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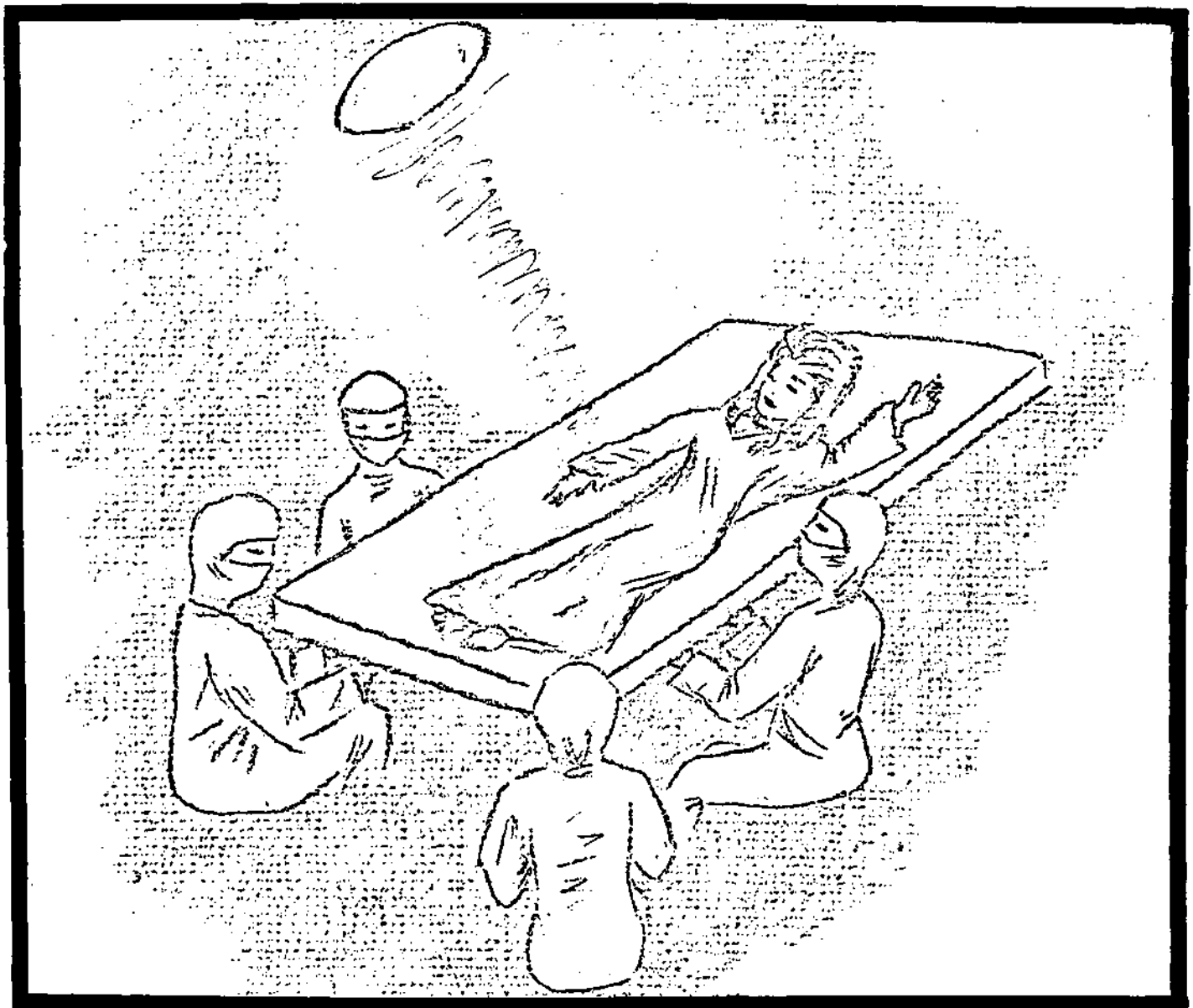
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Drawing by Mona Stafford based on her recall the day following hypnosis, when asked to explain the light at the end of a tunnel in what appeared to be a volcano. The female on the table was not identified; the humanoids were described as small and in white garb.

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## FROM THE EDITOR

This issue is devoted primarily to coverage of the Stanford, Kentucky, abduction case. In it we present one of the most thorough and in-depth investigations of a close encounter case ever to be published.

We owe this high quality investigation to none other than veteran UFO researcher Len H. Stringfield, not to mention the indispensable aid of Bob Pratt of the National Enquirer, Leo Sprinkle of the University of Wyoming, and Jerry Black of MUFON Cincinnati.

We only wish that every case could be given the complete investigation that we see in the Stanford case. Certainly the mere cataloging of close encounter cases is not enough. What we need is a thorough and personal investigation of each such case, and that of course requires a heavy investment in both man-hours and funds.

But it is an investment that I think will eventually pay off handsomely in insights and understanding of the nature of the UFO problem.

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## Boy Burned By UFO By Richard Hall

Reports of two mysterious balls of light which appeared in the sky over Sweden are baffling authorities. The riddle began with a report from Finnish schoolboy Eero Lammi, who claimed to have been knocked down by a "beam of light". He was on his way home to Uleaborg, near the Swedish border, when he saw a ball of light move across the border from Sweden and apparently land in a nearby field.

"I went to look at it," he said, "but suddenly a ray of light seemed to beam out from it and I felt a searing pain in my chest and everything went black." Even his parents thought it was a prank until a doctor found slight burns on the boy's chest and back.

At the Swedish Military High Command, which investigates all reports of unidentified flying objects, Colonel Bertile Eriksson said: "We do not know how it happened. We have been unable to trace anybody else in the area who saw anything unusual on that day." However, a second report did come from a university student who was out bird-watching near Tiveden, 400 miles south of the border. His description of the object tallied exactly with the measurements given by the boy: "It was about five meters in width and looked like a moving ball of light."

Mr. Sture Wickerts, ufologist and research chief at the Swedish Defence Intelligence Organization, said: "The stu-

dent's name is not being released at the moment. He is a technical student and was very precise with his description. He was using binoculars at the time and suddenly spotted a round object with pulsating lights lift into the air. He was able to detect that the object was colored black and grey, and he heard a strong throbbing noise which lasted about ten seconds. He even estimated that the frequency of the sound was about three hertz! We have carried out a thorough investigation, but like the case of the Finnish boy, we have drawn a complete blank. All I can say at the moment is that I do not believe for one moment that this young man would make up such a story."

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## New E-M Case Discovered

Source: *Cronica*, 6/5/76

Jose Pascali, a TV technician, did not believe in UFOs — until June 4, 1976. Now he says, "they sure are there." He had gone that afternoon to the Los Ranchos suburb of Virgen de Lujan, Bahia Blanca, Argentina, to fix a TV set and his car failed at the intersection of Guemes Avenue and the Arroyo del Medio, Pascali then saw, at a height of about 120 meters, a luminous UFO about 30 meters in diameter. The UFO remained over the area for some time, then rose taking off toward Tres Arroyos. When it left, his car again functioned normally, "like magic."

