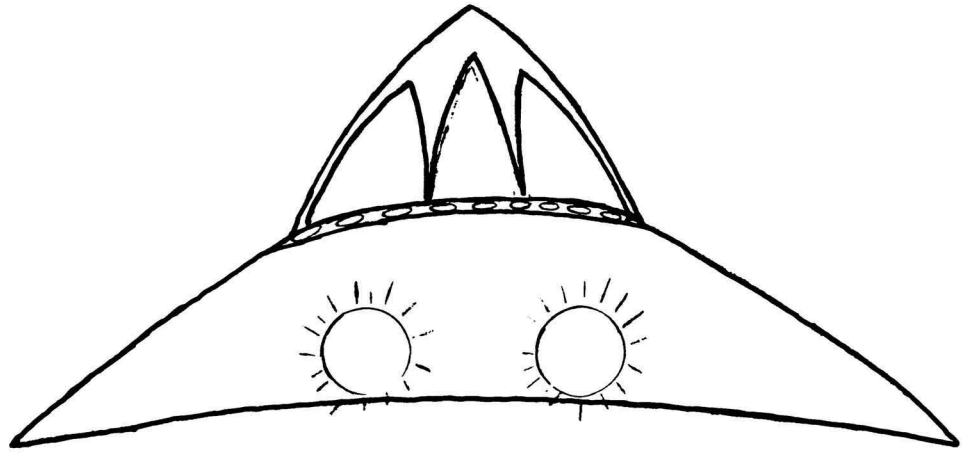
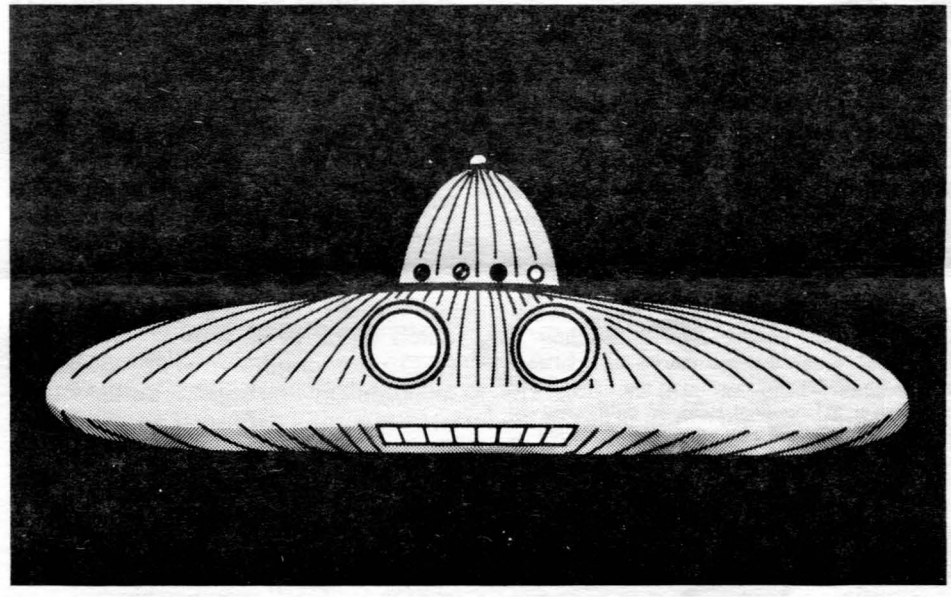


"Please note: This is sketched strictly from memory. We had the time but did not have a camera handy." Jennifer Canfield



Sketch from cover of INTERNATIONAL UFO REPORTER, May/June 1982 Issue, of 1981 Harrison County, Texas sighting by Dale Spurlock.

Letters

Dear Mr. Timmerman,

The China UFO Research Organization (CURO) National Conference was held in Shanghai during August 1 to August 10. 1983 for the election of new officers and the presentation of papers. Prof. Liang R. Lin (Physics) was elected as the new Chairman of CURO and Prof. Tian Dao Jun (Aeronautics) was elected Vice Chairman. Mr. Wen Kong Hua of Canton was elected Secretary. For those who would like to get in touch with CURO, please write to Mr. Paul Dong, P. O. Box 2011, Oakland, CA 94604, USA, including one 40-cent Airmail stamp, please.

