

RANDLE/SCHMITT TO UNVEIL NEW ROSWELL CRASHED SAUCER SCENARIO, CLAIM DISCOVERY OF POSSIBLE CRASH DEBRIS:

Hold onto your hats! Kevin Randle and Don Schmitt, who authored the book "Crash At Roswell" (published two years ago), will offer a significantly revised (and wilder) scenario in their new book whose manuscript is nearing completion. Randle says the new scenario--their third--is based on "some very solid eyewitness testimony [and] some interesting documentation. None of this 'my Uncle Joe Blow told me type stuff.'

It will be recalled that the first crashed saucer book by William L. Moore and Charles Berlitz, published in 1980, claimed a UFO crashed on July 2, 1947 on a ranch near Corona--about 75 miles northwest of Roswell--operated by "Mac" Brazel--where the Army Air Force's Maj. Jesse Marcel recovered some debris. The Moore/Berlitz book speculated that a second UFO may have crash-landed about 150 miles west on the Plains of San Agustin, based on tales told by the late Grady (Barney) Barnett. In Randle and Schmitt's first book, they concluded that the crash-landed saucer and several alien bodies that Barnett described were located on the Brazel ranch, several miles from the "debris field" which Brazel originally discovered, not on the Plains of San Agustin. Subsequently, when rival "crashed-saucerites" Stan Friedman and Don Berliner challenged this R/S claim based on the diary of Barnett's wife, R/S decided that Barnett's story was only a "tall tale" but they stuck with their claim that a nearly intact saucer with several alien bodies crashed on the Brazel ranch, several miles from the "debris field." The third book on the subject, "Crash at Corona," by Friedman and Berliner(F/B), published last summer, claimed that two UFOs had crashed--one on the Brazel ranch and one on the Plains of San Agustin. [See SUN #11/Sept. 1991]

In the new R/S book, they will again revise their scenario and claim that the crash did not occur on July 2, but a couple days later, and that saucer and bodies were not found on the Brazel ranch but 40-50 miles south, near Roswell. In an effort to explain how the (alleged) UFO managed to fly so far from the Brazel ranch debris field before crash-landing, it is rumored that R/S will speculate that the UFO carried an outer shell. When the UFO was struck by lightning it pulverized the outer shell whose debris fell on the Brazel ranch. The inner craft managed to fly 40-50 miles south before crash-landing.

One problem with this scenario is that terrestrial aircraft occasionally suffer a lightning strike without such catastrophic damage. How could a lightning strike demolish an outer shell constructed of super-strength material? (Recall the claims that the thin metal foil found on the Brazel ranch was so strong it could not be bent with a sledge hammer.)

Crash Debris Claimed:

Randle has examined a small prune-size piece of material which a recently discovered "witness" claims he personally recovered from the crash-landing site near Roswell. But the "witness" refuses to let Randle borrow the sample for laboratory analysis. Randle told SUN the sample "looked like silver pumice with some stratification in it, but it didn't feel like pumice." Randle says "we have a high level of confidence in what he's telling us because it has been corroborated from other sources." But Randle admits: "This witness will give us something like this, then he'll backtrack from it. Then he will give us something more, then he'll backtrack some more. I don't know exactly what his game-plan is." R/S do not plan to reveal more details about their new crash scenario, their new "witnesses," the alleged debris or the names of persons who claim they personally handled crash debris until their book is published, hopefully late this year.

FRIEDMAN, BERLINER DISAVOW THEIR KEY WITNESS:

In a Letter-to-the-Editor published in the Jan. 1993 issue of the MUFON UFO Journal, Friedman and Berliner publicly admit that they "no longer have confidence in the testimony of Gerald Anderson, who claims to have stumbled upon a crash site with members of his family. Anderson has admitted falsifying a document and so his testimony about finding wreckage of a crashed flying saucer near the Plains of San Augustin in western New Mexico...can no longer be seen as sufficiently reliable." Anderson was the star witness and centerpiece of the Friedman/Berliner book. [Ed. Note: Some spell it "Agustin," some "Augustin."]

The Friedman/Berliner letter adds: "This does not mean [we] feel there was no crash at the Plains of San Augustin; there is considerable impressive testimony to such an event. Nor does it mean that everything reported by Gerald Anderson is without value." (Emphasis added.) This prompted Journal editor Dennis Stacy to comment: "Although it strongly suggests it!"

