

Monroe Institute to study OBEs and continued his own OBE experiences throughout his life.

Monroe describes, in a very pragmatic fashion, this school of hard-knocks he learned about through his hundreds of OBE experiences and through studies at the Institute which he founded in Virginia, USA. Basically, this school on this Earth is to learn to control our consciousness and emotions, and to not learn to be devious in any way, according to Monroe.

Monroe observed millions of entities that hover around the Earth; some in complete ignorance and some with partial or almost complete knowledge of human nature. These souls incarnate into the physical to learn to become a more compassionate and intelligent entity. After hundreds and even thousands of lives, some entities graduate and disappear from the Earth school. Monroe didn't know where these "graduates" go, but many mystical traditions tell us they move on to a "higher existence" where wars, for example, are not fought.

Elaboration and further documentation for the information contained in this brief article will be contained in future articles, our book *Humanity's Extraterrestrial Origins*, my forthcoming book which will serve to update data on human origins and human nature, and hundreds of other publications by many writers and researchers.

I would like to close by paying tribute to the Editor of this publication, Gordon Creighton. Mr. Creighton, and many others in this field, have made huge sacrifices over the years to bring forth the truth of extraterrestrial intelligence in the midst of this massive cover-up. Now, we can begin to understand the truth of our origins and learn more comprehensively about our true natures. I also wish to congratulate you readers, who by reading this journal are obviously making progress in this school of hard knocks!

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US CONGRESS HEARS TESTIMONY ON ALIEN LIFE.

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WASHINGTON - The U.S. Congressional House Subcommittee on Space Science is now encouraging research into extraterrestrial life beyond the Earth. Congressman Lamar Smith, R-Texas, said "The discovery of life in the Universe would be one of the most astounding discoveries in human history. Funding should match public interest and I don't believe it does".

Funds for the search for extra-terrestrial intelligence (SETI) was deleted from the federal budget in 1994, but new findings in the last several years have increased the likelihood for E.T. life. Scientists testified that there have been dramatic new discoveries of 50 + planets have been found in orbit of Sun-like stars outside our own solar system. Researchers now believe that planets may be common throughout the Universe.

Logically, planets are the first essential step toward

finding life. Researchers, also, expect to find Earth-size planets in the near future when new technology is available in a new Space observatory now under construction. Liquid water has now been found on the moons of Jupiter and in the orbit of at least one distant star. Mars also has water at least in the past. The SETI Institute searches the heavens with radio telescopes using private donations despite the fact Federal Funds were cut off.

Editor's Note: It is interesting that Congress is now more interested in supporting SETI after the Disclosure Projects lobbying. Life may exist on planets far more hostile than our own perhaps even in underground bases. Our indications are that aliens do not use radio commutation, which is an old form of signalling similar to smoke signals. (Major George Filer)■

DR. JUNG AND THE UFOs: THE REAL STORY!

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[In July of last year I received an E-mail from Mr. Chuck Schultz of Colorado (E-mail: chuck.Schultz@Colorado.edu) asking for information regarding the great Carl Jung's true opinions about UFOs.

This happened to be a very important question on which I had done a lot of work in the years past, and which, as I knew, had involved one of the most disgraceful examples of denial and "cover-up" that I had ever encountered.

I was able to answer Chuck Schultz's questions but it has struck me forcibly that this entire phase of UFO research history, involving Dr. Jung, must be totally unknown to our younger readers of today!

So I publish below an account, as succinct as I can make it, describing Jung's years of study of "our subject", the conclusions to which he finally came before he died in 1961, and the highly successful "cover story" maintained ever after to prevent the world from knowing what those conclusions were!. G.C.]

As we now all know, when the "Flying Saucer Phenomenon" erupted into human consciousness in 1947 and the years immediately following, the powerful folk of our world - politicians, military, scientists, doctors, priests of religions - all had their own particular reasons for being deeply worried.

But there was yet another important category who were possibly even more perplexed and concerned. These were - if one can lump them together for convenience - the left-wing eggheads and intellectuals and humanists, (so-called "liberals"), academics and university circles, and of course quite especially perturbed were those who called themselves "psychologists", "psychiatrists", and "anthropologists".

The reason for this concern was that, by and large, the great majority of these folk were no doubt of a left-wing, marxist, materialistic, "atheistic" turn of mind, and therefore inordinately attached to those favourite shibboleths of theirs which we can term in general as "DARWINISM" + associated ideas.