The address of CURO as printed in the June-July 1983, Volume 4, Number 3, on page 2 of the CUFOS ASSOCIATE NEWSLETTER was not correct. That was the address of *The* (Chinese) *Journal of UFO Research.*

Paul Dong

Dear Mr. Timmerman,

A research friend of mine had just sent me a copy of your August/September 1983 issue of the ASSOCIATE NEWSLETTER. Enough is enough. Your publication is the third one which has published the James Leming so-called crescent-shaped UFO.

I have notified the SBI and MUFON concerning Leming's claim (and) provided them with the evidence to prove the photo is a hoax. Because I've just moved, I can't send you the same (information) as my files are still packed. However, to save time, I suggest that if CUFOS is interested in publishing the truth and not pure fantasy, contact Walt Andrus or Bill Spaulding for a copy of the Leming photo analysis report.

At one time, Mr. Leming was a member of Ohio UFO Information League, at which time we sent the negatives (2) of the crescent-shaped UFO to Ground Saucer Watch (Bill Spaulding) for analysis. Their findings proved that the so-called UFO was nothing more than a chip in the car's windshield. Also, the second photo isn't blurred, as stated in your article. It is also very clear.

I feel that CUFOS should have done some checking on the case before printing it. This also proves there's no communications among the UFO groups like CUFOS, MUFON or the SBI. I hope that the newly-formed Federation can bridge that gap.

If I do come across the Leming information, I'll be sure to send it to you.

Charles J. Wilhelm, Dir. OUFOIL
Louisville, Kentucky

(Editor's Note: As suggested by Charles Wilhelm, we telephoned Walt Andrus at MUFON, who very kindly supplied the following information for reproduction here. The photograph had been sent to Ground Saucer Watch by Ron Schaffner of Cincinnati for analysis. The reply to Mr. Schaffner was sent to MUFON.)

Dear Mr. Schaffner:

We are in receipt of your letter dated April 1978 with accompanying UFO photograph. To date, GSW has analyzed over 650 reported UFO photographs. Our computerized methods have found 31 photographs to be bonified. Each analysis costs over $100. To offset these costs, GSW charges $25.00 to all interested parties, $15.00 for MUFON members and no charge for GSW membership.

At present, we are very busy with photographic analysis. However, since the photographs were taken during daylight conditions and offer both foreground and background data, this system can interpret this type of data very quickly. All four modes of anaylsis were utilized to analyze the picture, including printing, color contouring, edge enhancement, computerized for resolution, and digitized for pixel (picture cell) distortion and correction. Additionally, the copy negatives were given to our consultant in photography, Fred Adrian, for conventional analysis.

The following items were found by both conventional and computerized methods.

1. There is a slight blur in the entire photograph, including the UO image.
2. The UO is out of focus.
3. There is no evidence of the photograph being tampered with.
4. There is no photographic evidence to support the hypotheses of an artifact or film processing defect.
5. Color contouring reveals that the UO image was devoid of shadows, shading and soforth. Flat, with the exception of a slight depression in the center of the image.
6. Digital densitometry supports the findings in item #5.
7. There is a light-reflecting halo image around the UO, and measurements reveal this to be sunlight.
8. The image is very close to the camera. Pixles (place) this UO in approximately the same location as the (windshield) wiper blade.
9. Based on the supplied lens date and a computer program for distance measurements, the UO image appears to be less than one inch in its maximum length.
10. The UO position did not change from photo #2. It appears that the camera moved. GSW has seen this type of UO picture in the past. It is our consensus that the UO is a chip in the glass of the windshield. This can be substantiated by field investigation. If this theory proves wrong, there are two other possibilities as to the cause of this image. However, we believe that this UO does not represent an extraordinary flying object.

Fred Adrian
GSW Photographic Consultant
William H. Spaulding, Director
Ground Saucer Watch (GSW)

(Editor's Comments: This seems to explain the photograph which appeared in the last issue of ASSOCIATE NEWSLETTER. Unfortunately, we do not have a rebuttal by Mr. Leming available for this issue. If one becomes available, we will report on his reply in the next issue of this publication.

