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Directors Report

By William I. McNeff, MN MUFON State Dir.

CREDIBILITY AND THE INCREDIBLE

The public is known to hold the practitioners of different occupations in varying levels of respect and to consider them to have, in general, different levels of credibility. For example, although there are of course exceptions to this, polls have indicated that politicians and used car salesmen in general have low credibility and doctors and astronauts have high credibility. That is why it is of interest to hear what doctors and astronauts have to say about UFOs and extraterrestrial life.

Donald K. "Deke" Slayton in his book "U.S. Manned Space From Mercury to the Shuttle" gave his account of seeing a UFO. Deke was conducting a maintenance test flight in an F-51. "I was up about the middle of one afternoon - a nice sunny day - wringing out this particular 51. I had just come out of a spin at around ten thousand feet over the Mississippi River, near Prescott, where the Mississippi and the St. Croix meet, about twenty-five miles from the Twin Cities. I was heading back to Holman Field when all of a sudden I saw this white object at my altitude, at one o'clock. I didn't think anything about it. My first thought was that it looked like a kite. But logic said nobody's flying a kite at this altitude. So I started kind of watching it to see what it was."

"I was closing on it, but I still didn't think too much about it. The closer I got, the more it looked like a weather balloon, and I'm thinking; that's what it's gotta be. Then I flew past it a little high, about a thousand feet off. It still looked like a three-foot diameter weather balloon to me. My guess on the dimensions couldn't have been too far off. I had plenty of gas, so I figured I'd make a pass on it. Burn some gas and have a little fun. I pulled into a turn, but when I came out of the turn and headed straight at it, all of a sudden it didn't look like a balloon anymore. It looked like a disk on edge! I thought that's strange. Then I realized I wasn't closing on the son of a bitch. An F-51 at that time would cruise at 280 miles an hour. But this thing just kept going and climbing at the same time at about a forty-five degree climb. I kept trying to follow it, but he just left me behind and flat disappeared."

Eventually he reported this to Intelligence and was told that the day he saw this object a local company was flying a high-altitude research balloon. Two ground observers were watching this balloon and had seen another object come up beside the balloon. The object appeared to hover, then it took off like hell. The guys on the ground tracked it with a theodolite, and they computed its speed at four thousand miles per hour.

Astronauts Edgar Mitchell, Eugene Cernan, Gordon Cooper and Brian O'Leary have all made statements supporting the idea of UFOs as alien spacecraft and visits from intelligent extraterrestrials.

Minnesota Mufon Meetings

Sat., July 13th
&
Sat., Aug. 10th
1:30-4:45pm

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2800 Arona Street, Roseville,
MN 651-415-2100

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Church on the corner of C2
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Astronaut Col. Gordon Cooper told how when he was an Air Force pilot in Europe, he and other pilots on one occasion saw literally hundreds of UFOs.

He also told how when he was at Edwards AFB a camera crew sighted and filmed a saucer-shaped craft as it sat down on the landing strip and took off again. Cooper got to see the film before shipping it off to higher headquarters; they heard nothing further about this.

From Filer's Files (Editor: George Filer): Astronaut Eugene Cernan was commander of Apollo 17. In a Los Angeles Times article in 1973 he said, "I've been asked (about UFOs) and I've said publicly I thought they (UFOs) were somebody else, some other civilization."

In 1979, Maurice Chatelain, former chief of NASA Communications Systems confirmed that Neil Armstrong had indeed reported seeing two UFOs on the rim of a crater. However, in a videotaped interview with Armstrong which we viewed a couple of years ago, he denied that any of the astronauts had ever seen UFOs. Dick Moss commented, "He did his job!" in other words, he was helping the Establishment to deny UFO reality.

Dr. Edgar Mitchell said he had talked to officials on at least two different occasions, who told him that they had had face-to-face meetings with extraterrestrials in the course of their official duties!

We've heard from the astronauts. Now to hear from a doctor. Dean DeHarpporte and Joe Dundovic forwarded a recent announcement which was made on the CSETI website, as follows:

DISCLOSURE NEWS PROGRAMMING ANNOUNCEMENT 12 June 2000

Dr. Steven M. Greer announced today that the long-awaited process to disclose definitive evidence and proof regarding extraterrestrial intelligence, UFOs and covert government projects related to the subject has been funded and launched. Disclosure News Programming (DNP), an investigative reporting news organization, has been formed to spearhead and coordinate this disclosure over the next year. Key features of the project include:

A prolonged, sustained and coordinated multimedia global release of definitive evidence and the testimony of top secret witnesses about extraterrestrial intelligence, secret and compartmented government programs and advanced technologies related to energy and propulsion systems;

An integrated strategy which includes a multi-part investigative news special, compendia books and transcripts of government witness testimony, an Internet site dedicated to the disclosure evidence and on-going executive briefings for government, military, scientific, congressional, international, and corporate leaders;

A defacto international government disclosure by virtue of the large numbers of military, intelligence, government, corporate, scientific and government-related institute witnesses now ready to come forward during this integrated and sustained program;

A news conference during which top-secret witnesses disclose the full nature of their direct knowledge concerning the subject.

