

TORONTO ABDUCTION REPORT

Canadian witness observes an intriguing variety of UFOs, encounters the occupants of one of them and claims subsequent M.I.B. involvement.

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THE third and fourth reported abductions of humans by UFO entities in Canada occurred on August 4, 1979. The people stated to have been abducted were a girl of 14 and a man of about 43 years of age. The girl is said to have been aboard for 15 minutes, the man for an unknown length of time.

The incidents were investigated by Canada's largest UFO investigation group, the Canadian UFO Research Network (CUFORN). The evidence included matted-down grass, residual radiation, physical effects on one abductee, a Man-in-black (MIB) visit, and an independent observer who saw the UFO moving to the spot where the girl's abduction reputedly took place. To this day, the independent observer, a woman, does not know that there was an abduction involved.

The first of a *series* of UFO sightings which culminated in the abductions happened in the eastern part of Toronto, Ontario, on Thursday night, August 2.

That same night, one hour later, similarly-shaped UFOs were reported in Northwestern Kansas and Southwestern Nebraska, USA, 1150 miles south west of Toronto. Articles about the sightings in the Norton, Kansas, *Telegram* and the McCook, Nebraska, *Gazette* were sent to CUFORN headquarters by Edmonton, Alberta, member John Musgrave. He sent them as part of his monthly UFO clipping service.

CUFORN policy

CUFORN, founded in December, 1977, is a group with 55 members in five countries. Its membership is restricted to persons with expertise in dozens of scientific fields. CUFORN's policy is to avoid contacting the media which distorts, ridicules, fabricates and exploits UFO events, especially in major cities. This leads to crank phone calls and harassment of UFO observers.

In order to avoid this, the names of three girls and one of their mothers have been changed in this article. The three girls are Sarah Hines, 14, Cathy R., 14, and Jackie B., 11. They and Jackie's mother filled out the appropriate CUFORN sighting report forms, CE2's and one CE3 form.

The UFO incidents

The incidents involved seven teenagers, 13 parents, and one young boy.

They saw six UFOs, two of them arrowhead in shape. At 9.50 p.m., August 2, 1979, Sarah saw something in the sky nearby and told her two girl friends to follow her to the field nearby which is owned by Ontario Hydro. Two

lights were hovering low near high tension power lines. The two objects rose when they arrived, one heading south, the other north. From his house window, Cathy's father saw one of the objects at 9.50 p.m. He later refused to fill out a sighting report form. When the two objects had left, Cathy sighted two arrowhead-shaped objects which appeared to be moving backwards from the northwest at 9.52 p.m.

A minute later, Sarah and Jackie observed a cigar-shaped object. It was black with white lights around the periphery and a green light at one end. The cigar was following an arrowhead-shaped UFO at an estimated 500 feet elevation. The cigar emitted a sound like a generator operating at low power.

An oval-shaped object appeared at 9.55 p.m. It had a green haze around it, and had four curved legs longer than the body of the object. There was a dull red light on top, red lights along the bottom and yellow lights around the circumference. It appeared to hover over the senior public school roof, two blocks north west of Sarah's home. This object was 12-15 feet in diameter and about six feet in height, excluding the legs. Another girl, Jodi, saw the object over the roof. When she approached the wall of the school, she felt "paralyzed" and began to cry.

The seven teenagers on the school grounds were soon joined by their parents. The parents said they did not see the oval object, only the arrowhead and cigar objects. The teenagers said the crickets in the vicinity stopped chirping during the incident.

The oval object lifted off the roof about 30 feet, hovered again, and then disappeared from sight when its lights went out at 10.05 p.m. Immediately, the sound of the crickets was heard again.

Sarah normally sleeps four to five hours a night, but this night she slept 12 hours with no dreams.

On Friday the 3rd at 9.50 p.m., the same observers plus Cathy's mother, a friend Bill MacMillan, and Jackie's brother Ernie, went to the field which is adjacent and to the east of the school grounds. Again, the sounds of life in the field seemed to stop. No cars were seen or heard on the normally busy street, which led to Buttonville Airport, three miles to the north.

They saw an oval object the size of a football field at a 300 ft elevation. It was flat, dark and solid-appearing, with large checkered patterns and three large "fans" of 50 ft diameter beneath. The entire object turned over slowly, rose, and headed south very slowly.

At 10 p.m., Bill and Ernie observed two large arrowhead objects at about 500 ft elevation north of the field. The angle of elevation to the observers was 50

degrees. One object seemed to explode silently. The pieces separated as if a jigsaw puzzle were being taken apart. The object's total size was now doubled by the separation of the pieces. This object and the intact object were now separated by 200 ft.

