

subject of UFOs, "and the sums are not always done properly, or written down properly, as for example on pages 21 and 51". (Our Consultant's comments on these two pages are, respectively, "wrong" and "unintelligible".)

In the circumstances we consequently do not find it possible to make any sort of review or evaluation of these books. We shall of course be glad to hear from anyone who *can* clarify these abstruse matters for us.

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THE CONTACTEE KEY

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Our valued and highly experienced Consultant John Keel informs us that he wrote this important article in 1978, and that it subsequently appeared (February 1979) in the now-defunct magazine *UFO Reports*. Very few of FSR's readers are likely to have ever seen it, and in view of its great significance we do not hesitate to accept Mr. Keel's offer to allow us to reprint it now. — EDITOR

WHEN Dr. J. Allen Hynek visited the Nixon White House in 1973 he was shunted off to Presidential Advisor Walt Rostow. After explaining that he planned to open a UFO research center in Illinois, Hynek threw out this feeler: "I don't want to duplicate official efforts with a private organization. I don't want to take on another burden if it isn't really necessary."

Mr. Rostow stared at him blandly and replied: "You do not need to know."

In other words, Rostow was telling the famous scientist that government UFO research was none of his business!

Foreign leaders concerned with the UFO question have approached the U.S. government directly for concrete information and also received the runaround. Sir Eric Gairy, Prime Minister of the tiny Caribbean state of Grenada, complained publicly about this in a speech before the United Nations on Oct. 7, 1976. "One wonders why the existence of UFOs continues to remain a secret to those in whose archives repose useful information and other data," Gairy stated. "While we appreciate that some countries consider this to be in the interest of military expedience I now urge that a different view be taken because it is my firm conviction that the world is ready, willing, and ripe enough to accept these phenomena in relation to man and his existence on earth and in relation to earth and life in outer space."

Apparently not even Gairy, ruler of a land on the fringe of the mysterious Bermuda Triangle, has a "need to know."

Since the late 1940s there has been an abundance of rumours and poorly documented allegations that the U.S. Government is engaged in a widespread but completely covert investigation of the UFO enigma. Civilian researchers have bemoaned the fact that nobody will tell them what is going on. When they try to

find out for themselves, they are often subjected to incredible harassment. Their phones are tapped, their mail is tampered with*, insidious, carefully organized campaigns are launched to destroy their credibility. In several incidents, important witnesses, even entire families, have inexplicably disappeared after their sightings were made public. Hard-boiled newsmen and professional investigative reporters have spent 30 years trying to squeeze substantive information from the Washington bureaucracy without success.

Strangely, during these three decades there has not been a single important leak of any kind. If a government UFO research project exists, not a single participant has given a speech or written a book. Yet we all know that it is practically impossible for the government to keep a secret for very long. Several former CIA agents have written books and traveled the lecture circuits, telling all. Innumerable military boon-doggles have been exposed by the press despite strenuous cover-up attempts. President Nixon was unable to conceal the facts about Watergate even though most of his staff was working around the clock to do so. How, then, could any government agency manage to keep the wraps on the UFO mystery for 30 years? There are two possible answers:

A) No cover-up exists. The government is not actively involved in UFO research and has no interest in the subject.

B) The civilian UFO investigators have been masterfully misled. They have been looking for the wrong clues, examining the wrong evidence, asking the wrong questions, applying the wrong sciences.

There are two ways for a government to deal with a problem of this type. When UFOs first appeared, it was assumed they were technological hardware from an unknown source so, logically, the problem be-

longed in the hands of military intelligence. In 1947-48, the Air Technical Intelligence Command (ATIC) assumed responsibility for the study and attempted to determine the exact nature and source of the objects. Standard intelligence techniques were utilized in an attempt to uncover the source of bases of the objects, and to interpret the technology used. It was a sound approach but apparently ATIC discovered something unexpected and, as every ufologist knows, the Air Force dropped out of UFO research in 1949 and the project was passed on to the then-infant Central Intelligence Agency. After 1949, the Air Force maintained a flimsy public relations effort *while another branch of government turned its full attention to UFO contactees*. This suggests that the military specialists actually reached a dead end; that they concluded UFOs were not real in an ordinary sense, did not have manufactured hardware, and were not coming from tangible bases either on this planet or from some other point in the universe. If this conclusion is valid then the subject does not belong to military intelligence but can only be investigated by another kind of specialist.

There are thousands of specialists in government and civilian practice who, in fact, are sworn to secrecy the day they receive their college diplomas. Retaining confidences is a vital part of their profession. They are, of course, medical doctors and psychiatrists.

