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New religious UFO movements

Swedish student *Stefan Isaksson* has written a paper titled *"New religious UFO movements. Extraterrestrial salvation in contemporary America"*.

Isaksson is a student with the California State University of Fresno, USA. Isaksson's paper is available, as a 120-page, ring-bound edition from UFO-Sweden. Price is 90 SEK (postage included in Sweden). If interested, please make contact with clas.svahn@dn.se for more details.

Isaksson compares three *new religious UFO movements (NRUMs)*: the *Aetherius Society* founded by *George King*, *Unarius* founded by *Ruth* and *Ernest Norman* and the *Raelian Religion* founded by *Claude Vorilhon*, alias *Rael*.

Of the three, Isaksson gains the most intimate knowledge about the Raelians, while doing a field trip to a Raelian seminar in Las Vegas. Information on the other two is gained through literature studies and email contacts.

While Aetherius and Unarius are heavily influenced by 'Old Age' Spiritualism and Theosophy, Raelians is more of a technocratic and modern NRUM. But, reports Isaksson, Elohim (the Raelian creator of us all) *"channelled messages to him, which subconsciously made him [Rael, alias Claude Vorilhon] go out into the wilderness"* (for a meeting with the ET).

"Interesting to note is that while Raelians deny the existence of God or soul, they still refer to their movement as the Raelian Religion, and they do have prayer, although not as elaborately outlined as the Aetherius Society, whose members put great emphasis on dynamic prayer for the welfare of mankind..."

Isaksson invalidates the cliché word *"flying saucer cults"* in connection with these movements (as does, of course, representatives of all the three NRUMs).

"This is because... they A) all show elements of different religious movements such as

millenarian and messianic movements, B) are structured quite unlike the (unfair) picture of a traditional cult, C) actively work for the benefit of all, not just the members of the group, D) have leaders and/or founders who function as not merely leaders but also as mediums and mystagogues, and E) are clearly religious with complex mythologies, rituals and other attributes usually attributed to religious movements."

New Religious UFO Movements

Extraterrestrial Salvation in Contemporary America



by Stefan Isaksson
California State University, Fresno, USA
Spring 2000

AFU preserves files from all three NRUMs studied by Isaksson. The most active file is the Raelian Religion file, regularly updated with Rael's books, editions of Rael's international *Contact Newsletters* and the glossy *Apocalypse*. AFU would appreciate donations of retrospective and new material related to any *New Religious UFO Movements*.

Anders Liljegren

The AFU Newsletter is back...

Welcome to the new series of AFU Newsletters. It is *more than six years* since our most recent issue in English. Issue 39 (Sept 1995) was our latest one - but not the last... So, please don't think any post-39 issues were lost in the mail, or never sent to you!

Since 1993, we have maintained contacts with Scandinavian members, sponsors & contacts by way of our (Swedish) *AFU Sponsornytt* newsletter. This temporary solution is now discontinued and we will concentrate our efforts on this newsletter in English. We sincerely hope that our Scandinavian sponsors will continue to support us, despite the change of language.

The newsletter will now be *quarterly*, as was *AFU Sponsornytt*, and will be published in *March, June, September and December*, each year.

There will probably be three distribution ways for the newsletter - *postal distribution, email distribution and internet download* when the newsletter is one or two months old. We are working on a web site to accommodate a lot of information available from the AFU archive, including databases, and our newsletters.

Swedish sponsors, support members & exchanges will continue to receive the AFU Newsletter just as they previously received *AFU Sponsornytt*.

International sponsors & exchange partners will receive the AFU Newsletters in exchange for their contributions, or printed materials sent to us. To save on our costs for international postage we would prefer to send your copies by email, as Word 97 files. Help us keep AFU the low-budget operation it is. If this is arrangement is all right with you, please mail your email exchange address to afu@ufo.se.

Actually, AFU would prefer to receive exchange materials as regular paper copies in the mail, but email exchange is also most welcome. Authors and book publishers are welcome to send review copies of their works. Although we cannot guarantee a review, what we can guarantee is preservation at the AFU archives.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have faithfully supported AFU during the long absence of the Newsletter. Let me just mention one of you: Mr **Lucius Farish**, who graciously donates each monthly issue of

his *UFO Newsclipping Service* newsletters to the archive. Thanks to Lucius, and to *all* of you!

Newsletter contents will be a mixture of general news from Swedish ufology and information about activities, new items and collections received here at the AFU archives.

We also plan a series of insights into the wealth of materials available at the AFU archives centre. So, I bid you welcome again and hope you will enjoy our new-born newsletter.

Anders Liljegren

A major book collection

Recently, Mr. *Bruno R. (Roland) Ericsson*, died at his Sundbyberg (Stockholm) residence. UFO-Sweden was contacted by the heirs of Ericsson, through *Clas Svahn*, vice chairman of AFU, and chairman of UFO-Sweden.

Ericsson, born in 1930, was a 'contactee' since childhood, and an avid collector of UFO literature, videos and such items. Clas Svahn negotiated a deal with the heirs, whereby AFU and UFO-Sweden will pay 5.000 SEK for the collection. It is expected that much of this cost will be neutralised by expected surplus sales, since, probably, some items are already available at the AFU centre.

A negative factor of the deal is that the collection has to be decontaminated after a life with nicotine smoke from the owner. *Clas Svahn, Andreas Ohlsson, Bernt Bartosch, Peter Mårtensson and Mattias Mårtensson, from UFO-Sweden and Stockholms UFO-Förening*, spent one entire day in smoke and dust moving about 1.200 books to Svahn's home garage. Here, the UFO books were dusted and cleared from a layer of nicotine by another team headed by AFU sponsor *Inga-Lill Wallin*. That part of the project took three days.

The final work, before being catalogued and added to the AFU collection, will be ozone cleaning by a specialised company at Sollentuna. If you are interested in sponsoring the project please contact Clas Svahn, or AFU.

Ericsson was sort of an "intellectual contactee" (he used "B.Sc." after his name and obviously was a very intelligent man who had studied in the US). He sometimes reported, in extreme detail, sightings to UFO groups. His personal notes and journals, part of it on technical subjects more or less associated with UFOs,

cover several meters of shelf space, and will also, eventually, come to rest with AFU.

Twelve years old, Bruno Ericsson had his first UFO experience, in the spring of 1942, at Frösön (close to the lake Storsjön with it's well-known lake monster). *"I was victim of telepathic hypnosis by a humanoid, probably a space vampire"*, Ericsson wrote. He received a strange impulse to jump on his bicycle, and, in a trace-like state, fetch a parcel which he delivered to the alien man. He was ordered to forget the incident and said he did not remember it consciously until in 1953.

Ericsson believed the humanoid placed implants into his brain. These 'implants' gave off sounds in his ears, about 95 % of them into his *right* ear. Although this sounds (sic!) very much like the medical diagnosis *tinnitus*, Ericsson firmly believed he was remote-controlled by the aliens. *"They catch a child, put in implants and can then, from space, find [the victim] at once throughout all of his lifetime"*.

In the 1980s Bruno met a young man *"with yellow eyes and foreign face"* at a Stockholm railway station. He believed he had met a space vampire once again. In his report he stated that he had reported the sighting to the police. Well, we don't know what their reaction was!

The Ericsson collection includes more than 450 UFO-related books, most of them contactee-oriented. AFU recently catalogued the 2.772nd title in its UFO reference library. The Ericsson collection also includes a fairly large number of American commercial videos, and a video tape recorder for use with the American video system - very welcome additions to the archives.

Many thanks to the members of the Stockholms UFO-Förening for their great help and participation in this project. *Anders Liljegren*

Annual 2001 AFU board meeting

The Archives for UFO research board of directors assembled, on May 22, 2001, for their annual meeting. The board discussed expected donations from, among others, *Rune Rydebrant*, a Gothenburg ufologist active since the early 1950s; from *Gunnar Schelin*, recently deceased long-time ufologist from the island of Öland; from *Bruno R. Ericsson* (see special note in this issue) and parts of the collections of *Finn Kalvik*, a well-known Norwegian ufologist, also recently deceased.

Clas Svahn had reached a preliminary agreement with leading board members of *SUFOI - Scandinavian UFO Information* - of Copenhagen to copy the complete Danish UFO report archives for future availability at the AFU centre. AFU recently received paper copies of parts of the *UFO-Norway* report archive.

The AFU board awards an annual book prize to 'the AFU sponsor of the year'. This year the lottery decided the recipient would be *Anders Persson*, Gothenburg ufologist.

Andreas Ohlsson, secretary of the AFU board, will represent AFU at the UFO-Sweden annual general meeting in Sundsvall next spring.

Anders Liljegren, chairman of AFU, detailed the plans to seek financing, from the Swedish *National Archives board for private archives*, for 100-125 metres of new book cases for the archive and library. AFU presently has 400 meters of book shelves. If financed, the new sections will be mobile 'compact' type book cases mounted on rails, in between the book cases presently available. The cost is expected to be about 40.000 SEK.

Security measures, *such as security doors & alarms*, for the archives, were also discussed. AFU is the archive repository for the national group *UFO-Sweden*, which has reserved 5.000 SEK from its 2001 budget for security measures at the archives. In spite of this, there will be an effort to seek National Archives, or private, financing to resolve the security issues.

The board also decided on efforts to investigate the possibility to secure *European Community* (EC) financing of projects at the centre.

The board discussed the possibilities of recruiting international sponsors and donors. This will be enhanced when the new internet / web presentation of AFU will 'go on air'. It is expected this will happen during 2001.

Mailing list of Swedish clippings

Swedish clippings with a UFO content is now available on the internet through a yahoo groups mailing list. New articles from newspapers and magazines are mailed to the list members every week. Unfortunately the articles are only available in Swedish. We have no resources for translations. You have to know our language to grasp what its all about. At this moment, the service has 17 subscribers. If interested please contact afu@ufo.se.

Three recent visits to AFU

◆ On April 25, 2001, the archive was visited by four 3rd grade students from *Virginska skolan* of Örebro, a senior high school. They interviewed Anders Liljegren and studied the archives for a school essay and presentation on UFOs and life in space.

◆ On April 26, thirteen archivists from ÖLFA, a union of east-Swedish local archives spent a few hours at AFU as part of one of their twice-annual conferences. The professional and amateur archivists were truly surprised by the information richness of the UFO subject. Since 1993 AFU is one of (now) 15 members of the regional ÖLFA archives group.

◆ On May 19, eight members from the mid-Swedish group *Skaraborgs UFO-Förening* of Töreboda, came to AFU for a tour and presentation of the archives. After that, discussion focused on UFO cases and the possibility of EC financing of the archives, while consuming coffee and sandwiches.

'New Scientist' collection

AFU, in 1999, received 655 copies of 'New Scientist' (mainly 1985-1998 except for 1993), as a gift from the heirs of well-known Swedish astronomer and author *Peter Nilson*.

AFU also has a substantial collection of New Scientist indexes for these years, but we are searching for twenty indexes: 116, 124, 128, 130, 136-142, 144-147, 149, 153, 158, 160 and 161. A box of surplus issues can be offered as an exchange.

New additions to Parthenon files

Among recent 2001 donations to AFU are the following files from the *Parthenon* book publishing house (Edith Nicolaisen) of Helsingborg, made available to the archives by sponsor *Carl-Anton Mattsson*:

◆ Three files of correspondence with Swedish ufologists and occultists, mainly period 1960-1974. (Has promptly been integrated into our previous files of Parthenon correspondence).

◆ Three working files on 1) Parthenon duplicated leaflets, 2) the *Paul Goos* and 3) the *Elizabeth Wilcox* books. (Originals, translations, clippings with reviews from Swedish press.)

◆ Two card index files of book customers 1957-1963.

There is still much unsorted material, in boxes, from the huge 1986 deposition of material by Parthenon and *Edith Nicolaisen*. It is hoped that this can be sorted and filed more appropriately when we are able to expand the storage capacity.

UFO-Sweden annual depositions

UFO-Sweden has deposited their annual book-keeping for year 2000, as well as about 25 diskettes with articles and illustrations from UFO-Aktuellt.

UFO-Sweden recently also deposited all report material for 1999 from their UFO report centre (more than 500 reports). The new reports have been sorted chronologically, but database entry, and/or scanning, remains to find resources for. Reports received in 1995 and onwards remain to be entered into the *ScanCat* database.

Visual Meteor Database listings

Clas Svahn has printed three volumes of VMDB records, detailing some 1 million meteor sightings recorded world-wide during the past 13 years, now available at AFU. The three files cover 1984-1992, 1993-1996 and 1997-1998, respectively. The database is available on the internet at <http://www.imo.net/visual/vmdb.html>.

Who is / was Mollie Thompson?

An interesting recent (2001) donation, by sponsor *Carl-Anton Mattsson*, was a copy of the LP record. "*From Worlds Afar*" by British composer and singer *Mollie Thompson*. It is not clear *when* the record, on the *Asteroid Records* label (Nield & Hardy Ltd, Stockport, Cheshire, England) was released, but it seems 1960's style. Adamskian saucers on the cover and printed lyrics included, the record is a nice example of contactee poetry with song titles like "*Space Talk*", "*Heralding the Dawn*" and the title song, "*From Worlds Afar*".

Very nice sing-songs sung in a clear voice by Thompson, accompanied by her guitar. Just imagine a lady, like the once popular French "singing nun", singing saucer salvation songs, sometimes country & western style, and you'll roughly get the picture... Did Thompson release other records and what became of her? Anyone?

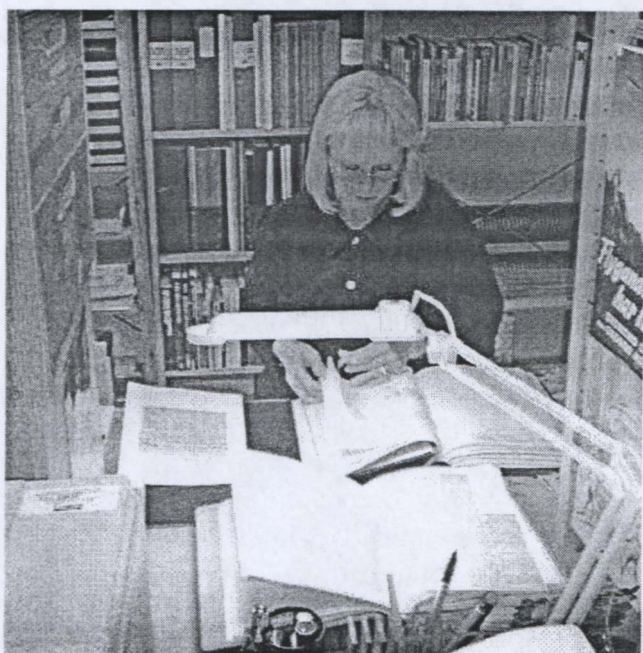
SAF clipping collection

One of the major donations of year 2000 - and still continuing into year 2001 - was from the *Solna Astronomiska Förening (SAF)* of Sundbyberg, Stockholm.

This society, founded in the mid-1960s, combined their members interests in UFOs, parapsychology, astronomy and radio, into one organisation with separated subject sections. The group published the *SAF Bulletin*, probably a well-known exchange newsletter for some of our readers. The Bulletin always detailed the latest clippings & reports from SAF's fields of interest. Head of the group, from the start, was Mr. *Erik Fredriksson*.

One of the greatest assets of the SAF collection is the newspaper clippings. In May 2001 AFU received probably the final part of this, a large box of thousands of articles received by the society, between 1965 and 1977, through their *AB Pressurklipp* subscription for Swedish UFO clippings. This will produce quite a lot of surplus copies, but probably also a substantial number of new additions to the AFU 'master' clippings file, which now consists of about 10 meters of file folders, for Sweden alone.

AFU co-worker *Ann-Christin Mårdh*, who works at the AFU centre two days each week, will continue the tedious work of integrating the collection with our master file.



Ann-Christin Mårdh checking new clippings against AFU's master files.

Additions to AFU map collection

AFU secretary *Andreas Ohlsson* recently brought further additions to our collection of official Swedish maps, donated by the *Kartbutiken* map shop of Stockholm. As new editions are released, the shop donates unsold copies of old-to-be-discarded editions to AFU.

AFU's map collection now cover about 75 % of Swedish territory with 1:50.000 or 1:100.000 terrain maps, totalling more than 750 maps. The most recent delivery brought one hundred new map editions, including a complete set of "*AC-ICAO Aeronautical Charts*" of Sweden (1:500.000 scale). The AFU map collection is sorted geographically by latitude and takes up about four meters of shelves in the main archive. There is also a searchable Access database of the maps.

Submarine violations in the 1980s

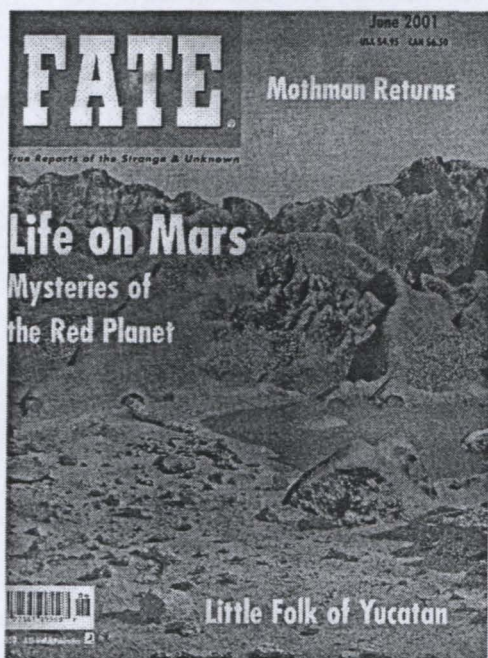
AFU has an active file of clippings and documents related to submarine violations and 'USO (unidentified submarine objects) sightings'. The files comprise about 35 folder volumes and cover two meters of our shelves. The file has recently seen the following acquisitions:

- ◆ From AFU sponsor *Bertil Lindqvist* his annual delivery of clippings on the submarine issue, cut out of the daily *Svenska Dagbladet*.
- ◆ As part of the *SAF* collection (see above) hundreds of clippings from the 1980s, primarily from Stockholm newspapers. They are now being integrated into the AFU master file.
- ◆ From AFU secretary *Andreas Ohlsson*, copy of his 'C level' thesis at the Historical Institution of Stockholm University, "*Carl Bildt and the submarine issue. An investigation concerning a political personality's commitment to a security-political issue 1982-1996*". (36 pages, will be catalogued in our book collection).
- ◆ From *Clas Svahn*, his printouts of 77 articles in the Swedish press, from the *Presstext* internet service, about Carl Bildt and his involvement in the submarine issue. (in a file folder).

Fate Magazine

One of the most recent additions to our roster of exchange magazines is *Fate Magazine*, published since 1948 - nowadays by *Llewellyn World-Wide Ltd*, and edited by *Phyllis Galde*. Rich with tradition, this US news-stand magazine has,

since early 1994, adopted the 8' x 11' size, turning away from ageing pulp paper (a problem for archivists), and now has its illustrations nearly always printed in colour.



Sent as complimentary issues to AFU (*thank you!*) each issue is carefully preserved here for future availability and research after doing the tour among AFU reviewers and board members.

The June 2001 issue is unusually rich with UFO contents, featuring articles on *The Mothman Prophecies*, now resurrected into a Hollywood film to be released this coming fall, and the *Woodrow Derenberger contact claim*, another well-known part of West Virginia's forteen mythology.

The article *Facing the truth* complains about the IPL release of new photo images of the *Mars face*, claimed to have been filtered, because there was no face any longer... There are also other articles on life on Mars, falling ice, stone mysteries from Portugal and the Mayan culture, and an article on *ET encounters of the Ouija kind* (= channelling).

Always a worthy review section, this time with a review of *The Anomalist* No. 9. *Fate* will live on... forever.

Hilary Evans donation

In November 2000 *Clas Svahn* and *Håkan Ekstrand*, board members of UFO-Sweden, spent a few days in the eastern part of Britain, visiting London and Sheffield.

One of the reasons for the trip was to fetch the book collection promised AFU when Hilary

Evans visited us in October 1996. "*I don't think I have ever seen so much UFO material in one place - and so well-organized as well*", Evans wrote in our guest book at that time.

Clas and Håkan brought about seventy books to AFU, all surplus copies from Hilary's personal collection. The donation is mostly of French and Spanish literature and has been catalogued in the annual 2001 acquisition list. If you don't receive the list with this issue - and would like a copy - please let us now.

Many thanks to Hilary for this great donation!

Clas and Håkan also paid a visit to the *Mary Evans Picture Library*, interviewed *Gordon Creighton*, editor of *Flying Saucer Review*, and met a group of *UFOIN* members for talks.

Timothy Good donation & John Björkhem Memorial Fund

"This has to be the most comprehensive and well-organized UFO archives of this planet! I am full of praise for the dedication of all those involved and feel now much more comfortable about the future preservation of important UFO material."

These words are from the pen of UFO author *Timothy Good*, written in the AFU guest book on September 25, 1998. Visiting the archives on a research tour to Scandinavia, Good decided to make a substantial donation to AFU. In 1999 we received a check of 1.000 pounds (about 12.800 SEK) from him. To us this was something very unique. Now is the time to tell Timothy - and the UFO community - how we spent the money!

At about the same time we also received a grant of 3.000 SEK from the *John Björkhem Memorial Fund*, which awards money mainly to parapsychological research. We had applied for a grant for adding literature to the archive, "*on the borderlines between UFOs, psychology and parapsychology*".

Combining the two grants, we used 3.000 SEK to buy twelve *American academic theses* from *University Microfilms*. All of these were catalogued in the AFU 1999 acquisition list. Many of the theses touch on psychological, sociological and folkloric issues of UFO research.

We also used more than 5.000 SEK to buy a full run, *12 volumes in all*, of the *Journal of Scientific Exploration*, one of the world's two

refereed journal that regularly features UFO investigations (as well as parapsychology).

We further invested about 1.000 SEK on general library materials; about 1.400 SEK on a number of current books; 700 on an almost complete run of the *Anomalist* journal; 1.000 on completion copies for our run of *Fortean Studies* and an index of *Fortean Times*. Finally, 1.000 SEK on *Center for UFO Studies* publications, and the *UFOCAT99* database; about 900 on missing issues of *Flying Saucer Review*'s; and about 1.100 on a collection of UFO journals bought from *Eileen Fletcher*, of Sheffield.

We think the grants came to very good use and would once again like to extend our sincere thanks Timothy Good and the board of the John Björkhem Memorial Fund for their great support.

Ghost rocket files enriched

Our GR (ghost rocket) files has recently been enlarged with the following files & data:

◆ One folder of copies from sighting report files at the War Archives in Stockholm. "*Defence Staff: Air- and Air Defence department. FVIIa, volumes 1-3*". The complete file is available at AFU as a microfilm, sponsored by *Göran Jansson*, but this is a paper document file of a number of sightings copied in the mid-90's.



"Ghost bombs arouse great British interest", headline from Swedish newspaper *Aftonbladet*, Aug. 27, 1946.

◆ "*Ghost rockets. Public Record Office 1946. Full size copies. England 1946*". Dr. David Clarke and Andy Roberts have discovered considerable files of GR (ghost rocket) documents at the *Public Record Office* in England. The Files has some extremely interesting data on British Intelligence interest in the GRs in Sweden. Things we suspected, but could not document, and other things that came as a complete surprise. The complete picture will

emerge when the Clarke-Roberts book on British Government UFO investigations will be published in late 2002. Until then, the file will remain confidential with AFU.

◆ "*Ghost rocket crash observed by Swedish Commander-in-Chief July 18, 1948*". File - from Clas Svahn - of documents concerning the Swedish Supreme Commander, General *Helge Jung*'s sighting of a ghost rocket. Clas Svahn is planning a book in English on the case & his investigation thereof. In 1997 AFU received a 5.000 SEK grant from our sponsor *Bertil Lindqvist* for investigations into the ghost rocket enigma, 2.000 of which were spent by Svahn on the Helge Jung case.

◆ "*Ghost rockets and Soviet missiles. US National Archives. Documents from Air Force and Naval Intelligence*". Files received in 1997 from *Jan Aldrich, Project 1947*, covering the period 1946-1955. A lot of intelligence material on missile developments in the Eastern Bloc and early (espionage) "*Ferret flights*" over Europe.

An Aug 16, 1946 Army Air Force document shows US intelligence knew about British experts being sent to Sweden for GR investigations, but also (Oct 1 document) that the US suspected a lot of British info was withheld from them. Also some US Intelligence material from the mouth of *Stig Wennerström*, who, in the 1960's, was disclosed as *the Russian top spy* in Sweden. Those years, immediately after WWII, was when he really got involved with Soviet intelligence.

Also Nov 4, 1948, document that shows that Air Force Intelligence knew about the Swedish Supreme Commander's GR sighting the previous summer.

◆ "*Official ghost rocket documents in U.S. Archives*". The *Jan Aldrich* chronological listing of all known US documents related to the GRs. From AF files, Project Blue Book, Naval Intelligence and other sources.

◆ "*US Intelligence investigations of missiles exploded on Jan 31, 1949 near Gardheim (Germany) and Feb 28, 1949 in Unter-Fleischfeld (Germany)*". *US National Archives*." Document copies received from *Jan Aldrich, Project 1947*.

◆ Another GR source, not yet available, is Robert Bartholomew's new book "*Little Green Men, meowing nuns and headhunting panics: a study of mass psychogenic illness and social delusion*" (McFarland, 2001) which has a

chapter, *"The ghost rockets: anatomy of a moral panic"*, co-authored with *Clas Svahn, Anders Liljegren* and *Dr. Glenn Dawes*.

◆ Finally, *Ole Jonny Brænne*, long-time Norwegian AFU sponsor and co-worker is making his Norwegian ghost rocket clipping texts available at his web site:

<http://home.c2i.net/3dfx/projects/index.html>

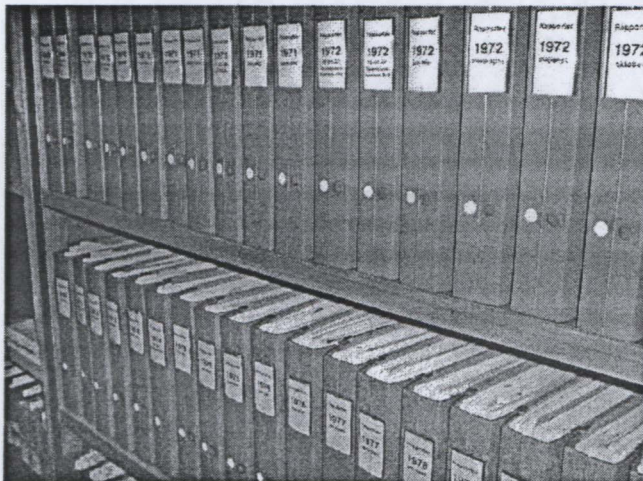
Sighting a UFO can hurt the eyes

On the evening of the 11th of October 1995 a strong light on the wall of **Bisse Juhlén** made her walk over to the window. Right above a nearby house a blue-white ball was hovering. It was so big that it covered the whole of the roof. In spite of the glaring shine it was not reflected on the roof, or on the ground.. She observed the ball for more an hour.

When she went to bed that night her eyes hurt. Since then, her sight has steadily deteriorated. She had to get a new pair of glasses twice each year. She is afraid she will turn blind.

On the internet there is a catalogue of cases concerning eye and skin irritation in UFO reports by *Mark Cashman*. The catalogue details several similar cases.

(<http://www.ufo.se/fakta/artiklar/bisse.shtml>;
<http://www.temporaldoorway.com/ufo/catalog/emeffect/index.htm>)



The Swedish report archive at AFU. The chronological report archive now consists of about 140 similar "Blue" file folders covering sightings from the 14th century up to 2001.

Recent new exchanges

◆ *UFO Criticism* by *J.N.*, Junji Numakawa, 3-21-8-105 Soshigaya-ku, Tokyo, 157-0072 Japan. Vol. 1 No. 1, January 2001. Mr. Numakawa has published his newsletter in Japanese since 1993

and now turns to an international audience. The issue includes Numakawa's own research into the case of the UFO-shaped boat that stranded in Japan in 1803, supplementing an article in the July-Aug. 2000 issue of the *Skeptical Inquirer*.

Other pieces on *abduction folklore in old Japan*, a sceptical viewpoint on *Roswell*, and a report on a four-hour long Tokyo lecture by Mr. *Kiyoshi Amamiya* (publisher of the *UFO Researcher*, another of AFU's Japanese exchange partners). Also a report about a Japanese passenger plane's 'near-miss-with-a-UFO' case in November 1998. The publisher thinks this was a US B-2 stealth bomber on a secret mission.

◆ *Donald Johnson*, Sun River Research, P O Box 226, Concord, NH 03302, USA, the present administrator of the UFOCAT database, has graciously donated a copy of the *UFOCAT 2000* database version on CD to AFU. With this AFU has yet another instrument for searching the UFO literature for bibliographical references to UFO cases world-wide.

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Ghost flier mystery still unresolved

In a series of eight articles, during the past ten years, Swedish aviation historians have contributed widely diverse views on the mystery of the 1930's ghost fliers over the Scandinavian Arctic. Their thoughts have been published as lengthy articles, and as letters to the editor, of *Svensk Flyghistorisk Tidskrift* (SFT), the lively journal of *Svensk Flyghistorisk Förening*, the *Swedish Aviation Historical Society*, an organisation with 13 regional groups and 5.000 members.