Sarah had an urge to go alone to another field $\frac{3}{4}$ mile north east of the Hydro field. Sarah walked, as if in a trance, to the other field. There she saw four bright lights hovering at about 500 ft elevation at 10.10 p.m. Sarah returned home and again slept 12 hours with no recall of dreams.

At 10.30 p.m. that night, Cathy dialled the telephone operator and asked her whom to call to report a UFO sighting. The operator suggested she call the Ontario Provincial Police. She spoke to David Craig, an O.P.P. public relations officer. He called an acquaintance of his who knew Joe Muskat, CUFORN Co-Director and President. Muskat phoned Sarah on the 5th. That night he visited and interviewed Sarah and her mother Alice, after notifying Co-Director and Secretary Lawrence J. (Larry) Fenwick.

Events began once more at 9.50 p.m. on Saturday, August 4. The same teenagers, along with Jackie's father, went to the Hydro field. Jackie's mother, at this time, was walking a few blocks away and saw an arrowhead object heading north at about 20 m.p.h. about two feet above street level.

Just after her observation, the people in the field watched two hovering arrowhead objects for about two minutes. Then, at 500 ft elevation, the objects all headed East "like a flash".

Abduction

Also, at 9.50 p.m., Sarah felt compelled to walk away from her friends to the field north east of the Hydro field. All sounds of life seemed to stop. Sarah crossed the road to the field without looking out for cars. She said she had the feeling that there would be no cars and there were none. There usually is some traffic on the street even late at night since it is a main north-south street.

Upon reaching the field at 10.05 p.m., she saw an arrowhead object move off the street to the field and in front of her. It settled slowly to a height of two to three feet above the foot-high grass. She walked to within two feet of



1. The field where the alleged abduction took place.



2. Dome-shaped UFO said to have landed on roof at rear of these school buildings.

the object. Suddenly she saw four shadow-like figures emerge from the object and hover in a semi-circle two feet above the ground. The figures were four feet tall, football-shaped, one-and-a-half feet wide and less than an inch thick, like wafers.

She looked at them for one to two minutes and passed out. She recalled being on the UFO and observing the general area. She also saw a man in a blue suit walking a dog. She remembers waking up in the field 15 minutes later at 10.20 p.m., stretched out on the ground about 15 feet south of where the object had been.

Again, upon her return home, she slept 12 dreamless hours.

Muskat asked her why her face was orange-red. She said, "You won't believe this." He asked her if she had any other marks on her body. She said "Yes." She showed Muskat her right hand. One pin-prick mark was clearly visible on the inside of her index finger and a one-eighth inch diameter elongated red scrape mark with a pin prick inside it was on the base of the thumb. These marks healed in five days' time with no medical attention.



3. The dark area is matted-down grass where the arrowhead-shaped UFO landed.

Her mother said Sarah's eye pupils were dilated and that she had washed off some of the redness on her face the next morning. She had done this out of curiosity and fear.

By the morning of the 5th, the dilation was gone, her mother said.

Muskat asked Sarah "What was the thing you said I wouldn't believe?"

"I was on board a UFO," she replied.

Investigation

Muskat, Sarah and her brother Jay went to the site, where they saw a triangular area of depressed grass which had a grey pallor as if the chlorophyll had gone from it. The measurements that Muskat took there corresponded very closely to the description by Sarah. Muskat photographed her hand, the matted-down area, and called Larry Fenwick and Harry Tokarz.

All three went to Sarah's house to ask for further details. Following this they proceeded to the field. There, she showed them approximately where she had awakened. During the search for the exact location, Sarah noticed a nickel and a penny lying in the grass. She searched her pockets, telling them she had eleven cents the previous day. She only found a nickel in her pocket. This money was found at the location at which she had awoken, 15 ft from where the grass was matted down and dried out.

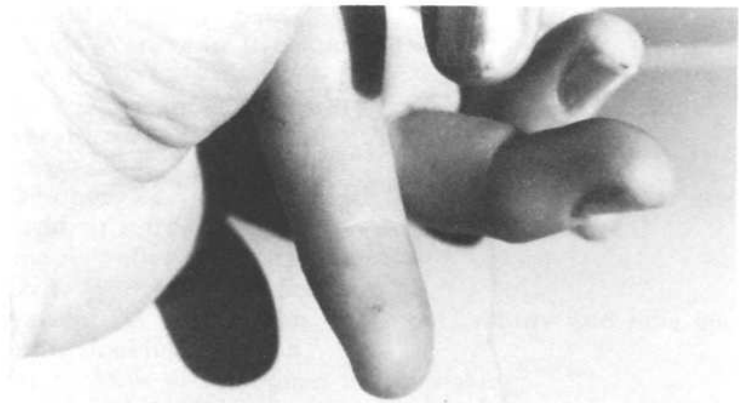
On August 7th, Claude Freeman, CUFORN member and pilot, was asked to get a Geiger counter to check for radiation. That night very heavy rain fell, preventing use of the Geiger counter. On the 8th, Freeman and Henning Jorgensen, CUFORN radar and electronics expert, took



