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Reactions to a UFO Event

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A newspaper in Fargo, The Forum, ran a story recently about he second UFO event near Tappen, North Dakota. They make space available for public comments on many of their stories and it turned out that this one had a large number of people responding.

This incident found a sixteen year old boy confronting creatures in a pig corral after midnight on Sept. 11. The main points about the incident are that the young man was up at that time to get a drink of water and noticed shadows in their nearby pig corral. He didn't know if it was a person, a deer, or a coyote. Curious, he quickly got dressed, went outside, and walked toward the corral. On the way, he reached into a shed and grabbed a .22cal single-shot rifle. Upon going over the fence he ended up close to four entities. Two of them were dragging an apparently dead 450-lb pregnant sow toward two other entities. The moon was bright enough that he could make out some details as the event unfolded. At some point he realized that these were not ordinary people because they seemed to be at least seven feet tall and appeared all black. Instantly terrified, he shot one of the entities in its side and heard it emit a screeching squeal. A fifth entity approached him from behind and reached over his shoulder to grab the front of his shirt and threw him to the ground. The witness doesn't know for sure if he blacked out but did hear a loud metallic sound. There is a windbreak around the corral consisting of three horizontal wooden boards to which ten-foot heavy gauge corrugated steel sheets that were three feet wide were nailed onto. Two of these steel sheets were now on the ground. Some of the nails were pulled out of the wood and were still in the steel sheets and some nails remained in the wooden fence. The entities and the pig were nowhere to be seen. The witness ran to a mobile home near the farm house and awakened his sister. He was agitated and exclaimed, "They killed her, they killed her and I couldn't stop them."

This article is an account of some of what appeared in the comments section of The Forum concerning the incident. They run the gamut from belief to just plain mean-spiritedness. There are well over one hundred postings.

For a start, some comments were irrelevant, such as, "The big lies have been propagated through Fox News." Another suggested that all you dippy's that don't think aliens could be messing with us think that Jesus is going to come from the sky. Now that is hilarious all you stupid church goers. You've been duped.



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and smoke outdoors. There
is also an elevator.)**

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One mean-spirited comment referred to eyewitness accounts from hicks in he sticks. Another asked the question, "Have you ever been to Tappen? Have you seen who lives there? Well?" A few took aim at the newspaper for reporting the incident as news. One commented that the photo of the watering hole from the landing incident was wrong and should have been the bar in Tappen. That's where a lot of people are apparently spending their time. Another comment followed this same line by suggesting that Tappen folks are tipping glasses a little too much.

There were some humorous comments such as "Anyone that would cross the universe to load hogs perhaps shouldn't be called 'intelligent life.'" One woman seemed comforted knowing that aliens eat red meat so that they have some of the same health concerns the rest of us have. Another felt that bacon tastes so good that even creatures from other galaxies can't resist.

One writer did not like the idea of using hypnosis because people are made to remember and it's dangerous because a person during regression surrenders their will to another person.

Skeptics were fairly abundant. One fellow said that the fact that this manages to make it into a newspaper is both hilarious and sad at the same time. Another had it in mind that there is an explanation, namely, it's called making things up. Several were suspicious that this story appeared just before Halloween. One fellow thought that the witness was gullible and apparently did not understand that the young man had experienced the event as opposed to being told about it.

One writer didn't like the idea that if a congressman is trying to instigate the statutory rape of a page, newspapers can sit on evidence for a year waiting for more written proof. But, a newspaper report on aliens can be printed on the basis of one person's eyewitness account without so much as a photo of a weird footprint. He apparently didn't give much substance to the fact that the pig was gone and that the witness's shirt had been torn during the encounter.

One man wanted to know the parent's secret for being able to sleep through hogs in an uproar, a gunshot and an unearthly scream. A response was that pig corrals are usually far away from the farm house.

Satan got into the act a few times with one person suggesting that demon angels are the ones causing all the sightings and problems. Another felt that Genesis 6 came to mind because something is taking animal matter for some type of manipulation.

I was in Tappen for a funeral a few days after the first incident, which was a landing trace case. Several thought it was strange that I happened to be in Tappen for a funeral at that time.

On the positive side, one commented that the Forum had given us a story which should allow us to think rather than telling us what to think about. Another stated that it was sad that one cannot believe the words of a neighbor.

A high school teacher wrote that she had discussed the Forum's article with her class as a current event and that the class did some thinking and debating over a seemingly fictionalized story.

One man gave a good account of MUFON and wrote that it is a highly respected organization made up of credible people.

By reading these comments it became sadly obvious that most people know virtually nothing about the UFO phenomenon. Testimonials might have their place among neighbors and in a court of law, but a person describing a UFO event to another puts that person's credibility at risk. Those of us who believe in MUFON as an educational and information-based organization have a great task ahead of us if we think we can really make a difference. Our educational outreach has to be greatly expanded. Increased membership is essential. A small group of forty people meeting each month to discuss the UFO doesn't really make much of a difference. But, forty thousand would.

Those of you who might wish to read all of the comments do a search for Fargo Forum. Click on IN-FORUM. In the Search box type in Tappen UFO. Click on the second Creature Sightings Stir Talk. You will need to enter your email address and create a password. Under Related Content click on Talk: Tappen ND UFO Sightings and you will see the page numbers. Somewhere along the way you will have been prompted to create a fictional identifying name for yourself.

The CE4 Corner
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It can all be explained as...

What is UFO abduction? I have begun many an article with this question. I believe it is one of the fundamental questions of UFO studies. Over the last few months, I have heard several people give me what they were certain was the answer to this question. Whenever I hear "the answer" from someone, my discernment filter kicks into high gear and these cases were no exception. Thus, in this month's The CE4 Corner, let's examine some of these "certainties" and evaluate their validity.

