

We would believe, furthermore, that there was, somewhere up in the sky, a "Dwelling-place of the Gods," with immense doors that "roared" when they opened, and that their opening and closure were controlled by the Hours, that is to say by the taking of an astronomical bearing — just like the way in which our space-craft are guided. And all this accompanied by the emission of clouds.

Everyone is at liberty to explain it all after his own fashion.

#### Notes

1. ἀστερόεντα
2. χάλκεον
3. αὐτόματος, plural αὐτόματοι
4. αὐτοματοί τρίποδες
5. anse in French. (Rendered as *handle* in case of a jug or a basket, and sometimes as *ear* in the case of a pitcher or a jug—G.C.)
6. τῆς ἐν μὲν νοοῦ ἐδίττα μετὰ φρεοῖν
7. νεήμιον
8. αὐτόματος (masc.), αὐτόματον (neuter.)
9. Πύλαι
10. αὐτόματα

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A new bulletin has been launched by the Société Belge d'Etude des Phénomènes Spatiaux as an accompaniment to their journal INFORESpace, which is recognised as one of the best in the field. SOBEPS NEWS, a mimeographed production, consists of a selection of articles from the journal, translated into English for the benefit of foreign students of the UFO subject who have difficulty with French.

SOBEPS hopes that the NEWS will help towards the attainment of a stronger link with groups scattered across the globe, to whom they extend an invitation to exchange correspondence, articles and ideas for publication in INFORESpace (and thereby afford the French-speaking groups an opportunity to become better acquainted with the rest of the world's UFO activities.

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# KEYHOE: THE CIA EXPOSED

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MAJOR KEYHOE'S latest book, *Aliens from Space* (Panther paperback 1975), is a minor classic. Classic because it contains an important and detailed analysis of an old suspicion. Minor because it fails to take account of new trends in the subject and the alternative possibilities.

The great merit of the book is its painstaking treatment of the censorship campaign that has been mounted against public recognition of the UFO phenomenon by the USAF and then the CIA. Keyhoe traces the whole story with such fresh detail that the calculated development of a censorship programme seems finally to have been pinned down and exposed. In this respect, the book updates Captain Ruppelt's *The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects* which is now twenty years old.

Most interesting perhaps, is Keyhoe's explanation of CIA involvement. It seems that, in April 1952, the then Secretary of the Navy, Dan Kimball, sighted two discs from his executive plane en route to Hawaii, and, after filing a report, received an unsatisfactory reply from the Air Force. He consequently issued instructions that the Navy was to set up its own investigation programme which was to be independent of the one run by the USAF. To make matters worse, a Navy aviation photographer filmed a UFO formation near Tremonton, Utah, in July 1952, and, after agreeing to hand over only a copy of the film to the Air Force, Navy experts examined the original and pronounced that it showed no unknown objects under intelligent control.

By this time, the CIA was determined to stop

Kimball and their opportunity came when he was replaced by a Republican after Eisenhower's victory in November 1952. But, fearing another showdown with the Navy and suspecting the inefficiency of the Air Force, the CIA decided that the time had come for them to take over and to administer a ruthless censorship programme. Since that time, many, who have honestly reported a UFO experience, have paid with their reputations if the publicity suddenly got out of hand.

The pity about Keyhoe's work is his unflinching certainty that UFOs are extraterrestrial hardware and that the UFO phenomenon is wholly explicable as a physical one. Although his book contains an interesting chapter on "Giant Spaceships" which might tend to support his views, Keyhoe's unwavering conviction that this is what UFOs are, his implied reluctance to contemplate the more bizarre contactee cases, and his failure even to consider recent theories which offer alternatives to the simple explanation of extraterrestrial surveillance, detract from the overall merit of the book. Moreover, Keyhoe's suggestion for a "Project Lure" — "an isolated base with unusual structures and novel displays, designed to attract the UFO aliens' attention" — seems unfortunately fanciful, especially since Keyhoe optimistically states that "it may take a few days" for a UFO to land.

His invaluable account of the censorship programme should nevertheless make this book compulsory reading for those interested in the subject.

# UFO WITNESSES AND FIELD INVESTIGATORS

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A LOGIC MATRIX is a useful device in helping sort out all possible combinations of elements of some situation and can also be instructive in guiding one into new insights. One such matrix diagram is presented in Figure 1. Although the matrix is applied to the subject of UFO field investigator and witness factors it may be applied to many other areas as well. Then a single cell of Figure 1 is amplified in Figure 2 in the form of an "event tree." Again, the diagram is meant to illustrate a useful methodology for the reader's future use as much as it is for the present purpose of analyzing UFO witness responses.

A simple 2 by 2 matrix is presented in Figure 1 where the horizontal axis represents the physical stimulus (in this case an unknown aerial object) and the vertical axis represents whether or not it was perceived. Of course there are at least two subdivisions of each axis as shown. Use of this simple matrix can be illustrated with the following analysis. Let the "Physical Phenomenon" be an unidentified flying object (UFO). It is either present [cell (A) or (C)] or it was not present at a given time and place [cell (B) or (D)]. Similarly, an observer may have experienced the UFO [cell (A) or (B)] or he may not have experienced it [cell (C) or (D)]. Let us consider each of these four cells separately.

What is usually meant by a "credible," "good," "reliable" UFO witness is a person who would always be found within cell (A). Unfortunately, people are not always good witnesses. For instance, they perceive things that are not physically present, such as dreams and hallucinations. Such individuals would fall in cell (B). Then there are those persons who mistake or misinterpret a physical phenomenon as being something else, like seeing a mirage in the desert. These individuals fall in cell (B) but for a different reason than just given.

Then there are those people who, for various reasons, would not notice a barn if they were inside it! They either do not want to perceive aspects of physical reality, or can not, for various deep-seated psychological reasons. These individuals fall in cell (C).

Now the important question may be raised, how does one select people who are likely to be good UFO field investigators and who will fall in cells (A) and (D)? A few suggestions are given next.

A good UFO field investigator should be chosen for his natural curiosity. This curiosity should be directed towards understanding the true nature, source, and human implications of the UFO phenomena. He should rely upon a flexible balance of traditional scientific methodology and creative

philosophy. He should also possess emotional stability, maturity, and a friendly disposition. Such personality traits will help insure the maximum amount of witness co-operation and concentration (in circumstances that are often filled with anxiety, fear, and emotion). These qualities in the investigator will also tend to calm and assure the witness and further gain his confidence. The witness will also be more likely to accept the sometimes probing questions that must be asked about the events of the sighting if the investigator displays a certain degree of "objective poise."

Other traits that would seem to point towards cell (A) [and also (D)] type field investigators include alertness and perceptiveness toward the subtle behavioral cues of the witness. Valuable background information bearing upon the credibility of a witness may be obtained through alertness. Also, the field investigator should be well equipped to conduct the field measurements that should accompany the field interview. The author has dealt with this subject in a previous series of articles in the APRO Bulletin.<sup>1</sup> The good field investigator must take more than just his measurement and recording equipment into the field. He must also take a respectable intellectual capacity with him as well so that he can answer questions put to him by the witness, the press, and others. *His credibility must be particularly high!* Of course there are many other traits and capabilities of a good UFO field investigator; however, their discussion lies outside the scope of this article. Let us return to Figure 1.

Matrix of all Possible Combinations

		"Physical Phenomenon"	
		Present	Not Present
"Phenomenon Experienced"	Yes	cell (A)	cell (B)
	No	cell (C)	cell (D)

Figure 1