For it could not require much gumption to perceive that, if ever one single, solitary human or "humanoid" or man-like creature were to step out of one of those "flying saucers", it would be a mighty awkward moment for the theories of Darwin and his followers.

I myself still recall with much amusement how, one day in the early 50s - just five or six years or so after Kenneth Arnold's famous sighting - a cleaning lady who worked regularly in our house and whom my wife and I would have thought to be "pretty thick", astounded us by pointing to a pile of my "UFO books" and remarking: "IT WOULD ALL KNOCK THE BOTTOM OUT OF DARWINISM, WOULDN'T IT!"

She, whom we had mistakenly thought an ignorant

and benighted soul, had instantly perceived the problem with total clarity. Neither my wife or I ever forgot the episode.

By the 1950s the great era of the Vienna School and of the pioneers of Psychiatry, Freud, Adler, Ranko, was of course long past, but there still remained the towering figure of one of them, and the greatest, the Swiss Carl Gustav Jung (1875 - 1961) who, after having collaborated closely in the early days in Vienna with Freud, had finally broken away from him and proceeded to elaborate his own new theory of the "Collective Unconscious".

Jung was evidently a much bigger guru figure than Freud, and very speedily indeed he began to perceive that this flying saucer business might be something highly important. He started collecting material at once, about 1947, and lost no time in contacting Donald Keyhoe in the U.S.A. and joining his group, N.I.C.A.P. (National Investigative Committee on Aerial Phenomena).

Jung was of course living in his home land, Switzerland, and one of the earliest UFO study groups in Europe, the *Association Mondialiste Interplanétaire*, had just been launched there under Professor Alfred Nahon.

This group had a journal, *Le Courier Interplanetaire*, and they quickly asked Jung to write an article for them. I give below the full text of Jung's article which, after appearing in French in their journal, was re-published by our first FSR Editor, Derek Dempster, in an English translation, in our second issue of FSR (May/June 1955). (As we can see, Jung was cautious in his statements, and evidently determined not to reveal exactly how much he knew or he suspected):-

I. DR. CARL JUNG HIMSELF ON UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS [Reprint from FSR Vol.1, No. 2 (May/June 1955)]

In the course of years, I have gathered together a considerable mass of observations, included in which are reports by two eye witnesses known to me personally (I have never seen anything!). I have also read books on the question. *However, I can only say for certain: these things are not a mere rumour: something has been seen.*

A purely psychological explanation is ruled out by the fact that a large number of observations indicate a natural phenomenon, even a physical one (explainable in part as reflections or temperature inversions).

The American Air Force (despite its contradictory statements), as well as the Canadian, consider the observations to be real and have set up special Bureaux to compile reports. However, the "disks" (that is, the objects themselves) *do not behave in accordance with physical laws, but as though without weight, and they show signs of intelligent guidance, by quasi human pilots,* for their accelerations are such that no normal human could survive.

What astonishes me most is that the American Air Force, despite all the information in its possession and its so-called fear of creating panic, seems to work systematically to do that very thing (witness the Orson Welles radio play at New Jersey) since it has never yet published an authentic and certain account of the facts, only occasionally allowing information to be dragged out of it by journalists.

This being so, it is impossible for the uninitiated to form an adequate picture of what is happening. Despite my own eight years' compilation of all that has come to hand, I must admit that I am no more advanced than at the beginning: I still do not know what these Flying Saucers are. Observations read so strangely that one might be tempted - if one wished to deny the reality of the facts reported - to compare them to **parapsychological phenomena**.

Because of the general uncertainty as to foundations, it would be useless to speculate. We must await what the future brings. So-called "scientific" explanations, such as the theory of reflections by Dr. Menzel, are not possible without abstracting, 'for convenience' sake, any reports which fail to fit in.

If these "bodies" are of extra-terrestrial origin, as is affirmed, perhaps planetary (from Mars or Venus) one must not forget observations which speak of "Saucers" springing from earth or sea. One must also take into consideration numerous reports of thunderbolts, or of rare, stationary fireballs (not to be confused with Saint Elmo's fire).

In such isolated cases thunderbolts can attain to considerable dimensions, moving slowly from one cloud to another in the form of a sphere of lightning-like brilliance, and of the apparent thickness of a half-moon, or again making a passage for themselves through a forest about 13 feet wide and 220 yards long, splitting all the trees which lie in their path. They are silent as the Saucers, or may disappear in a clap of thunder.