The document that Anderson finally admitted counterfeiting was peripheral to his tale of seeing a crashed saucer. In early 1990, Anderson saw the "Unsolved Mysteries" TV show dealing with (alleged) crashed saucers in New Mexico and called in to say there were major errors in the TV show's portrayal. Anderson's name and phone number were passed along to Randle and to Friedman. Randle was the first to interview Anderson on Feb. 4 and tape-recorded the conversation, which lasted for nearly an hour. Randle was skeptical of Anderson's tale and says he expressed his suspicions to Friedman. But Friedman chose to ignore Randle's warning.

Subsequently, Anderson claimed that he had talked with Randle for only 26 minutes and later produced what he claimed was his telephone bill which seemed to confirm that their conversation had lasted only 26 minutes. Randle subsequently obtained an authentic copy of Anderson's bill from his telephone company which revealed that the 26-minute version was bogus. Eventually Anderson admitted he had created the counterfeit telephone bill.

Friedman was so eager to believe Anderson's tale that he earlier ignored hard evidence that Anderson was the sort of person who might resort to counterfeiting documents. In mid-1990, Anderson supplied Friedman with what he claimed were six pages from his uncle's handwritten diary describing the family's experience in spotting the crashed saucer on the Plains of San Augustin in 1947. These diary pages were submitted to the Brunelle Forensic Laboratories, Fairfax, Va., for analysis to determine if the ink used had been available in 1947.

In a letter dated Oct. 18, 1990, Brunelle informed Friedman that the "combination of dyes present in this ink was not used until approximately 1970." Thus the ink used had not become available until nearly a quarter century AFTER the diary pages allegedly were written. FRIEDMAN CHOSE TO IGNORE THE IMPLICATIONS OF THIS SCIENTIFIC ANALYSIS.

Gerald Anderson was the featured witness in the video "Recollections of Roswell II" prepared in early 1992 by the Fund for UFO Research (FUFOR) to help generate Congressional interest in the "Roswell crashed-saucer coverup." An interview with Anderson, conducted by Friedman, occupied nearly half an hour in the 105-minute video. SUN wonders if FUFOR will notify all persons who received a copy of its video that Anderson's tall tale has been repudiated. Will FUFOR edit the Anderson interview out of all future copies it distributes?

If the Friedman/Berliner book is published in paperback, SUN wonders if they will delete Anderson's tale or leave it in and simply insert a brief note at the end advising readers they "no longer have confidence" in his tale--adding that this does NOT mean that "everything reported by Gerald Anderson is without value."

CURIOUS CANADIAN UFO CAPERS AT CARP:

Brief video tape of what was claimed to be a UFO which had landed in darkness on the outskirts of Carp, Canada--approximately 30 miles west of Ottawa--was featured in two recent network TV shows: NBC's "Unsolved Mysteries" on Feb. 3 and Fox network's "Sightings" on Feb. 12. The video shows the silhouette of a saucer-shaped object with a flashing blue strobe light surrounded by what appear to be smoking flares.

The UFO landing incident (allegedly) had occurred on Aug. 18, 1991. But it achieved no notoriety until a copy of the video tape--including segments which purport to show still photographs of ETs--and several documents were received in February, 1992 by well-known UFOlogist Bob Oechsler from a person who identified himself only as "Guardian." (Oechsler had earlier strongly endorsed the authenticity of the Ed Walters Gulf Breeze UFO photos.) Oechsler was sufficiently impressed with the video and the accompanying documents--one of which appeared to be a classified document from the Canadian Department of National Defense--to launch his investigation which has included several visits to the site of the incident.

Shortly after Oechsler launched his investigation, he learned that two years earlier several leading Canadian UFOlogists had received material from an anonymous source claiming that a similar UFO landing allegedly had occurred in the same area on Nov. 4, 1989--nearly two years before the one claimed by "Guardian." Material supplied by the anonymous source on the earlier (alleged) incident included a photo of what purported to be an ET and a rambling, paranoid letter focusing on geopolitical rather than UFO issues. However, there was no video tape to support claims of a UFO landing near Carp which would emerge two years later.

Leonard Stringfield, veteran UFOlogist, included an account of the first (1989) Carp incident in his "UFO Crash/Retrievals Status Report VI," published in July 1991. The anonymous letter began: "Canadian and American Security Agencies are engaged in a conspiracy of silence to withhold from the world the alien vessel seized in the swamps of Corkery Road, Carp, in 1989....All individuals implanted by aliens are classified as ZOMBIES. The ZOMBIES have been programmed to help overthrow Mankind in the near future....The alien forces with their Chinese and Arab allies will attack within the next five years."

