Mr. Chittock added that ideas similar to Pribram's had been proposed by David Bohm (an advanced scientific thinker quoted in recent *FSRs*). Bohm is professor of theoretical physics at Birkbeck College, London, and he "argues strongly for a *holistic* view of the universe".

Bohm "believes that the true nature of things is not reducible to fragments or particles — that we should learn to regard matter and life as one whole and coherent domain.

"This is also the essence of holistic medicine, which says you must treat the whole patient and his environment, not just the symptom."

Mr. Chittock made this bold forecast, echoing that BBC TV documentary (and our own judgements on the matter):-

"The subject is going to crop up much more in the future, and indeed has been covered in at least two television programmes in Britain in the past few weeks — one in an interview with Fritjof Capra, phy-

sicist and author of the best selling book *The Tao of Physics*.

"What they are all saying, effectively, is that the universe is just one big hologram and our brains function like a hologram within the hologram. In this domain, called by David Bohm the 'implicit order', we have the real nature of the universe, and other perceptions — relying on lenses or human eyes — are only a fragmented impression of reality, like indeed a photograph."

*A detailed theory on how the brain may operate as a hologram is given in the following book:- "Mind and the New Physics", by Prof. Alan Woolf (Heinemann, 1985, £14.95 hardback — or available in some libraries). This book, which covers most of the areas talked about by the "new" physicists, including parallel universes and the interconnection between the mind and the universe, will be reviewed shortly in FSR.

UFOS AND THE C.I.A.: THE EARLY YEARS

Dennis Stacy

It gives us great pleasure to publish this important article by Mr Dennis W. Stacy, who is the Editor of MUFON UFO JOURNAL. — Editor FSR

In the summer of 1947, Boise, Idaho, businessman Kenneth Arnold, while flying his private plane near Mt. Rainier, Washington, reported nine silvery, crescent-shaped objects skimming through the atmosphere at a high rate of speed.

Their motion, Arnold said, reminded him of "a saucer skipping over water". An alert AP reporter picked up the description and the phrase "flying saucers" was soon emblazoned in the Cold War consciousness between the Atom Bomb and the Iron Curtain, where it has remained ever since.

Arnold's solo sighting proved to be the snowball that launched an avalanche. Reports of similar mysterious flying objects poured in from both coasts and numerous points in between. The unenviable task of investigating such reports fell logically within the province of the nascent U.S. Air Force.* What were these Unidentified Flying Objects, or UFOs? Were they of extraterrestrial origin, or the product of advanced Soviet science, derived in turn from captured Nazi rocket technology?

In response to such questions, on December 30, 1947, Major General L.C. Craigie ordered the establishment of *Project Sign* at what became known as Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio. Operating under auspices of the Air Material Command's Technical Intelligence Division, *Project Sign*

was directed "to collect, collate, evaluate and distribute to interested government agencies and contractors all information concerning sightings and phenomena in the atmosphere which can be construed to be of concern to the national security". The project was given a 2A restricted classification security rating under a system which acknowledged 1A as the highest, or most secret, designation.

In the spring of the following year, three men from Wright-Patterson approached Dr. J. Allen Hynek, an astronomer then employed by Ohio State University in nearby Columbus. As Hynek recently recalled, "They said they needed some astronomical consultation because it was their job to find out what these flying saucer stories were all about." Hynek hired on as a consultant with the Air Force and remained in that capacity for over two decades as Sign evolved into Projects Grudge and Blue Book, the last ceasing official operation in December of 1969. "What the hell," added Hynek. "It sounded like fun, and besides, I would be getting a top secret security clearance out of it, too."

Hynek also got an insight into the way the Air Force tried to handle the growing UFO problem, or at least the increasing frequency of UFO reports. "I think their greatest mistake in the early days," said Hynek, "was not turning it over to the universities or some

academic group. They regarded it as an intelligence matter and it became increasingly more and more embarrassing for them to say 'Yes, there's something up there, but we're helpless.' They just couldn't do that, so they took the very human action of protecting their own interests. What they said was: 'we solved 96 per cent of the cases, and we could have solved the other four per cent if we had just tried hard enough.'"