Perhaps these round thunderbolts, being isolated charges of electricity (so-called necklace of pearl lightning) are the origin of those formations of Saucers, photographed several times.

Often electrical phenomena have been reported in conjunction with Saucer sightings. **If, despite this not yet explained possibility, the extra-terrestrial origin of the phenomena should be confirmed, this would prove the existence of an intelligent interplanetary relationship.**

What such a fact might mean for humanity cannot be predicted. But it would put us, without doubt, in the extremely precarious position of primitive communities today in conflict with the superior culture of the whites: the rudder would be removed from our grasp, and we should lose our pleasant dreams.

Naturally, it would be chiefly our science and our technology which would have to be consigned to the dust-heap. What such a catastrophe would mean on the moral plane we can in some sort judge by the ruin of primitive cultures of which we are witnesses. *That the construction of these machines proves a scientific technology, and one immensely superior to ours, admits*

of no two opinions. Just as the Pax Britannica put an end to the disputes between the tribes of Africa, so our world could unroll its Iron Curtain and use it as scrap iron, with all the millions of tons of guns, warships and munitions. This would not be very serious. But we would have been "discovered" and colonised - sufficient reason for universal panic!

If we wish to avoid such a catastrophe, the authorities in possession of important information should not hesitate to enlighten the public as soon and as completely as possible and should, above all, stop these ridiculous antics of mysteries and vague allusions.

So, after all, there is nothing out-of-the-way in the statements of ancient documents that all sorts of signs and miracles appear in the skies, or that people look to the skies for a marvellous intervention coming to the aid of human incapacity.

Our present day observations of Saucers coincide - *mutatis mutandis* - with the many reports going back into antiquity, though not in such astonishing frequency as in these times. But the possibility of the destruction of a whole continent, which today is in the hands of politicians, has never existed previously. -C.G.J.

II. JUNG WRITES A BOOK ON UFOS.

Jung's next important step was to write a book, which was published in Zürich, in his own native tongue, German, in 1958. Its title was: *FLYING SAUCERS: A MYTH OF THINGS SEEN IN THE SKY*. It was at once translated into English by R.F.C. Hull, and appeared in a mass paperback edition in the U.S.A. in 1959 (Signet: New American Library).

Although Jung was actually employing the term "myth" in its more expressive, and more exotic sense, as of something "*in a way more real than real, i.e. archetypal*", you can be sure that the hordes of our critics and enemies were reassured and overjoyed. A whole lot of folk no doubt felt immensely relieved!

But soon not everything was to their liking! For there was real dynamite in an interview that Jung gave to the NEW YORK HERALD-TRIBUNE - a very important newspaper - and which was published in its issue for July 30, 1958. It was an A.P. (Associated Press) report from Alamogordo, New Mexico, dated July 29, and we will give the text of it at the end of this enquiry.

It must have sent shivers down some important spines, because our enemies have succeeded wonderfully in getting it completely buried and forgotten ever since - a situation which enables them to carry on as before, right up to this day, harping on Jung's initial belief that it was all a myth.

Never once have I seen this declaration of Jung referred to or quoted, even by his own supporters or by "UFO Buffs". *As Stanton Friedman never ceases to emphasise, the critics' game is to refuse to look at the facts and to lie and to lie and to lie 'til the cows come home.*

And if they can't win their point by argument, they invariably descend to the cheapest levels of ridicule, defamation, and slander. If you can't win your point,

get your man!

This is the treatment which we at FSR and all the other researchers have had to endure for half a century.

III. DR. JUNG SAYS 'FLYING DISKS' SUGGEST QUASI-HUMAN PILOTS.

[Re-print from FSR Volume 30, No. 5 (June 1985)]

NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE, July 30, 1958.
ASSOCIATED PRESS REPORT FROM
ALAMOGORDO, N.M., July 29.]

Dr. Carl Jung, Swiss psychologist, says in a report released yesterday that unidentified flying objects are real, and show signs of intelligent guidance by quasi-human pilots. *"I can only say for certain that these things are not a mere rumour. Something has been seen. A purely psychological explanation is ruled out". Dr. Jung, who had started his research on UFOs in 1944, issued his statement through the UFO-Filter Centre of the Aerial Phenomena Research Association (A.P.R.O.) here. He said:*

"I have gathered a mass of observations of unidentified flying objects since 1944. The disks do not behave in accordance with physical laws, but as though without weight."