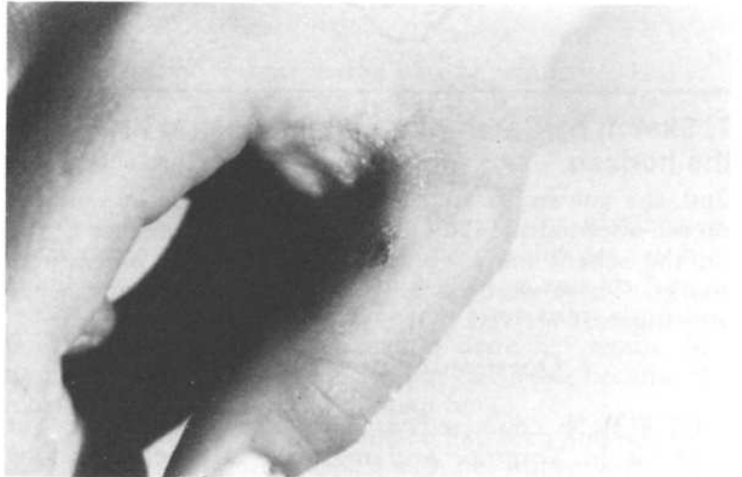
4. Claude Freeman using Geiger counter on matted grass.

radiation readings, while Muskat obtained soil samples.

The readings were 1.6 to 1.7 higher than the normal background radioactive scintillations. Geiger readings were taken in areas as far as five feet away from the



5. Photograph of Sarah's finger taken on August 6th, two days after alleged abduction, shows pinprick where blood sample was said to have been taken by aliens.



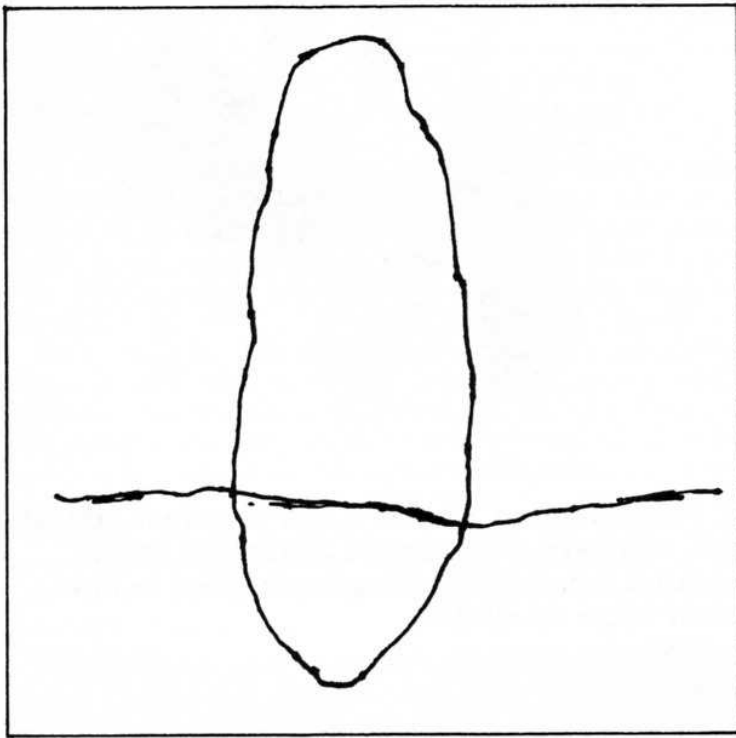
6. An enlarging lens was used for this photograph and shows barely visible scab, with pinprick within it, at base of Sarah's thumb. Photo taken two days after abduction.

depressed area. The readings ranged from 14 to 19 at that distance. Inside the depressed area, they ranged from 23 to 24 scintillations per minute.

Muskat interviewed Cathy on August 9th. Cathy described her observations of August 2nd. She said the arrowhead object had a red mist around it. It was silent and, inside the red mist, the surface appeared white and smooth. It hovered and moved up and down slowly. She said that at arm's length the object would have been the size of an automobile.

