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# CALVERT, TEXAS: FLYING SAUCER WAY STATION

By Timothy Green Beckley

Evidence continues to mount that alien beings have established bases in selective regions around the globe.

Data now being meticulously sifted and evaluated by researchers strongly suggests that the crews of these so-called flying saucers are currently in the process of carrying out a program that will ultimately affect all mankind—a program that may prove to be of monumental proportions.

For more than 25 years, the U.S. southwest has been a focal point for repeated UFO activity. Little more than a decade ago, the Air Force, in a highly classified "Confidential" document, reported that Texas ranked third in continual visitations by unidentified flying objects.

With a population slightly more than 2,000, Calvert is essentially like many other peaceful ranching communities nestled deep in this country's cattle-raising belt. What makes Calvert so unique is that in this area—divided by the Brazos River and hidden away in central Texas's Robertson County—UFOs have virtually become nightly callers. Witnesses have included a bank president, a retired Navy officer, as well as law enforcement officials.

In addition to the many multiple witness sightings constantly being reported around Calvert, there has also been a parallel flurry of related ground level phenomena, including:

- The interference of normal radio reception;
- Unexplained tracks on the ground;
- Mysterious deaths and disappearances of livestock;
- Credible reports of landings and contacts with UFO occupants; and
- Peculiar noises coming from an unknown source deep underground.

Not in the least surprising, to those who have carefully charted previous

UFO behavioral patterns, is that this area of Texas is also heavily dotted with military security systems designed to defend this country in case of enemy attack. Within a radius of 100 miles of Calvert are numerous underground missile silos, mobile radar units, Air Force and Army bases, as well as many top secret military installations. In fact, only individuals with special clearance from the Pentagon are privileged to know the precise nature of these installations which are vital to the protection of our nation.

According to one of Calvert's most solid citizens, there have probably been more sightings of unexplained phenomena above this tiny town than anywhere else in North America. Gracia Unger, editor of the *Calvert Tribune*, maintains that reports of UFOs date back for many years in the area, but became much more frequent during the past 18 months, reaching near-epidemic proportions during November and December 1973.

From her cramped editorial office, the 31-year-old, dark-haired journalist freely talked about her involvement with UFOs, noting however that not everyone agrees with her open-minded attitude on the subject. "I know something weird is going on around these parts! Unfortunately, I have found it exceedingly difficult to get any substantial cooperation on this UFO problem from some eyewitnesses and the government. Though I've personally investigated more than 200 valid sightings—and had a good number of my own—there is a lot more happening which folks aren't willing to talk about to anyone! Those who have encountered these things are thought of as being crazy. It more or less comes down to this: people who have seen UFOs believe in them, and people who have



not been exposed to the phenomenon directly, laugh at those who have."

Gracia Unger—who, in addition to her newspaper chores recently made an unsuccessful bid for the office of mayor—contends that these mysterious discs are nothing new, either to herself or the town.

"Old-timers recall sightings from as far back as the late 1890s. Many of the events that have transpired over the ensuing years have gone far beyond mere aerial appearances. From time to time, some remarkable—no, *incredible*—ground level mysteries have occurred which tie in directly with UFOs, and have convinced me that Calvert is being used as a way station by these beings."

To date, Gracia says she has seen a variety of strange craft, "at least 50 of them." Her first and "best" sighting dates back to 1956.

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"I often think about what happened, and can vividly recall the details of my experience because it shook me so. At the time, I had just turned 12, and on the evening in question was driving along with my dad—an executive for Southern Pacific Railroad—along State Highway 6, a few miles east of town. It was way after midnight—around three a.m., I believe—and we were returning home after visiting some friends of the family.

"With absolutely no advance warning, from out of the blackness of space, came these two glowing objects, which proceeded to follow us down a rather deserted stretch of road. We were really frightened, and didn't know what to expect. Finally, curiosity getting the best of us, my dad stopped the car, we

got out, and watched as the two objects merged into one, growing larger by degrees, much like a balloon being blown up. Eventually, it moved off, hovering about 30 feet in the air over a nearby pasture. Without making a sound, this object began shining a large and extremely powerful searchlight on a herd of resting cattle. Next it moved in our direction, coming to within 25 feet of us, throwing its eerie spotlight upon us in the process. Our instincts told us to leave immediately and we returned to the car. The UFO—we didn't know what it was then, of course—followed all the way into Calvert, and then zipped off to a high position in the sky, turning pinkish-red as it soared upward. My father cautioned me not to tell anyone about the incident, because, he said no one would believe us. Dad died the next year and so I decided to keep my mouth shut, as he said I should."

Sightings have been made on a continuing basis over the years. But, according to all reliable information, Calvert did not receive its largest percentage of "phantoms of the air" until November 1973.

"I suppose I was among the first to bring the matter to the attention of folks around here," television repairman Virgil Chappell said. A ham radio enthusiast for many years, Chappell insists he initially became aware of his "new neighbors" when a citizens band radio he operates as a hobby began picking up odd receptions and acting very strangely.

"Almost every night during the early part of November, heavy interference plagued amateur broadcasters in the area, preventing us from communicating with one another as we regularly do. Instead of hearing the normal messages from fellow hams, all I could pick up was a series of clicks," Chappell said, "closely akin to Morse code. Being somewhat of an expert in codes, however, I can vouch for the fact that it was decisively different from anything I had heard before. Why, even the tonal pitch of the 'noise' was odd, varying greatly from high to low. It was definitely—as far as I'm concerned—an intelligent type of signal. I don't profess to know where it came from, and I don't know who was behind it. All I can positively state is that it was eerie to listen to!"

The realization that something was definitely wrong came when the stocky, middle-aged Texan ventured out into his yard on November 15th, and peered into the sky. What he saw puzzled and amazed him. "The air all around was aglow with a multitude of twinkling lights. It was like a Christmas tree—that's about the best way I can describe the scene. All around and above me

were these blinking spheres. I ran inside the house, yelled to my wife to follow me back outside, and simultaneously grabbed a pair of binoculars, which I thought would give me a better view of what I was certain were not airplanes, stars, or those satellites that come over every so often."

Taking a closer look through his field glasses, Chappell admitted he only managed to make out the vivid colors of the "lights," and could not focus the binoculars enough to determine any solid, physical form that might have existed behind the glowing orbs. "They were vaguely round, sort of egg-shaped. But those colors were... well... I'll never forget them! They were the most beautiful hues of purple, red, yellow, and blue. Right out of a rainbow, I'd have to say."

As for the maneuverability of the UFOs, Chappell says they hovered in one spot for 30 minutes, and then moved on to hover in another portion of the sky. At times they moved gracefully, as if acting out an aerial ballet.


Asked to estimate their size, Chappell said this was exceedingly difficult for him to do with any degree of accuracy. "For the most part, they remained pretty high. However, several times they fluttered earthward, coming down, as it were, over a grove of trees 500 feet from where we stood."

During the course of their night-long vigil, Mr. and Mrs. Chappell were joined by a dozen nearby residents who had been alerted to the strange goings-on by telephone. Among those who were able to verify the activities was banker Billy R. Hall.

As former president of the Calvert Bank and present chairman of the Robinson State Bank, Billy Hall is not one to embellish facts. Active in both the financial and civic affairs of Calvert, the astute businessman was deeply affected by what he observed. "I am not one to believe in flying saucers and aliens from outer space," Hall said at the beginning of our conversation. "I'd heard about such matters, of course, but always assumed there was a logical explanation for what people had seen. You can imagine my shock when I picked up a pair of binoculars and focused them on what was definitely not a star, a balloon, or any conventional aircraft."

With the aid of powerful field glasses, Hall insists he saw a disc-shaped vehicle with a bubble-like structure on top. "The craft itself was a gunmetal gray," the banker continued. "I watched it as it hovered in one spot for 45 minutes or so, before going into the house to catch the 10 o'clock news. On television, a commentator mentioned other sightings, but said official word had come to





to escape did not change the situation. "It simply rose straight into the air a short distance and began to follow us again," Mrs. Hileman added. "It came after us quickly for a while, as if trying to catch up. But when we saw the lights of a car up ahead it slowed down. Then, as we caught up with the other automobile, the light from the object dimmed entirely, shooting up into the sky out of sight."

Over the years, thousands of UFOs have been seen near bodies of water, and reports from Calvert are no different. The sightings around this Texas community seem to support the contention among ufologists that flying saucers are capable of hiding underwater, where their activities cannot be seen by humans.

