

twenty years. For this disbelief I was quite severely attacked by some of the conference attendees who felt that I had mounted an attack on Linda herself though this was not the case. I'm glad to say that I appear to have been forgiven in 2004 and there was no further talk of the fraudster Urandir.

Controversies of this type rage from time to time and are then forgotten. New cases are presented and once more we set out in our quest for the truth behind the UFO mystery. Again and again we come away puzzled or disappointed, but some of us keep going back for more. I think

most of the old timers realise that we shall never know the truth, never find "one solution" – at any rate one in terms with which we are familiar. These things are seen through a glass darkly (to use a Biblical phrase) and there are no clearcut answers. Nevertheless, there are many of us who will continue to attend UFO conferences, such as the excellent Ozark conference in Eureka Springs which has become very much part of our lives.

George Wingfield. July 2004

The Real Wonderland – by Richard M Dolan

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What they say about Richard's book "UFOs and the National Security State"

"Thorough and Monumental." —Dr. Edgar Mitchell, Apollo 14 Astronaut

"Superb! The seminal work for this generation." —Don Ecker, Editor, UFO Magazine.

"The best history ever written about UFOs." —Whitley Strieber, author of Communion.

Dateline: August 5th 2004 Unless you consciously look for such news, you would never know that UFOs continue to be seen by people every day around the world. The difference between the reality of the phenomena, and how it is ignored, reminds me of what Alice experienced when she jumped down the rabbit hole into Wonderland.

But the twist in our society is that the reality of UFO experience is part of the normal, topside world, while mainstream media coverage is part of Wonderland. Indeed, our mainstream media has become so incompetent and downright screwy, our political and corporate leaders such self-serving liars, and our common culture so escapist and empty-headed, that I think "Wonderland" describes this warped reality quite well.

Ironically that UFOs are considered to be "bizarre" by the official, Wonderland, culture. But then again, maybe not so ironic. It's astonishing when I reflect on this. In my personal life, outside of my "ufological" world, I have probably spoken to 120 to 150 people who have shared their personal UFO experiences with me.

Basically, they find out that I write on this subject and soon confide to me something they often haven't even told their close friends – sometimes not even their spouse.

Last week, yet again, a person I met in Wonderland told me about her reality on the topside. This was an encounter from back in 1975, when she was a high school student and witnessed an enormous aerial object hovering low over a building in Rochester, New York, the town where I have lived these past nineteen years.

It was late fall, at a time (unbeknownst to her) when there were quite a few military UFO sightings along the northern U.S. border. The object was dark and huge, she said to me. It was absolutely not anything of human origin, she maintains. She never reported this anywhere, and in fact has hardly told anyone after nearly 30 years.

Another person I know – someone who is a fairly well-known celebrity in Western New York State – had a UFO sighting just outside Syracuse. It was late afternoon on a sunny day. Driving with a friend, in the small town of Manlius, this person asked his companion if she could see the large object outside her window.

She answered, "I'm really glad you mentioned that, because I didn't know what I was going to tell you." According to this person (who also never reported his sighting to any organization), he and his companion got out of the car and watched what

he described as "right out of a Steven Spielberg movie."

It was a classic flying saucer. Silent, hovering over trees, "as large as a football field." It has rotating lights around the perimeter — red, green, and yellow, as he recalled. The object wasn't doing anything — merely hovering silently and impossibly in broad daylight.

Not surprisingly, my acquaintance was rather startled. "If we're seeing this thing," he decided, "other people have to be seeing it as well." Sure enough, a light commercial aircraft flew by, which he maintains had to have seen the object. At around the same time, a news traffic helicopter — "Eye in the Sky," as he described it — was in the vicinity. He assumed at the time that the crew on board had video equipment and was filming the amazing object.

Then, about a minute or two later, two fighter planes, probably F-15s, buzzed by this object. At this point, it took off "like a bullet." In the time it takes to snap your fingers, it was gone. No sound at all. "It's a good thing it left when it did," he said to me, "since I was about to dive into my car to get the hell out of there."

The kicker of the story is this. He was sure that this would be on the T.V. news that night, and stayed up till 11 p.m., specifically to hear the much anticipated report about a massive UFO seen just outside Syracuse. But not only was there no story on any UFO, but it seemed to him as though the talking heads in Wonderland went out of their way to downplay anything odd at all. The new announcer actually said, "another boring day in Syracuse."

I recall the words of singer and composer Gil Scott-Heron: "The revolution will not be televised."

In Wonderland, reality is upside down. Living in this world is like living on a nonstop LSD trip, in which the "reality" we are being fed bears little to no resemblance to the actual experiences of people. In Wonderland, UFOs are imaginary. Unfortunately for Wonderland's managers, the operators of those imaginary UFOs don't seem to get the message. ~ Richard Dolan is Senior Editor of Phenomena Magazine, and author of "UFOs and the National Security State" (Volume One: 1941 to 1973). Volume 2 is planned for 2005. Selected quotations about UFOs that appear in UFOs and the National

Security State Vol 1:

*Before we could do any more, the Army, after conferring with [U.S.] officials, ordered the investigation stopped — Dr. Paul Santorini, on UFOs over Greece in 1946.

