

A STRANGE AFFAIR, AND A STRANGE SEQUEL

By Gordon Creighton

WE have received from Mr. Thomas M. Olsen of Phoenix, Arizona, U.S.A., a weird account of how a woman (name on record with FSR but withheld from publication) photographed a UFO, in broad daylight, in 1989, over the town of Little Rock in the State of Arkansas, and we have Mr. Olsen's special permission to publish it, and it is given below, as *Item I*.

Then, as first follow-up, we offer *Item II*, Mr. Olsen's letter to us of May 21, 1990, giving additional information about the lady's sighting, and next, as *Item III*, the lady's letter of May 2, 1990, to him, describing her own psychic predictions or "hunches".

Following, as *Item IV*, we give the full text of a highly "interesting" document dated August 6, 1990, which in some way (we know not how) had come into the possession of the radio broadcaster Mr. Robert Early of *Station KBIS-AM* at Little Rock, and which Mr. Early had then sent on to Mr. Timothy Good in England.

There follows, as *Item V*, Mr. Olsen's letter of February 4, 1991, to me. Although, as readers will see, Mr. Olsen states at the beginning of this letter: "*I suspect it is spurious*", I now feel that this is by no means an accurate reflection of his thinking. For, quite recently (in the early part of June 1991) I spoke by telephone to both Mr. Olsen and Mr. Early, and both of them gave me the clear impression that they regard the "*IAA Document*" as rather more likely to be genuine than not, although both of them agree that various other reliable UFO investigators in the USA who have seen the document, or copies of it, do incline to view it as a hoax. At any rate, it seems a good idea that we publish the "*IAA Document*" now, and let FSR readers form their own opinions about it.

The principle reason for my own belief that it is no hoax is the fact, established by Mr. Olsen, that whoever compiled this document unquestionably possessed an astonishingly detailed knowledge not only of the lady's correspondence with Mr. Olsen, but even of her confidential conversations with trusted friends!

Be it noted however that the lady herself does seem to know something about the identity of the "*IAA*" organisation, because I understand that she was greatly alarmed by the document. Indeed, if we read every line of this material carefully, we can see that she may indeed know personally who some of the "*IAA*" members are!

We may of course all be quite sure that, both in the USA and in Britain, and indeed probably in every other developed country, there are secret bodies and organizations who take a very real and very "loving" interest in the doings and activities of all of us who are awake to the existence of the *UFO Problem*. Clearly we represent some sort of "danger", whereas the still-slumbering masses can never be a "danger".

Here in Britain, even in quite small towns and communities, we have been aware, and for many years past, of the presence of some sort of organization such as is indicated by paragraph 7 of Mr. Olsen's letter of February 4, 1991, to me. If, as Mr. Olsen says, an individual named Al Belic has actually told Robert

Early that the "*IAA*" (INTERCONTINENTAL AEROSPACE ALLIANCE) is "*a secret body funded by every major government, with about 2,500 staff, for UFO cover-up*", why, then, surely it must have its branch — or at the very least a representative — here in the small English town where I live, and EVERYTHING AT ONCE BECOMES TOTALLY EXPLICABLE INCLUDING THE MASSIVE DISAPPEARANCES FROM THE INCOMING MAIL FOR FSR FOR MANY YEARS PAST.

Anyway, it is certainly my hope that, in publishing this "*IAA Document*", I am providing an opportunity for our readers everywhere to study its style and contents very carefully. And I hope in particular that many of our American and Canadian readers will be encouraged to tell us anything they know about this devoted body, the "INTERCONTINENTAL AEROSPACE ALLIANCE", who take such an interest in the welfare and the affairs of humble and lowly folk like ourselves and who, as the "*IAA Document*" shows, say they found the lady witness in Little Rock so "*uncooperative*", and who are displaying such a fanatical zeal in hunting down and purloining the negatives and all prints of her photos, and in blocking all possibility of their publication or even of their discussion.