A sizeable portion of observations in the area have taken place near a small steel bridge which crosses the Brazos River a scant six miles east of town. A year and a half ago, several persons fishing near this bridge saw a brilliant ball of white light appear above the water, zoom over the span, and disappear without a sound. "No one seemed to take these reports seriously," Gracia said, "but from what has transpired at this spot since, we can only conclude that the early observations were accurate and honest."

Poised as she talked, but with a trace of tension in her voice, Gracia Unger recounted the strange events of the past 18 months, beginning with an

sight of two pulsating orbs, which passed across the sky very slowly and then landed on the Brazos River channel."

Gracia described them as "big—over 125 feet in length" and shaped "rather like a brick with the ends worn off." Also visible to the naked eye was a dimly lighted dome on top and a wildly blinking series of red, white, and blue lights. According to her account, after the UFOs hovered for 25 to 30 seconds on the surface of the water, they simultaneously "settled into the river, extinguished all their lights, and vanished toward the murky bottom."

Stunned, Gracia, who was with her husband Jack Unger, watched the spectacle along with Tommy Blann and his wife Linda, both of Merlin, Tex. Later, over a period of several hours, I interviewed Tommy Blann, who told me that the UFOs were first noticed when they were about 1,000 feet in the air.

To prove their experience was real, Blann offered a convincing photograph of one of the craft, taken, he says, as the UFO passed noiselessly over some telephone lines at about 25 miles per hour. He described the ship as being "extremely large" and joined together in the center by what appeared to be "four ball-type structures."

A freelance reporter for several newspapers, Blann says at the time he took the photo, he was using a 50mm lens with an exposure of about two seconds. "I positively believe this picture will substantiate our account!" he said firmly.

Calmly relating the details of his sighting, Tommy Blann also revealed an interesting highlight of the encounter. "As the UFOs bobbed around overhead, we came aware of aircraft and helicopter activity to the north. At one point, one of our military planes circled directly above the UFOs, but kept a respectable—and safe—distance. Checking with officials at Gray Air Force Base—the closest military installation from where they could have originated—it was admitted that there had been a routine reconnaissance mission in progress that night. However, the officer I spoke with emphatically denied any knowledge of 'flying saucers.' To my way of thinking, there is no way on Earth," Blann exclaimed, raising his voice, "that their pilots could have missed seeing the UFOs unless they were totally blind!"

For the next seven days, according to Gracia, who has kept a detailed diary of all the events that have transpired in the vicinity of Calvert, UFOs darted and flitted around in the sky, sometimes vanishing from sight at terrific speeds. "The wild dogs, coyotes, and wolves are the first to pick up the presence of a UFO," she revealed while thumbing

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the station that everyone was seeing flares being shot into the atmosphere from Fort Hood."

Billy Hall, however, does not accept this explanation. "I know what I saw," he argues. "There was something 'unknown' in the sky that night and I'd like very much to find out what it was!"

The telephone switchboard at the *Calvert Tribune* was jammed a good part of the next day with calls from confused and startled residents seeking an explanation for the phenomenon. Of course, no one had any. And over the next 60 days, sightings were reported almost daily.

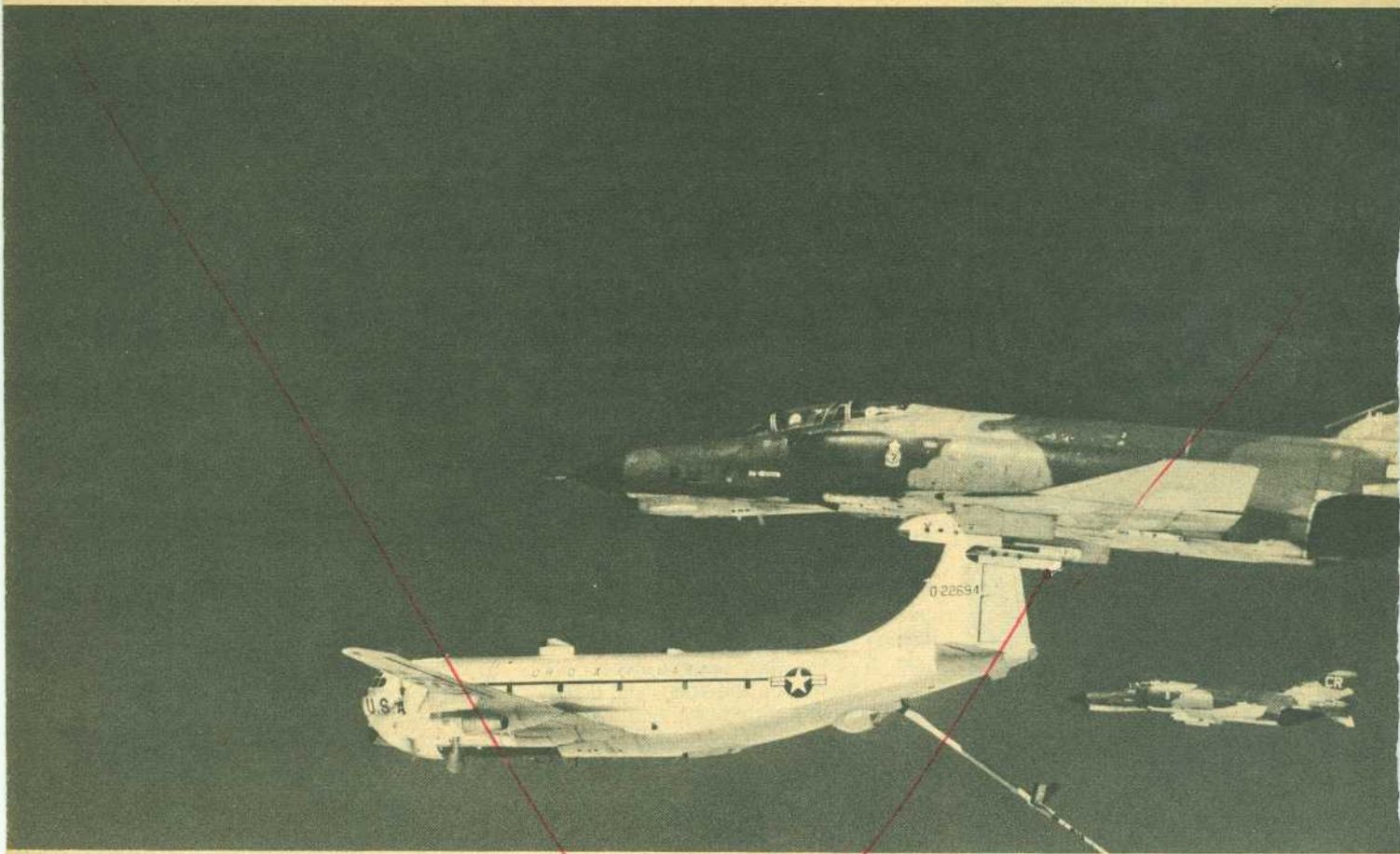
On November 19th, two women who live in the nearby town of Rosebud were pursued by a flaming UFO when they neared Calvert. "It happened so quickly, we didn't know how to react," Faye Seeley and Faye Hileman agreed. "First it was a mere speck, like a star, off to the left side of our auto and then—*whoosh!*—it was on the right side of us," Mrs. Seeley said. "It came down to about 30 feet above the ground, and sat there as if daring us to come closer. I wasn't about to take a chance that this thing did not have our best interests at heart," the terrified housewife told the *Dallas Times Herald*. Turning their car around in an attempt

**"...We watched spellbound as two strange-looking objects hovered over the Brazos River. They could not have been military aircraft because as we watched them one of our planes came into view. Compared to it, these UFOs were three times larger. Why doesn't someone tell us what is going on!..."**

account of what she, herself, saw close to the Brazos River bridge on Nov. 21, 1973. Three other witnesses were present at the time, near the 200-foot-long span, located in an area of cotton fields and grazing land.

"For several nights we had been receiving reports of eerie colored lights hanging over the Brazos River at a low altitude. Since all prior sightings had been made just off Farm Road 979, we decided to watch the sky from this vantage point. Around seven o'clock on the evening in question, we caught





Air Force Phantom jets (above) were stalked by a UFO over West Africa. Author (below) examines charred wreckage of plane "shot down" by flying saucers. Experienced bush pilot James Momoh (bottom right), who flew over area of suspected UFO bases.







#### Monrovia, Liberia:

Late last year, along the stormy coasts and in the seething jungles of tropical West Africa, something very strange was going on. Those who don't believe in UFOs are refusing to acknowledge it, calling the events coincidence.

