

extremely heavy object had scraped along the ground at that spot, leaving evidence of both thermic and mechanical effects, and a residue of what was possible combustion.

The G.E.P.A.N. report concludes with these words: We are in the presence of traces for which there is no satisfactory explanation, and we can find no reason to suspect that the eyewitness is deliberately lying."

Statement by Esterle

Said top French scientist Alain Esterle: *"For the first time we have found a combination of factors which con-*

duce us to accept that something similar to what the eyewitness has described actually did take place there."

One of the reports mentioned that, until an explanation could be found, the identity of the agricultural worker was being kept secret by the French authorities.

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*We recall that, after the famous landing case in Monsieur Masse's lavender field at Valensole on July 1, 1965, the lavender plants did not grow again for ten years or more.

G.C.

HOW A UFO DESTROYED AN AMERICAN ROCKET. FORMER U.S. AIR FORCE OFFICER'S REVELATION: "THE TRUTH IS TOO IMPORTANT TO HIDE ANY LONGER. UFO SPIED ON A SPACE MISSILE SHOT AND I FILMED IT."

Dr. Robert Jacobs

We are grateful to Richard W. Heiden of Milwaukee, Assistant Editor of the *APRO Bulletin*, for sending us the text of this very interesting report which appeared in the *National Enquirer* (USA) for October 12, 1982, and two months later, on December 9, in the *Advance-Titan*, student newspaper of the University of Wisconsin. The man who reveals the story is Dr. Robert Jacobs, Ph.D., now Assistant Professor of Radio-Film-TV in that University. He gives full details of something on which he has kept silent for seventeen years — an episode when, serving as an U.S. Air Force officer in charge of the filming of missile tests off the Californian coast in 1965, he unwittingly filmed the appearance of a UFO on the scene and its destruction of the American missile. The affair was completely hushed up by the U.S. Government and the U.S. Air Force. The text has been edited by us, but all essential passages remain as in the original articles. — EDITOR

"I WAS instructed by the U.S. Air Force to keep quiet about this incredible UFO sighting which was filmed by official cameras under my control at the time.

"An Air Force major and two mystery men from Washington, D.C., forbade me ever to mention the astonishing filming of an actual *close encounter* in Outer Space between one of our *Atlas* missiles and a UFO.

"I have kept quiet about it for seventeen years. But I am going to reveal it now, because I feel that our public has the right to know what is going on.

"At the time of the mind-boggling business, which

was on January 8, 1965, I was serving as First Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force and was in charge of the photo-optical instrumentation side at Vandenberg Air Force Base, California.

"In order to have clear film records of all missile test firings over the Pacific, we had installed a TV camera, affixed to a high-powered telescope up on a mountain. We kept the telescope locked on to the moving missile by radar, and it was while we were tracking one of the *Atlas F* Missiles in this way that we registered the UFO on our film.

"We had a crew of 120 men, and I was in charge. As

we watched the *Atlas F* in flight we were delighted with our camera, which was doing fine, in fact we were jumping around with excitement, with the result that, because we were doing this, we actually missed seeing the most important bit of all — our missile's *close encounter*, at an altitude of 60 miles, with a UFO!"

Summoned by superior

"I only heard about it, in fact, a couple of days later, when I was ordered to go and see my superior, Major Florenz J. Mannsman, Chief Science Officer of the Unit. With him there in his office there were a couple of men in plain clothes. He introduced them to me only by their first names and said they had come from Washington, D.C.

"Then Major Mannsman had the film of the test run through. And, just at that point where my men and I had been busy congratulating ourselves and each other, Major Mannsman pointed to the screen and said: '*Watch this bit closely.*'

"Suddenly we saw a UFO swim into the picture. It was very distinct and clear, a round object. It flew right up to our missile and emitted a vivid flash of light.

"Then it altered course, and hovered briefly over our missile . . . and then there came a second vivid flash of light. Then the UFO flew around the missile twice and set off two more flashes from different angles, and then it vanished.

"A few second later, our missile was malfunctioning and tumbling out of control into the Pacific Ocean, hundreds of miles short of its scheduled target.

"They switched on the office lights again, and I found myself confronted by three very intense faces. Speaking very quietly, Major Mannsman then said: '*Lieutenant, just what the hell WAS that?*'

"I replied that I had no idea. Then we ran the film through several more times, and I was permitted to examine it with a magnifying glass. Then Mannsman again asked me what I thought, and I answered that in my opinion it was a UFO.

"Major Mannsman smiled and said: '*You are to say nothing about this footage. As far as you and I are concerned, it never happened! Right?*'

"My mouth fell open when I heard that. Here then was the confirmation of what the UFO experts had been saying for years past — *that the U.S. Government was covering up on what it knew about UFOs.*

Film taken by the men from Washington

"The film was turned over to the two men in plain clothes from Washington, who I believe were CIA agents. *The film hasn't been heard of since.*

"Major Mannsman added: '*I don't have to remind you, of course, of the seriousness of a Security breach.*'

"As I say, it's been 17 years since that incident, and I've told nobody about it until now. I have been afraid of what might happen to me. But the truth is too important for it to be concealed any longer. *The UFOs are real. I know they're real. The Air Force knows they're real. And the U.S. Government knows they're real.*

"*I reckon it's high time that the American public knows it too!*"

THE WORD "UFOLOGY"

Richard W. Heiden

LIKE it or not, the word "*ufology*" has come into use by "*ufologists*," and to some extent by the general public. It has even been adopted by several foreign languages.

Everyone knows that the acronym "*UFO*" was coined by Edward Ruppelt when he headed the U.S. Air Force's "saucer project." But what of its derivative "*ufology*"? The origin of this word is older that most people might realize.

UFO writer Morris K. Jessup included this definition in his book *The UFO Annual*, published in 1956:

UFOlogy (You-fol-o-gy) has been coined in *The UFO Annual* to cover the field of investigation of what the Air Force has called Unidentified Flying Objects. Thus we have the science and study of the Unidentified Flying Object.¹

Flying Saucer Review first used the word "*ufology*"

back in the January-February 1956 issue, at the start of its second year of publication.² It was used without explanation or comment, as though readers would know — or be able to figure out — what it means. So I do not know if this preceded Jessup's book, which came out the same year. However, Jessup's introduction (from which the above passage was extracted) is dated December 31, 1955.

As far as I have been able to determine, the first dictionary to include the word "*ufology*" was the 1969 edition of *The World Book Dictionary*. Its definition was "the practice or hobby of tracking unidentified flying objects, such as flying saucers."³ At least six more dictionaries include "*ufology*" now, though — as in the case of *The World Book Dictionary* — *ufologists* might have reason to disagree with some of the definitions they give.^{4,5,6,7,8,9} The dictionaries all agree on