

AWARD-WINNING MUFON INVESTIGATORS FIND EVIDENCE OF HOAX IN ED WALTERS' (GULF BREEZE) UFO PHOTOS--BUT MUFON DIRECTOR WALT ANDRUS DISMISSES THEIR FINDINGS:

Rex and Carol Salisbury, who were selected by MUFON to conduct a new investigation of the Ed Walters/Gulf Breeze UFO case last July following discovery of the small UFO-model in Walters' former residence, have concluded that "several, if not all of the photos are probable hoaxes." Mr. & Mrs. Salisbury, Navarre Beach, Fla., who are [or were] MUFON's Co-State Section Directors were honored at last July's MUFON conference in Pensacola for the "unsurpassed investigative skill" they had demonstrated in numerous UFO investigations the previous year. MUFON's Dan Wright, director of investigations, praised them for "setting a standard for proper UFO casework."

According to the Salisberrys, before they agreed to undertake the new investigation, MUFON director Andrus assured them that he would be willing to reverse his earlier strong endorsement for case. On Sept. 9, they called Andrus to inform him of their preliminary hoax findings, and followed this with a written report on Sept. 23, urging that it be made public.

Soon, the Salisberrys say they "learned that elements of MUFON (were) attempting to discredit us as 'debunkers' which we deem eminently unfair in consideration of the large amount of time and effort that we have devoted to the case."

At this stage, the Salisberrys were contacted by Craig Myers, the Pensacola News Journal reporter (who earlier broke the story about discovery of the UFO-model) to learn the results of their new investigation. This, plus Andrus' foot-dragging, resulted in Myers writing an article for the Oct. 27 issue of his paper which reported the Salisberrys' findings. The article quoted Andrus as saying the Salisberrys "do not have grounds to arrive at that conclusion until it is submitted to us."

In a follow-up story in the Oct. 30 edition of the News Journal, MUFON's Dan Wright who had presented MUFON's award to the Salisberrys in July, now expressed concern that their findings were politically motivated, i.e. that they hoped to hurt Ed Walters chances of being elected to the Gulf Breeze City Council in the Nov. 6 election. If Wright had investigated before making this charge, he would have known that the initial Salisbury telephone report to Andrus occurred five days before Walters filed papers to run for the City Council.

(DESPITE WALTERS' EXPENSIVE ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN HE FINISHED LAST IN A FIELD OF NINE CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR FOUR COUNCIL SEATS, WITH MORE THAN 50% OF THE REGISTERED VOTERS VOTING. MAYOR ED GRAY, WHO HAD DENOUNCED WALTERS UFO PHOTOS AS A HOAX RECEIVED 1,725 VOTES, WHILE WALTERS PULLED ONLY 373. VOX POPULI)

One focus of Salisberrys' investigation was Walters' Photo #19, reportedly taken on Jan. 18, 1988, which seems to show a UFO hovering over a remote macadam road at dusk. Walters claimed the UFO emitted a blue beam five times in succession, each time depositing a "creature" on the road. But Ed did not manage to get any photos of the (alleged) UFO-nauts.

Bruce S. Maccabee, optical physicist who has strongly endorsed the Walters case (and was paid \$20,000 to write a chapter for the Walters' book), calls this photo a "classic." In Maccabee's lengthy 1988 report for MUFON, he said that "with the wealth of foreground and background information, it was possible to return to the scene...and literally match up the tree branches along the horizon until the location of the camera was determined. Once this was done it was determined that the object was about 185 ft. from [Ed's] truck."

Illumination from the glowing circular bottom of the UFO seemingly creates what appears to be a bright reflection off the blacktop road almost directly below the hovering UFO. Maccabee noted that this "reflection...is unusual because of its shape and brilliance. It is not round, but more diamond shaped, indicating that the object was emitting a non-circular illumination."

But Maccabee failed to address the critical question of how the clearly visible CIRCULAR source of illumination from the belly of the UFO, which is tilted slightly toward the camera, could create a NON-ELLIPTICAL reflection. Nor did Maccabee address the issue of how a glowing white light source could produce a yellowish-orange reflection off a black surface. An almost identical anomaly is visible in Walters' Photo #14.

