

THE EXTRAORDINARY AFFAIR OF THE US AIR FORCE ACADEMY'S OWN UFO TEXT-BOOK IN THE 1960s : PART II, the text continues. For part I see FSR Vol. 42/1.

OPERATIONAL DOMAINS --TEMPORAL AND SPATIAL.

What we will do here is to present evidence that UFOs are a global phenomenon which may have persisted for many thousands of years. During this discussion, please remember that, the more ancient the reports, the less sophisticated the observer.

Not only were the ancient observers lacking the terminology necessary to describe complex devices (such as present-day helicopters) but they were also lacking the concepts necessary to understand the true nature of things such as television, spaceships, rockets, nuclear weapons and radiation effects. To some, the most advanced technological concept was a war chariot with knife blades attached to the wheels.

By the same token, the very lack of accurate terminology and description leaves the more ancient reports open to considerable misinterpretation, and it may well be that present evaluations of individual reports are completely wrong. Nevertheless, let us start with an intriguing story in one of the oldest chronicles of India... *the Book of Dzyan*.

This book is a group of "story teller" legends which were finally gathered in manuscript form when Man learned to write. One of the stories is of a small group of beings who supposedly came to Earth many thousands of years ago in a metal craft which orbited Earth several times before landing. As told in the book, "These beings lived to themselves and were revered by the humans among whom they had settled. But eventually differences arose among them and they divided their numbers, several of the men and women and some children settling in another city, where they were promptly installed as rulers by the awe-stricken populace."

"Separation did not bring peace to these people, and finally their anger reached a point where the ruler of the original city took with him a small number of his warriors, and they rose into the air in a huge shining metal vessel. While they were many leagues from the city of their enemies they launched a great shining lance that rode on a beam of light. It burst apart in the city of their enemies with a great ball of flame that shot up to the heavens, almost to the stars. All those who were in the city were horribly burned, and even those who were not in the city -but nearby- were burned also. Those who looked upon the lance and the ball of fire were blinded forever afterward. Those who entered the city on foot became ill and died.

Even the dust of the city was poisoned, as were the rivers that flowed through it. Men dared not go near it, and it gradually crumbled into dust and was forgotten by men.

"When the leader saw what he had done to his own people he retired to his palace and refused to see anyone. Then he gathered about him those of his warriors who remained, and their wives and children, and they entered into their vessels and sailed away. Nor did they return."

Could this foregoing legend really be an account of an extraterrestrial colonisation, complete with guided missile, nuclear warhead and radiation effects? It is difficult to assess the validity of that explanation... just as it is difficult to explain why Greek, Roman and Nordic mythology all discuss wars and conflicts among their "Gods". (Even the Bible records conflict between the legions of God and Satan.)

Could it be that each group recorded their parochial view of what was actually a global conflict among alien colonists or visitors? Or is it that Man has led such a violent existence that he tends to expect conflict and violence among even his gods?

Evidence of perhaps an even earlier contact was uncovered by Tschü Pan Lo (*1) of the University of Peking. He discovered astonishing carvings in granite on a mountain in Hunan Province and on an island in Lake Tungting. These carvings have been evaluated as 47,000 years old (*2), and they show people with large trunks (breathing apparatus?)... or "elephant" heads shown on human bodies? Remember, the Egyptians often represented their gods as animal heads on human bodies.

Only 8000 years ago rocks were sculpted in the Tassili plateau of Sahara, depicting what appeared to be human beings, but with strange round heads (helmets? or "sun" heads on human bodies?)

And even more recently, in the Bible, *Genesis* (6:4) tells of angels from the sky mating with women of Earth, who bore them children. *Genesis* (19:3) tells of Lot meeting two angels in the desert and his later feeding them at his house. The Bible also tells a rather unusual story of Ezekiel who witnessed what has been interpreted by some to have been a spacecraft or aircraft landing near the Chebar River in Chaldea (593 B.C.).