It was Hynek's own experience of the Air Force's resolve to explain away all UFO sightings, no matter what the cost to their own credibility, that converted the astronomer from his initial position as a skeptic to that of the founder of the Center for UFOS Studies (CUFOS), and the author of several pro UFO phenomenon books, including "The UFO Experience." Hynek not only coined the phrase, "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," but served as technical consultant for the Steven Spielberg movie of the same name.

In 1948, however, Hynek's implied duty was to dismiss as many UFO reports to misidentified astronomical phenomena as he could. The bright planet Venus quickly became a major culprit. But other sightings were not so easily discredited and a minority of military personnel took these seriously. Minority intelligence opinion then divided into the two camps already mentioned, namely, those who saw UFOs as evidence of new Soviet technology, and those who thought they might be harbingers of an invasion by extraterrestrials.

The concerns of those who viewed UFOs in terms of a Soviet breakthrough were detailed in a curious "Top Secret" government document only declassified

as recently as March 5, 1985.

This document is "Air Intelligence Report No. 100-203-79," which was titled "Analysis of Flying Object Incidents in the U.S.", and compiled under the joint direction of the Directorate of Intelligence (Air Force) and Office of Navy Intelligence. On the front cover of the 26-page paper was the following proviso:

"WARNING: This document contains information affecting the national defense of the United States within the meaning of the Espionage Act, 50 U.S.C., 31 and 32, as amended. Its transmission or the revelation of its contents in any manner to an unauthorized person is prohibited by law. Reproduction of the intelligence in this publication, under the provisions of Army Regulation 380-5, is authorized for United States military agencies provided the source is indicated." The cover was stamped "Top Secret" at both top and bottom.

If UFOs were of Soviet origin, the authors of the document theorized, their presence over the United States could be tied to Russian interests as follows: "a) To negate U.S. confidence in the atom bomb as the most advanced and decisive weapon in warfare. b) To perform photographic reconnaissance missions. c) To test U.S. air defenses. d) To conduct familiarization flights over U.S. territory."

Though the emerging tendency was to discredit a Soviet flying saucer, the possibility continued to be seriously examined until the early 1950s, and may have, in fact, subsequently discolored official government policy toward the UFO phenomenon for the next four decades and down to the present day. The evidence for thinking so comes from a prestigious UFO panel convened on January 14, 1953, by the Central Intelligence Agency, a confab that came to be known as the Robertson Panel, after its Chairman Dr. H. P. Robertson, then Director of the Weapons Systems Evaluation Group in the Office of the Secretary of Defense, and also a CIA employee. The sequence of events leading directly to the Robertson Panel involved a series of UFO sightings over the nation's capitol in the summer of 1952, sightings confirmed by military personnel, including radar operators and scrambled interceptor pilots, and which themselves resulted in the largest post-WW II military press conference to that date. At the press conference itself, the repeated radar sightings were put down to "temperature inversions", and no mention of the scrambled jet fighters was made by attending Air Force officers.

The Panel became public knowledge a few years later with the publication of "The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects" by Captain Edward J. Ruppelt, former commander of Project Blue Book. When queried as recently as 1976, in a Freedom of Information Act request filed by William Spaulding of the Phoenix, Arizona-based Ground Saucer Watch, the CIA maintained that the Robertson Panel had been its one and only involvement with the subject of UFOs:

"In order that you may be aware (the CIA replied to Spaulding) of the true facts concerning the involvement of the CIA in the investigation of UFO phenomena, let me give you the following brief history. Late in 1952, the National Security Council levied upon the CIA the requirement to determine if the existence of UFOs would create a danger to the national security of the United States. The Office of Scientific Intelligence established the Intelligence Advisory Committee to study the matter. The committee made the recommendations found at the bottom of page 1 and the top four lines of page 2 of the Robertson Panel Report. At no time prior to the formation of the Robertson Panel and subsequent to the issuance of the Panel's report, has the CIA engaged in the study of the UFO phenomenon. The Robertson Panel Report is summation of the Agency's interest and involvement in this matter."