Stringfield's report included an assessment by Clive Nadin, of the Ottawa Centre of UFO Studies, who commented: "It appears as a very poor hoax from first inspection." However, Nadin said that using a map of the alleged UFO landing site area supplied by the anonymous source, he and UFOlogist Ron Graham had located three persons who "reported strange lights seen [in the night sky] during a weekend in November. In addition, these persons reported strange helicopter activity over this area either prior to or just after this light was seen." But none of the (alleged) witnesses reported a UFO landing and massive military recovery operation. Stringfield's report included another skeptical assessment by Canadian UFOlogist, Christian Page, who heads a UFO group in Quebec which had received the same material on Feb. 12, 1990.

Clearly, none of the Canadian UFOlogists who investigated the initial report of a UFO landing in 1989 were impressed with claims made in the anonymous letter. So the incident languished in obscurity. UFOs abhor obscurity as Nature abhors a vacuum--as the Ed Walters/Gulf Breeze case has demonstrated. So, seemingly, the UFO decided to return to Carp on Aug. 18, 1991 and repeat its earlier performance hoping that someone would be there with a video-cam to record the incident for posterity. FORTUITOUSLY, THIS TIME "GUARDIAN" WAS THERE WITH HIS VIDEO-CAM. ETs (OR SOMEONE ELSE) PLACED BURNING FLARES IN THE AREA FOR ILLUMINATION TO ASSURE THAT THE UFO WOULD BE VISIBLE IN SILHOUETTE IN THE DARKNESS.

Although Oechsler did not know it at the time, "Guardian" sent copies of his video and documents to a number of other UFOlogists, including Stringfield and Timothy Good in the U.K. After Stringfield viewed the Carp video he concluded "it was a fake" and "forgot about it until it was featured on the 'Unsolved Mysteries' TV show," Stringfield told SUN.

During one of Oechsler's Canadian visits, he decided to check with the Dept. of National Defense to try to verify the authenticity of what purported to be a photocopy of a classified document. He was told that it was counterfeit. When SUN asked Oechsler if he now was convinced that the document was a counterfeit, he replied: "Absolutely." But this did not prompt him to drop his investigation. UFOlogist Bruce S. Maccabee told SUN: "The document was too obviously a counterfeit." Maccabee said that "if Oechsler hadn't been able to locate witnesses" he (Maccabee) "wouldn't have been interested." Maccabee has made one visit to the Canadian site.

Principal witnesses are Diane Labenek, wife of a dentist, and her next-door neighbor, a doctor (whose name is not known to SUN). Mrs. Labenek claims she saw both the 1989 and the 1991 incidents but on both occasions her husband was absent. According to Oechsler, her next-door neighbor (the doctor) was watching TV on Aug. 18, 1991 when he saw red lights outside which prompted him to walk outside. There he reported seeing some object flying over which disappeared from his view when it dropped behind some trees. Then he reported going back inside to watch TV.

Oechsler is convinced that the video cameraman ("Guardian") could not possibly have been a casual motorist driving by who chanced to see the incident, grabbed his video camera and walked toward the "landing site." Because of the topography of the area, a casual motorist "couldn't see the burning flares from the road," according to Oechsler. This seems to suggest that "Guardian" is one of Mrs. Labenek's neighbors, yet she and the doctor told Oechsler that they were not aware that the 1991 incident had been video-taped until Oechsler told them and showed the video to them.

IF "GUARDIAN" IS A NEIGHBOR OF THE LABENEKS, IT SEEMS STRANGE TO SUN THAT HE NEVER ONCE MENTIONED TO THEM THE REMARKABLE EVENT HE HAD PHOTOGRAPHED, ASKING IF THEY TOO HAD SEEN IT AND OFFERING TO SHOW THEM A COPY OF HIS VIDEO.

Christian Page said his organization received a number of anonymous documents from "Guardian" during 1991 and 1992--but no video. Page learned of the video last March from Oechsler who showed it to him. This prompted him to visit Carp last summer to interview a number of people who live near the alleged landing site. Page told SUN he was unable to find anyone in the area who recalled seeing anything unusual on the night of Aug. 18, 1991.

In Oechsler's recent two-page interim report on the Carp case, he says that "NBC invested in excess of \$115,000 unsuccessfully attempting to duplicate the effects in the Guardian video and concluded that to fake what was observed in the video would have taken a sizeable investment and would have been virtually impossible to pull off without the cooperation of the residents in the neighborhood." Oechsler reports that some (but not all) of these have "agreed to a polygraph examination to refute that possibility." (Emphasis added.)