Beginning as early as 1950 there were important leaks in the curtain of secrecy. Individuals who claimed direct encounters with the UFO occupants reported that shortly after their experiences became known they were visited, and examined, by doctors professing to work for the government. Some were flown to government hospitals at tax-payers' expense. A few were even railroaded into mental institutions where they could be examined extensively.

At the same time, civilian UFO organizations were maneuvered into adopting a firm anti-contactee stance. Maj. Donald Keyhoe, an influential figure in ufology in the 1950's, led the anti-contactee movement and his Washington based National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena. (NICAP) campaigned vigorously against all the contactees who surfaced at that time. Other organizations followed suit, believing the contactees were all hoaxers and were exposing the ufological movement to ridicule. Had these groups applied some fundamental logic to the situation they might have realized their approach was wrong. If UFOs are intangible, parapsychical objects, then the most sensible avenue of investigation is a careful study of the contactees. By publicly disassociating themselves from the contactees, the early ufologists left this fruitful aspect entirely in the hands of the government. The federal agencies were able to study these people freely, with little or no conflict with the civilian groups.

NICAP always proudly listed Adm. R. H. Hillenkoetter as one of its key board members and advisors.

Admiral Hillenkoetter had also served as head of the CIA in the early 1950's.

A few cases of medical investigation became celebrated in UFO literature. In 1957, both Reinhold Schmidt and Olden Moore experienced strange after-effects with their contacts. Schmidt of Nebraska was placed briefly in a mental hospital while Moore (who came from Ohio) was flown to Washington by unidentified agents. Both men underwent extensive mental and psychological testing, tests which were sophisticated and far beyond anything even present-day ufologists employ. These tests were not designed to merely confirm the reliability of the witnesses. Rather they were geared to *find out how much the contactee actually knew or suspected*.

By the 1950s the art of psychological warfare and brainwashing was quite advanced. The use of drugs, hypnosis, and techniques for altering brain patterns were already a part of our psychological-warfare arsenal. Government specialists could induce amnesia, introduce imaginary experiences into the subject's brain, even alter his entire identity and personality. An eyewitness who "knew too much" because he or she had accidentally seen something they shouldn't have could be made to forget the experience totally, or could be manipulated into erratic behavior that would forever discredit their UFO story.

At least one contactee — Howard Menger of New Jersey — finally confessed publicly that his experiences with the UFO entities had somehow been engineered by the CIA. Others recalled being hauled aboard unmarked vehicles (not flying saucers but ordinary cars, trucks and vans) where they were hypnotized by flashing lights and injected with hypodermic needles.

These strange episodes have not been limited to the U.S. Contactees in England, Italy, and throughout South America have reported enjoying free trips to the U.S. Recently a Venezuelan contactee told me how, in 1974, he had been approached by two men claiming to represent the U.S. Embassy. They flew him to Washington, D.C., where he submitted to a variety of tests for several days. Obviously such investigations cost a great deal of money. Some branch of government must have an overwhelming interest in UFO contactees . . . and has had this interest since the early 1950s.

The official investigators assume many guises. Woodrow Derenberger of West Virginia was flown to the NASA Installation at Cape Kennedy, Fla., where he was studied for five days in a basement somewhere on the rocket installation. Others have supposedly been examined by officials from the Smithsonian Institution, the U.S. Navy, and even the U.S. Marines.

In 1966, Mort Young, a reporter for the *New York Journal-American*, investigated a case in which two young seamen reported seeing a UFO while on duty. They were immediately hustled into a mental hospital. Young found, somewhat to his own astonishment, that

this was standard naval procedure at that time. In fact, numerous Air Force personnel, including high ranking officers, had received the same kind of treatment after reporting a UFO. That is, they were subjected to thorough medical and psychological testing . . . not to find out if they were nuts but to find out every detail of their experience — to find out how much they really knew.

My own field investigations began in earnest in 1966 and because of my varied background as an investigative reporter I quickly discovered the hidden complexities of the UFO situation. I found silent contactees in every state and uncovered many unpublicized abduction cases. I admit I had been influenced by the early UFO literature and was prejudiced against all contactees at first. But my personal investigations and experiences quickly changed my attitude. So much so that I willingly faced the wrath of the ufological establishment by writing my first two articles in 1966 about these seemingly unsavory aspects. My first article in *SAGA* (February 1967) dealt exclusively with UFO abductions. Paradoxically, the ufological establishment tried to ignore abduction cases until the outbreak in 1973 . . . *six years later*.

As I explored these cases I also was disturbed to find many Men-In-Black incidents, another aspect long held in disrepute by UFO believers. While some of these MIBs appeared to be apparitions or — even more hair-raising — entities directly related to the UFO phenomenon itself, others seemed to be real government agents. *The latter were concerned solely with the contact cases*. I naturally reasoned that the contact episodes must be of particular importance since the government was so interested in them.