There is no doubt that, within this society, there is a great interest in the phenomenon, which mystified a whole world, particularly during the winters 1933-34 and 1936-37, and which has not yet been explained. We will sum up the eight articles in the order as they were published:

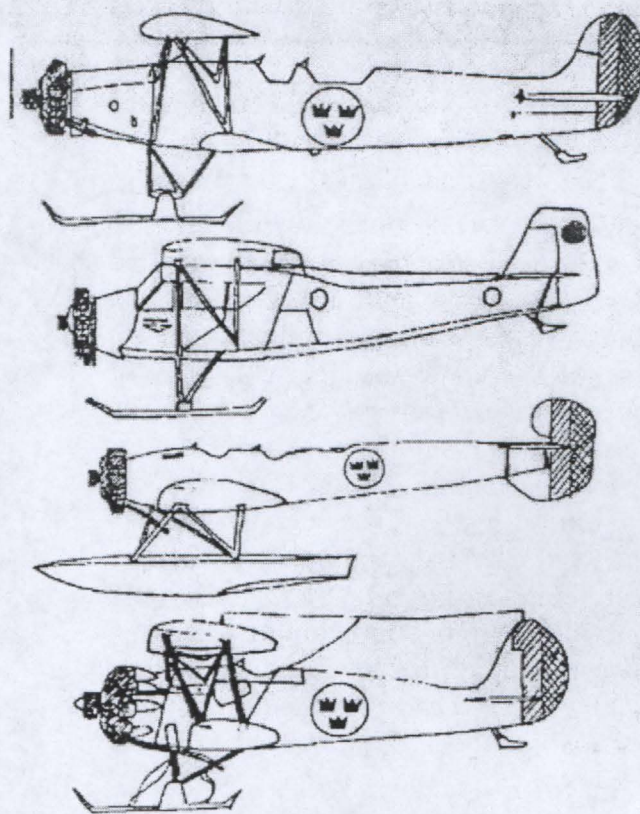
1. Jan Waernberg has gone through the official ghost flier archives at the Military Record Office (*Krigsarkivet*) in Stockholm and published his results in a twelve pages article in SFT, issue 2/1992. During the winter of 1933/34 a total of 96 reports came from Sweden, 234 from Norway and 137 from Finland. (These official figures do not seem to represent the real number of sightings if one is to judge from reading the contemporary north-Swedish newspapers - AL).

Waernberg gives details and illustrations, not of the sightings themselves, but of how the Swedish Air Force's hunt for the ghost fliers was organised, and the people who took part of it.

In a first reconnaissance, two, later four, planes from the F4 wing at Östersund took part. Also the plane "Viking", owned by the *Stockholms-Tidningen* newspaper company joined the search, which was completely in vain.

Later on, in January 1934 a few Air Force planes were moved from the F1 wing at Västerås to the neighbourhoods of Umeå and Holmsund (on the coast of the Baltic). As a reaction to new alarming reports of overflights from Boden (with one of the most important fortifications in Sweden) and from Finland, a ground-based

reconnaissance of airspace was organised at the end of January from a chain of ground stations in the provinces of Norrbotten and Västerbotten. Four J-7 (*Bristol Bulldog*) planes from the Air Force were transferred from Västerås to Boden.



Swedish planes that participated in the ghost flier hunt, from top to bottom: 1) Air Force S6H (Fokker C.VE) on skies, 2) The newspaper Stockholm-Tidningen's ASJA L1 Viking on skies, 3) Air Force S5A (Hansa), and 4) Air Force J7 (Bristol Bulldog). *Sketches from Svensk Flyghistorisk Tidskrift, 2/1992.*

The hunt resulted in a total number of six crashes for the Swedish Air Force, while the aeroplanes they were hunting seemed to make it without any trouble - in the nights and in extreme cold and snow storms. "The ghost flights" were also a starting point for Swedish signal reconnaissance. Strange coded messages were found to have their origin in the Murmansk area, but their connection to the aerial sightings remain to be finally proven.

2. In SFT 3/1998 one of those who scouted for the ghost fliers from the backseat of a S6H (Fokker CV.E) reconnaissance aircraft tells his story. *Eric Hemtke* was suddenly recalled from his Christmas vacations. *"Such a hurry as on this occasion I never experienced at any time, not even during WWII"*. The weather was bad with snow storms and -18 Centigrade. His plane crashed during the first mission and it was sheer wonder that he and the pilot survived. They were allotted another airplane but bad weather prevented any extensive reconnaissance tours.

The fear of the ghost fliers was apparent in local villages: *"One day as I and our chief officer landed on a lake, by a distant house, to ask where we were, they refused to open the door out of fear for the ghost flier, which they thought was us because of our heavy bearskin dresses, parachutes and face masks."*

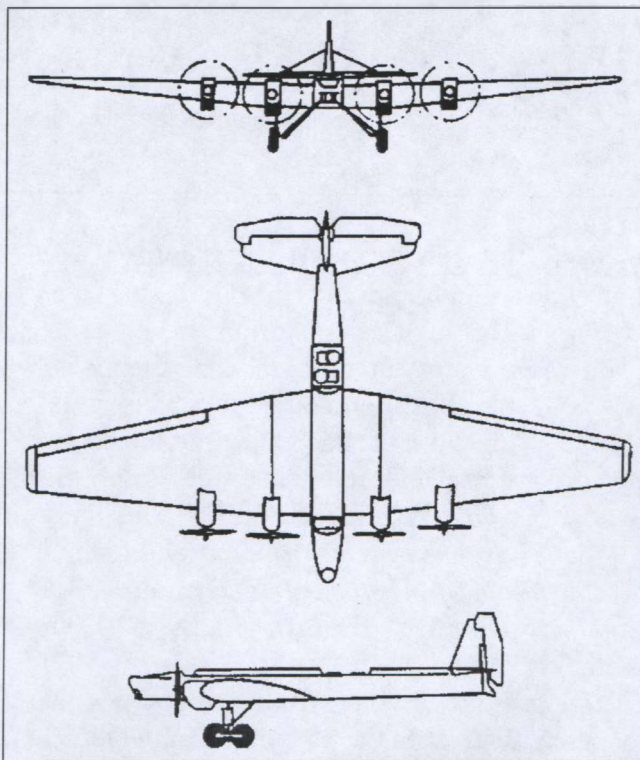
The pilots from F4 mostly believed the ghost fliers were Soviet orientation flights.

3. *Owe Bergfeldt*, former employee of the Air Forces Material Command (*Flygförvaltningen*), thinks, in his letter to the editor, in SFT 5/1998, that the Soviets were innocent and that the planes were German. Germany *"needed to develop and verify a long distance radio navigation system"*. A *Heinkel He 59B* on floats and with *"open cockpits"* (in -18 degree cold plus the speed of the wind?? - AL) was used, according to Bergfeldt, for flights up through the Baltic and the Gulf of Bothnia. According to Bergfeldt Swedish authorities cracked the mystery *"but out of respect for a certain potentate on the rise in the south (Hitler) the matter was silenced."*

4. *Ingemar Strandberg* writes in SFT 1/1999 that he is *"probably one of few Swedes still alive who saw 'the ghost flier' in reality"*, over his home in Boden.

"Six years old I was awoken, on a starry and moonlit night during the winter of 1934, by my father, who burst into the room and lifted me to the gable window with a view to the north. There was a terrible roar from several engines and straight over our house came an airplane on a northerly course. It wasn't the air ambulance - which we would have recognised. No, the plane was a huge four-engine monoplane, which seemed to emit two long, blue-white exhaust flames. It passed us at an estimated altitude of between 200 and 500 metres. My retrospective

impression is that the plane looked like a Soviet TB-3."



The Soviet-Russian TB-3 (Ant-6) four-engined bomber made it's maiden flights in early 1932 and was fully operational by the winter of 1933/34.

Strandberg doesn't find any reason in Bergfeldt's German Heinkel theory. The flights happened in the middle of the cold winter without access to open waters in the Gulf of Bothnia for an airplane on floats. The planes must have had an enormous reserve of engine gas to accomplish the long flight from their base on the island of Rügen (on the south coast of the Baltic), or, as an alternative, mid-flight refuelling depots.

Strandberg's father told him that *"some time after the ghost flights had seized, the Soviet army paper Red Star published an article on a couple of crews from the heavy bomber wing in the Murmansk area, who had been appointed Heroes of the Soviet Union because of successful technical tests."*

5. *Lennart Andersson* is one of the best connoisseurs of the Swedish Air Force, being the author of a book about the prop engine period of the force. In SFT 6/1998 he publishes his doubts about Bergfeldt's German theory. In January 1934 there were three prototypes of the Heinkel He 59 based in the northern part of Germany. *"In theory there were He 59 planes, which could have been the culprits, but why wouldn't*

Germany have used the more reliable Dornier J II Wal, which had a much greater operation range?"

"German development of the dive-bomber technique was in full swing in Sweden at this time - with German personnel and material, but in co-operation with the Swedish Air Force - so tests of this kind are very conceivable. As far as I know, however, no archival documents have been found that support such a theory."

6. Sven-Erik Ersbacken (in SFT 1/2001) quotes the former division head of FRA (Försvarets Radioanstalt), the Defence Radio Institution, Sven Wäsström, who has written about the ghost fliers in connection with his research on early Swedish radio signal reconnaissance.

Wäsström had found: 1) that Swedish and Norwegian military commanders were of the opinion that the planes had, at least temporarily, a mobile base to the west of Norway, 2) that the numerous number of reports from the Gulf of Bothnia pointed to bases in Finland, 3) that Finnish authorities didn't show any great enthusiasm for investigating the matter, 4) that the German Navy tested technical outfit for catapult starts, blind flying and darkness photography in the Atlantic, 5) that the chief of the German supreme command visited the Norwegian Atlantic area at the time in question, 6) that Germany had air-mail services to South America via catapult vessels in the South Atlantic and to North America via the North Atlantic, and 7) that Germany had reasons for certain experiments in the polar area as a replacement for areas of the Soviet Ukraine that Germany left in the summer of 1934. All of this points - according to Wäsström - to Germany as the real origin of the ghost fliers.

7. Ingemar Strandberg returns with another letter in the SFT 2/2001 issue. "I am still steadfastly convinced that the airplane my father and I saw a moonlit winter's night in 1934 was a large, low-winged, four-engine monoplane. Such did not exist in Germany at that time... I might add that my father got the outline of the airplane verified by other people who had also observed it."

Strandberg thinks that the seven arguments from Wäsström prove nothing, and he points to a report by Lieutenant Colonel Wernstedt (written in the 1930's - AL) on the flights. Within the Swedish Military it was thought that the flights

took off from airbases at Alexandrovsk and Kandalaksja in the Soviet Union. "The Norwegians also caught Soviet agents - Norwegians who had got their radio training in Soviet."

8. Finally, Jan Waernberg returns (SFT 2/2001), writing: "The theory that it was German Navy planes has been persistent, not the least since Hans Villius and Olle Häger fed the rumour in their television series of historically interesting black-and-white photos. Unfortunately they bring to court facts which were, so to say, "one year too late", and which concerned the summer of 1934 when the ghost flights had already seized for a while."

I am sure debate will continue until someone may find, in an ex-Soviet (or ex-Nazi-German) archive, the actual planning and/or operation reports from the ghost flights, or when someone comes onto the public scene telling us that he sat as 'the ghost pilot' over the polar areas, ice-cold nights during the 1930's. Time is getting late for the latter to happen, however.

For my own part I would put three marks out of four on the Soviet theory. For the one who wants to study the ghost fliers, on a deeper level, there are primarily some 1.700 pages of documents at the Military Records Office in Stockholm (AFU will be seeking a grant to make complete photo copies of these) and the Archives for UFO Research collection in Norrköping that includes Swedish, Norwegian and Finnish archive materials (on paper and microfilm) plus clippings from a large number of Scandinavian newspapers.

Anders Liljegen

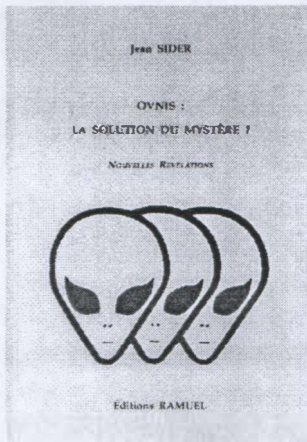
Note: This text was originally published in Swedish by UFO-Sweden's UFO-Aktuellt, issue nr. 2/2001.

French books by Jean Sider

French author Jean Sider is one of many faithful supporters and exchange partners of the AFU archives. Sider first sent two of the most recent books by his pen, *OVNIs: dossier secret* (1994) and *OVNIs: la solution du mystère* (2001) - just off the presses this summer.

The latter is a general review of the UFO mystery, from Roswell and Project Mogul to abductions and 'the Gaia hypothesis', brought up to date and carefully referenced. With appendices on astronomer UFO sightings (a catalogue of 60 such instances), transient lunar phenomena (TLP) and the Gallipoli 1915 hoax

story of a disappearing British regiment, this book is very much a mixed bag.



Mr Sider has, in a second exchange/donation agreement with AFU, sent us copies of his 1997 book *Le dossier 1954 et l'imposture rationaliste*, including case catalogues, and an appendix book, subtitled *Cahier iconographique*, of press clippings and articles, all related to the 1954 French wave. With our limited knowledge of French it seems this is a rebuttal of the negative conclusions on the French wave published by French skeptics of the *Union Rationaliste*.

Mr Sider also donated copy of his three-part essay *Alien-contacts and the diabolical connection*, that argues for "UFO aliens" being connected to the age-old mythologies of demonic, spiritual entities.

Hector Quintanilla on Blue Book

One of the recent additions to AFU is the UFO memoirs of Lt. Col. Hector Quintanilla, who headed the US Air Force Project Blue Book between 1963 and 1969, when it closed down. The 114 page document was downloaded by Clas Svahn, in PDF format, from the National Institute of Discovery Science (NIDS) website: <http://www.nidsci.org/articles/articles1.html>

'Understanding' and some notes on the early history of the AFU archives

Understanding was the monthly, later bi-monthly, newsletter of *Understanding Inc.*, founded by American contactee Daniel W. Fry in 1956. This summer associate Per Schmeling donated some early 1970's copies of *Understanding* to AFU. This prompted us to do a little digging in the archives - back to the early days of Swedish ufology, or should we call it *ifology* ('ifo' for interplanetary flying objects)...?

Daniel W. Fry was one of most wellknown personalities among early Swedish 'ifo' and New

Age enthusiasts of the 1950's and 1960's. Perhaps Fry had his second-largest audience anywhere in the world, here in Sweden..?

In early January 1958, Mrs. *Edith Nicolaisen*, New Age enthusiast, and the enthusiastic driving force behind the Swedish *Parthenon* book publishing company, wrote Fry, then living in California, asking to acquire the Swedish publicity rights for *The White Sands Incident* and *Alan's Message to Men of Earth*, both originally published in Los Angeles in 1954. Replying, a few weeks later, Fry offered Parthenon and Nicolaisen the rights to these texts for free, and also proposed that Edith should also take the more recent *Steps to the stars* (1956) into consideration. This started off a correspondence between Dan and Edith, and later also between Edith and Dan's wife *Tahahlita*.

The contact never grew intense, in fact Edith complained several times about Daniel Fry not responding to her long letters with her typically detailed and demanding requests for information and photos to help boost the publication of Fry's books in Swedish (*Resa med flygande tefat* (1958), *Budskapet från rymden* (1960), and also the 2nd editions of these two in 1968-69).

Parthenon and Nicolaisen had just published the *Leslie-Adamski* book in Swedish (1957) and was planning a whole series of books and booklets to "educate 'Swedish youth' about the reality of visitors from space".

Fry's *Understanding* magazine became one of the models for Edith's own plans for a Swedish New Age-IFO journal, plans that never materialised because book publishing was always the priority. However, Edith recommended *Understanding* to her followers in Sweden and soon it was one of the most well-read saucer zines here. In 1964 there was even an attempt, by *Sven-Erik and Ing-Marie Asklund*, to publish a Swedish language edition of *Understanding*. As far as we know there were only three issues in Swedish, faithfully translated word-by-word from English.

In this way, *Understanding* headquarters, now in Merlin, Oregon, got a number of connections in Sweden, including *Sten Lindgren*, a Swedish contactee who had founded a group with the prestigious name the *Inter Galactical Federation (IGF)*, and who regularly reported sightings by himself and his friends in the pages of *Understanding* magazine. Most of the sightings could probably have been explained, had they

only been investigated by someone outside of the inner nucleus of this New Age contactee group.

One of the eager Understanding subscribers was *Kjell Jonsson*, a young ufologist interested particularly in the New Age side to UFOs. Interested in books & literature in general, Kjell became a student at the Swedish Library High School, planning a career as a librarian. With his ufologist friends *Håkan Blomqvist* (now secretary of the Swedish Humanist Society and still a member of the AFU board) and *Göran Ebbesson* (who later took the name *Brusewitz*, and who is now chairman of the largest Swedish parapsychological organisation), Kjell ran a local UFO group south of Stockholm.

Reading back issues of *Understanding Yearbook* (paperbound editions of Understanding volumes) that Kjell had ordered, he noticed that Unit # 37 of Fry's organisation had founded a postal rental library of UFO and New Age books from out of Buffalo, New York. Books could be hired by paying 2 cents per day.

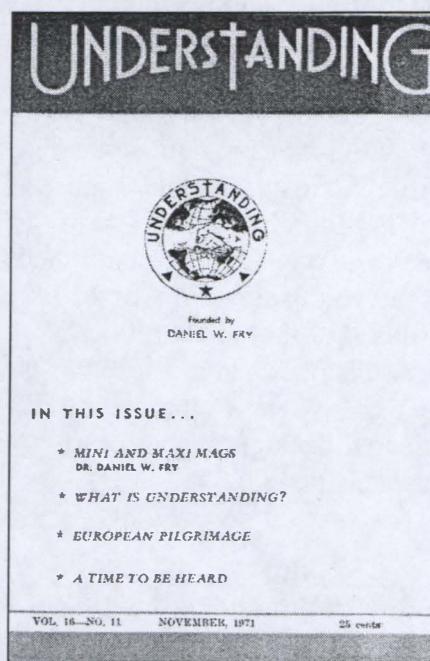
Kjell's interest in this idea is apparent from his pencilled notes in the Understanding Yearbook volumes still in the AFU archives. Swedish ufologists, and Kjell in particular, also had an admiration for Danish librarian *Willy Wegner* who was attempting to build a reference book collection with his *Danish UFO Center*.

Soon this all materialised into the plans for a Swedish reference & lending library under the aegis of the newly formed (1973) *Arbetsgruppen för ufologi* (AFU). The plans took definite shape in 1975, when Stockholm ufologist *Lennart Johansson* donated his collection of books and magazines. Starting off with a few book cases in Kjell's small apartment, the collection soon grew out of his modest home. Five years later, the library moved to new premises in Norrköping and the collection was formalised as the *Archives for UFO Research* foundation.

Fry's Understanding organisation was immensely influential on Swedish New Age 'ifology'. Fry travelled to Gothenburg, Sweden in August 1970, just at a peak of Swedish interest in the subject.

Invited by the *Keiller* family, wealthy people who sent him the air ticket in an envelope, they, and other Swedish ifologists, organised and paid for Fry's travels, media appearances and lectures throughout Sweden, Norway, Holland, Belgium,

Germany, Finland and, finally, in London. The trip is described in detail by Fry in eight



instalments, titled *European pilgrimage*, in the 1971 issues of Understanding. As a token of gratitude Daniel Fry appointed Mr *Per Axel Atterbom* and *Edith Nicolaisen* as "Honorary International Directors" of Understanding Inc.

Fry's way of organising Understanding Inc. as local units (an idea he shared with NICAP, who had an intense dislike for Fry), also became a model for *UFO-Sweden*, the Swedish national group which was formed by *Carl-Axel Jonzon* just a few months before Fry came to Sweden. Jonzon met Fry with the *Keiller* family but obviously this meeting left a more distinct impression in Jonzon's memory than on Fry. *UFO-Sweden* was essentially a New Age group in the early years, before the organisation, particularly in the 1990's, and under Clas Svahn's chairmanship, matured into more serious and objective studies.

1970 must have been something like the peak year in Fry's UFO career. As he came to Sweden he had just inaugurated ('dedicated') his International Cultural Center in Merlin on grounds donated by Mrs. *Wilma Thompson*. The inauguration convention took three days (June 19-21) with talks by 'contactee' people like *Marianne Francis* and *Gina Cerminara*.

AFU has a complete collection of the Understanding magazine, from 1957 up to the autumn of 1979, when Kjell Jonsson no longer paid for the subscription. Missing is the first (1956) volume and issues after Sept/Oct 1979.

American sources (such as the *Tom Lind catalogue*), say that Understanding was disbanded in 1980 with plans to resume in 1982, or (*the Eberhart bibliography*) replaced by *Understanding Newsletter* in 1982. Being, primarily, a New Age item, but with lots of US and international UFO reporting, Understanding is obviously of little interest to serious American collectors of the UFO literature.

Edith Nicolaisen and Kjell Jonsson both died in 1986 (Kjell at the young age of 34) and Daniel Fry in 1992. So, this is all but history, but sometimes we need history as a mirror to the future. Without an archive we would never know what ideas that floated through the brains of these early enthusiastic people.

Anders Liljegen

68 meters of NEW shelves at AFU

On July 10 the Swedish furniture group IKEA delivered 14 new sections of shelves to AFU, mostly intended for our "old" (or "B") archive. All in all, this represents 68 new meters of shelves, added to the previous 400+ meters in the two AFU repositories.

AFU has generally invested in IKEA type shelves ("Billy" for our book collections, "Ivar" for our other archives). IKEA shelves are "standard" constructions, easy to build and move, have been in the market for decades, are relatively cheap, and there is even a second-hand market for them.

The new shelves mean that we can make a *real, structured* archive out of our "B" locality. It's no longer "*just a couple of rooms for storage*". After an intense summer month the "B" archives now houses sorted and structured collections, such as:

- Duplicates and surplus (sale or trade) copies of Swedish, Scandinavian, European and World-wide UFO-related journals and newsletters, sorted by country and by title. A number of exchange programs is under way with ufologists / archives in the US, Spain and Italy.
- Our uncatalogued collections of science fiction, popular science, paranormal and occult prints (books, booklets, magazines).
- The collection of topographical maps covering Sweden, and also a substantial holding of other maps.
- Duplicates of newspaper & magazine articles, sorted chronologically into acid-free envelopes by year and month of publication. As new

collections arrive they are checked against our *master clippings file* in the "A" archive and duplicate copies are then filed here.

- Private and organisational files from Swedish UFO groups that do not "qualify" for the "A" archives, thus of less general interest - such as the bookkeeping from several organisations, manuscripts, print originals, computer diskettes.

- Binders, books, index cards, and other archival objects from the Parthenon publishing company, the files of ufologists K. Gösta Rehn and Håkan Blomqvist, and from former sci-fi writer Henrik Nanne (to name a few).

- Audio and video tapes collection, roughly 300 videos and 1.500 audio cassettes. Interviews, conference recordings, commercial films and media programs. The tapes emanate from about a dozen of retrospective donations to AFU. Much of this will eventually be catalogued and housed in a new shelf raised in the "A" archives.

- A picture library sorted chronologically by report date and alphabetically by name / subject. The library holds several thousand photos and other illustrations, sorted into acid-free envelopes.

- Storage of paraphernalia, including models, posters, stickers, advertisements and other such "museum" specimens. Not a very large collection, yet it's there to indicate our interest.

There is also a large table area for effective sort-work on newly arrived files, a microfilm reader and an old IBM computer.

This summer, a lot of surplus material, furniture and equipment has been disposed of, to make place for new things. This will be a continuing process as the work at the AFU centre evolves.

Anders Liljegen

The Bruno Ericsson collection

The first part of the Bruno R Ericsson collection (see AFU Newsletter #40) was delivered by Clas Svahn on July 10. The delivery included:

- One Thomson video recorder that combines the American NTSC television system with the European PAL standard. We are planning to buy a small TV set to be able to view the videos we have in our collection, at the archives, and to start catalogue work there.

- More than 50 American, British and Swedish video cassettes, mostly commercial documentaries on UFO's and related subjects.

- More than 70 micro cards (5x7 = 35 pages on each card) totalling more than 2.000 pages of

Bruno Ericssons private theories on UFOs and related subjects. Ericsson, before his death, spent about 8.000 Swedish kronor to secure his theories on micro cards for the future.

Libraries in Sweden

TLS, the *Swedish Society for Technical Documentation*, recently published the 4th edition of their directory of Swedish libraries. *Archives for UFO Research* is one of 806 publicly available libraries in the country. The TLS guide is available at AFU, as a book and also as a CD-ROM.

With (conservatively) 4000 volumes of books and some 75 magazines (serials) arriving regularly at AFU, AFU is in the same league as the libraries of such institutions as the *Institute for Futures Studies* (2000 volumes / 25 serials), the *Swedish Space Corporation* (1800 / 45), the *Swedish Meteorological and Hydrological Institute* (3000 / 170), the *Telecommunications Museum* in Stockholm (6500 / 56), the *Customs Museum* (5000 / 10), the *Swedish Institute of Space Physics* (IRF) (6700 / 150), the *Swedish Transport and Communications Research Board* (KFB) (5000 / 55), the *Institute for Surface Chemistry* (YKI) (3300 / 100) and the *Swedish Agency for Emergency Planning* (ÖCB) (5000 books and 200 serials received).

Most of these institutions are governmental or industrial, built from tax payer's money, or by corporate money, while AFU is built from a meagre budget of only some 200 US dollars per month - entirely out of ufologists own pockets.

The *Royal (National) Library* of Stockholm has 3,3 million books and 13.145 serials arriving, but then it costs the tax payers more than 20 million US dollars each year. One of the serials is AFU Newsletter - sent for free as required of all Swedish publishers of serials.

Anders Liljegen

AFU as a north European archive?

Theo Paijmans, a Dutch ufologist and member of the Project 1947 mailing list, recently decided he would write a will of his UFO collection in favour of AFU in Sweden. In a posting to the mailing-list he stated that AFU has the best track record of keeping an open UFO collection and having it preserved for the future.

Since AFU has materials donated from other countries in Europe, including the Scandinavian countries, England and Russia, this is but a

natural development for us. We are planning to seek a grant to cover the costs of transporting collections to Sweden. Of course, the ideal is that collections remain with responsible institutions in their 'home' countries, but if no such exists, we are prepared.

Recent visitors to AFU

→ On August 6, the archives was visited by *Mats Nilsson* and *Gunnar Karlsson* from Sala, where UFO-Sweden has its head office and mailing address. Mats was a ufologist way back in the 1960's and is an AFU sponsors. The two ufologists - on a summer vacation tour - primarily studied the organizational and private correspondence files in view of the local UFO society's, *Enköping-Sala UFO-förening*, 25th anniversary during 2001. Mats Nilsson was able to prove, in the *Parthenon* correspondence files, that he was the one who initiated the very first contact between UFO-Sweden and *Parthenon*, which eventually led to the deposition (in 1986) of the *Parthenon* library and files.

→ On August 29, we were visited by *Dan Eklund* from Växjö, an AFU member and regular borrower of books from the AFU postal lending library. Dan, a university student, used the book library and our complete back issues collection of the *Journal of Scientific Exploration*. He summed up his visit with the comment that he never could have imagined that the archive was so huge, and that he would have to return in the future to spend several days at the research centre.

→ On September 10, four members of the *Söderköpings Arkivförening*, a local archives group, visited AFU headed by *Elisabeth Månsson*, who is the archivist of the group.

The same afternoon *Clas Svahn* and his wife *Anneli* made another delivery to the archives of materials from *Gunnar Schelin*, the *Parthenon* files, *Carl-Anton Mattsson* and also a large number of video tapes from AFU sponsor *Jörgen Granlie*, who tapes all UFO-related programs on Swedish television (public service television, commercial channels, Discovery, etc).

Operation Dacapo

Operation Dacapo was a joint project between the Swedish Customs [Authority] and Swedish Defence, investigating west-Swedish territorial violations, by air, throughout the 1970's. Small aeroplanes were seen by ground witnesses flying

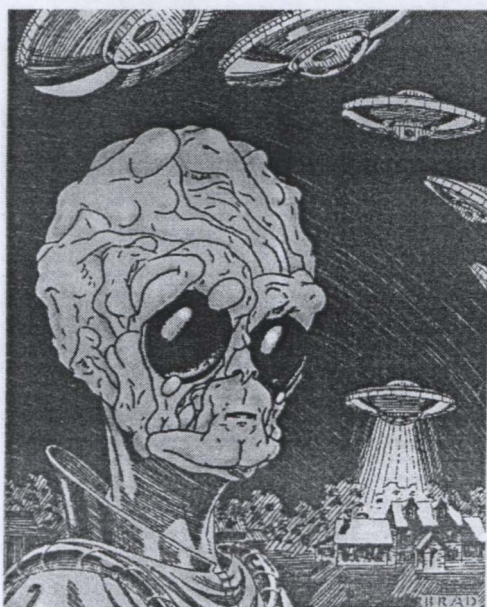
from, and into, Norway. It was speculated that the violations of the border were the result of drug smuggling. *Anders Liljegren* has visited the Customs archives in Karlstad and found some related documents. *Clas Svahn* has queried the Defence Authority's Security department and two memos were released, while other documents are still under the security lid. The documents found form the basis for a new reference file folder "Ghost fliers in Värmland. Operation Dacapo" now available at the AFU archives.