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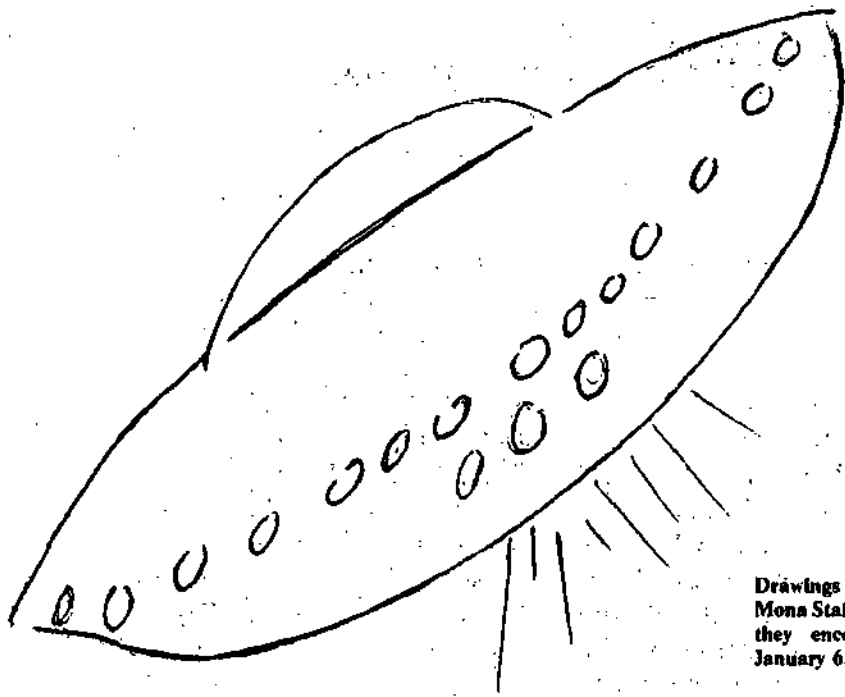
## UFOs Tracked on Radar at Venezuelan Airport

submitted by Richard Hall

A secret report is said to have been prepared for high government authorities about an incident March 15, 1976 in which two UFOs were tracked on radar at Simon Bolivar airport, Caracas. The newspaper *El Nacional* in Caracas reported that the UFOs caused "commotion in the control center" of the airport, and the tower operators asked the unidentified craft to identify themselves. Instead, the objects took off seconds later and "disappeared at supersonic speed" northwest

over the Caribbean. The UFOs first appeared on the radar screens at 10:14 p.m., attracting the attention of radar controllers by their sudden appearance and extraordinary speed. They crossed over the landing strips at an estimated 5,000 km/hr.

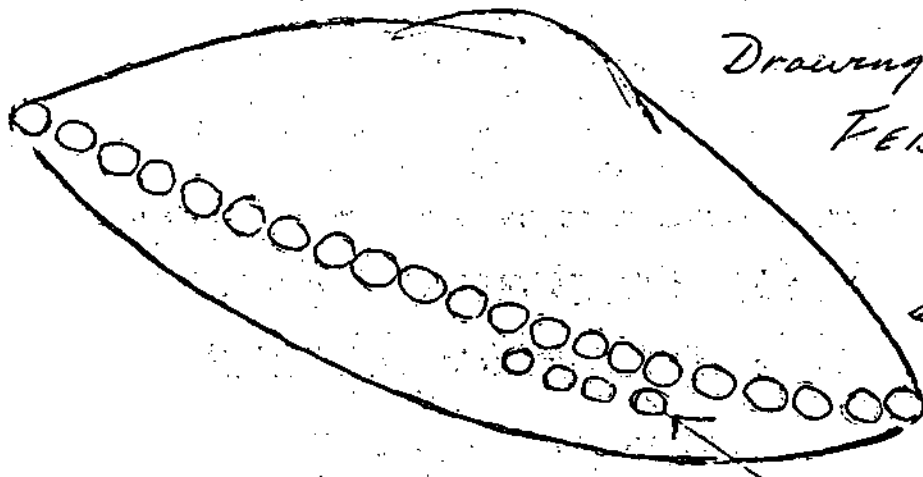
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Miss Smith

Feb 29, 1976

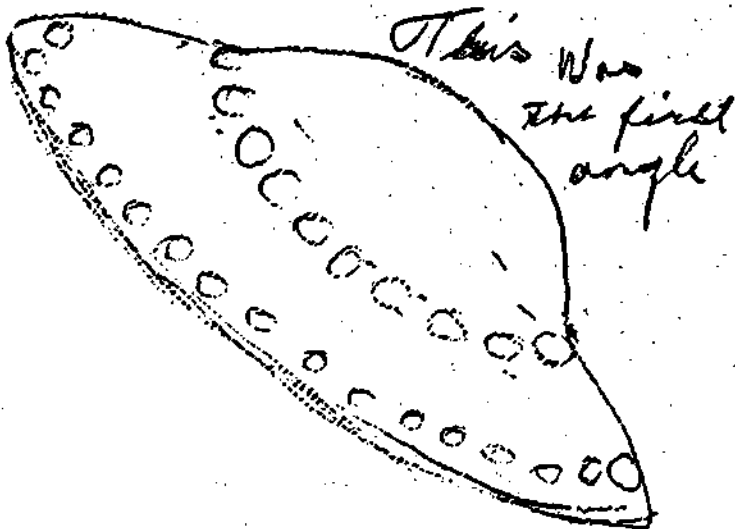
Drawings by Louise Smith, Elaine Thomas and  
Mona Stafford showing their versions of the UFO  
they encountered near Stanford, Kentucky,  
January 6, 1976.



Drawing by MONA STAFFORD

FEB 29, 1976

← metallic  
surface  
← red lights  
one yellow  
light



This was  
the first  
angle

Elaine M Thomas

A New "Classic" Candidate. . .

# THE STANFORD, KENTUCKY ABDUCTION

by Leonard H. Stringfield

The Stanford, Kentucky "abduction" case of January 6, 1976, now well publicized internationally, seems destined to become a classic. Its candidacy for thus ufological honor comes from many qualifying sectors. Basically, and of uppermost importance, its credibility is strengthened by the three abductees themselves, who experienced a night of terror. It is the character profile of Louise Smith, Mona Stafford and Elaine Thomas as normal and honest people that is so vital as one ponders the bizarre sequence of events and the evidence: physical and electromagnetic effects, animal reaction, supporting testimony of additional witnesses of a UFO on the same night — plus the strength of careful and scientific investigation.

By maintaining continuous communications with the three women and being privileged to share their many ordeals, sometimes in confidence, has provided, for this investigator, a wealth of valuable data, not only about the "time lapse" incident and subsequent events, but the long range effects on their health and behavior. It is therefore, my firm belief that the Stanford story, which reads like science fiction, is one of the most convincing UFO encounters that I have ever personally investigated.

In the period of one year since the incident occurred, the



The "abduction" site, showing the entrance to the cow pasture, flanked by fieldstone wall, where Mrs. Smith's Chevy went out of control while the huge UFO hovered overhead.

case has captured the front page headline in the National Enquirer, made top billing in UFO research bulletins and has been aired on numerous radio stations and national TV. Thus, there is little need at this time to recount the many details in the sequence of events during the night of the encounter as the highlights are now public domain. Although some aspects of the case, as reflected in published accounts, have either been treated too briefly, or self-servingly, my observation of certain important sequential data, based on the early firsthand testimony of the three women, have been recorded in my forthcoming hard cover book **Situation Red, The UFO Siege**, to be published by

Doubleday in May, 1977. However, to refresh the reader, I capsule the story as follows:

January 6 was Mona Stafford's 36th birthday. It was good reason for Louise Smith and Elaine Thomas to celebrate the occasion with their friend over dinner at the Redwood restaurant located south of Lancaster, Kentucky, on U.S. 27, about 35 miles from their hometown of Liberty. The weather conditions, according to the U.S. Weather Bureau, were the following: 38 deg. F. temperature, winds from the south at 15 mph, cloud cover at 10,000 ft., visibility 15 miles.