On all three nights, the weather was clear and warm. There were many stars in view and the moonlight ranged in intensity from dull to bright. There were a few fluffy white clouds on the night of August 2nd. Cathy said the arrowhead object came from the north-west on August 2nd. She said there were six objects in view that night. She also noted that the wind was almost non-existent, and was from the south-east. The edges of the arrowhead object appeared sharp. "The bottom looked like pipes on the bottom of a car."

Sarah said that on the sightings of the 2nd, she began to cry while she watched the oval object and could not believe what she was seeing. Cathy also said that on the



7. Sketch by Sarah of a crystalline creature, and the horizon.

2nd, she saw an "orange-red ball of fire." Cathy said that on the afternoon of the 4th some friends helped her get up on the school roof, where she saw oil and half-square marks. These were no longer visible a day later, when investigators arrived.

Questioning under hypnosis

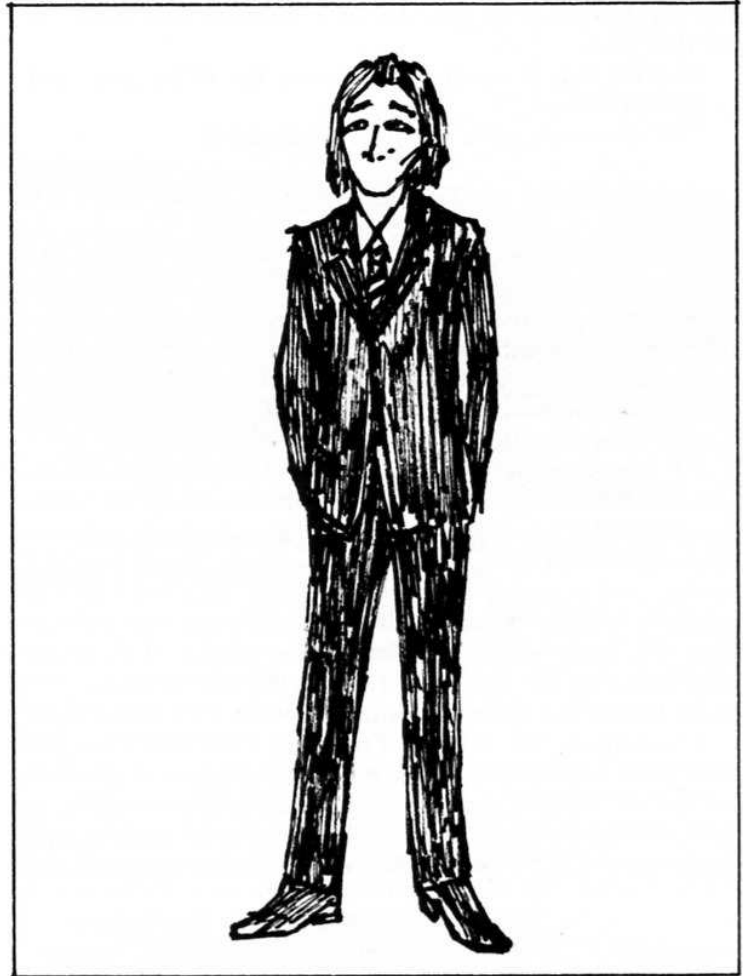
CUFORN contacted a doctor who specializes in hypnosis in Toronto, and regressive hypnosis sessions took place on October 10, 18 and 24, with Sarah's mother present. The doctor's name is omitted here as he does not want to be bombarded by phone calls from persons who wish to have regressive hypnosis. He prefers to be contacted by CUFORN.

The following is a summary of the tape-recorded regressive hypnosis sessions. For coherence, a few statements in the second session are included with those of the first session.

Oct. 10, 1979: Sarah said she was taken on foot through the UFO's wall. The interior was brightly and uniformly lit throughout, and sharper than regular lighting. Sarah detected the odour of chicken. Her hands went through everything she touched, except for an ordinary cat from Earth. She was told they had been "growing it" on board and it was to be released eventually. The creatures had not done any tests on the cat, which roamed freely in the craft.

She said there were seven shadowy creatures on the craft and that she could see right through them. They were long and oval, like large American-style footballs, and were four feet tall. They appeared crystalline. Each was of a different, but strange colour, and Sarah said they told her telepathically that they had taken her for tests to see what humans are made of.

They said they had been on Earth before and would return when she was 25. She felt she was on board for



8. Impression of the MIB, based on Sarah's sketch drawn on day after alleged meeting.

"what seemed like a year."

Doctor: "Did you stay here on Earth and just look at it from the air?"

Sarah: "Yes. I saw the whole world."