Currently, over 200 top-secret witnesses have been identified in the US, Brazil, United Kingdom, Denmark, Germany, Norway, Belgium, Russia, Italy and other countries. It is important to note that during briefings at the Pentagon and with senior congressional leaders and Executive Branch staff that this civilian effort to disclose this matter has been repeatedly green-lighted and even encouraged. (JD emphasis)

Disclosure News Programming and its related strategies are supported by a team of senior researchers and consultants with substantial expertise in military affairs, international affairs, national security, science, technology and related areas. This international team working intensely on the disclosure process has been recently joined by one of the most senior aerospace executives in American history - a person who has specific knowledge since the 1970s of the planned use of Ballistic Missile Defense (the Star Wars program) to target extraterrestrial objects in space - even though there is no evidence of any credible threat from these craft.

It has been determined that the combination of accelerating global environmental degradation and the dangers associated with the weaponization of space necessitates a near-term disclosure process. The risks of doing nothing and the benefits to humanity resulting from disclosure make it clear that such an effort - long overdue by most accounts - is now a global imperative. The public is invited to assist in this project by referring credible government and corporate witnesses who have first-hand knowledge of these covert programs, as well as other evidence and materials, to Disclosure News Programming (DNP).

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Four of us who are members or friends of MUFON meet for lunch every other week or so. At our most recent luncheon, we discussed what would happen if, as a result of disclosures such as Dr. Steven Greer describes in the above announcement, the government is compelled by the weight of the testimony to admit that some UFOs are extraterrestrial spaceships, what will happen? The government will likely not simply make the simple announcement that this is true, but will have to offer an interpretation of what that means to the citizens of the United States and the world. I asked one of my luncheon companions if and when the government offers that interpretation, would he believe it? The answer was an immediate and emphatic, if somewhat amused, "No!" We all laughed, because this was precisely the answer we expected, not only from this person, but from the majority of US citizens that may hear this government explanation. Plainly, the effects of Watergate, Iran-gate, and all the other "gates" that politicians and governments have attempted to "blow by us" have come home to roost.

That is why the credibility of the UFO research community is so important. What with different organizations and different ufologists noisily fighting with each other, that credibility has been lowered. Honest disagreements must be resolved with respect, or agreements to disagree while respecting each other must be made. Closer cooperation between Dr. Greer's organization, MUFON, CUFOS, the Fund for UFO Research (FUFOR) and other organizations must be achieved, or the process of coming to grips with the most important development of the past millennium will be further delayed.

Book Review - Casey Holt
Thiaouba Prophecy,
Michel Desmarquet — Australia
US Title: Abduction to the Ninth Planet

This book covers a variety of subjects including the history of Earth, Astral travel, Levitation, Auras, Ghosts, the Higher Self, a parallel universe, Telepathy, Spacecraft, parts of the Bible, the continents of MU and Atlantis, and so on. It tells about and describes advanced beings from the planet Thiaouba and their environment as well as beings on other less evolved planets similar to Earth on the scale of evolution.

The author was apparently taken in the middle of the night on board a spacecraft to a ninth level planet called Thiaouba for 9 days. His mission was to learn of their culture and other alien planets and how this information relates to Earth. Then he was to report back to the people on Earth what he experienced so as

to bring a new understanding of how Earth is moving along on its course of evolution and so improvements might be made in our spiritual development and also to slow down the destruction of the environment. At first it might read like a science fiction novel as it describes things so incredible that it would be hard to imagine that they could be real. However it is carefully written and each word is carefully chosen so that you get a feeling that the information comes from a very knowledgeable source. The level of detail is fascinating like it was recorded exactly from a higher level of existence. Some examples of this include:

1) Michel, 1,350,000 years ago precisely on the planet Bakaratini of the constellation Centaur a decision was made by the leaders of that planet, following numerous conferences and reconnaissance expeditions, to send inhabited vessels to the planets Mars and Earth.

2) When finished, the pyramid (of MU) measured exactly 440.01 meters in height and its four faces were oriented precisely towards the four points of the compass.

3) We are reducing speed progressively as we approach our planet. We are now 848 million kilometers away and will arrive in about twenty-five minutes.

4) These produce certain vibrations which neutralize the cold magnetic force of the planet, allowing neutralization of the gravitational force.

5) A normal human Astral body contains approximately four billion, trillion electrons. Each of these electrons has a 'memory' and each is capable of retaining as much information as is contained in all the MU books which fill the shelves of an average town library.