Recent new exchanges

◆ *Skepsis*, St.Olavsgt. 27, N-0166 Oslo, Norway. 2000, issues 1, 2, 3/4 and 2001, issue 1. Organ of the Norwegian Skepsis society, the counterpart of *CSICOP* in Norway. Editor: *Arnfinn Pettersen*. Skeptical material on many 'paranormal' and New Age themes.

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NÅR GUD ER MARSBOER – Intervju med Mikael Rothstein.
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Interview with *Erich von Däniken* (issue 1/2000) who talked at Oslo UFO conference, folklorist *Audhild Skoglund* on the Star People tradition (2/2000), an interview with *Mikael Rothstein*, a Danish academic in the field of history of religion who has written on the UFO phenomenon (3-4/2000) and a lengthy review of 'astro-archaeologist' *Graham Hancock's* theories (3-4/2000 and continued in 1/2001). Plus a lot on chiropractic, witchcraft, creationism, and other

skeptical stuff. Rothstein, in his interview, admits that it's not less irrational to study UFOs than to study God. *Thank you for that revelation!*

◆ *Folkvett*, issue 3/2001, Organ of *Vetenskap & Folkbildning* (Science and Education), Box 185, 101 23 Stockholm. I am not quite sure whether this is an exchange magazine. I have paid for a subscription for many years to see to that this title really arrives on the AFU shelves.

This title comes in pocket book format four times each year. In this particular issue a translated article by *Peter Zegers* on *David Icke* and conspiracies against the New Age.

Swedish skeptics denied me membership because I "embrace supernatural beliefs". Well, if managing a folkloric, research archive on the UFO phenomenon is embracing something supernatural, so... Myself, I have my doubts about the attitudes of people who call their journal by the name of '*Manners*' (which is the English translation of *Folkvett*). Obviously it is good 'manners' to be a full-blooded skeptic, but what about us others who prefer to look to all directions? In school I was taught 'manners', that is to respect and to bow to the village doctor, and to the priest, and the teacher... Is that what science is all about? They should change the name of their journal to something more appropriate! I really get an itch each time I see the stupid title of this mag.

Anders Liljegren

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Influx of materials to AFU, plans for yet another archive

Year 2001 is soon at an end. I will take this opportunity to extend our sincere thanks from the board and associates of the AFU foundation for all of your great support in the past. We wish you *A Merry Christmas* and *A Happy New Year*, although I realise that this newsletter probably will not reach many of you, *in far-off places such as Japan or Tasmania*, until the end of January 2002. But, even then the New Year will still be young and hopefully promising.

Right now AFU is looking into the possibility of renting yet another basement locality, in a neighbouring house, just about 30 meters walk from the main archives. This being yet another 600 square feet premises, it would be suitable for archival storage. The obstacle is mainly an economical one. We need an increased input of between 500 and 1.000 Swedish kronor (equal to 50-100 US dollars or ECU per month) to pay for increased rents. If possible we would also like to keep on to *both* of our previous localities. A "reserve plan" is to let go of our oldest archive, which is only about 350 square feet, but this will involve a complicated move and will not be the best solution for the future.

So, if you know of someone who would be enthusiastic to regularly support a Swedish-Scandinavian-European-International folkloric archive specialised on UFOs, please put your best recommendations before her or him. Or, maybe you yourself would be able to support us with 50 dollars, once each year?

Ten or twelve of you would save the situation, and help save many UFO-related collections in the future. Currently we have some 20 *Swedish* supporters, mostly ufologists and UFO groups, who jointly contribute the equivalent of 300 US dollars we need each month to keep business up

and running. A 25-40 % increase would guarantee future development of this great collection.

I cannot see a situation where the flow of materials to our archives would seize. This summer the archives added 68 meters of shelves. In early December another four book shelves, some 20 metres, were added. Main reason for the latter was the acquisition of the *Bruno R. Ericsson* collection, which is truly unique, particularly as it mirrors contactee literature in the 1970's, 1980's and 1990's, an era previously not so well-covered by the archives.

The Ericsson book collection added more than 100 completely new titles to our shelves, and



Parts of the Bruno R Ericsson book collection in November, before sorting and cataloguing started.

generated several hundred 2nd and 3rd copies of titles previously catalogued. The magazine collection had an unusually high "hit rate" of NEW material, between 40 and 50 % of the serials were new to us. Ericsson spent a small fortune on buying commercial American and English UFO magazines in Stockholm stores, but also on journal subscriptions.

Cataloguing of the Ericsson collection was not quite complete as yet another great addition arrived from AFU sponsor *Ole Jonny Braenne* of Oslo, who is the new chairman of *UFO-Norway*. Fifteen boxes of Norwegian collections which, at

the time of this writing, is largely hiding it's secrets to us.



15 boxes of UFO material from UFO-Norway, in between the shelves of the AFU archives.

With earlier collections from both Norway and Denmark, and regular gifts from ufologists in Finland, the AFU archives is becoming more and more of a Scandinavian repository.

Anders Liljegen

Swedish writer supports AFU

Crime novel author *Liza Marklund*, one of the present best sellers among Swedish authors, with an international career coming, was interviewed by *Expressen*, one of the evening newspapers, on October 12. Questioned about how she was spending all her money - *she recently received 6-7 millions Swedish kronor* - more than half a million USD - as an advance payment for three new books - she stated, "*I sometimes support the Archives for UFO Research. They are serious researchers. I think that what they are doing is immensely important.*"

Marklund declares her firm "belief" in UFOs. "*This is nothing you can believe in, it is a matter of fact. About 4-5 per cent of sightings cannot be explained. That's what's interesting. What they are we don't know, I don't think we are visited by aliens from other worlds, but I think it is very*

fascinating that there might be natural phenomena which we are unaware of."

Liza Marklund has generously supported several of the whip-rounds for buying collections to AFU, organised by Clas Svahn, including the *Project Blue Book* microfilms bought from the *Sign Historical Group* in the US.

Review: The Anomalist issue no. 8

This Spring 2000 special issue of the *Anomalist* consists of free-standing chapters written by different ufologists.

Jerome Clark writes a prehistory of abductions. His thesis is that it might be a modern variant of old folklore.

Colin Bennett writes about *George Adamski's* mythic lecture tour of the world in 1959.

Interesting is that the *Father Gill* case from *Boianai, New Guinea*, happened just two months after Adamski visited Australia.

England was a success for GA. A young *Patrick Moore* (prime suspect to having written *Cedric Allingham's Flying Saucer from Mars*) made an interview with him. It is said that GA made it fine despite his inadequate knowledge of astronomy. Colin Bennett is clearly impressed by GA as a person. A charming and polite man. One has the feeling that GA had a certain mission to fill.

Patrick Huyghe, co-editor of the *Anomalist*, writes about the *Socorro* case, a real classic from 1964. He has interviewed *Lonnie Zamora*, at the age of 66. *Larry Robinson* has probably solved the case. All pieces of the puzzle fall into place, when you take part of his investigation. His explanations should be viewed critically, of course, but many ufologists (even serious ones) have hard to accept that a classical, almost holy, UFO case can get a simple and logical explanation. PH is a typical example of this. He thinks that Robinson has found a *possible* (written in italics) explanation and lists a number of arguments for this. Then he ends his chapter: "*The truth is we just don't know what Zamora saw that day in a Socorro ravine. Perhaps one day there will be an answer. But 35 years later, that day has still not come.*" By expressing yourself like that you can keep life in the UFO myth, apparently important for PH.

Karl T. Pflock revisits the *Aztec* case, *Scully, GeBauer* and Co. From an anonymous source he

has received previously unknown documents authored by *Silas Newton* with the purported truth about the Aztec case.

There is more to read in the *Anomalist*. All in all, this is a broad and rather readable collection.

Sven-Olov Svensson



Sven-Olov Svensson, here with the new acquisitions of UFO magazines through the BrunoEricsson collection. Sven-Olov is archivist at Archives for UFO Research and nowadays an "interested skeptic" of the UFO problem. His other interests include unsolved crimes like the assassination of Olof Palme (Swedish prime minister).

New MJ-12 documents

One of the latest additions to AFU is a file folder, *New MJ-12 documents*, printed from the internet (www.majesticdocuments.com) by Clas Svahn. The folder also contains, mainly sceptical, commentaries from net sources (*Saucer Smear*, *UFO Historical Review*) on the new set of documents promoted with great frenzy by father and son *Robert* and *Ryan Wood*. As usual the documents come from an even more obscure source, *Tim Cooper*. We may wonder, who the heck goes to the trouble of first authoring, then printing, the *Majestic-12 Group Special Operations Manual*, then making photographed copies of same to make it appear the photos were taken in secrecy. Well, the world is full of nuts, providing nuts for us others to crack open, or...?

Project Open Book

In the period April 1994 - April 1995 *Omni Magazine* published a series of UFO articles under the caption *Project Open Book* - of course a travesty of *Project Blue Book*. Patrick Huyghe and Dennis Stacy (their next project being The

Anomalist magazine) wrote the core of the Open Book material.

Clas Svahn has collected & copied the series into a single reference binder now available as part of the *Omni* collection at the archives. Some Open Book material is still available on the web (www.omnimag.com) despite the demise of *Omni*. AFU has 37 odd issues of the monthly *Omni* covering the period April 1980 - Dec. 1994 but would gladly accept donations of issues not held.

CIA documents file

Reprinted from CIA's own FOIA Internet web site (www.foia.ucia.gov) this is another file folder of more genuine, but mostly less sensational, unclassified UFO documents, now available at AFU for researchers.

Much of the information emanates from communist countries, mainly the Soviet Union and China. Although much of it comes from open media sources, there may still be gems in this heavy mass of texts, since the CIA is one of few groups in the world with enough lingual expertise to cover the east-Bloc territories effectively. There is also quite a lot of material related to the Robertson and Condon investigations in this volume.

Another new AFU file: Official Ghost Rocket documents in US archives

This new AFU archive is the combined, and chronologically ordered, result of many years of archives searches, in the US, by *Jan Aldrich*, who has kindly sent us document copies throughout the years.

The large number of documents forced us to divide the material into two volumes, one covering materials dated 1946, another covering ghost rockets during 1947-1955. This summer, we found the time to put the collection into chronological order.

Jan Aldrich has provided a chronological listing of what he has found. The folders have also been completed with Aldrich's IUR article on *Investigating the ghost rockets* (IUR, Winter 1998) and internet correspondence with Jan. Most documents come from Air Force and Navy intelligence, and internal US intelligence newsletters. One of the highlights is the report of

a 1949 East German ghost rocket crash, which seems to have been less 'ghostly' than it's Scandinavian counterparts.

Recent new exchanges

◆ *Strange Times*, Unit 2A, East Cheap, Heaton, Newcastle-upon-Tyne NE6 5UA, UK. Editor: Gloria Heather Dixon. Email: HeatherD77@aol.com. This zine follows the modern rule of "at least one picture on each page" - "no matter if they have any relationship to the text or not". First perplexed, I then start to enjoy the game. Thinking first, from the appearance of this mag, "it must be all New Age", I soon have to change my mind.

The definite change comes after reading the editor's splendid interview with Judy Jafaar, vice chairman of the British UFO Research Association (BUFORA), an interview that underlines the respect you have to feel for BUFORA, this age-old institution in ufology. Mrs. Jafaar speaks from the long experience as one of the heads of the *BUFORA Witness Support Group*, which, some ten years ago, made you wonder where BUFORA was heading, especially with John Spencer as the propagandist of so called "witness-steered" ufology.

Now Judy Jafaar has come out of the experience as a *definite skeptic* to the idea of witness support groups and to the use of hypnosis on purported "abduction witnesses". To learn the ropes, she is presently taking the final steps in becoming a professional hypnosis therapist herself.

The thoughts of this lady on the psychology behind UFO experiences are very enlightening and I would recommend American conference organisers to try to book up Mrs. Jafaar for their agendas next summer - *if they dare*. This stuff is dynamite under the woolly dream pillows of Messrs. Hopkins, Mack and Strieber.

• *TUFOIC Newsletter*, P O Box 174, South Hobart, Tasmania 7004, Australia. Email: tufoic@netspace.net.au. A welcome return of this newsletter, from down under, in the AFU mailbox. Extremely down-to-earth, just the sightings reported to the centre and analysis thereof. TUFOIC has done the same job since 1965, which would seem almost unique. Website: <http://tufoic.n3.net>.

• *OVNI*, Journal of the Phenomenon Research Association (PRA), Omar Fowler, 94 The Circle, Sinfin, Derby DE24 9H, UK. Another down-to-earth newsletter produced by one of the veterans of British ufology. Specialises on Flying Triangle (FT) reports, from the UK and world-wide. Sept/Oct issue has report of 1953/54 radar sighting -- this period saw many radar reports, also in Sweden. Press release from British abduction researchers announcing that 20.000 UK citizens may be abductees.

• *Lumières dans la Nuit*, Revue d'Ufologie, published by Joël Mesnard, BP3, 86800 Saint-Julien-l'Ars, France. A classical UFO journal in it's 43rd year of publication. Without all LDLN translations in the *Flying Saucer Review*, throughout the years, readers of only the English language would know very little about this magazine, nowadays in European A4 format. In issue 362 Jean Sider writes about UFO "crashes of nothing", including Scandinavian cases from the 1934 and 1946. While *FSR* has largely wandered off into the direction of sensation & speculation, *LDLN* seems to hold on to the publication of down-to-earth case materials. Honour to them.

International UFO literature

The real wealth and breadth of the UFO-related literature is not known, or at least it is probably underestimated. Very little is being done to save - in one place - copies of books, magazines, videos etc. that is being produced commercially, or even handcrafted on a more idealistic scale, from every nation of this globe.

Most countries, of course, have their national libraries and legislation requiring the sending of duty copies to some central institutions. There may also be some eccentric millionaire, somewhere, who has the collection of *international UFO literature* (and by that I do not mean purely the literature in the English language) as his hobby. We don't know, and chances are small that such a collection will be kept together and made publicly available for research in the future.

The combined *national* media productions on UFOs and UFO-related subjects are probably in the range of between 500 and 1.000 titles each year, national translations of foreign works counted. In Sweden alone we have about a

handful of such book titles per year. The sociological and folkloric dimensions that could be gleaned from such a collection are immense.

AFU is trying to encourage authors of UFO-related works, *or their publishers*, to send complimentary, or review, copies to AFU, probably the most well stocked, publicly available UFO repository anywhere in the world. Each new title will be

- 1) catalogued by author/publisher in the AFU annual acquisition lists,
- 2) classified by general and sub-theme codes from AFU's own *Ufocode* classification scheme, and thereby be retrievable by computer, and,
- 3) saved for posterity in Norrköping, Sweden, one of the most peaceful places in this world (last intervention here was in 1719 when the Russians burnt down the city ;-), and cared for by a team of people with long-time interests in the UFO subject.

The AFU foundation has a clause in its rules requiring the collection to be left with the Royal Library of Stockholm in case the foundation should cease operation, a most unlikely happening.

AFU often receives very welcome copies of unique national UFO-related books such as the following examples:

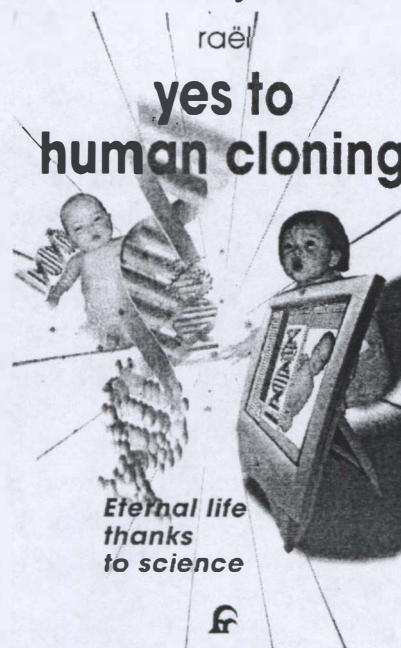
From Brazil comes, via a Brazilian contact of Clas Svahn, *Seqüestros alienigenas*, by Mário Rangel, a compilation of Brazilian UFO cases, mostly abductions and contacts, and most of them (35 cases) studied under hypnosis. Each case forms a separate chapter. My Portuguese is non-existent but from illustrations and keywords in the text it is evident that Brazilian UFO abduction folklore has copied many ingredients from American UFO lore. The book comes in a series of titles published by CBPDV, the *Brazilian Center for Study of Flying Saucers*.

Another year 2001 title, a 400+ pages tome, is the Finnish *Tosiasioita UFO-ilmiöstä* (I twisted my tongue on that title) by Björn Borg (who is, incidently, not the famous Swedish tennis player, but a ufologist from Finland). Published by *UFO-Finland*, one of the two national UFO groups in that country, this is a comprehensive chronology of international ufology, starting with year 1235 and ending in 1999. Well, 'international' is too much of a word. The bulk of the text concentrates on the US and their investigations.

The text has, strangely, not a single entry for 1946, although the Scandinavian ghost rockets are regarded, even in the US, as a ufology landmark.

UFO-connected cults are the subjects of a series of pamphlets received from *Jean-Francois Mayer*, Swiss historian who was called upon as an expert on the *Order of the Solar Temple* cult after the mass suicides in Switzerland in 1994.

Pamphlets received include



"Religious movements and the Internet: The New Frontier of cult controversies", being a reprint of an article from the journal *Religion and the Social Order*. This of course concerns *Heaven's Gate* and other apocalyptic movements.

"Our terrestrial journey is coming to an end": The last voyage of the Solar Temple, is another of Mayer's booklets / articles, now added to the AFU library, reprinted from *Nova Religio: The Journal of Alternative and Emergent Religions*. Another reprint is *Les sauveurs venus de l'espace: croyance aux extraterrestres et religions soucoupistes* which scans the worlds of theosophy and the early American contactees.

A forth title with a contribution by Mayer, is a German 1997 compilation, *Endzeitfieber: Apokalyptiker, Untergangs-profeten, Endzeitsekten*, edited by Hans Gasper and Friederike Valentin.

On the margin of ufology is also Claude Vorilhon's latest book *Yes to human cloning*, a copy of which has just been added to the AFU library.

One might wonder what the *Council of Secular Humanism* thinks about the Raelian use, as an appendix of this book, of their *"Declaration in Defence of Cloning and the Integrity of*

Research", signed by skeptic world luminaries like *Paul Kurtz* and *Johan Galtung*. Strange alliances sometimes form...

From the US comes to the AFU archives a document of a very different nature, sent by researcher *Pat Bontempo* (315 Eighth Ave, #208, Asbury Park, NJ 07712). *The Helgoland crash: a dissection of a hoax*, is a 1994 source study of how the rumour of a UFO crash on the German island of Helgoland spread throughout the world from its origin in the US sensation magazine *Sir!* in September 1954. What makes me curious is the original author, or author pseudonym, *E. W. Grenfell*. *Who* was he? Samples of other work from his pen would possibly tell a lot.

AFU has just catalogued the huge *Bruno R Ericsson* books & magazines collection. This added at least 300 volumes and 100 new titles to our reference library - much of it in the contactee genre (including a full set of *Wendelle Stevens* "UFO" series of books).

The one book that I have chosen out of this tower of new books, is, however, a small booklet, *Meet the Extraterrestrial*, written by *Isabel L. Davis* and originally published in the Nov. 1957 issue of *Fantastic Universe*, then reprinted in 1984 by *Armand Laprade*. This may not have seemed like a major contribution to ufologists of those early days of Adamskianism and contactee belief, but it is. "*Why do books that "fall apart in the hand" as they are read, or crumble into arrant nonsense under any kind of examination, find publishers and a market?*", Davies asks after analysing eight contactee books. "*I suspect that many believers have not really read the books at all, in any critical sense of the word, but have formed their judgments from the impressive or "sincere" platform manner of contactee lecturers: the books are bought but never closely examined.*"

Anders Liljegen

Fate Magazine in new hands

The traditional American "mysteries" magazine *Fate Magazine* has, once again, shifted owner. Founded by *Curtis and Mary Fuller* in 1948, it was sold 40 years later to *Carl Weschcke* and his *Llewellyn* publishing company. Late this past summer the rights were sold to *Phyllis Galde*, the present editor-in-chief. The September edition has, among other UFO interesting stuff, a

discussion about the psychological mechanisms behind UFO sightings, focusing on a sighting of a UFO that turned out to be an airliner.

Recent visitors to the archives

◆ *Håkan Fenander*, ufologist and aviation historian, visited us on October 7. Fenander is an AFU sponsor since 1993. He shared an audio tape and text information on his recent investigation of a 'new' Swedish contactee case, a man who had also been in the military during the 1930's ghost flier radio reconnaissance. Fenander also shared copies and information on matters such as the *Avrocar* project and the *Fugo* balloons.

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A Trojan Horse

AFU Newsletter #43 was intended for distribution in March. On March 6, just a week before our deadline, I lost practically all of my Word, Excel, jpg and htm files through the violent actions of the W32 Klez virus and its Trojan horse. An Operation Trojan Horse of the worst kind.

After a few months I am now fairly back on track again – and, of course, with a much better virus protection program!

Besides the almost ready Newsletter, the other major loss in the March 6 attack was the 2001 book acquisition listing, which had then grown to about 14 pages. A major part of the listed acquisitions from Ole Jonny Brænne (see our previous issue) were lost. These titles were catalogued and added to our book shelves after a December 20 backup, but before the virus hit. It will take a concerted effort to reconstruct the Braenne part of the list again.

Anders Liljegren

AFU's new library

Archives for UFO Research moved into a new library during the first half of June: our third archive locality along the same street. We are now, without any doubt, the Archives for UFO research, in the plural form. Adding yet another 62 square metres of floor area, AFU is ready for new challenges and future donations.

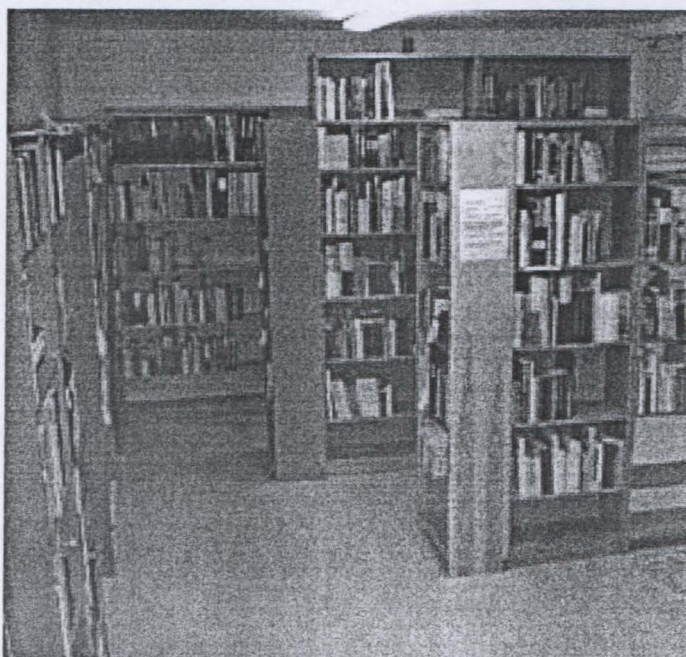
The new library holds our reference and lending library. Throughout June, 35 sections of shelves were moved, the final part of this exercise combined with a board meeting of the UFO-Sweden organisation on June 16. We would like to thank all those people who took part in the moving of our collection, especially Johnny and Conny Ljung, and Wolfgang Randisek.

The books were moved from the present main archive (74 square metres), which has been in operation since 1993. This locality will now be used purely for archival collections. Workplaces will also remain in the main archive, which will

now be restructured and completed with another 16 sections of IKEA shelves.

Parts of the collections in our first archive – which was our main operational base in the period 1980-1993 – have been moved to the two other archives, thereby making an 8 square metres room free for a second-hand tenant, the archives of the *Swedish Humanist Society*. Håkan Blomqvist, AFU board member, and vice chairman for the Humanists, will be the keeper of these new archives, with some (minor) interest areas in common with AFU, allowing for some interchange of information and material.

This second-hand letting of space helps finance the new archive, as does increased financial support from the national group UFO-Sweden and also a number of new sponsors of the AFU foundation. If you would like to make a lasting contribution to “preserve ufology for posterity”, please consider donating money or



materials to the AFU foundation.

Thus, from this summer AFU will operate three archives along the same street: **The ‘A’ archive** (74 square metres) with magazine collections, Swedish & Scandinavian UFO reports, clippings, personal and

organisational files, bibliographies and encyclopaedias, plus the book sale department. **The 'B' archive** (library, 62 square metres) with our reference and lending book libraries, science & SF, paranormal & esoteric collections, audio & video library, microfilms (including a microfilm reader) and our picture library. **The 'C' archive** (30 square metres) with the surplus mags collection, map collection and storage for other paraphernalia.

Field investigation project

A group of sixteen field investigators from *UFO-Sweden*, the national UFO organization, invaded the desolated areas of the west-Swedish county of Värmland, during the first week of July 2002.

The investigators combed the area, close to our western border with Norway, for *new info on old reports* (reports culled from the AFU database and paper copies retrieved from the AFU-UFO-Sweden report archives) but also for *brand new, previously unknown reports*. Preliminary reports from the co-ordinators say the project was a huge success with a large number of formerly unknown reports added, and also proved a successful exercise in close day-by-day co-operation with local news media.

Each evening investigators gathered for debriefing and reporting, all of their photo material and audio recorded interviews being secured by the project co-ordinators for inclusion in a final, printed report. The field exercise must be regarded as unique even by international standards.

Joint 'mag' exchange program

AFU and UFO-Sweden will start a joint, international exchange distribution plan for the *AFU Newsletter*, combined with UFO-Sweden's quality-printed *UFO-Aktuellt*, edited by *Håkan Ekstrand* and *Clas Svahn*, and an English translation-summary thereof, edited by *Stefan Isaksson*. All three publications are quarterly, and will be mailed jointly to mutually save on our costs and create an effective exchange program.

AFU's and UFO-Aktuellt's active exchange partners are invited to respond to the initiative via information enclosed with this newsletter. If you do not receive the invitation, but have some regular publication available for exchange,

please make direct contact with AFU, wherefrom the new, joint mailing list is maintained.

On the need for UFO archives!



The following short review, by UFO historian Jan Aldrich, was published on the Project 1947 mailing list on May 3, 2002. Excellent arguments for your support of private archives such as the AFU foundation:

The 9th issue of *UFO Historical Revue* is now out. The entire issue is devoted to a looming crisis in the preservation of UFO History. Paper records, photographs, film, audio and other media are deteriorating at a rapid rate. *Barry Greenwood* discusses several techniques for preserving records in private hands, including a high tech method of freshening faded newspaper clippings.

However, the crisis concerns not only personal UFO records. Institutional records of all types are being lost through neglect and mismanagement. The Vandals are not at the gate any more, they now control the libraries. A simple decision can consign hundreds of linear feet of irreplaceable records to the landfill. It *has* happened as Barry shows in his editorial. Since there is such cavalier treatment of mainstream record, what of UFO collections donated to archives and institutions? Food for thought.

Jan Aldrich

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Comment: As another example of how a ufological archives system can be organised and managed, this time within the framework of a government archives program, I asked Mr Jacques Scornaux of the French archival group SCEAU for a presentation in English of their unique work for preservation of ufological records in the French speaking countries of the European continent. / AL

What is SCEAU ?

SCEAU (Sauvegarde Conservation des Etudes et Archives Ufologiques) is the French acronym for "Preservation and conservation of ufological studies and archives". Our association, of which all collaborators are voluntary, has the legal status of a non-profit organization. It aims at the long-term preservation of the ufological heritage, that is all books, magazines, letters, investigation reports, newspaper clippings and any other documents (written, audiovisual or electronic) related to UFO research.

SCEAU was founded in 1990, in consideration of the sorry fact that, too often, when someone who was engaged in studying these phenomena deceases or ceases being interested, or when a UFO group is disbanded, the documents he/she/it possessed are dispersed, disappear or even destroyed by the heirs...

SCEAU therefore undertook to contact all the persons and groups known to us as interested in UFOs or related phenomena in France and proposed them an "archives transfer contract". Under this contract, the donor transfers all or part of his/her archives to SCEAU at the time he/she chooses, either immediately or later or after his/her death, and defines the consultation conditions.

Some people answer us that they have few interesting documents, but our experience of archives recovery shows us that even people who say this always have some important documents, including books we did not yet have.

After classification and detailed inventory of recovered documents, *SCEAU* puts them in the French Public Records network (National Archives in Paris and departmental – i.e. local – archives). In this system everyone has access to the documents, at conditions set by French Law on Archives (notably for protecting of privacy) or at more restrictive conditions, if so desired by the donor.