But a trained scientist says that West Africa's jungles hide secret landing bases for flying saucers. A police official has fired pistol shots at a mysterious humanoid creature. And bush pilots throughout the sparsely-populated region have been "attacked" by UFOs. Even the respected President of a major West African nation has said that his country may be a stopover for alien invaders from space.

As the influential *Liberian Star* put it, "Even the strongest skeptics are beginning to wonder if extraterrestrial visitors have picked our region for their first contacts with Mankind . . ."

Last year's wave of UFO sightings in the countries of Africa's equatorial "underarm"—Senegal, Sierra Leone, Liberia, the Ivory Coast, and Nigeria—haven't received much attention outside the area. But they can't be laughed at, shrugged off—or explained.

They've prompted Dr. Richard J. Egan, an internationally-known biologist, to lay his scientific reputation on the line—by insisting that UFOs are real. "I'll admit I wasn't convinced easily," says the dark-haired, stocky Egan, who is resident lecturer in biology at Goshn University in Freetown, Sierra Leone. "I studied the reports, interviewed dozens of people over many weeks, and tried to sift through the results with scientific detachment. But the evidence is compelling. *Flying saucers are landing and taking off from remote sites in West Africa's hinterlands and are spying on the cities in this region . . .*"

Fantasy?

Not to Bill Stockwell.

One of many trained observers who's seen UFOs close-up, 47-year-old pilot William C. Stockwell is a "convert" who now "believes". "I feel they're alien spaceships," he says. Stockwell, originally from Duluth, Minn., is one of two men who were "attacked" by a UFO in a thoroughly documented incident on Sept. 29, 1974.

Low clouds and persistent rains shrouded the jungle beneath the high-winged Piper PA-22 Tri-Pacer, as it flew through the wet air between Liberia's capital, Monrovia, and the up-country mining town of Nimba. It was the kind of soggy, depressing day when pilots don't like to be up in the air. Bill Stockwell and fellow American Frank Wey, 41—both mining company

employees—were irritated and worried.

"A tough one," Frank Wey said. Even in good weather, flying in West Africa is perilous. Below the two men, the shrouded green roof of tropical foilage had a sameness that sprawled in all directions and it was devoid of any navigational features that would help them from getting lost. It was necessary to fly on instruments. Both men recall that at exactly 11:31 a.m., Stockwell made a routine radio check, put down his mike, and told Wey, "They're reporting thundershowers and limited visibility up at—"

He never finished his sentence.

"Look out!" Wey shouted.

Just ahead of them, at the same altitude, hanging motionless above the jungle, the men saw a round, gray object blocking their path!

"I don't believe it," Stockwell muttered.

## THE GREAT WEST AFRICAN UFO FRENZY

Although the news media haven't reported it, there's a flying saucer "invasion" now going on in West Africa that has high ranking political and scientific authorities calling the area "a stopover for alien invaders from the cosmos"

By Ronald Drucker

With little visual perspective, it was difficult to guess the object's size. But Stockwell immediately sensed that the craft was several times larger than their own plane. His first hurried impression was that the object was "solid," shaped like a roulette wheel, and marked along its sides with evenly-spaced indentations which might have been portholes or propulsion outlets.

"It's some kind of a spaceship!" Wey blurted.

Stockwell said, "I don't know! It's—"

Wey shouted: "We're on a collision course! I'll take the controls!" We—"

"Easy, Frank!" Stockwell answered. "I've got it! I want to see what that thing is!"

As UFO sightings go, this was relatively "long" one—at least 60 seconds



at this point—but *not* a “good” one. Stockwell thought he could see a hint of reflection from the craft’s gray exterior, suggesting that the UFO was made of some sort of metal such as aluminum. But scudding clouds obscured the object’s features and its motion made it a muddled blur.

*And now it was coming straight at them!*

“Your camera—” Stockwell remembered.

“It’s in the back. Oh, hell! There’s no film in it, Bill!”

Stockwell threw the Tri-Pacer into a wrenching, violent turn as the UFO rushed through the spot where the plane had been. Brutal gravity pressures slammed him back into his seat. He felt his breath escaping in urgent gasps, his heartbeat pounding in his chest. Stockwell leveled off again, banked, and turned back—heading south.

“It’s following us!” he heard Wey shout. “We’ve got to cut away from that thing!”

What happened in the ensuing moments, at hazardously low altitude over the African jungle, can only be called a *dogfight*.

Drenched in sweat, battered from side to side, the adrenalin churning through his arteries, Bill Stockwell struggled as he put the Tri-Pacer through violent turns and dives as the huge object came at them again and again.

The massive UFO shot past Stockwell and Wey, first from one side, then the other—blurred and shapeless now, a huge mass that repeatedly swooped down on them. Five minutes passed. Ten. Stockwell was soaked with sweat, stiff with tension, fighting the panic that was beginning to well up in him—when he suddenly he realized the UFO wasn’t there any more.

“It’s disappeared,” Wey said.

“But we didn’t see it go anywhere—”

The men resumed their flight and landed in a driving rain at the ore-mining town of Nimba—to be surrounded by other fliers, mine workers, and airport tower operators who confirmed that the “dogfight” had been tracked on radar. Too shaken to talk about his ordeal, Bill Stockwell listened to the others, who’d spotted the UFO from a distance or had seen it on their radar scopes. An hour later and 100 miles to the east, the gray, circular UFO was seen again by the captain of an Air Ghana flight. This was reported in newspapers and on radio. “I’m certain I witnessed an invader from outer space,” the airline pilot said.

Bill Stockwell agreed. In his written “incident” report to the Liberian aviation authorities, he said, “No aircraft

known to have been built by men could have performed the maneuvers I saw . . .”

Stockwell is angry, and bitter, that his UFO “dogfight” never led to an official inquiry. But over the next few days, many more sightings were documented. That week marked the first phase of what might be called “The Great West African UFO Frenzy.”

On Oct. 1, 1974, the prestigious *Morning Journal* in Lagos, Nigeria, told of an 11-year-old boy who’d discovered enormous footprints on the beach near his home. The boy quickly summoned a teacher who in turn brought the schoolmaster and other witnesses. All agreed that they’d found human-like foot impressions—but with only three toes—four feet long and 18 inches wide! While the tide was washing them away that night, Capt. George Bond, pilot of Pan American Airways Flight 186, arriving in Lagos, spotted a luminescent, pulsating ob-

“... One of the most incredible incidents in the current wave was a ‘dogfight’ that took place between a UFO and a mining company plane. As Frank Wey and Bill Stockwell flew to a mining camp in the interior, a UFO intercepted their plane and the two men had to use all their flying abilities to avoid a fatal collision. For 10 minutes this ‘aerial battle’ took place until the UFO simply disappeared...”

ject, “shaped like a coffee cup,” flying away from him in the clear dark sky.

There were other sightings. A taxi driver in St. Louis, Senegal 28-year-old Esperance Akinode, reported being approached by an eight-foot-tall humanoid “covered with short, straight hair.” A group of 35 picnickers on the beach at Cape Mount, Liberia, observed three “silvery” UFOs in formation on the morning of October 3rd. An American missionary-pilot in Gambia, Pastor M. P. Curphey, reported being “buzzed” by UFOs the same day.

Each of these West African sightings was thoroughly studied by newsmen and reported to authorities. But, as far as is known, they never reached UFO researchers outside West Africa.

And, with one exception, they never led to an official investigation. The exception was in Abidjan, the Ivory

Coast, where an enigmatic and contradictory President, Dr. Félix Houphouët-Boigny, has been a UFO buff for a long time.

A *President* interested in UFOs?

A man of conflicting attitudes who believes traditional superstitions while guiding his nation into the modern world—he has a DC-9 executive jetliner and a tribal witch doctor—President Houphouët ordered his staff adviser, Robertson Lemieux, to amass a statistical report on UFO incidents. Lemieux learned that in the past year there had been no less than 417 UFO sightings in West Africa. More astonishing, he gathered 19 reports of contacts with humanoid visitors.

Some of these, beyond doubt, were fabrications. And some were questionable—part of an understandable human urge to “get on the bandwagon,” as Dr. Richard J. Egan puts it.

But even allowing for exaggeration there’s no denying that the African sightings are plentiful, that they fall into a pattern, and they suggest some strange goings-on.

Egan, who keeps a card file and corresponds with witnesses, has talked with Lemieux. “We both feel that visitors from the skies are active in our area,” Egan says, “and we’re both making a real effort to compile better evidence . . .”