I might add that — apropos of the "delicate" question of official "snooping" and the listening and tapping and surveillance of telephones and the opening of mail (as well as the outright theft of correspondence), the tradition of secret censorship of the mail in Britain goes right back, unbroken, to the days of Good Queen Bess and her Ministers Cecil and Burghley, and no country on earth possesses greater expertise at the game. Only three or four days before the writing of these lines, in June 1991, it was stated in the House of Commons that official sanction is at present being granted for "*telephone-tapping*" in Britain at the rate (an all-time record) of 35,000 cases per year. In reality however there is good reason to suspect that the cumbersome old system of "tapping", and the issue of permits for same, may well have both ended long ago, and that ALL 'phone conversations here are now under permanent, mechanical, and automatic surveillance, without any requirement whatsoever for the employment of human listeners. For example, the process of recording could be instantly "triggered off" by the mere pronunciation of any "sensitive" key-word or key-phrase or key-subject which, to the ears and minds of those who "snoop and watch", might rate as "interesting".

It is over ten years now since a good personal friend of mine, who was working temporarily as a telephone-operator on the international traffic into and out of England, came to tell me that he had discovered that my telephone was being "tapped". I told him that I had always assumed that this was so, and that frequently, during 'phone conversations, I informed the other party to that effect.

Finally, at *Item No. VI*, we give the text of a further letter, dated March 9, 1991, from Mr. Olsen, containing, as readers will note, a very important correction for insertion into his earlier letter of February 4, 1991, to me.

DAYLIGHT UFO PHOTOGRAPHS FROM ARKANSAS (1989)

By Thomas M Olsen (Phoenix, Arizona)

A business woman of Little Rock, Arkansas, who prefers to remain anonymous, photographed a spheroidal object from the parking lot of her office building, on Friday, October 27, 1989, at approximately 2:45 PM. The object descended rapidly, hovered momentarily, and disappeared almost instantaneously into the glare of the sun. She carries a 110-format LeClic camera, serial number 17294, in her handbag and used it to obtain two 11 x 8.8 cm color prints. Figs. 1 and 2 show black-and-white enlargements of the object made from those prints. The two images are magnified equally; the major axis of the image in Fig. 2 is 4.0 mm long on the original color print. The weather was exceptionally clear. Thruout the sighting, the object was only about 30° away from the sun, making it difficult to use the viewfinder. The two color originals show the typical effects of glare and reflection inside the camera lens and shutter. Some of this has been cropped from the two enlargements.

For Fig. 1, the object was almost overhead and the witness is certain she was observing the perfectly round, flat base of something metallic. The object then descended directly toward her, appearing more ovular. "As it began to hover" she said, "it seemed to bow toward me. Almost simultaneously it dropped its rear portion, while the front raised, or appeared to." By then she had taken the photo enlarged in Fig. 2. She lowered the camera to advance the film, trying to keep the object in view. "It began heading slightly left and up, streaking directly into the sun, all of which occurred before I could wind and get the camera back to my eye." Her time estimates: from first sight to closest approach: 20 - 25 seconds; ascent phase: 2 - 3 seconds.

The object is tilted down to the left in Fig. 2 but her statements about altitude changes, as the object approached — "bowed, raised, dropped" — refer, she explained, to pitch in the aeronautical sense: rotation about a horizontal axis thru the object, perpendicular to her line of sight.

The witness is unable to quantify the distances. "I will say, however, that (for the two photos) the object was as high and as large as a medium-sized airplane." As to what item held at arm's length would just cover the object, "Fig. 1: the head of a ball point pen. Fig. 2: a match head." These angular size estimates were reviewed by this investigator, with the witness, at the site. In comparison, our sun and moon appear somewhat smaller than an aspirin tablet at arm's length.

The bright spot in each photo is from specular reflection of the sun at the object's surface. The position of this spot in Fig. 2 seems too far off center to actually be from the object. However, the original photographs do show a thin line of contrast in the equatorial position, suggesting some unresolved, outboard structure at the reflection point.

The witness went on: "It didn't appear to spin or rotate continually like something on an axis, but... as the (front side) lifted, the shape of the sun's reflection... changed and (the object) seemed to turn a few degrees from right to left. There was no nose or rear to it however, no fore or aft such as one would find on a ship or plane. And (I saw) no identifying marks or structures on the outside."