Dr.: "Did they take you to any other world?"

Sarah: "Well, they showed me this place. It's red and it's there, but it's not."

Dr.: "Was it another planet or star?"

Sarah: "Yes."

Dr.: "Do you remember what they did to you that made your skin become tanned, sort of like a sunburn?"

Sarah: The bright lights. They've got to stay on. They have to have light."

Dr.: "Why?"

Sarah: "To keep them alive."

Dr.: "Why did the bright lights only cause sort of a sunburn on your face and neck and not on your hands?"

Sarah: "Cause my hands were glowing."

Dr.: "Do you know why they were glowing?"

Sarah: "No."

October 18, 1979 (Second Session): Sarah described the physical examination administered to her. They put an instrument in her mouth. A "light" was put on her thumb and index finger which painlessly burned holes in each of them. Blood was extracted from the holes. A machine was placed on her head "to find out what I know." She asked the creatures where they were from, but she said she did not know what their answer was.

Sarah saw an ordinary English-speaking human man on the craft. He said he was there for the same tests. He told her his first name only, but she recalled merely that it began with an 'A'. He was "from here," Sarah said, but not from her neighbourhood. The man said that he was taken aboard after she arrived on the craft. He stayed on board after she was let go. The creatures told her that they were going to let him go after they had released her. This man may or may not be a Canadian.

'A' told her he did not mind being on the UFO. He asked the creatures questions when Sarah was present, but Sarah could not recall them. 'A' had dark hair, which was "going a bit grey. He looked about 43." He was "not very tall" and wore casual clothing. He told Sarah he was a store owner.

Sarah said there were a lot of plants and computers on board, although most of the computers were in another room which she got a glimpse of.

Dr.: "How did you get off the UFO?"

Sarah: "They took me out the door. It wasn't a different colour door. It was just a little hole in the wall. I went through a little hole. And then they put me back to sleep and then I was on the ground."

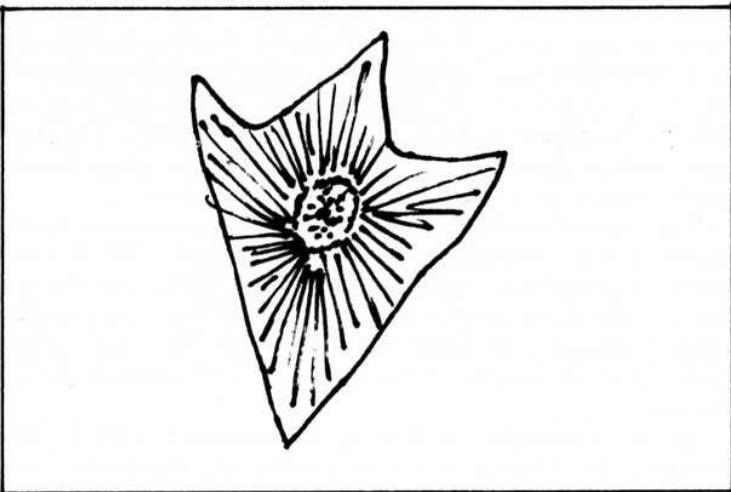
Dr.: "Do you remember how they put you to sleep?"

Sarah: "Yes."

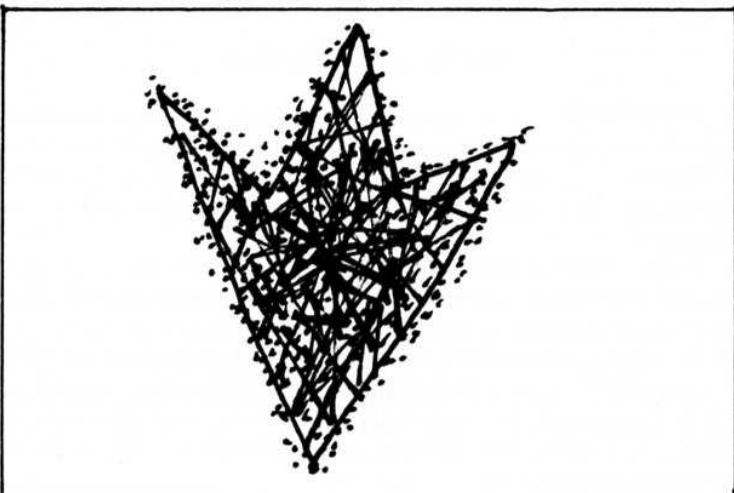
Dr.: "How?"

Sarah: "They told me to go to sleep."

Dr.: "Does it still seem very real to you or does it seem like a distant dream?"