With Louise Smith at the wheel of her 1967 Chevy Nova, they left the Redwood about 11:15 p.m., in a chatty and



The three principals in the case, left to right, Mona Stafford, Elaine Thomas and Louise Smith, at the latter's trailer home. The trailer home was later the scene of a number of mysterious psychic incidents experienced by Mrs. Smith after the abduction.



The first meeting, February 29, 1976, with the three women inside Mrs. Smith's trailer. Shown is Len Stringfield. Also present were Jerry Black and Jim Miller. Peggy Schnell is seated second from right.

amiable mood (no intoxicants). While travelling out of Stanford and heading for Hustonville on Highway 78, the trio witnessed a bright red object in the sky. Mona was frightened. She thought it was a large aircraft on fire. The glowing object came closer and suddenly Mrs. Smith lost control of her car.

The speedometer showed 85 mph. Cried Louise, "I can't hold the car on the road!" Mona tried to health steer, but in vain. The car held on 85 mph. Louise later commented, "My foot wasn't even on the gas pedal." Within seconds the UFO had ranged close to their car, first following from behind, flipping on end, then came close to the driver's side. All agreed it was enormous, metallic and disc-shaped with a dome on top with a ring of red lights at the equator and a single yellow light near the underbelly.

As the UFO hung at the driver's side and moved toward

the front of the car, a bluish white light shot out on the road. Then, suddenly the beam stabbed at the car. The inside lit up. A later comment by Mrs. Smith: "A hazy like air, sort of a fog, filled the car." Suddenly, a severe burning sensation overtook all three women. Mona remembers her eyes burning with such intensity she couldn't see. Their last cognizance was their car backing crazily into a pasture entrance flanked on either side by a weathered field stone wall. One hour and 20 minutes later they found themselves intact in the car driving home to Liberty. Shaken, and with exposed areas of flesh smarting from burns, they could not account for the time lapse.

When they reached Mrs. Smith's trailer home, the kitchen clock showed 1:20 a.m. They went to her neighbor, Lowell Lee, for help and there, too, they found the lapse of time confirmed. Confused, des-

perate, and unfamiliar with UFO's, they called the police, and the next day a Navy recruiting station, but got no help or sympathy in either place. It was, however, the Navy recruiter who gave the news to a Lexington, Kentucky TV station. Later, the story reached the press and on February 12, 1976 it made big news in the Casey County News.

Jerry Black of MUFON in Cincinnati got the newspaper clipping from a friend in Liberty, Kentucky. Jerry called Jim Miller, MUFON in Middletown, Ohio, and me on February 20, to relate the news. He said he had already called Mrs. Smith about the incident some days before. At first the three women were reluctant to discuss the case and they wanted no strangers from out of town to visit their homes. More phone calls were made, credentials offered (MUFON, CUFOS etc.) and finally their confidence was won. An interview

was arranged for February 29. To put them further at ease, Black invited Mrs. Peggy Schnell of Blanchester, Ohio, who could provide a reassuring feminine touch and offer the compassion of sharing her own weird UFO experience occurring during the flap of 1973.

Our first meeting was cordial, candid and rewarding. But, it was obvious at the outset that the trio was enduring great physical strain from their dramatic experience. All three chain-smoked, enough to prompt me to comment. All agreed that it was the result of their tensions, and also mentioned they had a lingering insatiable thirst for liquids following the incident. Also, each claimed excessive loss of weight.

Black, Miller and I made copious notes as we extracted details about the sequence of events, their observations of the UFO, its structure and behavior, their claims of physical effects — all ugly, pent-up memories leading up to the phase of time lapse. Said Mrs. Thomas, the most stoic of the trio, "We live in fear of what we don't know. I'm worried about Lou and Mona. I think they're ready for a breakdown."

Mrs. Smith admitted that she had great difficulty facing people while attending her duties as an assistant for the Casey County Extensive Office (counselling families in nutritional care). Mrs. Stafford was the most distressed psychologically. With her eyes still showing strong traces of inflammation, she was insistent in her plea to know what happened to her during the time lapse. I assured her that I would make every effort to get professional help to perform regressive hypnosis as

soon as possible. This was to be my number one goal.

During our brisk day of gathering data, we were privy to see evidence of two dramatic effects of the close encounter. One was the result of the UFO's thermal light beam; seeing first hand the vestige of a flesh burn suffered by Mrs. Smith. Having kept it under close observation, she obligingly lifted her hair to show us the mark on the nape of her neck. There, unmistakably, was a round pinkish-gray blotch the size of a half dollar.

The second revelation was animal reaction. This involved a 4-year old pet parakeet belonging to Mrs. Smith. According to its mistress, when she arrived home following her incident, the parakeet, normally peaceful, rebelled at her presence. She said the bird bolted against the screen of the cage, its wings fluttering violently. Commented Louise, "Since that night the bird has nothing to do with me."

I tried a test. Being familiar

with exotic birds, allowing them to fly free in my tropical garden room, I persuaded Mrs. Smith, in the presence of Jim Miller and myself, to put her finger inside the cage. The bird panicked! Next, I put my finger inside. The parakeet only budged on its perch. Then Jim duplicated the test. Again, the bird only budged.

The pet parakeet died in March, 1976. Could Mrs. Smith's traumatic state have rubbed off to affect the bird's sensorium, thus triggering its violent reaction? Or, had she become a walking force field? Whatever the strange emission she generated, it may also have affected other mechanical devices such as the wrist watch she wore during the incident, whose minute hand, on her return home, sped around the dial like the second hand; and, during the next week, the non-electric alarm clock in her bedroom which when touched, stopped running. So disturbing was the alarm clock incident to



Photo taken by Jerry Black, February 29, showing trace of burned mark on the nape of Mrs. Smith's neck. The burned effects had vanished from the other women, except for Mona's eye inflammation.



Mrs. Smith's 1967 Chevy Nova occupied by the three women in same position as the night of their UFO encounter. The car was affected electro-

magnetically. It also showed traces of blistering on the hood and roof, but this evidence was inconclusive.

Mrs. Smith that in utter frustration she finally threw it outdoors. Broken beyond repair, she discarded it in the trash. Then, too, there was Louise's Chevy Nova which developed electrical failures. This she discovered when she first tried to drive the car after the incident. While driving to work, she was stopped by the police who informed her that her signal lights were not working.

Out of concern for the debilitating health status of the three women, and feeling assured that we all had won each other's complete confidence, we all agreed on February 29 that the affair should not be further publicized. I later called Walter Andrus of MUFON and Dr. Allen Hynek of CUFOS to inform them of the incident and stated that I preferred the data to be kept confidential. They agreed.

Black, Miller, Ms. Schnell and I departed from Liberty at dusk, a five hour drive to Cincinnati ahead of us. We were

but we agreed that his great distance from Kentucky, and funding the trip, were big problems regarding his services.

While I was eating dinner on March 5, 1976, Jerry Black called. Shaken, he said he had just received a call from Mrs. Smith stating that Dr. Leo Sprinkle of APRO had flown to Louisville and was at the home of Bill Terry, ready to depart to Liberty the next morning to perform hypnosis on Mrs. Stafford. Black was disturbed, thinking that I had brought in Dr. Sprinkle without consulting him. Indeed, it took only a second to clear the air: Dr. Sprinkle's plans were news to me!

Perplexed, Black then called the women to discuss the issues and all had agreed not to allow Sprinkle and Terry at their homes to conduct the hypnotic tests. According to Mrs. Smith, she and her companions were of the opinion that Dr. Sprinkle was the MUFON or CUFOS specialist I had promised to deliver! She knew nothing about Dr. Sprinkle's association with APRO, or even APRO.