Jeff Sainio, MUFON's photo analysis specialist who has analyzed the Carp video, characterizes it as "UNDERwhelming." Sainio told SUN: "Give me about 50 bucks and about three hours and I'll replicate most of this Canadian video." Sainio added: "Only thing I found impressive near the end of the video was the brilliant blue light."

Only about one-third of the 15-minute-long Carp video shows the UFO surrounded by flares and the remainder shows several still photos of alleged ET faces. The ET's did not appear in either "Unsolved Mysteries" or "Sightings," possibly out of concern that their hokey appearance would damage the case's credibility.

Oechsler concludes his interim report as follows: "After five research and investigation trips to Canada, the task is not yet complete. The final conclusion regarding Guardian's various claims of alien operations will have to wait until the investigation evolves into a dialogue with Guardian. [Oechsler told SUN he believes he knows the identity of "Guardian" but that person denies it. [...My remaining efforts will be focused on establishing a dialogue with Guardian. His decision to remain anonymous is in my opinion prudent. Removing public anonymity can only put the focus on his credibility and integrity instead of the incredible event itself..." (Emphasis added.)

"Insider Report" on Linda UFO-Abduction Case Raises More Suspicions of a Hoax, Criticizes Inaction of CUFOS and MUFON Officials:

A new 25-page report entitled "A Critique of Budd Hopkins' Case of the UFO Abduction of Linda Napolitano," which provides revealing insider insights into the case that Hopkins has characterized as the "Most Important" case of the century, has been privately published by Joseph J. Stefula, Richard D. Butler and George P. Hansen. Stefula was MUFON's state director for New Jersey until his recent resignation, and Butler was his deputy. Butler first met Linda at one of Hopkins' monthly meetings of "abductees" and researchers and in early October 1991, Stefula was also invited to attend a meeting where Hopkins reported on Linda's (alleged) UFO-abduction and where Stefula had the opportunity to talk with Linda.

On Feb. 1, 1992, at Linda's request, Stefula and Butler met with her in New York City and she related more details of her story, including the claim that she had been abducted off the streets of New York by two security agents who (allegedly) had seen her being beamed up to a hovering UFO from her 12th floor apartment in Manhattan--one of whom had tried to murder her. At the 1992 MUFON conference in Albuquerque, Hopkins gave his first public report on the case following which Linda appeared to provide additional details. [See SUN #17/Sept. 1992] Stefula, who attended the conference, noted some significant contradictions in Linda's latest version which he and Butler later sought to bring to Hopkins' attention. Hopkins finally convened a meeting in his home on Oct. 3 to which Butler, Stefula and George P. Hansen (whose specialty is parapsychology) were invited to meet with Linda and her husband. Hopkins also invited Walter Andrus, MUFON's international director, and Jerome K. Clark, vice president of the Hynek Center for UFO Studies (CUFOS) and editor of its journal, International UFO Reporter. Others present included David Jacobs, Hopkins' principal deputy. [See SUN #18/Nov. 1992]

In addition to providing a complete summary of the case, the new report offers some interesting revelations, such as the following:

- o During the Feb. 1 meeting with Stefula and Butler, Linda reportedly told them she had an agreement with Hopkins under which they would split 50/50 the profits from his planned book on the case. During the Oct. 3 meeting, Hopkins denied any such agreement and Linda then claimed she had "deliberately planted disinformation." During a break in the Oct. 3 meeting, Penelope Franklin--one of Hopkins' colleagues--reportedly told Hansen in the presence of another attendee "that Linda was absolutely justified in lying about the case."

- o On Sept. 19, Stefula, Butler and Hansen (S/B/H) visited the large apartment complex in which Linda lives and from which she allegedly was "beamed up" to a giant, glowing UFO hovering overhead. They found the apartment complex has its own security guardhouse, manned around the clock. S/B/H talked with a security guard and his supervisor and asked if anyone had reported a hovering UFO over the apartment on the night of Linda's alleged abduction. There had been no UFO reports from any of the guards or any of the roughly 1,600 residents in the complex. Later, they asked if Hopkins had checked with the security guards and learned he had not.