9. Based on sketches by witnesses: top view of arrowhead UFO.



10. "It had a red mist".

Sarah: "I'd say 'real'."

Dr.: "Were you frightened at all?"

Sarah: "No."

Dr.: Did you feel they were good people, good beings?"

Sarah: "Yes."

October 24, 1979 (Third Session — note that the incident referred to here occurred on October 11, 1979, one day after the first session):—

Dr.: "What are you seeing?"

Sarah: "A funny man. He's tall, skinny and he's got funny-looking shoes on."

Dr.: "How are the shoes funny-looking?"

Sarah: "I don't know. They're just funny."

Sarah told the doctor she was in the school courtyard at lunchtime along with her friends. The 'funny man' (MIB) had followed her to the courtyard from the cafeteria. The MIB came over to her and told her to move away from where her friends were. Then he started asking questions. She said he wanted desperately to find out who her friends were.

Dr.: "He gave you no reason why he wanted to know?"

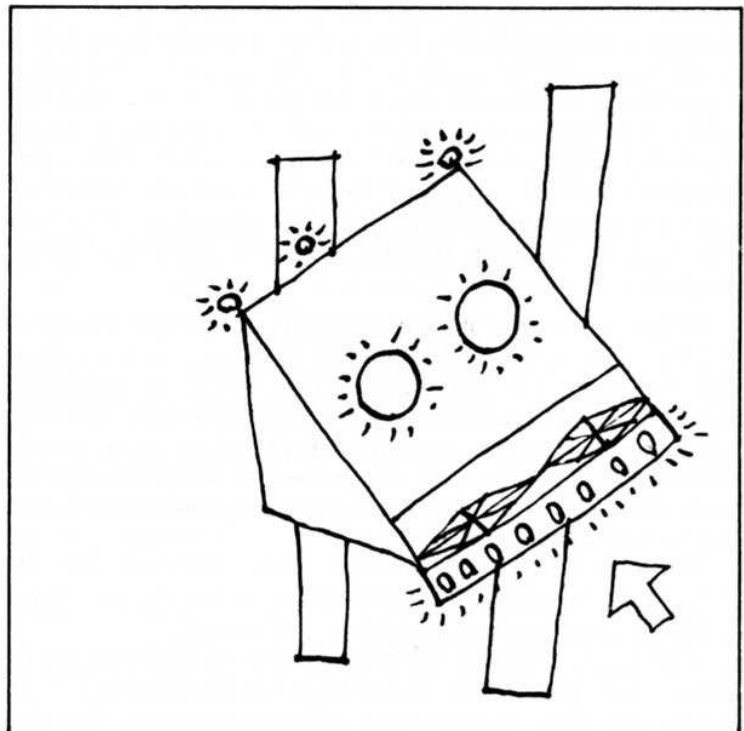
Sarah: "I think he wanted to kill them."

Dr.: "Why? Did he think they were dangerous?"

Sarah: "Yes, I guess."

The Man in Black said he had a lot of partners everywhere. He warned her that if she did not tell him about everything on board the UFO, he and his friends would get after her. And if she went away from him while he was talking to her, he would scare her again. She thought about calling for help, but could not because the man's "mind was stronger" than hers.

Sarah told him exactly what she had seen and heard on the UFO. He seemed pleased with her information, only showing surprise when she mentioned the computers. He said he knew there was a man on the UFO. He told her



11. Side view of object.

that he had spoken to the human man since that time.

Dr.: "How did your conversation end?"

Sarah: "He just went."

Dr.: "You mean just walked away?"

Sarah: "No. He just disappeared."

Dr.: "Right in front of you?"

Sarah: "Yes."

Dr.: "Do you think he was human?"

Sarah: "No."

Sarah had told Muskat about the Man in Black on October 12. She said he stood six feet tall and looked like a dead person. He had a dull grey-toned face, slanted eyes and wore a black suit. Sarah could not remember the shape of the lips, but recalled that his grin was sinister. He had a very pointed nose and long fingernails on tapering fingers. His feet were pointing outwards at 90 degrees. His shoes had 3-4 inch heels.

In a summary of the sessions, the doctor noted that Sarah had been taken to a psychiatrist several months before her experience as a result of school problems, the strains of adolescent adjustment and sibling rivalry. He said she had a vivid imagination and had claimed to have seen some bizarre-looking ghosts. She had a very strong interest in the occult for the past few years, but, according to her mother, not much interest in UFOs. She had not read books or magazines on the UFO subject.