The basic premise is that Earth was settled by a few groups of inhabitants from other planets over many thousands of years. The first group settled in Australia and Burma and became the blacks and the Chinese. Some of them migrated to Africa and eventually the Arab race was established. Another group came to a large continent near Easter Island that was called MU and which was destroyed in a cataclism 14,500 years ago. The continent of Atlantis was also stated to exist in the middle of the Atlantic ocean with a land bridge that connected to North America, and another to Europe. The book says that the Jewish race was founded 12,000 years ago by 3 inhabitants from the planet Hebra that crash landed in Russia and they somehow survived and came to Israel. It also describes the story of Moses and where he came from and gives more detail to events described in other parts of the Bible. There were several cataclisms that nearly destroyed life on Earth such as large asteroids and

earthquakes. Even our present moon just entered into its orbit around the Earth about 500,000 years ago from its previous orbit as a separate planet.

The planet of Thiaoouba is much more advanced than Earth and is called a level 9 planet in comparison to level 1 for Earth. The gravity is 40 percent less than on Earth and the Thiaooubans are larger being about 9 or 10 feet tall. They live in large white egg shaped domes called docos that are actually formed by a kind of force field that allows heavy objects to pass through but keeps out the rain, insects and birds, Looking out from the inside the walls are transparent. There are a variety of very colorful animals including birds, fish and insects of all different sizes. The colors are much more brilliant than on Earth so much so that Michel needed a mask to block some of the light so as to not get intoxicated by effects of the colors.

The mode of transportation commonly used is a flying platform that hovers and moves at up to speeds over 70 mph. For shorter distances there is also a belt that can be used around the waist along with a hand control unit that allows levitation from a force field to neutralize gravity. The hand grip is squeezed to go up and down and to navigate by changing certain vibrations in the force field. With some effort the inhabitants can also levitate on their own without the use of external devices.

Natural law allows the people on Thiaoouba to intervene to help other planets on certain occasions that might prevent a disaster but are not allowed to interfere on a daily basis. Non-interference is part of the natural law. Other planets have to learn to take care of our own problems.

It is stated that one occasion when intervention was necessary was that they prevented Germany from being the first to develop the atomic bomb since the consequences would have been disastrous. It does give information on what we can do to further evolve and prevent our own destruction. A practical example would be to develop the hydrogen engine on a large scale for which the technology and prototypes already exist since it would reduce auto pollution by 70 percent but which has been suppressed by large organizations like oil companies who are oriented toward profits.

Although no direct proof of these experiences are offered there are some descriptions that might be testable with the proper research to see if they actually occurred. It is stated that after reading the book a few times one will know if this is actually a true account. The author even offers a reward of \$1000 for anyone that can prove that any part of the book is not true. Whether the book is true or not it generates an interest

that makes you feel like you were actually there. Further information can be found on: <http://www.thiaoouba.com>.

**Spontaneous Invisibility -
The Mystery We Can Not See
(c) June 2000 by Craig R. Lang
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The close encounter phenomenon has many truly strange aspects to it. Many strange effects, such as psychic abilities and paranormal fallout, are frequently described by experiencers. Even stranger are the Oz factor - in which the very fabric of reality appears to change in the moments before or after an encounter; and the apparent ability of both entities and experiencers to pass directly through walls. These are just some of the mind bending phenomena that defy our conventional notions of reason and logic, and appear to challenge our very concept of reality.

One of the strangest effects noted by investigators of the close encounter phenomenon is that in which the experiencer finds him/herself seeming to shift out of reality itself, becoming invisible to their fellow humans. Several researchers, notable among them Budd Hopkins and Donna Higbee, have taken note of this effect and dubbed it 'Spontaneous Invisibility" [Donna Higbee describes this phenomenon on the web site: <http://members.aol.com/rapunz1/invisibility.html>].

Local Cases

After reading through several web postings regarding this, and listening to Budd Hopkins describe some cases similar to this on an episode of Dreamland, my interest in this as a potentially distinct phenomenon was enhanced. Minnesota MUFON had earlier interviewed several experiencers who had described events similar to those described by Hopkins and Higbee. Several of these are described as follows:

One fascinating case involves a UFO sighting which occurred in south Minneapolis, approximately five years ago. During a power failure, the witness as well as several of her neighbors had stepped out into the hallway. The witness then stepped less than twenty feet to the front window of the building, which looked out onto the building block across the street. When she did, she observed a large UFO hovering across the building block. Startled for a moment, she turned to her neighbors to point it out to them. However, she found that she was unable to get their attention. This state of affairs continued for several moments, during which they appeared to be completely unaware of her

presence. She then turned to the window and saw that the UFO had vanished.

The events as described by the witness suggest that this case might involve missing time, although it may also simply be a momentary, up-close sighting of a very spectacular UFO. However, at least one of the witness's neighbors indicates that although they were aware that she had gone to the window, they were unaware of her presence there. Neither had the slightest idea that she was trying to attract their attention.