"If the extraterrestrial origin of these phenomena should be confirmed, this would prove the existence of an intelligent interplanetary relationship. What such a fact might mean for humanity cannot be predicted.

"But it would put us without doubt in the extremely precarious position of primitive communities in conflict with the superior culture of the whites.

"That the construction of these machines proves a scientific technique immensely superior to ours cannot be disputed.

"The United States Air Force has said that investigations of flying saucer reports over the last ten years have produced no evidence that such things exist. It said last November that investigations of 5,700 reported sightings showed that the mysterious objects were balloons, aircraft, astronomical phenomena, birds, fireworks, or hoaxes - among other things".

The care with which the foregoing statement by Professor Carl Jung has been suppressed is highlighted by the extraordinary fact that even we - at FSR - did not learn of its existence until 1985 - TWENTY SEVEN YEARS LATER - when it was published by me on page 22 of FSR 30/5 (June 1985)!

Nevertheless this delay should not be taken as indicating that FSR had not been "on the ball" as regards Carl Jung. For the actual fact is that we were for years *in direct contact with him*, because one of FSR's best and most experienced European Consultants was a member of the Jung family! *Thus it is that we knew more about Jung and have more on our files about him than - assuredly - any other UFO research group!*

Our Consultant, Fraulein Louisa Zinsstag (known throughout the UFO research community as "Lou Zinsstag"), was the daughter of a woman cousin of Jung. And on top of that comes the interesting fact that she was

already widely reputed to be the top UFO research expert among civilians in Switzerland! She frequently came to London for a lunch and a long talk with us at FSR, and she published a lot of articles, and I understand that her collection of UFO photos was the best in Europe.

With her articles on UFOs, in the Swiss press, it did not take long for her to get on the wrong side of the GNOMES OF ZURICH! The result, as she once told me in great detail, was that she found herself summoned to appear in the office of the Head of the Swiss Secret Service. Open on the desk in front of him was a publication with one of her articles. He told her flatly that he would see to it that she never had another article on UFOs in any Swiss publication. ***And, so far as I could learn, she didn't.***

But she remained in close touch with Carl Gustav Jung. And here is a re-print of the full text of her main report on her talks with him, which we published in FSR Vol. 9, No. 4 (July/August 1963).

By that date Jung himself had of course already departed from this world (in 1961). And she, the valiant female warrior for the truth had gone too (in 1963 or 1964).

[In parenthesis let me here add that the legacy that she left has probably not been dispersed as *almost always* happens in UFO research - but has been preserved intact, for I recall that, two or three years ago, in a telephone conversation which I had with Herr Luc Burgin who is apparently today's leader in UFO studies in Switzerland, he said that Lou Zinsstag's material is preserved and stored in the archives of one of the Swiss universities. I do not know which university, but no doubt Luc Burgin can give details. His address is 28 Mulhauserstrasse, 4056 BASEL, SCHWEIZ. (Telephone: 0041/61322/8156.

IV. CONVERSATIONS WITH DR. JUNG (1958-59). BY LOU ZINSSTAG.

[Reprint from FSR 9/4. (July/August 1963)]

Doctor Carl Gustav Jung was the cousin of my late mother. I had never met him in my youth but I remember well how my mother and her sisters talked about experiments in spiritism which he had carried out as a student at Basle with their younger sister Helene as his medium. In Jung's last book, a post-mortem publication, he tells about those experiments without giving away the name of his medium.

The early death of the pretty and beloved Helene had always been partly ascribed by my mother to those strenuous experiments. Considering, however, that Helene had lived another twelve years after the experiments had been suspended I doubt this. Anyway, this was the reason why my family lost touch with Carl Gustav, a fact which I later often regretted.

My own interest in flying saucers arose in 1953. Within a few years I was in the possession of a remarkable documentary collection, including UFO photos. A friend of mine, a pupil of Jung, told him about this and in the summer of 1958 I suddenly received an invitation to come and have tea with him on a Sunday afternoon. It was to be one of the best Sunday afternoons I had ever spent.

Jung's personal charm and human appeal were such that few people could help falling under his spell. Yet there was nothing of the magician about him.

Notwithstanding his warm welcoming smile I noticed a sober and discerning look in his blue eyes when we shook hands. After a few brief remarks and questions on family matters he promptly started talking about UFOs. We did not stop any more for the best part of four hours.

His secretary was with us. She was English, and Jung made the suggestion that we should use her language in conversation, because, he said, "the language of air travel is English everywhere in the world...."