Earthlights

One "certainty" that recently raised its head once again was the "earthlights" theory. I heard this theory again broached at the Area 61 UFO Convention, on October 21, in Duluth, MN. A presentation by one of the organizers of the convention described how one could explain UFO sightings - and even abduction reports - as the effects of earthlights. This is a piezoelectric effect generated in the earth's crust. It results in plasma discharges, somehow released as balls of light into the atmosphere.

The Earthlights theory is supported with research by Michael Persinger, in which he has demonstrated psychological results in test subjects that are somewhat similar to those described by close encounter experiencers. From these results, the earthlights theory makes the leap that this can explain UFO abduction. In particular, one researcher, Albert Budden,⁽ⁱ⁾ claims that electrical effects on the human brain result in the experience of the close encounter - and that this is the explanation for UFO abduction.

Does this explain some of the abduction phenomenon? I don't know, but perhaps it can help us to understand mechanisms by which the brain can undergo paralysis effects and perceive anomalous stimuli. Yet I doubt that it can account for anomalous surgical scars, the experience of lying on the examining table and the host of complex, deeply experiential phenomena that comprise abduction.

False Memory

The next "certainty" we will examine is our old friend the "False Memory" hypothesis. A few days

prior to writing this, I received an e-mail from a friend, calling my attention to an article in Skeptical Inquirer [<http://www.csicop.org/si/2006-05/si.html>]. In it, the author wrote:

...Another area of importance was the critical evaluation of the use of hypnosis by UFO investigators, who believed they were uncovering repressed memories that depicted alleged abductions. John Mack, a professor of psychiatry at Harvard, used hypnosis to probe the unconscious minds of certain troubled people who thought they had been abducted aboard UFOs by extraterrestrials. There was a similar pattern in such cases, he said, which was repeated time and time again by his patients: a sense of lost time, flashing lights, out-of-body experiences, etc. Mack thought this provided strong evidence for the claim; skeptics maintained that these evidences were not corroborated by independent testimony. At one point, Carl Sagan wrote to us, urging CSICOP to undertake an investigation of these claims, which by then were proliferating everywhere. We invited John Mack to a CSICOP conference in Seattle in June 1994 to hear what he had to say. There was a colorful confrontation between John Mack the believer and Phil Klass the skeptic—who insisted that hypnosis was unreliable as a source of truth. The influence of urban abduction legends popularized by the mass media predisposed many fantasy-prone persons to imbibe this tale, and the suggestibility of hypnotists reinforced the reality of their subjective experiences. Some critics asked Mack whether he accepted the fantasies of his psychotic patients as true—which gave him some pause.

"The Amazing" Kreskin, who used hypnosis in his act, appeared at one of CSICOP's conferences expressing doubt that hypnosis was a genuine "trance state" or a source of truth—it seemed to work in suggestible patients because they followed the bidding of the hypnotist. (Incidentally, many skeptics were highly critical of Kreskin for suggesting that he possessed ESP.)

I used to subscribe to Skeptical Inquirer for many years. I dropped my subscription when they became too strident - almost religious in their proclamation that there is nothing paranormal, etc. CSICOP's view of UFO abduction appears closed to any possibility of it being real. They subscribe to the "False Memory" hypothesis - blindly, in my view, and state that the proliferation of UFO

abduction reports is due to the propagation of the belief in alien encounters.

Could they be right? Could the whole UFO abduction experience be due to memories inadvertently implanted by well-meaning hypnotherapists, reinforced by "new age" cultural beliefs? We do have to grant that the human subconscious - accessible during hypnosis - is very suggestible. In addition, I have no doubt that at least some of the memories of the encounter experience are symbolic, or otherwise non-biographical. Yet what does this imply? To me it merely suggests we cannot treat the human mind as a tape recorder.

I have tested the "false memory" hypothesis with "false lead" types of questions, suggesting "swamp gas and weather balloons" explanations. I have found that experiencers fervently resist tugs in that direction. I have also found cases where what the person thought was an alien encounter was actually awareness during sleep paralysis (ASP), highway hypnosis, or simply mis-accounted-for time - i.e. nothing UFOlogical happened. Thus, claims that all UFO abduction narratives during hypnotic regression are the result of leading by the therapist are, in my view, invalid.

I do not believe that we can necessarily take everything described while in hypnotic state as objectively biographical. However, with clean regression techniques, meaningful material can result that truly gives one pause for reflection. On occasion, accounts from one abductee correlate with that from other abductees⁽ⁱⁱ⁾. This suggests that there is objective verifiability to at least some material emerging from hypnotic regression. I have also found cases where abduction accounts have correlated with physical evidence.⁽ⁱⁱⁱ⁾

In my view, the most important factor is that material emerging during hypnosis is usually deeply meaningful to the experiencer. To me this is mostly what counts. I consider hypnosis to be a healing tool, at least as much as a tool for objective research. As my hypnotherapy instructor stated during my certification training, "Good research is good therapy." Today, I believe this more than ever.

While complex dynamics may be in play within the consciousness of the abductee, one thing we cannot do is invalidate either the experience or the experiencer. Whatever the close encounter

experience may be, it does not appear simply to be implanted memories from the therapist.