In the end, no scientist or student is as likely to compile as much evidence as the man who flies for a living. Lemieux feels that his “best” UFO sightings have come from a handful of airline and bush pilots in the Ivory Coast. And Egan similarly finds that 90 percent of his “verifiable” sightings come from pilots. It’s precisely because there are so few pilots in the rugged jungle expanses of West Africa that Egan believes extraterrestrials have chosen the area for a landing base.

Besides pilots, the most reputable witnesses are law officers. And during a new wave of sightings which might be called the “second phase” of West Africa’s frenzy, in late October 1974, *the landing of a UFO and a walk by a humanoid creature* were witnessed by 13 people, including one professional observer—a police inspector—whose credentials are beyond reproach.

Felice Ravolo, 33, is typical of the bright, university-trained Africans filling positions of responsibility in the emerging nations. Educated in France and the U.S., Inspector Ravolo now holds the title of Commissioner for Internal Affairs and is the third-ranking police official in Dakar—the capital of Senegal.

A tough cop and a complex, thoughtful man, Ravolo had heard of UFOs



## CALVERT, TEXAS

upper portion, with an intensely vivid red light on top. At each end of the craft—which seemed oval—there were long antennae that glowed deep red, with a pulsating effect. "The light on the west end was huge," she told the *Tribune's* editor, "and it was more of a maroon color."

Driving into her yard, Mrs. Smitherman stared as the UFO floated from side to side no more than 50 yards away. "There it was, glowing like coals in a fireplace," she recalled. "I yelled to my husband and he came running out of the front door in time to see the UFO taking off with a zipping sound to the east. It disappeared behind a row of trees, coming down in an empty field, where it rested for some time before finally streaking off."

The site of the landing was inspected the following day by a team of researchers composed of Gracia Unger and Tommy and Linda Blann. "While we could not verify little Brent's tale of ufonauts, we did find, upon close examination, that the UFO had left a sizable impression in the soft soil. From our careful analysis of this physical evidence," Gracia explained, "we were able to draw at least one conclusion. Whatever landed was quite large—at least 30 feet in length!"

Exactly one week later, on December 19th, a truckload of farm workers were terrified on the Eugene Gibson, Jr. farm—not far from the scene of the previous incident—when a UFO followed them at treetop level, stopping when they stopped, backing up when they backed up, and moving ahead when they did. That same night, a photo was taken of a UFO in the air over the highway near Chilton, Tex. The 15-second time exposure shows the object floating through the sky in a very irregular pattern. The tracings of its flight resemble the jagged pattern of lightning.

Among the many seemingly related side effects of Calvert's "unwelcomed tourists," are the ability of UFOs to cause major power blackouts, dim street lights, interrupt telephone service, and stall automobiles.

"Residents between Calvert and Bremond (10 miles northwest of Calvert) have reported that their street arc lights go off at night for short periods of time, and then turn back on again," Gracia Unger reported. "It seems that all lights in a certain area go off at the same time. This is a very peculiar phenomenon, since the arcs are regulated by sensory devices, which turn them off at the earliest hint of sunlight. Thus, only some exceptionally brilliant object passing low overhead could trigger this built-in and supposedly fool-proof device."

In one of the strangest incidents yet

reported, Leroy Butler, telephone line repairman for Gulf States Utilities, claims he mended a broken power line near Franklin, Tex., that "could only have been done by the force of a large object landing on it from above." Cross arms and posts were snapped off 15 feet above the ground, and wires twisted in half. Butler stressed that the wires were definitely "broken by weight resting on them and *were not torn down*." He later got a call from the main office of Gulf States Utilities, when he listed the cause of interruption of service as a "UFO landing on the lines."

Another peculiar effect was noted in early December by a salesman for a dry cleaning company in Temple, Tex. "The phone rang early one morning," Gracia said, "and on the other end was a nearly incoherent fellow who told me a UFO had followed him as he made his rounds out of Waco. The man, who pleaded that his name not be disclosed, stated that the flaming blue object threw a bright floodlight on his truck, and

"... 'The UFO looked to be 20 feet wide and about 12 feet in height. I was driving along at about 50 miles per hour when we spotted this thing as we came around a bend in the road. Immediately I slowed down to get a better look'..."

stayed with him as he drove in the early hours of the morning through several deserted communities.

"When the UFO finally streaked off, his car motor stalled while he was driving along at 65 miles per hour, and his power steering locked. Needing the services of a repair shop, the vehicle was immediately towed to the nearest gas station, where it was discovered that the truck's alternator had mysteriously burned out. In addition—and here is another anomaly—the salesman's watch had stopped running and a jeweler later told him the battery inside the timepiece had become fused." No plausible explanation, as could be expected, was forthcoming for these incredible puzzles-within-a-puzzle!

Earlier, less than 50 miles away, lights were shut off and giant generators brought to a grinding halt when a small circular disc less than five feet in diameter streaked past a police officer and security guard at Monticello's newly constructed power plant. "I heard about it from a friend who is a disc jockey at a local radio station," Tommy Blann told me. "Apparently the power facility was knocked out for a number of hours." According to Blann,

this is not the first time these miniature UFOs, often referred to as monitoring discs, have been observed. Blann states, "We had a report back in October 1973 from a welder who was employed at a foundry in McGregor, Tex. He was working outside, when this 'little ball' came up to him, apparently watching what he was doing. Suddenly it flared up, blinding him momentarily, and then sped off into the night. Later he came down with chills, and was unable to warm up for quite some times."

On top of all these enigmas, feed and grain store owner Steve Abraham (among those who reported the dimming of arc lights) said that for three consecutive weeks in late November and early December heavy-duty fences around his ranch were broken down night after night by an unknown prowler. Unexplained was the fact that there were never any tracks of *any kind*—animal, human, or motor vehicle—near the barbed wire fences. Upon closer examination, it almost looked as if the fencing had been broken—or *melted*—by something or someone, with superhuman strength. "No normal person could cut through these wires without utilizing bulky equipment. No one was ever seen approaching or leaving the area—we had it patrolled at all hours—nor was there any apparent reason for anyone to go through all the trouble of doing this."

Later, Abraham told of seeing a ghostly figure while on the way to his rural home one evening. "I kept quiet about what happened for a long time, because I was afraid of being embarrassed," he sheepishly admitted. "But finally, I just had to tell someone about it."

The following is a verbatim transcript of an interview conducted with Steve Abraham several months after the major wave of sightings around Calvert:

"We were on our way to Marlin, Tex., to bring back my wife, who was visiting her mother in the hospital. I was driving my daughter's car, which seemed to be the only vehicle on the road. It was a clear night, well lighted by the moon. As we neared Fish Creek bridge, located midway between Marlin and Bremond—15 miles from Calvert proper—I noticed an 'image' out of the corner of my eye. Squinting a bit, I could see it resembled a bell, with a reddish-orange glow emanating from its bottom. The object was poised above a large tree, situated next to an abandoned farmhouse on Highway 6. After a few seconds the glow dimmed and then seemed to blink off completely. Then, just as abruptly as the glow died, it came back on again, this time brighter than before."



It proceeded to stay with us another few minutes before going out a second time. Suddenly, in its place appeared a spotlight complete with the same reddish-orange glow at its base. My daughter and I both saw this phenomenon simultaneously, for each of us muttered, 'Good Lord, what is that!' The UFO came down at a rapid speed toward the highway and over our car, moving in a side-to-side fashion. I thought it was going to slam into us, but as it got closer, it turned upward and went over the top of the trees lining the creek. In a few seconds, it seemed to have disappeared behind the trees.

"When first seen, my daughter and I thought that someone was firing flares across the highway, because of the orange glow and the speed of the light. However, we soon remembered that this area was totally uninhabited.

"The UFO looked to be 20 feet wide and about 12 feet in height. I was driving along at 50 miles per hour when we spotted this thing as we came around a bend in the road. Immediately, I slowed down to get a better look. When we originally caught sight of the UFO, it was hovering over a clump of trees 700 feet from our auto."

At 53, Steve Abraham is emphatic about what he saw. "During WW II, I spent more than three years in the Air Force. In addition, I have worked out in the fields around here on many a night, and have witnessed nothing even remotely similar to this before. The UFO had the brightness of a lightning bolt, and could move and change direction faster than our most advanced military jets."

Gracia Unger managed to compile an impressive log of eyewitness accounts before they decreased late in December. Many of the observers were obviously reluctant to have their identities made public, though several offered to sign notarized affidavits attesting to the reality of what they had seen.