Although the Salisberrys lacked Maccabee's impressive academic credentials, they were sufficiently curious about these and related discrepancies to conduct experiments and consult with two scientists--one a photogrammatrist. This in turn led them to conclude: "It is virtually impossible that the object as described in the Walters book and Maccabee's analyses could have caused the reflection shown in Photo #19."

However, the effect can be created with a double exposure using a small model and a rectangular piece of orange crepe paper like one found tucked inside the small UFO-model discovered hidden in Walters' former house. This had been demonstrated by Mark Curtis, a news reporter with Pensacola TV station WEAR, who had created a hoax double-exposure photo which closely resembled Walters' Photo #19.

Andrus sent a copy of the Salisberrys' preliminary written report of Sept. 23 on the Photo #19/14 anomalies to Maccabee for his comments. Maccabee responded on Oct. 26, and admitted that Salisbury's analysis had caused him to make "a much more careful analysis than I did in 1988." As a result, Maccabee now calculated that the UFO was TWICE as big and TWICE as far from

the camera as he had calculated in 1988.

Maccabee now claims that the diamond-shaped reflection was not a reflection created by the illumination from the belly of the UFO, as he and others had long believed. Instead, he now proposes that the reflection was created by a beam radiated from the UFO at a low grazing angle in the direction of Ed's camera. How does Maccabee explain the unusual diamond shape? Easily. He rationalizes that the UFO can generate any shape of beam "it wanted to." This "scientific explanation" deserves to be called the "Maccabee Miracle Effect". Maccabee claimed his new analysis "provides further corroboration of his [Ed's] story."

The same day that Maccabee wrote to Andrus, sharply revising his calculations and explanation for Photo #19, he was called by Pensacola reporter Myers to ask for his comments on the Salisbury findings. Maccabee responded: "Nothing I have seen has changed my mind." Only his calculations and assumptions!

The Salisberrys came up with a number of other incriminating discoveries. For example, in February, 1988, Charles Flannigan, one of MUFON's principal investigators on the case, arranged for Ed Walters to undergo a polygraph test to be given by an examiner in nearby Pensacola. But Walters failed to show up for his appointment.

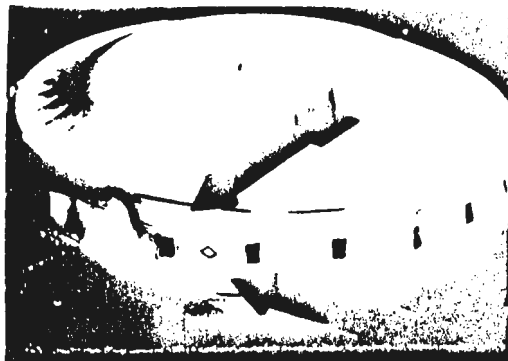
Instead, Walters arranged his own polygraph test, using Harvey W. McLaughlin, "imported" from 40 miles away. When the Salisberrys sought to check McLaughlin's credentials with Billy J. Rakes president of the Florida Polygraph Assn. and a member of the Orlando Police Dept., they learned that McLaughlin was not a member of FPA or other "professional polygraph association which adheres to standards of practice, principle and ethical conduct of polygraph examinations."

Rakes, noting that Walters arranged and paid for his own test, said "professional examiners do not readily conduct this sort of examination," which he characterized as "self-serving." Based on McLaughlin's report on his polygraph tests of Walters, Rakes questioned a number of his procedures and conclusions. For example, McLaughlin reported: "no consistent deceptive responses are seen." Rakes asks: "Were there any deceptive responses to any questions?" (Emphasis added.)

A most perceptive Salisbury discovery provides further evidence that Ed Walters built the small model-UFO discovered in his former residence which resembles the UFO in his early photos. After the model was discovered hidden under insulation in the attic by the new resident, Robert Menzer, (See SUN #4), Walters charged it had been made by "debunkers" in late 1989--nearly two years after his first UFO photos were published. Ed charged the UFO-model was based on his sketch of the UFO published in early 1988 in the MUFON UFO Journal. Without investigating Ed's claim, Maccabee and Andrus endorsed it.