Other Explanations

Once one accepts that some UFO abductions are unexplained, a host of additional possible "anomaly" theories emerges. The ones I have heard most often are:

- 1. Religious views:** That UFO abduction is either angelic or demonic: One group of Christian UFO enthusiasts at the last MUFON conference expressed this theory to me as a "certainty." They claimed that no one with sufficient religious faith would be abducted. I suspect that a lot of very-religious abductees would disagree.
- 2. Nuts-and-bolts ET hypotheses:** That "they" are alien beings from another star system, visiting Earth for reasons that only they know: This is probably the most common explanation/hypothesis within the UFO community. I suspect that it is, at least in part, accurate. Yet in other articles we have seen that the number of abductions is apparently very large. This would require a tremendous number of UFO flights to the earth, and a vast alien infrastructure to support them.
- 3. The Jungian or paranormal view:** That the entities behind the phenomenon are in some way metaphysical, having a nature that our current understanding of reality cannot fully explain. This hypothesis goes a long way towards addressing the paranormal nature of many UFO sightings and encounters. At least in part, I suspect that it is valid.

Which explanation...

Which (if any) of the explanations we have discussed in this article comes closest to explaining UFO abduction? I believe that none fully covers the truth, yet I suspect that each might account for at least some cases. I am skeptical of claims that any currently available explanation, either mundane or extraordinary, applies to all close encounters.

As I stated above, I do not know what the close encounter is. I believe that it represents one of the greatest mysteries of our time, one in which we have only begun to scratch the surface of the truth. I also believe that we do not even begin to understand the true nature of the phenomenon of UFO abduction.

i Albert Budden, UFOs, Psychic Close Encounters, an Electromagnetic Indictment
ii Raymond Fowler, The Allagash Abductions
iii See the Northwestern Wisconsin Experiencer case: <http://www.mnmufon.org/abdivn.htm#ecwi>

**Symposium asks: What if Earth is a
penal colony for aliens?
Historians, filmmakers, authors gather
at SMU to think outside the box
By Paul Everest - peverest@hfxnews.ca
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<http://www.hfxnews.ca/index.cfm?sid=8806&sc=2>

Could Earth be some kind of penal colony for an alien race? This was one of many fantastic questions brought up yesterday at the New Frontiers Symposium at Saint Mary's University.

Presented by Halifax's Redstar Films Ltd., a company that produces documentaries on subjects ranging from space to classical music, the event brought together an international lineup of historians, authors and filmmakers to discuss everything from space exploration to extraterrestrial life to cryptozoology, the study of animals that are rumoured to exist, such as the sasquatch, but have not been proven.

Although he acknowledges that some of the topics sound "kooky," Redstar Films President Paul Kimball said there is a great deal of science and history behind each idea. For him, the event could be described as a science-fiction convention meeting an academic discussion, with everyone coming away with new ideas. "There's a huge 'gee-whiz' factor there," he said.

Kimball also spoke at the symposium about evidence supporting and debunking stories about UFO sightings, something he and his colleagues referred to as a "cosmic Watergate." He said these kinds of topics, which may seem strange to some people, are right at home with more conventional subjects, especially since life has begun imitating art as cellphones and computers mimic technology seen in movies. "Science fiction is not that far from becoming science fact," he said.

Even cryptozoology is not so far-fetched, he added, when one considers recent discoveries in Indonesia of creatures never thought to have existed before.

"There are places even on our own planet, frontiers that we still have to explore," he said. "So the possibly does exist that perhaps some of these mythical creatures might actually be real and we might actually discover them someday."

Following Kimball was a presentation from Stanton T. Friedman, an author and former nuclear physicist. His discussion, entitled Flying Saucers and Physics, dealt with the realities of aliens visiting Earth from a scientific point of view.

"We have to look at things in the right way," he said, adding that since humans had achieved success in technologies such as nuclear fission, advanced civilizations could have harnessed the power of nuclear fusion, an energy that could get their ships to Earth, since it can be found in any star.

But Friedman also speculated that this planet could be some extra-terrestrial society's version of Australia, or a dumping ground for prisoners, as he considered human civilization to be caught up in "tribal warfare." If that were the case, he said, aliens are probably hanging around to make sure we don't leave the solar system. "If there's a galactic federation out there, it's probably thumbs down to Earth," he said.

Marishka Brown of Halifax caught most of the presentations throughout the symposium. She said the discussions and lectures opened her mind. "It's the possibilities that I find fascinating," she said. "And it's romantic to think that we're not alone."

Think Cosmically, Act Locally: UFOs and Politics

<http://www.binnallofamerica.com/tr10.16.6.html>

That's a bumper sticker I saw a few days ago; a twist on the "Think Globally, act locally" motto. (Also reminds me of another favorite bumper sticker: Visualize Whirled Peas.)

A couple of days before I listened to the Jim Marrs interview: <http://www.binnallofamerica.com/boaa9.10.5.html> here on Binnall of America, I wrote about my intent to be more vocal regarding politics on my blog, The Orange Orb. <http://ufobits.blogspot.com/2006/10/bringing-politics-into-ufo-%20land.html>

Listening to the interview with Marrs, which was great of course, I was struck by what he said about politics. All of what Marrs had to say impressed me naturally but Marrs' comments on politics especially piqued my interest.

Regarding world hunger and the globalization of the planet -- our planet -- Marrs said that

"somewhere, somebody wants it that way." If "somewhere, somebody" (or bodies) didn't want it that way, it wouldn't be. Simplistic sounding at first, even naive. But sometimes things are just that simple.

I was thinking of this more today. I work in education; the children's services agency in my city is horribly understaffed, and they aren't paid very well. This seems to be typical across the country. Only the most horrendous and sad cases are addressed. And every few years, the local media do a big expose, and politicians come out and promise all kinds of things and everyone is outraged and then, it all goes away. Things don't change, and things get back to "normal." Of course, there's not a damn normal thing about it, but it's the way it's been, and so we accept it.