An abridged summary of only the major sightings of this flap period follows. In the cases where eyewitnesses requested anonymity, we have refrained from revealing their true identity, giving only their initials:

- Felix R. Luna, an 18-year-old student, watched a triangular pattern of lights over the Brazos River bridge in November. Luna, who works part-time at a nearby manufacturing plant, says he is able to "sense" when UFOs are in the area. A peculiar feeling apparently sweeps over his body on these occasions. His entire family, who live on the edge of town, watched a bright white light rising and falling in the sky over their home until it disappeared at dawn.

- Mr. and Mrs. D.L. were followed by an egg-shaped UFO which "stayed with them," then cast a powerful beam of

light on them as they drove into Calvert, through the Brazos bottomlands.

- Martha and Buddy Smitherman, manager of a dress shop and the town constable, respectively, have seen "flying saucers" from the front porch of their home which is located at the edge of town. Mrs. Smitherman says she has seen mysterious "ground flashes" emanating from the area of reported landings near the Brazos River.

- Irene Whitlow, a dental technician, and Thelma Conitz, school librarian, watched a "bar of white light" appear in the west just before sunset. The UFO stayed in the sky until about 90 minutes after dark. It did not move and didn't resemble any fixed star or planet.

- Uldene Casey, a former medical technician, saw a similar craft several days before Christmas. The UFO resembled a tubular-shaped fluorescent light bulb.

- Y. S., foreman of a 2,000 acre ranch near the Brazos River, had a brilliant pulsating ball follow above the

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cab of his truck for more than 30 minutes, as he was returning late one night to Calvert. It kept "an extremely bright floodlight" on him most of the time.

- Alfred Conitz and his wife, Helen, witnessed a "flat pie pan" that moved erratically at low level as if it were about to land. It never did. The couple watched the UFO for well over a half hour, and were close enough to definitely determine it was not a plane, balloon, or similar object.

- G.C and M.L., two deer hunters, were camping at Steele Creek, near Bremond, Tex., early on the morning of December 7th. One of the men was in a deer stand about 50 yards from his friend. At daybreak, "something" threw an intensely bright light down on him. He looked toward his friend's deer blind, thinking he had shone a flashlight on him, only to hear his buddy cry out for help. Peering toward the sky, he saw a tremendous UFO hovering directly above him. The man fired his deer rifle repeatedly at the UFO, and could hear the bullets strike metal each time. One hunter became so nervous that he almost panicked, but mercifully the glistening object lifted

straight up and disappeared in a matter of seconds.

Skeptics will find it hard to accept these reports of weird visitations. Yet, beside these sightings, there remain other aspects of the Calvert UFO enigma which even the most open-minded believer will probably find difficult to accept.

Early one morning, after a heavy rainfall, Alfred Conitz found himself confronted with a mystery which he has been, even up until today, hard pressed to explain in "Earthly" terms. "I own a sizable piece of land on the fringes of Calvert," he explained. "About four o'clock, I went to the pasture to check on the livestock to see how they had weathered the rather violent storm that had just passed. Arriving at the main gate to my property, I couldn't help but notice that I was not the first to come along our rather secluded back road so early in the morning. For fresh in the mud were the tracks of what appeared to be a small automobile. Thinking that something was wrong, I decided to follow the tracks to see where they led. My suspicions were correct, for they vanished right up ahead of me. This 'car' had not turned around, nor did it back up. The tracks simply came to an abrupt halt in the soft soil."

Totally perplexed, Gracia Unger had to shrug her shoulders when asked for a rational explanation for the mysterious tracks. "I have to admit, it didn't look like the car could possibly have left the area. The tracks ended on the road, and did not begin again anywhere else. At first I didn't believe the matter warranted serious attention, but then I remembered the Conitz property is on the same road where a ball of light followed a car full of people. The tracks were the only ones on the road, and were conspicuous, since they sank right down into the muddy earth."

Though Mrs. Unger could offer no logical reason for their presence, Alfred Conitz theorized that a small vehicle such as a Volkswagen might have driven down the lonely road and been picked up by a waiting UFO. "No missing persons have been reported in the area," Gracia reminded me when I brought up Conitz's speculative theory. "But of course, I'm not about to rule anything out," she added.

Checking out other sources, however, I soon was amazed to learn that although confirmed human disappearances are seemingly rare, an outbreak of puzzling animal slayings and kidnappings has recently occurred in four states—including Texas. "On the Kings Ranch down toward Houston," Tommy Blann told me, "they have been missing a lot of animals. Thoroughbred horses and top quality cattle mainly. UFOs have been seen there almost every



night. I am told the ranchers do a lot of artificial insemination on the animals there, but what the possible connection may be I wouldn't venture to guess. Kings Ranch is approximately 75 miles south of Calvert, in a sparsely populated area.

UFO activity in and around Calvert eased up at the end of 1973, but the "invaders" returned in full force right after the New Year.

On Feb. 4, 1974, a fireball was seen crossing the skies by a half-dozen persons, and even ran Charles Juarez, Sr., a laborer at a steel mill, off the road as he was driving with a car full of co-workers. "I find it hard to talk about what happened," he said, "and sometimes I even have vivid dreams about what I encountered. I'd like to forget about that damn thing, but I can't! This huge ball of fire threw sparks down at us, and passed over the deserted road so close that we thought it was going to collide with us head-on."

Among other witnesses was Harry Wilson, a 65-year-old retired Navy officer, who admitted that he did not get a good look at the object. "It flew by so rapidly I couldn't focus my eyes on it in time to see it clearly. It was positively one of the most jolting moments of my life, though. It passed overhead, traveling thousands of miles an hour."

Claude Cannon, an electrician, looked on as a huge glowing ball sped from west to east. "It was deep orange and threw off sparks in all directions, like a Roman candle." This is how he describes what occurred: "I was headed north on Farm Road 979, about 8:15 or 8:30 at night. All of a sudden, the heavens were lit up like it was noon! Then this bolide streaked across the sky. First it was only a brilliant ball of fire, with a trail behind it. This trail was almost invisible, until the object flared up, sending flames spewing in its wake. It was headed toward the east. I suppose it took no more than 30 seconds, or a minute at most, to cross from horizon to horizon. If I counted correctly, it made a total of four bursts."

Law enforcement officials may also be counted among the hundreds of stunned witnesses. Police departments in several communities have found it necessary to set up files to hold the many authenticated sightings. However, despite observations made by their own men, authorities admit they are powerless to do anything about the situation.

A deputy sheriff, who asked that his name not be published—"I don't want to lose my job"—says he watched a UFO for more than 45 minutes in broad daylight as it moved slowly over the town of Benchley, Tex., 20 miles south of Calvert. "We get sightings almost every night," the deputy said, "but what can we do? Our hands are literally tied!

After all, the government keeps saying that flying saucers don't even exist. We're not in the business of chasing ghosts. What would we do if we caught an alien being anyway?"

Sightings died down during the hot summer months of 1974, but they did not disappear completely. At 8:30 on the evening of June 27th, Mrs. Alice Tribble of Calvert saw a blue-glowing UFO in her backyard. "I had just let my little dog out, when I saw something hovering over our old oak tree. It was weird! I kept saying, 'What can that be?' It was bluish-white and had a band of red lights around it. The object stood silently amidst a clear, star-filled sky. It was very large—at least 50 feet across. After hovering in one spot for 15 minutes it shot right up—going like a million miles a second, vanishing into space as if someone had shut off the light!" According to Gracia Unger, reports continue to cross her desk, even

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now, on the average of several times per month.

That reputable individuals have seen strange objects above Calvert cannot be denied. The existing evidence is now overwhelming. But why have the ufonauts chosen this sector of the southwest as a base?

This question—a major part of the cosmic jigsaw puzzle yet to be put together—is one on which Tommy Blann is outspoken. "Calvert lies right in the middle of one of the greatest concentrations of military installations to be found anywhere in this country. To give you an idea of what I mean, there's Gray Air Force Base in Killeen, about 60 miles northwest of Calvert. Around the perimeter of this base, the government has set up mobile radar units, positioned on the back of flatbed trucks. These units can be moved about the badlands from one spot to another at a moment's notice, supposedly for the express purpose of tracking enemy missiles coming in from the Gulf of Mexico.