In the original photographs, the object seems colorless, only reflecting some of the background: reddish

in Fig. 1 and grey in Fig. 2. To the naked eye, "At its high point, it seemed to have a slight red cast but, as it approached me, it took on a more silvery hue."

Another marginally visible detail of interest appears in the originals of Fig. 1 and 2. It may not be visible in the printed version of this article. At the 12:00 o'clock position in Fig. 1, where in the sceptic's mind a model would be suspended, the object seems thinly connected to a darker, cloud-like area above. When the negative of this enlargement is viewed instead, the eye and brain do not see this connection. Thus, it may be an illusion. However, in Fig. 2, where the top of the elliptical outline would be tangent to a line drawn horizontally across the photo, a short vertical line, thinner than that of Fig. 1, intersects the object. This thin line appears reddish-brown in the original of Fig. 2. Sceptics who suggest a suspended model please note that a vertical line would not intersect the centroid of a homogeneous body. I.e., the model would not be in static equilibrium.

The witness stipulated anonymity because of the circumstance under which the sighting occurred:

"I was in my office; I was signalled; I was further compelled to go outside and search. I sensed what was happening; I scanned the sky and, at first sight of a tiny flash or glimmer, I readied my camera."

She further characterizes the "signal":

(This) is the best word... to describe that I was made aware of a presence... It (was like) a series of sensations... a high frequency... sound in my ears... the clue that something was happening. Then, without question, there was an intuitive, compelling urge to go outside and watch the sky. The instant and absolute knowledge that it was intended for me to witness something... If I had to boil it down, I couldn't say it was verbal or images, but it was... sound that I could hear, that transposed into knowledge."

While the event was triggered by telepathic impression, none was experienced after the object was sighted. But during the sighting, the sensation of high-frequency sound continued, "resembling electricity pulsing through a conductor, only more intense."

The witness is confident in her estimate of sighting duration, and in the recall of her personal activities immediately before and after the sighting.

No attempt has been made to locate other witnesses. "There was no one in the parking lot and I saw no cars for quite some time on a normally heavily-travelled street, one of the busiest in Little Rock. I have not discussed... this with anyone (else) except (an associate who is an M.D.) and that was days afterward. No one who would normally be in the area for work or other reason has mentioned anything to me."

The sole witness was 40 years old at the time, a high school graduate, originally from Canada, and attended Northeastern University in Boston. Her business is large enough to require a staff of employees and allows time to pursue an avocation of writing and social studies. Previously, she had little familiarity with the UFO literature and no prior sightings. *But she recalls, and related to this investigator, at least three occurrences since childhood in which she experienced the same high-frequency sound while observing a humanoid figure, indoors, in her immediate vicinity. It is slender, about 165 cm. tall, appearing invariably in a hooded space suit; the face is not visible.*



Fig. 1. Initial appearance.

Her parents were present on one occasion but the figure entered the room behind an open door and stood there, hidden from them.

These seemingly paranormal experiences were very disturbing and several years ago she sought professional help for explanation. That was effective: "I'm ready (now) and, though it's still somewhat frightening to me, I am able to embrace (the phenomenon) from both a rational and a more secure standpoint."

Acknowledging the common and identifying sensation of high-frequency sound, the witness, and this investigator, both believe that the present sighting was orchestrated to convince the witness of the reality of the on-going phenomenon and her affinity to the agency involved.