Education in this country has been going through surreal and bullshit machinations to assure the dumbing down of our society. And it's working. This isn't anything new; it's been in progress since the late 1960s. Currently we have the No Child Left Behind act. On the surface it sounds great; no student left behind, all included, money for programs to ensure education for all. Anyone working in education -- and I mean down in the trenches, not the administrators and politicians who haven't worked in a school for some time, if ever -- will tell you the same thing. The twistings of the systems we have in place, ostensibly to improve things, are creations of madmen, it seems. But as cynical and paranoid as this will sound, I don't think it's madmen at all; but the work of those who want to see us become compliant; sheeple. The latest trend is to get rid of what's been working; individual attention to students in small groups with specialists and education assistants, and replace it with "integration." This will fail of course. More mandates with more specific academic programs for each student; sounds wonderful. Don't make the child feel he/she is demeaned by pulling them out -- which they don't feel, in fact, they like it, and the other students are usually a bit jealous. Instead, integrate with twice as much work for the classroom teacher, who know is expected to do all this for 30 or more students, but without extra time, and certainly not without extra staff. In fact, with less staff.

In what world does this make mathematical sense? Expect more, much more, with far less. It's like expecting your car to perform three times as well

and go faster than is programmed, and not use gasoline, but water.

So I'm rambling. I'm pissed. Stay with me.

So the kids will of course not succeed, how could they? Teachers will burn out, but not before doing incredible circus like acts and working for free to try to reach the unattainable. And they'll try their damndest since most are women, and women are great multi-taskers and will work for nothing. But soon even these women will quit, and then we'll have another "crisis" and wonder how it was that children have fallen so far behind. Again.

When the current teachers leave, due to burnout, or it's time to retire, the new, young crop will come in. Who've already been trained in the "new ways," and who have themselves been dumbed down. So now we'll have the compliant well trained sheeple teaching younger sheeple.

And it's because somewhere, somebody wants it that way. Simple. (Of course this begs the question: why do "they" want it that way? Which is another topic for another time.)

Whether we're talking about education, feeding the hungry and helping the poor, or whatever, it gets down to one simple thing: if this really meant anything to those "somebodies" that are "somewhere," it wouldn't be. It is that simple. But there are enough somebodies that are "somewhere" that don't want it to change. Because if they did, it'd be different.

It may be a circular, simplistic, argument but that doesn't negate it. The fact is that if "they" cared, "they" would change things.

Don't misunderstand, I'm not abdicating responsibility and putting all the power into "their" hands. It's simply a pragmatic acknowledgment of the way things are.

As far as UFOs go in the context of full disclosure -- or even just some honest acknowledgement -- the same applies. "They" -- all those "somebodies, somewhere" don't want the world to know the facts about UFOs and that's that. Simplistic, but true.

We've become so bogged down in decades of disinformation campaigns, debunking campaigns, lies, mind control, infiltration of pop culture, a climate of ridicule, that any truth -- and of course some truth most certainly has come out through

these long years -- isn't recognized for what it is. It is by some individuals here and there but not by any great number, and not at any great levels, that count.

So we have little spikes of interest, outrage, prime time programs, like the Peter Jennings UFO special of February last year, Seeing Is Believing (which of course was flawed and didn't change a thing) then things get back to the way they were. Which is the same; nothing new, nothing different, no subverting of paradigms.

It's possible things are changing to the good ever so slowly, I think that maybe they are. Marrs thought so, in fact, he was more optimistic than I am about that.

But it's too slow for me, and the older I get, the more frustrated I get that the "truth" is controlled and released as "they" see fit. Yes, there is a "they," and yes, "they" are the somebodies that "want it that way."

But it's not totally a downer. Because every time you do a little something, it's better than a lot of nothing. Having that cynically pragmatic opinion gives me hope, not despair. Now that I know the facts, I can proceed. "They" may control things, but not everything. Not my thoughts or my choices. (I suppose the latter can be argued against philosophically but let's leave it at that.)

From our own backyards, our own local politics, our own inner experiences of the mystical, divine, weird and life altering, to the global, we need to continue to tell our stories. For a lot of us, the internet, blogs, web sites, self-publishing, are the tool to reach others around the world with our experiences.

So whether it's UFOs or "real world" political causes, loud squeaky wheels need to continue to turn. Our voices need to be heard, our words read, our stories told.

And in these times, it's more important than ever to speak up.

FBI Told of National Security Issue Buried in UFO Tale

Source : ArriveNet, November 03, 2006
<http://press.arrivenet.com/government/article.php/873308.html>

Undisclosed government sources have confirmed to the private intelligence report www.starstreamresearch.com that the FBI has been apprised of concerns over a possible national security breach involving former government intelligence officers.

Minneapolis, MN -- (ArriveNet - Nov 03, 2006) -- An on-going investigation by the on-line investigative report produced by Starstream Research revealed that in late August of this year three agents of the Washington Bureau of the FBI met with an undisclosed party and discussed a UFO tale involving several former and present government intelligence officers. Following this meeting concerns were raised that secure government vaults may have been breached at a USAF base and Los Alamos National Laboratory, under the guise of a 'harmless' UFO investigation.

Previously concerns had been raised that sensitive or classified material was passed in a series of counterfeit government UFO documents. One government source suggested that counter-intelligence information targeted to the KGB had been publicly released within some of the documents. A prior investigation by the FBI had concluded that the documents were "bogus."