As for books and magazines, that the Public Records are not legally bound to accept, they are deposited in public libraries. A great library in the east of France was given, by SCEAU, an important collection of several hundred books and magazines on UFOs and related topics. 120 UFO books have recently been deposited in a university library. A third deposit of UFO books is planned, probably in Belgium, and all these "SCEAU libraries" will be gradually

augmented with other books newly acquired by SCEAU.

For all deposits, a contract is signed with the archives centre or the library, ensuring the durability of the deposit and defining the consultation conditions.

SCEAU intends to be a mere intermediary between the donor and the archives centre or the library. Its code of ethics, inscribed in its statutes, prescribes it to strictly respect the donor's will and to keep for itself no original document.

Another rule adopted by SCEAU, which has no official position about what UFOs are (its members' opinions are diverse), is *to discard not any document, however futile it may seem*. Indeed, for so ill-understood phenomena as UFOs, it appears impossible to foresee what future researchers, who we preserve these documents for, may consider important. Even if some ufological claims should appear ill-founded in the future, related documents will be useful to sociologists for studying beliefs of our time. Preserved documents may therefore be useful in any case, be it to physical scientists or to social scientists.

SCEAU also plays an awareness-raising role in the ufological community concerning preservation of its heritage. Experience it has



acquired allows SCEAU to act as an adviser to any researcher wondering about long-term preservation of his/her ufological works and documents.

Our association publishes a annual bulletin giving the complete inventory of archives preserved during the year. SCEAU has established links with the *SHG (Sign Historical Group)* and the *AFU (Archives for UFO Research Foundation)*, that pursue similar aims in USA and Sweden, and SCEAU also maintains contacts with foreign researchers, notably in Belgium and Switzerland.

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Recent new exchanges

◆ *La Nave de los Locos*, San Nicolás 1590, San Miguel, Santiago, Chile. Editor: *Diego Zúniga*.

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The editor writes that *La Nave de los Locos* ("The ship of fools") is to be counted among "the good skeptics", thus skepticism without the overtones of outright debunking. Published every other month the newsletter is a gist of skeptical analysis in the Spanish language with coverage of most areas of the Americas and southern Europe.

While issues 11 and 12 include very short English summaries at the start of each article, this feature, unfortunately, is removed from issue 13. I am curious about the details of some of the material, i.e. *Rodolfo Tassis* article, in # 12, concerning a psychiatric case where a girl had claimed contact with aliens.



◆ Yhteys, Sumomen Ufotutkijat ry, PL 51, FI-33721 Tampere, Finland. Editor: *Sami Laitala*.
www.suomenufotutkijat.fi. suomenufotutkijat@hotmail.com. Issue nr 2/2002 is the 6th issue of the newsletter from the Finnish UFO Research group. News from, and about, the group, headed by chairman Menna Waris. My grasping of Finnish is almost at the zero level so a translation

into English (like in the age of the "Vimana" mag in the early 1970's) would come handy.

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From the 1946 ghost rocket files (1): Cigar sighted from B-18 bomber

[Instalment I of a series of translations from the official documents concerning the 1946 'ghost rocket' wave. Quotes are from original documents at The Military Archives in Stockholm. Notes in squared brackets are comments by the editor]

TO THE AIR DEFENCE DEPT. AT THE
DEFENCE STAFF, STOCKHOLM
FROM LIEUTENANT I.

Re: A flying missile

I have the honour of reporting an observation while flying on August 14, 1946, at 10.02-10.04 a.m.. I saw a flying missile of the kind that is mentioned in order nr 7:49 of June 12, 1946 from the Defence Staff. The circumstances were as follows.

I was the pilot, on a navigational training flight with a B18 A, at an altitude of 100 m, on the route F1 [Swedish Air Force base at Västerås] - Malingsbo (18km NW of Skinnskatteberg) - Krylbo - F1. Sergeant M. was the [back seat] signaller/observer [and wireless controller].

On the route Malingsbo - Krylbo we noticed, after about 2 minutes, an aircraft-shaped object, on the left front, abt 60 degrees, on a south-easterly course, slightly over the horizon. I estimated the altitude over terrain of the object to be abt 250 m. My own altitude was abt 200 m above the ground. The distance to the object was abt 2000 m. Weather conditions were as follows:

Cloud altitude	abt 800 m
Amount of clouds	6-8/10
Horizontal visibility	30-40 km

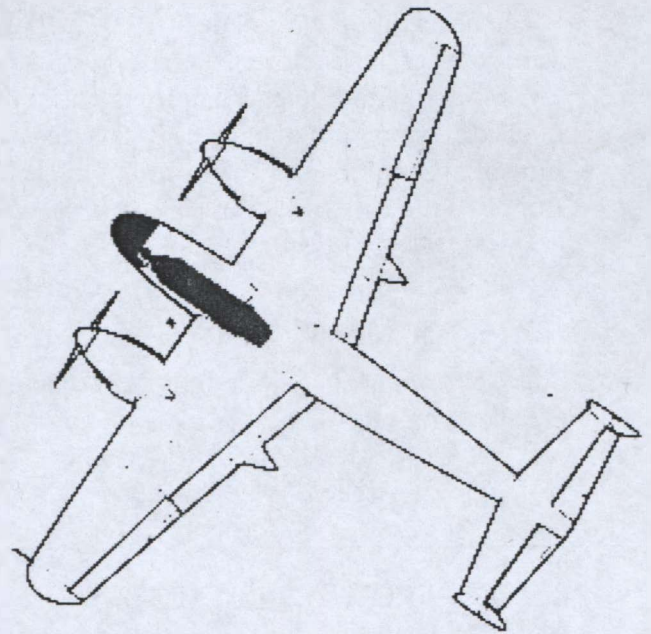
With the latest newspaper reports, regarding overflights of Swedish territory by the above-mentioned missiles, on my mind, I immediately got suspicious. Furthermore I could not identify the object as any Swedish aeroplane.

Therefore, I decided to keep eye contact with the object and attempt to overtake it at a suitable opportunity. After about 10 seconds (I had to

look down at the instruments to switch over to maximum cruising speed) the object was gone.

I suspected it had disappeared under the horizon, therefore I reduced our own cruising altitude. It appeared that both the object and I had come over a relatively low countryside, and we had both reduced the cruising altitude thus maintaining a constant altitude above the ground.

After about 20 seconds my [back seat] observer sergeant M. discovered the object again, 30 degrees to our right. We had, meanwhile, kept our own course all the time. Immediately, I made a [right] turn ending up on a parallel course with the object, and switched to maximum speed.



A SAAB B-18 bomber as seen from above. B 18 was manufactured in 245 copies 1944-1948, two-seated, twin-engined. In service by the Swedish Air Force until 1956. Note the asymmetric position of the cockpit on top of the fuselage, restricting somewhat the view to the right...?

The shortest distance between us was abt 1000 m. It immediately appeared that I would not be able to keep pace with the object, whose speed I estimated to be at least 600-700 km/h. After about 2 minutes the object had vanished in a south-easterly direction. A storm with heavy rain and a cloud height of 100-300 m lay straight

ahead of the object's course, and the object disappeared into it.

My observations in summary:

The object kept a constant cruising altitude of 250 m. Thus (on the whole) it followed the topography of the ground.

Speed was considerably higher than the speed of an aeroplane. Estimated speed of the object at least 600-700 km/h. Own speed 380 km/h.

Appearance of the object: reminding me of the fuselage of a B18. No wings, rudder or protruding parts visible at observation distance, colour: dark.

Length estimated at approximately 15 m, cross-section abt 1 m, shaped like a cigar. No light visible. I had noticed, however, lights emitted from a missile passing over Västerås on August 11 at 8.48 p.m. [this mass sighting has probably been identified as a evening bolide, reported as it was from hundreds of places all over the south of Sweden and Norway]

Propeller-driven Swedish fighters cannot be expected to keep pace with this kind of missile.

The observation was made at 10.02 - 10.04. Air routes as per enclosed sketch.

A mix-up with fighter Vampire is out of the question, as no such plane was in the area at the time of observation as per information received from F13 [the only Swedish air force wing with Vampire jets in the summer of 1946]

Västerås August 14, 1946
/signed/ I, lieutenant

Staff sergeant M. had nothing further to add to the above report.

Västerås August 14, 1946
/signed/ M., sergeant

REPORT FROM A VISIT TO F16 ON AUG 22, 1946

The purpose of the visit was

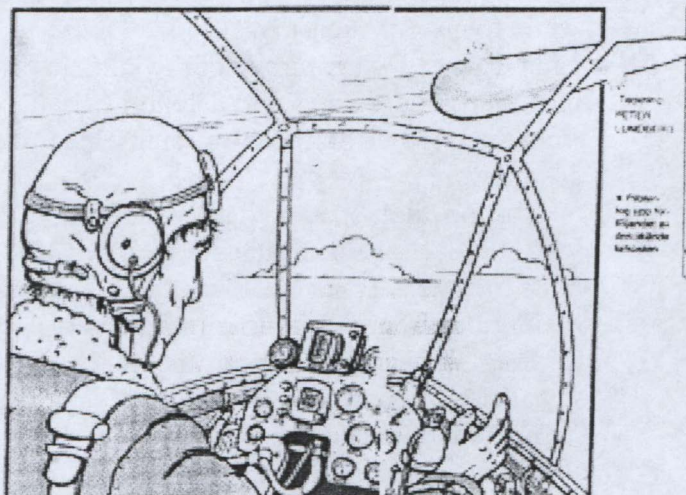
a) to compare the report of lieutenant I. dated Aug 14 with the navigational training flight carried out by a division from F16 [Uppsala wing of the Swedish air force] on Aug 14, to find out if the object that I. [the pilot] observed could have been a J 26 fighter [Swedish designation for North American P-51 *Mustang*].

b) to keep the aircrew of F16, who will be included in the "alert squad", informed. [Note: The Air Force was planning to have a file of planes (two

planes) on a constant alert, ready to take off after a ghost rocket].

a) Present at meeting: 7 pilots from F16 (2 people were away on assignment), lieutenant I. and sergeant M., F1.

On Aug 14, nine aeroplanes from F16 carried out navigation training flights on the [triangular] route F16 - point 156 W of Norberg - Floda church (Södermanland) [and back to F16]. Start of first plane at 09.40 a.m. (radio time) with intervals of 5 min [between each plane]. Cruising altitude min 100 m, max 300 m. Cruising speed 420-425 km/h. The estimated flying time of 15 minutes has been kept by all aircraft with the largest divergence being 1 minute. After turning point 156 no plane has essentially been to the west of a line from 156 to the church of Floda. After passing point 156 the course was 165 degrees.

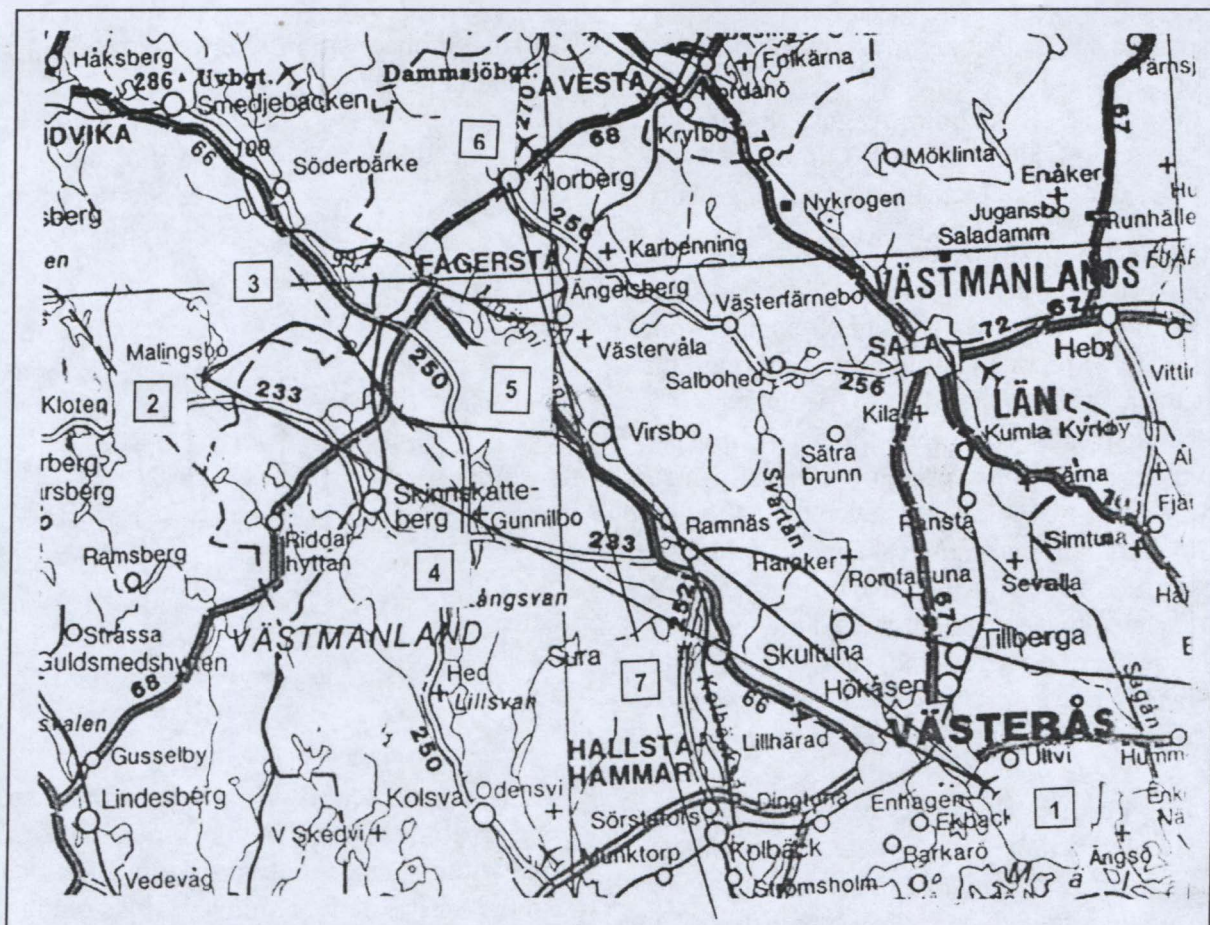


Sketch by Peter Lundberg, probably overdramatizing Lieutenant I's view of the sky on August 14, 1946. Source: Norrbottens-Kuriren, Feb. 18, 1989.

Lieutenant I. made the observation at 10.02 - 10.04 (radio time), 7 kms east north east of the Malingsbo church, the observed object having an estimated course of 138 degrees.

The only plane from F16 which, according to the time schedule, could have been at the point of observation at 10.02 - 10.04, is the one that took off at 09.45 am. This pilot insists that he never flew west of a line between point 156 and the Floda church. Instead he chose to fly east of this line due to better checkpoints [in the terrain].

Course of direction for the I. observation was Floda church 157 degrees. None of the



Map of the sighting area.

1. F1 air force base at Västerås, take off and landing for the B 18 plane.
2. Turning point for the B 18 at Malingsbo. Changing to a north-easterly course, heading for Krylbo (south of Avesta).
3. Unidentified cigar-shaped object spotted in front of the B 18. Estimated path of the unidentified is indicated by dotted line (3 → 4).
4. B 18 crew turned right, onto a south-easterly course, to take up pursuit of the unidentified object.
5. Object disappeared into a rainstorm near Gunnilbo.
6. After losing the object, B 18 crew turned towards Virsbo to avoid the rainstorm, heading southeast for the home base.
- 6 → 7. Estimated course for J 26 fighters from the F16 wing, from a point close to Norberg, heading south.

J 26 [Mustangs] pilots had observed any B 18 or any other flying object.

Lieutenant I. states that he [first] observed the object about 60 degrees to the left, his own course being 245 degrees, his own speed 380 km/h and at a distance of abt 3 km. If it had been a J 26 with a speed of 425 km/h I. [the B 18 pilot] would have been the first to reach the point of intersection. He lost it out of sight and it was rediscovered 45 degrees to the right in front of him, at a distance of abt 2 km. The speed of the object must therefore have been at least 800 km/h.

Because of the short distance, and the excellent visibility, lieutenant I. and sergeant M. maintain that the object observed could not have been

mixed up with a J 26 or any other conventional aeroplane.

Summary

The object observed by lieutenant I. and sergeant M.

could have been a plane J 26 from F16 with regard to

- the time of observation
- the cruising altitude
- changes in altitude relative to the ground
- the estimated length of fuselage

could not have been a J26, considering

- the statement that the line of flight the J 26 was abt 15 km to the east of the point of observation
- the course
- the cruising speed
- the general appearance of the object, and
- the fact that no J 26 pilot saw a B 18.

With reference to the above I do not consider it as probable that the object observed was a J 26 or any other Swedish aeroplane.

b) CF 16 [the chief of wing F16] and the aircrews were given general information on observations received so far, characteristics of objects, and

specific details that are most important to look for.

Stockholm August 23, 1946
/signed/ Eric Malmberg
Fli [acronym for air engineer]

Interviews with I. in 1986

In April and May 1986 *Clas Svahn* had several telephone interviews with Lieutenant Colonel I. I. prefers to remain anonymous, although his name is given in the Military Archives documents. He confirmed the details given in his written report and to Air Force investigator *Eric Malmberg* in 1946. I. was even called to come to Stockholm to make an oral statement before the eyes of Air Director *Bertil Westergård*.

I. stated that the object lacked the usual silhouette of an aeroplane, such as a tail fin.
"What I saw could have been a disc seen from the side, or a cigar. It was close enough for me to be able to judge whether it was a conventional aircraft or not. The object was torpedo-shaped. It was pointed both at the front and at the stern. Like a big and fat cigar. There were no contours or nuances of colour. It was dark greyish."

No exhaust or smoke was seen. The sighting duration was about 2-3 minutes. *"I can say that it was not a Mustang, if so I would not have made such a fuss about this whole thing."*

Malingsbo has the co-ordinates Latitude 59° 55' 60N, Longitude 15° 25' 60E.

Biographical notes on I.:

Lieutenant I was, at the time of the sighting, the head of a B 18 division at the F1 wing. In December 1946 he took part in flying a group of new *Vampire* jets from England to the F13 wing in Norrköping. He later became the head of the Air Force's experimental station, working on flight tests of new Swedish aircraft and missiles. In 1961 he was promoted Lieutenant Colonel and finally left active duty in 1979.

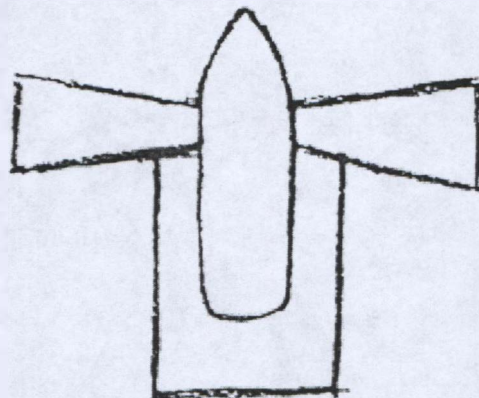
Eleven minutes later in Södertälje

[Quoted from a letter in the Military Archives]

To the Defence Staff, Stockholm
Wednesday, August 14, [1946] about 10.15 a.m.
an object was observed having a small, spool-shaped body and small wings plus a stay at the back, about as shown in the enclosed sketch. The object passed in a north-easterly direction at an altitude of about 200 meters and emitted a sound reminding me of an aeroplane but more hissing.

Place of observation: the western outskirts of Södertälje.

Signe Lundström
Villagatan 41
Södertälje



[The witness sent her short, unsigned, letter and sketch to the Staff. The Staff must have talked to the witness, since there are some additional notes in the Staff's daily summary tables of sightings: "[Speed:] *"Not very big.* [Trajectory:] *"Horizontal"*. [Description:] *"...no propeller, no smoke nor fire"* [Comments:] *"sighted by two ladies from a garden. Disappeared behind another house."*

In 1986, Clas Svahn attempted to reach the witness, but discovered that she, as well as her husband, both had died in 1982. Svahn managed to trace one of their two daughters, living in Uddevalla.

"My mother was a true realist and never fantasised. If she has reported such a thing she must have seen such an object. She never made anything up. I have never heard that she should have seen such an object, however. She never told me, and I haven't seen anything about it in her papers."

Södertälje is situated at Lat. 59° 12' 0N Long. 17° 37' 0E. Distance from Malingsbo down to Södertälje, *as the crow would fly*, is roughly 150 kilometres. This means an object would have to speed at abt 900 km/h to reach there in 10 minutes. Södertälje is right at the extension of the course of the object noted by the two Air Force men.]

A web site, in Swedish, detailing the Defence Staff investigations in 1946:

<http://hem.passagen.se/gjsson/sr46/>

www.afu.info

AFU's very own web site recently opened after hovering in a 'limbo' status for about six months. The computer virus we experienced in March (see AFU #43) had put a temporary end to our hopes of coming 'on the air'.

www.afu.info will, of course, be updated regularly, with new information about our archives, our collections and our activities. One of the main features of the first edition is a *Photo Tour* through the archives and our localities, which will give you a general idea about the daily work we do at the archives.

AFU's antiquarian sales, *AFU Antikvaria*, now on line, will help draw money to pay for webhouse costs. *Sorry, but we will only sell to Swedish customers* since the logistics and costs of sending books abroad is really not 'our table'. *We are willing, however, to discuss exchange deals with foreign colleagues.*

You will also find information about *Sponsorship* of the AFU foundation and you can read recent issues of the *AFU Newsletter*. Eventually, we plan to put detailed inventories and databases on the site, to make our material more accessible.

Please check into our site regularly. A link from your own site would be appreciated!

164 Swedish reports in 2001

Last year, UFO-Sweden received 164 reports at its Report Centre in Sundsvall. 93 of these sightings were made during the year 2001, while the balance were sightings from previous years. The lower number of reports is probably an effect of changing the personnel responsible for the report centre.

By early 2002 the Centre considered one single case a genuine "UFO", while 36 sightings were still under investigation (but yet unexplained). 24 cases received a definite explanation. No less than 13 cases were reports of "UFO balloons" -popular, imported toy balloons.

January had the highest score of all months with 23 reports. The densely populated areas around the three big cities Stockholm, Gothenburg and Malmö scored most reports: 33, 27 and 13, respectively, while the fairly desolated counties of Dalarna (Dalecarlia) and Värmland, close to the Norwegian border, still have high very scores with 14 and 10 cases.

Reports received at the UFO-Sweden Report Centre are, in the end, archived with AFU. We recently received a batch of reports from year 2000.

25 years of F.I. training

34 members of UFO-Sweden spent the Sept. 7-8 weekend at the Björsjö training centre in Dalecarlia, taught to become good field investigators for the organisation. This was the 25th year, in succession, that UFO-Sweden organised a training course for F.I.'s.

Half of the participants were returning for a continuation course. On the agendas of each course is witness psychology, basic astronomy and identification of hoaxes. Each year, a new "UFO" case, real or invented by the organisers is presented for the participants to solve.

AFU databases on CD

AFU now sells / exchanges a CD with nine different Microsoft Access 97 databases developed at the AFU centre.

The CD sells in Sweden for 150 SEK, while non-Swedish customers are asked to send us, as an *exchange*, 'something UFO-related', to the value of 200 SEK, to add to the archives' collection. It might be some recent work (book, magazine volume, CD, video) of your own, or similar indexes that would be useful to this archive.

If you are a previous donor you are of course entitled to a copy, just contact us. Please contact by email afu@ufo.se or by regular mail: *AFU, P O Box 11027, S-600 11 Norrköping, Sweden.*

The CD includes the ScanCat reports database (12.112 records, mostly Swedish and Scandinavian reports), and also the coding manual (in Swedish) for the database.

Further, the AFU book database of 2.500 titles in the reference library collection and a complete inventory of AFU's holdings of magazines and serial publications (20.000 items). Also, a complete database of Swedish maps in the AFU collection; an almost-up-to-date index database of the two Swedish magazines *UFO-Aktuellt* and *UFO-Information*; plus a database of *MUFON UFO Journal* and *International UFO Reporter* articles.

Please note: To use the databases you must have Microsoft Access 97 software (or later version) installed on your PC.

Review: A UFO magazine on CD

CD:s of serials and other works is one of the latest distribution forms to replace costly regular mail of bulky material. AFU recently received volume 1, issue 4, the electronic version of the *Extraterrestrial Physics Review*, stated to be a refereed Japanese-international magazine that specialises in the physical aspects of the UFO phenomenon. Distributed as Adobe Acrobat pdf-files on a CD, the material is also offered as PostScript files. The journal is published by editor Hiroshi Yamakawa and available for Internet download from <http://www1.odn.ne.jp/epr>

Issue # 4 includes *Jennifer Jarvis'* investigation of *Anomalous lights over Lake Ontario (Canada)*, articles on the *Ummo* case, the UFO-physics aspects of the *Denaerde* contact case and a review of *Extraterrestrial Contact Reports and Physics*, by the EPR editor. He analyses 47 contactee cases from the viewpoint of physics. Well, "extracting scientific information from extraterrestrial contact reports" can be no easy task!

The AFU video tape archives

In the hallway of the new library, the "B" archive, we have established a new video library. Last week, *as of this writing*, the video library was be enhanced with another 80+ videos from the collection of deceased ufologist *Bernd Schumann*, collected in Helsingborg by AFU's Clas Svahn.

Schumann was, for decades, the Swedish correspondent and translator for the German contactee magazine *UFO-Nachrichten*. Unfortunately, his book collection was sold before we learned of his passing away, but what is left includes German commercial videos and programmes taped from German television. An example of this is an early generation copy of the science fiction 'documentary' *Die Delegation*.

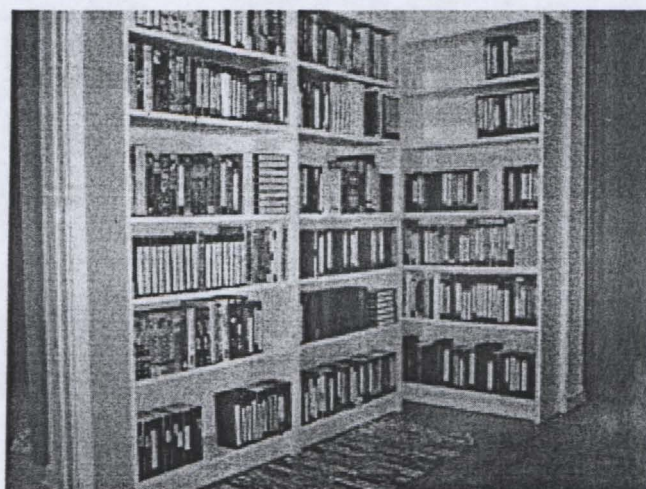
Video recorders came into household use in the 1980's. Videotapes are now included with almost every major donation. So, videos are something AFU should collect and preserve for the future. Preservation, in their present form, must be regarded as only temporary since the magnetic layers of tapes are extremely sensitive to ageing.

In any future preservation project (transformation to digital format) our *audiotapes* (rolls,

cassettes), dating far back to the 1950's, must, however, take precedence over videos. We have about 1.500 – 2.000 audiotapes to start with!

What we could do with the video collection, in the immediate future, is simple cataloguing, often trying to find the best possible 'master' copy of certain programs among several recordings. Since we have received tapes from dozens of donators, we know that there are quite many duplicates recorded. Plans for a searchable database are on the way.

AFU's present video collection, counting the new Schumann collection, includes about 400 tapes, everything from witness interviews in the field to slick commercial productions.



Since a few years AFU sponsor *Jörgen Granlie* (treasurer for UFO-Sweden) generates, a master file of television programs broadcasts (including satellite channels such as *Discovery* and *National Geographic*), tapes that are then finally deposited with AFU.

A recent fine addition was the *Bruno Ericsson* tape collection, including a large number of commercial productions, many of them American NTSC-standard tapes. These are not playable on a European PAL machine, but AFU, through *Clas Svahn*, also received a NTSC video machine along with the tapes. What we lack at the archives, right now, is a functioning television set.

Some parts of the video collection are specialised, like the 50+ tape collection from *Gunnar Lindberg* of contactee and channelled material, and *Håkan Blomqvist's* collection of UFO-related SF films.

A recent addition is eight videos from the Oral History Project, run by *Tom Tullien* and *Jan Aldrich*, featuring biographical interviews with important figures in American UFO history.

Loren Gross kindly donated copies of the world's first UFO documentary, MGM's *Unidentified flying objects* from 1956.

Yet another recent addition was 33 tapes donated by *Tony Walter*, a Stockholm ufologist. *Clas Svahn* and *UFO-Sweden* continuously donates tapes of television programs, witness interviews and public talks, such as presentations recorded at the annual UFO-Sweden conference.

Credits: Materials received

AFU supporter *Dan Eklund* has donated copies of the following new titles: *A.G.W. Cameron*: Interstellar communication, a collection of reprints and original contributions (1963); *Sherry Sontag & Christopher Drew*: Blind man's bluff. The untold story of American submarine espionage (1999) (added to AFU's submarine theme collection); *Richard F. Haines*: CE-5. Close encounters of the fifth kind. 242 case files exposing alien contact (1999) and *Clifford E. Stone*: UFO's are real. Extraterrestrial encounters documented by the U.S. Government (1997). Wonderful additions to our library!