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LETTERS continued

This explanation may be correct. However, there are those within the UFO study field who question the reliability of results produced by the photographic analysis techniques employed by Mr. Spaulding and GSW. This, in turn, points up the confusion which arises in the minds of casual readers in the current UFO literature. Who do you believe? What methods are, indeed, foolproof? How can we be certain that today's "explanation" won't be seriously challenged with tomorrow's techniques?

The answer seems to be . . . read, study and compare, but always keep an open mind to allow for a later, more accurate interpretation of the evidence to emerge. We at CUFOS present reports and case information in the ASSOCIATE NEWSLETTER which we believe our ASSOCIATES will find interesting and, hopefully, useful. We do not represent that the information presented herein is true and correct. When we become aware that a UFO report we have published becomes explainable, we will publish that explanation. Until then, we simply regard it as "unexplained."

Unfortunately, there are those who try to embarrass and discredit responsible UFO research organizations by feeding them contrived false material, professionally prepared, hoping that we will rise to the bait and later be shown to have swallowed an "obvious hoax" without careful study. Some researchers go so far as to suggest that agencies of our government who are secretly studying the UFO phenomenon have secret agents, masquerading as many other things, working hard to feed us such material and/or to explain the hoaxes and misidentifications in books, on TV and radio shows and in the other public media. It is easy to become paranoid in Ufology.) □

Editorial

The complex nature of the UFO Phenomenon invites a wide variety of reactions. In the course of producing the CUFOS ASSOCIATE NEWSLETTER since May of 1980, a rather large sampling of comments have come to the attention of the EDITOR, supporting the great diversity of these reactions.

A careful review of that correspondence and those telephone calls would provide an excellent basis for a very interesting sociological study of a portion of the UFO Phenomenon. It would at least provide a glimpse of the attitudes of those who happen to find the address of one of the UFO research organizations throughout the world.

We share with you here a few observations regarding our many correspondents and why we appreciate them. We are certain that most other organizations involved in this subject could produce a similar information summary.

Messages have arrived from every continent except Antarctia and from almost every country in most languages. The general description of these contacts ranges from younger than ten years of age to over 90 years young. They are, of course, both men and women (although we have been unable in some cases to determine which) and sometimes they are unsigned and there is no return address. Sometimes the envelopes are empty or contain mysterious items or unrelated reading material.

We receive many letters from school children asking for material they can use in preparing a school report on UFOs. Witnesses of unexplained events which occurred recently or as long ago as 1914 write or call, relieved that they have found someone who will listen to their story and not ridicule them, but give them some emotional support, if needed. Once-in-awhile, we receive very interesting case descriptions from witnesses.

Letters and telephone calls arrive from college professors, college students, police officers, prisoners, librarians and teachers, people seeking UFO literature, young scientists with interesting theories, older Ufology researchers, part-time Ufology "buffs," writers looking for an outlet for their writing, radio and television producers seeking material for an "objective documentary" they can market, persons of obviously high intellect, persons obviously otherwise, and on and on . . .

We appreciate them all. This flow of response provides a crude but useful measure of the degree of change that is occurring in the minds of children and adults regarding the serious acceptability of this subject. There is a great frustration on our part because it is practically impossible to respond fully to all requests for specific information, due to limited staff and funds. However, we strive to provide some useful response to encourage continued interest and growth of knowledge in this subject on the part of the correspondent.

But, we have another purpose in mind.

Although some claim to be able to predict the location and frequency of UFO events, they remain mostly unpredictable as well as unexplained. It is our hope that in maintaining a serious interest in the subject we may be able to help prepare better possible witnesses of future close encounters. And, by remaining visible as a friendly and objective group studying the UFO Phenomenon, we may be here to assist those future witnesses as they aid other researchers to put into place a few of the many mysterious pieces of this immense jigsaw puzzle. □

Computer owners interested in establishing a network for interchange of UFO information. Please indicate the type of equipment you have and write to Dr. Bruce Maccabee, Fund for UFO Research, Inc., P. O. Box 277, Mt. Rainier, MD 20712

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OUT OF THE PAST

Gentlemen:

Through a mere coincidence I read "Close Encounters in New Hampshire" in the February (1981) issue of McCall's and a collection of science fiction stories published in the Soviet Union on the same day. And the combination brought to my mind an incident you may find of interest.