Even the Irish have recorded strange visitations. In the *Speculum Regali* in Konungs Skuggsa (and

other accounts of the era about 956 A.D.) are numerous stories of "demon ships" in the skies. In one case a rope from one such ship became entangled with part of a church. A man from the ship climbed down the rope to free it, but was seized by the townspeople. The bishop made the people release the man, who climbed back to the ship, where the crew cut the rope and the ship rose and sailed out of sight. In all of his actions the climbing man appeared as if he were swimming in water. Stories such as this make one wonder if the legends of the "little people" of Ireland were based upon imagination alone.

About the same time, in Lyons (France) three men and a woman supposedly descended from an airship or spaceship and were captured by a mob. These four foreigners admitted to being wizards, and were killed. (No mention is made of the methods employed to extract the admissions.) Many documented UFO sightings occurred throughout the Middle Ages, including an especially startling one of a UFO over London on 16 December 1742. However, we do not have room to include any more of the Middle Ages sightings. Instead, two "more recent" sightings are contained in this section to bring us up to modern times.

In a sworn statement dated 21 April 1897, a prosperous and prominent farmer named Alexander Hamilton (Le Roy, Kansas, USA) told of an attack upon his cattle at about 10.30 pm the previous Monday. He, his son, and his tenant grabbed axes and ran some 700 feet from the house to the cow-lot where a great cigar-shaped ship about 300 feet long floated some 30 feet above the cattle. It had a carriage underneath which was brightly lighted within (dirigible and gondola?) and which had numerous windows. Inside were six strange-looking beings jabbering in a foreign language.

These beings suddenly became aware of Hamilton and the others. They immediately turned a searchlight on the farmer, and also turned on some power which sped up a turbine wheel (about 30 ft diameter) located under the craft.

The ship rose, taking with it a two-year-old heifer which was roped about the neck by a cable of one-half inch thick, red material. The next day a neighbor, Link Thomas, found the animal's hide, legs and head in his field. He was mystified at how the remains got to where they were because of the lack of tracks in the soft soil. Alexander Hamilton's sworn statement was accompanied by an affidavit as to his veracity. The affidavit was signed by ten of the local leading citizens.

On the evening of 4 November 1957 at Fort Itaipu, Brazil, two sentries noted a "new star" in the sky. The "star" grew in size and within seconds

stopped over the fort. It drifted slowly downward, was as large as a big aircraft, and was surrounded by a strong orange glow. A distinct humming sound was heard, and then the heat struck. One sentry collapsed almost immediately, the other managed to slide to shelter under the heavy cannons where his loud cries awoke the garrison. While the troops were scrambling towards their battle-stations, complete electrical failure occurred. There was panic until the lights came back on but a number of men still managed to see an orange glow leaving the area at high speed. Both sentries were found badly burned... one unconscious and the other incoherent, suffering from deep shock.

Thus UFO sightings not only appear to extend back 47,000 years through time but also are global in nature. One has the feeling that this phenomenon deserves some sort of valid scientific investigation, even if it is a low level effort.

SOME THEORIES AS TO THE NATURE OF THE UFO PHENOMENON

There are very few cohesive theories as to the nature of UFOs. Those theories that have been advanced can be collected in five groups:

- a. Mysticism
- b. Hoaxes, and rantings due to unstable personalities
- c. Secret weapons
- d. Natural Phenomena
- e. Alien visitors

MYSTICISM.

It is believed by some cults that the mission of UFOs and their crews is a spiritual one, and that all materialistic efforts to determine the UFOs' nature are doomed to failure.

HOAXES AND RANTINGS DUE TO UNSTABLE PERSONALITIES.

Some have suggested that all UFO reports were the results of pranks and hoaxes, or were made by people with unstable personalities. This attitude was particularly prevalent during the time period when the Air Force investigation was being operated under the code name of Project Grudge. A few airlines even went as far as to ground every pilot who reported seeing a "flying saucer". The only way for the pilot to regain flight status was to undergo a psychiatric examination. There was a noticeable decline in pilot reports during this time interval, and a few people interpreted this decline to prove that UFOs were either hoaxes or the result of unstable personalities. It is of

interest that NICAP (The National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena) even today still receives reports from commercial pilots who neglect to notify either the Air Force or their own airline.