However, as detailed in "Clear Intent: The Government Cover-up of the UFO Experience," by Barry Greenwood and Lawrence Fawcett, now in its second printing from Prentice-Hall, following a lengthy legal battle the CIA subsequently released nearly 900 pages of UFO-related documents, several of which were prior to the Robertson Report, but the majority of which came afterwards. Although fascinating in their

own right, along with similar documents released by the FBI and various other intelligence gathering agencies, both civil and military, what concerns us here is the Robertson Panel itself and the tone it established

for future government policy toward UFOs.

Besides the esteemed Dr. Robertson, the Panel also included as members physicist Dr. Luis Alvarez, later a Nobel Laureate, Dr. Samuel Goudsmit, another physicist from Brookhaven National Laboratories who was an associate of Einstein's and had discovered electron spin, a former University of Chicago astronomer and then Deputy Director of the John Hopkins Operations Research office, Dr. Thornton Page, and finally Dr. Lloyd Berkner, yet another physicist and one of Brookhaven's directors. As far as scientific credentials were concerned, the CIA-sponsored Robertson Panel came armed to the teeth and gums. Certainly the presence of such intellectual luminaries on the Panel indicated that everyone involved, the CIA included, was taking the subject matter as of the most pressing importance.

Both Ruppelt and Hynek sat in on certain sessions, but as advisors or lecturers, not official members of the Panel. Ruppelt described *Blue Book*'s methodology, while Hynek reported on an ongoing UFO statistical study then being conducted by the Battelle Memorial Institute, one of the nation's more prestigious 'think tanks'. The Panel was also addressed by other CIA and Air Force personnel who reviewed some 20 of the better UFO cases and showed 2 film strips of alleged flying saucers, one of which purportedly portrayed objects characterized as "self-luminous" by no less an authoritative source than the Navy's Photograph Interpretation Laboratory, which had spent over 1000 hours analyzing the particular

Yet for all their scientific expertise, when it came time to pass along their recommendations, this panel of physicists and other distinguished scientists had its greatest impact in areas which had nothing to do with hardcore data collection and processing, but referred instead to matters of national security which fell more under the domain of 'soft' disciplines like psychology

and sociology.

movie film in question.

In short, the Robertson Panel ruled "That the evidence presented on Unidentified Flying Objects shows no indication that these phenomena constitute a direct (my emphasis — author) physical threat to national security." So UFOs as the vanguard of an extraterrestrial invasion fleet were out. And even though this ruling is still considered in contention by some contemporary UFO researchers, it was the Panel's second conclusion that forever framed it in notoriety, for while Robertson et al. decreed no national security threat from the UFO phenomenon itself, its members did see a real and distinct danger posed by UFO reports!

In the Panel's own words, it concluded "That the

continued emphasis on the reporting of these phenomena, in these perilous times, results in a threat to the orderly functioning of the protective organs of the body politic." To paraphrase Roosevelt, the CIA-sponsored Robertson Report was telling the government (and military) that "we had nothing to fear but fear itself". By way of modern analogy, imagine a top level conclave of the American Medical Association telling its members they had more to fear from reports of AIDS, than from the actual disease. The body politic's immune system, then, was being readied not to ward off malicious UFO microbes, but the very idea of such microbes.

"We cite as examples (of such danger)," the Panel continued, "the clogging of channels of communications by irrelevant reports, the danger of being led by continued false alarms to ignore real indications of hostile action, and the cultivation of a morbid (my emphasis — author) national psychology in which skilful hostile propaganda could induce hysterical behaviour and harmful distrust of duly constituted authority" (my emphasis again)." In layman's terms, UFO reports constituted a potential soft spot in the collective national consciousness which might be subject to manipulation by the Soviets.

"In order," the Report went on, "most effectively to strengthen the national facilities for the timely recognition and the appropriate handling of true indications of hostile action, and to minimize the concomitant dangers alluded to above, the Panel

recommends:

a. That the national security agencies take immediate steps to strip the Unidentified Flying Objects of the special status they have been given and the aura of mystery they have unfortunately (sic) acquired;

b. That the national security agencies institute policies on intelligence, training, and public education designed to prepare the material defenses and the morale of the country to recognize most promptly and to react most effectively to true indications of hostile

intent or action."