Starstream Research first learned of the renewed interest in the bogus documents from a regular contributor to the on-line report, following on-going contact with a high ranking U.S. Government Intelligence Officer. An amicable meeting with the officer and his wife in Washington, D.C. later took on a bizarre twist, when the SSR contributor was accused of asking inappropriate questions about a sensitive operation, resulting in cancellation of previously scheduled meetings with a former USAF counter-intelligence officer at the center of the UFO tale.

Gary S. Bekkum, the founder of Starstream Research, commented, "It does appear that we (SSR) may have bumped into a counter-intelligence operation during the course of our investigation. Although our focus has been on documented government interest in unusual phenomena for intelligence gathering, we suspect the use of phenomenology for intelligence may be closely tied

to real cloak and dagger activities, both past and present."

It is now known that the CIA previously welcomed UFO reports as convenient cover for real-life spy plane fly over's. One theory is that intelligence operations continue to infiltrate the world-wide network of phenomenologists and encourage their activities for a similar purpose.

It is also suspected that other governments have similar networks in place, and that may be the source of the on-going concern over the UFO material.

According to Bekkum, "There has been a lot of finger pointing involved, and that is what appears to have lead to FBI involvement, more than likely as part of a normal clearance review procedure."

Additional information is available at the Starstream Research website:
www.starstreamresearch.com

Ken's OBE Interview — Part III
UFO: Resting "nice-as-you-please, on the green grass ..." Little "Alien Men" Scurried Across Her Porch ...
By Ken Korczak, September 25th, 2006
<http://ironghost.wordpress.com/2006/09/25/little-alien-men-scuttled-across-her-porch/>

NOTE: Here is a story told to me by a Deputy Sheriff of Marshall County in Northern Minnesota. The Deputy asked me to change his name because he feared he would be fired for telling this story.

The woman was trembling as she walked into the Marshall County law enforcement headquarters. Everyone could see she was scared.

In a low voice, she asked to speak to a police officer—alone. She wanted a private room and requested that only one officer be present. Deputy David Randall looked up from his desk and felt a chill. He suspected that he knew what the woman wanted to talk about. That's because just the night before, he and his partner had encountered something unexplainable in the countryside near the tiny town of Gryla, Minnesota.

It was about 11 p.m. The summer night was cloudy, humid and dark. Randall and his partner were cruising County Highway 6 when they saw what at

first looked like a sudden appearance of the full moon. But they quickly realized this was not the moon—it was a flying globe of light, glowing bright red-orange, and moving along without a sound.

"What in blazes is that!" Randall yelled.

His partner, Bob Overby, looked up in shock, sucked in his breath and let out a sharp reply, "Whoa!! I don't know!"

Randall reports that the object was the size of a basketball, but it was difficult to judge its real size. It was three dimensional... and there was something inexplicably bizarre and unreal about it.

"Oh, it was something abnormal," Randall said. "Definitely not fireworks or the moon, or conventional aircraft... I just know this was something that didn't seem like it belonged here."

Bravely, the deputies decided to follow the object, and it seemed to sense their presence. It moved away from them. They gunned the squad car, determined to keep the glowing orb in sight.

After a few miles of thrilling chase, the object appeared to land behind a small grove of trees in a pasture, not more than a 100 yards from them.

Randall and Overby got out of their squad car, scrambled over a fence and ran toward where the object had descended to land behind the trees. They were scared, yes, but a powerful curiosity and a sense of duty as police officers compelled them forward.

But when they reached the other side of the trees—nothing. No eerie glowing object. No sign of it in the sky or on the ground.

Randall and Overby played their flashlights across the dewy grass but saw no marks, or any indication something had set down in this peaceful sleeping pasture.

The Minnesota summer night had become ordinary again.

Randall and Overby returned to their squad car and finished their shift. They talked about what they had seen. They were baffled. Randall took his curiosity a bit further and checked with nearby airports and the U.S. airbase near Grand Forks to

see if they had any military aircraft in the Grygla area, or if they noted anything unusual on radar. All reported nothing.

Randall thought that would be the end of it... until the next day when Marge Conner walked into sheriff's headquarters. She had an hair-raising story to tell. Even before she said a word, Randall could feel his skin go clammy. Instinctively, he knew that she had experienced something even stranger than he and his partner did the night before.

THE GRYGLA UFO INCIDENT — PART II

When she walked into the Marshall County sheriff's headquarters, Marge Conner of rural Grygla had the look of a woman who had not slept all night. Her eyes were puffy and carried the unblinking stare of fright.

Sheriff's deputy David Randall felt a chill when he saw Conner. He had an eerie feeling that he knew why she was here. As it happens, Randall had a bizarre encounter of his own the night before.

Conner wanted to speak with a police officer—but requested to see only one person in a private room. Randall stepped up and introduced himself. He directed her to a small interview room, where she told him this story:

At about 11:10 the night before, Conner, who lives alone on a small farm near Grygla, was sitting up reading. A flashing light in a window caught her eye—as if portending far-off lightning.

She walked over to the window, which looked out to the west. She saw no sign of lightning, but something flickered at the corner of her eye. She turned to look at her south window and saw a glow playing there on the panes.

She stepped quickly over to the south window, and looked out and up. She gasped. She was stunned to see a pulsating, orange-red globe floating in the sky above her house.

It was like nothing she had ever seen before. Definitely not the moon or star or any kind of airplane or helicopter...this was a sphere of light which might have been solid, or pure energy.

Conner's throat constricted. She was gripped by fear, but she couldn't take her eyes from this astounding orb hovering above her house.

Conner followed the object, walking from window to window as it danced around in the sky. Suddenly, it was gone from her sight, but something—just a tingling feeling—told her the night's events were not over.