There are a number of cases which indicate that not all reports fall in the hoax category. We will examine one such case now. It is the Socorro, New Mexico, sighting made by police sergeant Lonnie Zamora.

Sergeant Zamora was patrolling the streets of Socorro on 24 April 1964 when he saw a shiny object drift down into an area of gullies on the edge of town. He also heard a loud roaring noise which sounded as if an old dynamite shed located out that way had exploded. He immediately radioed police headquarters, and drove out toward the shed.

Zamora was forced to stop about 150 yards away from a deep gully in which there appeared to be an overturned car. He radioed that he was investigating a possible wreck, and then worked his car up onto the mesa and over toward the edge of the gully. He parked short, and when he walked the final few feet to the edge, he was amazed to see that it was not a car but instead was a weird egg-shaped object about fifteen feet long, white in color and resting on short, metal legs. Beside it, unaware of his presence, were two humanoids dressed in silvery coveralls. They seemed to be working on a portion of the underside of the object.

Zamora was still standing there, surprised, when they suddenly noticed him and dived out of sight around the object. Zamora also headed the other way, back toward his car. He glanced back at the object just as a bright blue flame shot down from the underside. Within seconds the egg-shaped thing rose out of the gully with "an earsplitting roar". The object was out of sight over the nearby mountains almost immediately, and Sergeant Zamora was moving in the opposite direction almost as fast when he met Sergeant Sam Chavez who was responding to his earlier radio calls. Together they investigated the gully and found the bushes charred and still smoking where the blue flame had jetted down on them.

About the charred area were four deep marks where the metal legs had been. Each mark was three and one-half inches deep, and was circular in shape. The sand in the gully was very hard-packed so no sign of the humanoids' footprints could be found. An official investigation was launched that same day, and all data obtained supported the stories of Zamora and Chavez. It is rather difficult to label this episode a hoax, and it is also doubtful that both Zamora and Chavez shared portions of the same hallucination.

SECRET WEAPONS.

A few individuals have proposed that UFOs are actually advanced weapon systems, and that their natures must not be revealed. Very few people accept this as a credible suggestion.

NATURAL PHENOMENA.

It has also been suggested that at least some, and possibly all, of the UFO cases were just misinterpreted manifestations of natural phenomena. Undoubtedly this suggestion has some merit. People have reported, as UFOs, objects which were conclusively proven to be balloons (weather and skyhook), the planet Venus, man-made artificial satellites, normal aircraft, unusual cloud formations and lights from ceilometers (equipment projecting light beams onto cloud bases to determine the height of the aircraft visual ceilings).

It is also suspected that people have reported mirages, optical illusions, swamp gas and ball lightning (a poorly-understood discharge of electrical energy in a spheroidal or ellipsoidal shape... some discharges have lasted for up to fifteen minutes but the ball is usually no bigger than a large orange).

But it is difficult to tell a swamp dweller that the strange, fast-moving light he saw in the sky was swamp gas; and it is just as difficult to tell a farmer that a bright UFO in the sky is the same ball lightning that he has seen rolling along his fence wires in dry weather. Thus accidental mis-identification of what might well be natural phenomena breeds mistrust and disbelief; it leads to the hasty conclusion that the truth is deliberately not being told.

One last suggestion of interest has been made, that the UFOs were plasmoids from space... concentrated blobs of solar wind that succeeded in reaching the surface of Earth. Somehow this last suggestion does not seem to be very plausible; perhaps because it ignores such things as penetration of Earth's magnetic field.

ALIEN VISITORS.

The most stimulating theory for us is that the UFOs are material objects which are either "manned" or remote-controlled by beings who are alien to this planet. There is some evidence supporting this viewpoint. In addition to police sergeant Lonnie Zamora's experience, let us consider the case of Barney and Betty Hill.