Stefula, Butler and Hansen are open-minded to the possibility that UFO-abductions are occurring, and Butler suspects he himself may have been a victim. But they are extremely critical of Hopkins' investigation of the Liuda Napolitano case and the failure of the leaders of the nation's two largest pro-UFO groups--MUFON and CUFOS--to challenge Hopkins on the case. In the closing pages of the report, S/B/H write: "We were quite unprepared for the reaction to our work from leaders of the field. Walter Andrus and Jerome Clark aggressively tried to dissuade us from continuing our investigation, and so far they have failed to publish any material critical of the case. [NOTE: MUFON has published two articles by Hopkins; CUFOS has published nothing.] We were unaware that such belligerently antiscientific attitudes were so prevalent at the highest levels of ufology."

The Stefula/Butler/Hansen report can be obtained from Arcturus Books Inc., 1443 S.E. Port St. Lucie Blvd., Port St. Lucie, Fla. 34952. Price is \$6.90 including postage. The report is not copyrighted and recipients are encouraged by the authors to make copies for other interested parties.

Thanks to Paramount Pictures, "Abductee" Travis Walton Rides Again:

MUFON is going all-out to promote Paramount Pictures' new film "Fire in the Sky" which is based on the claims of Travis Walton and his six friends that he was zapped and abducted by a UFO on the night of Nov. 5, 1975 near Heber, Ariz. and held hostage for FIVE days. The film will premier for the public on March 12, but the night before there will be advance screenings in seven major cities after which a panel of MUFON representatives will appear on stage to answer questions from the media and the audience. Walter Andrus says: "MUFON is honored to cooperate in this matter with Paramount Pictures in terms of both publicity and public education." [SUN would appreciate receiving reviews of the movie.]

The February issue of MUFON UFO Journal carries two feature stories on the new film, including one by Travis Walton himself. Walton says that he is rewriting his original book "The Walton Experience" which will be published under the same title as the movie. Walton says his new book will offer a "critical analysis of all the myriad attempts to explain away what was otherwise recognized as the most spectacular, best-documented such incident ever."

Shortly after the Walton incident occurred, SUN's editor launched an intensive investigation, lasting many months, which uncovered many new details which indicated the case was a hoax. The results of this investigation were detailed in six chapters of my book "UFOs: The Public Deceived," published by Prometheus Books in 1983.

Walton's article, referring to my investigation, says: "When his [PJK] contrived edifice first started to crumble as I [TW] began refuting him, he was already showing signs of wavering and edging away from his prior claims. When I'm done, I predict he'll be forced to make a full retreat from the collapsing ruin of his previous 'convictions.' And I predict that he'll come to act as if he never really said any of those things." (Emphasis added.)

SUN's EDITOR CHALLENGES WALTON TO PUT HIS MONEY WHERE HIS MOUTH IS ON THIS PREDICTION WITH A WAGER OF, SAY, \$1,000--a small fraction of what he reportedly received for film rights to his story. It will be difficult for me to deny having made the following statements in my book:

- o Travis "made the comment to his mother just prior to the incident that if he was ever abducted by a UFO she was not to worry because he would be all right." (Page 174)
- o When Travis' mother was informed that her son had been zapped and abducted by a UFO, she took the news very calmly and responded: "Well, that's the way these things happen."

according to Deputy Sheriff Kenneth Coplan who was present. (Page 163)

o During the time that Travis was "missing," his older brother Duane was interviewed by pro-UFOlogist Fred Sylvanus, who tape-recorded their discussion. When Duane was asked if he was concerned over Travis' well-being, he replied that Travis was "having the experience of a lifetime...All I can say is that I wish I was with him." (P. 166-67)

o Shortly after Travis reappeared, he was secretly given a "lie detector" test by Jack McCarthy, then one of the most experienced and respected polygraph examiners in Arizona. After a lengthy test involving Walton's claims of UFO-abduction, McCarthy reported his findings: "Gross Deception." McCarthy added that Travis was holding his breath to try "to beat the machine." (Page 186)

o During Travis' first TV interview, 11 days after he reappeared, he said that when he awakened in the UFO "I was bleeding very heavily." Yet no evidence of blood was found on Travis' clothing, nor did a medical examination immediately after his return reveal any internal or external source for heavy bleeding. (Page 176)

o During my June 11, 1978 telephone interview with Steve Pierce, one of the woodcutters who allegedly saw Travis being zapped by a UFO, I told him that I believed the UFO-abduction story was a hoax. Pierce replied: "Me too. If I could ever PROVE it was a hoax I'd damn sure do it." (Page 221)

Tracy Torme co-produced the new Paramount movie and wrote its script. Torme also co-authored the script of the four-hour CBS mini-series "Intruders" dealing with UFO-abductions which was telecast last spring. He also produced the two-hour long "UFO Coverup? Live," which aired in the fall of 1987. [During this TV show, two of William L. Moore's alleged top intelligence sources appeared with their faces and voices electronically disguised. One, code-named "Falcon," said the U.S. Government had captured several live ETs and that their "favorite dish, or snack, is ice cream--especially strawberry."]