Standing at her south window, Conner felt an urge to whirl and look behind her. Just as she did, she saw something shocking.

Outside, scuttling past the big windows on the west side of the house, Conner saw a group of what she described as "little men."

They moved past the window quickly—they had big heads and tiny, frail bodies. Their movement seemed unnaturally fast, almost as if they defied gravity. They were three, possibly four feet tall. They had dark bodies and lighter colored heads.

A scream was trapped in Conner's throat. She was numb with terror. Could this really be happening!

Suddenly, a commotion sounded outside. Forcing herself to move away from where she was standing, Conner hurried across the living room. She looked out toward her pasture where she kept sheep, some small horses, and chickens around a small shed... the gate doors of the fence were flapping, and her animals were scattering across the dark countryside.

Conner's instinct was to run outside and herd her animals back home, but going out into the black night with those "things" outside was out of the question.

She thought about calling 911—but tell them what? That little green men from a flying globe were chasing her animals around through the Minnesota night? She was sure she would not be believed... she wasn't sure she believed herself!

Conner decided to sit tight and wait for dawn—the longest night of her life. Although nothing further happened, she slept not a wink.

The next morning, Conner decided she should at least report the mischief that had been played on her livestock. As she drove to the law enforcement center, she self-debated telling the truth, or simply reporting an act of vandalism.

But by the time she arrived Conner felt a great need to share her experience. She told Deputy Randall her story, fearing she wouldn't be believed.

To her amazement and relief, Randall told her of his own close encounter with the flying globe the night before.

"I might never have believed her if me and my partner had not seen the UFO, or whatever it was, the night before," Randall said. "The fact this woman had this experience convinced me all the more that what we saw was something completely unexplainable."

But Randall had even more reason to be open minded. You see, the UFO he saw the night before was not the first time in his life he had seen a strange flying object — and I'll write about that in my next post!

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Alien Lore No. 88
Are Greys The Devil's Minions?
Tuesday, October 17, 2006

<http://jackbrummet.blogspot.com/2006/10/alien-lore-no-88-are-greys-devils.html>

Flying Saucers from Hell? Are UFOs really just barges of The Great Deceiver, sent to enslave and/or infect earth with evil?

Sheffield University folklorist David Clarke has written a long and wonderful article on The ForteanTimes website on this bizarre subset of alien lore, in an already bizarre field of lore. You'll need to register to read the entire article. http://forteanimes.com/articles/211_ufosfromhell1.shtml

There is a large school of theory and growing body of literature suggesting that UFOs and Aliens are indeed agents of Satan. On the other hand Reverend Billy Graham wondered whether or not "UFO occupants may be angels sent by God to watch over us. " You may recall that President Ronald Reagan also speculated numerous times in public over the possible motives of alien visitors. According to David Clarke, "The best-known exponent of this idea is the Presbyterian minister Rev Barry Downing, author of Flying Saucers and the Bible. Downing appears to be open minded

about aliens as part of God's creation and to look to the scriptures for evidence of early ET contacts."

Then, there are members of the Christian Orthodox Church who find it impossible to accept that there is any goodness in the elusive and contradictory nature of UFO behaviour. The most extreme expression of this view is that there can be no ETs because life on other planets is not mentioned in the Bible. It's a point of view that leads its proponents to a further conclusion: if there are no aliens in the Bible and the UFO occupants aren't angels, then UFOs can only be demonic in origin.

John Weldon & Zola Levitt's UFOs: What on Earth is Happening? and Dr Clifford Wilson's UFOs & Their Mission Impossible, are very vocal Christian fundamentalists state without equivocation that UFOs are manifestations of demonic activity, and the increasing number of UFOs in our skies is the result of demons gathering for the coming of the Antichrist.

[Editor's Note: On 11/4/06 I saw a ½ hour program called "Armor of God", produced by the Church of God, International. The subject was UFOs and Aliens, in which they fully acknowledging them as real with the belief that aliens are Angels both good and evil. Looks like belief in the existence of aliens has gone mainstream in the Christian community.]

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ATTORNEY GENERAL REPORTS ON FOIA

Executive Branch agencies have implemented President Bush's December 2005 executive order 13392 on improving the processing of Freedom of Information Act requests "in a vigorous manner fully commensurate with the importance of this unprecedented Presidential initiative," according to an enthusiastic new report to the President from the Attorney General.

The President's order "has had an immediate and widespread positive effect on the operations of the Federal agencies that administer the FOIA," the report states.

"All 91 federal agencies subject to the FOIA have prepared improvement plans, have refined them wherever necessary, and have posted them on their Web sites for public review," according to the Justice Department. These and related steps "already have yielded significant results."

From a public access point of view, however, the results seem less significant, particularly since the executive order did not alter disclosure policy or standards at all. Instead, it sought to improve processing and productivity under the existing disclosure standards, while reducing backlogs.

As a result, some of the reforms of which the new report boasts may loom large within the government, but still appear inconsequential from the outside.

For example, using post cards to acknowledge receipt of FOIA requests instead of more formal letters is a "novel idea," the Attorney General says in his new report. It "holds great potential for improving the process." It is "an outstanding idea," the report strangely insists. "The simple use of postcards rather than standard written letters... could save countless hours."

Unfortunately, this won't do. Efficiency, while welcome, is not the same as productivity. And the executive order does little to improve productivity.

So, for example, the Federation of American Scientists sued the National Reconnaissance Office last year to compel that agency to provide unclassified budget data under the FOIA, and Judge Reggie B. Walton of the D.C. District Court ruled in our favor last July and ordered the NRO to process our request.