The time was end of June, 1941, the place Odessa, USSR. Several cities had already been bombed by German aircraft. Our city was as yet spared, but an air raid was being expected any moment.

Three or four days after the outbreak of the war, my mother, our landlady, a woman of thirty-one, and I stood in our room talking. It was a corner room with a balcony flanked by two large windows forming a wall of glass. Suddenly, I saw something resembling the sun disk emerging from behind the houses on the opposite side of the street. It seemed strange. The room was facing West-South-West. It was late afternoon, sometime after 5 p.m. The day had been bright and sunny, the sun had not yet set, but was no longer visible behind the houses opposite. Immediately, I realized the object could not be the sun disk: it was moving East, was raspberry-red, not orange-red as the sun looks when the fog blocks its rays, it was also somewhat larger than the sun disk would appear under such circumstances. The object was traveling at the speed of a hand passed before one's face, swiftly yet slowly enough for the eye to catch the lines on the skin. At one point of the object, on its left-hand side, there was a snaking dark cloud, as if smoke were coming out of it. It could have been a natural cloud, as well. The disk seemed to be heading straight for our house. I looked at my companions. They, too, were staring at the sky, petrified. Then all three of us screamed, "a bomb!" and raced downstairs to the cellar set up as a bomb shelter. Yet, the cellar was locked, there was no one around, and no alarm was sounded. We waited for about ten minutes, and as no explosion came, we went back. I remember my mother, repeating, as we mounted the stairs: "What was it we saw?" I did not doubt that it was a bomb.

It made me very proud to have been privileged to see the first bomb over our city and I went bragging about it everywhere. Great was my surprise when people familiar with the subject told me that bombs were neither red nor round nor of that size I described. Then I began asking, What was it we saw? Some members of the party and of the Red Army, whom I approached would nod knowledgeably and say: "Yes, yes, we know. They are working on new secret weapons and testing them. One day, soon, you'll wake up and find the war over and Germany completely destroyed by our new arms." But the war continued and ended without the use of newly-invented weapons or any revelations about them. So I pushed the episode to the back of my mind and never even associated it with UFO sightings reported in newspapers.

Only now, reading the description of an UFO in those Russian stories as being raspberry-red in color, flat and round, did the memory of that body moving across the sky came back and I see it before my mental eye as clearly as I did forty years ago.

Whether such objects were sighted in Russia in recent years I do not know, but the stories speak of them, as if the idea of a "flying (soup) plate" as the Russians call it, is familiar to the Russian public.

The article in McCall's closes the gap between the two, and I have been wondering why the U.S. Army does not investigate those goings-on in New Hampshire. It may yet turn out that those "guests from outer space" live much closer and speak Russian, as the Soviet stories claim they do.

If you think that my information may be of importance to some government agency, let me have the address please, and I shall mail them a copy of this letter.

Helen Michailoff
New York, New York

Dear Dr. Hynek,

I have put off writing this letter for the better part of thirteen years, for reasons of being to busy, or just not remembering at the right time. But mainly I didn't know who or where to write.

I would like to relate an event that happened to me (and 3 friends). I don't intend or want to waste anyone's time or an old case that may have been explained satisfactory, or to try and reopen a particular case simply because it wasn't explained to my satisfaction — but I do seem to have a feeling of "Need To Know" urging me or somewhat. Otherwise, I wouldn't be finding it necessary to write to you after such a long period of time has passed. I called our local TV station (WNGE) to get your address following an article on the 'P.M. Magazine' portion of their programming pertaining to the subject of U.F.O sightings.

This event that occurred to me was on March 3rd, 1968, a late Sunday evening around 8:30 or 9:00 p.m., Central time. I really can't be specific on the exact time. My location was in the western city limits of Columbia, Tennessee, inside a more or less densely-populated area just to the north of the Mt. Pleasant Pike, known as the Westwood subdivision.

Eight miles, or a little more, to the west is a small town (Mt. Pleasant) which is the last largest area of population before leaving the Maury County area going west.