The February issue of the MUFON UFO Journal published a letter by Torme which he said was intended to inform MUFON members "about some of the fictional aspects of our film, and the reasons for them. For the most part, 'Fire in the Sky' remains truthful to the Walton incident in fact and spirit. However, it was necessary to use some artistic license in a few areas. To begin with, there are six woodsmen instead of seven--three taken from real individuals while the other three are composites. Some of the law enforcement officials are also composite characters." (Several years ago, Torme called me to discuss his hopes of making a movie on the Walton incident. But he said he was having difficulty in getting some of the law enforcement officers and crew members to agree to being portrayed under their own names.)

In Torme's letter, he says when the CBS-TV program "Intruders" aired, "Paramount was alarmed at the similarities between classic abduction experiences and the beings Travis reported seeing. They insisted that we fictionalize the alien sequences...so a compromise was reached which maintains the thrust of Travis' abduction but also includes some new angles inspired by other, more unusual abduction cases." (Emphasis added.)

When the Walton incident occurred in 1975, Budd Hopkins had not yet developed his theory that ETs abduct Earthlings to extract ova and sperm for genetic experimentation. By a curious coincidence, when Travis described what allegedly had occurred on board the UFO, THERE WAS NO MENTION OF ET PROBING OF HIS GENITALS OR EXTRACTION OF SPERM. It will be interesting to see if this is one of the "new angles inspired by other, more unusual abduction cases" which Torme decided to write into the script and which Travis will include in his new book.

Short Shrift:

* **Alien Invasion Survival Card (r.)**, which includes a **Lost Time Detector**, **Range Finder** and means for distinguishing a genuine UFO from birds, clouds or the moon is now available from **Schwa, Box 6064, Reno, Nev. 89513**. Price is \$1.50 which includes chain for attaching to a handy button-hole.

SUN is unable to verify that the **Alien Detector/Range Finder/Lost Time Detectors** work as claimed because no ET would dare to approach within a mile.

* **Ed Walters of Gulf Breeze and his wife Frances** have divorced with an amicable 50/50 division of their \$2,500,000 net worth, according to Court Records. Because Ed originally filed for the divorce, this prompted speculation that there was "another woman." However, **SUN** has learned that the marriage went on the rocks because of an incident that occurred on the night of Feb. 7, 1988.

As described in the **Walters UFO book**, Frances was on the back patio when the UFO returned and tried to zap her with its blue beam. When Ed heard his wife call for help, he first stopped to get his Polaroid camera. As he approached the patio door, he saw Frances trying to enter to escape the UFO's Blue Beam. Instead of reaching out to pull her to safety, Ed stepped back, aimed his camera and took a photo of Frances and the Blue Beam. (Photo #24 in their book). Only then, according to a reliable source, did Frances realize that Ed's UFO photos were more important to him than his wife's safety. (Frances survived, no thanks to Ed.)

* **Interesting Reading: "Demons, Doctors and Aliens: An exploration into the Relationships Among Witch Trial Evidence, Sexual-Medical Traditions, and Alien Abductions,"** by James Pontolillo, published by The International Fortean Organization (INFO). The author concludes that "alien abductions are the continuation of an ancient, ongoing cycle of religio-mythic beliefs. The 'seed events' consist of routine medical and gynecological procedures, hypnogogic and hypnopompic (sleep-related) imagery, and causative traumas such as sexual assault... The driving force behind this creation of abduction accounts lies in the extensive use of hypnotic recall in unsupervised investigations conducted by ETH proponents. Whether intentional or not, the iatrogenic dynamics of hypnotic recall results in the coercion of witnesses and the production of fantastical testimony. Subsequent extensive media coverage ensures that an ever-widening segment of the populace becomes acquainted with the evidentiary details that constitute a proper abduction claim..." The 22-page report, which cites more than 100 references, is available from INFO, P.O. Box 367, Arlington, Va. 22210-0367. Price: \$10.

FLASH: At the request of the U.S. Secret Service, Budd Hopkins and Linda Napolitano recently briefed its New York office on their claims that "security officers" guarding United Nations Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar allegedly abducted Linda and tried to murder her. Hopefully, Secret Service will launch a formal investigation.

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