The Salisberrys noted that on page 28 of the Walters book, in describing the UFO's appearance, he wrote: "There were also some diamond shapes between some of the large black squares and, unseen on the photos, there were definitely horizontal lines going around the main body." (Emphasis added.)

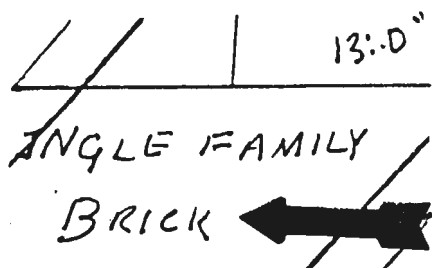
However, Ed Walters' UFO sketch published by MUFON did NOT show any "horizontal lines going around the main body." So if "debunkers" relied on Ed's sketch to design the model-UFO, the model should NOT have any "thin horizontal lines going around the main body." BUT THE UFO-MODEL DOES HAVE SUCH "THIN HORIZONTAL LINES GOING AROUND THE MAIN BODY"--A DETAIL NOT VISIBLE IN THE UFO PHOTOS--A DETAIL KNOWN ONLY TO ED WALTERS! (See photo)



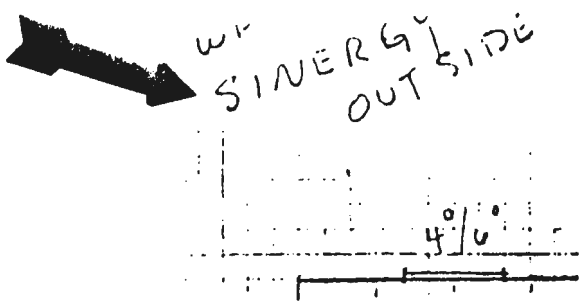
Walters admits that the preliminary house-plan drawing used to fabricate the midsection of the UFO-model was one he made. But in a press release issued by Walters on July 6, 1990, at the MUFON conference in Pensacola, Ed claimed he made the drawing for Mr./Mrs. Lynn Thomas on Sept. 6/7, 1989--nearly two years AFTER his first UFO photos were made public. Ed claims he discarded the original 18 x 24 in. house plan several weeks later when Mr./Mrs. Thomas decided not to have him build the house and that "debunkers" obtained it from his garbage to build the model.

At my request, Mrs. Robert Menzer--whose husband discovered the model--agreed to look through the large circular hole in the bottom of the UFO-model and painstakingly reproduce the lines and words on the house plan. Below is a photocopy of one part of her full-scale reproduction, showing the drawing used to build the UFO-model was for a BRICK house.

BUT THE HOUSE THAT WALTERS PROPOSED TO BUILD FOR MR./MRS. THOMAS WAS TO HAVE A WHITE SENERGY EXTERIOR (which resembles stucco), NOT BRICK. THIS IS SHOWN ON A COPY OF THE DETAILED HOUSE PLAN WHICH WALTERS OBTAINED FROM THOMAS AND USED IN HIS PRESS RELEASE. BOTH MR. AND MRS. THOMAS CONFIRMED TO ME THAT THE HOUSE WAS TO HAVE A WHITE SENERGY EXTERIOR--NOT BRICK!



UFO-MODEL  
House Plan



LYNN THOMAS  
House Plan

If Walters had built the house for Mr./Mrs. Thomas, its address would have been 700 Jamestown Drive. But the house plan used in the UFO-model shows the address as 712 Jamestown Drive in "(B)lock D. (Williamsb)urg Estates," as shown (r.)

LOCK D  
JRG ESTATES  
712 JAMESTOWN DR

WALTERS DID BUILD A BRICK HOUSE AT 712 JAMESTOWN DRIVE--IN EARLY 1987. ITS PRELIMINARY PLAN, MADE IN LATE 1986, WOULD NO LONGER BE NEEDED BY MID-1987 AND COULD BE USED BY WALTERS TO MAKE THE UFO MODEL SOME MONTHS BEFORE HE RELEASED HIS UFO PHOTOS.