From the beginning, Jung made it clear that he was still a sceptic and that my position would be difficult. This was true up to a certain point but, on the other hand, his wonderful sense of humour, his witty way of arguing, and above all his impartiality and matter-of-factness made our conversation the most delightful one I had ever had.

Jung told me that until recently he had believed that saucers were made of a soft, fluffy material rather like silk, and not of metal. However, some time ago he had a visit from a close friend from the United States, a man of high rank in the army, and a well-known scientist at a famous university.

This man (he withheld his name) described to him a personal and most impressive UFO sighting which had lasted for more than half-an-hour. Jung added that this person's judgement was as trustworthy to him as his own, and as his friend had strongly maintained that the object had been metallic, he was now ready to drop his own belief in the silky material.

His readiness to confess to me, a newcomer, his former and erroneous belief pleased me. I asked him if he was prepared to receive a shock in looking at some pictures of such a metallic ship? "Yes", he said, "I like getting shocks" and he laughed.

I then spread out on the table the seven original photos made by Monguzzi on a glacier of the Bernina massive in the Alps. He gasped at them as if out of breath and gave me a long look. The smile vanished completely from his face. He took his magnifying glass and scrutinised the pictures carefully for nearly five minutes.

"It is unbelievable," he said several times slowly. "But you are probably right, the object looks metallic." "So you would accept those photos as genuine?" I asked. "There seems hardly to be any doubt about this," he answered. "I fail to find any fault with them."

He remarked that the blurred outline of the object showed the same grain consistence as the rest of the picture and that the photo with the figure in front of the object looked especially convincing to him. I had never expected such a straightforward acknowledgement.

He then asked for Monguzzi's story and for technical details. I handed him the book by Alberto Perego, *Svelato il mistero dei dischi volanti*, where he read all the particulars. He also scrutinised the

enlargements in this book. Never before had I seen a person giving any pictures such a thorough and methodical examination.

After that it was a pleasure to show him the rest of my pictures. He doubted some of the night photos but he was impressed by the unexpected variety in models and also by the fact that no one seemed to try to make money out of them.

Jung told me that he was unable to accept *contact* stories as true, especially those involving human pilots. As I did not want a controversy to arise before he had seen the best of my photos, I had kept back those of George Adamski. But Jung's truly objective and impartial attitude made it easy for me to ask him after a while if he would care to see them.

After a slight hesitation he agreed and I felt that he did so in order to please me rather than out of real interest (he had mentioned several times the devastating, yet false, description Keyhoe had given in one of his books about Adamski's personality and background).

So I spread the pictures out in front of him and said nothing. Again I noticed how the smile vanished from his face; Adamski's pictures were examined with the same intensity and sincerity as those by Monguzzi. He again took a very long time. Suddenly, with true amazement, he looked at the back of one photo and then of all the others where Adamski puts his stamp with, name, address, and phototechnical details.

"Well" he said, "these stamps look awfully genuine, even professional..." Then he gave me one of his stares. I still kept silent but after a while I showed him the photo by Stephen Darbishire and the comparison of the two photographs in Cramp's book, *Space, Gravity and the Flying Saucer*.

At that Jung made funny noises with his teeth and tongue; his secretary and I laughed. Later he remarked: "Adamski's pictures could be true but his story is an invention."

To my question if he had read his books, Jung answered: "Partly, but when I came to the beautiful young man with the silken hair I could not go on reading. This sounds so ridiculous to me, like a fairy tale..." "Can't you believe that there are creatures superior in beauty to ourselves? Do you really think we are the top in beauty?" I asked. He laughed good-heartedly. "You got me there," he said, "I never thought about it in that way."

It was, however, evident and understandable that Jung, the professor and scientist, was not ready to disavow the theories of his colleagues in astronomy and physics. He maintained the statement that life as we know it is possible on earth only. This was in 1958, remember. When I took my leave he asked me urgently to ring him up as soon as I came across new photographs or other interesting material. I gave him this promise with pleasure.

A few months later, with the splendid colour photo by Mrs. Agnes Sanborn in my bag, I went again to Dr. Jung's house. He was truly amazed when he looked at the picture and noticed at once the resemblance of

the object with the Adamski model, as he admitted. On this afternoon he spoke to me about his forthcoming book on the strange "myth" of the twentieth century and remarked smilingly that I probably would not like it much.

