

My reason for this conviction is that I see no evidence whatsoever that the particular lot of Aliens who own us and who run this planet at present have the slightest intention of permitting mankind to know any more than they, the Aliens, can help, and that the very last thing the Aliens wish is to see the populations of the Earth informed of their presence here or of their intentions towards us. And I think Governments know very well that a nasty fate may await anybody who steps out of line on this and lets any cats out of the bag.

I have, of course, no doubt that numerous other species or groups of Aliens may exist who might have completely different attitudes towards us and who might be our good friends. But, if such beings are indeed around, and if they are in this particular neck of the woods, I still don't see much likelihood of help from them at present *for the simple reason that they haven't got the control here.* G.C. ■

## THE ALLAGASH ABDUCTIONS

Four weekend campers in Northern Maine find themselves taking the canoe-trip of a lifetime!

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**We have received the special written consent of the Editor of MUFON UFO Journal to reproduce this interesting article which appeared in the April 1993 issue of that Journal, and we express our thanks to him and to the Author, the renowned U.S. investigator Raymond Fowler. EDITOR**

**O**n Friday night, August 20, 1976, four young art students in their early twenties left Boston, Massachusetts, for a canoe and camping trip in a wilderness area of Northern Maine along the Allagash River. The group consisted of identical twins, Jack and Jim Weiner, Charlie Foltz and Chuck Rak. Upon arrival at a staging point, they hired a pontoon airplane which flew them and their canoes to Telos Lake on the Allagash Waterway. During the next several days they canoed and camped along the Waterway.

On the evening of Thursday, August 26,, they reached Eagle Lake, set up camp and decided to go night -fishing for trout. The pitch darkness of the area necessitated the building of a huge bonfire to mark their campsite so that they could find their way back to it. Shortly after beginning to fish, Chuck became aware of a feeling of being watched. He told us that:

"I turned toward the direction from where I felt this and saw a large bright sphere of colored light hovering motionless and soundless about 200-300 feet above the southeastern rim of the cove."

Chuck yelled for the others to look behind them. There, rising above the trees was a huge oval glowing object. As their eyes became adapted to its intense brightness, a gyroscopic motion was noted, as if there were pathways of energy flowing equatorially and longitudinally from pole to pole. This divided the sphere into four oscillating quadrants of bright colored light. The color changes were very liquid and enveloping, as if the entire object had a plasmatic motion to it, like a thick sauce does as it starts a rolling boil.

Charlie grabbed a flashlight and blinked it at the object. Instantly, the huge rising glowing

object came to an abrupt halt and began to slowly approach the canoe. Simultaneously, a tube-shaped beam of light\* erupted from the object and hit the water. A glowing ring with a dark center reflected on the water's surface, indicating that the beam was hollow. The object and its beam of light began moving toward the canoe. Terrified, the campers began paddling frantically toward their bonfire and camp as the beam swept across the lake directly at them and engulfed them.