In one fell swoop, UFOs were shunted aside as a potential scientific conundrum, or area of investigation, and relegated instead to another contentious Cold War datum, one which might be deftly manipulated by our enemies. What's more, a distinguished panel that was supposed to rule on the scientific validity of the subject also found itself engaged in psychological programming of the masses.

*Foreign readers must bear in mind that the U.S. Air Force had previously been part of the U.S. Army. — Editor FSR

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: A LETTER FROM A BRITISH READER IN THE DEFENCE FIELD

Dear Mr Creighton,

Persons like ourselves, I am afraid, seem to lead the life of a sort of castaway, unable to discuss "our subject" with about 99% of the world's population. Apart from my wife, who is a sympathetic listener, I sometimes feel (to quote the late Captain Ruppelt, USAF, Head of *Project Bluebook*) "like the President of Antarctica on a non-expedition year".

As I attempted to stress in my previous letter, I am positive that this inhibition is organized and planned to a high level of mind-control, and I believe that this control has been effective since the beginning of Mankind.

The human brain is very closely analogous to the principles of a digital computer, and, since the average human uses only about 8% of the brain's capacity, it is not difficult to see how it can easily be programmed from an outside source.

I have realized for some time that the USAF's *Project Bluebook* was nothing more than a public relations front. Ruppelt was conned, left, right, and centre, receiving only the 'explainable stuff', with the occasional carrot thrown in, the 'real McCoy' stuff being passed on to Air Defence Command.¹

As you have so rightly said in FSR, although some reports, doctored or not, have been released now under the so-called Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) it is the NSA (National Security Agency) who hold the keys to the safe, and we won't get much out of THEM. I read somewhere that one investigator, hot on the trail of documents released under the FOIA was told: "Oh, yes — those documents are declassified now, but they are kept in a classified building, so you can't get in". (Or words to that effect.) Catch 22! End of story!

It seems to me absolutely ludicrous that some of the most illiterate peasants on this planet (splendid fellows though they might be in their own environment) have been credited by the 'authorities' with having concocted some of the most complex UFO reports ever to have seen the printer's ink! Hollywood scriptwriters are wasting their time; they should be employing these guys instead!

I certainly agree with your opinion that these alien parasites exist here on a different vibratory level from us, associated, no doubt, with other areas of the electromagnetic band. I suspected this many years ago, long before I had read John Keel (*The Eighth Tower*, etc.)

I know also that this is the view of many others. You may be interested to see a section of a letter written to me by a colleague in Saudi Arabia about the article that you published in FSR 30/3 (Some Specula-

tions on "The Influence"). There is no doubt as to his opinion on the subject, and that was prior to his reading of Vallée's "Passport to Magonia".

I also agree that these entities are probably getting very worried about our own technology, seeing that we are making so much progress that — as they fear — we will inevitably soon stumble upon the truth of their existence. They may therefore be thinking of slapping us down before it is too late.

There was a time, of course, when they 'had never had it so good', with NO RADAR existing, NO MICROWAVES, NO NUCLEAR DEVICES, and NO ONE HERE WITH ANY KNOWLEDGE OF THEIR EXISTENCE.² They could come and go as they liked.

Now they have to be careful. In fact, I think they are panicking.

One thing which I think is important is the strong possibility — almost the certainty — that there are many levels of vibratory planes of existence, as postulated by Ouspensky. And on those various planes there could even be various species of aliens who are scrapping amongst themselves, especially as to who owns this planet.