Bertil Schalén, a student of occultism and UFO cults, kindly donated postage when we bought, at very friendly prices, two titles from his second-hand book list: *Lewis, James R. (ed.)*: The Gods have landed. New religions from other worlds (1995) and *Robert Jackson*: UFOs (1996). Find BAGS at:

<http://w1.461.telia.com/~u46117970/sales/dungeon.html>

Ole Jonny Braenne, chairman of UFO-Norway, sent us yet another five boxes crammed with books and magazines, this time mostly from the collection of *Mentz Kaarbø*, editor of the *Nordic UFO Newsletter*. If you ever sent exchange material to that publication it is likely that material has now landed in the AFU shelves. The new material has been sorted and added to AFU's database of serial publications.

Ole Jonny also donated a number of new books to the AFU library, e.g. *Gregory Kanon*: The Great UFO hoax (1997); *Odd-Gunnar Røed*: Norske naerkontakter av 3.grad (1994); *Gary Hyland*: Blue Fires. The lost secrets of Nazi technology. (2001); *David Hatcher Childress*. Technology of the Gods (2000); *Nancy Red Star*: Star ancestors. Indian wisdomkeepers share the teachings of the extraterrestrials (2000); *Edgar Allen*: De waarheid over UFO's (Dutch book magazine, 1979?); "Flying saucers over

America" (Newsclipping archives from Steamshovel Press, undated) and *Daniel Browning*: UFO propulsion report 1995. Some fine additions! Thanks!

Tony Walter, Stockholm, has kindly donated some of his UFO material including *Steuart Campbell* "Close encounter at Livingston" (BUFORA publication, 1982) and a collection of 33 video recordings.

Loren Gross, Fremont, California: Seven recent new supplements to the "UFOs: a history" series: 1952 July 21st – July 31st; 1952 August; 1952 September-October; 1952 November-December; 1953 January – February; 1953 March-July and 1953 August-December. Wonderful pioneering work!

Stefan Roslund, Stockholm: a collection of seven UFO-related books in the Russian language, complete with western transcriptions of the authors and titles! Will be catalogued for our 2002 book acquisition list.

Clas Svahn, numerous materials including the following books *Mikael Ranerås*: Bröllopet mellan polerna and *Robert Lesniakewicz*: Projekt Tatry (Polish ufology).

Barbro Magnusson of the UFO Sweden report centre has kindly borrowed us her audiotapes of witness interviews from Hessdalen for duplication.

Edoardo Russo, CISU, Italy, kindly sent AFU copy of the Argentinean doctoral thesis in social psychology "Psicoaxiosociologia del fenomeno OVNI" by *Roberto E. Banchs*. Also the 1990 dissertation "Flying saucers and the new angelology: Mythic projection of the cold war and the convergence of opposites" by *Robert Pearson Flaherty* at University of California. Russo also sent a batch of copies of Chilean UFO magazines. We owe him a lot!

New info on "Gideon's saucer"

In July *Clas Svahn* fetched a UFO collection from the home of Mr. *Gunnar Schelin*, a very active Swedish ufologist who lived on the island of Öland, in the Baltic, and who died in 2000. Although, mainly a disappointment (the collection was largely destroyed or disturbed by several floods in the cellar of the Schelin house), there about ten pages of rusty (from metals of a binder) correspondence between Schelin and UFO witness *Gideon Johansson*, which are grossly interesting. The correspondence took place in the mid-1970's.

The story of "Gideon's saucer" has been told many times in the international UFO literature. My own report, *Mariannelund UFO and occupants*, was published by Charles Bowen in the *Flying Saucer Review*, Nov/Dec. 1970. I have since collected quite an extensive file on the case and researched it by talking to dozens of members of the Mariannelund community and by searching archives collections. The sum total of my research (up to the mid-1990's) is published on the UFO-Sweden web - <http://www.ufo.se/fakta/artiklar/mariannelund.shtml> You can make your own printout of the 32 pages long article. Unfortunately there has been no resources for a detailed English translation, but I made a brief review in English for the Project 1947 List, which is available at - <http://www.temporaldoorway.com/ufo/catalog/hoaxanderror/gideon.htm>

There were previously a number of unsubstantiated statements in the case. The new batch of letters support - even more - the theory that the witness was essentially "a mystic". Some new details surface about the telepathic contacts with the space people, immediately after the close encounter.

Gideon claimed he was sent mental images of the visitors home planet, a world 'on the other side of our Sun' where the people never saw sunlight because of a thick layer of fog that enveloped their planet. The idea was similar to Truman Bethurum's *Clarion* planet. A recent info exchange on the Project-1947 mailing list with Barry Greenwood and Jerome Clark makes it evident that an American science fiction cartoon, *Twin Earths*, first released in May 1952, may have influenced both Gideon's and Truman's stories. In it earthmen are contacted by a race of women from Terra, a sister planet to Earth never seen because it is permanently positioned on the other side of the Sun.

A completely novel detail surfaces, in the new correspondence between Gideon Johansson and Gunnar Schelin. In a letter of June 28, 1976 Gideon states: "*There are some things that I have kept secret, it is archived in[side] [of] a 40 mm pipe made of aluminium [kept] in a government basement somewhere. It will surface sometime in the 21st century. No one has anything to do with it until then.*"

How I would like to believe that I could find the ultimate answer to Gideon's mystery by way

of locating some metallic object that was given to the authorities! And now the time has come, when we have passed into the new century!

That 'something' has to be much better evidence than the [Swedish] Vaddö stone hailed to the skies as 'pure magnesium' by German and American researchers, although it was nothing but an ordinary metallic slag product of little significance, as attested by a Swedish laboratory in the 1980s.

Gideon, however, makes no reference to *which* basement to go looking for his object(s) in, so, our hopes must be small. Archives seldom keep metallic objects - AFU may be the exception. We have a few pieces of meteorites, for starters.

Anders Liljegren

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Book review

Beyond the horizon – Swedish air reconnaissance against the Soviet Union 1946-1952.

By Andreas Ohlsson

Authors *Lennart Andersson* and *Leif Hellström* have written many books on Swedish air history. In *Bortom horisonten* (Beyond the horizon) they focus on the post-war air reconnaissance against the Soviet Union, which started out seriously during the years immediately following the end of World War II.



The authors' starting-point is the reports about the ghost rockets that baffled our Defence forces in 1946. A large number of sightings of what appeared like missiles were reported from all over Sweden. All in all the Defence Staff

counted almost one thousand reports coming to the knowledge of authorities. Second only to the ghost flier's of the 1930, the ghost rockets are regarded as the first UFO phenomena to hit Sweden.

It is interesting that Andersson and Hellström put these sightings into a historical perspective and connect them to contemporary Swedish air reconnaissance on Soviet. 1946 was the year when Prime Minister Per Albin Hansson died and Tage Erlander took over. The ghost rocket phenomena were to be detected by radar systems that the Swedish military wanted to borrow from Great Britain. The connections to Great Britain were, however, considered as political dynamite in view of our neutrality. Thus the secret British force, under the name Task Force 196, which was to aid our military with radar equipment and knowledge, was not welcome here.

Despite this, exchange of information about the ghost rockets between Sweden and Great Britain continued. The United States was, up until the early 1950's, unsure about what side Sweden really was on – the West or the East. Maybe even the Soviet deep level defence was enhanced if the U.S. contributed technical materials to Sweden...? When Great Britain's economy deteriorated after 1947, the U.S. became more and more active in Europe and also the connections to Sweden intensified.

The fear of what the contemporary Soviet Union had on line was great. Some military speculated about rocket firing ramps in the Baltic states or at Peenemünde; that it was from these places that the Swedish ghost rockets were sent off. Reconnaissance photos, taken by Swedish air force pilots in 1949, of the island of Ösel (off Esthonia), were part of trying to find rocket bases there.

Fears were that Soviet had taken over German technology and continued to develop V1- and V2-weapons into effective rockets with a long range. Someone must have manoeuvred the weapons and therefore Sweden attempted to trace the remote-control signals that the enemy must use. What has been revealed is that Soviet made test shots of at least twelve V2 rockets on October 18, 1947 and forward in time. The rocket tests were made at Kapustin Yar at the Caspian Sea. Neither times, nor places, match up with the sightings made over Sweden and parts of Scandinavia.

Speculations about the sightings over Sweden were many and the material was classified immediately. Every sighting was not possible to explain, although most were due to an unusual number of bright meteors burning through the atmosphere, even during daylight. The ghost rocket phenomenon occupies an important part of this book, which in the main, describes, in much detail, foolhardy Swedish reconnaissance flights against Soviet. Andersson and Hellström has written an important book, putting the ghost rocket reports of 1946 into a security-political framework.

Lennart Andersson & Leif Hellström: Bortom horisonten – svensk flygspaning mot Sovjetunionen 1946-1952. Freddy Stenboms förlag, Stockholm, 2002. ISBN 91-7243-015-X.

When RAF Task Force 196 almost came to Sweden.

In *Svensk Flyghistorisk Tidskrift* (published semi-monthly by the Swedish Aviation Historical Society), issue 3/2002, *Sven Löv*, writes a short article concerning the ghost rockets. We translate here the passages containing new information that confirm what was found at the Public Record Office by British researchers *David Clarke* and *Andy Roberts* (*Out of the Shadows*, Piatkus 2002, pp. 29-30). Mr. Löv has also visited the Public Record Office and has had contact by letter with one of the members of Task Force 196.

"...The Swedish Air Force had splendid connections with the Royal Air Force. The RAF was prepared to assist with the search. In July, a couple of men came to Sweden to analyse reported sightings and to confer with our Air

Force. Nothing substantial came out of those meetings.

"In England the RAF established a Task Force, consisting of a radar group with the very latest and most modern equipment. Task Force 196, as it was named, was gathered at Heathrow and made ready to be shipped to Sweden. The group was motorised and self-supporting, an independent operative unit. Everything was top secret, the official version was that the radar group was to demonstrate the use of radar as a tool for modern air control. The Swedish Air Force had just received their first Vampire jets and it was a part of the training of Vampire crews that the radar group should assist with....

"...In early August, Swedish Prime Minister Per Albin Hansson started to doubt the wisdom of bringing the RAF to Sweden. Negotiations with Britain suddenly halted and no decision could be reached. On August 22 the message came: The project was aborted. The British were irritated, to say the least, over the decision and the British legation report to London was appended with the commentary: "...the Swedish Prime Minister has been both stupid and cowardly..."

"The British Air Attaché [in Stockholm] made contact with General Nordenskiöld, chief of the Swedish Air Force, who was very upset by the [Prime Minister's] decision. In the attaché report Nordenskiöld is claimed to have said that, if a similar situation should come up, the matter should be handled "...without reference to the Political Department at all."

Danish report archive to AFU

On March 18, *Clas Svahn* and *Andreas Ohlsson*, from the AFU and UFO-Sweden boards, and *Håkan Ekstrand* from UFO-Sweden, brought the complete Danish report archive of SUFOI (Scandinavian UFO Information – www.ufo.dk) to AFU's premises. SUFOI started out in 1958 as an Adamski-oriented organization, but changed its policy, and board members, in the mid-1960s and has since turned into a more and more sceptical research group.

The report archive, in it's raw form, measures about 4-5 meters on our shelves and includes report forms, notes of investigations, clippings

and photos. A preliminary sorting has been done. Discussions are now underway with the SUFOI board on how the archive shall best be preserved and taken care of for the future.

AFU has previously taken care of parts of Danish skeptic-librarian **Willy Wegner's** (www.skeptica.dk) UFO newscipping collection, magazines and photos; parts of former SUFOI chairman **Per Andersen's** collection of UFO materials; and also the more 'odd' things in the SUFOI *magazine* archive. Along with the SUFOI report archive AFU also received packages of magazine copies from SUFOI researcher Ole Henningsen.

The AFU library has about 175 titles in Danish. Willy Wegner's great bibliography on Scandinavian UFO literature is at: www.skeptica.dk/Bibliografi/bibliografi.htm For pictures and more details about recent donations to AFU check up - www.afu.info/recdons.html.

Book cataloguing project

Since January 2003 the complete AFU book library is inventoried. An Access database (developed by *Wolfgang Randisek* and updated by *Barbro Gustavsson*) is updated by *Anders Liljegren* with new information, such as: different editions of the same title, number of copies of each title/edition, ISBN numbers, and info about who donated the first copy to our collection - if known.

The database content is reality-checked against what's really on our shelves. The project has just reached letter "M" and will be complete by this spring/summer, when the database will be searchable at our web site (www.afu.info). We are adding a good number of previously non-catalogued items, such as small booklets from religious cults, books on astronomy, parapsychology, channelling, science fiction, etc, to the catalogue. We are also adding new titles added to the collection in 2002-2003 (presently more than 200 titles).

The original Condon report

One of the people Clas Svahn met on a recent tour to south-Sweden and Denmark was Swedish astronomer **Bertil Anders Lindblad**, known for

his research on meteors and bolides in the atmosphere. Lindblad donated a copy of the original (1968) U.S. government printing of the Condon report, a truly unique piece... Thanks!

New parapsychology library

The Swedish Society for Parapsychological Research (SPF), with 209 members, started, in October 2002, to move its library of books and magazines to new facilities in Danderyd, one of the Stockholm suburbs.

The collection has previously been managed by a sub-section of the Stockholm University Library, but the new facility will make it possible for members and others to make more direct use of the collection. So far, 30 meters of shelves have been moved and yet another 30 meters are still waiting to be moved from the University. A list of books bought in recent years is at <http://psi-sweden.org/books.html>.

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Liza Marklund prime sponsor for the AFU library



Swedish crime novelist **Liza Marklund** has agreed to become a prime sponsor for the AFU reference library. *This means that AFU can acquire, in a more methodical way, much of the literature that we need in order to keep an up-to-date international collection of UFO-related books, magazines and media.* It also means that we can buy retrospective titles missing in the collection and maintain exchange programs to enrich our own collection. In that way we can also help develop similar UFO resource centres around the world.

Although there is, of course, an upper limit to the sums that we can use, this is a very important development for us. International sales of Liza Marklund's best-selling crime novels (*The bomber*, *Studio Sex*, *Paradise Trust*, *Prime Time* and, this summer her latest: *The Red Wolf*) generate huge funds. At that level, AFU's tapping into this money is of minor importance to the author's economy. The rights for Liza's books have been sold to 115 countries; her books have been published in 23 languages. *The bomber* sold 700.000 copies in Sweden, second only to the Bible. All in all, Liza's books have, so far, sold 5 million copies. This is just the start of her successes. Her work is mirrored on her own official web site: www.lizamarklund.net.

The sponsor agreement has been negotiated between AFU's *Clas Svahn* and Liza Marklund. They are close friends and colleagues in journalism. For a period they worked at the same north-Swedish newspaper.

Liza visited the AFU archives about ten years ago, when she wrote a UFO news story for the national evening paper *Expressen*. Since then Liza has supported several of our collections (the Blue Book microfilms, the French collection, etc). She has openly admitted her support for AFU and her interest in serious UFO research - in media interviews and in her regular news columns for *Aftonbladet*.

The agreement came parallel to our new interest in buying / selling books & media through the Internet. In recent months AFU has been active on *eBay* attempting to buy into the large chunks of UFO publications, still missing in our reference library. *AFU has thus partly gone "commercial", but only in ways that will help us develop the collection.* The basis for our work will continue to be our own idealism and the desire of people - like Liza Marklund and the 25-30 sponsors who keep us running - to promote a library & archives facility for future research into the seemingly never-ending UFO folklore. The UFO mystery has been "solved" by many - yet speculations and UFO folklore continue to develop.

Through eBay, we have acquired some major book lots and made offers on others we didn't get. Shipping costs to Sweden means we cannot justify paying the same prices as private US collectors. To promote international contacts with collectors and booksellers we have also started to offer sellable surplus items on the eBay market. This has generated some money for items that are new to us. In a few months we have bought 200+ new titles with an emphasis on original European books, and American literature on abductions and channelling.

The creation of an Access database of our library will be completed before this summer is over. Right now the database consists of 4.204 titles/editions. It will eventually come up on our web site www.afu.info so keep your eyes - and PCs - open.

Anders Liljegen

Metallic spheres

by Anders Liljegren & Clas Svahn

In the 1960's there were several incidents when fragments of space vehicles were found in Sweden. This was – to some extent – reported in contemporary Swedish media but it is only now that the full details of some of these “crash” investigations are out in the open.

One of us (AL) recently found an investigation report from the *Swedish Research Institute of National Defence (FOA, now FOI)* on the UFO literature shelf of a mid-Swedish second-hand bookstore. Looking for UFO-related literature for the AFU library, this was certainly the most interesting finding this day... It is likely that the report can easily be traced at the Military Archives in Stockholm, it is just that no one has known about it and so no one has bothered to search for it.

The 43-page report has no indication that it was ever “Secret”, or even “Confidential”. It's serial number does not contain the “H” for “Hemlig” (Swedish term for Secret). The copy I found has “*Eriksson FOA 2*” written in lead on the top of it's front cover. This indicates that it was once handled by, or was a part of the private archives of, *Dr. Tage O. Eriksson*, a meteorologist who handled the official “UFO bureau” of the Swedish defence between 1966 and 1976. Tage Eriksson was one of the non-US UFO investigators interviewed by *Robert Low* of the Condon committee.

The report is a detailed investigation of two incidents where metallic balls had been recovered on Swedish soil.

While hunting for moose on September 8, 1964, a hunter found a metal ball (object A) in the rough terrain of a desolate area near *Vemdalen* in the mid-Swedish county of *Härjedalen*. A similar metal ball (object B) was found on April 5, 1965, near the south Swedish town of *Borås* (county of *Västergötland*). This ball had hit ground in a muddy area close by a lake. Despite landing at probably 70 meters/sec it was fairly intact since it hadn't hit on any rocky or hard areas.

Object A had a diameter of 371 mm, while B measured 310 mm. Their weights were 5,28 kilos and 4,16 kilos, respectively. Close examination of the two balls at the Defence Research

Institute, and at other institutions hired for the investigation, identified them both as being pressure tanks from American Agena-D space vehicles. Spectral analysis identified the metal: a titanium alloy probably manufactured by one of seven named American manufacturers. What finally identified the objects (there were no “Made in the US” texts!) were measurements from the parts of their fittings still remaining after the object had burned through the atmosphere. The measurements pointed to American standard fittings. Remains from Russian satellites were deemed as very unlikely.



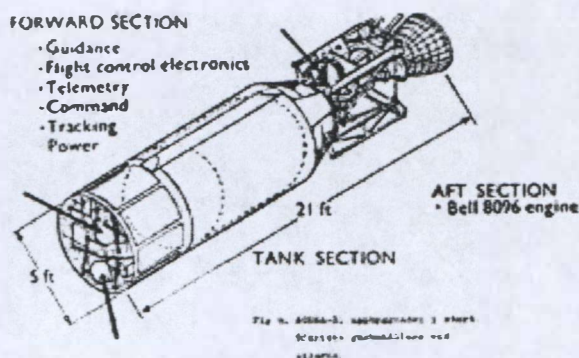
The Borås metal ball (object B)

By studying NASA satellite decay tables it was possible for FOA researchers to firmly identify object B as a pressure tank from the 1965-26A mission launched on March 25, 1965. This TAT-Agena-D docking target vessel decayed on April 4, 1965, according to NASA. People close to the find area had heard a loud bang as the object hit ground in daylight on April 5. The date difference may be explained by different time zones. FOA wrote: “...concerning the 1965-26A there are a number of sightings from Europe. The inclination of 96,1 degrees means that the trajectory passed over densely populated areas of Europe”.

For object A, FOA made a list of six possible satellite decays, since there were no visual observation to link the decay in time. All these cases were remaining parts from Agena-D target vehicles. The most probable source was the 1964-43A mission, launched on August 5, and which crashed to Earth on August 31, 1965, slightly more than a week before hunters found the metal ball. This object had come from the

direction of the North Sea towards Vemdalen (inclination 80 degrees), passing over desolate areas, which may explain why it was never observed in flight.

Pressure tanks on the Agena-D were used for two purposes: a) to store nitrogen or nitrogen-freon (CFC) used for positioning the satellite by way of jets through mouthpieces, or b) to store helium gas for pressurising the fuel tanks of the final stage.



Arrows at the end of the Agena-D indicate positions of the spherical pressure tanks found in Sweden.

FOA researchers found detailed descriptions and photos of these tanks, and their functions, in American supplier's brochures so there was never any doubt.

Sketches of the Agena-D (see above) indicate the precise positions of the tanks. Agena D was a modified version of the liquid rocket last stage Agena A built for Lockheed in 1959 for the US Air Force, but used by NASA as a docking target vehicle during the manned Gemini programme in the early 60's.

The Swedish military didn't know much about the Agena according to the FOA report (1968): *"All Agena-D objects appear to be reconnaissance satellites, developed for Air Research and Development Command of the USAF. Not the slightest inkling of the purpose of these missions, or the nature of payloads on these satellites, has been found in the literature or satellite catalogues"*. We now know that Atlas-Agena D was also used as a carrier in many civilian and military projects and put satellites like Mariner 4 and 5 and Ranger 7 in orbit.

In the summary of the FOA report, the analyst-writer states that the Swedish defence now has the full capability for identifying objects of this type. He noted that *"for the identification of space objects from recovered fragments it is of*

the greatest importance that the time of impact and other observations of the final phase of the trajectory are reported as closely as possible".

On September 11, 1969, log workers near Stugun, in the county of Jämtland found a similar metal ball. This ball was 38 cm in diameter and – like the others – consisted of two semi-spheres welded to each other. This ball weighed 13,8 kilos according to a US report.

A fortnight later, Swedish press reported a final identification: *"There is no doubt about the origin of the object"*, stated Tage Eriksson to Dagens Nyheter. *"The "space ball" has been filled with gases, probably to stabilise the satellite or to stabilise cameras"*.

Henning Höglund, one of the men that found the ball, is now 90 years old, but remembers the find clearly. Says Höglund:

- We found the ball laying in a small water-filled hole in the ground. We brought it to the police who later turned it over to the military.

Höglund's friend Erik Hemmingsson remembers that the metal was charred and slightly blue when they picked it up and that it was later identified as a part of a US satellite. In fact it was a pressure vessel from a Soviet rocket.

Other spheres have also been found in Sweden, spheres looking different from the ones described in this article. On September 19th 1976, Allan Johansson from Sundsvall found a metallic sphere on the ground in the woods outside Porsi, Jokkmokk where he was hunting and fishing. The sphere was divided in two halves, were put together with an adhesive tape and it weighed only 270 grams. Investigated by professor K-G Andersson at the Luleå Technical High School, they were considered made by titan, and very thin.

In the first days of the space age, on November 28, 1957, a similar lightweight metal ball, consisting of two semi-spheres, was found by a farmer in Skene (county of Västergötland). He had travelled a road at 15.30 hours in the afternoon not noticing the ball that he found on the road when he returned, slightly more than an hour later. What the AFU report archive has on this case (copied from the FOA archives) is only the report from the local police to the Defence Staff in Stockholm. This report has no details about dimensions or weight of the ball. It may have been the very first case of a satellite part crashing in Sweden, but this is unlikely.

The official police report has no details about the dimensions or weight of *Skene* ball, but a newspaper article on the front page of *Borås Tidning*, the day after the find, reported it was 40 cm in diameter. Local police *Edvin Cederfeldt* (now deceased) said to the reporter that the object did not have any similarities to weather balloons or radio-sondes occasionally handled by people in the area.

According to a hand-written remark on the official report, put there by Captain *Lennart Bunke* of the Defence Staff (a man who was involved in several UFO investigations in the 1957-1961 period), the ball was positively identified as a radar reflector from a military shooting range outside Gothenburg 30 km to the NE. Since there are no details on Captain *Bunke's* investigation there is no way to know how certain this identification was.

One of us (CS) has tried to match the *Skene* metal ball with known carrier rockets, but no match was found. Since metal spheres of this dimension were carried not on satellites but on the rockets there was only one possible culprit circulating the Earth at this time: Alfa 1, Sputnik 1's booster. In orbit was also Sputnik 1 itself (decayed January 4th 1958) and Sputnik 2 (decayed April 14th 1958).

According to official records Alfa 1 decayed on December 1st 1957, three days after the find at *Skene*. Visual observations, related in the newspapers, also suggest that Alfa 1 was no longer seen from Sweden after November 30th. The last sighting report of Alfa 1 came from California on November 30, which seems to rule out the Swedish metal ball as a debris from the booster. After 6.30 PM that day no more sightings were reported.

No record is known of where Alfa 1 decayed, or if parts of the booster ever reached ground. A sighting from the German village of *Grossmoore* near *Hamburg* at 4.20 PM on December 1, started a full-scale search in a marsh outside the city. Four persons had reported a glowing object with a whistling sound hitting the ground and leaving a small cavity as after impact, just 100 meters from the house of the mayor. The object was thought to be the Alfa 1 booster. Nothing was ever found.

The fate of Sputnik 1 and its booster was much debated at the end of 1957 and on December 6 Soviet prime minister *Nikita Khrushchev*

accused the US for having stolen Sputnik 1's carrier rocket when it fell in Alaska. According to previously secret US documents no parts of the first Sputniks, or their boosters, were ever found on US soil and it is doubtful that the Russian accusation was based on firm evidence. The first confirmed Soviet space vehicle that fell in the US was a cylindrical piece from Sputnik 4 found in Wisconsin in September 1962.

For many years the US and the Soviet considered the falls of debris from space vehicles secret information. So, when Soviet space vessel *Cosmos 482* broke into several parts on March 31 1972, and pieces of the craft rained on Earth on April 3rd that year this was classified information. Some of the pieces, four 13,6 kilos titanium alloy balls, crashed within a 16 kilometer radius of *Ashburton*, New Zealand.

The New Zealand authorities contacted their US counterparts who helped them to analyse the metal spheres. In August 2002 *The New Zealand Herald* published parts of the report since it was now declassified. In the report, of which AFU has a copy, was also a 44 items long list of debris fallen from orbit during 1960 to 1972 compiled by American authorities. *The AFU Newsletter publishes this list in its entirety for the first time.* The most dramatic was a metal sphere that crashed on a street intersection in *Manitowoc*, Wisconsin in 1962.

Metal cylinders are still found all over the globe as they fall from space. This far no person has been hit by debris. In February 1984 a 1,2 meter large cylinder (weight 12 kilos) was found in the south-eastern part of the *Buenos Aires* province about 70 kilometers from *Ayacucho* in Argentina according to a formerly confidential dispatch from the American embassy. The sphere was later identified as Soviet in origin.

In late April 2000 two large metal parts, one of which was a 30 kilos cylinder, fell in the *Cape* province of *South Africa*. Identified by NASA as parts from the US *Pegasus* satellite launched in 1996. In March 2002 a one meter spherical object hit the ground in the *Mubende* district in *Uganda*. On June 10th 2002 a 90 centimeter large and 90 kilo heavy sphere was washed ashore in *Isle of Palms* in *South Carolina*. In late August 2002, a 50 centimeter wide and 10 kilo heavy metallic sphere fell from the sky and landed in the Angolan village of *Manzawu*.

Sources: Gilbert Larsson: "Undersökning av fragment från rymdfarkoster. FOA I Report A 1433-40(12), April 1968." The report is available in the AFU reference library. Materials from the AFU report archive. Interviews with Henning Höglund and Erik Hemmingsson by Clas Svahn on July 14th 2003. "Glödande metall föll från himlen": Dispatch from AFP May 2nd 2000. "Mystery Balls": Fortean Times September 2002. Tina Thompson (ed): Space Log 1996 (TRW).

US list of fallen space debris 1960-1972.

Note: Some of the measurements were given in inches or feet, others in centimetres, weights were presented in kilos or pounds. All of these mixed. For clarity, all have been converted to centimetres, meters and kilos.

1. An unknown number of pieces of debris from a space object were reported to have fallen in *South Africa* in September 1960. May have resulted from unsuccessful attempt to launch an Atlas/Able.

2. An unknown number of rocket motor and propellant tank pieces were reported to have fallen in *Cuba* in November 1960. Believed to have resulted from failure of the Thor booster used to launch the Transit-III satellite on November 30, 1960.

3. In March and June 1962, 11 pieces of stainless steel skin (average weight 2,7 kilograms) and one sustainer rocket engine spherical pressure bottle (55,5 cm diameter, weight 21,7 kg) were found in *Brazil* and *South Africa*. Identified as pieces from Atlas booster for Mercury MA-6 mission, launched February 20, 1962.

4. In July 1962 a cylindrical pressure vessel about 40 cm in diameter was found near *Porto Allegre, Brazil*. Part of a US Air Force test satellite.

5. In September 1962 a cylindrical metal piece (diameter 16 cm, weight 9,5 kg) fell on a street intersection in *Manitowoc, Wisconsin*. Identified as part of Soviet Sputnik IV, launched May 15, 1960.

6. In October 1962 three pieces of stainless steel skin (average size 0,9 by 1,2 meters) and one piece of aluminium with steel nut, bolt and washer attached (about 5 by 5 cm, weight 0,22 kg) were found in the *Ivory Coast* and *Upper Volta*. Identified as pieces from Atlas booster for Mercury MA-8 mission, launched October 3, 1962.