The doctor said the UFO incidents began on July 23, whereas the 3-night sequence of sightings started on August 2. He mentioned that Sarah "claimed" to have seen some UFOs on that night and the two succeeding evenings. He used the word "claimed," although he admitted that he did not investigate the sightings by other people in the area at the time.

The doctor commented that Sarah was remarkably nonchalant about the entire experience both before and after the hypnosis. This was her attitude towards her father's death, he added. Her nonchalance concerning his demise was understandable due to a reason which must remain confidential. Her casual attitude towards the UFO incidents is partly explained by the absence of serious side-effects on her. (An important point to note is that she told CUFORN's investigators that the experience inside the UFO was moderately pleasant.) He said the Hines girl seemed candidly surprised to hear what she had said under hypnosis when the tapes were played back to her. He said her casual attitude returned after her initial surprise.

What he does not know is that, from the moment CUFORN was in touch with her and up to a week after the hypnosis was complete, CUFORN's investigators repeatedly told her to be calm about the incident. She was told that abductions are not as unusual as most people think, and that any side effects on her would disappear very shortly. In other words, the investigators conditioned her to a casual attitude.

This attitude conditioning was referred to by CUFORN member John Musgrave in his paper, "The UFO Investigator as Counsellor and Healer."¹

The hypnotherapist said that "subjects do not have to relate the truth while questioned under hypnosis." If Sarah was lying, the doctor would not have said that she experienced *genuine* surprise at hearing a playback of the

tapes of the hypnotic sessions. Others with years of experience in the UFO field have stated that subjects cannot lie under deep hypnosis. These include Dr. R. Leo Sprinkle, University of Wyoming, and Dr. James A. Harder.

Dr. Alvin Lawson, in "What Can We Learn from Hypnosis of Imaginary Abductees?"² stated that it is possible to lie under deep hypnosis *only* when subjects are deliberately told to imagine an event and are fed leading questions and outright suggestions.

After the first session, CUFORN's Larry Fenwick asked the doctor if he would monitor Sarah's bodily direct current electrical field in subsequent sessions. This technique was suggested by Dr. Harold A. Cahn, a clinical hypnotist, in an article, "Use of Hypnosis To Discriminate 'True' and 'False' UFO Experiences."³ Cahn said when a subject is faking there is either "no great DC potential change (no trance) or whatever verbal account they present is obviously derivative." The doctor declined Fenwick's suggestion, saying that the device is unreliable, despite the fact that he has never used the instrument.

The hypnotist said that the sessions should stop because of the death of Sarah's father and her recent depressed state. However, the threat by the Man in Black at the school may have been his real reason for discontinuing the hypnotic regression.

Possibly, deeper hypnosis could elicit much information from Sarah. Although they are omitted in this article, five times during the hypnosis she said "I don't remember," indicating that mental blocks may have been implanted in her subconscious by the alien entities. It is ironic that the doctor stated that he hoped his summary "will be of use to you and your colleagues in attempting to get a better understanding of the UFO phenomena" (*sic*).

The doctor's written summary made no reference to the taped session describing the Man in Black. He did not mention that Sarah saw a cat inside the UFO. He did not refer to the photographs Muskat showed him of the marks on her thumb and finger or to the fact that her mother noted that the pupils of Sarah's eyes were dilated for 12 hours.

In the summary and in a conversation with Harry Tokarz, Joe Muskat and Larry Fenwick, the doctor said that Sarah told him under hypnosis that she heard buzzing and beeping sounds when she was aboard the UFO. Her account of this was not on the tapes.

Further investigation

CUFORN's Joe Muskat arranged for soil analysis which was done on August 17, at the Radiation Protection Laboratory, Special Studies and Services Branch, Ministry of Labour, at Ontario government offices in Toronto.

ROI readout time was 2000 seconds for gross counts inside the area where the depressed grass was found. Naturally occurring Radon daughters ranged from 123 to 178, with a naturally occurring annihilation peak of 256. Cesium 137, a long lined fallout nuclide reached a peak of 331. Potassium 40, naturally occurring, was also noted. Radiation counts for the soil ranged from 3 to 83, with an average count of 44.

The counts for the background or normal soil outside

the site ranged from 1 to 23, averaging out to 6.473. Thus, the affected soil was more than *six times* as high in radiation as the soil outside the site, even after a heavy rainstorm.

In the light of the doctor's lack of involvement with this and other facets of the investigation, it is not surprising to CUFORN that he made the following statement: "I do not believe that any conclusive judgement can be made at

this time regarding the validity of her account."

In contrast and in conclusion, CUFORN judges that this was a genuine double abduction incident.