UFO-MODEL  
House Plan

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FRIEDMAN BREAKS WITH "CRASHED-Saucer/MJ-12" PARTNER MOORE TO JOIN FORCES WITH MOORE'S "ROSWELL RIVALS":

Decade-long collaboration and partnership between Stanton T. Friedman and William L. Moore has crashed, allegedly because of Moore's criticism of his new crashed-saucer rivals, Don Schmitt and Kevin Randle, whose new book "Roswell" is due out soon. At least this was the explanation offered by Friedman in his letter of Aug. 28, 1990, to Moore and his MJ-12 partner Jaime Shandera. But some observers suspect that Friedman's public explanation is only the tip of the iceberg which offers him a convenient excuse to abandon what he now perceives to be a sinking ship. (Friedman was discomfited by Moore's 1989 MUFON conference speech in Las Vegas when Moore claimed he had functioned as a government mole and disinformation agent against UFologists.)

Friedman's letter said he was resigning from the Board of Moore's "Fair Witness Project" because he was "appalled and chagrined at both the tone and content of your claims and charges" made in an August 17 letter to Schmitt/Randle, their literary agent and the Hynek Center for UFO Studies. CUFOS funded Schmitt/Randle's on-site investigations in New Mexico and published several of their articles on the case. (Schmitt is CUFOS director of investigations.)

This Aug. 17 letter challenged the Schmitt/Randle claim that their CUFOS articles and new book were the product of "original" research and "an extensive independent investigation based on primary source material." Moore/Shandera charge that the new book "borrows (without due credit or permission) from material previously published by Moore, Berlitz, Friedman and Shandera."

Friedman's Aug. 28 letter accused Moore and Shandera of making "a load of false charges...most based on ignorance of the facts and seemingly delusions of grandeur." Friedman's letter said he wished to "publicly dissociate myself from your views."

Six weeks earlier, on July 10-12, Friedman had joined with members of the "enemy camp" when he, Schmitt and Randle participated in a "Crash-II" conference, held in the Washington D.C. area. The meeting was sponsored by Bruce Maccabee's Fund for UFO Research (FUFOR). Moore and Shandera were NOT invited.

Purpose of the FUFOR-sponsored "Crash-II" conference, chaired by UFO Movement's unofficial historian and UFO-abductionist David Jacobs, was to debrief 10 "first-hand" witnesses and to record their recollections on videotape. These "first-hand" witnesses include two daughters of the Sheriff at Roswell in 1947, to whom Mac Brazel first went to report the debris he had found on his ranch. Also, two friends of the pilot who (allegedly) flew "both wreckage and alien bodies to Wright Field.

Following the three-day meeting, according to a FUFOR memorandum (marked "Confidential"), investigators were invited to submit requests for FUFOR funds for further research. (Schmitt requested \$6,600 for interviewing 24 "additional witnesses.")

FUFOR plans "to edit the videotapes into a viewable presentation for selected members of Congress and/or the news media." The memo says "an initial contact has been made with the staff director of an important Congressional committee who has indicated an interest in reviewing evidence associated with the Roswell case."

FUFOR said the "goals of the Congressional effort are (1) to seek immunity from prosecution for current and former military employees who have expressed reluctance to talk about their involvement in this affair, and (2) to explore the possibility of closed-door hearings involving first-hand witnesses..." We wish FUFOR success in its first objective (immunity) but oppose any closed hearings for any witnesses, 1st-hand or Nth-hand.

If Congressional hearings are held, with witnesses testifying under oath, it will be interesting to compare their sworn testimony, especially under cross-examination, with accounts supplied to credulous UFO investigators.

FUFOR is seeking contributions for its crashed-saucer effort which Maccabee calls "the most intensively investigated--and best documented--case in UFO history." He says the effort "may result in a resolution of the mystery of Unidentified Flying objects." If Maccabee's forecast is correct, FUFOR, CUFOs and MUFON will go out of business and NASA, or perhaps a new government agency, will take over all future UFO investigations.

Persons who contribute \$50 will receive a copy of FUFOR's Congressional Briefing Paper, and for \$100 they will also receive a copy of the "first-hand witness" videotape being produced for Congress. (I have sent in a check for \$100.)

How will Friedman's new partnership with Schmitt/Randle

impact on his relationship with MUFON, which recently named Friedman to its Board. Friedman strongly endorsed the Walters case at MUFON's Pensacola conference. Schmitt is an outspoken critic of the Ed Walters/Gulf Breeze case and Mark Rodeghier, CUFOS president and scientific director, is only slightly more reserved in his criticism. The Sept. 1990 issue of the MUFON UFO Journal carried a feature article on the Roswell incident, by Moore and Shandera, written before their break with Friedman. UFOlogy makes for strange bedfellows.