7. In April and June 1963, two spherical pressure vessels were found near *Broken Hill, New South Wales, Australia*. Believed to be from US Agena rocket stage used to launch US Air Force test satellites on December 14, 1962 and January 7, 1963. Both rocket stages decayed from orbit in January 1963.

8. In May 1963 a piece of stainless steel skin (0,42 square meters, weight 2,7 kg) was found near *Concordia, Argentina*. Identified as a part of the Atlas booster for Mercury MA-9 mission, launched May 15, 1963.

9. In May 1963 a piece 30 by 38 cm was found about 200 km north of *Pretoria, South Africa*. Believed to be part of a Soviet spacecraft.

10. In March 1964 a metal spherical pressure vessel (weight 11 kg) fell near *Belem, Brazil*. Believed to be part of a DOD Agena rocket stage.

11. In March 1964 an undetermined number of fragments fell in *British Columbia, Canada*. Believed to be of Soviet origin.

12. In May 1964 a charred piece of electronic equipment

(weight 79 kg) was found near *La Fria, Venezuela*. Identified as part of a DOD satellite launched April 27, 1964, which decayed May 26, 1964.

13. In December 1964 and January 1965 a metal sphere (diameter 84 cm), an aluminium cylinder (4 meter by 152 cm) and four fragments of a rocket nozzle were found in *northern Argentina*. Identified as pieces from a DOD Titan III booster stage, possibly from a Transstage launched December 10, 1964 which decayed December 13, 1964.

14. In January 1965 a piece of woven asbestos sheet was found in *Malawi*. Identity not confirmed.

15. In early 1965 an object having the appearance of a space fragment was reported washed ashore on *Abaco Island* in the *Bahamas*. Possibly from the Atlas-Mariner I booster, which was destroyed by the range safety officer shortly after launch on July 22, 1962, and landed in the designated ocean impact area.

16. In June 1965 three pieces believed to be space fragments were found in the *Madhya Pradesh* and *Kota* districts of *India*. Believed to be pieces from a DOD Titan IIC development test launched June 18, 1965.

17. In September 1965 a titanium sphere (diameter 50 cm), called the *Merkanooka* ball, was found in *Australia*. Identified as a tank used for drinking water in the Gemini V spacecraft launched August 21, 1965, components of which decayed in late August 1965.

18. In December 1965 three metal spheres fell near *Seville, Spain*. Believed to have been parts of Soviet Luna 8 rocket stage, launched December 3, 1965, parts of which decayed on December 5 and 6, 1965.

19. In March 1966 a piece of plastic shroud (about 1,2 by 1,5 m) was found in *Australia*. Identified as part from Echo II, launched January 25, 1964. One part of which decayed February 23, 1966.

20. In April 1966, a helium pressure sphere (diameter 1 m, weight 113,3 kg) was found by the crew of a Brazilian fishing boat off the coast of *Brazil*. Identified as part of S-IVB stage of Saturn booster suborbital test which was launched February 26, 1966 and landed in the designated ocean impact area.

21. In May 1966 a piece of light-weight metal (50 by 30 cm), an oval-shaped metal piece (40 by 20 cm), a black beehive-shaped piece (10 by 12 cm) and four pieces of fragile wire were found in the *Rio Negro* district of *Brazil*. Identified as parts of S-IVB stage of Saturn development test (SA-5) launched January 29, 1964, which decayed April 30, 1966.

22. In June 1966 a fragment believed to have returned from space was found in *Colombia*. Identified as part of Atlas booster used to launch Agena target vehicle either for Gemini 8 or Gemini 9A (launched March 16 and June 1, 1966). Probably from the Gemini 9A target vehicle booster.

23. In July 1966 a piece of lightweight metal (4,7 meters long by 2,6 meters wide) piece, and a piece of aluminium (3,3 m by 5,1 m), were found in *Peru* and *Zambia* respectively. In August and November 1966 a truncated cone metal piece (5,4 kg) and a smaller piece was found in *Swaziland*. Identified as pieces from S-IVB stage of Apollo-Saturn development test (AS-203) launched July 5, 1966.

24. In October 1966 a titanium spherical pressure vessel (diameter 37,3 cm, weight 13,5 kg) was found near

Tomahawk, Wisconsin. Identified as Soviet in origin.

25. In January 1967 a metal sphere (diameter 58 cm, weight 15,8 kg) was found in *Peru*. Identified as part of Delta booster used to launch Biosatellite-1 on December 14, 1966.

26. In February 1967 two spherical pressure vessels were found in *Mexico*. One sphere was titanium with a diameter of 60 centimetres and a weight of 30 kilograms; the second sphere had a diameter of 35,5 cm. Believed to be parts from the upper stage or experiments associated with the US Air Force Titan IIIC.

27. In July 1967 a titanium sphere (diameter 0,6 m), a flat metal piece with bolts, and a titanium sphere (circumference 97,7 cm) were found in *Mexico*. Identified as parts from Agena target vehicle launched November 11, 1966, in connection with Gemini 12 mission.

28. In September 1967 a spherical pressure vessel (diameter of about 0,6 m) was found in *Saudi Arabia*. Identified as part of Delta booster used to launch Explorer 35 on July 19, 1967.

29. In December 1967 a metal piece (1 meter by 1,8 meters, weight 10 kilograms) was found in *Finland*. Believed to part of a Soviet vehicle.

30. In February 1968 a metal fragment (1 by 3 meters, weight 57,5 kilograms) and in June 1970 a metal sphere (diameter 0,9 m) were found in *Colombia*. Identified as parts of lunar module stage used in Apollo V test mission, launched January 22, 1968.

31. In March 1968 a triangular cone-shaped piece (31 by 122 cm, weight 10-14 kg), a metal disc (10 or 13 cm in diameter), and a small oval-shaped metal piece fell in the *Gandaki Zone of Nepal*. Believed to be of Soviet origin.

32. In April 1968 a metal sphere (diameter 61 cm, weight 29 kg) was found near *Mudgee, Australia*. Identified as pressure vessel from a Delta booster used to launch Biosatellite-2 on September 7, 1967.

33. In April 1968 several pieces of material in panel sections (22,8 by 22,8 cm) were found in *Angola*. Identified as pieces of insulation from third stage of Apollo VI booster, launched April 4, 1968.

34. In August 1968 a metal sphere (diameter 71 cm, weight 20 kg) was found in eastern *Colombia*. Believed to be of US origin.

35. In September 1968 a spherical pressure vessel (diameter 36,8 cm, weight 14,5 kg) was found near *Nome, Alaska*. Identified as Soviet in origin.

36. In June 1969 numerous fragments (average weight about 10 kilograms) fell on a Japanese freighter off *De Kastri Port, USSR*. Pieces believed to be of Soviet origin.

37. In July 1969 a small fragment (about 30 cm long) fell on the deck of a German ship in the *Atlantic Ocean*. Other pieces fell in the water near the ship. Identified as debris from the first stage of the Saturn booster used to launch Apollo 11 on July 16, 1969.

38. In September 1969 a metal pressure sphere (diameter 38 cm, weight 13,8 kg) was found near *Östersund, Sweden*. Believed to be of Soviet origin.

39. In December 1969 a cylindrical piece (about one meter in diameter) washed ashore near *Marie Galante, Martinique*. Believed to be from the shroud of an Atlas booster, which had been jettisoned in the designated ocean impact area.

40. In April 1970 a metal fragment was found in the *West*

Cape area of South Africa. Believed to be part of Soviet spacecraft.

41. In July 1970 a spherical pressure vessel was found near *Lai, Chad*. Probably part of a Soviet vehicle.

42. In August 1970 five oblong pieces of steel (61 to 76 cm long, average weight 68 kg) and one flat steel plate (122 by 122 cm, weight 290 kg), fell in *Kansas, Texas and Oklahoma*. Identified as parts from Soviet Cosmos 316 launched December 23, 1969, which decayed August 28, 1970.

43. In March and April 1971 three spherical pressure vessels were found in *North Dakota*. Determined to be of US origin.

44. In April 1972 four spherical pressure vessels were found in an area near *Ashburton, New Zealand*. Probably from Soviet Cosmos 482 launched March 31, 1972, part of which decayed April 2, 1972.

Update on the collection for the French SOS-OVNI archives

The money collection for saving the *Perry Petrakis / SOS-OVNI archives* is still going on with new money coming in every week on the Swedish bank account. Negotiations with Mr. Petrakis have been going on throughout the winter and spring, and it is expected that a decision will be made this summer.

Mr. Petrakis has also negotiated with another (private) collector on the continent. This prospective buyer has now withdrawn, and AFU/SCEAU are the only remaining bidders. If we to go for a deal this is proposed to be made in co-operation with SCEAU, the French organisation aiming to save French "OVNI" collections within the French National Archives system. It is expected that a SCEAU representative will be able to view and evaluate the quantity & quality of the entire collection during August. AFU has received lists of all books and magazines in the collection.

Clas Svahn & Anders Liljegren

Abduction and contact - the 1950's style

Phillip H. Krapf: The contact has begun. The true story of a journalist's encounter with alien beings. Hay House, Carlsbad, California, 1998.

The author is a pensioned Los Angeles Times journalist (62 years old at the time of the experience). He claims he was taken, from his sleep, one night in June 1997, by aliens from the planet *Verdanta*. Brought to their gigantic space station on the other side of the moon, he sees

hundreds of other earth people being subjected to all kinds of bodily probes in a large hall.

Spared from these procedures, he is instead subjected to a three day long debriefing by the creatures, who inform him about his future special assignment. This task is to write a "white book" in preparation for Earth's upcoming open contact with the Verdants, and our planets acceptance into the Intergalactic Federation of Sovereign Planets (IFSP). Krapf is to function as a Deputy Envoy, assisting specially selected earth people who, as Ambassadors, will guide humanity through this inauguration process.

There is a timetable for earth's acceptance into the "IFSP", starting with the first public announcements by some of the ambassadors, about their first contacts with the Verdants, in 2002. These announcements will escalate into 2003 with spectacular events taking place in 2004 and 2005 to finally prove the contact even to the skeptics. *So we are right up into it – didn't you notice...?*

Be prepared! Overnight, the new city of *Genesis* will appear in the US southwest, created by the Verdants. *Genesis* will become the new centre for earth humanity's contacts with the ETs. *Hmmm, is this the embassy the Raëlians fantasise about?*

The Verdants have long since discovered that all beings are immortal souls. One of their spaceships even paid a visit to God Father himself in his Paradise. Even though the author claims to be an atheist there is a tone of salvation Christianity running through this space age tale, blended with pieces from 1950's contactee tales, like Adamski's and Antonio Villas Boas's. The author is offered a heavenly sex experience by one of the female Verdants, 800 years old but with the looks of 20. Unlike many of his earthly brothers, in such a situation, his thoughts run back to his wife, and he refuses the adventure – another trace of Christian morality in the tale.

Anders Liljegren

Recent and upcoming books

Joel Achenbach: Captured by aliens. The search for life and truth in a very large universe. August 2003, Citadel, USA, softcover, 352 pages, ISBN 0806524960.

Robert Alley: Raincoast Sasquatch. Bigfoot, Sasquatch evidence from Indian lore. July 2003, Hancock, USA, hardcover, ISBN 0888395086.

Stephen A. Arts: Mystery airships in the sky. March 2003, PublishAmerica, USA, softcover, 196 pages, ISBN 1591299462.

C. Preston Bost: Yahweh's divine war chariots. March 2003, 1st Books Library, USA, softcover, 168 pages, ISBN 1403388210.

Michael Busby: The great 1897 airship mystery. September 2003, Pelican, USA, hardcover, 400 pages, 1589801253.

David Hatcher Childress: The anti-gravity handbook. September 2003, Adventures Unlimited, USA, hardcover, 256 pages, ISBN 1931882177.

Jerome Clark: Strange skies. Pilot encounters with UFOs. June 2003, Citadel, USA, softcover, 254 pages, ISBN 0806522992.

Loren Coleman: The true story of Apes in America. April 2003, Pocket Books, USA, paperback, 288 pages, ISBN 0743469755.

William R. Corliss: Scientific anomalies and other provocative phenomena. An annotated outline of 6.000 entries. Jan 2003, The Sourcebook Project, USA, softcover, 296 pages, ISBN 0915554453.

Brenda Denzler: The lure of the edge. Scientific passions, religious beliefs and the pursuit of UFOs. 2003, University of California Press, USA, softcover (previously as hardcover), 313 pages, ISBN 0520239059. (Doctoral thesis, Duke University, originally 1998).

Ann Druffel: Firestorm. Dr. James E. McDonald's fight for UFO science. July 2003, Granite, USA, softcover, 624 pages, ISBN 0926524585.

Leo Dworshak: UFOs are with us, take my word. February 2003, Dorrance, USA, softcover, 106 pages, ISBN 0805958681. (Contactee case that has been developing since 1932.)

Leonhard Eckardt & Heiner Gehring: Flugscheiben über Peenemünde? Von den ersten Entwürfen Andreas J. Epps bis zur Flugscheibe des Wernher von Brauns. 2001, Amun Verlag, Germany, softcover A5 size, 64 pages, illustrated, ISBN 3935095171.

Leonhard Eckardt & Heiner Gehring: Flugscheiben aus der Sowjetunion? 2001, Amun Verlag, Germany, softcover A5 size, 64 pages, illustrated, ISBN 3935095147.

Joseph Andreas Epp: Die Realität der Flugscheiben. 2002, Michaels-Verlag, Germany, 179 pages, ISBN 3895396052.

Chris B. Evans: Alien conspiracy. Unravelling the UFO/alien mystery. May 2003, Alarm Clock, USA, softcover, 282 pages, ISBN 0972625909.

Heiner Gehring & Klaus P. Rothkugel: Der Flugscheibenmythos: luftfahrt- und technikgeschichtliche Aspekte eines vernachlässigten Kapitels der Aeronautik. 2001, Amun, Germany, softcover, 144 pages, ISBN 3-935095-21-X.

Enos Green: The Flying saucer and the round table. April 2003, Trafford, USA, paperback, 138 pages, ISBN 1553958268.

Will Hart: The Genesis race: our extra-terrestrial DNA and the true origins of our species. Nov. 2003, Inner Traditions, USA, paperback, 288 pages, ISBN 1591430186.

Budd Hopkins: Sight unseen. Science, UFO invisibility and transgenic beings. September 2003, Atria, USA, hardcover, 320 pages, ISBN 0743412184.

Dennis Kirstein: UFO. Anatomie eines Phänomens. Handbuch zur Erforschung unidentifizierter Flugobjekte. August 2002, BOD GmbH, Germany, softcover, ISBN 383113703X.

Lisette Larkins: Calling on extraterrestrials: 11 steps to inviting your own UFO encounters. May 2003, Hampton Roads Publ Co, USA, softcover, ISBN 1571743723.

James R. Lewis (editor): The encyclopaedic sourcebook of UFO religions. May 2003, Prometheus, USA, hardcover, 600 pages, ISBN 1573929646.

Greg Long & Kal K. Korff: The making of Bigfoot. December 2003, Prometheus, USA, hardcover, 475 pages, ISBN 1591021391

John F. Moffitt: Picturing extraterrestrials. Alien images in modern mass culture. April 2003, Prometheus, hardcover, 535 pages, ISBN 1573929905.

Christopher H. Partridge (editor): UFO religions. Aug. 2003, Routledge, USA, hardcover, 224 pages, ISBN 0415263239.

Jean-Pierre Petit: OVNI's et armes secretees americaines. January 2003, Albin Michel, France, 300 pages, ISBN 2226136169.

Gilles Pinon: Fatima – un OVNI pas comme les autres? June 2002, Osmondes, France, softcover, ISBN 2910830802.

Rapport Cometa. Les OVNI's et la defence. June 2003, Editions du Rocher, France, softcover, ISBN 2268045927.

Paul Revere (pseud.): Alien alert. April 2003, 1st Books Library, USA, hardcover, 168 pages, ISBN 1403378347.

Tamara L. Roleff: Alien abductions (fact or fiction). March 2003, Greenhaven, USA, softcover, 160 pages, ISBN 0737715901.

Rebecca Rupp: Weather: A Book About Pink Snow, Fighting Kites, Lightning Rods, Rains of Frogs, Typhoons, Tornadoes, and Ice Balls from Space. June/July 2003, hardcover / paperback, Storey Books, USA, 128 pages, ISBN 1580174698 / 1580174205.

Hans-Werner Sachmann: Operation Sigiburg. Mysteriöse Lichterscheinungen vor 1200 Jahren über Dortmund-Hohensyburg. 2002, Groß Gerau, Germany, softcover, 44 pages,

Henry Stevens: Hitler's flying saucers: A guide to German flying discs of the Second World War. March 2003, Adventures Unlimited, USA, paperback, 232 pages, ISBN 1931882134.

Bernard Thouanel: Objets volants non identifiés. L'enquête, les témoignages, les archives, les faits. June 2003, Michel LAFON Éditions, France. 352 pages.

Werner Walter: UFOs. Die unmögliche Wahrheit? December 2003, Alibri Verlag Gunnar Schedel, Germany, softcover, 350 pages, ISBN 393271024X.

Karl-Heinz Zunneck: Die totale Manipulation. UFOs sind irdische Geheimwaffen. 2002, Jochen Kopp, Germany, 192 pages.

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Donations from Hilary Evans and the Gordon Creighton's archives

During a few days in October, **Clas Svahn**, chairman of UFO-Sweden, together with the editor of UFO-Aktuellt, **Håkan Ekstrand**, went to England to bring home to Sweden a major donation. Upon arrival it turned out they would receive an additional 100 books.

By Clas Svahn

Our goal in England was to meet with **Philip Creighton**, son of the **Flying Saucer Review's** recently deceased editor, and with **Hilary Evans**. Evans had contacted us a few months before and announced he had a large collection of books and periodicals he wanted to donate to Archives for UFO Research. We knew he had one of the greatest libraries in the world about the unknown, having met with him some years ago during similar circumstances. Hilary Evans also works with what's known as the **Mary Evans Picture Library** (named after his wife who is head of the office), where he markets and sells non-copyrighted images dating back hundreds of years. This business employs twenty people.

Our journey began with us taking the car down to Gothenburg, and then by ferry through Kristiansand to Newcastle on the northeastern coast of England. We arrived in the morning on the 16th of October, and immediately started off across a hilly England, along the wall of Hadrian, and on through Cumbria, down to Preston and our meeting with Philip Creighton.

We spent one day with Philip and became good friends. An agreement of co-operation between UFO-Sweden and Flying Saucer Review was made, and we were given ample opportunities to report on the work made by us and the Archives for UFO Research. We were also able to return three compact discs with scanned images from the FSR archive; scanned from original material we'd borrowed from

Gordon Creighton at our meeting with him three years before.

FSR will continue publication

Philip Creighton has for many years been one of the main characters behind the Flying Saucer Review. Now that his father has passed away, he'll continue this work together with **Paul Whitehead**, among other people, who is an ex-journalist with a long interest in UFOs. Exactly what will happen with FSR is still uncertain, except that the publication will continue.

In the morning of the 17th we continued down to Rickmansworth, where Gordon Creighton had lived up until the time of his passing on the 16th of July, 2003. This was also the place where I and Håkan Ekstrand met and interviewed him in November 2000 (see UFO-Aktuellt 3/03). This time we'd been entrusted with the task of going through the entire house by ourselves in order to form our own opinions about the collections.

Additionally, we were allowed to take with us back to Sweden one copy of all books with duplicates; a sum that appeared to be close to one hundred once we were done going through the collection. The house of Gordon Creighton turned out to be completely filled with books, magazines, and papers from his many years of UFO interest and editing the FSR. Simply trying to describe what we saw can almost not be done.

Put simply, we spent eight hours trying to go through the collections, a time during which we merely began scratching the surface of it all. Except for Gordon Creighton's own study and a glazed-in porch, which were both filled with material, we also investigated a shed out in the yard, that turned out to be packed with boxes of material, and a crammed room on the second floor, plus a library up in the attic. Besides all this, books were to be found in every hall and on every floor.

We also had time, with the help of **Howard Raimbach**, who is in charge of the FSR's subscriptions, to visit the Loudwater Farm,

located on the outskirts of Rickmansworth. This is the place where FSR keeps back issues of the periodical. Unfortunately, only the volumes of the last fifteen years are kept there. The earliest volumes have long ago been lost. The storage space wasn't the best, exposed as it was to moist, which may seriously damage the issues stored there. Once we returned back to the hotel in the evening we came to the realisation that we hadn't eaten anything since breakfast, having had only some chocolate and a cup of tea.

Despite all the hours of hard work in the house, we still had only seen a small part of the entire material. That made us feel somewhat bewildered.

Mary Evans Picture Library

Next day, on Sunday the 19th, we got back in the car and drove the M25 down, passed London, to its suburb Lewisham (which these days really has become part of the city), where we met Hilary Evans in his large and beautiful house. Hilary Evans has become famous for his books *"Vision, Apparitions, Alien Visitors"* and *"Gods, Spirits, Cosmic Guardians"*, that both deal with sightings of beings seen from a wider perspective. He also recently published a book about ghosts entitled *"Seeing Ghosts"*.

He's extremely knowledgeable and possesses what is more of a library than it is a house. On one of the top floors there's an entire room with UFO literature, and here Hilary Evans had gathered about 300 books and more than one thousand magazines that we carried down to the car. Since we still had some room left, we went up to the

attic and filled some more boxes with books and magazines. When every space was taken we had about 400 books in the car.

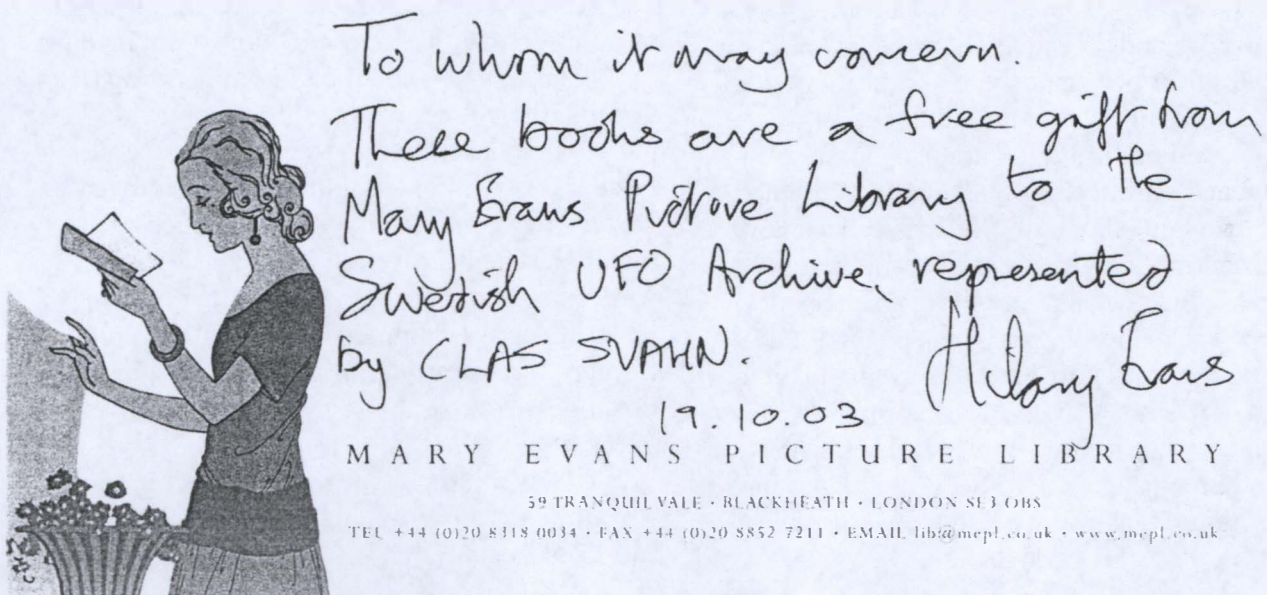
Before we left this sympathetic gentleman we headed over to the Picture Library located in an old People's Palace a few blocks away. It's a fascinating feeling to wander about, among all the books and images in this old building. Here one can find hundreds of thousands of images and engravings, paintings and prints. Bound volumes of periodicals and magazines fill up the walls. We left some contributions: bound volumes of Swedish illustrated weekly publications from the end of the 19th and the early 20th centuries. The Picture Library has an endless amount of exciting things to show to anyone with a fortan interest, since Hilary and Mary Evans love their work and once started the business in order to meet their own collecting mania.

A packed car

Once we left England my Toyota Camry Touring was crammed, even the space where the passenger keeps his feet was taken. The proceeds of the trip were more than we could ever imagine. Back for AFU we had just over 500 books, and approximately a couple of thousand magazines and booklets in many different languages.

Anyone interested in learning more about this new collection added to the Archives in Norrköping, visit the Archives' own webpage on <http://www.afu.info> where information will be posted.

Translation by Stefan Isaksson.



Book cataloguing mania – or, my life as a “UFO librarian” By Anders Liljegren

To enter the 21st century has meant a major boost for the **AFU reference library**. From 78 new titles/editions catalogued in year 1999 and 111 in 2000, acquisitions rose to 221 in 2001, to no less than 743 in 2002 and to a record of 776 in 2003. I have spent the past years thumbing through thousands of UFO-related books. It's been an interesting (and frustrating) journey! I just wish I had had the time to read only 10 % of them!

The **Hilary Evans** donation in October 2003 (see the previous article by Clas Svahn) has contributed, without comparison, *the* largest number of new titles for the library, 354 new editions, plus another 60-70 “second or third” copies of previously catalogued titles. The AFU library aims to save *three copies of each title*, unless there are two or more similar editions (for instance an American *plus* a British edition, or, one edition in hardback *and* another as a paperback) of exactly the same text. In the latter case we aim only for *two copies* of each edition.

Extra copies, beyond the 2-3 copies that are kept, are sold through our own www.afu.info homepage, and on www.eBay.com. The Evans' donation provided us with very, very few books in the latter category, so it was sort of a “95 % hit”. Of *new* titles donated by Evans, six were in Dutch, 86 in English (*59 of which from the USA, 14 from the UK, 9 from Italy*), 45 in French, five in German, 26 in Italian, one in Japanese, 13 in Portuguese, seven in Polish, and no less than 207 in Spanish! A few Russian, and a Greek title, called for transcribing of the titles by “consultants” so they are catalogued as “late” newcomers in 2004.

Aside from the Evans collection many books and booklets, since 2000, have come from Ole Jonny Braenne (260 new), the heirs of **Bruno R. Ericsson** (142), the **Gordon Creighton** collection (37), and **Loren Gross** (also 37).

During the winter of 2002-2003 I spent many days and hours in the library, checking the entire book inventory against “the reality” in the shelves. Many previously uncatalogued items, such as books on *parapsychology* and *esoteric aspects*, *channelling*, *science fiction*, and *popular science* were now inventoried for the first time.

These books had been dormant in an “aside” collection for many years.

The outer borderline for what we take into “the cat” has widened, considerably. We are saving literature on every aspect of UFO- and UFO-related folklore, not just the books we may have decided on as being “serious”, or “scientific”. If a future researcher needs to study the connection between, say, *theosophy* and *UFO cults*, we *do* need to save, in the open, basic books that touch on both these subjects, without, of course, becoming a specialised library on theosophy. UFO-related books are actively sought, books “in the outskirts” are catalogued whenever they become available.

2003 was a memorable year also in the sense that, *for the first time*, we could actively buy new and used books on, *sort of*, our own “media budget”. We were no longer completely dependent on *direct donations*, but have been able *to choose items of our own liking* from the open market. Donations of money from *UFO-Sweden*, from the sale of **Stefan Isaksson's** UFO cult dissertation through **Arcturus Books**, brought twenty fresh titles into our library, and donations by crime novel author **Liza Marklund** has made it possible to add no less than 276 new titles into our roster – so far.

Acquisitions from Marklund's money, combined with our own sales on eBay, will continue to make it possible, *within reasonable limits*, to buy items & collections that we want to see preserved, when money is a part of the picture, *as sometimes it is*. It may also enable us to build a small fund for future acquisitions, not saying that *the main principle* for us is still, primarily, to *accept items as donations*.

The 2002-2003 collection of money for the French **SOS-OVNI archives** brought in more than 5.000 US\$, money that are still resting on our bank account. We have, so far, been unable to reach a reasonable value-for-money deal with the seller. If this is not possible soon, there may be other collections that are equally (or even more) worthy of being preserved.

The Evans collection changed the Anglo-American-Scandinavian tilt of our catalogue. Of the 4.883 titles we have catalogued as-per-today, 788 are from Sweden (16%), 332 from the other Scandinavian countries (7 %), 2.004 items were published in the US (41 %), 857 in the United Kingdom (18 %), *a sum total of 82 %*. We have

just about 127 titles (2,6 % of our collection) that were published in France and 171 (3,5 %) published in Germany, meaning we may be interested in acquiring collections in those languages. The 231 we have in Spanish (from Spain, Mexico and Latin America) represent almost 5 % of our collection, yet probably just a tiny speck of what has rolled out of printers in these areas of the world. The 47 titles in Italian (less than 1 %) would be excusable knowing that the Italians are into their own preservation program with a newly established CISU archive in Torino.