Typical of UFO research without discipline, there was a melee of phone calls back and forth from Black in Cincinnati to Liberty and Louisville and I could sense the utter frustration being experienced by everyone, especially Dr. Sprinkle. I knew Sprinkle, having met him at the MUFON Symposium in Des Moines, June, 1975, where he presented a paper. I had, and have, the greatest respect for him as a person and his competence in the field of psychological research in ufology and as a specialist in regressive hypnosis. Despite the confu-



sion, I was pleased to know that he had gotten as far as Louisville. I called Dr. Sprinkle at Terry's house and said so. But the issues beyond that were far from solved.

As the plot deepened, and with visions of another Travis Walton fiasco, I decided (and it was agreed upon by all parties) to call the Lorenzens of APRO in Tucson. Nearing midnight, it was my hope that I could make a sensible arrangement to permit Dr. Sprinkle to proceed to Liberty. After much bloodletting over the issues on hand, accord with APRO (Jim and Coral Lorenzen) was achieved. We agreed that the immediate results of the hypnosis would not be published in our respective bulletins and hopefully not the national media, as long as the three women were in a highly emotional state. The date was set for Sunday, March 7, for Sprinkle, Terry, and for Black, Miller, Schnell and myself to meet at Mrs. Smith's trailer.

As a side comment on the behind-the-scene activity during the early investigation, Bill Terry called me in the evening following his visit with Mrs. Smith in Liberty, March 1st, which was the day following the MUFON visit from Cincinnati.

Although Terry did not mention APRO's involvement to Mrs. Smith during his visit, or to me by phone, he told me later that he called the Lorenzens about his findings. According to Terry, with whom I had built up a cordial relationship in the exchange of UFO information since 1974, his call to APRO was triggered by his interest in the Sergeant Moody abduction case which he knew APRO had investigated and it was his belief that the Kentucky



On the Liberty scene, June 23, ready to begin the polygraph and hypnosis sessions. Left to right, Bob Pratt of National Enquirer, James Young, polygraph expert from the Lexington Police

Department, Len Stringfield, and Dr. Leo Sprinkle, APRO psychology consultant who conducted the hypnosis.

incident might serve their research with valuable correlative data.

Personally, I hold no ill-feelings toward anyone involved in the case despite the gross misunderstandings. And it was never my intention, obviously, of "scooping" the Stanford story. My main concern throughout the early (and still continuing investigation,) has been the health and welfare of three victimized women, as all persons directly involved in the case are well aware. My second concern is that the data collected serves UFO research objectively.

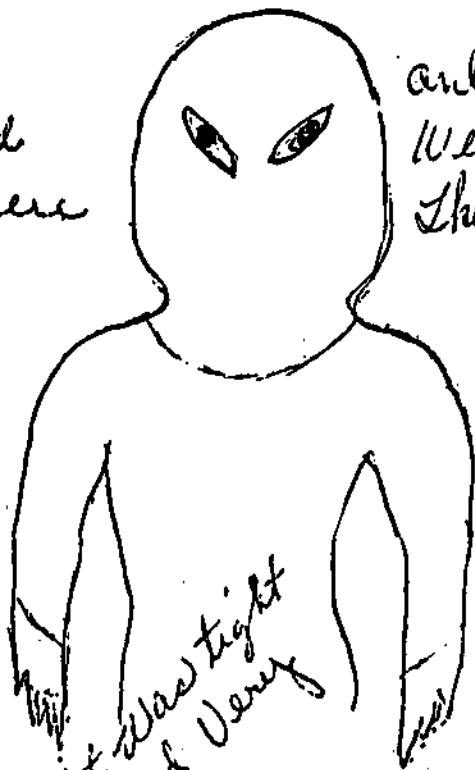
The rendezvous in Liberty started at midday, March 7. Greetings were cordial and there was a pledge of cooperation. We decided to conduct the hypnosis of Mona (Louise and Elaine not consenting to hypnosis) at her parent's home where there was more room. Everybody sat in tense silence watching Dr. Sprinkle calmly and methodically put his sub-

ject at ease, then into a deep hypnotic state. Mona's replies to the questions came slowly. She agonizingly recalled the UFO and her responding fear that it was an aircraft in fiery distress; the UFO in different flight attitudes; the sickening heat; the darkness and an unexplained light, but she could not go further into the deep secrets of her time lapse. Mona, tearful, seemed exhausted. More time was needed and time ran out.

Dr. Sprinkle had to return to Louisville with Terry, there to catch his plane to Laramie. Before departure, he told me that Mona was still in a post-hypnotic state and that I might continue to work with her based on certain guidelines.

As Black continued to question Louise and Elaine, Mona moved quietly to a chair near a large coffee table. Edging my chair close to Mona, I withdrew from my briefcase, a folder depicting a group of humanoids I had drawn representing the

The hood and  
garments were  
Dark



only the eyes  
were visible  
they wore hoods.

the suit was tight  
fitted and very  
dark.

the hands looked  
like a jagged  
wing tip  
they were grey in  
color.

Mary Louise Smith  
Oct 1, 1976

Drawing of humanoid occupant recalled by  
Louise Smith after hypnosis, dated October 1,  
1976.

different types of configurations and heads described by witnesses in previous encounters. Jim Miller stood by and watched in silence. Unceremoniously, I placed the folder on the table and said nothing. Up to this time no mention had been made of a possible humanoid factor in the Stanford time lapse case. A minute or so passed by: more silence. Then, Mona's eyes brightened as she stared at the folder. Suddenly, her finger reached out and pointed to one of the weird, crinkled heads. "This looks like the light I saw...It was shaped like that head!"

Mona sat reflectively, then she added, "Yes...I can see the face now but it doesn't seem solid. It comes and goes...I mean, fades and reappears like in a fog. Its eyes are far apart and at the bottom...the chin...is like that drawing."

She could recall no more. But this was the breakthrough. We had pierced the barrier of the time lapse.

The next day, March 8, according to my UFOLOG notes, I called Dr. Sprinkle at the University of Wyoming. I informed him of Mona's recall of a humanoid head surrounded by fog. Promptly, I sent him a copy of the drawings with the designated head encircled. Also enclosed was Mona's statement relative to her recall of the apparition. I told him to send a copy to APRO as per our agreement to work in cooperation.

Weeks, unfortunately, turned into months of stalemate. Black and I stayed in touch with the three women by phone on a constant basis. The women continued to wallow in fears, experienced many frightening physical events and continued to lose weight. Needed was the

return of Dr. Sprinkle, or someone else to take over the case. I discussed this with Dr. Sprinkle whom I met later at the CUFOS Conference in Chicago, April 30-May 1. We talked about funding, or lack of it, and while there, in the afterhours, I approached Dr. Hynek again on the matter of funding. It was not a good question at that time. No funds were available, although he recognized the need for a list of professional consultants who could undertake field trips within a limited radius of their home base.

On May 12, I called Coral Lorenzen in Tucson. We discussed the stalemate in the Stanford case and she said she would consider financing Dr. Sprinkle for a return trip to Liberty. On June 10, Coral called me and said she was considering sending Dr. James Harder of Berkeley, California, an adept at regressive hypnosis, to Liberty for a follow-up, as he was planning a visit to APRO headquarters soon and he might be able to extend his trip to Liberty. I heard nothing more about Harder, but on June 16, I called Coral regarding a request by the Louisville Times for new data to publish on the Stanford case. As per our agreement, I told her that I had refused the request.