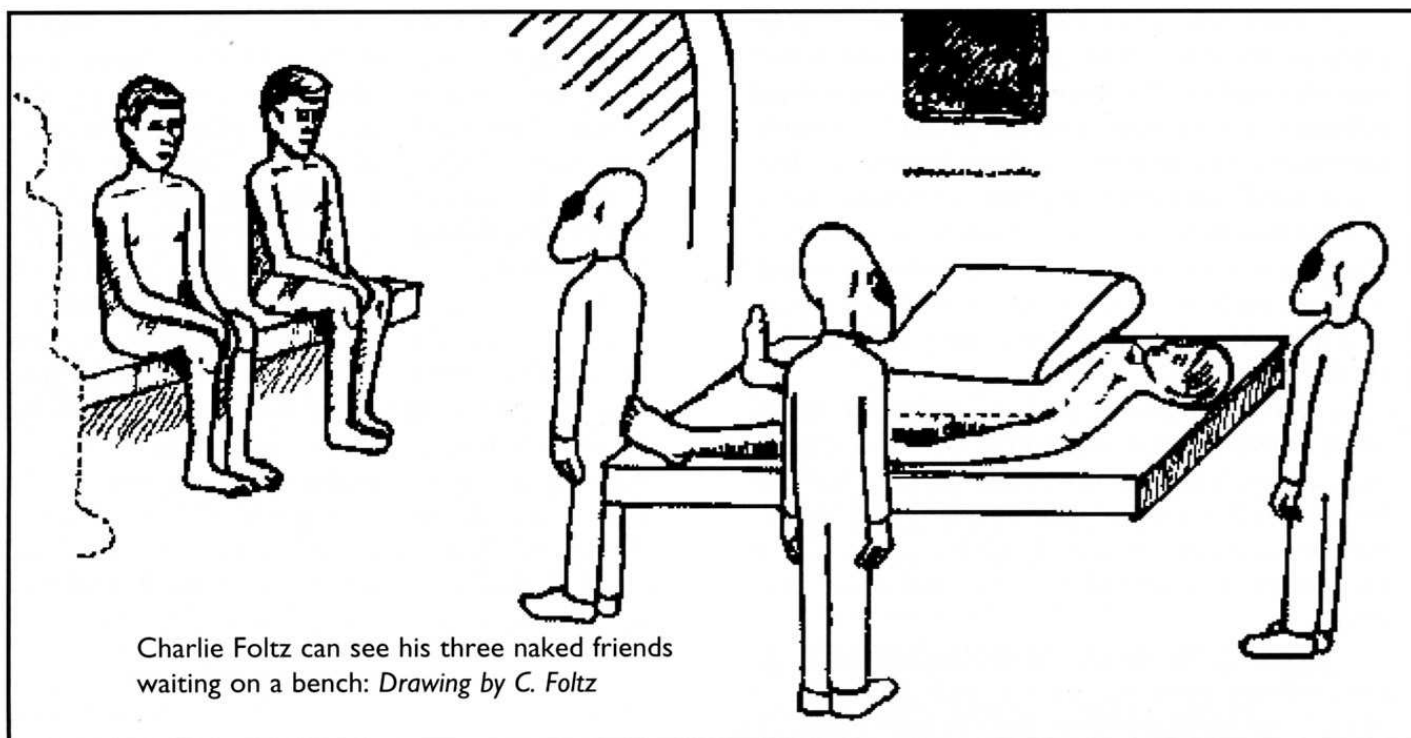
It was from this point on that the *conscious memories* of the four differed according to each witness's vantage point. The next thing Charlie remembered was paddling for shore and standing at the campsite with the others, watching the object move away.

Chuck Rak remembers staying in the canoe after the others had piled out in panic onto the shore. Transfixed, still holding his idle paddle, he could not take his eyes off the object.

Jack and Jim were able to consciously remember a bit more. Jack said that "It was just behind us and I could see that we were never going to outrun the *Beam*. It was advancing too fast and I remember thinking, 'Holy shit! This is it! We'll never get away.' The next thing I knew we were on the shore getting out of the canoe looking directly at the object which was now about 20 or 30 feet above the water. The beam was coming out of the bottom of it like the object was sitting on the beam. It hovered there, right in front of us, completely silent for what seemed like four or five minutes.

"Suddenly the beam was pointing up towards the sky. The object began to move up and away from us towards the southwestern sky and then shot into the stars and was gone in just a second."

Jim Weiner said that "There was no mistake that it was coming directly to us. Then I remember standing on the lakeshore watching the object hovering above the lake 50 to 75 yards in front of us.... Then the search beam went upward into the sky and we saw it moving away at a tremendous speed.



Charlie Foltz can see his three naked friends waiting on a bench: Drawing by C. Foltz

"We all seemed to be in a state of shock.... We just stood there unable to move or talk".