Yet he took the trouble to explain to me how, as a psychiatrist and a specialist in dream interpretation, he had for years collected material of dreams about a particular archetype, the symbol of eternity which is the sacred Tibetan circle, the *mandala*.

It was fascinating to hear him talk in this connection about alchemy and its symbolism. In conclusion he added that in his opinion many sighting reports of recent date belonged to the realm of religious vision as coming from people "who in day - or night- dreams perceived the symbol of eternity in the sky."

"And what about the cigar-shaped forms?" I asked rather stubbornly. He hesitated before saying in good humour: "To tell you frankly, they worry me. I admit that only the round objects fit into my category". Again, I admired him for his honesty.

Later, he explained to me that to write about UFOs as such was not his business; he would always leave this to the experts in physics or astronomy, respectively. He himself would not want them to meddle with his own branch of science. "I took care not to meddle with theirs and this is why I did not disclose in my book my private research and interest in the physical nature of the UFOs," he added.

My third and last visit took place in March, 1959. We came to talk about myths and legends concerning people who come from above, bringing sometimes help to the distressed or solutions to world problems. He knew scores of them.

When I mentioned Lohengrin and the, to me, intriguing aria of Wagner's opera, "*Nie sollst du mich befragen...*" he took it first as a mere joke, but then he suddenly exclaimed: "Wait a moment, he indeed came on wings from above and he fled as soon as he was recognised.... he must have brought a false passport with him.... "

This was an allusion to a statement of mine that true spacemen never give their names away. We laughed at the idea of Lohengrin's passport.

But when I insisted on the possibility of a factual reality behind such legends he did not agree fully.

"Things are not so simple as you think they are. Myths are not only based on racial memories of prehistoric happenings. There is much more to it. Neither the individual nor the collective subconsciousness is merely made up of submerged memories. Our subconsciousness is also the place where our God lives."

From there on our conversation took quite another turn; UFOs were not mentioned again. I left him with a feeling that I had spoken to a true prophet of our time, and also with a hunch that I had seen him for the last time. This proved to be correct.

COMMENT FROM EDITOR OF FSR.

The care and skill with which this vitally important statement from Carl Jung has been ignored and suppressed is highlighted by the fact that, as already mentioned above, even we at FSR did not learn of its existence until 1985 - TWENTY-SEVEN YEARS LATER -when Miss Mary Goodall of Beckenham, Kent received a copy of it from Mr Philip Goodhart, M.P., and sent it on to us!

FURTHER NOTE.

The influence of JUNG is still clearly very strong. In a recent article in *Swirled News*, "*Eyewitness Account of Crop Circle Forming in the Netherlands*" -Oct 25, 2001, the well-known crop circle researcher Nancy Talbott of the BLT Research Team Inc speculates "as to whether the crop circles may not be evidence of some external consciousness and/or purpose in energy forms or life forms currently unknown to us and un-named?"

"Was there in them a consciousness directing them, or was it our own unconscious or subconscious? If not ours, was it possibly Jung's Collective Unconscious, was it a consciousness inherent in Nature, or was it from another dimension, galaxy, or perhaps directly from the Almighty?"

"We don't know the answer. What we suspect is that the answer to these questions, in fact the actual pursuit of these answers, will greatly affect human awareness.

"What we hope is that 21st century humanity will recognise this possibility soon, and join in the effort to uncover new aspects of reality which we may currently only faintly imagine."

[For the full story see the Swirled News website at www.swirlednews.com]■

ANNOUNCEMENT

Owing to sickness of several members of our team it has been difficult to get out this issue; likewise it has not been possible to deal with all email appropriately. We ask for your forbearance, now and in the immediate future -Editor.

AN ENCOUNTER OF A BOEING 727 WITH A HUGE "CIGAR" OVER JAPAN (1978). EXCLUSIVE REPORT FOR FLYING SAUCER REVIEW.

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We at CBAI recently received a pilot's report about the experience of the crew of Flight NH257, a Boeing 727 passenger craft of ALL NIPPON AIRWAYS (ANA) in 1978 when they were en route from Tokyo westwards to Fukuoka. (see map). While flying in the early twilight sky, over Okayama, they spotted, ahead of them, a long seemingly "cloud-like" object that at first appeared to be a DC-8 aircraft. But as they came nearer they perceived it to be "shaped like a cigar" and, flying at a height of only about 150 m. below their plane, it accompanied them and kept pace with them at an estimated distance of 500 m. at the closest point of approach.