We had just begun traveling east along Knud Drive, one of the subdivision roads paralleling the Mt. Pleasant Pike, and we were preceeding at a slow rate of speed, around 15 or 20 miles per hours. One of the riders in the back of my car, a 17 year old, suddenly remarked that there was something big in the sky, coming from behind us. (Or from the West.) I was able to stop the car immediately, and, of course, we all piled out shoving.

I might add, (I was 21 at the time) that none of us had consumed any alcohol or drugs; in fact, two of the riders were minor children and we were on our way back to their home when this occurred. I was the older one in the group.

There had been no discussion of any matter of this nature prior to the sighting, so it certainly wasn't on our minds. I believe we had been talking about Vietnam, as we usually did (and racecars), but U.F.O. sightings was not one of our subjects. I was home on leave from Germany (U.S.A.) at the time, and had orders for Vietnam. My M.O.S. was Air Traffic Control Operator (93B20), although I realize a few months at Keesler A.F.B. and a year working the job in Germany hardly qualified me as an expert in aircraft identification.

I was in a show-off mood to my family and friends (a little, at least) and had just spent the 12 days since arriving home, pointing out and announcing A/C type on just everything that had flown over.

By the time I had stopped my car and we had gotten out to look up, the object was directly over our heads and slightly left (or north) of us, traveling east toward the Columbia downtown area (4 or 5 miles to our east). The hazy reflection of downtown lights could be seen along the last 20 of sky down to the horizon, I suppose. Westwood, at that time, had an occasional street lamp, but was by and large a dark area overall. I believe it is better lighted today.

By the time that a really good look at the object could be had, 90° of sky arc had been used. We had only a few seconds to view the object, hardly a long enough time for real accuracy. But in the available area of sky left (perhaps 65° to 70°) before encountering haze from city lighting that made observation impossible, the object was faily clearly seen. Apparently all four of us saw the same characteristics according to our personal comparisons on the time spent during our drive home.

I probably had the craft in view only a total of 5 seconds, although it seemed much longer than that. If you add the time necessary for the initial shout, reaction to the shout, stopping the car and actually getting the thing in sight the craft probably would have taken no more than 12 to 15 seconds to cross the whole 180° sky arc, from visable horizon to horizon. Maybe my estimates on these times are off here, Dr. Hynek, but they seem to 'feel' correct as I look back on it. I would have had time to pull a camera and take a picture of it — only one — but nor more than that. And only then if I had acted very fast. I didn't have a camera.

It is hard to define an object that has primarily dark boundaries against a night sky, but the outline could generally be seen. Along the lower right side and bottom, which suited our slightly off-center view, many small, dully-lit points of light could be seen. These points didn't twinkle as sparks, but remained stable and constant. These were not brilliant lights, but the overall effect was of seeing 150 small ports or windows. With a dull, yellowish lamp burning just inside each one, off to the side. These points were *small* against a large exterior surface, which probably gave an impression of hugeness.

The general shape of the object (from our rather two-dimensional viewpoint) was like a long bar, as long as a football field, but maybe only two-thirds as wide. In other words,it appeared 3 times as long as it was wide, and of course, the bar confirguration is simply that time guesswork as it was only viewable from below, slightly off center to our north. *No portrusions or wings were visable.* No other light was seen except as described above, and *no sounds was heard.* By no sound, I mean absolute quietness. I can't recall if there was wind noise or not (I don't believe so), but I know there was no engine noise, prop or jet.

I am aware that altitude and speed can play real tricks, especially at night. Whether the object was 500' long at 1000', or 3000' at a mile height I must answer I am in no way positive. But considering my mind's eye picture of how big a port or window would be (2½') and allowing for 35 on one row and so forth on down to the lower edges consuming 5 or 6 rows of ports — and then allowing for dark areas between and larger scale darkness at the rear of ⅓ of the craft, *I'm going to place the altitude of 2000 feet* and the size of the object at *1000 feet long* and 250 feet wide. (All of this is pure assumption but I like to feel it was assumed with a bit of logic. I simple can't be sure of size, but this is probably close to an educated guess. This simply feels right to me. I dont' think the passage of time has had much to do with changing my judgment on the size because I used this example in my mind's eye that very night while re-telling it to my parents.