Also, as the Head Devil says to his Assistant in *The Screwtape Letters*, "Our power lies in the fact that no one believes we exist". Thus we have a UFO-organized mind-control plan of campaign, which forces most of our people to reject the existence of UFOs, and accept any ludicrous alternative explanation. This plan has worked well for a long time, but it is gradually failing as time passes and as our own technology advances. This, I think, is the reason why they are panicking.³

It was very interesting to learn about your phone-calls, and I am pleased that you mentioned those incidents. They certainly provide proof of "their" control of our E-M spectrum, regarding which John Keel gave a warning years ago. But this control of theirs may now be slipping a bit, due to our own interference with the spectrum. Therefore we might have a danger point approaching, since we do not know their future plans. Possibly they might try to use one of the major powers (Soviets??) to gain world control, since that is consistent with their own mentality. (Reference your own Editorial in FSR 30/3.)

One point in which I am greatly interested concerns E-M radiation and MUSHROOMS. As you will recall, there were several articles in FSR a good many years ago about gigantic mushrooms found at UFO landing sites in Argentina and elsewhere in the world.

As I am employed by a well-known firm which manufactures radar-systems, I have access to certain restricted areas where my employers test high-power radars. As a result of this access which I have, I have personally collected extremely large mushrooms which I have found in the vicinity of our antennas. When I first found these giant mushrooms, I tested them carefully with a scintillation counter, and could find no trace of any Alpha, Beta, or Gamma radiation. These mushrooms were then eaten (grilled with butter).

The point I am making is that these mushrooms were found in the close vicinity of high-power EM radiation (pulsed), and provide substantial evidence that this type of fungus does thrive under such conditions. It seems to be significant that gigantic mushrooms have been found at UFO landing sites, obviously as a result of EM radiation of great power. I am afraid that we are not going to get away from this subject of pulsed EM radiation, which I believe will eventually crack the UFO phenomena.

As regards your article in FSR 29/1 (1983) on Jinns, I must tell you that I was working in Saudi Arabia at the time, and not only did I enjoy the article very much, but I also agreed with it. I remember thinking at

the time that you had really got something.

Anyway, I had a lot of Arab friends who were officers in the Saudi Air Force, and I took a chance and brought up the subject of Jinns with them. THEY KNEW ALL ABOUT THEM, and showed me where they are mentioned in the Koran. They also told me that Jinns had some power, or some sort of recognition in their own religious courts. I think this fully confirms the statement you made in your article.

Your own psychic experience about which you told me is very interesting, and I seem to recall having read somewhere that the Jinns appear to have an intense dislike for *iron*. This, I believe, was also mentioned by Jacques Vallée in *Passport to Magonia*. Because of this, I keep a powerful limpet magnet handy

at all times.

I have just received Budd Hopkins' book "Missing Time", and although I have not had time yet to absorb all its contents, the amount that I have read is fascinating. The abductors shown in his Fig. 15 can only be factory-produced clones⁴ or robots, and bear a striking similarity to the sketches produced by

Leonard Stringfield.

The latest FSR (30/6) was as interesting and enjoyable as ever, and the article on Jinns by the

Turkish Sufi very significant!

Yes — if our technology is approaching theirs, then they could indeed have plans to exterminate us all. Could this plan be to make us all susceptible to disease — hence the spread of AIDS?⁵. (After all, they aren't going to use bows and arrows, are they?!)

Yours sincerely

(Name and address on file)

October 3, 1985.

COMMENT

(1) No! Dr Hynek himself has given us details of very important cases that he knew had been the subject of official reports. Yet he could not find them in the Blue Book files! They must have gone direct to the National Security Agency (NSA). The USAF was only a front.

(2) Their existence, as our correspondent confirms, has always been a matter of common knowledge in the Islamic world. In the West, admittedly, few have known about them, but students of Occultism have always known. (But

of course who cares about such matters here!)

(3) There are certain features, which have come down to us in tradition and legend, which suggest that, in the past, more than one highly advanced phase of human civilization may have been terminated by them — "slapped

down" by them.

- (4) As regards "factory-produced clones or robots", I think the evidence for the existence of these preserved corpses, as claimed by Scully and Stringfield and others, is now very strong. The logical deduction would, however, not be that they are in any way whatsoever the masters or builders of the UFOs, but are themselves simply expendable cloned bio-robots, constructed out of the matter of our physical universe, and for operation on our plane of existence — either because required for the operation of craft here or, conceivably, simply in order to fool us. On the whole, I think I incline to the latter theory.
- (5) Certain material about AIDS which I have already received from an American doctor who is a regular reader of FSR provides food for some very serious thought, I agree.