"Nicknamed the 'Red Eye Radar Units,' I have been told by a reliable source that they have picked up speeding unidentified objects on a number of occasions. Several months ago, a UFO was supposedly monitored on these radar screens for more than 10

minutes. Apparently it reached the point where jet interceptors almost had to be scrambled to check out and identify the approaching 'bogie.' From what I'm led to believe, the object shot off into space moments before a red alert was to be sounded."

An independent investigator for many years, Blann briefed me on the fact that central Texas, where Calvert is located, has been a hotbed of UFO activity for years. "In the Air Force's *Project Blue Book Special Report No. 14*, published graphs show that this precise portion of the Lone Star State has always been among the high concentration points for saucer sightings." According to this knowledgeable expert, this section of the U.S. is also known for its tight security, which cloaks in a veil of tight secrecy the various scientific and military research projects being developed there.

"In this area of Texas, there are at least three strategically placed underground missile silos," Blann told me. "No one really seems to have any idea of what goes on in these particular silos, but we have been told these installations are extremely important to the well-being of our country. Other than that, we are kept in the dark!"

An active member of several scientifically oriented organizations, including the American Meteorological Society, Tommy Blann asserts that he has developed "inside informants," closely affiliated with various government programs.

"I have been informed by knowledgeable people that several of these military installations are closely tied in with our aerospace program. In McGregor, Tex., for example, there is even a large civilian corporation called Rocket-Dyne, which is instrumental in producing parts for both our guided missiles and spaceships." Word has filtered out to Blann that Rocket-Dyne is working on a program to perfect a new type of economical and lightweight rocket fuel which is said to far surpass anything the Soviet Union currently has.

Ostensibly, Fort Hood, located within 15 miles of Calvert, is an Army base. However, high-ranking Air Force personnel are also stationed there, who are engaged in secret defense work. Many of those who have seen UFOs report that they have either originated at—or headed in the direction of—Fort Hood. On several occasions, base officials have stated that UFO reports were misinterpretations of such conventional objects as flares and balloons sent aloft as part of some routine nighttime test. Near-paralyzed witnesses have, in most instances, refused to accept these explanations.

Moreover, at the world's largest air-



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port, Dallas-Fort Worth, a task force has been formed to investigate UFOs which have constantly shown up on regular flight paths leading into the area. Located almost on a straight line and just 80 miles due north of Calvert, this modern facility has been the scene of as many as a dozen sightings on any given evening. The UFOs have reportedly hovered over and landed in clearings just west of the 17,000-acre field. In one case, three families saw an object at close range hovering about 50 feet above their heads.

After thoroughly checking out the sightings, Fred Ford, operations officer at the airport, admitted that a great many questions remained unanswered. "As a matter of safety for the hundreds of airplanes using our facilities, we have instructed our operations crews and public safety officers to immediately report anything they cannot identify."

The mere thought that flying saucers might be appearing en masse less than 100 miles from Calvert is enough to send chills up any concerned investigator's spine. Yet the facts cannot be denied!

From examination of past flying saucer flap periods, we have come to learn that UFOs are frequently seen around or near key space and military installations. No doubt they are keeping a close surveillance on the development of our technology, just as we maintain a watchful eye on any important advancement made by foreign adversaries.

Indeed, if UFOs are using this particular area as a base or way station—as now seems to be obvious—where are they hiding? Tommy Blann says he personally knows of caverns which exist beneath farmland on the outskirts of town. "There is a complex network of caves and tunnels which connect somewhere underground. A check of geographical survey maps will show that Calvert is built directly on top of a fault line which zigzags for miles in all directions."

Disclosing for the first time an incredible facet of his findings, Blann told me that ranchers and farmers in the area have reported hearing peculiar noises coming from deep beneath their feet. "Individuals living five or six miles outside Calvert have told me how they have repeatedly been driven out of their homes into the cool evening air by the sound of generators. It appears to them as if a steady droning noise is originating from all directions but is loudest when ears are placed to the ground. This bit of information has led me to conclude that UFOs operating around here have established bases for themselves far beneath the Earth's crust."

Going a step further, Tommy Blann claims ufonauts are probably obtaining the necessary energy to power their ships and bases by making use of existing underground bodies of water. "This portion of the state is crisscrossed with hot mineral streams that flow silently deep inside the Earth. Placed under extreme pressure, these streams

could make one hell of a hydrodynamic generator, supplying any space visitors with all the energy they need *and without having to construct anything at all above ground which would give their presence away.*"

While Tommy Blann and Gracia Unger, may differ on individual aspects of the UFO puzzle, they both remain firm in their belief that an event of *tremendous importance* is likely to happen at any time.

Blann says: "Most people could not handle the situation, if what I think is about to happen does. Before long, some type of upheaval in the Earth's physical structure is, I definitely believe, going to take place. When it happens there will be an immediate change in our way of thinking. These UFOs seen around Calvert—and elsewhere for that matter—seem to be establishing contact, if only by means of a brief sighting, with a few chosen individuals who are helping to pave the way toward a better understanding of the universe we live in."

Whatever the outcome—whatever the eventual, long-range goal of the ufonauts may be—many UFO investigators are watching the heavens above this area in Texas. The general consensus, based upon an in-depth examination of existing reports and accumulated data, is that an event of tremendous universal importance will occur here in the not-too-distant future. On this point, almost all the eye witnesses to Calvert's UFO mystery agree! ★

## SPACE GODS

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This may sound farfetched, but let's review the eight points that I have just listed.

*The Men in Black.* In my opinion they are the Inner Earth's equivalent of the Russian KGB or the U.S. CIA. They are the intelligence agents for the Inner Earth.

Whenever a UFO researcher gets too close to the inner earth theory that UFOs come from the interior of the planet, the Men in Black appear on the scene and go into action.

The late Dr. M. K. Jessup was a prominent writer on UFOs. He is alleged to have committed suicide under mysterious circumstances. One of his ideas was that the UFOs operated between the Earth and the moon, and that they had bases inside the Earth and our satellite.

Then there was the classic case of Albert K. Bender. In 1953, his International Flying Saucer Bureau folded under sensational circumstances.

Bender had been in close touch with

Edgar Jarrold who headed the Australian Flying Saucer Bureau, and together they had been working on a theory *linking UFOs with Antarctica.* This is very interesting because it is part of the hollow earth concept that there are two main entrances to the interior (apart from the tunnels)—one in the north polar area and the other in Antarctica.

Bender had written an article for his magazine *Space Review* revealing the secret of UFOs. This article was never published. Three Men in Black visited Bender at his home and so frightened him that he gave up all UFO research for a long time.

Subsequently, when questioned by colleagues as to the actual conclusion he had reached, Bender replied that he had gone into the fantastic and arrived at the solution. An extraterrestrial answer would not be "in the fantastic" to ufologists.

In modern times, one of the earliest MIB incidents occurred after the sighting of six UFOs at Maury Island, near Tacoma, Wash. on June 21, 1947.

Harold A. Dahl, a harbor patrolman, was out in his boat on the easy bay of Maury Island, with a crew of two men and his son. His dog was also on board.

Suddenly, Dahl noticed six very large doughnut-shaped objects. At first, he thought they were balloons as they appeared to be hovering. Then he noticed that five of them were circling around the sixth one which was in the center and seemed to be in trouble. This center object then descended to a very low altitude. Everyone on the boat was watching with great interest as the craft apparently had no propellers or engines, and made no sound.

Each UFO was about 100 feet in diameter and had a hole in the center, roughly 25 feet across.

By this time Dahl had worked his boat close to shore. Suddenly there was a slight noise and the center object seemed to jettison a lot of white metal pieces. Then a shower of blacker metal followed which seemed like lava rock. As a result Dahl's son had his arm injured by falling material and one piece even killed his dog.

Eventually, all the craft rose and "drifted" out to sea. The center object which had seemed to be in trouble was now functioning properly.

The next morning a man dressed in black called upon Dahl and invited him to breakfast. Dahl was used to lumber



buyers calling early. In his work as a harbor patrolman, these men often called to buy salvaged logs so he thought nothing of the stranger or his invitation.

However, he was astounded that during breakfast the "Man in Black" described in detail everything that had happened to Dahl and his crew the day before. Ominously, he added that if the patrolman valued his life, as well as his family, he shouldn't discuss his experiences with anyone.

The Maury Island affair is a long and complicated story, and as it is well-known to veteran ufologists I have only given a very abridged account of the main incidents for this article.