Then came the sudden announcement on July 1st by Jerry Black, who, acting unilaterally, called Bob Pratt at the National Enquirer. He had made a deal. In concert with the three women, he basically had negotiated a swap of their close encounter story with the National Enquirer in return for the tabloid's financing the return of Dr. Leo Sprinkle to Liberty to conduct regressive hypnosis, and a polygraph test to be

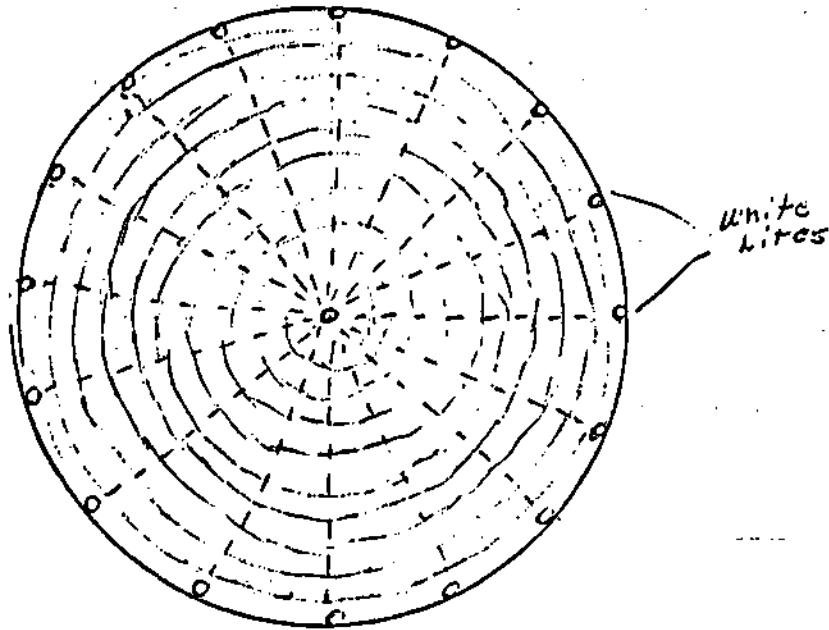
conducted by an expert yet to be named. In the terms, Black agreed to the stipulation that if the time lapse case turned out to be an abduction, backed by professional testimony, the National Enquirer would get first rights to publish the story and, in turn, the three women would receive remuneration for their cooperation. Black, Miller and I were to pay all trip expenses out of our own pockets, as we had done in the past.

Black's daring move, he averred, was out of concern for the women's health and to free their anxieties that had built up over the time lapse. He could not wait for funding or other delays by CUFOS, MUFON or APRO.

My reaction was mixed at first. Being impervious to shock after 27 years spent in ufology, I was, however, caught off-guard and felt some embarrassment for the stagnating agreement I had vowed to uphold about keeping the story out of the national media. However, there were some pluses. Foremost was relief that research had another chance at breaking the time lapse. And, I was heartened that Sprinkle was the choice to try!

The meeting place was at the Brown Motel in Liberty, June 23, 1976. It was a sapping-hot day as felicitous greetings were exchanged with the old dramatic personae. And it was a pleasure to see Bob Pratt again, the National Enquirer's top UFO investigator-reporter. A true vet in the news business, Pratt had impressed me as sincere, honest. We had met at the CUFOS Symposium in Chicago on May 31, 1976. At that time, ironically, Pratt had asked me for the Stanford case story, but I refused out of

  
2 small  
lenses.



Drawing by Louise Smith of a "kind of instrument I saw aboard the craft," recalled vividly about 1:00 p.m., September 30, 1976. She said, "The line from the center to the outer edge was going around counter clockwise as though a light was running through a coil."

Mary Louise Smith  
Oct 1, 1976.

dedication to the proverbial agreement.

The mood of the day was serious. Without delay the business of polygraph tests got underway. James Young, detective for the Lexington Police Department, was the expert. After completion of his lengthy tests, executed privately for each of the three women, Young's facial expression waxed between triumph and amazement. Skeptical about UFOs when he came to the scene, Young said that his subjects "breezed through" their incredible story and polygraphically came out of the tests as credible people. In a matter of several hours, he admitted his views on the UFO had changed. He said he believed that all three women were telling the truth, even overcoming his strategy of employing one trick maneuver

which suggested they were perpetrating a hoax to gain publicity and money.

Now the stage was set for Dr. Sprinkle's hypnotic sessions.

It is beyond the scope of this Journal to publish the length verbatim questions and answers contained in tapes of the entire hypnotic proceedings. Dr. Sprinkle superbly handled the hypnosis and it is the belief of all witnesses that significant information was obtained to get to the roots of the time lapse secrets, thus providing sufficient credence to the hypothesis of abduction.

The first hypnosis was performed with Mrs. Smith the subject, during the evening following the polygraph tests. The following day, all women were subjects, each making the regression circuit twice. Sitting next to Mona, Louise and Elaine during these sessions, I

watched their great emotional psycho-physical stresses as they slowly, agonizingly and tearfully relived and related their experiences. Sometimes a phase of long silence was punctuated by a sudden recall of an incident so horribly disconcerting that the subject's body writhed and contorted in pain.

Unquestionably, the treatment received by each of the women inside the round dark room, as each described their captive abode, was harsh indeed, even torturous. While no sexual molestations were revealed, each woman complained about the rigors of being restrained forcibly by their humanoid captors into a demobilized position for physical examination. For Mrs. Smith, it was on a table; Mrs. Thomas, inside a capsule with the stricture of a noose-like device around the neck which tight-



Len Stringfield standing at the weathered wall which Mrs. Smith fearfully refused to go near when she and companions, with members of the research team, returned on the night of June 24 to, hopefully, reconstruct the abduction incident.



Louise Smith undergoes hypnosis by Dr. Sprinkle while Bob Pratt tapes the proceedings, June 23-24, 1976.

ened as she tried to speak or think; and, for Mrs. Stafford, it was in a chair-like device.

According to each subject, their bodies were scanned (despite no recollection of being disrobed) and instruments used in exerting great pressure on the limbs. Mrs. Thomas recalls a tube with a bullet-like tip, probing her chest and also recalls, as did Mrs. Stafford, that a warm liquid was applied to their faces and bodies.

During the hypnotic sessions twice-held for each woman, characteristic details of the humanoids never reached a point of clarity. Each described shadowy forms floating or gliding by them or the emergence of one eye, or two, hovering over them. One bizarre phase recalled by Mona was the sight of a light at the end of a shaft or tunnel which she described as a volcano with "jagged edges". It was during this frame of time that she complained of intensive pressure to her eyes,

"...Just like they've been pulled out." Following this, Mona was impressed by a single bright purple eye that seemed to radiate lightning-like rays.

Elaine was percipient to a two-eyed form like a round head in deep darkness. One eye, she said, was a "beautiful blue" encircled by a blue membranous lid, "like a turtle's" and the other eye appeared dark. Louise, during hypnosis said she saw several forms but was so frightened that she didn't keep her eyes open long enough to remember any details. It wasn't until months later that she conjured up a vision of her captors. Similar in general appearance to the humanoids seen by her companions, she added that their hands looked like jagged wing tips. It was Elaine who, during hypnosis, recalled the most about the entities in the room. "There were several small figures," she said, "about 4 feet tall."

All three subjects stated that their captors communicated telepathically — never verbally. No one recalled an entity with a mouth!

Perhaps the most revealing drama about the alleged craft was witnessed by Mona, on Sunday morning following the previous day's hypnotic sessions. While we were sitting around summarizing the "abduction," I asked Mona if she could elaborate on her hypnotic reference to a volcano.