Additionally, this sighting occurred on a warm evening. Due to the power outage, A large number of people were outside on the street. These people should have been able to see the UFO. However, apparently no one except the witness (and possibly one or two others) observed it. Thus, if we are to take these witness descriptions at face value, we are faced with dual phenomenon: Selective invisibility by the phenomenon, and corresponding invisibility of the witness who, by some means, seems to be able to penetrate the UFO's 'cloak of invisibility'.

Another case, also fascinating, involves an abductee in western Minnesota. This person was outdoors, engaged in a sports activity with several friends of similar age. Several of them had taken a break from the game when the witness looked up to see a large silver disk hovering over a nearby building. Startled, he called out to his friends to bring the object to their attention. However, they did not respond to his shouts. He later told me that he was just about "in their faces" attempting to get their attention, but that they seemed simply unaware of his existence at that moment.

At that moment, it appears that a period missing time begins, as the witness underwent a close encounter of the fourth kind. It is not clear whether the episode of spontaneous invisibility occurred before or after the abduction, or perhaps both. Whichever is true, it is clear that all of the people on the field ought to have clearly seen both the object and the witness. However, neither were visible to them, during the time of the encounter.

In yet another fascinating case of the relationship between the close encounter phenomenon and that of spontaneous invisibility, an experiencer has described to me several instances in which she experienced this phenomenon. For her, this was part of a chain of events which began with a tremendous close encounter, and continued with a powerful sequence of psychic episodes. This time in her life was characterized by a sudden and profound parapsychological awakening - what she describes as a powerful shift in consciousness. For her, the phenomenon became

completely life altering. One day, at the time when these changes were at their peak, she found herself in an experience in which she was driving her car, and was stopped at a traffic light at a busy intersection. Her car was approximately the third in line at the red light. Also present were a number of pedestrians on the nearby sidewalk. She suddenly noticed that several of the pedestrians were staring curiously into her car window. She heard exclamations such as "there's no one in that car!", and "...who's driving?". This continued for several more seconds, until the light changed, and she accelerated through and past the intersection. She has indicated that this was just one of several incidents that occurred during that time frame. Like the others mentioned, her apparent invisibility experiences were somehow associated with a period of close encounters, and of tremendously heightened PSI experiences.

Implications and Hypotheses:

Scientific mysteries are both a challenge and a blessing. They wreak havoc with our tidy notions of reality, but they also offer the potential to form an even deeper understanding of that same reality. The many extraordinary effects associated with close encounters, including spontaneous invisibility, offer us just such a challenge. By stretching our models of reality to encompass these new phenomena we can learn volumes about what we never even realized was there.

One paradigm which seems to offer a hope of understanding the phenomenon of spontaneous invisibility is described in Michael Talbot's book "The Holographic Universe". In this book Talbot describes an underlying structure to reality based upon the relatively recently described "Quantum Holographic Model". His work borrows heavily on the concepts of both holography and quantum non-locality. He uses these to build the notion that reality is in effect a holographic "projection" derived from what is referred to as the Implicate Order, the non-local fabric of the universe (see David Bohm's book "Wholeness and the Implicate Order" for a detailed description of this concept). An object's quantum hologram contains, encoded within it, the entire state, nature and history of that object, and exists in the implicate order, encoded within the non-local zero-point field.

Edgar Mitchell, in an excellent paper entitled "Nature's Mind, the Quantum Hologram", further describes how the holographic model can help us understand conscious perception and PSI phenomena. In this paper, Mitchell develops the idea that perception of an object by a conscious being is actually a bidirectional process, with perception flowing in one direction, and attention flowing in the other, and that these can be understood in terms of quantum holography. He builds on the idea that the brain is a quantum system (citing

Penrose and Hammeroffs work - see Penrose, "Shadows of the Mind", or the quantum mind website at: <http://www.consciousness.arizona.edu/quantum>), to postulate a non-local link, or resonance (referred to as phase conjugate adaptive resonance, or PCAR), between the observer's mind and the object being observed. This resonance is required for the mind to consciously perceive an object. Without PCAR, even if the eye is actually able to see an object, the quantum mind can not actually perceive it.

Perhaps, then, the holographic model and the PCAR concept might offer us a framework for understanding anomalies such as spontaneous invisibility. It does not yet suggest a mechanism by which PCAR might be disrupted to prevent consciousness of others from registering the invisible experimenter. But with this model we see a framework of understanding beginning to emerge, a hint such a mechanism might just be possible. While not the answer in itself, the holographic model does suggest some fruitful areas for research. It hints that perhaps, there is an answer to the question - a light at the end of a long tunnel of mystery.

RadioShack to Sponsor Moon Mission
Staff Writer Ariel K. Jones, June 19, 2000
<http://www.cosmiverse.com/space061902.html>

With a new age of commercial space exploration on the horizon, U.S. electronics retailer RadioShack Corp. (RSH.N) hopes to bolster its image and sales by going to the moon.