Will the break between Friedman and Moore/Shandera prompt Friedman to retract his strong endorsement of the authenticity of the Moore/Shandera MJ-12 papers? Will the sun rise in the west and set in the east?

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UFO MEDIA REACTIONS TO "OUT THERE" BY HOWARD BLUM:

Here are capsule summaries of the reactions of leading UFO Movement publications to the Blum book, reviewed in SUN-#5.

MUFON UFO Journal, reviewed by its editor, Dennis Stacy: "Out There is marred by a number of factual and suppositional errors that indicate either sloppy research on Mr. Blum's part, simple inattention to detail, or a headlong rush into print, or perhaps all three."

International UFO Reporter, reviewed by CUFOS scientific director Mark Rodeghier: "The reader cannot fail to be underwhelmed by the book's claims compared to its performance...Blum simply skimmed on his homework and it shows." IUR's editor, Jerry Clark, in an editorial, wrote: "By now just about every ufologist who has read it agrees that the book is a major disappointment. Filled with errors, bloated with padding...Blum is so inept that he accomplishes the improbable end of making Philip J. Klass sound occasionally sensible." Yet Clark seemingly accepts Blum's claim that a top-secret "UFO Working Group" was created in early 1987 by the Defense Intelligence Agency. Clark writes: "Amusingly, even the UFO Working Group judged it entirely conceivable that it had not been told about a crashed UFO or a project concerned with the study of same."

UFO magazine reprinted part of a critical review by Keay Davidson in the San Francisco Examiner, as well as charges by persons quoted in the book who accuse Blum of "serious factual errors." However, Editor Vicki Cooper, in her "UFO Media Watch" column, charged that I "put one over on the Los Angeles Times" (which asked me to review the book). Cooper claims my review "became the linchpin for Blum's adversaries. But the Times... printed a number of letters strongly objecting to Klass' review, including ours. Next time, we hope to see a more objective and educated reviewer on hand to address major UFO books." "A more objective and educated reviewer"--like Vicki Cooper, perhaps?

FOCUS magazine, a quarterly published by William L. Moore, promises to review the Blum book in its December issue. Meanwhile, it offers the book for sale and says: "We highly recommend it."

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"The UFO Encyclopedia, Vol. 1: UFOs in the 1980s," by Jerry Clark, editor of IUR, got a mixed review in the MUFON UFO Journal by editor Dennis Stacy, who said "it is first and foremost overpriced at \$65, a figure which breaks down to almost 30 cents per acid-free page, comes in a rather uninspiring plastic-coated covers, and lacks any illustrations whatsoever."

But Jim Moseley, who publishes the popular Saucer Smear newsletter and received a free copy of Clark's book, characterizes it as "wonderful." Moseley notes that Clark considers Moseley's newsletter important enough to be included as one of nearly 100 subjects covered. Moseley adds that he looks forward to the next volume because he is told it will describe Moseley's earlier UFOlogical activities.

Moseley once called me to complain--good-naturedly--because I did not mention him in my new UFO book. So if you're writing a UFO book and want a favorable mention in Saucer Smear.....But be sure to list Moseley's name in the Index because, as he himself admits, "we seldom read books!"

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POTPOURRI: David Gower, once a writer for the tabloid Midnight (now published as The Globe), regaled members of the Ontario Skeptics a few months ago with the wild tales that he and others would concoct for publication in the tabloid. At one point in Gower's talk, he pulled out a letter sent to the tabloid in 1971 by Stanton Friedman who had read one of its lurid concocted UFO tales and wanted to investigate the alleged incident.++++John G. Fuller, whose 1966 book "Interrupted Journey" about Betty/Barney Hill served to launch the UFO-abduction cult, died in early November at the age of 76. Fuller's earlier UFO book "Incident At Exeter" sparked my own entry into the field.

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UFOlogical RIDDLE: What's the difference between intelligence and stupidity? ANSWER: There's a limit to intelligence.

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