of the UFO from 2000 to 200 metres in only one second. At the very minimum this works out at an acceleration of 730 times that of gravity. Another report from the USA says a UFO climbed from 21,000 feet to 44,000 feet in 3.5 seconds. This corresponds with an acceleration of 117 times gravity. Only people from a different matter-system could withstand such accelerations.

Hence the advance in understanding achievable from an enlightened physics does not preclude the existence of UFOs. Indeed the mystery of our very existence no longer seems so inexplicable. Our bodies exist as a consequence of our own ethereal minds seeking means of expression. UFOs could exist for a similar reason. (R.D.P., July 30, 1992)

FOOTNOTES BY EDITOR, FSR.

(1) and (2) I have in my own library most of the key books regarding *Radionics*, including both *Abrams' Methods of Diagnosis and Treatment*, the original British publication on the subject by Sir James Barr, CBE, DL, FRSE, LLD, MD, FRCP, who in his time held most of the top positions and honours in British medicine, and was Honarary Physician to H.M. King George V. It was published in London in 1925 by William Heinemann (Medical Books) Ltd., and is today exceedingly rare -- no doubt because the usual steps have been taken to "make it rare." I also have Edward W. Russell's *Report on Radionics: Science Of The Future* (pub. by Neville Spearman, London, 1973), and Langston Day's and George de la Warr's *New Worlds Beyond The Atom* (published by Vincent Stuart, London, 1956)

George de la Warr, Abrams' first British follower, was, as many readers will know, persecuted and financially ruined by the controlling British "medical Mafia", just as, in the USA, Wilhelm Reich and Abrams' follower Ruth Drown, were destroyed -- in fact actually killed -- as a result of the action taken against them by U.S. Government departments operating on behalf of the Control Mafia.

These same forces, operating throughout the world, are still blocking the work of such people as Ronald Pearson. These forces are determined that mankind shall remain as ignorant as possible about many vitally important questions. For example -- they want mankind to be ill, and to be in need of help from the doctors and scientists and to be as dependent as possible on the doctors and scientists. But it is not so certain that they want to see anybody CURED.

Ultimately, of course, all of this is crushing evidence of the fact that at present the overwhelming power on this planet is the Satanic Power. Unfortunately for mankind, it has been *programmed* to be unaware of that cardinal fact.

(3) See Case No. 54 of my section, *The Humanoids In Latin America*, in *The Humanoids*, FSR's Compendium, edited by Charles Bowen and issued various times between 1967 and 1977. The case occurred on August 23, 1965, near Mexico City, when some students were allegedly taken for a flight in a huge disc, 50 metres wide, by tall fair-skinned beings allegedly from Ganymede, the third moon of Jupiter, who told the students that they controlled their numerous instruments by their own *thought-power*. ■

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didly speaks about the *Phobos* failure. He explains that the eventual loss of both spacecraft was almost a certainty. He claims that, "We actually built in failure from the start... The primary cause for their demise was that the designers had less than 3° years to complete the space craft... At least 6-7 years are required to prepare for such a complex and unique project. The rush to complete the Phobos spacecraft placed scientists, engineers, and industrial contractors under tremendous pressure... I am convinced that both were lost due to various defects in the design... and to low survivability." The loss took place when the spacecraft turned to photograph Phobos, this is when it broke its radio link with Earth. He concludes that, with hindsight, an additional independently steerable antenna might well have saved the mission.

Regarding Dr. Popovich's colossal cigar-shaped UFO, again,, we find plenty of room for a conventional explanation. On March 26, 1989, the day before a computer malfunction doomed *Phobos 2*, the probe made a limb-to-limb scan of Mars' surface. One of the high resolution pictures taken shows a cigar-shaped object with the 'tails' on the right side of the images being artifacts caused by Termoskan's scanning method (the photographing/scanning unit on the space probe*.

Is this Dr. Popovich's UFO? If so, it is regrettable

to note such a lack of research and objectivity in this case, particularly from someone who claims to have reliable contacts in the Soviet Politburo and to know the essence of both Presidents Gorbachev's & Bush's conversation during the Malta Summit!

* Sky and Telescope, February 1990.

STOP PRESS

Will readers please note two important points:-

- (1) In FSR 39/2 (p.20) we reproduced a warning about possibly faked photographs from Puerto Rico. We have now received a further report from Sr. & Sra. Freixedo (in whom we have the most complete trust) assuring us that this charge of hoaxing is simply part of a vicious campaign of defamation now being mounted by unscrupulous folk in Puerto Rico against the well-known and highly experienced UFO investigator Jorge Martíns. My provisional estimate is therefore that we should treat the charges as quite unproven, and await further developments.
- (2) Also in FSR 39/2 (Mailbag) we printed a letter from Lawrence Fenwick of C.U.F.O.R.N. about "a metallic alien implant" allegedly found in the Canadian lady Betty Stewart Dagenais. Mr. Fenwick has since written again to say that there were certain errors in his original report. It seems that a metallic implant was indeed found in her, but it was not examined by x-ray. We must await further developments, but in the meantime I quote part of his letter of September 1st, which is as follows:-
- "(1) The actual x-ray examination of the implant was done by a student and not by the Chairman of the University of Toronto's Metallurgical Dept.
- (2) The implant was not examined only the tissue surrounding it. The Chairman said that, if we tested the metal part of it, it would be warped or destroyed by the heat from the x-ray machine. When Betty Dagenais heard this (and she was present then), she said that she did not want the metal part tested but just the surrounding tissue.
- (3) The date of implanting was 1961: the date of its removal was March 7, 1988 (not 1989); and she was 72 when she died, not 74.