Suffice it to say in concluding my account of this incident, that the matter was investigated by two officers, Capt. William Davidson and Lt. Frank Brown, from A-2 Military Intelligence of the Fourth Air Force. I think that after hearing about the slag and metal falling from one of the craft, they were inclined to dismiss the entire matter as a hoax. Shortly after takeoff in their bomber to return to base, the plane crashed and both officers were killed. I cannot help wondering whether this was really an accident. Anyway, it was a tragic end to a bizarre affair.

It is interesting to note that a few weeks after the sighting at Maury Island, some cinder or lava ash fell from the sky near Mountain Home, Idaho, just after a formation of UFOs had flown over the area on July 12, 1947.

John Keel in "The UFO Evidence Everyone Ignores" (UFO Report, Summer '74 issue), gave many examples of UFOs dropping earthly substances such as aluminum, silicon, magnesium, and calcium. In my opinion this again is further proof of an inner Earth point of origin for these craft.

Now that we know from Keel's information that many UFOs drop earthly substances, the incident at Maury Island must be examined in a different light. It certainly wasn't a hoax.

Many more examples of MIB activity could be given. They have been active not only in North and South America but also in many parts of Europe.

*"Foreign looking" people who turn up at UFO landing sites.*

Keel in the same UFO Report article mentioned above referred to a report in the London *Daily Mail* of May 20, 1909, regarding a clerk who had seen five "foreigners" taking measurements and photographs at a UFO landing site in Wales.

I think that representatives of the Inner Earth based permanently on the surface are alerted when one of their craft is going to make a landing. They know the exact time and place where the UFO is going to touch down. And their prime objective is to remove any

evidence, such as substances or any other physical clues, that might indicate the place of origin of the UFO. They also take photographs of the site.

It is a very obvious asset to have their representatives on the surface. Although some of them may actually be Inner Earth People who have been living on the surface for a long period of time, I suspect that many of their representatives are actually surface people who have been taken to the interior, brainwashed and programmed to work for them, and returned to the surface.

You may consider this a farfetched theory, however, wait till you read a certain UFO contact report I will be relating a little further on.

*Secretive Landings at night in rural districts.*

Jacques Vallee in his book, *Challenge to Science* (published many years ago), discussed the times when

"... The drawing shows the head of a humanoid that suddenly appeared on the TV screen for a few seconds while the astronauts were operating in the background on the moon. This phenomenon was seen by Fernando Calderon of Madrid, and many other witnesses elsewhere, including several in New York..."

various types of UFOs were likely to land. And, from data he gave it could be seen that even then there was considerable activity at night in rural areas.

However, this nocturnal activity, along with landings seems to be increasing. It is impossible to give any approximate idea of the full extent of the nighttime landings, as most potential observers would be asleep in their beds.

An interesting facet of this nighttime appearance of UFOs is that it often coincides with the sightings of strange creatures.

*The sightings of pumas and other unusual animals—far from their natural habitats—during UFO "flaps."*

Several ufologists, including John Keel, as well as Jerome Clark and Loren Coleman, have written at length about a variety of strange creatures. There is the Yeti, more popularly known as "The Abominable Snowman"; "Big Foot" in the U.S.; and, in Canada, there is a creature called "Sasquatch."

Apart from all these Yeti-type creatures, a number of cat-like animals have been seen, similar to pumas, in England, Ireland, the U.S., and in other parts of the world, outside their normal

habitat. Quite often, these pumas have been seen during UFO "flaps."

Charles Bowen has described how he interviewed a farm manager, Edward Blanks, at Bushlease Farm, near Guildford, Surrey, England.

Mr. Blanks had reported to the police that one of his steers had been mauled. He told Bowen that the puma had been around the farm on and off for about two years. Both Mr. and Mrs. Blanks, as well as their son, had seen the puma.

The farmer made a customary round of his farm buildings each night before going to bed.

Bowen wrote in *Flying Saucer Review* "On two occasions he Blanks suddenly became aware of a mysterious light on the roofs of the farm buildings. The light moved from roof to roof, yet he could not see the beam which produced the light. It was certainly not produced by car headlights from the Odiham Road: the local topography precluded that possibility. Mr. Blanks could not trace the source of the light, and he was puzzled by the phenomenon, because on each occasion the mystery puma arrived on the scene shortly afterwards!"

It would seem that the ufonauts are depositing pumas and other creatures on the surface of our planet for specific reasons of their own.

It simply doesn't make sense that ufonauts would fly these creatures across millions of miles of space from some far-off planet. The puma is indigenous to *our* planet, and not necessarily so to other worlds where conditions can be very different, and evolution would have taken another course. However, the pumas seen in the Surrey-Hampshire area of England, Ireland, and some parts of the U.S., are *not* indigenous to those places.

Therefore, I suggest that these animals are being landed in various places on our planet by ufonauts from inside the Earth!

We may well ask: For what purpose? Possibly, the pumas are programmed to do specific work here on the surface before being picked up again by UFOs.

This is not so wild an idea as it may sound. Our own scientists are experimenting along similar lines with animals. Naval and other scientists have been performing such experiments with dolphins and porpoises for years. They will soon be able to place tiny electrodes in every part of an animal's brain and cause the creature to carry out the every command.

*The disappearance of thousands of people every year, especially during UFO "flaps."*

John Keel has discussed this frightening fact in his book *Strange Creatures from Time and Space*. According to Keel, about 100,000 people disappear every year in the U.S., and



that is the case, then the global figure must be astronomical! Of course, as Keel pointed out, some of the people who disappear do so for mundane reasons: to get away from their wives or husbands; or to escape excessive business problems and personal crises.

Significantly, though, most of these disappearances take place during UFO "flaps."

It is likely that the Inner Earth People, who live so closeby, have a great knowledge of us—possibly more than we have ourselves—and, although they probably have a more advanced technology than our own, including the use of spacecraft and other sophisticated machines, apparently, they call upon the services and expertise of some of our own technicians, quite apart from mass abductions of human beings for various other purposes.

I stated earlier that an example would be given of a surface person being taken and brainwashed to work for the ufonauts.

The full, original story was contained in a report from the *Listin Diario* of Oct. 28, 1972, and was included in an article by Salvador Freixedo called "UFOs Over the Caribbean."

Briefly, in my own words, here is an abridged version. At nine o'clock in the morning an insurance company director referred to in the article as Mr. X was driving along a lonely road near San Cristobal in the Dominican Republic, when a man appeared and signaled him to stop.

This man was wearing a light green one-piece garment which covered his feet, and identified himself as Mr. F. M., who was well-known in Santo Domingo, but had disappeared at sea about 15 years before.

F. M. explained that it was thought he had drowned along with two others, but he had actually been rescued by a UFO.

He then pointed out his two rescuers dressed in identical manner to himself. They were standing a short distance away silently watching the scene.

F. M. said *the reason for his rescue was because of his knowledge of radio techniques and his high I.Q.*

He pointed to the oval-shaped craft in which they had come. It was about the size of a car.

When Mr. X. asked him what they were doing here, F. M. replied "supposedly investigating."

Upon being pressed further as to what kind of investigation, F. M. would not divulge any more information.

Finally, when F. M. was questioned as to their point of origin, he replied "supposedly from Venus." Presumably, because many people think UFOs come from that planet, and that answer would do as well as any.

Eventually, F. M. and his two companions took off in their craft. Just before takeoff, F. M. warned Mr. X that his car might not start immediately, but it would return to normal in a short time.

What glaringly stands out is the general evasiveness of F. M.'s replies, almost as if he had been brainwashed.

Yet, here is a person who originally lived on the surface of our planet and admitted that because of his knowledge of advanced radio techniques, he is now working for the ufonauts.

One fine day will we wake up to the fact that thousands of surface people have been brainwashed and programmed to work for Inner Earth People?

During WW II, the term "fifth column" was used for any organization that was actively assisting the enemy. *There may be an active "fifth column" already among us.*

*The increasing reports of human*

"... If a take-over of the surface of our planet is planned, there is not much we can do about it in the face of such superior technology ..."

*brains being interfered with by ufonauts.*

There have been many incidents of this type. Actually, they represent deliberate attempts on the part of the ufonauts to *control* the minds of surface people.

A remarkable case that illustrates this point was that of Hans Lauritzen in Denmark. On the evening of Dec. 7, 1967, he was with four friends near a wood called Hareskoven, which is not far from Copenhagen.

Lauritzen suffered from hepatitis, a liver ailment, which caused him to be tired most of the time. That particular evening he found it difficult to keep up with his friends, and he often had to stop for a rest.