#### Return To The Camp

When the strange anaesthetizing effect wore off, Chuck got out of the canoe and joined the others as they trudged dreamily up the beach to their camp. Even in this state, they were dumbfounded when they realized what had happened to the huge bonfire that had just been blazing several minutes ago.

"When we left to go fishing," said Jim, "we set very large logs on the fire to burn for a good 2 to 3 hours. The entire experience seemed to last, at the most, 15 or 20 minutes. Yet the fire was completely burned down to red coals."

At that time, they had no memory of what had happened during the time it took for their huge bonfire to burn down. This would remain a puzzle to them for years.

#### The Investigations

A few years later, Jim suffered a head injury which caused *tempero-limbic epilepsy*. During treatment, Jim's doctors asked him to report any unusual experiences that might be symptomatic of his condition. Jim described strange experiences that he and his friends had had since the UFO encounter. These included awaking at night to see strange creatures, levitation from bed, and temporary paralysis while something was done to the genitals. He also described their encounter with a UFO and the period of missing time. Jim's doctors advised him to contact a UFO researcher as they felt that Jim and his friends might have been involved in a UFO abduction experience. Jim contacted me during one of my UFO lectures in the Boston area.

In January of 1989, I initiated a formal investigation with MUFON Investigator and CEIII/IV specialist, David Webb (Solar Physicist) and with MUFON Consultant, Anthony (Tony) Constantino (Professional Hypnotist). It was conducted in a careful and meticulous manner over a period of 24 months.

It was obvious to us that the period of missing time had to be sandwiched between sighting the object and reaching shore. The beam of light hitting the canoe seemed to be the dividing point between memory and amnesia. During the first of a long series of hypnosis sessions, it was decided to concentrate on this segment of the terrifying encounter.

#### The Hypnotic Regressions

Under hypnosis, all four witnesses relived detailed and traumatic UFO abduction experiences during the period of missing time. All were transferred from their canoe into the UFO by the hollow tube-like beam of light. On board, they encountered strange humanoid creatures that exerted some kind of mind control over them so that they could not resist their demands.

All were made to undress and sit on a plastic-like bench in an area illuminated by diffuse white light. After looking at their eyes and into their mouths with a pencil-sized rod with a light on its tip, the aliens placed them in a harness and flexed their arms and legs. Then, one by one they were made to lie on a table where each was examined by a number of strange hand-held and large machine like instruments that were lowered over their bodies. During this segment of the examination, the alien entities removed samples of saliva, skin scrapings, blood, faeces, urine and sperm from each of the abductees.

After the examinations, the abductees were made to dress and enter another room which had a round portal in one of its walls. They were lined up and made to walk into the portal. Strange sensations surged through their bodies as they found themselves floating down the hollow beam of light into their canoe which was now in shallow water near their campsite. The tube-like light seemed to hold the canoe steady as each was placed in it in the same seating positions they were in prior to the abduction.

As the hypnosis sessions continued, much detail was recovered about their on-board experience. Also, it was discovered that the twins had had bedtime visitations by alien creatures and abduction experiences since early childhood. These experiences were relived in vivid detail under hypnosis.

During the course of the investigation an extraordinary event occurred. Jack and his wife Mary were abducted from their remote mountain home in Townshend, Vermont.

#### The Blue Light

During the night of May 20, 1988, Jack's dog woke him up when he scratched at the door wanting to go out to relieve himself. When Jack got up to put him out, he was shocked to see a blue light shining through the kitchen window. He went out to look and saw a glowing object hovering over the field adjoining his house. He decided to bring the dog back in. In the morning, he thought he had dreamed about the whole thing. However, under hypnosis, he relived a shared abduction experience with his wife in minute detail. Mary only remembered dreaming about deer with big eyes coming to their bedside. She did not respond to hypnosis. The following is an excerpt from Jack's hypnosis sessions.