"I believe that... it was intended for me to experience this... There is... no doubt in my mind, from the way the object acted, that it was manipulated or controlled from within itself... I know that this object or craft was... not conducive to or similar to any

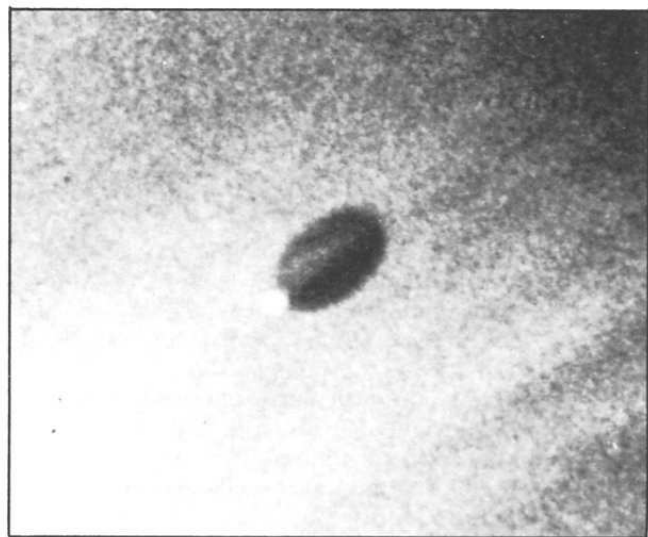


Fig. 2. Closest approach.

successful means of transport familiar to or created by humans."

She believes the object was occupied by humanoid entities.

The series of telephone calls made by the witness in attempting to report her sighting included calls to Little Rock Air Force Base and other U.S. Government offices. She subsequently received a return call from a man who claimed association with NPBB, *New Project Blue Book*. He said he was one of 138 people assembled from the former *Project Blue Book* and expressed interest in her photographs. We know, of course, that superficially, the *Project Blue Book* at Wright-Patterson AFB never staffed more than about six.

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(Signed): Thomas M. Olsen Date: March 15, 1990.

II. Mr. Olsen's Letter of May 21, 1990.

Phoenix,
Arizona.
May 21, 1990.

Dear Mr. Creighton, — Enclosed is a copy of additional information just arrived from the witness in "*Daylight Photos from Arkansas*". I offer the lady's letter, dated May 2nd, to you freely for whatever use you wish to make of it. (I prefer that you protect the witness's identity until after the promised event).

At the time that I wrote my article on the case for you, the witness confided to me that she had "intuitive knowledge" (*sic*) of a forthcoming major landing, outside of the U.S.A., but she felt that to reveal details of it would jeopardize her opportunity to experience it. Now, obviously, she has gathered the necessary courage to give those details.

As I look back on my own experience with UFO

reports, I find that things about which I was sceptical at first are now generally accepted. Here, in the present case, everything depends upon the witness's two photographs, *which seem genuine*. Therefore, I feel I must accept the rest of her testimony. At least I am convinced that she does believe that the promised event will actually occur.

The Soviet News Agency (TASS) is currently gathering material on UFO sightings in the U.S.A., and it was tempting to pass this one on to their reporter. However, I did not do so and I have not told anyone else about this case.

Sincerely,

(Signed): Thomas M. Olsen

III. The lady's predictions

Little Rock
May 2, 1990

Dear Mr. Olsen, — In September of this year (1990), during the time spanning from the 10th through the 20th of that month, there will be a major landing of significant proportions. *The landing will involve several*

controlled airborne craft not of human design. The significance of the landing will be centered around an intentional exposure for the purpose of validating existence. Whether or not there will be verbal or

physical contact is not clear to me. However I am aware that the exposure will *not* be confined to selected individuals.

There will be several craft, each of equal proportions, each quite visible, landing along a shore-line and slightly inland, and spanning a distance of approximately 165 kilometers. The landing will occur during the late afternoon hours, on the Island of Newfoundland, and, more precisely, on the Avalon Peninsula, which I believe is around 53 degrees North Latitude, 48 degrees West Longitude, approximately. *The most obvious of the landings will occur at a location known as Signal Hill, in St. John's, the Capital City.*

The group of craft will approach from the East, having first been sighted in Ireland, and will arrive at the Island from low over the water.

I plan on departing for Newfoundland on or around the 27th of this month (May 1990) with my arrival anticipated on or about the 1st of June, when I may or may not take up residence at St. John's. I know I will be there for at least 4 to 5 months. I plan on having plenty of film and a good 35-millimeter camera as well

as my recording equipment. If you have anticipated further contact with me prior to the 27th please don't hesitate. Once in Newfoundland I will apprise you of a post-box and phone number.