Our morning paper from Nashville (*Nashville Tennessean March 4th, 1968) carried a front page article on the sighting,* comments from various professional people from Stewart Air Base in Smyrna, and comments from amateurs who monitored A/C conversations.

Dyer Observatory of Vanderbiet did not observe the object, nor was it tracked on ATC radar. The explanation in the *Tennesean* article was tenitively given as a flat trajectory meteor. The story went on to say that *an* object had been observed over a large area (several states.) There was not one word written in the evening paper *(The Banner)* and no follow up story in either paper. I never heard a word on any TV or radio news cast, period.

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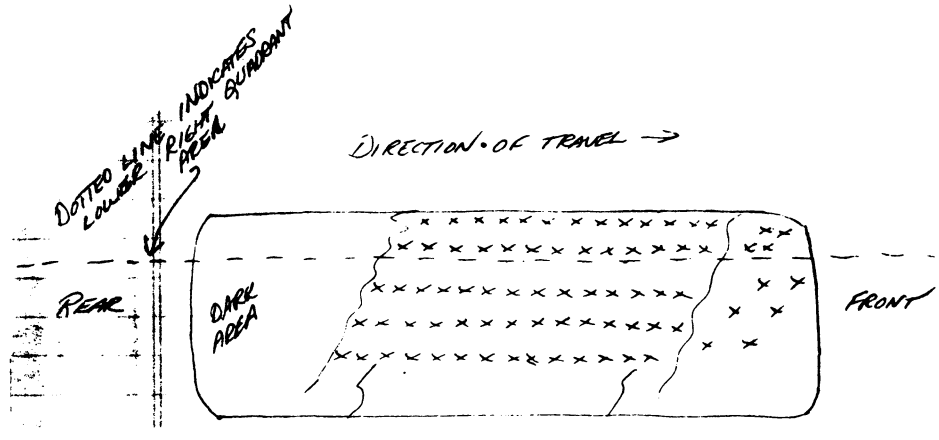

This is a view looking up at the bottom of craft, slightly off center, so that the lower right side is visible. We were slightly south of it, and it was headed easterly. No other "glow" or light was visible. No sound, period. "X" indicates the way the low intensity lights seemed to look, with rear ⅓ virtually unlighted.

North American UFO Groups Organize

The recently formed federation of major UFO research organizations in North America has selected its officers and organization representatives. In a press release to CUFOS, Richard Haines, first Director of the newly-formed North American UFO Federation, stated that "the time has come for us to join together to carry out serious, credible field investigations and laboratory research on UFO phenomena."

"Many of the largest UFO groups in North America have joined together within NAUFOF in order to bring unity, standardization, and improved credibility to the field of UFOlogy. We created this entity in order to serve all member groups and individuals who are genuinely interested in uncovering the core identity of so-called UFO phenomena," he went on.

Henry McKay of Canada is serving as Deputy Director, with Peter Mazzola as Secretary and Ann Druffel as Treasurer. Organizations already formally affiliated with NAUFOF and their representatives on the Board of Directors of the new federation presently include: (alphabetically) Center for UFO Studies, (J. Allen Hynek); Fund for UFO Research, (Richard Hall); Mutual UFO Network, (Walt Andrus); Northern Ohio UFO Group, (Rick R. Hilberg); Ohio UFO Investigator's League, (Charles J. Wilhelm); Scientific Bureau of Investigation, (Peter Mazzola); Skynet, (Ann Druffel).

"Personally, I have been committed for many years to seeing the formation of such a federation as this and I know that all of our Directors feel the same. If we are to make any serious headway in terms of public, government and private support for UFO studies, it will call for UFOlogists to come to the same table and agree to work together using the most sophisticated scientific methods and equipment available. We have seen some improvements in this field of study over the years, but there is room for much more." Dr. Haines concluded.

Individuals or organizations not now affiliated with North American UFO Federation are invited to write for additional information to Dr. Richard F. Haines, 325 Langton Avenue, Los Altos, CA 94022. □

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Dr. Hynek, I had a father who was an engineer at DuPont Sponge in Columbia. He was a mechanical engineer, and received his degree from Vanderbilt, 1946. Even though his major was mechanical engineering, he had an avid interest in weather and astronomy. I knew that the nearest spiral galaxy to our own was known as M31 (and even where to locate it in Andromeda, before I was 9 years old. I viewed the moon's carters through a surveyor's transit, of all things) before I was ten and knew the planets, in order, and the meaning of a light year before I was too much older. But on the other hand, my father never 'drummed' these things into me, only passed them along in casual conversation, just like water was H_2O and sulphuric acid was H_2So_4. A remarkable man, my Dad.