"It's blue. A blue light. And I think, 'That's funny. That's not the moon.' And then I go to the window and I look out the window and what I see is amazing. I see a big, bright light and it's right over the truck in the field outside the house. And I'm thinking, 'Oh my God! I can't believe that!' And so I say, 'Mary, get up. Get up and look!' And I run to the door and I go out the door and I'm running towards the light up in the field... Then I see the dog running alongside me... And so I pick him up and I run back to the house... The light is still there and it's moving... And then I put the dog back in bed and I'm thinking, 'I don't want to do this. I don't want to do this now!' I don't want to look at the light... So I'm going back to bed... And I'm thinking, 'I don't want to deal with this now. Why are they here now?' And I'm scared... so I pull the covers over my head... and Mary's next to me. And then I know, I know that something's in the house. I just know that they're there and I'm under the covers and I think, 'Oh God, oh God! Why are they

here now? I don't want this to happen.' (Gasps) And then the covers move and I feel something on the cover... And then the covers are down and I'm looking there and I was right. They're right there! Oh God! They're right there, right next to my bed... It has big eyes and a big head and it's dark and there's light behind it coming in the door. And it's just taking the covers away and I don't want to look at it... And I look at Mary... There's another one there and it's next to Mary. And I wish that I could do something but I can't. I have to do what they want. And the light is out there and they want me to go out there. They're lifting me. Mary's standing and they're making us move towards the light... And the dog isn't doing anything. We're through the door... We walk up the lawn and I feel like I'm floating... our feet are on the ground, but my feet are not doing what I want them to."

#### Taken Into The Craft

Jack and Mary were brought to stand in front of a huge house-sized glowing object sitting on a blue light that enveloped its underside. The glow around the object itself was changing colors from white to yellow to orange and purple and back to white. No noise emanated from the object, but the air was filled with the acrid smell of ozone. Then, Jack and Mary were made to walk into the blue light under the object. Instantaneously they were transferred inside of the glowing object. Mary was separated from Jack, who was made to undergo examinations similar to the one that he and his friends had experienced twelve years earlier. After the examination, Mary rejoined Jack and they were literally floated across the lawn from the craft to their house, *through the unopened front door* and to their bedroom, where they went back to bed in a strange lethargic state of mind.

#### Physical Proofs

This experience left physical evidence behind in the form of burns on the bottom of Jack's feet. Jack also received a biopsy-like scoop mark above his ankle during still another abduction.

The scoop mark was located just above a scar left behind during an operation for an anomalous lump that had appeared overnight on Jack's leg several years prior. Jack's local doctor thought it was a cyst, but was unable to drain it, so referred Jack to a surgeon who removed it. Jack was told that local pathologists did not know what it was and that it had been sent to the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta, Georgia, for further analysis. However, when we checked Jack's medical records, we found that it was sent to military pathologists in Washington, D.C., where it was examined by a United States Air Force Colonel. Attempts for further information about the anomalous lump were thwarted as the surgeon would not cooperate with our enquiry.



## Conclusions

During the course of the investigation we conducted witness background checks, examined medical records and diaries, cross-checked witness testimony, co-ordinated witness psychological profile tests, correlated witness accounts with other reports and conducted fifteen hypnosis sessions over a period of 14 months. The final 10-volume report numbered over 700 pages. It was made available to UFO researchers and became the basis of a book on UFO abductions to be published by Time-Life.

In summation, this UFO abduction case is unique in a number of ways. It involved four credible persons who all consciously shared the same close-encounter with a UFO in 1976 during a canoe trip along the Allagash Waterway in Northern Maine. All percipients experienced missing time and relived traumatic complementary UFO abduction experiences under hypnosis. Two of the abductees are identical twins, which was of great interest to their alien abductors. Our enquiry revealed that each of the witnesses exhibited the typical benchmarks characteristic of other abductees. Lastly, all of the witnesses are artists and were able to provide detailed sketches of different aspects of their experiences. This has provided the UFO research community with some excellent impressions relating to the appearance of alien beings, their instruments and their craft.