RadioShack said on Thursday it will co-sponsor the first commercial lunar landing, a robot probe for ancient ice that could reveal secrets of the solar system, provide rocket fuel for deep space missions or allow human colonies on the moon. The Icebreaker Moon Rover is the brainchild of LunaCorp, a privately held Arlington, Va. based start-up that plans to launch the moon prospector in late 2003.

"There is going to be a space frontier populated by lots of different companies. There is no reason that space needs to be a government program any more," said LunaCorp President David Gump. LunaCorp plans to fund the mission through corporate sponsors as well as exclusive television deals, Internet portal fees and government contracts. The first corporate sponsor is Fort Worth, Texas-based RadioShack, which with over 7,100 stores, is the largest U.S. consumer electronics retailer. LunaCorp said it was still looking for four or five other sponsors. RadioShack pledged about \$1 million for this year and an undisclosed amount for future years, said Jim McDonald, RadioShack's senior

vice president of marketing. "Space exploration will really associate us with leading-edge science and technology," McDonald said. "This stuff engages our customers."

LunaCorp said the mission will be the first commercial moon landing, although another company, Poway, CA based Spacedev, Inc. (SPDV.OB), hopes to launch a lunar orbiter in late 2001. Both projects are part of a small but growing movement among private companies into space beyond the established sphere of telecommunications and imaging satellites in earth orbit.

Analysts say that with powerful computers and digital technology affordable and widely available, the last barrier to commercial space flight -- high launch costs - is also gradually declining as more flights are offered. With the introduction of reusable launch vehicles expected in the next five to 10 years, launch costs should drop even further to the point where any company with a good business plan should be able to go into space.

"It's a trend," said Marco Caceres, senior space analyst at Teal Group. "The growth is gradual, but anything is possible. There's a move for space tourism, there could be farming on the moon. It's open to the imagination."

**M.D. TAKES SURVEY OF UFO SIGHTINGS
AND ABDUCTIONS (From: Filer's Files # 24)**

David Gordon writes he and his wife who are both Medical Doctors conducted a UFO survey in their practices in 1992 to establish the veracity of UFO sighting and contact reports to determine the scope of the phenomenon.

George, it gives us great pleasure to have our study published. There have been medical gatherings (1) and media publications (2,3,4) in which respected psychiatric professionals have supported the claims of people who say they were abducted by UFO's. Some of these people have been found to be suffering from a type of post-traumatic stress disorder (3). A recent Roper survey of over 5,000 people, whose results were mailed to 100,000 psychiatric professionals, found a 2 per cent potential UFO abduction rate in the general population (5). To discover the prevalence of both UFO abductions and sightings, and to establish the veracity and clinical relevance of these claims, I undertook a survey of my own HMO practice members. One thousand fifty (1050) low acuity HMO members were asked in a serial fashion at the conclusion of their visit with me, if he or she, the member, "had ever seen a

UFO". Members with known significant mental illness were excluded from the survey. If the member answered in the affirmative, a detailed sighting report, was taken of the time, place, and circumstances of the encounter.

Members were asked to sketch the object if they had seen a structure to the object. Objects were counted as UFO's if they had structure or flight characteristics unknown to modern aircraft manufacturing and propulsion technology (I hold a commercial pilot's license). Examples of counted objects: were nocturnal lights exhibiting non-ballistic motion (sudden Z turns, impossible accelerations and decelerations), flying and hovering discs, cigars, triangles, boomerangs, all of which were described as either silent or emitting a low humming noise. Members who had seen a UFO were then asked specifically about contact with any entities associated with the object. They were asked about memory of abduction experience, unexplained missing time, or sudden translocation of physical position in association with their sighting.

The results were surprising. Out of 1050 HMO members surveyed, 115 (11%) reported having had seen a UFO by the criteria listed above. Only two had reported it to the authorities. Sixty (6%) of the objects had been close enough to be able to sketch structure. The other 55 (5%) objects had been nocturnal lights moving non-ballistically. Eight members (0.8% of the total surveyed population) related an involuntary UFO contact or abduction. Four (0.4%) other members reported visual contact with UFO entities without abduction. Most of the members reporting objects or entities were known personally by me for several years and had no history of mental disturbance.

Furthermore, medical records were available on all of these persons to confirm this. If replicable by other health care professionals, the implications of these data are profound. They would imply that the phenomenon of contact with non-earth intelligence is not rare, is occurring in every health professional's patient pool, could potentially affect people's health, and is being kept secret by individuals until a special person in a position of trust and authority, i.e., their physician, directly asks them about their experience. Thanks to David Gordon, M.D. Los Angeles, CA.

1. Conference on anomalous personal experiences, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, June 1992 (personal communication).
2. "UFO reports get a going over," David L. Chandler, Boston Globe June 22, 1992.
3. "Helping Abductees," John E. Mack, M.D., International UFO Reporter, July/August 1992.