And then suddenly all three officers saw the thing "belch out plumes of smoke, like a steam locomotive"!

This type of case, classified as a "cigar-smoke trail" in foreign countries, is exceedingly rare. Only a few cases have been reported throughout the entire 50 years of UFO research, and so far none have been detailed. In the history of Japan this is an unparalleled event. The amazing phenomenon that the aircraft crew saw the object "belch out plumes of smoke" is extraordinary, and in fact is unique... the first of its kind in the world. This is one of the very best among the eyewitness cases of close approaches of aircraft to UFOs.

"LOOK! IT'S NOT A DC-8. IT HAS NO WINGS!"

On February 11, 1978, at 1640 hrs. (ten minutes delayed on departure time) the ALL-NIPPON AIRWAYS Flight NH257 (B727-200) had taken off from the Tokyo Haneda Airport for Fukuoka, and was on the J20L jet route over Osaka VOR, with heading of 262 degrees and at an altitude of 31,000 ft. and cruising speed of Mach 0.8. In command of the plane was Captain Katsuhiko Ishiwatari, and his Co-pilot was Masanao Itazu and his Flight-Engineer Shigeru Hayashi.

Shortly after they had passed over Osaka VOR, the Captain spotted what seemed like a long and slender cloud-like object at the same altitude and at about 10 - 20 nautical miles ahead of them. Little idea did he have of what this was to be the prelude! His plane was now over Kojima Peninsula, in Okayama Prefecture. And it was a fine day, without a speck of cloud, and the sky still held light.

At about 18 03 hrs. the plane began to tremble due to the direct influence of CAT (clear-air turbulence), so Captain Ishiwatari contacted Fukuoka Control (ACC) and asked for approval to reduce altitude - though it was before scheduled time. Fukuoka did not permit the change in altitude, and the Captain wondered why they did this

Peering ahead again, he saw that the long slender cloud-like object that looked like a DC-8 was a little below and in the 10 o'clock direction. Still taking it to be a DC-8 he gave the call "TRAFFIC IN SIGHT" to

Fukuoka ACC ("I visually identify a DC-8 near by"), in the expectation that he would now get clearance for descent. But their reply was "NO TRAFFIC" ("there is no such a plane"). This surprised him and he took another look. And, as he has now told us, "I was astonished. It was not a DC-8 or indeed any ordinary plane. It had no wings! It was terrific!"

At first this object, which was situated on his forward port side, appeared to be stationary and at about 3,000 ft below. Then it came nearer to the plane, to a distance of about 500 m. or so and only about 500ft (150 m) below the plane. Straining his eyes to get a clearer view, the Captain now perceived that it was a gigantic cigar-shaped thing, somehow foggy in detail despite its great size, and that it possessed no windows. As for its colouring it was "an ashy, non-glittering silver, like the duralumin of the fuselages of our planes", and this colour underwent no change. The huge cigar-shaped object was travelling calmly - and apparently soundlessly - and kept pace with the Captain's plane, at the same speed, for a few minutes, still just below the plane, so that one felt that, by reaching out from the Captain's seat through the left-hand cabin window (L-2) he could have touched it.

The sky was clear, without a speck of cloud or anything else except this object. It was a rare situation, and the captain said to his cabin crew: "That's a strange sort of cloud!". As he explained to me later, he said: "In our job we see clouds all the time and everywhere, and we seldom mention them". And, as he assured me, that had been, as he realized later, quite certainly NO CLOUD!

When I spoke with the Flight Engineer about it, his comment was: "At first it was just stationary, and looked foggy, like cloud. Generally speaking, when you see a speck of cloud in a blue sky it rapidly changes in shape and then vanishes. But that "strange cloud" did not lose its shape, and steadily got closer to us and was moving at the same speed as our plane. Had it been an aircraft, it would have been of the apparent size of a B727 seen at a distance of ten miles away. When however it had come close to us, it had the size of a B727 at seven miles. I kept watching it, wondering what it was...."

"THE OBJECT BELCHED OUT PLUMES OF A SMOKE-LIKE SUBSTANCE, LIKE A LOCOMOTIVE!"

The crew were observing this mysterious object through the cockpit window L-2 (see 1,2,3, and 4 of Fig. 4).

Suddenly they saw it begin to move, belching plumes of a smoke-like substance from its tail section - like a steam locomotive! The "smoke" extended for a length of about two or three times the length of the cigar itself, and