But although the NRO and its Justice Department representatives were unfailingly "courteous," as required by President Bush's executive order, the requested documents have still not been provided. Instead, the Justice Department is now seeking to overturn Judge Walton's order on appeal. More rudeness would be preferable if it were accompanied by more records.

Even by the yardstick of efficiency, the current FOIA regime shows a certain lack of imagination.

Perhaps the single most important step that agencies could take would be to routinely post FOIA responses on agency web sites. A number of

agencies have long archived their FOIA releases in their reading rooms, where they can be manually searched. Other agencies post certain frequently requested records on their web sites on occasion. But routinely posting such documentary releases, instead of simply providing them to the individual requester, would magnify the utility of the product and enrich the FOIA process. It could be even better than post cards.

See "Attorney General's Report to the President Pursuant to Executive Order 13,392, Entitled 'Improving Agency Disclosure of Information'," October 16, 2006 (1.2 MB PDF):

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/foia/ag101606.pdf>

Anomalous zones of Russia: Medveditskaya Chain November 3, 2006

<http://www.russia-ic.com/travel/resorts/294/>

Medveditskaya Chain, located 15-18 kilometres from the city Zhirnovka of the Volgograd region, is a chain of hills with height 250 metres approximately considered one of the main anomalous zones in Russia. It's a place where car brakes failure may occur at any moment, where watch starts to go wrong, where one may come upon silvery fog that leaves burns on people's skin.

Witnesses claim that it's a place teeming with paranormal phenomena: despite UFO that emerges there almost every week Medveditskaya Chain also attracts globe-lightings in enormous quantities. They say that sometimes it's possible to see several lightning balls floating peacefully above the Earth's surface simultaneously. The balls normally burn their way through trees, and indeed, one can notice plenty of burnt

trees in the nearby area. Moreover, it has been fixed that globe-lightings normally appear over two underground caves which, according to the local old-timers, are two flat parallel tunnels with even and flat walls and length from 6 to 20 metres. There are several versions on the nature of the underground tunnels: they are though of as old military bases, faults, creation of an ancient civilization or aliens' base – every version beats the previous one in incredibility.

Besides, the area is also famous for its Devil's residence. One of the enthusiastic researchers of the place rites: "Characteristics and nature of the

Devil's residence still haven't been explained by specialists as well as they can't find any means for fighting with everything that goes on in this zone. Tell, please, our machanisators how to make an even rut: every time a new rut made by an experienced tractor driver appears crooked next morning. November 11, 1990, there was an accident which took place 30 steps from the back-road, right in the centre of the Devil's residence. The local cattleman Bisen Mamaev was tired and sat on a jag to have a rest. According to the protocol, the cattleman's assistant found the burnt Bisen Mamaev's body lying on the ground without any signs of struggle or resistance to fire. The death, probably, came to the man from inside. The autopsy showed that the young organism was fully alright prior to the death and that the maximum burn was located round the spine and internals while the skin was only charred and went black". This detailed comment belongs to Vladimir Chernobrovu, coordinator of the research organization Kosmopoisk, which specializes on research of everything unusual. Members of the organization have led the research operations in Medveditskaya Chain for two decades.

Apart from UFO, mentioned in the beginning of the article, here there have been also noticed strange spherical, triangle-shaped and luminous objects. This anomalous zone keeps a lot of secrets, including water springs: one with distilled water and the other one is radioactive. It seems science could find a lot of research materials in the area; however, the place hasn't been visited by official scientists apart from amateur enthusiasts.

**Brooklyn ,Wisconsin Circles In A Horse
Pasture & Ash Like Substance
Posted by: "HBCC UFO Research"
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HBCC UFO Research Note: I just received this letter below (October 8, 2006 - Time - 5:15 p.m.) from a person who has found circles on their horse pasture. The ash-like material seems to have caused a bad reaction for the person who touched it. Photos are going to be taken and sent along to me, but in the mean time I have contacted Nancy Talbot, Director of BLT Research who investigates circles of different kinds and have left her a message on her answering machine. I am just waiting to hear back from her. My request is if anyone living in the Brooklyn/Belleville, Wisconsin

has been witness to a UFO sighting, or another unusual event over the last few weeks would they please contact me here at HBCC UFO Research with a detailed description of the experience.

Date: October 8, 2006

Brian, I am writing to request information on contacts for unusual activity in our area. Tonight, we found 2 circles in our horse pasture, one approximately 12-15 feet across and the other was not quite a complete circle about 25 feet in diameter. The smaller circle contained 3 small piles of an ash-like substance - almost equally spaced out in the circle. The larger circle contained only 1 visible pile.

We have suspected "UFO" activity in on our property before, but this really has me freaked out! I finding this freaky, and fascinating, so it has prompted me to at least speak out for suggestions, opinions, etc.

Also, I rubbed the ash-like material around my fingers and within 10 minutes, I felt light-headed and my throat is "filling-up". The light-headedness past within a minute or tow, but my throat still has the full feeling. I am also a very allergic person, so if it was anything foreign, it would not surprise me in the least to react to it. Any comments?

Quick/Short Ongoing Events Update: October 8, 2006

Since I have been on-line, we have had 2 flashes of bright, white lights pass along our front windows! They are quick and have no specific origin. I am not really scared, but I have to admit to some nervous energy!!!! My throat has cleared and I am feeling better, so thank you.

Thank you to the witness for the very interesting report.