The many-faceted and intriguing elements of *The Allagash Abductions* also provided a catalyst for a detailed correlation of the witnesses' experiences with benchmarks exhibited in other abduction reports being investigated and studied. Such were derived from an exhaustive survey of 270 reported UFO abductions in the United States and abroad compiled by Dr. Thomas E. Bullard of the University of Indiana. Some major similarities noted were: alien interest in the reproduction system and the extraction of sperm from each of the witnesses; a series of UFO and related paranormal experiences that dated back to early childhood; physical marks on the percipients' bodies typical of those on the bodies of other UFO abductees; and the overnight appearance of a lump above the tibia of one of the twins.

In addition, all witnesses were subjected to detailed interrogations, rigorous character reference checks, 12 recorded/transcribed hypnotic regression sessions and a battery of psychological profile tests. We also examined a number of alternate theories advanced to explain UFO abductions: hoaxes, fantasy-prone personalities, psychoses, birth trauma memories and archetypical images from the collective unconscious. Each of these theories was critiqued and eliminated in the light of the evidence collected during our investigation.

The investigation concluded that the moral

character of the witnesses, the graphic reliving of their experiences under hypnosis and the extraordinary correlations between their experience and that of others provided overwhelming evidence that their experiences were objective in nature. Such evidence combined with typical physical effects on the witnesses' bodies has prompted me to evaluate this case in the *great significance* category.

**\* NOTE BY EDITOR, FSR.** Years ago we published in FSR a detailed account of very similar experiences of some Brazilian men who were out at night in a boat on a river in the forest, hunting alligators, and who had an identical experience with a UFO which appeared and pointed a long "tubular beam of light" down onto them. We are still awaiting the completion of our sorely needed *FSR Index*, and I regret that I do not at present have the time to enable me to locate the text of the Brazilian report in my set of bound volumes of FSR.

## AFTERTHOUGHT: ARE THE MEDIA STARTING TO GO MAD TOO?

*By Gordon Creighton*

In my Editorial for this issue I have referred to the steady shower of abuse and ridicule which has been directed at us by the Establishment, the Media, the Churches, the Scientists, and by pretty well everybody else, for nearly forty years. Clearly all those who investigate or write about the "UFO Problem" have been selected to be the "patsies".

However, just lately, certain curious little signs surely give pause for thought. For example, when, in the first few days of December 1993, the *Times* was reporting the epic story of the repairs to the Hubble Telescope, they casually embedded, in a small box set right in the middle of the article, a news-flash about the proposal that the E.E.C. should set up an organization to study UFOs! Then, cheek by jowl with that, they had a report from their Technological Correspondent Dick Nuttall under the large type caption "DOCTOR IN SPACE WAITS FOR CALL FROM ALIEN VISITOR". One of the brave men repairing the "Hubble" is, it seems, a 58-year-old (!!!) surgeon named Dr. Musgrave, who took up astronauting a decade ago and has flown on more shuttle missions than any other man! And this Space hero, who joined N.A.S.A. in 1967, is here described as "a firm believer in aliens"! The report says that he actually is on the lookout for them the whole time, "and tries to contact them on each mission. 'I've got nothing to lose. While I'm circling around out there, I try whatever ways I can to get them to come down here and get me', said Dr. Musgrave, a surgeon who lists his hobbies as parachuting, scuba-diving, and literary criticism," writes Mr. Nuttall.

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Has anyone heard yet whether the men in white coats will be there to greet Dr. Musgrave when he touches down again? If not, why not? G.C.

**TAILPIECE:** *Chicago Sun-Times* had this choice little item :-

## UFOs OK

November 1st, 1993

People who think they've seen a UFO or a space alien appear to be just as intelligent and psychologically healthy as other people, a new study says. Researchers at Carleton University, Ottawa, reporting in November's *Journal of Abnormal Psychology*, found that UFO reporters scored no worse than other people on tests of psychological health, intelligence, and fantasy-proneness.