Although, as yet, unbalanced by country and languages, *we know of no other attempt, anywhere in the world, to try to augment a truly international collection of this scope*. Americans tend to regard 'the world' as being the land area between the Atlantic and the Pacific Oceans, or, as the people who speak or write English. There are few *open, specialised, catalogued UFO book collections* in the world, if any.

The academic world (at least in our small Nordic country) works with "liability libraries", that is national/international collections that specialise in one (sometimes rather *narrow*) area where they try to become *the best*. In this way, huge parts of our literature & our research efforts as a human race, *are saved by someone, somewhere*. In Sweden, we have 6-7 university libraries, who, by law, receive free copies of everything printed, and two copies (*of this newsletter, too!*) should always be sent to the Royal Library in Stockholm.

But...who preserves 'ufology' in the broad sense? I made a check of the CSICOP library catalog (www.csicop.org) and found a rather meagre (and very slanted) collection of UFO-related literature.

In our vision, *AFU would become something like an international "liability library" for UFO-related research*. A place where publishers, authors, editors and organisations – world-wide – would freely place one or two copies of their media for cataloguing, and future preservation. No war, or major terrorist act, has happened in Sweden for more than two centuries so, of all possible places to choose for a preservation programme, this may be one of the *safest*. With a simple copier, a scanner, and today's Internet communications, this would become an effective player in the field. And we are already there, in

part. In the past year AFU has made dozens of deals for *copying, exchanges* and/or *selling surplus* research materials.

A look at the Ufocode statistics for titles acquired in the last three years (2002-2004) show that out of 1.564 new books, booklets etc. 264 were concerned with what we classified as "O" subjects: *Official policies & investigations of sightings in different areas of the globe, opinion and media*. The second largest classification was "C": *Contacts & communication with aliens*, which includes *contactee & abductee lore and cases of channelled contacts with "space beings"*, represented by 230 titles. The largest chunks here was *America (North)*, "OA", with 72 titles, *Psychic contacts*, "CP", 92 titles, *Abductions*, "CA", 49 titles, and *Contactee cases & claims (physical contacts)*, "CC", with 47.

Natural sciences & natural explanations for UFO reports, "N", tally 155 titles; *Science, scientists & philosophy of science*, "S", 88 books, and, *behavioural & social sciences (psychology, psychiatry, sociology)*, "B", 29 titles. In these groups, literature on *Astronomy and astronomical explanations* ("NA"), accounted for 62 books, *debunking*, ("SD"), for 13 titles, and literature focusing on *hypnosis* ("BPH") for 15 books & booklets.

Of the more "ufological" sub-divisions we find *General aspects of UFOs, UFO cases* ("G") with 150 titles, *Historical sightings & waves (pre-1947 phenomena)* ("H"), counting 17 titles; *Theories on origin & intent of UFOs*, ("T"), counting 68, and *Ufology, UFO research community, UFO research methodology*, ("U"), with 64 catalogued works. 15 books focused on *Crashes & retrievals* ("GC"), eight of them on *Roswell* ("GCXR"), while 13 books were mostly concerned with *USOs, submarine objects*, "GU", to name but a few of the sub-categories. This latter group mainly involves Swedish literature on submarine violations of our coasts during the 1980s.

Of the "T" books, the most involved *religious & "demonological" theories* ("TR") and *folkloric theories* ("TF"), 20 books each, *time travellers* ("TT"), 8 books, and *Nazi secret weapons* ("TSN"), 4 books. 16 books were essentially regional & local *analyses of a particular geographical area* ("UAG"), with

areas from Martebo in Sweden and Hessdalen in Norway to West Virginia, represented.

Parapsychology, paranormal aspects, occultism & esoterism, ("P"), accounted for 169 books, *Religion, religious & philosophical aspects & cult groups*, ("R"), counted 26, and *Fortean phenomena* ("F"), ended with 49 titles. 16 books concerned ghosts & apparitions ("PG") and 39 occultism & esoteric aspects ("PO"). Books published on, or by, more or less UFO-related cults ("RC") accounted for 15 books.

Finally, *Literature & library, including fiction literature*, ("L"), counted 166, with the important sub-group "LB", *bibliographies*, counting 12 and "LFS", science fiction with UFO motif, counting no less than 70 titles.

Design & propulsion, technical aspects & theories, ("D"), gathered 53 titles and *Ancient cultures, archaeology & ancient myths*, ("A"), collected 59 titles. Ufology involved almost all aspects of human life!

Recent and upcoming books

- "Books that would find a home in the AFU library"

Per Andersen: SUFOIs historie 1975-2000. 2003, SUFOI, Gentofte, Denmark, 240 pages + CD-ROM. (Official history of the Danish UFO organization SUFOI; available in the AFU library).

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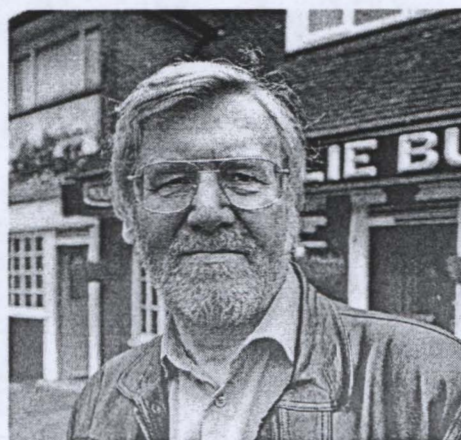
Great new donations from Hilary Evans, John Rimmer, the 'Fortean Times' editors, and others

Along with several domestic Swedish donations AFU has also secured a number of great international donations in 2004. By exchange with *Rod B. Dyke*, who manages the American counterpart *Archives for UFO Research*, we received 60 kilos (or 659 items), which are 100 % new acquisitions, mainly American-published magazines, such as the *UFO Newsclipping Service* (once founded by Rod) and originals and copies of the *Fortean Society's* magazine *Doubt*, published by *Tiffany Thayer*. The boxes also included many early issues of *Fate Magazine*, including the very first (and costly) issue from 1948.

Clas Svahn, *Mikael Sjöberg* and *Anders Persson* from UFO-Sweden travelled to the UK in November to get another carload of materials for AFU. The (continued) delivery from *Hilary Evans* & his *Mary Evans Picture Library* (MEPL) included another huge batch of magazines and books. Among many other fantastic items: a complete bound collection of volumes 1-12 of the US *UFO Magazine* (edited by *Vicky Cooper*), a huge box of *Loren Gross's* publications (UFO's: a history), and 1000's of photo originals not needed at MEPL (because of their digitalization) and many, many other things from countries near and afar, so neatly plugging many holes in the AFU collection.

The UFO-Sweden gang also visited *Magonia* editor *John Rimmer*, where they secured another large collection of UFO-related magazines, such as *Zetetic Scholar*, *Inforespace*, *Phenomenes Spatiaux*, *Clypeus*, *The Skeptic*, *Strange Daze*, *Specula*, *Data-Net* (bound early volumes), *Artifex* and, of course the *Merseyside UFO Bulletin* and *Magonia*. The Evans, Rimmer and Dyke magazine collections have all been sorted and added to our database, ready for updating

our website during 2005. Please look there for further details!



John Rimmer

While in the UK, Clas and his colleagues also met *Paul Sieveking* and *Bob Rickard*, editors supreme of the *Fortean Times*. By some unfortunate happenstance AFU had, recently, not managed to renew our FT subscription (active since the mag once was called *The News*), but a sizeable heap of recent FT magazines and FT-published books, donated by the editors, will now complete our collection here.

The most recent donation came from AFU board member *Håkan Blomqvist* in January 2005. He has donated five 'banana boxes' full of UFO-related materials, including at least one meter of new books and pamphlets that will make nice additions to our library.

215 news stories in 2004

The Swedish news media printed 215 articles relating to UFOs during 2004. This according to the statistical report received from *Observer*, AFU's provider of Swedish clippings. The number of articles decreased from 259 in 2003 but increased slightly from the all-time-low in 2002: just 208 articles.

The most active newspapers were *Nordvästra Skånes Tidningar* (12 articles), *Dagens Nyheter* (11), *Helsingborgs Dagblad* (11) and *Värmlands Folkblad* (9). The high numbers for these papers are explained by UFO-Sweden chairman *Clas*

Svahn contributing regular UFO & mystery columns in *Dagens Nyheter*, the UFO-Sweden field investigation summer project written about by *Värmlands Folkblad* and the death of south-Swedish UFO experimenter Gösta "the Pollen King" Carlsson (*Nordvästra* and *Helsingborgs Dagblad* are both local papers in the area where he lived.).

Observer also offers continuous monitoring of radio, TV & internet media but AFU does not have the resources for such a subscription.

Contactee Wayne Aho and the Oct. 1965 Swedish "sky train"

On Friday the 29th of October, 1965, thousands of Swedes watched a glowing object as it moved across the evening sky, from the south to the north. Many likened it to "bus with windows", or a train. The editor-in-chief of Dagens Nyheter (a major Swedish newspaper) described the object as having "sailed on with a majestic calm".

By Clas Svahn

Translation by Stefan Isaksson

Several employees of the weather bureau, who were out gathering their nightly report at 19:00, saw it, as did colleagues in Germany and Switzerland. Parts of Sweden had an overcast, which became obvious when the reports were analysed. To many it remained a mystery, though. The strange phenomenon has now, finally, been given an explanation.

It was shortly before 7 p.m. on a dark October evening. The apartment of *Diana Berglöf* was buzzing with questions and speculations. Almost ninety people had come together in the apartment on Eriksbergsgatan 14, Stockholm; they had gathered to listen to one of the most famous contactees of the time, American Major *Wayne Aho*.

Suddenly someone yells from the balcony. From the fourth floor the view to the north and west is pristine. Something unknown can be seen, cruising across the sky.

- People flocked on the balcony, *Ernst Linder* says. I remember being afraid that it wouldn't be able to support them all.

Linder was at the time president in *the Ifological Association* (a contactee oriented Stockholm UFO group), and present at the scene.

What they saw made everybody catch their breath.

- Everyone ran outside, except Aho, who didn't even bother looking. "*This happens all the time along my route*", he said. Seen crossing the sky was something that resembled a train with its compartment windows lighted up.

The event was no surprise, even to *Sten Lindgren*, Sweden's most famous UFO contactee, who was also present in the apartment that night. In his book "*Dialog med kosmisk kultur*" (eng. "Dialogue with cosmic culture"), Lindgren tells the story of how another contactee, this one being anonymous, had been told in advance of how *The Cosmic Brotherhood* was to exercise a large-scale test over Sweden at 7 p.m., October 29th. The test was to be a grand overflight, and Lindgren estimated the altitude of the "beamships" to be approximately 200 meters above sea level.

Not only dedicated believers watched the strange train, however, as it moved across the sky. Large parts of southern Sweden had bright weather or scattered clouds, while northern Sweden was completely clouded. Several pilots sighted it, among others the crews of planes on their way to Oslo from Gothenburg, from Stockholm to Malmö, as well as a mechanic on a SAS flight from Luleå to Stockholm.

Photo of the "train"

One person, only, managed to document the event for the afterworld.

The location is Villagatan in downtown Södertälje. I'm standing outside number 27 in the company of *Erik Ehnmark*, looking west-southwest. This is where the strange light appeared at seven p.m. almost on the dot, Friday October 29, 1965.

- I was standing out here in the street, on my way to a meeting with the photo club. I had my *Leica* camera hanging around my neck, when I suddenly discovered a white light coming from the south and heading north. It moved fairly slow, and I initially managed to snap a few pictures that didn't turn out at all. However, I then leaned against a lamppost and let the object pass above me. That turned out to be a great tactic.

- It disappeared behind the houses, only to suddenly reappear. I thought it looked like a whole bunch of objects, like a coherent group, that slowly passed across the sky. On the last

picture you can see how it disappears away from me, how it gets a steeper angle and shorter tail. I guess I watched it for a total of twenty seconds or a little longer.

The next day *Ehnmark* called *Dagens Nyheter* and told of his photograph. He was received with great enthusiasm. The pictures were published on the cover page of the Sunday edition under the headline: "*Great optical illusion tricked spectators to celestial phenomenon*".

The days following the event, the newspapers were filled with colourful descriptions. Most famous of them all is the one by *Olof Lagercrantz*, editor-in-chief of *Dagens Nyheter*. Under the headline "*Thought it to be dreamlike*", he described how he, a few minutes to seven p.m., on *Karlbergsvägen*, Stockholm, saw something he initially thought to be a rocket, but later changed his mind to "*a giant airplane*":

"It then passed the northern side of Karlbergsvägen and now it more resembled a train with its windows lit. The outlines were very sharp."

Sources tell of others who managed to document the event, such as *Göte Åsberg* in *Borlänge*, who observed it from inside his car on his way to his summer house in *Torsång*. According to an article in *Dala-Demokraten* Åsberg managed to get hold of his camera and document the event, but today the film is lost. When I, a few years ago, contacted the deceased's family, I was told the photo had been thrown away.

Headlines such as "*An armada of jets*", "*Invasion from Mars yesterday?*" and "*Crashing satellite?*" show how the questions outnumbered the answers. The phenomenon was also visible from the Norwegian town of *Lillehammer*. That the glowing object finally started to fall apart in smaller and smaller pieces is confirmed by reports from further up the east coast of Sweden. In *Söderhamn* a witness saw how seven glowing pieces exploded into even smaller parts, and from the Baltic island of *Öland* an air-traffic controller reported glowing pieces had passed at 7:01 pm and disappeared in the north-east.

The entire trip over Sweden lasted four minutes, from 6:58 to 19:02 p.m., and the object moved at a very high altitude. It wasn't a mere 200 metres, nor was it a group of "beamships".

The answer to the riddle can be found in *Special Report #214* published by *Smithsonian*

Institution Astrophysical Observatory on 10 June, 1966. The *Scandinavian UFO Information* (SUFOI) of Copenhagen recently donated a copy of this report to Archives for UFO Research.

The 38 page long report dealt with one single issue: How satellite 1965-79A entered the Earth's atmosphere and disintegrated over northern Europe. The date: 29 October, 1965. Time: 7:00 p.m.

The "glowing train" sighted over Sweden on October 29, was a crashing American spy satellite. Known as 1965-79A, the satellite, weighing 1500 kilos, was launched from an American base on October 5. It's trajectory, which made it pass the former Soviet Union, together with its short lifespan, indicates that it was, most likely, a spy satellite which on an altitude of 203 kilometres was to photograph Soviet military installations.

Due to reasons missing from the documents, a group of west-European scientists were warned and prepared to follow the last minutes of the crashing satellite. A network of observers was arranged along its course, which went from Switzerland across Germany and into Denmark.

There was no pre-informed Swedish observer. The first glimpse of the dying satellite was registered over *Zurich, Switzerland*, where it could be seen as a sharply glowing ball, with no tail, for half a minute. Its speed was so great that it proved impossible to capture it with a theodolite, the observer writes.

A fraction of a second later 1965-79A appears over *Rodewisch, Germany*, close to the border of the Czech Republic. The time is then 5:55 p.m. universal time or 6:55 p.m. Swedish time. "The object could be seen with the naked eye almost all the way to the northern horizon where it disappeared in haze", professor *E. Penzel* writes in the report.

Thirty seconds later, around 6:57 p.m. Swedish time, the satellite passed *Berlin* where it was observed for about one minute, glowing considerably stronger than Venus and having a tail reaching longer than twenty degrees. Its height was then around 91 kilometres.

At 7:00 p.m. it passes *Copenhagen*, and several independent observers watch as it falls into at least ten separate pieces and is consumed in fire. 1965-79A is now on an altitude of 82 kilometres over sea level and heading straight towards Sweden.

The deeper into the Earth's atmosphere the satellite reaches, the more its speed is reduced. The satellite has now been seen travelling almost 1000 kilometres. "*Everyone states how it was a very spectacular sight*", the report says laconically.

During the four minutes when the satellite is entering, passing, and leaving Swedish airspace its altitude decreases from 79 kilometres to barely 20 kilometres. After that, it practically drops down vertically. According to the report, possible parts of the satellite fell into the *Gulf of Bothnia*, somewhere west of *Vasa*, Finland.

The data is confirmed by a list of launched and crashed rockets and satellites published by the *TRW Space & Electronics group*. According to the list, a satellite known as 1965-79A weighing 1.5 tons, burned up in the Earth's atmosphere on 29 October, 1965. Its trajectory was 75.1 degrees towards the equator with gave it a south-west-to-north-easterly course, which is exactly what the Swedish and foreign observers described. A 40 years old enigma has finally got its solution.

Sources: Phone interview with *Ernst Linder*, September 21, 2004; *Sten Lindgren*: "Dialog med kosmisk kultur" (Regnbågsförlaget 1997), pp.24-26; "Var himlafenomenet i oktober ett ymdskepp från en främmande värld?", *Sökaren* 1/66; p.4; Information from the National Weather Bureau; GHT October 30, 1965; Svenska Dagbladet October 30, 1965; p.6; Dagens Nyheter October 30, 1965; p.8; Taped interview with *Erik Ehnmark* on the site of where he took his photographs, August 25, 2000; Dagens Nyheter October 30, 1965; p.10; Dala-Demokraten October 30, 1965; p.11; Aftenposten November 1, 1965; p.12; Telegram from the Swedish Central News Agency published in *Borås Tidning* October 30, 1965; p.14; William P. Hirst: "The decay of satellite 1965-79A" (Smithsonian Institute June 10 1966); TRW Space Log 1996, p.94.

Book reviews

Debunked! ESP, telekinesis, and other pseudosciences. Georges Charpak & Henri Broch. The Johns Hopkins University Press.

Georges Charpak, the 1992 Nobel Prize winner in physics, and *Henri Broch*, winner of the Distinguished Skeptic Award from The Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal (CSICOP), have together written a book about the art of being a skeptic.

It is not the first book in the genre, but it's a quite pleasant read, even though it's not by far the best book ever written about the specific topic. Objectively, thoroughly (and once in a while quite funny), the authors discuss different topics and phenomena that, for the believers, are truly paranormal, but to the skeptic are nothing but lies, illusions, fakes, or simply very normal

matters. Through a messed up media such stories are given the impression of being more remarkable than they really are.

The authors willingly admit that they, despite their great knowledge and long experience, do not have all the answers. But, they are indeed hardcore skeptics and rationally explain things such as astrology, telepathy, spoon bending, levitation, et cetera.

Which is all nice and dandy, but, something is still wrong with the book. Once in a while it's just plain boring with endless mathematical formulas and calculations, and certain topics are thoroughly described while others are, more or less, just mentioned briefly. The largest problem is, however, how the authors completely forget one factor: namely the human.

Many people who rely, for instance, on astrology, live a perfectly happy life doing so. But the authors appear to be completely ignorant to that. Instead, they mercilessly ridicule every single one who believes in matters that established science cannot, or will not, rationally explain.

At the end they start writing about terrible nightmare scenarios which are certain to happen if more and more people start believing in irrational and unscientific ideas. The end of the world is near (the authors seem to think), unless mankind starts acting like devoted skeptics, and the only religion worth believing is *Science*.

This more or less *fanatical* propaganda for critical thinking and the excellence of science destroys what could instead have been a great book.

Stefan Isaksson

Dreamland: A novel of the UFO cover-up. Hilary Hemingway & Jeffry P. Lindsay. Tom Doherty Associates Book.

MJ-12, Roswell, alien abductions, missing time, hypnotic therapy, extraterrestrial/human hybrids, captured aliens, conspiracies to the left and to the right; all this and more can be found in "Dreamland", written by Ernest Hemingway's niece and her husband, and published in 1995.

The heritage from *Hemingway* is very apparent from the first to the last page, even though Hilary and her husband never are even close to Ernest's literary achievements. The sentences are often short, descriptions of the environment are few and insufficient. More than once the text feels extremely unrealistic when the most spectacular

events imaginable are met with not much more than a shrug of the shoulders from the main characters.

Writing fiction about the supernatural and the paranormal is a difficult art to master, and Hemingway and Lindsay fail miserably from page one. Any reader with basic knowledge in UFO history will recognize much from the story. The excitement is therefore somewhat killed, since it's often not very hard to figure out what will happen next. At the end the story is twisted quite interestingly, however, which doesn't take away the fact that the rest of the story has been extremely dull.

But this is, again, if the reader has previous knowledge of UFO history. For the "normal" reader, who has never heard of things taken for granted by skeptical ufologists, the book is sure to offer several interesting moments.

Hemingway & Lindsay have used more or less everything offered by less sceptical ufologists and added a story about a man and his wife who are caught in the line of fire between the American military and peaceful extra-terrestrials.

The main problem with the book is that it just feels *uninspired*. The sections about alien abductions feel as if they were taken right out of any of Budd Hopkins' books. The argumentation regarding the Roswell incident is just plainly awful. Credibility is reduced, and thus the entire reading experience is ruined. This is too bad, because a skilled author is very likely to have been able to make something good out of the whole mess.

Stefan Isaksson

Exopolitics – Political Implications of the Extraterrestrial Presence. Michael E. Salla. Dandelion Books.

Right from the start, *Salla* makes sure the reader knows what the deal is: the universe is filled with numerous extraterrestrial life forms, many of whom have visited and are still visiting Earth. More or less every single politician and anyone in power (at least in the U.S.) are aware of this. All major political decisions taken since the end of WWII have been directly, or indirectly, the result of the extraterrestrial presence on Earth.

This is a strange book. Salla claims to have both a PhD and a Master's Degree and to have held great positions at American universities, still the book is an amazing example of how to write something that is the completely opposite

to anything remotely close to scholarly, objective, critical, and interesting. Salla is never critical of any source, whatsoever. He doesn't hesitate to use bizarre Internet postings as reliable evidence.

There is no stopping Salla in his exploration of the "truth". If indeed everything he describes and claims to be the truth really **is** the truth, then the history of the entire 20th century, indeed the history of mankind, must be rewritten.

"Normal" conspiracy theories such as The Philadelphia Experiment and MJ-12 are, obviously, taken for granted, but also ancient astronauts and mysterious reptilian humanoids living under the surface of the Earth. Everything we think we know of as a hoax, a lie, is a cover constructed by different "secret governments" around the world in an attempt to keep the greater masses ignorant of the extra-terrestrial existence.

Even the most bizarre of bizarre ideas are very possible to Salla. For instance: in the final days of World War II, the German elite, helped by extraterrestrials, fled to the Antarctic. Living there in underground bases; the Cold War was a scam that really was all about which super power could gain the most knowledge from the extraterrestrials.

The rearmament programme during the Reagan era was initiated in order to build up a defence system against evil extraterrestrials; all sorts of non-Earthlings have infiltrated mankind's many institutions. The on-going war in Iraq is really about finding ancient extraterrestrial technology buried in the sand since the days of the Sumerians.

Salla uses such questionable sources as *Philip Corso*, *William Cooper*, and *David Icke*, and the before-mentioned Internet postings. True, he sometimes admits the sources might be doubtful, but at the same time insists that a channelled message from an extraterrestrial, or an alleged alien abduction, constitute perfect evidence.

Still, even the worst of books can be funny to read sometimes. In this book this is truly the case, and from time to time it is really quite entertaining to read the, *to say the least*, bizarre "explanations" to everything that has happened in the modern era.

The Skeptic will be even more skeptic, and the Believer will believe ever more passionately when the book is done. When Salla, at the end,

says that the extraterrestrials haven't shown themselves publicly yet since mankind is not "ready", it all feels like any other New Age book. One is told one has to increase ones "spirituality" in order to attract those mysterious beings the politicians are all too aware about.

Stefan Isaksson

Recent and upcoming books

- "Books that would find a home in the AFU library"

Miguel Alcibar Cuello: Controversias tecnocientíficas y medios de comunicación: el caso de la clonación humana y los raelianos en El País. 2004, Universidad de Sevilla, Spain. (Doctoral thesis on the Realian movement at the faculty for Communication).

Americo Albarran Melgarejo: El medio geográfico de Las Salinas, las múltiples propiedades medicinales y estéticas de sus lagunas y la creencia popular en la vista de los OVNI. 2003, Lima, Peru, 225 pages, ISBN unknown.

Neil Badmington: Alien chic: posthumanism and the other within. Nov 2004, Routledge, USA, softcover, 203 pages, ISBN 0415310237. ("...sets out to provide a cultural history of the alien since the 1950s, asking why our attitudes to aliens have changed from fear to affection...")

Robert E. Bartholomew & Hilary Evans: Panic attacks. Media manipulation and mass delusion. 2004, Sutton Publishing, UK, hardcover, 222 pages, ISBN 0-7509-3785-8. (Chapters on the Halley comet, the Orson Welles radio show and other 'media monsters'. A copy has been donated to AFU by Hilary Evans).

Gary Bates: Alien intrusion: UFOs and the evolution connection. Expected Febr 2005, Master Books, USA, softcover, 424 pages, ISBN 0890514356. (Yet another Christian (and Australian) creationist's view of all the strange 'demonic' phenomena we record at this time of the End...?).

Greg Bishop: Project Beta: the story of Paul Bennewitz, national security, and the creation of a modern UFO myth. Expected Febr. 2005, Paraview Pocket Books, paperback, 288 pages, ISBN 0743470923.

Björn Borg: Tähtitieteilijät ja ufot. 2004. UFO-Finland, Jyväskylä, Finland, softcover, 271 pages, ISBN 951-98374-3-4. (Details on <http://www.ufofinland.org/>. Click on "Kirjat" (Books)).

Peter Bros: Let's talk flying saucers. How crackpot ideas are blinding us to reality and leading us to extinction. Nov 2003, FBP, USA, softcover, 293 pages, ISBN 1930091001.

Larry W. Bryant: UFO politics at the White House: citizens rally 'round Jimmy Carter's promise. Nov 2004, Galde Press, USA, softcover, ISBN 1931942226. (AFU got a copy of this. Nothing more substantial than letters from the public, criticizing Jimmy Carter for not standing up to his public promise of letting the UFO secrets out).

Ricardo Campo Pérez: Luces en los cielos. Todo lo que siempre quiso saber sobre los ovnis. 2003, Editorial Benchomo, Santa Cruz de Tenerife, 231 pages, ISBN 84-95657-97-8. Foreword by Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos.

Bruno Cardenosa: La invasión OVNI. La evidencia que los gobiernos oculta. June 2004, Nowtilus, Madrid, Spain, hardcover, 355 pages, ISBN 8497630106.

Ángel Carretero Olmedo: Humanoides en Conil. Estudio sobre un caso polémico. Nov. 2004, Biblioteca Camille Flammarion, Fundación Anomalia, Santander, Spain. (Investigation of a Spanish humanoid case similar to the Russian Voronesh case of 1989).

Bill Chalker: Hair of the alien. DNA and other forensic evidence for alien abductions. Expected July 2005, Paraview Pocket Books, USA, paperback, 192 pages, ISBN 0743492862.

Dwight Connelly (editor): The world's best UFO cases. 2004, privately published, softcover, 240 pages, no ISBN known. (Editor of MUFON UFO Journal has collected some of the best UFO reports from the magazine).

William R. Corliss: Science frontier II: more anomalies and curiosities of nature. 2004, The Sourcebook Project, Glen Arm, Maryland, large softcover, 338 pages, ISBN unknown. (Not yet announced on the Project's own website, nor on Amazon.com, but available from Arcturus Book Service).

Wyatt Cox: UFO and Bigfoot sightings in Alabama: a listing and examination of selected sightings. Febr 2004, Booklocker, softcover, 132 pages, ISBN 1591134706.

David J. Daegling: Bigfoot exposed. An anthropologist examines America's enduring legend. 2005, Rowman & Littlefield, USA, hardcover, 276 pages, hardcover, ISBN 0759105383. (72 USD asked for this hardcover! - paperback to follow in Jan. 2005 at about USD 25 - we say that's the normal price of a hardcover!)

Preston Dennett: UFOs over California: a true history of extraterrestrial encounters in The Golden State. Dec 2004, Schiffer Publ, USA, softcover, 224 pages, ISBN 0764321498.

Edamex: OVNI's: secretos que matan. April 2004, Edamex, Editores Asociados Mexicanos. Mexico, hardcover, ISBN 9684099215. ("UFOs: secrets that kill")

Joaquim Fernandez: O imaginário na cultura portuguesa. Do fim da Modernidade até meados do século XIX. 2004, Universidade do Porto, Portugal. (Doctoral thesis in History).

Frank Feschino: The Braxton County Monster: The cover-up of the Flatwoods monster revealed. 2004, Quarrier Press, Charleston, West Virginia, 350 pages, hardcover. (14 years of investigation into the Flatwoods, West Virginia monster saga, including U.S. Air Force involvement and a purported UFO crash on the same day. More info on: www.flatwoodsmonster.com)

Raymond E. Fowler: SynchroFile: amazing personal encounters with synchronicity and other strange phenomena. May 2004, iUniverse, USA, softcover, 282 pages, ISBN 0595315895. (... "compiles the results of research into Jungian psychology, the New Physics and study of a ten-year diary of personal and family experiences..." - www.nicap.org/ray.htm)

Margaret-Ellen Fry: Who are they? Oct 2004, the author, available from P O Box 197, Rhyl LL18 1AA, North Wales, UK, GBP 14.00 plus p & p.