What I'm leading to is that during my life I've had ample opportunity to witness meteor showers, a comet, just good solid meteor chunks on a quick burn, meteoristic fragments, and weather conditions of all sorts — in general, I've had a well-rounded childhood chock full of little tidbits of information. My father was never given to any long-winded discussions with me about alien life, although it was brought up in pleasant ways. (Like the old "while we're looking up; I wonder whose looking down at us" thing.)

In short, I feel I weathered a healthy childhood imagination, U.F.O. flaps, and horror comics well enough. But now I have my own U.F.O. sighting and have spent years trying to figure out what to do with it. I have real trouble with the meteor theory of what I and 3 others saw on the evening of March 3, 1968.

I present it to you, Dr. Hynek, as one more piece of a jigsaw puzzle. I don't know what else to do with it. I can only hope that my two cents worth will help a little in that trillion dollar puzzle. Thanks for listening.

I am sincerely,
Norman E. Bryant
Nashville, Tennessee
□

Interesting Papers Presented At BUFORA In England In August

Another interesting meeting of serious researchers into various aspects of the UFO phenomenon is now a matter of history. On August 27th to 29th, the Third International UFO Congress sponsored by the British UFO Research Organization was held at the Lorch Foundation, Lane End (near High Wycombe), Buckinghamshire, England. Many of those attending were rather well-known to each other from their long-time association in this subject, either in person or by mail or by reputation.

Selected excerpts and summaries of several of the papers will be produced in future issues of the ASSOCIATE NEWSLETTER as that material become available and as space permits. We wish we could share all of the information which was presented so that our ASSOCIATES could be aware of the fine quality of the material which was presented. We hope that a complete transcription will be published by one organization or another for careful reading. CUFOS will announce when and if it becomes available.

Papers and topics presented were: "An Overview of the UFO Phenomenon" by Dr. J. Allen Hynek; (USA) Project Identification" by Dr. Harley D. Rutledge; (USA) "The Hessdalen Sightings Report" by Jan Fjellander (Sweden); "The Peter Day Film — A Case Study" by Peter Day (UK); "An Evaluation of the Evidence for UFO Events from Radar Observation" by Peter Warrington (UK); "Flying Saucers ARE Real" by Stanton T. Friedman (Canada); "The Bass Straits Flap" by Paul Norman (Australia); "Measurables and Non-Measurables in UFO Research" by Bertil Kuhlemann (Sweden); "The Liars and The Lunatics and What We Can Learn From Them" by Hilary Evans (UK); "Earthlights" by Paul Devereux (UK); "Opening Up the Windows" by Jenny Randles; and "The Cosmic Life Line" by Ali Abutaha (USA).

Also presented was a videotape showing "Hypnotic Regression of the UFO Witness" by Harry Harris, including personal appearance of two of the witnesses in the case shown. □

University of Nebraska Sets Conference on the Unexplained

A three-day conference is scheduled for November 11, 12, 13, 1983 and is intended to provide a scholarly look at various areas of unexplained phenomena which have plagued mankind for years. Three major areas will be covered, with speakers, films and question and answer sessions.

This second annual conference is sponsored by the University of Nebraska, Lincoln Division of Continuing Studies in cooperation with the Mutual UFO Network, the Society for the Investigation of the Unexplained, the International Fortean Organization, and the Fortean Research Center.

Speakers will include Dr. Roy Mackal, Loren Coleman and Larry Arnold discussing Cryptozoology and Fortean Events. On the panel for the second day will be Dr. J. Hynek, discussing the UFO Phenomenon, Ray W. Boeche, Larry Fawcett and John Schuessler discussing UFOs and Government Coverup. On the final day, Budd Hopkins, Linda Moulton Howe and Tom Adams will discuss UFO Abductions and Animal Mutilations.