Without hesitation, she related that she could now "see" a room...like through a tunnel...at the end of which was a bright light. As the picture emerged, she could see a square table top upon which lay a prostrate figure of a woman surrounded by a group of four small figures clad in white. They appeared to be studying, or examining the subject under a brilliant white light. She said, "I'm not sure if the person was Elaine, or Lou, or maybe



Mona Stafford under hypnosis.

even me.”

Providing additional evidence for the Stanford case are a number of people I reached who testified they witnessed a UFO on the same evening, January 6, 1976, in the Casey and Lincoln County areas.

One couple, living within several hundred yards of the “abduction” site, watched from their house window a large, luminescent object shaped like a light bulb pass low over the Stanford area. Significantly, the time of this sighting was about 11:30 p.m. Although the couple preferred anonymity, other reports of UFO sightings, observed earlier in the evening, were more detailed, each describing a ring of red or orange lights around a disc-shaped object. Two teenagers told me they pursued a low-level UFO in a hotrod after they watched it hover over the Angel Manufacturing plant in Stanford. Their chase took them as far as Danville, Kentucky, to the

north. They gave their report to the police there.

Another UFO report of significance surfaced when Jerry Black, during a later trip to Liberty, learned that the owner

of the farm property where the incident occurred had observed, “down the road” from his farm, an unusual low-level, glowing, white object which shot a beam of white light down to the ground. The time was about 10 p.m., however, the sighting’s only weakness is that he could not pin down the date...whether it occurred January 5th or 6th.

More positive about the date, January 6, is Mrs. Janet Stewart of Bethel, Minnesota, who experienced a close encounter with a UFO causing her physiological effects. Although Bethel and Stanford are great distances apart as the crow flies, they may not be so unrelated when one considers the UFO’s capabilities. The Bethel report, received from Joe Brill, begins with Mrs. Stewart driving alone at 7:30 p.m. to pick up a girl friend with whom she planned to attend a night school class in Moundview. Suddenly, a strange, red, glow-



Elaine Thomas under hypnosis.

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ing object with small blinking green lights came down to within 25 feet above her car. It followed at close range until she reached her friend's house.

As Mrs. Stewart and friend drove to Moundview, the same UFO appeared again. As before, it followed the car at close range for about two miles until reaching their destination.

The next day, Mrs. Stewart claimed, in a signed statement, that she suffered severe menstrual cramps and bleeding even though her normal period had ended six days before. She also suffered eye inflammation. When she checked with her girl friend, she learned that she, too, had been menstrually affected.

The Stanford case, I believe, stands on the strength of the many factors I relate in this account and in more detail in my forthcoming book. Simply put, the case is no humpty-

dummy on the ground waiting for a Phillip Klass or another Dr. Donald Menzel to gloat over the ignominious pieces.



A happier moment enjoyed by Elaine Thomas, Louise Smith and Mona Stafford following hypnosis. They are standing outside room used for the sessions at Brown Motel in Liberty.

# New Close Encounter Cases Under Investigation

by Leonard H. Stringfield

Two close encounter cases are currently being investigated, both occurring on the same date — January 27, 1977 — and within a short distance from each other.

One incident occurred in Prospect, Kentucky, near Louisville. Involved is a 19-year-old male (name withheld at this time) who, while driving a Jeepster alone from his girlfriend's house to his home, encountered a low-level, luminous red, rectangular object hovering alongside the road. The boy recalls being attracted to the object;

Then Limbo! He next recalled driving home, his eyes burning and being greeted by his concerned mother.

His mother confirms that her son suffered eye inflammation and skin irritation to both legs. There were also alleged electromagnetic disturbances to his vehicle. Local researchers conducted regressive hypnosis which revealed that he was abducted into a large room where he encountered three robot-like entities, each having mechanical arms which probed at his body.

The second case involves a concerned business man (preferring anonymity) while driving through Clarksville, Tennessee. Incensed by his bizarre experience, he flew to Washington, D.C. to report his close encounter to the "authorities". He also witnessed entities appearing "half visible" who communicated telepathically. The lone witness was reluctant to relate full details by telephone.

Hopefully, more information is forthcoming for both encounters and will reveal correlative details.

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## Eighth Annual MUFON Symposium Scheduled

Preliminary scheduling for the annual MUFON Symposium has been completed. The Symposium will take place on Saturday, July 16, and Sunday, July 17, 1977 at the Safari Hotel & Convention Center, 4611 N. Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale, Arizona 85251. The public is invited to the affair, which will be hosted by Ground Saucer Watch and MUFON of Arizona. Advance registration may be made by writing to: GSW/MUFON, 13238 N. 7th Dr., Phoenix, AZ 85029. The package price for the Symposium is \$16.00.

Besides MUFON Director Walt Andrus and GSW Director William Spaulding, speakers will include Bill Pitts, MUFON State Director for Arkansas, and James McCampbell, author of *UFology* and MUFON Director of Research.

Dr. William Hassell will present his paper "Future Physics and Anti-Gravity" and Dr. Alvin H. Lawson will present an analysis of close encounter cases entitled "What Can We Learn From Abduction Cases?" Other speakers will include Thomas Gates, Director of the Space Science Center and MUFON Consultant in Astronomy; and Stanton T. Friedman, UFO lecturer and MUFON Consultant in Nuclear Physics.

Specialization workshops will be held during the late Saturday afternoon session. They are: "Field Investigation Techniques" (Bill Pitts); "Instrumentation for UFO Detection" (Melvin Podell, MUFON State Section Director for San Diego County); "How to Obtain Good Public Relations" (Paul Cerny, MUFON Western Regional Di-

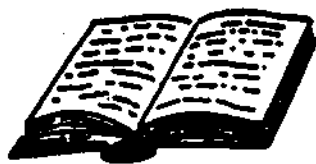
rector, and Thomas Gates); and finally, "Possible UFO Propulsion Methods" (James McCampbell and William Hassell)

Other special activities will include the Amateur Radio Luncheon with Dr. Willard P. Armstrong, Moderator of WONC, on Saturday; and on Sunday, the MUFON Corporate Meeting and a GSW presentation of the Tremonton, Utah, and Great Falls, Montana UFO film footage including computer analysis of those films.

Along with the usual public participation sessions and behind-the-scenes conclaves, the Eighth Annual MUFON Symposium promises to be one of the most exciting and important held to date. Make your reservations now!

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Lucius Forish

## In Others' Words

The January 4 **National Enquirer** featured a report on an October 17 UFO sighting at the Akita Airport in Japan. The object was filmed, but was too distant for details to be seen on the film.

An article in the February issue of **Fate** re-examines some of the seeming evidence that UFOs are interfering with satellites, lunar ALSEP stations, etc. A very interesting aspect of the subject. This issue also contains Jerome Clarks' revelation that the "classic" airship story of Alexander Hamilton's rustled heifer was merely a practical joke of the period. Since I have been instrumental in publicizing this particular account over the years, I would like to apologize for doing so, although the true nature of the case has only recently become known. Even so, better truth than "classic" tales.

The February issue of **Cosmic Frontiers** contains several articles relating to UFOs, but overall, this issue is no better than the first one. It is a very nicely-done publication, but the material is rehash.

Larry W. Bryant's article on the FBI's role in UFO investigations would be ample reason to buy the March issue of **UFO Report**. A most interesting look at the Bureau's non-public involvement in the subject. This issue also features articles by Wendelle C. Stevens, Gray Barker, Gordon Lore, Curt Sutherly and others.