We shall try to get the use of an x-ray machine which will not destroy or damage the metal implant, and will publish the results and will send you a copy of our report.

Best wishes,

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THE LOSS OF THE SOVIET "PHOBOS II" PROBE TO MARS AND PHOBOS IN 1989

© By Victor J. Kean (Berlin)

In Zecharia Sitchin's article Are We Alone?: The Loss of the Mars Observer, and the Lessons of History, (FSR 38/3), reference was made to the strange fact that in 1988 the Soviets had launched two probes towards Mars and that both of them had also come to grief in some way.

FSR reader Victor J. Kean in Berlin has long taken a particular interest in the problems of Mars, and in the course of my routine correspondence with him I suggested — in March 1992 — that he might like to give us an article on the subject of *Phobos II*, and here it is. We have had it in our files since October 1992 and I have not managed to slip it into FSR until now. Victor Kean regretted that he could not offer more "substance" and I admit that as I have not myself been able to keep abreast of all these matters it may well be that by now some or most of what he says is out of date, in which case I proffer my apologies. However, the statements of the Soviet woman cosmonaut Marina Popovich are surely of importance and of permanent value, and as we have just published the Sitchin article I think the present is a good moment for us to put Mr. Kean's piece on record too. EDITOR, FSR.

aving heard that Jim Melesciuc, the editor of ORBITER (Reading, MA, USA) had published an article about the Phobos II affair, I wrote to him and asked for a copy, which duly reached me in April 1992. He also sent me copies of two photographs which he had published in SKY AND TELESCOPE for February 1990.

In his article, which I reproduce below, Jim Melesciuc says that all that was seen was "a giant shadow on the moon of Mars", and he gives an explanation for it.

However, those photographs of Jim Melesciuc bear no resemblance whatsoever to the photo that was given to Don Ecker by Soviet woman cosmonaut Marina Popovich, which showed a cylindrical object in a vertical position beneath the satellite Phobos. (I think that we can take it that this photograph is the one used by Zecharia Sitchin and reproduced by us as figure 1 on page 3 of FSR 38/3. ED., FSR.)

On April 25, 1992 I wrote back to Jim Melescuic enclosing a drawing taken from my video copy of the original CNN programme, and asked him for his comments. However, he has not replied — presumably because he now realizes that his article was based upon the wrong photographs. This leaves me with very little of substance on which to base a possible article by myself.

However, what Jim Melescuic has to say about the Soviet woman astronaut Maria Popovich, who is extremely well known for her long-standing involvement in Ufology, will always be of interest, so I enclose his article herewith.

PHOBOS 2 & MARINA POPOVICH'S UFO?

© By Jim Melesciuc, Editor of ORBITER

n May 27, 1991, Dr. Marina Popovich (Soviet Air Force Colonel — Retired) appeared on the CBS television program Hard Copy. The program gave a general overall view of Soviet UFO reports, ranging from photographs of aerial anomalies to a Kremlin/Washington coverup of the phenomenon.

Dr. Popovich, in one segment of her interview, spoke of a 1989 launch of two Soviet space probes to the planet Mars. These two probes were to take pictures of the red planet and transmit them back to Earth. She states that the first probe was a success but something strange occurred when the second probe, Phobos 2, passed close to the Martian moon — Phobos.

In the Hard Copy interview Dr. Popovich states, "when the probe passed close to Phobos, a satellite of Mars, it shot one picture and next to Phobos, close to Phobos, which in itself is 17 by 29 kilometers, there was a huge object that was 25 kilometers long and about 1° kilometers wide. It was a cigar-shaped object." (Ed. Comment: The Hard Copy program animated this event by showing a huge object covering the Martian moon from one end to the other. The object was viewed as the typical cigar-shaped object commonly seen throughout UFO literature). She added that the Russian probe shot one picture of a giant shadow on the moon of Mars and then it vanished. Furthermore, the Russians didn't say the spacecraft stopped working or it broke down. They say it just vanished.

Toward the conclusion of the interview, Dr. Marina Popovich emphasized that her sources in the Soviet Politburo confirmed her claim that, at the Malta Summit, Presidents Bush and Gorbachev had talked about what had happened near Mars.

So what are we to make of all these exclusive/ sensational claims from a Soviet Air Force Colonel (Ret.)? Is there room for conventional explanations?

Amusingly, we find Dr. Popovich's claims are inconsistent with those of Roald Z. Sagdeev, scientific director of the Phobos mission. In an interview he gave to the Soviet general interest science journal *Priroda* he can-