4. Secret Life. Firsthand Accounts of UFO Abductions, David Jacobs, Ph.D., Simon & Schuster, NY, NY 1992.
5. 5. Roper Survey. Anomalous personal experiences. Roper Organization 1992.

Editor's Note: Next week Eve Gordon M.D. will present her results. Both physicians are on the MUFON Board of Consultants. Assuming these statistics are accurate only two out of a 115 people reported their sighting to the authorities indicating only 1 to 2% of the actual sightings are reported.

Field Investigator Update: July, 2000 By Craig Lang - MN MUFON FI Coord.

After being absent in the last issue, as a result of my being cornered by a very busy day job, this column is now back, alive and kicking. And we have had some very interesting activity to report.

Possible Alien Handprint:

A major report comes to us from Bill McNeff, the Minnesota State Director, who has been looking into some fascinating developments regarding close encounters and possible physical evidence. His report is as follows:

Some photographic evidence -- pictures of a possible hand print of an ET -- has been given to me. This evidence came to me from an experiencer whom I have known for about ten years. I was contacted by this man in about 1990. I will refer to him in the rest of this narrative as "Andy". He lives in Minnetonka. He is a computer programmer by trade, and is to the best of my judgment an intelligent, rational and honest person. Andy reports many experiences both for him and his family. I have extensive notes taken during many long telephone conversations with him. I introduced him to David Jacobs in 1995.

Andy's awareness of encounter experiences began with hypnotic regression for smoking cessation. Questions about the sources of the traumas that had led to his smoking habit brought out a fairly typical account of an apparent abduction by aliens.

About five years ago, all three of his children (all boys) had been ill with a flu-like illness for about a month. One morning after his boys had awakened, one of the two oldest told him about a "dream" he had had the night before. He said that his mother, in the company of a small creature, had awakened him and his brothers during the night, and taken them to the front door of their home. Their mother opened the door and they

saw a round craft sitting out in the street in front of their home. Their mother allowed them to go on with the being, who led them inside the craft. There the youngest who was about four years old at the time, was "getting into everything" and the creature put him into an "electronic high chair" to keep him out of mischief. The being gave them a sour, pink-colored liquid to drink from an oddly shaped bottle (the boy sketched the bottle). Then they were sent back into the house and sent to bed. They subsequently recovered from their illness. Under hypnosis the mother told a corroborating story.

Andy has installed video cameras on the front and back sides of his house for security and in hopes of 'catching ET'. The video cameras are connected to computers which use a commercially available software program ('Gotcha') to monitor for major image changes. So far he has not been successful in recording any clear images of ET, but the system has recorded periods of heavy electronic interference at times varying from about 2:30 to 3:00 am. He has had a video company install triple-shielded cable in attempts to eliminate this interference, but without success. In addition, he has a Seattle Weather Station with an outdoor temperature sensor connected to a computer, which on several occasions has recorded temperatures of 72deg. F or 74deg. F for brief periods around 2:30 am or 3:00 am when the prevailing outside temperature was in the 0 to 40deg. F range. He suspects that abductions of his family occurred on those nights. For example, on April 20, 2000 he wrote: 'The ET's came by at 3:10am this morning, [the temperature] went from 38 to 74deg. F momentarily...

On May 12, Andy sent me the following E-mail:
I found what appeared to be a extended hand print of a four fingered alien one morning a while back on the iower part of the hood of one car, dusted by the excess spring pollen the air is so full of at this time of year. I managed to photograph it multiple times from different angles just before the wife washed the car."

I showed three photos of this print at the June 10 MUFON meeting. These show about the outer inch of a thumb and three fingers of the right hand. The curvature of the index finger and the middle finger are different from normal human fingers (at least from mine). The thumb print is smaller in proportion to normal human prints also. While these photos cannot be said to prove anything, they are evidence which will be retained for possible future comparisons.

CL Note: Bill's possible handprint case dovetails very closely with another case which Chad Lewis and I are working on, involving a number of experiencers in northwestern Wisconsin. In several encounters which

have been investigated part of this case, physical evidence appears to be present. Among the physical artifacts apparently is a possible hand print. This hand print was discovered the morning following an apparent encounter. It was also photographed by the witness. This case is currently being investigated by Chad and myself, and will be described further (with the witness's permission) as information becomes available.

A lot of Experiencers Out There:

Once again, I was also struck by the number of UFO witnesses and experiencers there seem to be in the general public. In May, I gave presentations on UFO sightings, first contact, etc., at the MarsCon 2000 science fiction convention, at the Talk Radio Chat Club, and on a couple of TV broadcasts. In all cases, I was met or contacted by folks who came forward to tell me their stories. Some were whimsical, simply pulling my leg. But many were serious, and often the person's story was deeply felt.