I realize that in being somewhat definitive in relating the aforementioned to you, or anyone else for that matter, I'm going out on a limb, but I feel it's time for me to open up to my "intuitive knowledge" and start putting myself to the test. You may feel free from this point on to share everything with whomever you wish.

In summation, if I understand your last correspondence, you have submitted to a publication in Europe who's editor is initialled G.C., and the postcard was confirmation. Correct?

Take care, and wish me luck on my journey,
Sincerely,

(Name withheld, and placed in confidential files of FSR)

*The coordinates for St. John's are 47°35N, 52°40W _
Editor, FSR.

IV.

IAA

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PROJECT COMMANDER R. LANGLEY, SER.# 1924068A

TO: IAA N. REGION COMMANDER T. MATLIN.
STAT:REF CODE 22350 C. CODE SAR=M-201, IAA LEVEL 5 COMM NETWORK
LONDON, ENGLAND VIA BOSTON

DATE: AUG. 6, 1990

TIME: 1500 HRS

REF: SIGHTING AND PHOTOGRAPHS OF XT OBJECT, OCT.25, 1989.
SOUTHERN SIGHTING.

READ: VALIDITY CONFIRMED BY IAA OFFICIALS*PRINTED MATTER RELATING TO UFOIRC/_ CORRESPONDENCE INDICATES T. OLSON, UFO INVESTIGATIVE RESEARCH CENTER HEAD, AT PHOENIX AZ., SOLE RECIPIENT OF PHOTOGRAPHIC PRINTS OF XT OBJECT. NEW EVIDENCE OF EXISTENCE OF COMPUTER ENHANCED PRINTS CONFIRMED-STOP-PAST PRESENT AND FUTURE INFORMATION FORTHCOMING NOW AT LEVEL 5 SECURITY*NO REPEAT NO PERSONNEL BELOW L5 CLEARANCE PRIVY TO DATA-STOP-FEMALE SUBJECT UNCOOPERATIVE*WILL GIVE NO ANSWERS WILL RELEASE NO INFO*WHEREABOUTS OF NEGATIVES UNKNOWN EXCEPT TO -STOP-AGENT DALE'S SUCCESS AT CAPTURING DOCUMENTATION CONFIRMS SUSPECTED INVOLVEMENT OF FOLLOWING AGENCIES AS EVIDENCED BY ENCLOSURES:UFO INFORMATION RETRIEVAL CENTER, T.OLSEN, PHOENIX, NEW PROJECT BLUEBOOK, W. PITTS, FT. SMITH AR, TASS, WASHINGTON BUREAU FSR, G. CREIGHTON, KENT, ENGLAND-STOP-ALSO CONFIRMS INFO EXCHANGE BETWEEN INVOLVED PARTIES AND LITTLE ROCK AIR FORCE BASE, AFC CAMP AND SGT. HARPER, AND ADAMS FIELD, L.R., CONTACT UNKNOWN. -STOP-TASS AGENTS CURRENTLY GATHERING MATERIAL IN U.S.A.-STOP-WILL ATTEMPT TO ACCESS PHOTO ORIGINALS AND NEGATIVES AHEAD OF SAME-STOP-ALL INDICATIONS ARE THAT PHOTOS ARE GENUINE-STOP-ANALYSIS OF DATA AND RELATED INCIDENTS INDICATES PROBABLE CONVERGENCE OF AGENCIES, ON SEPTEMBER DATES 1990, ON AVELON PENINSULA AT 48° LONGITUDE 53° LATITUDE FOR MULTIPLE SIGHTING-STOP-POSSIBILITY THAT ONE OR MORE AGENCIES WILL ATTEMPT