Rumor has it that Kevin Randle is editing a new maga-

zine, **Quest**, due on newsstands in February. More details in later columns.

Two recent publications from the Center for UFO Studies are worthy of mention here. The first is Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos' **A Catalogue of 200 Type-1 Events in Spain and Portugal** (\$4.50). This is an excellent compilation of close-approach sightings from 1914 to 1975. It includes reports of landings, occupant sightings, EM effects, etc. Ballester Olmos is to be congratulated for his work and Richard Heiden deserves credit for his help with this project. The catalogue contains photos, illustrations and graphs pertaining to the various cases. A well-done and interesting addition to the literature.

I am not quite so enthused with the second publication, the **Proceedings of the 1976 CUFOS Conference**. This, of course, was the (in)famous "secret" conference, held during the period of April 30-May 2, 1976. All the papers presented at the conference are to be found in this volume, although, in my opinion, at least 60% of them are "utter dullsville," for various reasons. Participants included such well-known researchers as Ted Bloecher, Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos, Ann Druffel, Loren Gross, Richard Hall, David Jacobs, Robert Klinn, James McCampbell, John Musgrave, David R. Saunders, R. Leo Sprinkle, David Webb, Ron Westrum, Don Worley and

several others. Topics covered ranged from the periodicity of flaps to exosociology to humanoid and creature reports, plus many other subjects. There is a considerable amount of technical information, which, while undoubtedly of value, makes for quite boring reading. But, I suppose my major complaint about the **Proceedings** is its price of \$15.00. Yes, it's a large volume, comparable to **The UFO Evidence** or Ted Bloecher's **Report on the UFO Wave of 1947**; but, in my opinion, it is decidedly **not** worth the price being asked for it. Both this and the Ballester Olmos catalogue may be ordered from The Center for UFO Studies, Box 11, Northfield, IL 60093.

## 1976 MUFON SYMPOSIUM PROCEEDINGS

"Swamp Gas Plus Ten - And Counting" by Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Director of the Center for UFO Studies.

"Canadian UFO Residuum" by Henry H. McKay, MUFON Canadian Regional Director.

"Heavenly Chariots And Flying Saucers" by Dr. Ted Peters, MUFON State Section Director for Central South Carolina.

"UFOlogy and the Digital Computer - A Lesson In The Evaluation Of UFO Secondary Evidence" by William H. Spaulding, Director of Ground Saucer Watch, Inc.

"The Operation ARGUS Concept - A New Look At UFO Event Sharing And UFO Data Sharing" by Ray Stanford, Director of Project Starlight International.

The **1976 Proceedings** is available from **MUFON**, 103 Oldtowne Rd., Sequin, Texas 78155 for \$5.00 post-paid.

# DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

by  
Walt Andrus

Speakers already committed are Stanton T. Friedman, Nuclear Physicist and UFO lecturer; James M. McCampbell, MUFON Director of Research (Engineer and Author); Ray Stanford, Director of Project Starlight International; Thomas M. Gates, Planetarium Director and MUFON Astronomy Consultant; and William H. Spaulding, Director of GSW/West and MUFON State Director for Arizona. 100 guest rooms have been reserved at the beautiful SAFARI Resort Hotel in Scottsdale, AZ., site of the 1977 Symposium with singles at \$16.00 and doubles for \$20.00. MUFON's annual corporate meeting will be held Sunday morning at 9 A.M. on July 17, followed by a brand new slide/motion picture UFO lecture in the afternoon by Bill Spaulding. Several thousand people in Phoenix viewed this presentation on Jan. 7, 1977. Room Reservation cards will be available from both MUFON in Seguin, TX. and GSW in Phoenix, AZ. Ms. Barbara Stahl, 10652 East Oasis Drive, Apache Junction, AZ 85220; Telephone 602/986-4622 is the Chairperson heading up the MUFON Symposium at the local level.

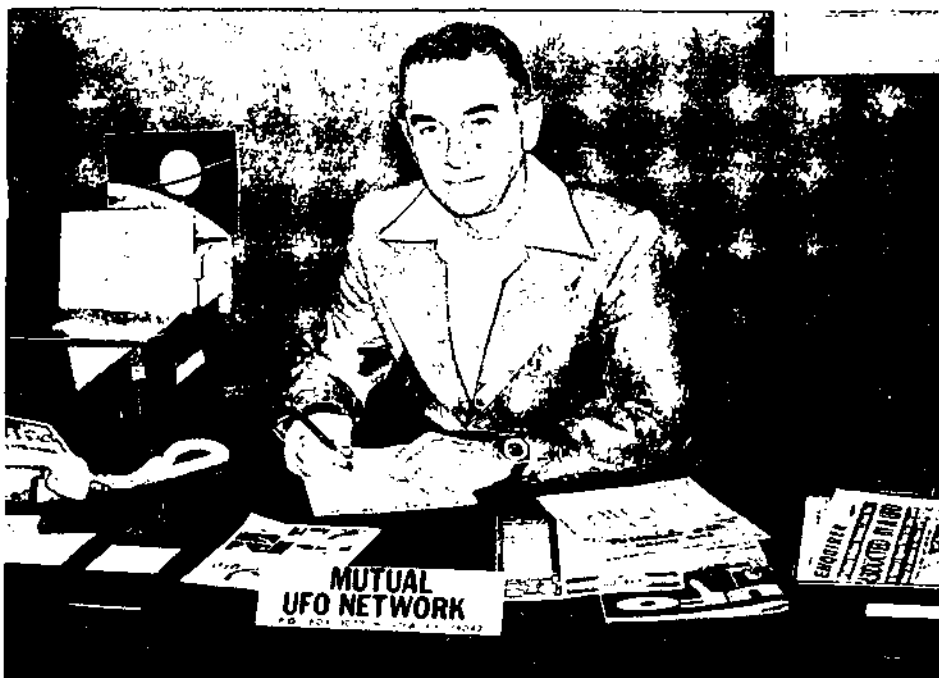
A UFO Conference of extreme interest that is attracting speakers and UFOlogists from Europe, Africa, North, South and Central Americas is the INTERNATIONAL UFO CONGRESS to be held in Acapulco, Mexico on April 18, through 23, 1977 at the fabulous Acapulco Convention Center. This ambitious event is being sponsored by Guillermo

Bravo and Pedro Ferriz. All speeches will be translated instantaneously into English, Spanish, French, Portugese, and German, similar to the United Nations arrangement in New York City. Your Director has been invited to speak at this prestigious event. He will present a slide illustrated lecture covering the National Enquirer Blue Ribbon Panel annual UFO award cases, plus the Pascagoula, Miss. incident.

This will be an opportunity to personally meet a majority of the leading UFO authorities in the Western Hemisphere. Dennis W. Hauck is coordinating the speaker invitations in the U.S.A. with Mr. Bravo. Our JOURNAL Editor will also speak, as he did in a recent UFO meeting in Mexico City.

Amateur Radio Operators were treated to a unique experience when they read an

article titled "The UFO Connection" by David L. Dobbs K8NQN, 6612 Pleasant St., Cincinnati, OH. 45227 in the January 1977 issue of the magazine called "73". The article is written as an "open letter" concerning a UFO experience to Mr. Wallace Andrews, Director; National UFO Network, Inc., 301 Newtown Road, Sagum, TX. 78155, and starts out with "Dear Wally". Yes, David is a member of MUFON and the UFO sighting report is not a "hoax" as some thought when our address appeared to be a "spoof". It did give the post office department in some cities a little difficulty, because only the state and zip code were correct. If the mail got as far as Seguin, TX. there was no problem, however, David has received most of the correspondence since his address was correct. Dave worked with Leo-



Paul C. Cerny, MUFON's Western Regional Director, joins the MUFON UFO JOURNAL staff.

nard Stringfield, MUFON Director of Public Relations, on the basic case. Leonard was referred to as "Leo Springfield" in the article. "Hams" will remember that Wayne Green, Editor of 73 Magazine, is a former "UFO buff" and no doubt enjoyed sharing this article with his readers.