When they got to the wood the friends decided to spread out. Then Lauritzen saw two large dim, yellow globes some distance inside the wood. He told his friends that he would like to take a walk alone in the woods for a few minutes. They readily agreed. Later, he said that he felt as if he was walking in some kind of trance. It was almost as if he was being guided.

Eventually, Lauritzen sensed that something was above him, though he could not see anything. It was at this point that a telepathic conversation in his own language—Danish—occurred between the ufonauts and himself. After this had taken place, he continued walking for some time. Suddenly, he

heard his companions calling him. Apparently, he had been away for an hour and apologized for having left them for such a long time.

It then turned out that the other members of the party had also felt an urge to walk alone in the wood.

When they began to walk back down the hill to where Lauritzen's car was parked, Hans suddenly began to run down to it, and his companions could not keep up with him. He then realized that his liver ailment had disappeared. Later, after a medical examination this was found to be true. His liver which had been 10 centimeters too big was now normal.

However, shortly afterwards, Lauritzen felt that something was moving up along his back from the base of his spine to the neck, and then to the back of his head.

Whatever it was, seemed to be spreading throughout his whole nervous system. Eventually, Lauritzen found that his free will was no longer able to function. What is more, strange thoughts of a negative and destructive character came to him. *He realized that something had been done to his brain.* He could no longer tell right from wrong.

The amazing thing was that whenever he thought of telling someone about what had happened to him, excruciating pains jabbed him in the spine, neck, and head.

Finally, Lauritzen found a way to control the pain. He discovered that the excruciating agony was apparently triggered when thinking emotionally about the UFOs. However, if he sat down and thought of something else, and then wrote about the ufonauts coolly and calculatedly without any emotion, the crippling pain did not occur. The result was that Hans Lauritzen was able to give us his amazing story.

*The taking over of radio frequencies, usually unbeknown to the staff of the transmitting station.*

John Keel in his book *Our Haunted Planet* wrote about "ham" radio operators receiving strange messages from some unknown origin. He stated that some people even claim that images of ufonauts have appeared suddenly on their TV sets and addressed them directly.

I can corroborate Keel's statement. A friend of mine, Ian C. M. Norrie, who lives and works in Mexico, sent me a copy of a drawing made by Fernando Calderon, a Spanish painter in Madrid (incidentally, a friend of Antonio Ribera, a prominent Spanish ufologist).

The drawing shows the head of a humanoid that suddenly appeared on the TV screen for a few seconds while astronauts were operating in the background on the moon. This



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phenomenon was seen by Fernando Calderon of Madrid, and many other witnesses elsewhere, including several in New York.

During the last three months of 1973 there was quite a UFO "flap" over Puerto Rico. One Sunday, toward the end of November, radio announcer Jose Francisco Roman was on his way to work at Radio Luz, in the city of Rayomon. The time was about 6:35 a.m. He was listening to another station, Radio Aeropuerto International, that was already broadcasting, in order to check the time.

Suddenly, Roman said, "the musical program was interrupted, and I heard a voice that identified itself as being extraterrestrial.

"He gave his name, but I didn't understand it. The words sounded something like Chinese. The voice was strange, almost inhuman. It spoke Spanish in a very odd accent. I could not understand the message very well, not even his name, since it was such a strange mixture of syllables. All that I could catch was that people should remain attentive for 'new messages' to

be relayed in the future. A few seconds later, the radio station returned to its normal broadcast."

According to Roman, "apparently their (Radio Aeropuerto's) frequency was taken over during those few minutes."

In the eyes of the Federal Communications Commission, this is a very serious offense. Moreover, to be able to interfere in such a way on somebody else's wavelength needs transmitting power far stronger than that possessed by the radio station itself, which has a very powerful transmitter.

Keel suggested in his book that one day a general message to humanity may suddenly be broadcast from every receiver on the planet in every language. I think it is a strong possibility. However, I fear that it will come from Inner Earth People, up to their usual trick of posing as extraterrestrials!

*The large number of mystery submarines seen in various parts of the world, but predominantly in Scandinavian fjords, close to the Arctic Circle.*

Keel has covered this aspect very thoroughly in his article "Mystery of the

Alien Submarines" in the UFO Report, Fall '74 issue.

All that I am going to add is that these mystery submarines are becoming increasingly more numerous, and bolder in their espionage trips in our seas.

The very fact that so many of them have been seen in northern waters close to the Arctic Circle suggests that they have come up through the polar entrance from the interior of the Earth.

Now, I repeat that the activity described in this article has all the hallmarks of a military operation on a very large scale.

If a take-over of the surface of our planet is planned, there is not much we can do about it in the face of such superior technology.

However, though most of the UFOs sighted are from the inner Earth, for the simple reason that this is their home base, there are other ufonauts keeping a watchful eye on us. I refer to those that come from other planets and galaxies. Possibly, they would not allow the Inner Earth People to take over the surface. Perhaps our planet will become a battleground for two opposing factions of ufonauts! ★

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August 14th three UFOs were photographed by a policeman. The UFO appeared to be about 60 feet above the ground, and the incident occurred outside of Laconia, N.H. A WBZ-TV newscaster saw a large bluish-green cigar-shaped UFO for 15 to 20 minutes as it hovered before leaving the area. It was the only object in an otherwise clear sky. Other UFO witnesses nearby outside of Wolfeboro, N.H., reported UFO encounters and used similar descriptions.

On August 27th a high school student, Joseph Kent Needham, 16, was returning home from a part-time job at 11:15 p.m., on U.S. Highway 421 east of Kernersville, N.C., when he encountered the unexpected. Squatting on the highway was an object described as "looking like a domed UFO." It was resting on two legs that were visible to Needham, although the witness said he believed it had a third leg which he did not see. These legs were inside the bottom of the UFO and extended outward. The lone witness said the UFO was about 22 feet in diameter, but that as he approached the object it either blinked out or took off so rapidly that he could not follow it. No markings on the ground were found, but it had rained hard between the time the sighting was reported to Kernersville police and the time it was investigated by members of the Tar Heel UFO Study Group.

Earlier, on August 7th on the beach at Sawara Town, Kayabe-gun, Hokkaido, Japan, several adults said they saw a reddish circular object land at the foot of Mt. Komagatake. Several school children reported an orange-colored UFO that was spinning as it "moved horizontally" across the sky. Several photos were taken of one of the mystery objects on September 17th, as sightings continued throughout Japan.

On August 30th Roger Brooks and Garry Bensemman sighted a UFO at Scamander, Tasmania, Australia, at 10:20 p.m. The UFO darted at strange angles across the sky, hovered, altered its speed, and flashed colored lights as it maneuvered overhead. The UFO was shaped like a "sharp dome" with green, pink, yellow, white, and pale blue lights on its surface. Investigators ruled out aircraft and astronomical bodies as explanations for the mystery craft.

Robert Galley, French Minister of Defense, in a radio program entitled *Pas de Panique* (No Panic), publicly admitted the existence of unidentified flying objects, stating, "... because we do not understand the UFO phenomenon, this gives us no reason for denying its reality." Galley's statement came at a time when France was experiencing its worst UFO wave in many years.

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On Sunday, September 8th, Edwin Fuhr, who owns a farm five miles north of Langenburg, Canada, started to do some chores. He started his tractor but

when he reached the hay slough, he saw a strange steel-toned object, and not knowing what it was, he climbed down from the tractor and went to "give the thing a kick." When he got to within 15 feet of the object he stopped short, as he realized that the object was not on the ground, but was revolving swiftly and actually hovering just off the ground. He retreated, but watched the object from a short distance for 10 or 15 minutes. In fact, he noticed there were four other similar objects on the ground in the same area. One of the mini-UFOs took off in a straight line, with gray vapor coming from its base. Then the other four took off in a similar manner and joined the first one in the thick clouds. He estimated the UFOs were about five feet high and 10 feet in diameter. Upon closer investigation five distinct doughnut-shaped prints were found in the grass and hay. In the "center" of the rings the grass and hay were not disturbed, but around the center was a ring of more than two feet wide, where the grass was pressed down in a clockwise motion. Days later the grass circles were still quite distinct evidence of the strange UFO visitations.

A day later on September 9th UFOs made a return visit to North Carolina. Linda B. Scheff, a television station operations clerk encountered a strange gunmetal gray, round UFO at treetop level near her home in Greensboro. The shiny pewter-colored object displayed blinking red and white lights as it hovered at two a.m. as Ms. Scheff was





Steve Abraham (above) says this UFO followed him down a lonely back road.  
Gracia Unger (below), editor of the *Calvert Tribune*.