One such deeply felt story was told to me by an experiencer at MarsCon. On the opening Friday evening session, I presented a talk which I entitled "UFOs 101 - Sightings and Close Encounters in the Present Day". Attendance was moderate, I estimated it to be about 20 to 25 people. During the first part of the talk, when I described lights in the sky, etc., a few in the audience appeared to be barely awake. But, notably, the attentions of a few of these people were suddenly riveted when I began to describe the classic hallmarks of the close encounter experience. I included in my talk, the classic "post contact" signs, such as UFO dreams and up-close sightings, obsessions/phobias about specific roads or fields, sleep paralysis, apparitions and visions, and other myriad signs. At this point, I found I had the undivided attentions of several people in the room, who's interest was far more than incidental.

I then began to describe the characteristics of an abduction, as recalled by the conscious memory. These might include any of the following: One, (probably more) up-close UFO sightings. A sudden quiet or surreal atmosphere. A sense of missing time or the feeling that something extremely strange has just occurred. And, for some, perhaps even a conscious memory a close encounter itself. As I described these, I noted that one of the people sitting toward the back of the room had tears beginning to run down her face. This person, who had been nearly asleep during the early part of the presentation, was now deeply attentive, in wide-eyed with recognition. After the talk, the experiencer came up to the front of the room and introduced herself. We then talked for a couple more hours, during which time a whole lifetime of unexplained events emerged.

But what really struck me was that for this one woman who did tell me about her experiences, there appeared to be at least two others in the room that I had not previously met, who did not - and those are the ones I knew about. One can only guess how many other experiencers are out there, who have not told anyone else, but are simply keeping the burden of their own events to themselves.

If you know of any information that might bring to light any sightings or encounters, or have any further updates on events discussed in this column, please contact Craig Lang (ph: 763-560-1532, e-mail: crlang@mm.com), or contact Minnesota MUFON through our webpage at: www.mnmufon.org. You can also check the website for current UFO reports and the results of completed sighting investigations.

For those wishing to become a field investigator themselves, classes are conducted approximately three times a year, as sufficient interest is indicated. If you are interested, and feel that you have the necessary time, energy, and objectivity to be a UFO investigator, please contact Craig Lang. If you have not already done so, you also will need to join MUFON as a field investigator trainee and purchase the MUFON field investigators manual.

We always need more investigators in our effort to better understand the UFO phenomenon. Those who seriously take up the study of UFO events, will always find a trail of challenge and mystery to follow.

Happy investigating...

NEW MINNESOTA MUFON FIELD INVESTIGATORS

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I would like to extend welcome to the three new graduates of the field investigator class. Please welcome Robin Harris, Mark Hanson, and Mike Dillon to our group.

We have also gotten requests/suggestions for a follow-up or intermediate FI class - this would probably focus on practice witness interviews, similar to what we did in the Fall class. I am all ears regarding any other ideas.

My understanding is also that there are several new "recruits" for the next class. If this is the case, we could perhaps have another class this summer. I will continue to keep the FI sign-up sheet at the meeting. Let's see what shakes out...

Results of 6/10/00 Aura Viewing Experiment. By Craig R. Lang

As a UFO investigator, one encounters many unusual phenomena which are not directly part of the UFO phenomenon, but which seem to strongly correlate with it. One such phenomenon which I have heard described by many a UFO experiencer is the ability to see the aura which is often said to surround the human body. In the course of investigating UFO sightings, and reading through the literature, I have found enough references to it, to make me quite curious as to its true nature and reality.

The human aura is described in many texts, both ancient and modern. [One nice summary of the literature on auras is in Michael Talbot's book "The Holographic Universe", Ch. 6]. The actual mechanism behind the human aura, and indeed, whether or not it actually exists, is not clearly established. However, there appears to be enough evidence to suggest that there may be a bona-fide phenomenon present.

As a member of the National Guild of Hypnotists, I have participated in a number of hypnosis experiments, during and immediately after which, several people reported that they were readily able to see auras around others present in the room. As a result, I and several other hypnotists in the guild have become very curious about this phenomenon, and have been devising experiments to measure it. This article describes a preliminary version of one such experiment which I conducted at the June meeting of Minnesota MUFON.

The goal of this experiment was to have a group of five volunteers. Five volunteers, who indicated that they were able to see the auras, observe the aura of a test subject and describe it in a standardized way. The goal was to determine the degree of consistency between what each observed.

The subject being observed was seated about 15 feet away from the viewers, in a position such that he could be clearly seen against a featureless white wall. The viewers were asked to complete a short questionnaire with a description of the aura, which included 9 questions regarding determine its color, shape, intensity and time variation. On a second page was space for a sketch of the aura.