References

1. See *Proceedings of the 1976 CUFOS Conference*, pp. 198-200.
2. See *1977 MUFON UFO Symposium Proceedings*, pp. 107-131.
3. See *The APRO Bulletin*, March 1979, pp. 4-5.

MAIL BAG

Correspondence is invited from our readers, but they are asked to keep their letters short. Unless letters give the sender's full name and address (not necessarily for publication) they cannot be considered. The Editor would like to remind correspondents that it is not always possible to acknowledge every letter personally, so he takes this opportunity of thanking all who write to him.

A suggestion

Dear Mr. Bowen, — I am sure all your readers will want to say "Bravo" and "Thank you" on the completion of 25 years of the *Review!* It has been an heroic achievement which has made a unique contribution, if I may say so, to our planetary life in this century, and this I think is being realised by an increasing number of people throughout the world. It is 30 years since the saucer phenomenon first swam into my ken, and during that time the 'FSR' has been my unflinching companion, all 147 issues!

Reading your splendid Editorial on Aimé Michel, and listing his remarkable contributions over the years, would you ever think of publishing these in a special issue similar to your 1966 issue *The Humanoids?* I believe there would be a widespread welcome for this, and it would be a further aid in our ceaseless investigatory quest!

Ever yours sincerely,
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May 24 1980

[The Rev'd Nelson's idea is a reasonable one which had some consideration even before M. Michel "retired." The idea was shelved because it was felt we should endeavour to get our publishing schedule up to date before we attempted any more special issues. That restriction still remains, but if, some time in the future, it is felt there would be sufficient demand for such an issue the project would be given consideration — EDITOR]

P. Moore and "The Sky at Night"

Dear Mr. Bowen, — Appalled by the erroneous statements made by Mr. Moore in this programme in December 1979 — such as "... funny how there are no 'foo fighters' (UFOs following planes) seen today," or "radar sightings are flights of duck, clouds of aphids and

(an old friend) temperature inversions" and so on — may I mention that I am having a continuing correspondence with Mr. Moore via the programme's producer Ms Patricia Wood.

Your correspondent Denise Langman, and thousands of viewers who watched this programme, will be amazed to learn of the format on which it was based.

Moore was supposed to show that he believes in UFOs but thinks that they are not extraterrestrial. Michael Bentine was to show that ET vehicles may exist.

How well this programme succeeded in conveying the ideas of the producer is apparent from the reaction of Denise Langman's workpersons.

From my correspondence, it appears Mr. Moore was not particularly well informed on the cases that I quoted to refute his mis-statements — most of all those concerning the Tungus 'Meteor' where he has, apparently, done little research.

Yours sincerely,
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May 21, 1980.

More on P. Moore

Dear Sir, — Your reader Denise Langman really should have watched the "Sky at Night" programme instead of relying on the opinion of her associates at work. It certainly was not a scientific study of the UFO phenomenon, but neither was it a debunking exercise either.

Michael Bentine is a believer and Patrick Moore a doubter (but not necessarily a disbeliever). In fact Mr. Moore admitted that one case had impressed him. . . "The witness definitely saw something very strange."

I found the whole thing entertaining and interesting. The little "Martian" who appeared outside Moore's house at the end of the programme was amusing and could not cause offence except to those who expected too much from this

type of presentation. (Patrick disappeared down a black hole in the last "Sky at Night" so he is liable to have a bit of fun at his own expense too!)

Moore's statement that in 1957 he sent a hoax UFO sighting to his local paper to test public reaction was a real eye opener. Twenty-two people confirmed the sighting! This may well indicate that a lot of people do see things that just aren't there.

Yours faithfully,
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The importance of the contactee

Dear Sir, — I make no apology for stating the obvious, but having read the quite fascinating points of view expressed in the latest issue (Vol. 25, No. 6) of FSR's "letters to the editor," I do feel that we are in some danger of forgetting that, as yet, and until science proves otherwise, the focal point of the whole UFO conundrum is still the Creditability Factor — that is, the evidence given to incredible tales told by seemingly credible witnesses.

Indeed, I am motivated to write this letter by the fact that I recently received a quite impromptu visit from a psychiatrist who was holidaying in Pembrokeshire, and who wished to discuss UFOs with me. We had a most interesting talk, but, as with so many I have experienced in the past, it was prefaced by the statement that though his knowledge of ufology was not overmuch, he approached the subject "with an open mind."

I simply had to smile because, and in spite of his profession, that was precisely what he did *not* do. And why? Just because, and without exception, we are all victims of preconceived convictions, preconceived prejudices, preconceived biases, ideas, philosophies, tenets and preferences, all of which lie deep in our subconscious, and surface only when the