TO TRANSPORT . . . TO LOCALE-STOP-IDENTICAL COPIES OF ENCLOSURES
SANS OMISSIONS Routed THROUGH IAA LEVEL 6 COMM
NETWORK-STOP-REPEAT-FURTHERING ATTEMPTS TO SECURE NEGATIVES AND
PHOTOS BELIEVED TO BE IN . . . POSSESSION-STOP-ATTENTION: IT IS
IMPERATIVE THAT NO BROADCAST OR PRINT MEDIA BE PRIVY TO ANY
INFORMATION REGARDING THIS MATTER. PUBLIC INTERFERENCE COULD
CAUSE PROBLEMS. IDENTITY AND LOCATION IS STILL BEING
GUARDED BY IRC, FSR AGENCIES BUT-BE ALERT TO POSSIBLE IAA
LEAKS-STOP-STOP CODE L5-22-----END

V. Mr. Olsen's Letter of 4 February, 1991.

Phoenix,
Arizona

Dear Mr. Creighton: _ In reply to your 24 January 1991 request for comment on the "IAA Document" which you enclosed, I suspect it is spurious, for the following reasons:

- 1) It purports to be a field agent's report to headquarters but reads like an open letter: "validity confirmed by IAA Officials";
- 2) It appears to be the work of an individual, betrayed by his/her home word processor, rather than technical product of an organizational communication system: "stop" is used inconsistently thruout and, for a telegram, space-wasting right-justification;
- 3) Intelligence organizations are always careful to protect identity of field agents, yet "Agent Dale" is mentioned;
- 4) "Secret" documents don't usually leak out; they are planted as disinformation.

On the positive side, the author of this document has certainly reviewed carefully the correspondence between me and the subject witness, and her conversations with trusted acquaintances, which she confided to me. Also, the witness's name fits appropriately at the censor gaps.

If the document is bogus, who wrote it? The witness herself? I think not. She has told me of these individuals' interest in this case, especially the photographs:

- 1) A wealthy German lady, who is an M.D. and whose name I have in confidence. The witness told me on 13 December 1990 that the doctor had shown her the same "Intercontinental Aerospace Alliance" communiqué. (I did not see a copy of this, however, until you provided one with your 24 January 1991 note.) In one social visit, the doctor left two "self-enhancement and weight-loss" cassette tapes, which seemed to cause memory loss, (perhaps thru subliminal suggestion), and is suspicious;
- 2) A man who claimed association with "NPB, *New Project Blue Book*";
- 3) A General William Odom, retired;
- 4) A William Jackson, "USSR governmental procedures";
- 5) A man who identified himself as being from the offices of the State Capitol;

- 6) A distinguished-looking, white-haired man, 50-55, well-dressed, who approached the witness in a restaurant, saying an associate had told him about her photographs. Witness believes this same man waved to her from a windowless white multiple-antenna van parked outside her apartment;
- 7) Rob Langley, a radio program host (with same initial and surname as "IAA document" sender), who discussed this case with Wendelle C. Stevens (Writer on "Contactees" William J. Herman, and Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo) and with Al Bealic. (I had not seen the latter name before; witness says Bealic advised Langley "from sources" that IAA exists secretly, funded by every major government, with about 2500 staff, for UFO cover-up).
- 8) Finally, the witness has at various times expressed anxiety about possible 'phone taps after, as noted in my article, having initially called the several military bases and government agencies in the sighting area.

Obviously, we have here all the necessary characters and intrigue for a major mystery novel. If I were Whitley Strieber, I would go for it!

Is the IAA real? Over the years, I have avoided pursuing such questions. Consider the effort expended to date authenticating MJ-12! Personally, I find more satisfaction in studying actual sighting reports for scientific content and possible engineering application.

I have been wrong before in underestimating the importance and significance of new UFO revelations, but I prefer to err here on the side of caution: if this is a counterfeit document and we accept it as an IAA existence proof, we shall certainly be embarrassed later.

Sincerely,

(Signed): Thomas M. Olsen

P.S.: because you are a polyglot*, I offer you this mysterious phrase which the witness received from California on a piece of parchment in a plain white business envelope:

Sa: BESEY MA GIDEO SHUMBA SHOLMAS KA HEMALEY HELEY.

*No, Sorry! It looks like the usual terminal male bovine excremental product to me. I expect the language is "Venusian". (It usually is.) G.C.