In the literature, it is suggested that a person's aura is strongly dependent upon his/her mental or emotional state. Thus, it was desirable to have the subject be in a known state of mind at the time of the experiment. I therefore asked him to imagine a very pleasant scene, known only to himself. Since the subject being

observed was an excellent hypnotic candidate, we held a brief trance session, prior to the MUFON meeting, during which I offered a posthypnotic cue to recall a pleasant memory. This cue was then given at the start of the experiment. Immediately following the cue words, the five volunteers, plus myself then viewed the aura of the subject, filling out the questionnaire.

All viewers indicated that they were able to see the aura. All but one made a complete set of observations (the remainder simply filled out a detailed verbal description). 1 person made 2 complete observations on the same form.

The aura was observed by all to be brighter than the white background. All described it to be white or pale. (One person described a pale yellow to greenish tint or overtone to the aura.)

All of the participants found it very easy to see the aura, reporting an average = 7.8, on a scale of 1 to 10 with 10 being easiest to see auras. All reported that they were toward the top end of the scale. However, reports of the strength/intensity of the aura, also observed on a scale of 1(transparent) to 10(strong/solid) were evenly distributed across the entire range, with a slight bias toward the lower-intensity end of the range. The average was 4.83.

The fuzziness/sharpness of the boundary was measured in a range of 1 to 10 with 1 being sharp and 10 being fuzzy:

An average of 6.38 was observed, with a wide cluster of observations between 5 and 9. This suggests that the boundary was largely diffuse. Viewers reported that the width of the aura averaged just under 3 inches, with two distinct groupings: from 1 to 2 inches, and greater than 4 inches. Several reported that there were actually two bands of light, whose widths roughly corresponded to this grouping.

Generally viewers reported that the aura was a constant soft glow, with very little variation. One stated said that they observed a shimmer, while another described a dissolving appearance. The rate of variation on a scale 1 (rapid), to 10 (constant) was an average 7.58, with all above 6. Degree of variation on a scale of 1 to 10 was described as an average of 4.75, with all observations between 3 and 5. This indicates that the variation was small, if any, and that the description of the variation was consistent between almost all viewers.

Conclusion: In this limited sample, there was a fairly high degree of consistency in color, width, and stability of the aura. There was considerable difference in the

degree of intensity/transparency of the aura. The implications of this are unknown.

What an aura is, is not known. Some suggest that it is nothing more than an optical illusion caused by the retina's reaction to color contrast. Others believe that it is an electromagnetic, or related field phenomenon. Still others claim that there is actually a more subtle metaphysical explanation. Whatever the aura may be, six people in our experiment were able to see something, with a moderate to high degree of consistency between them. This trial was the prototype for a number of future experiments which we hope to conduct within the National Guild of Hypnotists. It is hoped that these will yield some very interesting data on a disputed, yet very fascinating area of human perception.

CARTER WHITE HOUSE PROBE INTO EXTRATERRESTRIAL COMMUNICATIONS SUPPRESSED, NEW BOOK CLAIMS

EXOPOLITICS, a new book by former Stanford Research Institute (SRI) futurist Alfred Webre, claims that a 1977-78 White House study into Extraterrestrial communications during the Carter years was secretly suppressed at the behest of Pentagon officials, led by the SRI liaison with the Pentagon. The study was to have been undertaken jointly by the National Science Foundation and the Center for the Study of Social Policy at SRI where the author was a futurist and principal investigator of the study.

According to EXOPOLITICS, the suppression of important Carter White House study is part of what he terms "Exopolitics" or the process of government and politics in the Universe.

EXOPOLITICS asks: Is there intelligent life in the Universe? In fact, the truest conception of our human circumstance may be that we are on an isolated planet in the midst of a populated, evolving, highly organized inter-planetary, inter-galactic, universal society. Earth is isolated because we are in intentional quarantine by a structured, rational universe society. Exopolitics, the dynamics of politics and governance in inter-stellar society, is a key channel to transforming our human future. Exopolitics' immediate goal seeks a decade of human education and community politics about the extraterrestrial initiative.

EXOPOLITICS is a non-fiction serial. Part One was released in March 2000; Part Two is scheduled for release in September 2000.

Early reviews of EXOPOLITICS - Part One, UniverseBooks' non-fiction eBook serial, are saying:

'...It is great!' ...the world needs a book like [EXOPOLITICS]. You do have a way with words, it is easy to read and I think a lot of philosophical types would go for this.. Thanks for asking me to review it." Reviewer, New Zealand April 2000.

You can access more information about EXOPOLITICS, including a reader's excerpt at:

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Minnesota MUFON UFO Web Page Links

As webmaster of the MN MUFON site, I have several link pages one of which is mainly for other MUFON sites. I do my best to keep the links accurate and current. Feel free to visit those sites and let them know

what you think of them. If anyone knows of a MUFON page that is not listed in my links please let me know.

I hope to talk to my fellow MUFON webmasters at the national MUFON symposium in St. Louis, MO about our websites and how we can better serve the public and show some level of mutual effort and consistency. There is a lot of repetition of information that wastes space and viewer time.

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