On a trip through New England they lost two hours on the night of 19 September 1961 without even realizing it. However, after that night both Barney and Betty began developing psychological problems which eventually grew sufficiently severe that they submitted themselves to psychiatric examination and treatment. During the course of

treatment hypnotherapy was used, and it yielded remarkably detailed and similar stories from both Barney and Betty. Essentially they had been hypnotically kidnapped, taken aboard a UFO, submitted to two-hour physicals, and released with posthypnotic suggestions to forget the entire incident. The evidence is rather strong that this is what the Hills, even in their subconscious, believe happened to them. And it is of particular importance that after the "posthypnotic block" was removed, both of the Hills ceased having their psychological problems.

The Hills' description of the aliens was similar to descriptions provided in other cases, but this particular type of alien appears to be in the minority. The most commonly described alien is about three and one-half feet tall, has a round head (helmet?), arms reaching to or below his knees, and is wearing a silvery space suit or coveralls. Other aliens appear to be essentially the same as Earthmen, while still others have particularly wide (wrap-around) eyes and mouths with very thin lips. And there is a rare group reported as about four feet tall, weight of around 35 pounds, and covered with thick hair or fur (clothing?). Members of this last group are described as being extremely strong.

If such beings are visiting Earth, two questions arise: 1) why haven't there been accidents which have revealed their presence, and 2) why haven't they attempted to contact us officially? The answer to the first question may exist partially in Sergeant Lonnie Zamora's experience, and may exist partially in the Tunguska meteor discussed in Chapter XXIX.

In that chapter it was suggested that the Tunguska meteor was actually a comet which exploded in the atmosphere, the ice melted and the dust spread out. Hence, no debris! However, it has also been suggested that the Tunguska meteor was

actually an alien spacecraft that entered the atmosphere too rapidly, suffered mechanical failure, and lost its power supply and/or weapons in a nuclear explosion. While that hypothesis may seem far-fetched, samples of tree rings from around the world reveal that, immediately after the Tunguska meteor explosion, the level of radioactivity in the world rose sharply for a short period of time. It is difficult to find a natural explanation for that increase in radioactivity, although the suggestion has been advanced that enough of the meteor's great kinetic energy was converted into heat (by atmospheric friction) that a fusion reaction occurred.

This still leaves us with no answer to the second question: why no contact? That question is very easy to answer in any of several ways: 1) we may be the object of intensive sociological and psychological study. In such studies you usually avoid disturbing the test subjects' environment; 2) you do not "contact" a colony of ants, and humans may seem that way to any aliens (variation; a zoo is fun to visit, but you don't "contact" the lizards); 3) such contact may have already taken place secretly; and 4) such contact may have already taken place on a different plane of awareness and we are not yet sensitive to communications on such a plane. These are just a few of the reasons. You may add to the list as you desire.

FOOTNOTES BY G.C:

*1) It is quite impossible to identify this individual described as "of the University of Peking".

"Tschì" is not identifiable as a correct Chinese name.

*2) This statement is patently complete rubbish; nothing historical is known so far back.

(Third & final part of article will be in next issue.)■

VENUS ON VIDEO! -SOME STRANGE EVENTS OVER ENGLAND IN 1988. © By Gordon Creighton.

As FSR readers will all surely be aware, we have large quantities of material, gathered over many years past, and not only in English but in several other languages, all of which requires to be examined and evaluated and — if found useful — published. This backlog remains chiefly untended for the very simple reasons that (a) we lack the necessary page-space for publishing, and (b) that there is nobody to do the job.

Unfortunately FSR's tiny staff includes no

many-armed Shivas or Buddhas.

The case described below, and dating from nine years ago, is typical. I offer no apologies for not having issued it earlier. I have had it in mind all along since 1988, but it needed a lot of preparation and consequently it repeatedly got 'elbowed out' by other items. There was also the additional problem that a video is involved, and I had always been hoping that I would finally find someone who could advise me about certain features of it. EDITOR.