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Livestock Watch Program © (L.W.P.)
By: "Barb Campbell" barb@spprc.org
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Over the winter months of 2006 and into the spring of 2007, the Saskatchewan Provincial Paranormal Research Centre Inc. will be working on a Livestock Watch Program © (L.W.P.) aimed to assist farmers, investigators, authorities and agencies in cases of unexplained animal deaths - bringing the situation from the fringe to serious examination.

We will be approaching the following, for which the program would not be successful without:

- Cattlemen's Association
- Rural Municipalities
- Dept. of Agriculture
- Royal Canadian Mounted Police
- Insurance agencies
- Universities (lab work/research)

Saskatchewan Provincial Paranormal Research Centre Inc. will also be implementing the standardized method by which all unexplained animal death cases are examined and samples collected. Samples will only be sent to L.W.P. approved laboratories.

The L.W.P. will educate those concerned about:

- the facts of unexplained animal deaths
- prevention measures (observe and report suspicious activity)
- encouraging farmers to report suspicious animal deaths - who to contact, what to do and what not to do

The L.W.P. will enable:

- agencies to work together in solving these cases
- farming neighbors to help each other out

The L.W.P. will ensure:

- agencies concerned are notified case by case
- proper investigation procedures are carried out
- analysis of samples are carried out thoroughly
- results of the analysis are forwarded to those concerned and agencies responsible

The Saskatchewan Provincial Paranormal Research Centre Inc. is concerned by how cases have been examined in the past and how agencies have not pulled together when trying to solve these cases. Time for change is long overdue! The L.W.P. will operate on the provincial level and can be implemented in other provinces across Canada and around the world.

*** We are asking farmers in Saskatchewan to forward copies of photographs from past animal mutilations discovered on their farms. Farmer's identities will not be revealed. Photos will be used as visual aids with the Livestock Watch Program ©. Contact Barb in confidence.

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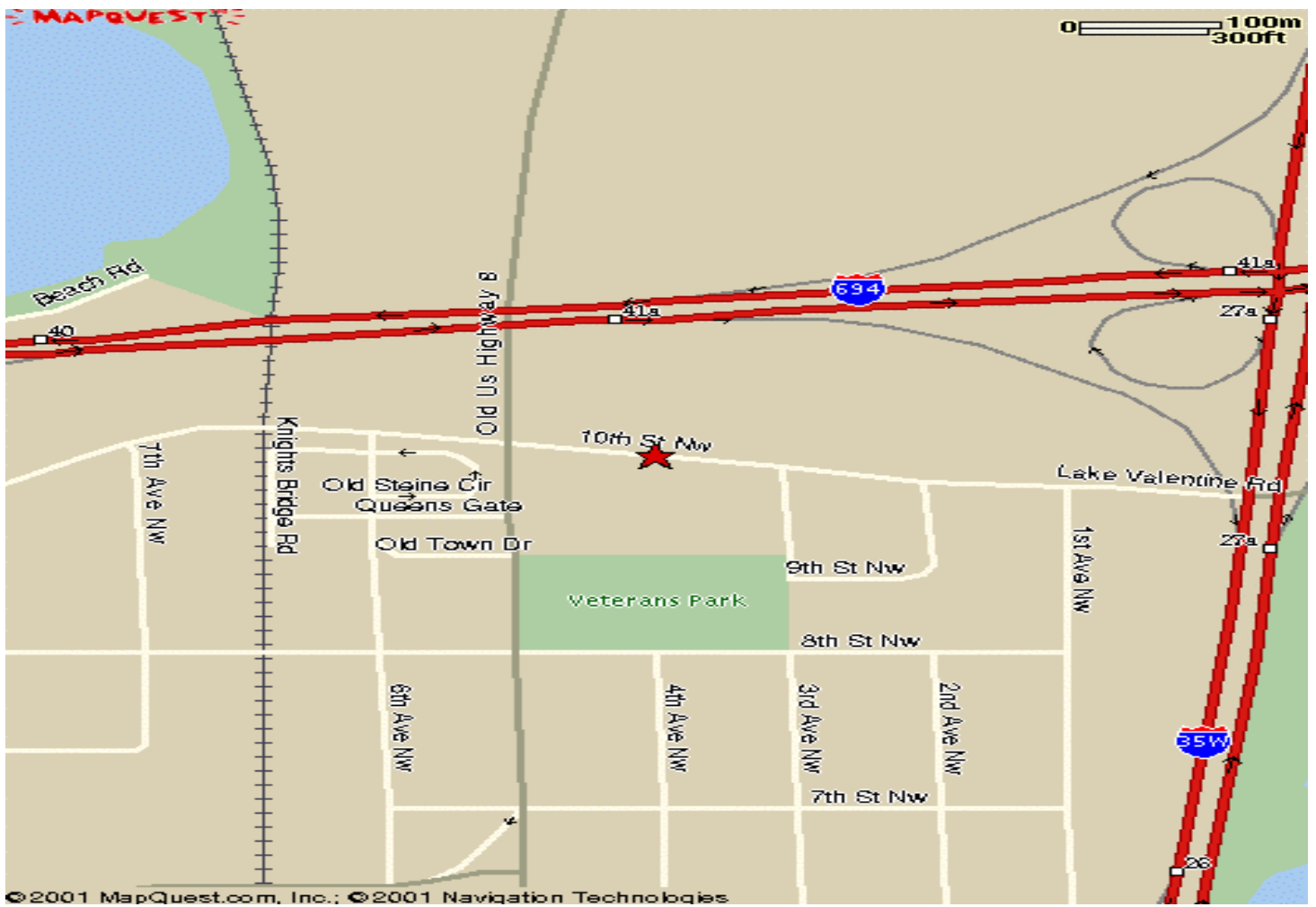
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