*The unidentified craft appeared to take efficient controlled evasive action — FBI Memo, describing chase of UFO over the North Sea, 1947.

***The reported operating characteristics such as extreme rates of climb, maneuverability (particularly in roll), and action which must be considered evasive when sighted ... lend belief to the possibility that some of the objects are controlled — General Nathan Twining, Head of Air Material Command (AMC), 1947.**

*I was called one afternoon [in 1948] to come to the Oval Office — the President wanted to see me.... I was directed to report quarterly to the President after consulting with Central Intelligence people, as to whether or not any UFO incidents received by them could be considered as having any strategic threatening implications — General Robert B. Landry, Air Force Aide to President Harry S. Truman.

***Army intelligence has recently said that the matter of 'Unidentified Aircraft' or 'Unidentified Aerial Phenomena,' otherwise known as 'Flying Discs,' 'Flying Saucers,' and 'Balls of Fire,' is considered top secret by intelligence officers of both the Army and the Air Forces — 1949 FBI memo on UFOs.**

*Information is desired if this was some new or experimental aircraft or for any explanation whatsoever — 1949 CIA memo.

*From their questions, I could tell they had a good idea of what the saucers are. One officer admitted they did, but he wouldn't say any more — Commercial pilot, after questioning by intelligence officer, 1950.

***[Object] described as flat on top and bottom and appearing from a front view to have round edges and slightly beveled ... No vapor trails or exhaust or visible means of propulsion. Described as traveling at tremendous speed.... Pilot considered by asso-**

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ciates to be highly reliable, of mature judgment and a creditable observer — Air Force intelligence report, following UFO sighting by F-51 pilot, 1951.

***... some propulsion method not in the physics books — Scientist who witnessed a UFO in 1952.**

***In view of the wide interest within the Agency ... outside knowledge of Agency interest in Flying Saucers carries the risk of making the problem even more serious in the public mind than it already is — CIA memo, 1952.**

***Based on my experience in fighter tactics, it is my opinion that the object was controlled by something having visual contact with us. The power and acceleration were beyond the capability of any known U.S. aircraft — F-94 pilot, after encountering a UFO, 1952.**

***Some military officials are seriously considering the possibility of interplanetary ships — FBI memo on UFOs, 1952.**

***Pilot of helicopters wished to stress fact that object was of a saucer like nature, was stationary at 2000 ft. And would be glad to be called upon to verify any statements and act as witness — Emergency Report from Maxwell Air Force Base on air space violation by UFO, 1954.**

***It was silvery in color, had a bun-shaped top, a flange like two saucers in the middle and a bun underneath, and could not have been far off because it overlapped my wind-screen! — RAF fighter pilot, 1954.**

***Maximum security exists concerning the subject of UFOs — CIA Director Allen Dulles, 1955.**

***I have discussed this matter with the affected agencies of the government, and they are of the opinion that it is not wise to publicize this matter at this time — Senator Richard Russell, head of Senate Armed Services Committee, regarding his sighting of a UFO during a 1955 trip to the Soviet Union.**

***Reliable reports indicate there are objects coming into our atmosphere at very high speeds and controlled by thinking intelligen-**

ces — Navy Admiral Delmar Fahrney, public statement, 1957.

***The Air Defense Command in Baton Rouge was on the phone, waiting for our report, when we landed there — Commercial pilot following a UFO sighting, 1957.**

***Congressional investigations ... are still being held on the problem of unidentified flying objects and the problem is one in which there is quite a bit of interest.... Since most of the material presented to the Committees is classified, the hearings are never printed — Congressman William H. Ayres, 1958.**

***Saucers exist (I saw two). They were intelligently flown or operated (evasive tactics, formation flight, hovering). They were mechanisms, not United States weapons, nor Russian. I presume they are extraterrestrial — Lt. Colonel Richard Headrick, radar bombing expert, 1959.**

***Behind the scenes, high-ranking Air Force officers are soberly concerned about UFOs. But through official secrecy and ridicule, many citizens are led to believe the unknown flying objects are nonsense - Former CIA Director, Roscoe Hiltenkoetter, public statement, 1960.**

***When the team was about ten miles from the landing site, static disrupted radio contact with them. Five to eight minutes later the glow diminished, and the UFO took off. Another UFO was visually sighted and confirmed by radar — Classified report by an Air Force Strike Team at Minot AFB, 1966.**

***My own present opinion, based on two years of careful study, is that UFOs are probably extraterrestrial devices engaged in something that might very tentatively be termed 'surveillance' — Dr. James McDonald before Congress, 1968.**

Review: This is a thorough historical analysis of the national security dimensions of the UFO phenomenon. Getting past the official pronouncements on the one side, and unprovable assertions on the other, this study gathers together the facts that are known, providing a concise yet comprehensive narrative. It will amaze, or surprise, even the sceptics.