Originally I assumed that if there was anything to the UFO mystery, if the objects were real and interplanetary, systematic field research should quickly prove the fact. To my chagrin, I found that psychic manifestations overlapped into the UFO cases and I made myself quite unpopular by questioning the reality of the objects. It occurred to me that the real answers, if there were any, could only be found in a careful study of the contactee cases. Obviously, someone within the government had arrived at the same conclusion as far back as 1950. If the contactees were all hoaxers and lunatics I doubt if the government would have continued their expensive contactee studies for such a long period.

As a newsman I had many excellent sources within the federal government. One old friend held an important position in the office of the Secretary of the Air Force in the 1960s and he did his best to penetrate the alleged Air Force secrecy surrounding the subject. Although he came up with small bits of interesting gossip and information, he drew a blank with the more important questions.

Having worked for the government in the past, I knew how the bureaucracy operated and thought. A secret UFO project would be carefully concealed,

probably in a seemingly unrelated department like the Department of Transport or some sub-agency not connected with the Air Force or CIA. The standard journalistic method for ferreting out such projects is to study the budgets of the agencies and search for large, unspecified expenditures. I wasted a lot of time on this without result. In any case, duplication of effort is common in government and it is quite possible that several different UFO projects are being conducted by different agencies without any co-ordination or co-operation.

While I was living in Washington in 1971-72, the newspapers were filled with stories about a mysterious windowless building that had been constructed on government property there. Curious reporters tried vainly to find out which agency had built the structure, even though such basic information is supposed to be freely available since tax dollars were spent on the project.

If a government group can construct an expensive (and illegal) building in the heart of Washington and keep it a secret, then other groups could possibly set up sub rosa UFO study projects. If such projects are largely medical and run by doctors, our chances for learning anything about them are, alas, slight.

When I realized the contactees might hold the key, I enlisted the aid of a number of doctors and psychologists in the New York area to help me. Some of them later threw up their hands in despair, partly because what they were learning could never be made public without jeopardizing their careers. Another medical man, well-known in UFO research, recently told me the same thing. "The best cases involve such ethical considerations and uncertainties," he said, "that one is pledged to secrecy."

There's the rub. The very nature of our investigations makes it necessary to keep the identities of the witnesses secret, and the deeply personal aspects of the UFO experiences have an automatic silencing factor. In essence, when a responsible investigator does stumble onto important information he finds he cannot reveal it publicly without seriously affecting the lives of the witnesses. This is undoubtedly why some government investigators have advised certain witnesses to keep quiet.

Only a few of the many hundreds of MIB cases have been made public for the reasons stated above. It is apparent, though, that the MIBs often employ the same techniques as the elusive government agents. *In many cases it appears that two different groups are involved, and that these groups are actually working against each other. A kind of underground war of nerves is taking place around the world.*

A large part of the UFO mystery is nothing more than myths based upon the speculations of bewildered outsiders. The government successfully diverted civilian research for two decades, and if Menger and others like him are correct, official brainwashers may have actually worked to create the extraterrestrial

theory to misdirect the civilian ufological establishment while some covert government agency quietly tried to get at the real truth.

Postscript: The above article was written in 1978 and published in the now-defunct magazine *UFO Reports*, Feb. 1979. Not much has changed since then. Today when someone tries to report a UFO sighting to the U.S. Air Force, a Public Information Officer (PIO) usually refers them to a civilian UFO organization or local civilian UFO investigator! Several UFO contactees have been sent to me by U.S.A.F. personnel in recent years. Indeed, government officials have often referred to me as "the world's leading authority on UFO contactees" ... a title I don't deserve and constantly disown.

We now know that most genuine contactees have a fragment of special information planted in their subconscious minds and it is apparent that the government tried to extract such fragments in the early days. Contactees continue to receive this programming but the government is apparently no longer interested. It is probable that this programming process has been going on since the beginning of the human race. All kinds of cover-ups have been employed to keep the truth from us, with particular emphasis on religious, occult and political beliefs. The extra-terrestrial concept is simply a 20th Century propaganda device which has now effectively reached every country, every society and every belief-system.

Motion pictures of the past thirty-five years have spread the ETH idea everywhere and today there is not a single world leader, scientist or journalist who is not conversant with it ... and, in many cases, a whole-hearted believer. UFO buffs can no longer cry: "Why don't they contact us?" They have. The whole population of the planet Earth has been exposed to the ETH idea and *has accepted it without a single shred of actual evidence!*

No government has been able to cope with this propaganda movement. No government has been able to censor the UFO movement. It is as unstoppable as the Christian movement of 2,000 years ago (*no scholar or archaeologist has been able to produce any evidence whatsoever that Christ ever actually existed*).