Details regarding registration may be secured by writing to University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Department of Conferences and Institutes, 205 Nebraska Center, Lincoln, Nebraska 68583-0900. □

LETTERS continued

Dear Sir,

I am fourteen years old and since I was eight I have been very interested in space and in particular UFOs. I have gathered quite a lot of data. I would be very glad if you could let me have any information on how I would go about entering this field of study.

B. Fogarty
Carlow, Eire

(Perhaps someday there will be a formal curriculum for such study and a way of making a living in its pursuit. This is quite obviously not the case today. ED.)

Dear Sirs,

We are glad to be able to inform you that we established in Szczecin (Poland) UFO Popularization & Investigation Club. We should like to cooperate with you . . . Is there a possibility . . . ? The worst is that we have no funds at present. However, we intend to translate into polish language (foreign UFO publications) for our members. We would be pleased to receive your old magazines or books . . . for our activity. Thank you.

M. A. Lech Galicki
Prezes Klubu NOL przy PTP
P. O. Box 696, Szczecin 2, Poland

(Associates interested in assisting the above group are encouraged to send their back-issues or old books, or send them to CUFOS for forwarding. ED.) □

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thought existed only on the pages of books and in people's imaginations.

"There was a large elliptical shape on the bottom, behind the lights. On the top of this was what would probably be compared to a cockpit. This "cockpit" was narrower at the top and seemed to form an upsidedown cone. There were definitely markings in this part of the vehicle, which seemed to form huge windows. The color of the whole object was a gray or off-white. Several people were lucky enough to see the object through the binoculars. As it came within less than half a mile from our home, my husband remarked, "Don't tell me I'm finally going to get a ride in a flying saucer!" Almost as if it had been given a stage cue, the saucer disappeared. It did not fly up, down or veer right or left. It simply disappeared! As I said, the sky had been overcast and the clouds were very low. The saucer was below these.

"The following day after recounting

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Air Force Says, "We Didn't Do It."

It has been almost three years since Betty Cash, Vicki Landrum and Colby Landrum were confronted with a strange, hovering object over the highway ahead of them that startling night in Texas. All three people in a car watching a strange flaming object over the road were greatly affected physically by what must have been some type of radiation.

Recently, a final decision was rendered by the courts as a result of a civil suit and subsequent appeal filed by attorney Peter A. Gersten on behalf of the above individuals. A copy of the letter, dated September 2, 1983 has been received by the Center for UFO Studies and is reproduced here for our ASSOCIATES.

Mr. Peter A. Gersten
Gagliardi, Torres and Gersten
27 North Broadway
Tarrytown, NY 10591

Re: Appeal of Personal Injury Claims of Betty Cash, Vicki Landrum and Colby Landrum

Dear Mr. Gersten

The appeals of your clients' claims for personal injuries allegedly caused by an overflight of an unidentified flying object and unidentified helicopters on 29 December 1980 have been considered under 10 U.S.C. 2733 and are denied.

The reason for this decision is that the facts as alleged by the claimants fail to establish that their injuries were caused in any way by the United States Government or any of its agencies or instrumentalities. You should not consider the acceptance and subsequent denial of this claim as an admission of the truth of any facts alleged by your clients. Our investigation has revealed no evidence of involvement by any military personnel, equipment or aircraft in this alleged incident. The arguments you presented to establish liability of the government are not supported by any case or statutory law.

This is the final adminstrative action that can be taken on your clients' claims. This denial also satisfies the administrative filing requirements of the Federal Tort Claims Act. Based on this denial, your clients have the right to file suit against the government in an appropriate United States District Court not later than six months from the date of the mailing of this letter of denial.

Sincerely
CHARLES M. STEWARD
Colonel, USAF
Director of Civil Law
Office of The Judge Advocate General

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this story to some friends, I was told that a crowd of people, watching the evening sky over the Orange Plaza Mall, Middletown, New York, during a fireworks demonstration, on the same evening I saw the saucer, was surprised to see several flying saucers together just after the show ended. We are only forty-eight miles northwest of Middletown.

"I have never had the experience of writing about such an incident. Therefore, I hope that the information I have given you will somehow be of help to you. If I have left some question that you may have unanswered, please feel free to write or call any time."

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