An additional MUFON Amateur Radio Net presently active each Saturday morning at 0800 Central Standard Time is the seventy-five meter net on 3975 KHZ with WA9ARG, Marshall Goins in Quincy, Ill., as net control.

The MUFON Board of Directors and the Staff of THE MUFON UFO JOURNAL would like to take this opportunity to extend best wishes for the new year to all members and subscribers. Your continued support and interest in the UFO phenomenon will not only help MUFON to grow in stature, but to expand it's investigative scope worldwide.

Joe Santangelo, State Director for Massachusetts, was the first to file his annual activities report for 1976. In Joe's case this included a UFO sighting report summary, the MUFON Amateur Radio Net (40 meters) weekly log sheets, and copies of general correspondence to all Massachusetts members. The forty meter phone net meets every Saturday morning at 1300 Universal Time on 7231 KHZ with Joe, WINXY, as Net Control from Waltham, MA. Some of the stations checking in most frequently are WONC (Bill Armstrong in St. Louis), K9PAW (George Ostrowski in So. Holland, Ill.), W8QBG, WA8VFS, W0SWY (Don Campbell in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa), WA4RPW, WB4YDD,

WA5CTJ (Elmer Romigh in Bandera, TX), WB3BAN, and K8CCG (Bob Swett in Muskegan, MI). Joe provides an outstanding example to other State Directors of how state organization should function. The State and National organizational levels of MUFON make it unique to that of any other major UFO organization in the world.

Paul C. Cerny, MUFON Western Regional Director, and State Director for Northern California, is joining the staff of THE MUFON UFO JOURNAL in the capacity of "Promotion/Publicity" along with Mrs. Rosetta Holmes. Paul's public relations endeavors, via television, radio, newspapers, and printed brochures on the west coast has been fabulous. He and Bill Pecha (Colusa, California case reported in the October issue of the Journal) were interviewed and filmed the middle of January by ABC-TV for the Harry Reasoner news program to be aired nationwide in February. The National Star plans to feature this case in a current issue, which will probably be published before you read this message.

John Wallace Spencer, MUFON Field Investigator, and author of the best selling paperback "Limbo of the Lost" lectured at Trinity University in San Antonio on Dec. 9, 1976, speaking on the Bermuda Triangle followed by UFOs in the second half. It was a pleasure to meet John and to dine with him after the lecture. He has just released his latest book, titled "THE UFO YEARBOOK" covering some of the best 1975 and 1976 cases plus a chapter on UFO organizations with photographs. It is a paperback

priced at \$2.25 published by Phillips Publishing Co., 23 Hampden Street, Springfield, MA. 01103.

Bill Irby, State Director for Oklahoma, has appointed Gary W. Roberson, 323 So. Madison, Tulsa, OK. 74120; telephone: 918/584-6913 to be the new State Section Director for Tulsa and Osage Counties. Gary has the enthusiasm and determination to expand MUFON's influence in northeast Oklahoma.

William H. Boyce, M.D., 22 Cameron Court, Princeton, N.J. 08540, formerly acting State Director for N.J., will confine his UFO activities to his specialized area as a Consultant to MUFON in Psychiatry, a post he assumed in 1972. Tom Benson, 129A Wingate Apts., Trenton, N.J. 08606 is State Section Director for Mercer, Hunterdon and Burlington Counties.

Visitors to MUFON in Seguin, TX, during December included Peter M. Tomikawa, his wife and small son as they were moving from Glendale, AZ. to White Plains, N.Y. Peter, a Japanese citizen and MUFON Field Investigator, is employed by NIPPON ZEON of America, Inc. Due to his move to New York, he may be unable to attend MUFON's 1977 UFO SYMPOSIUM in Scottsdale, AZ. on July 15, 16, and 17.

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# RECAPPING AND COMMENTING

By Richard Hall (MUFON International Coordinator)

(Comments in this month's column are based, in part, on articles appearing in MUFON UFO Journal No. 106, September 1976)

Since we don't know any facts about UFOs and all is conjecture, according to Harv Howard ("The importance of Keeping an Open Mind"), I wonder how he can know that the "radicals" are on the right track. Furthermore, I wonder why he allows the "radicals" to find "enough cases to indicate" anything when this privilege is disallowed to the rest of us. When it is further alleged that the "liberals" are "stagnating themselves and the UFO search," the biased nature of the author's polemics may be clearly seen.

The real issue, not illuminated by this rather inappropriate application of political labels, is whether there are viable alternative hypotheses to the extraterrestrial visitor hypothesis. To be "open minded," an ETH advocate must explore alternatives and constantly review the data and his/her reasoning. If and when the evidence strongly contradicts ETH, or some competing hypothesis better explains the data, then the ETH would be untenable. Advocates of other hypotheses — if they are reasoning logically and scientifically — would follow a similar process.

As for reasonable discourse among the various advocates, it would help (outside those instances where outright dishonesty or psychological disorders

are evident) if each "attacked" or criticized the other's use of facts and logic rather than their intentions or personalities. If an idea is wrong or misguided, it should be possible to make the case without labelling or characterizing the purveyor of the idea in a negative or insulting fashion.

It would be very easy for me to counter Mr. Howard's remarks by stating my opinion that his "radicals" are doing the reverse of "stagnating" UFO research — they are muddying it up by speculating wildly in terms that often have little empirical meaning. I don't claim to be simon pure in the matter of tending to think other advocates are either dishonest or nutty, which is, undoubtedly, overdone on all sides. However, I do bridle at the "radicals" oft-times pretensions to superior objectivity, usually coupled with derogatory remarks about researchers who disagree with their approach to the problem.

I know that the "radicals" consider me to be closely linked with the "nuts-and-bolts" hardware ET view, and they are right — up to a point. But they do me (and others) an injustice by failing to recognize that I am entirely capable of giving due consideration to modifications of ETH or other alternatives. We "liberals" are not hide-bound; merely looking for compelling evidence. Apparently the only way to be "open minded" to a "radical" is to be a "radical."

Thus, about all I can agree with is Mr. Howard's last paragraph. We do need to avoid

becoming enamored of our own views and failing to consider alternative views. But even there, I think "infighting" is a natural and important process, provided it is done in the scientific spirit.

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A number of interesting close encounter cases are included in this issue, but I have now polemicized myself out of space to comment on them. They contain strong physical evidence aspects, somehow suggesting to me that we are dealing with real, physical, technological objects — or reasonable facsimiles thereof.



Mark R. Herbst  
**Astronomy**  
**Notes**

February 1977

**MERCURY** — Except for the first few days of the month, Mercury is too close to the sun for observation.

**VENUS** — Although closer to the sun than last month, Venus is now even higher in the southwestern sky at sunset (about 40 degrees) and sets about four hours later.

**MARS** — It is in the morning sky, but still too close to the sun for easy observation.

**JUPITER** — Moving back into Taurus, it is nearing the Meridian at sunset and sets soon after midnight.

**SATURN** — In Cancer, it rises about sunset and is visible all night. Opposition is on the 2nd.

The **ALPHA AURIGID METEOR SHOWER** occurs February 5-10.