The bottom line, as we say on Madison Avenue, is that we are dealing with forces which can distort reality and manipulate the human mind. Governments and agencies like the CIA and KGB are incapable of dealing with, or even recognizing, such forces. If we were actually able to interfere with this mysterious programming process, the human race would probably cease to exist. — John A. Keel, June 29, 1985

*** FOOTNOTE**

In our Mail Bag section, in FSR Vol. 30, No. 6, we have published a letter from Mr. Keel himself which illustrates the volume of the interference. — EDITOR.

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A TERRIFYING CAR TRIP AND OTHER EXPERIENCES

by G- L- K-

We are indebted to Frau Dora Bauer-Lammer of Vienna (one of the pioneer figures in UFO research in Central Europe and an early friend and correspondent of Adamski) who, with the help of another lady, Miss J- Z- of Michigan, was able to secure for us the following details of some extraordinary experiences claimed by an American housewife. The full name of the writer is on our files, along with many details about her life, and it has been expressly requested that they be kept confidential. In my opinion the story bears all the hall-marks of being entirely genuine (though of course the question of what kind of "reality" it was that she contacted still remains unanswered).

This business of the "teleported or controlled or guided car" is something that has already cropped up many times in the UFO literature. We have published some seven or eight such accounts from South America, and in FSR Vol. 21/2 (1975) we gave Carl van Vlierden's famous report on the young couple who were carried in their car almost the whole way from Rhodesia, as it then was, to South Africa. More recently, in Vol. 29/3 (1984), in the Rev. Donald Thomas's description of some "Sightings and Strange Doings in Oxfordshire", we also touched upon the book "The Janos People" by Frank Johnson (Neville Spearman, 1980) in which the claim is made that a British family was teleported, in their car, in like fashion in Oxfordshire in 1978.

In the near future, moreover, we hope to give the full account of what befell a whole coach-load of devout Catholic pilgrims who, in 1981, when returning to Spain at night from Fátima in Portugal, found their driver slumped in a dead trance over the wheel as they tore along at 60 m.p.h. through the darkness along the rugged mountain roads of the Portuguese-Spanish border — very reminiscent indeed of what our American housewife claims happened to her and her family in 1942. — EDITOR.

I WAS born in Michigan in 1914, and am married, with two children, to a man who works in an agricultural community. My life has been that of an ordinary housewife, and we have enjoyed a relatively happy and peaceful life.

I do not recall that, as a girl, I had any particular "psychic" abilities. But, undeniably, there were some strange experiences. For example, over all the years when we were living on a 200-acre farm near Escanaba, Michigan, I used to see a mysterious blue light down the road, south from our house. The strange thing is that nobody else in the district seemed to see the light at that time. But, as a result of enquiries, I discovered that others had indeed seen it as far back as the 1890s, when lone travellers were known to have been confronted by a bluish-violet-coloured ball of light hovering some few feet above the ground on the side of the road north of the very small village of Hyde.

At first it used to be thought that it was due to reflection of the Moon in a pond near the road. But when winter came, and the water of the pond turned to ice, the coloured glow of light could still be seen from time to time. And then snow would fall, and cover the ice of the pond, and still the light continued to be seen. *But, curiously enough, only on very dark or cloudy nights.*

In the course of my enquiries I learned that there had once been a tragedy near that very spot. Back in the early days, when that whole area was just a vast wilderness, a middle-aged railway worker, walking home at night, was shot and robbed and left there to

die. Some few days later his body was found, still clutching his small red switch lantern in one hand.

Whether of course this "blue light" was in any way linked to UFOs I do not know.

Apart from having seen that "blue light", I do not feel that I was very especially sensitive to "influences". At the time of the first UFO experience, which I am now going to relate, I was not over-wrought or confused or emotionally insecure. Indeed I was in good health.

During the 1950s it is true that I had read a little about UFOs. My first UFO experience came in 1967, but it was only some months later, after I had discussed it in detail with a close friend (Miss J- Z-), that I was able to look back and associate my experience with the so-called "UFO Phenomenon".

The First "UFO" Experience (Green Bay, Wisconsin)

It was June 3, 1942. We were on our way to St. Paul, Minnesota. We had left our home in Michigan at about 8.30 that evening, and were travelling in our 1937 Chevrolet car, loaded down with suitcases and five adults and our five-year-old daughter.

Arrived at Green Bay, Wisconsin, we decided to stop and rest for a few hours, since we still had many more miles to travel to our destination, and it was only fair that the driver should get a little sleep.

What was to come was one of the most terrifying experiences of my life. I had no idea that it could have been a UFO, hovering some 100 ft. above us. It was a