EDITOR

THE "PRINCE CHARLES AND UFO" STORY

On March 2, 1986, a British Sunday tabloid printed a sensational story under the headlines: CHARLES IN UFO RIDDLE: PILOT SHOCKED BY CLOSE ENCOUNTER, and the affair was taken up and embroidered upon by one or more of the tabloids in America.

The story was that, during the last week of February, Prince Charles was returning from the U.S.A. in a RAF VC-10 when, over the Irish Sea, as they were approaching Shannon Airport, the pilot radioed ahead to London Airport (Heathrow) to report that he had been startled by a "glowing red object in the sky" which

lit up his cockpit. According to Heathrow's air traffic control centre at West Drayton, the pilots of four other aircraft also reported the phenomenon.

A Ministry of Defence spokesman was quoted a saying: "Prince Charles' pilot did report seeing a bright flash. But we are satisfied there was no danger to the Prince's aircraft."

The paper went on to say that Prince Philip, Charles' father, is greatly interested in "our subject", and is a reader of *Flying Saucer Review*, thus giving further publicity to a report which appeared in various American publications years ago (particularly in *McCalls' Magazine* for June 22, 1962).

What the British Newspaper Says I Said

The British newspaper of March 2, 1986, carried the following comment on the Prince Charles report:—

Former diplomat Gordon Creighton, the editor of Flying Saucer Review magazine said:

"I've no idea what this object could have been, but it would be wrong to dismiss it. There are beings in space watching us very closely."

What I Actually Said to the British Newspaper

The representative of the newspaper, who inter-

viewed me at length by telephone, was extremely anxious to get me to say that (1) the red glow was a UFO, and (2) that the occupants of UFOs are deeply interested in the movements and the doings of members of our Royal Family. I replied that, since I had not been there in Prince Charles' plane, I had not the slightest idea what they might have seen, and that, so far as the Royal Family are concerned, any occupants of UFOs would probably already know everything they want to know about them, just as they probably already know all they want to know about the rest of us. As for the red glow, I said it might very well have been from a piece of American or Soviet Space-debris re-entering the Earth's atmosphere and burning up, and I therefore suggested that the newspaper should contact Mr. James Oberg of NASA, at the Houston Space Centre, who is the recognized world-authority on these matters as well as on the non-existence of UFOs.

A Lesson

The episode is salutary, because once again it confirms that, in all probability, the less we have to do with the newspapers, and indeed with any of the media, the better so far as we are concerned, for the rendering of an accurate report is not their primary concern. — G.C.

SOME FURTHER NOTES ON ANTÔNIO ÁLVES FERREIRA

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Wapril 30, 1985, and invited the "contactee" Antônio Álves Ferreira to be our guest. We also invited Dr. José de Freitas Dutra. (As will be recalled, Dr. Dutra, who, incidentally, has now become Attorney-General for Brazil — Procurador Geral da República — used to be State Attorney in the town of São Luis, in the State of Maranhão, North-Eastern Brazil, where Antônio Álves Ferreira was born, and it was Dr. Dutra who had originally put me in touch with this case, as he had already known the youth and his family — poor but honourable people — for some years past.)

It is reported that Antônio Álves Ferreira has continued to treat many sick people, and cured many of them successfully. But his powers, as happens with so many psychics and mediums, are totally random and unpredictable, and not under his own control. (For

example, his own crippled condition has not been healed or improved at all, but this is often a marked feature with psychics.)

A "Disaster"

Antônio Álves Ferreira's appearance at our CISNE meeting proved to be a disaster. Like other paranormals, he gets annoyed when tired, and shows it. Our audience wanted him to speak, but he replied: "I am forbidden to speak their language!"

After this sad display at the CISNE meeting, Antônio stayed on for a few days in Rio at the home of Professor Mario of the Institute of Parapsychology, and, as usual, paranormal things began to occur there. There was a lot of the usual twisting of cutlery—even of a fork while Antônio was eating with it.