Does this mean, then, that there is hope for chaps like the reporters and correspondents of the *Times* and Reuters' News Service?

If so, then what about folk like us? Don't be too optimistic. As George Orwell reminded us long, long ago, ALL ANIMALS ARE 'EQUAL'. BUT SOME ARE MORE 'EQUAL' THAN OTHERS! G.C.

# PRIORITY OF PRIORITIES: WHAT IS BEING SEEN FLYING OVER GROOM LAKE?

*By Pierre Desbrandes. (Specially contributed to both Lumières Dans La Nuit and Flying Saucer Review).*

(Translation from French. G.C.)

(The author of this interesting article is, we emphasise, not just an amateur or layman. He is an important European scientist. In its original French text the piece appeared in *Lumières Dans La Nuit*, No. 317 (March 1993). EDITOR FSR.)

I was only able to begin to believe in flying saucers — and that was quite a long time ago — after I had read and had heard a goodly number of eyewitness accounts, all of which possessed the particular feature of being at the same time precise, concordant, and independent.

However, I don't know what to think about the reports — very much less certain — about the things people are said to be seeing flying over the ultra-secret U.S. military base at Groom Lake, within the territory of the Nellis Air Force Range, right in the middle of the Nevada Desert. They are said to be strange objects *with their own luminosity, flying erratically or zigzagging, and apparently defying the laws of inertia.*

According to Jean Sider, to whom I put the question, they apparently would appear to have no particular significance that would link them to the Base, but are true UFOs as the witnesses claim. They are said to have flown over Groom Lake on several occasions, though this particular base is not more liable to that sort of visit than other American bases or than any other site where UFOs have been reported.

And if, despite all that, so much attention is being given to these sightings over Groom Lake, then it is claimed that the reason is that they are useful to the "Lunatic Fringe" of American Ufology as support for their own thesis that the "Short Greys" have established themselves in the subterranean laboratories of this base, as well as of several other bases, and are engaging in horrible biological experiments in return for high technology imparted to the U.S. Military. (This is the "horrible truth" theory, to use the expression of John Lear, who was the first person to disseminate it).

This interpretation of the situation is sup-

ported by the fact that Jacques Vallée (who however cannot be suspected of believing in the "horrible truth" since he has devoted his last book to disparaging it) *seems himself to accept it as established fact that strange objects are indeed flying around over Groom Lake.*

Like many other Ufologists, Vallée himself tried to approach Groom Lake one night, but was roughly turned back by the guards without having been able to see anything in the sky there that night.<sup>(1)</sup>

Unlike Jean Sider however, Vallée refuses to believe that the objects could be UFOs. For him the things that people are seeing there could be simple teleguided mobile observation platforms being tried out by the Americans over the Base, and *disguised* as "flying saucers" for obscure reasons connected with psychological warfare (?).

It is also to this type of craft that Vallée attributed the *pre-arranged* landing in 1980 of a "UFO" at Rendlesham, in Great Britain,<sup>(2)</sup> before military eyewitnesses who had been previously invited to be present. (So, according to this, these "observation platforms" have been in existence for a long time).

Vallée claims (and in this he is correct) that it is perfectly possible today, thanks to the progress in electronics and computer science, to teleguide a flying object. But while he says this, he totally fails to answer the questions of the *self-luminosity* of the craft and of their *flight characteristics*.

Any judgment regarding the *nature* of the craft is, in effect, subordinate to this aspect of the problem. Unfortunately the eyewitness accounts which I have at my own disposal are not sufficiently numerous. To begin with, I have one piece of secondhand testimony which goes back several years: a friend of mine who had gone to the U.S.A. knew an enthusiast who, using a Celestron telescope, amused himself by watching the sky above Groom Lake from a good distance. The shining objects that he saw on several occasions, at night,