VI. Mr. Olsen's Letter of March 9, 1991

Dear Mr. Creighton,

Corrigendum to my letter of 4 February 1991:

THE witness, on receiving her copy of the subject letter, advises me that I erred in the name of the radio announcer. It is Rob *Early**, not Rob Langley. Thus, there should be no confusion with the name of the "IAA document" sender.

I regret any complications this may have caused.

Sincerely,

Thomas M. Olsen,
Phoenix, Arizona 85051
March 9, 1991.

*As we have already mentioned, we understand that Mr. Robert Early, whose name is well known in the field of UFO investigations, is an official of Radio Station KBIS-AM in Little Rock, Arkansas. And, as we have already mentioned, we have spoken to Mr. Early about this case, and we have received his statement that, on the whole, he is inclined to view the "IAA Document" as more likely to be genuine. EDITOR, FSR.

VII. Final word on the case

MR. Olsen informs me (June 1991) that, curiously enough, the lady never did set out for Newfoundland as she had told him she intended to do! But we do not know why. *Maybe the "IAA" simply terrorized her into desisting from her plan?*

Nor do we know of any reports of sightings or landings of UFOs in Newfoundland in September 1990 (which naturally enough *does not mean that there were none.*)

So, here again, we trust that our U.S. and Canadian readers will let us know about any information that they have on such happenings. If my memory serves me correctly, I think that Mr. Robert Early also told me, when I telephoned to him in mid-June 1991, that he had no information regarding reports of any UFO sightings or landings said to have occurred in the St. Johns area of Newfoundland in the Autumn of 1990.

CRASHED DISC REPORTS AND DEAD CREW REPORTS; THE VERY NUB OF THE UFO PHENOMENON

By Gordon Creighton

As most of our readers are no doubt aware, a great Argument has raged for many years in the United States about the numerous reports of crashed alien discs and small crew members (usually dead, but two or three are alleged to have been captured alive).

Unquestionably, in our opinion, the most reliable authority on this entire problem of crashed discs and their crews is the veteran U.S. investigator Leonard Stringfield, of 4412 Grove Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 455227, because he has devoted many years of concentrated research to this key facet of our entire problem. *Since 1978 he has devoted no less than five Status Reports to it, and he informs me that at present (June 1991) he is engaged in writing the sixth!*

If FSR had had sufficient pages, and if we had had sufficient resources, we would have asked Mr. Stringfield for his permission to reprint in FSR every one of these *Status Reports* long ago. As things stand, we have so far managed to publish only *Status Report I* dated July 1978, which we gave in full in FSR 25/4, 25/5, 25/6 (1979), and *Status Report II* (1980), which we gave in FSR 28/1, 28/2, 28/3, 28/4, 28/5 (1982-1983).

We understand that the original limited American editions of all the *Status Reports* will long ago have been sold out. But we have Mr. Stringfield's authority to continue to put out British issues of all of them in due course, and had it not been for the additional recent congestion due to such matters as the big Russian and Belgian UFO Waves, we would certainly have hoped to

be much further ahead by now than we are. Nevertheless, we shall do our best.

In addition to the work of Mr. Stringfield, there are also *three books* on this "vexed problem" of crashed discs and "deadies"; and we would urge everyone who can to read them. I list them below:-

1. Frank Scully: BEHIND THE FLYING SAUCERS. (1950 U.S. and British editions). The British publisher was Gollancz, and he issued it twice. In the entire history of "Ufology" probably nobody (with the exception of Adamski) has ever been mocked and ridiculed so much as poor Frank Scully, a man who had previously written nothing but lightweight stuff about the world of Stage and Variety, but who, by mere chance, stumbled at a very early date upon the story of one of the first crashed discs. He may have got some of the details of the story wrong. *No matter!* The fact remains that we now know he seems to have got *most* of it right! And we know that, in 1953, after his retirement from the Air Force, Captain Edward Ruppelt, the officer in charge of *Project Blue Book*, told Scully: **"Confidentially, of all the books that have been published about flying saucers, your book was the one that gave us the most headaches because it was closest to the truth!"**

2. Charles Berlitz and William Moore: THE ROS-