Thierry Gaulin: Le phénomène OVNI du temps présent aux temps passés. 2004, Editions Lacour, 180 pages, ISBN unknown.

Merry Eleanor George: The social myth as structural rhetoric: A model for analyzing the rhetorical texts of the Heaven's Gate cult. 2003, University of Southern Mississippi, USA, 180 pages. (PdD thesis).

Joseph Glapa: New ideas about the birth, the life and the death of a planet, and of a satellite... The gravitational engine. 2004, the author, France, 42 pages, downloadable in from: <http://nouvelle-astronomie.chez.tiscali.fr/>

Michael Godhe: Morgondagens experter. 2003, Carlssons, Stockholm, Sweden, softcover, 283 pages, ISBN 91-7203-550-1. (Ph.D. dissertation at the University of Linköping that centers on science fiction and touches on UFO contactee groups of the 1950s).

Ed Gorman: UFO files. July 2004, I Books/ Marvel, USA, paperback, 320 pages, ISBN 0743487427. (Once again, seemingly, the UFO subject kidnapped by a gang of simple SF authors...)

Peter Guttilla: Contact with beings of light. The amazing true story of Dorothy Wilkinson-Izatt. May 2003, Timeless Voyager Press, USA, softcover, 152 pages, ISBN 1892264137. (Contactee story with films)

Richard H. Hall: Alien invasion or human fantasy? The 1966-67 UFO wave. June 2004, Fund for UFO Research, Mt Rainier, Maryland, softcover, 152 pages, no known ISBN. (can be ordered through www.fufor.com).

Olav Hammer: På spaning efter helheten. New Age – en ny folketro? 2004, Wahlström & Widstrand, Stockholm, hardcover, 389 pages, ISBN 91-46-20335-4. (Includes a chapter on UFO religions, expanded edition of a book from 1997)

Kim Möller Hansen: UFO-vision nr. 8. March 2003, SUFOI, Copenhagen, booklet, 56 pages, ISBN 87-87628-84-8. (A welcome back to this Danish yearbook, last published in 1999).

Brian Hicks: Ghost ship. The mysterious true story of the Mary Celeste and her missing crew. June 2004, Ballantine, harcover, 304 pages, ISBN 0-345-46391-9. (Paperback edition to be published in June 2005).

Christopher Humpries: UFOs, PSI, and spiritual evolution: a journey through the evolution of interstellar. Expected April 2005 from unknown publisher, 274 pages, ISBN 193188238X. (Vague notes on this title authored by a Ph.D.)

Bert Janssen: Hypnotizing crop circle shapes. Oct 2004, Adventures Unlimited, softcover, 128 pages, ISBN 1931882347. ("...an illustrated, magical journey through the miracles of crop circle geometry...")

Anna Karyl: The Kelly incident. Aug 2004, Gate Way Publishers, USA, softcover, 192 pages, ISBN 0975264524. (Fiction and love story that starts out with the 1955 Kelly humanoid encounter)

J. Douglas Kenyon: Forbidden history: Extraterrestrial intervention, prehistoric technologies, and the suppressed origins of civilization. Expected May 2005, Bear & Co, USA, softcover, 352 pages, ISBN 1591430453.

Mark Kimmel: Decimal. August 2004, Paradigm Books, USA, softcover, 329 pages, ISBN 0972015116. (Seems to be more of a SF novel with at least 20 references to UFOs in the text; "based on first-hand experiences").

Tapani Koivula & Marko Repo: UFOrapportti 11. Ufotutkimuksen vuosikirja 2004. 2004, Suomen Ufotutkijat (UFO Research of Finland), softcover, 224

pages, ISBN unknown. (The traditional Finnish yearbook with all sightings from 2003 and a lot of other materials).

Natalie Kuczera: Unheimliche Begegnungen. Entführungserlebnisse und Trancekult in der UFO-Szene. 2004, Studien zur Kultur- und Sozialanthropologie des Euromediterranen Raumes, Münster, 213 pages, ISBN 3-8258-6974-1.

Phoebe Lauren: Star children among us. July 2004, Garev Publishing, USA, softcover, 142 pages, ISBN 0970755821. ("...helps parents to identify their special child...")

Richard Leviton: Signs on the earth: Deciphering the message of Virgin Mary, apparitions, UFO encounters and crop circles. Expected June 2005, Hampton Roads Publishing, softcover, 240 pages, ISBN 1571742468.

(Lingua Forum): World Internet UFO directory: a new A-Z guide to the UFO phenomenon and Internet resources. Expected April 2005, Lingua Forum, 274 pages, ISBN 8955630573. (Well, another one of those with 2.002 entries from the US and 101 from the remaining part of "the world"?)

Helen Littrell & Jean Bilodeaux: Raechel's eyes. Volume One: The strange but true case of an apparent alien-human hybrid. Nov. 2004, Granite Publishing, USA, softcover, 208 pages, ISBN 1930724039. (Author's blind daughter shares a room with an alien hybrid - and is cured from blindness, volume 1 is the "readable" part, volume 2 will be "the documentation").

Greg Long: The making of Bigfoot: the inside story. March 2004, Prometheus Books, hardcover, 475 pages, ISBN 1591021391. (Reveals the truth behind the Patterson film of "a Bigfoot").

Antonello Lupino: Dall'alfa all'Omega. 2004, CUI, Rovigo, Italy, 318 pages. ("From Alfa to Omega, the history of worldwide conspiracies, including UFOs – www.upiar.com).

Mike McAennie (editor): The Roswell dig diaries. July 2004, Pocket Books, USA, paperback, 263 pages, ISBN 0-7434-8612-9. (Amended entry, a copy has been donated to AFU)

Nicolas Montigiani & Jean-Jacques Velasco: OVNI: L'evidence. April 2004, Orbis Engima (Carnot), France, softcover, 220 pages, ISBN 2848550546.

Mutual UFO Network: MUFON 2004 International UFO symposium proceedings. 2004, MUFON, Colorado, softcover, 194 pages, usually no ISBN on this yearbook.

Victor Norgarde: Morningstar Pass. The collapse of the UFO coverup. Dec. 2003, 1st Books Library, Bloomington, Indiana, hardcover, 736 pages, ISBN 1414019084. (Another one in the growing UFO-SF genre).

Susan J. Palmer: Aliens adored: Raël's UFO religion. Nov 2004, Rutgers University Press, USA, hardcover, 221 pages, ISBN 0813534755. (60 dollars asked for the HC edition study of the Raelian's... must then be a learned study by a sociologist, who's spent 15 years with them.)

François Parmentier, Jean-Jacques Velasco & Vladimir Volkoff: OVNI: 60 ans de désinfor-mation. April 2004, Editions du Rocher, Paris, softcover, 300 pages, ISBN 2268049892. (60 years of desinformation, from a French viewpoint).

Roger Patterson & Chris Murphy: The Bigfoot film controversy: the original Roger Patterson book. Do Abominable Snowmen of America really exist? Expected

April 2005, Hancock House, USA, softcover, 240 pages, ISBN 0888395817. (Hmmm, the story from the Bigfoot's own mouth, dressed in fur..? Compare under *Greg Long*, above...)

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Claude Poher: Les Universons, énergie du futur. Oct 2003, Editions du Rocher, France, softcover, 308 pages, ISBN 226804789X. ("The book concerns interstellar travel, and a quantum theory of gravitation, including the many experimental facts proving that my theory could be exact.". The author kindly donated a copy to AFU.)

Frédéric Praud: Bibliovni. Feb 2004, Planète OVNI, Gayo, Lombers, France, CD-ROM. (French bibliography of 1.500 references).

Brent Raynes & Brad Steiger: Visitors from hidden realms: the origin and destiny of humanity as told by Star Elders, Shamen, and UFO visitors. June 2004, Eagle Wing Books, USA, softcover, 182 pages, ISBN 094082938X. (North & South American legends with a UFO content).

Jean-Luc Rivera (editor): La Gazette Fortéenne Vol. 3. Dec 2004, Les Editions de l'Oeil du Sphinx, Paris, France, ISBN 2-914405-17-0. (The third issue with ufo-related contributions by (among others) Michel Granger, Karl Pflock, Richard Haines, Marc Hallet and Paolo Toselli, see <http://www.oeildusphinx.com>)

Alberto Ruvolo: Media ed esperienze di comunità. Il rapporto tra ufologia e mezzi d'informazione. 2004, Università Cattolica, Milano, Italy. (Dissertation. "Medias and community experiences. The relationship between ufology and information medias").

George M. Rønnevig: Romvesener. Fredselskere, kidnappere og forførrere. Spring 2004, Humanist Forlag, Oslo, hardcover, 326 pages, ISBN 82-90425-75-9. (By a Norwegian skeptic and specialist in the history of religion).

Michael E. Salla: Exopolitics: Political implications of extraterrestrial presence. Feb 2004, Dandelion Books, USA, softcover, 326 pages, ISBN 1893302563. (Reviewed by Stefan Isaksson in this issue...)

Christel Seval: Ummo un Dieu venu d'ailleurs? Sept 2004, Science Conscience, JMG, France, softcover, 454 pages, ISBN 291516424X. (Book about the metaphysical aspects of the Ummo myth by an author employed by the French Ministry of Defence).

Jean Sider: OVNI, dossier diabolique. Désinformation, délire paranoïaques, crop-circles, hommes en noir et enlèvements. Nov 2003, Science Conscience, JMG, France, softcover, 364 pages, ISBN 2915164002.

Giuseppe Stilo: L'alba di una nuova era. 1946: il fenomeno dei "razzi fantasma" in Italia e nel mondo. 2004, Cooperativa studi e iniziative UPIAR, Torino, Italy, softcover, 228 pages, ISBN unknown. (The study of ghost rockets from an Italian viewpoint and with Italian sightings. The author kindly donated a copy to AFU).

Randall Sullivan: The Miracle detective: an investigation of holy visions. April 2004, Atlantic Monthly Press, New York, hardcover, 450 pages, ISBN 0-87113-916-2.

(Author spent 10 years investigating Marian apparitions in Oregon, Medjugorje and other places).

Marshall Vian Summers: The allies of humanity: book two. Jan 2005, New Knowledge Library, USA, softcover, 166 pages, ISBN 1884238351. (Follow-up to a contactee-oriented, previous book published in 2001).

Mac Tonnies: After the Martian apocalypse: extraterrestrial artifacts and the case for Mars exploration. July 2004, Paraview Pocket Books, paperback, 304 pages, ISBN 074348293X. (This man must be ashamed after NASA's newest pictures, or...?)

Robert J. Torrez: UFOs over Galisteo & other stories of New Mexico's history. Oct 2004, University of New Mexico Press, softcover, 176 pages, ISBN 0826334350. (Local history spiced up with a 1880 UFO story – or was it a Chinese balloon?)

Diana Tumminia: When prophecy never fails: myth and reality in a UFO religion. Expected May 2005, Oxford University Press, hardcover, 208 pages, ISBN 0195176758.

Esko Valtaoja: Hemma i världsrymden. 2004, Atlantis, Stockholm, Sweden, hardcover, 328 pages, ISBN 91-7486-778-4. (By Finnish astronomer on SETI and with an amusing chapter on Finnish UFO enthusiasts, originally published in Finnish as "Kotona maailman-kaikkeudessa", in 2001).

Paul von Ward: Gods, genes and consciousness – nonhuman intervention in human history. July 2004, Hampton Roads Publishing, Charlottesville, VA, USA, softcover, 411 pages, ISBN 1571743790. (Not the first – nor last - author to suggest ET intervention in our history).

Bob White: UFO Hard Evidence: The Bob White Story. Dec 2004, Galde Press, Lakeville, MN, USA, hardcover, ISBN 193194220X.

Perry Yancey: Fireball in the whirlwind: flying object caught on film. Sept 2004, Authorhouse, USA, softcover, 100 pages, ISBN 1418411108. (...)"a UFO caught on tape, as photographed by Perry Yancey, and written by Arnold Yancey; video recorded on August 19th, 1997, in Oberlin, Ohio...")

Karl-Heinz Zenneck: Geheimtechnologien, Wunderwaffen und die irdische Facetten des UFO-Phänomens. Oct. 2004, Kopp Verlag, Rottenburg, Germany, softcover, 330 pages, ISBN 3-930219-86-7.

Eleonora Zuppari: Tra scienza e fantasia: gli extraterrestri nell'immaginario contemporaneo. 2003-04, University of Bologna, Italy, 105 pages. (Dissertation. "Between science and fantasy: extraterrestrials in the contemporary imaginary").

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New additions to the AFU archives

Archives for UFO Research has a steady stream of incoming materials. We are always, it seems, *thinking* about future rearrangements of the collections. We always try to make the most of our - relatively meagre - basement facilities in three different places (within a few hundred meters of each other). Finding new ways of arranging the materials for better order and retrieval... With everything under one roof our work would be much easier!!

In the new century, since year 2000, we have had much of our focus on *the book library and magazine (serials) collection*. In just a few years we have acquired about 2.000 book titles, through different collections we've taken over as donations, as exchanges, as pure acquisitions (against collected money), and through sale & purchase on eBay.

This focus must now shift, I believe, *for a few years*, to other parts of the collection, *if we are to live up to what we think this archive should be about in the long run*.

We have large collections of personal & organisation files, UFO report files, audio & video tapes, and pictures, that all need attention to become more useful parts of our folkloric archive. Without sorting and cataloguing to digital databases, these parts of AFU are more or less unusable. We have about 10.000 Swedish and Danish UFO reports to work on, and at least 2.000 audio cassette tapes, just to name two examples.

One of the more important donations, this winter, came from librarian *Sven Andersson* of Falköping. He donated about 200 extra books from his book shelves to AFU, plus a number of magazines. The books we received resulted in fifteen new titles/editions, plus a large number of 2nd and 3rd copies for the library. Sven has been a supporter of AFU since our early days and besides being a ufologist, he has a detailed expertise in old, antiquarian books and literature.

One problem with making definite and good-looking work plans for the future is that they always seem to be thrown to the ground by *reality!!* Opportunities - that cannot be thrown away - always come up, when least we expect them to.

We have just experienced two such incidents in June 2005 and have, once more, filled our "acquisition tables" with unexpected, new archival materials.

Just a few weeks ago *Clas Svahn* was contacted by *Boris Jungkvist*, veteran Swedish ufologist and author of five UFO books, who wanted to sell his collection from many decades in UFO study. We have agreed upon a deal, and on June 9, Clas and AFU board member *Håkan Blomqvist* brought the collection by car from Boris' home in south Sweden to Norrköping.

The material includes some 550 books, 75 videos, 25 audio tapes and about 20 thick folders of general material.

The latter has now been sorted into different heaps: UFO reports, correspondence, article copies, Swedish and international clippings, Swedish & foreign organizational material, book catalogues & public relations material, etc.

The UFO reports material, possibly the most valuable part of it all, has been sorted chronologically into three folders (pre-1980 cases, the 1980s, and the 1990s). Plus a 4th folder with reports from persistent "UFO repeaters".



A young Boris Jungkvist in front of his book case.

Boris Jungkvist is retiring from ufology. He decided that it would be the best for his collection to become a part of AFU. Jungkvist has written five well-received books published in 1977, 1980, 1983, 1989 and 1992. He has been the chairman of two Swedish groups: *UFO-Häggvik* and *UFO-Lufirumsbevakning*. His interest started at the age of 16, with a close encounter he had, in the company of his father and his elderly brother.

On a warm summer's day (August 18, 1949) they were taking a bath in *Lake Magelungen*, south of Stockholm, when suddenly a silent, disc-shaped saucer appeared from the north. It flew along the shore at about 75 meter's altitude and was some 100 meters from the group, when at the closest. The object had portholes spaced along a cupola. The saucer made a sudden turn and accelerated over the mountain close by the lake, disappearing into the blue heavens. As this happened, the water was agitated and hundreds of dragonflies and other insects fell into it, seemingly from the force ejected by the rising saucer.

Boris' sighting led to a lifelong interest in UFOs. He became an expert in the way the U.S. Air Force had treated the subject throughout the years, a centre-piece theme of his five books. His sharp pro-ET stance has made him come at odds with UFO-Sweden, which takes a more neutral position on the question of the UFO's origin. Despite this difference of opinion Boris has decided to allow us to manage his archives.

Another retiree from ufology is a Swedish ex-“UFO journalist” from whom AFU has now acquired his collection of letters from *John A. Keel*, a collection of books and magazines, about 200 audio tapes (including interview materials for a projected but never realized book on Swedish UFO abductions), and more than 1.000 transparencies and illustrations (mostly photos of Swedish UFO-USO experiencers). We have made the deal to save this possibly important folkloric material for the future, despite our long ideological & personal differences with this man.

It must be underlined that paying for collections is not the usual scheme we follow. The reason this has been possible in the aforementioned two cases is that we had a small fund of unused money from the Swedish & international money collection (in 2003-2004) to buy, in cooperation with the French SCEAU organization the archives of the disbanded SOS-OVNI organization, owned by *Perry Petrakis*. We made a generous formal offer for this in company with SCEAU and *Rod Dyke*'s American archive, but never received any reaction from Petrakis. With time passing, we think we are free to use this money for other important acquisitions that come up.

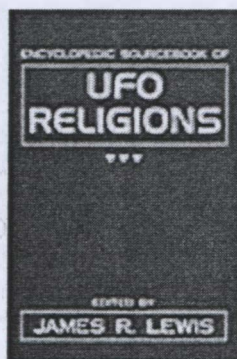
Of course, we much rather receive collections as donations (possibly with the donors instructions on how & when his/her material can be used). In these two recent cases there have been, more or less, disagreements between us and the other party, which motivated monetary contributions towards our overall goal of saving potentially important folkloric data.

For more details on recent acquisitions and donations please view our webpage at www.afu.info.

Anders Liljegren

Book reviews

The Encyclopedic Sourcebook of UFO Religions
James R. Lewis
(editor)
Prometheus Books
2003



Scholarly books which objectively and thoroughly deal with the UFO phenomenon and all its various elements are, fortunately, multiplying. And, the last few years have seen a steady rise in the books published dealing with the religious, anthropological, and sociological aspects. *The God have Landed* (1995, also edited by Lewis) brought together several outstanding scholars and their analyses and studies of religious elements within the UFO movement in general and the extraterrestrial hypothesis in particular.

The latest book from Lewis can be regarded as a sequel to the one published in 1995. *The Encyclopedic Sourcebook* examines many different new religious movements that were founded after its leader, or leaders,

in other words the contactees, received extraterrestrial messages through physical contact or telepathy and channelling.

Since the book (actually an anthology) is examining new religious movements and their ideas, the content is free from descriptions of various famous UFO sightings (which have been dealt with in numerous other books, anyway). Theories on explanations or solutions to what the UFO phenomenon really is, are also absent. So are new sightings and new revelations.

Instead, the human factor is what's being focused on, discussions about why people believe what they believe, and the positive as well as negative factors that might surface when traditional religion is being replaced by saviours from outer space.

The anthology, a massive piece with more than 500 pages, is divided into six different sections. The first section offers an overview of various religious interpretations of the UFO phenomenon, and how the flying saucer myth, with its benevolent extraterrestrials, came into existence, primarily in the United States during the latter half of the 20th century.

Section two describes two UFO religions from the 1950s that are still in existence: *The Aetherius Society* and *Unarius Academy of Science*.

Next section is devoted to movements founded in the 1970s: *The Raëlian Movement* and *Heaven's Gate*. The former is the most prominent UFO religion in contemporary society and the latter created headlines all over the world when its members and last remaining founder committed mass suicide in San Diego, California, in 1997.

After that section, the reader is offered an exposition over movements that were founded more recently: *Chan Tao* and the internet based *The Ground Crew*.

The following section is lacking direct analyses of movements, and is instead focused on how people in general view the extraterrestrial hypothesis, how contemporary religions would react to the discovery of intelligent extraterrestrial life, and how a future meeting with a cosmic intelligence would affect the Earth.

The final section is a long appendix with material gathered from some of the movements. *The Gods have Landed* ended with an extensive bibliography of contactee literature from 1950 to 1994 by *J. Gordon Melton*, but a similar or updated list cannot be found in *The Encyclopedic Sourcebook*. However, since literature produced by the movements themselves rarely or never can be found in traditional bookstores, the final section gives the reader a chance to hear from the believers themselves, and not just from the scientists who have studied them.

And speaking of the scientists, all contributors are well-known and quite respected, which makes the reading both interesting and memorable indeed. But, the book is very academic, and thus very demanding.

On numerous occasions the reader must be aware of anthropological, sociological, or religious scholarship in order to fully understand what's going on. The language can be quite a challenge, and several sections are not easy to grasp for the everyday reader. On more than one occasion the text feels somewhat repetitive, which on the

other hand can be suspected from an anthology dealing with such a specific topic.

Still, if one is able to cope with the academic English, lots and lots of goodies are to be found. The essays by *Susan Palmer* and *Michael Rothstein* about the *Raëlians* are very interesting. *Charles A. Ziegler* offers great insight into how widespread the belief in extraterrestrial intelligence is, *Robert Elwood* does a great job philosophizing about what would happen the day Contact was firmly established, and *Hilary Evans* has a splendid contribution with an essay made of easy-to-understand language and interesting approach.

John A. Saliba's essay about *Unarius*, on the other hand, is both boring and redundant, and the entire section four does not live up to the standard set by the other essays in the anthology. Overall, *The Encyclopedic Sourcebook of UFO Religions* is a breath of fresh air of reasoning and interesting scholarly analyses of new religious movements which all, in one way or the other, use the UFO phenomenon in their ideologies and promises about a better world for us all. The price tag is little over 1000 SEK, but if you think you're able to afford such a price, then you'll get a piece of scholarship well worth a place of honor in your bookshelf. **Stefan Isaksson**

UFO Religions
Christopher Partridge (editor)
Routledge, 2004

Yet another anthology about UFO religions, written by - and for - members of the realm of higher education. The anthology is divided into sections dealing with specific movements, certain elements or directions within the movements, and general analyses of different religious interpretations of the UFO phenomenon. And it is the latter sections that perhaps are most appealing to the "normal" reader, since the other sections do not offer an understanding of the whole picture, but instead focus on specific areas of religious research.

However, when it comes to religious research (and other research, as well), it's often necessary to understand all the little pieces in order to gain an understanding of the larger one, and thus all contributions in the anthology has something to offer, even the "normal" reader is likely to be able to deal with long and thorough discussions about the different karma-relations found in *UNARIUS*, how the recently deceased psychiatrist *Dr. John Mack* makes parallels between shamanistic visions and alien abductions, or the history behind the not-so well known movement *The United Nuwaubian Nation of Moors*.

For us Europeans, two sections are of particular interest. These sections deal with the history of UFO spirituality in Germany and our neighbouring country of Finland. Even though most books in the genre don't focus on North America *exclusively*; it's still a welcome change to find an in-depth discussion about the European scene. Unfortunately, no critical voice is raised against Finnish ufologist *Rauni-Leena Luukanen-Kilde*, which is rather strange since she has been one of the most severely criticised New Age ufologists.

Another dilemma is the date of the founding of *The Aetherius Society*. One chapter says it's 1954 (the same year the movement itself claims it was founded), while

another chapter argues for it to be 1956. The proof-reading has missed several typos here and there, but luckily they aren't too many and overall impression remains unaltered.

Famous psychologist *Carl Jung* and his theories about flying saucers being a modern myth is thoroughly discussed, which I must say is a welcome change, since his theories are often mentioned briefly in other books but seldom penetrated more thoroughly. His ideas about UFOs and extraterrestrials being "technological angels" are definitely worth a closer look.

Another excellent chapter rationally (and easily understood) deals with apocalyptic tendencies within the alien abduction phenomenon and also the UFO phenomenon in general, even though the author *Daniel Wojcik* from time to time has a tendency to repeat himself. It's still, though, a contribution worth reading several times, and that is not always the case with certain other contributions.

UFO Religions is, overall, an anthology very much worth reading, and it's a much cheaper alternative to *The Encyclopedic Sourcebook of UFO Religions*.

Stefan Isaksson

Picturing Extraterrestrials – Alien Images in Modern Mass Culture
John F. Moffitt
Prometheus Books 2003

It's more or less common knowledge these days to be able to describe the physical appearances of an alleged extraterrestrial. They're everywhere with their large heads, black eyes, thin bodies, short stature, et cetera. We all "know" what it looks like.

Which is very odd, indeed. Because there are no real proofs of all the talked-about close encounters. And no one has even *seen* an extraterrestrial. Except for abductees and contactees. All we have are tales, pseudoscientific literature, stories; no real and physical evidence. Yet, "everybody" more or less "knows" that an extraterrestrial looks the way he, she, or it does.

And why is that? Well, that's the question asked (and answered) by art historian *John F. Moffitt* in his little more than 550 page long book *Picturing Extraterrestrials*.

But it's not a simple read. Quite the opposite. The language is difficult, very academic, often flavoured with long and extensive quotes, sentences in Latin, and terms basically only known to devoted art historians. But at the same time it's very personal; Moffitt has a unique style of writing which makes the reading experience something out of the ordinary. Sometimes it even feels as if one is having an oral conversation with him instead of actually reading his words. One gets the feeling that it is spoken language, but the academic touch never completely disappears. The mix between strict scholarly language and down-to-Earth everyday language becomes a challenge while, at the same time, it becomes pure entertainment.

Moffitt is a skeptic, and unfortunately he – along with many other skeptics – uses the term "ufologist" in a somewhat derogatory manner. People such as the late *John Mack*, *Whitley Strieber*, *David Jacobs*, and *Budd Hopkins* – all representing the fringe side of ufology – get to represent more or less the entire discipline, which is highly unfortunate. Moffitt is completely ruthless in his criticism.

He doesn't hesitate to call *Betty Andreasson* and other contactees "pathetic", and he uses strong evidence to disregard the usage of hypnosis in order to encounter regressed memories.

After all, Moffitt says, the post modern idea regarding the traditional extraterrestrial is neither new nor much unexpected. Quite the opposite, it's a natural result from mankind's constant longing for the spiritual, the inconceivable, mystical, and occult.

Large portions of the book do not deal exclusively with extraterrestrials or UFOs, but instead focus on the origin and need for such matters as the occult, mysticism, mass hysteria, divine iconography, Swedenborgian philosophy, the input infotainment has on people in general, and much, much more. However, at the end of the day he always returns to the contemporary belief in extraterrestrial life and presence on Earth, and one of his conclusions is that it's all imagination and wishful thinking, simply due to the fact that mankind has always believed in similar stories.

The True Believer can say that this fact, on the other hand, only works to prove the opposite (that we indeed *are* being visited by those pesky little Grays), and Moffitt doesn't bother to *prove* that there are nothing new under the sun (or in space). Instead he, in a very entertaining and fascinating way, *explains* how what many Believers believe isn't very paranormal at all. It's an ancient belief, dressed in a modern outfit.

It's not a new theory, and it's not the first book about it either, but few authors manage to defend and propose it as skilfully, entertaining, and convincing as John F. Moffitt. Picturing Extraterrestrials really is a must.

Stefan Isaksson

Recent and upcoming books

- "Books that would find a home in the AFU library"

Dolores Cannon: The convoluted universe, book two. May 2005, Ozark Mountain Publishing, USA, softcover, 672 pages, ISBN 1-886940-90-8.

Robert M. Collins & Richard Doty: Exempt from disclosure: the disturbing case about the UFO cover-up. April 2005, Peregrine, USA, softcover, 192 pages, ISBN 0-9766426-0-3. (Promises to tell the truth about the Paul Bennewitz affair and other UFO-related secrets.)

Ralf Ettl & Günther Höhler: Das deutsche UFO-Phänomen. Ein Grenzgang an das anscheinend Unbegreifliche. June 2005, Causa Nostra, Germany, softcover, 160 pages, ISBN 3-9810358-1-X.

Joaquim Fernandez & Fina d'Armada: Heavenly lights – the Fatima apparitions and the UFO phenomenon. Foreword by Jacques Vallée. July 2005, EcceNova, Victoria, B.C., Canada, softcover, 284 pages, ISBN 0-9735341-3-3. (Translation of 1995 work in Portuguese)

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Johan Lindström: Vetenskapsteori för psykologi och samhällsvetenskap med relevans för parapsykologi, UFOlogi, bioplasmateori och jordstrålningsteori. 2002, INOVA, Gothenburg, Sweden, paging unknown, ISBN 91-631-2898-5. (Non-academic work on the theory of science applied to parapsychology, ufology & borderline subjects).

Helen Littrell & Jean Bilodeaux: Raechel's eyes, volume 2: evidence of a covert alien humanization project. Dec 2004, Granite Publishing, USA, softcover, 210 pages, ISBN 1-930-72404-7.

Jean-Pierre Petit: L'année du contact. D'autres intelligences sont-elles à l'oeuvre dans l'univers? April 2004, Albin Michel, France, softcover, 160 pages, ISBN 2-22615136-2.

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Nick Redfern: Body-snatchers in the desert. The horrible truth at the heart of the Roswell story. June 2005, Paraview Pocket Books, softcover, 256 pages, ISBN 0-74349753-8. (Is the Roswell story taking a sensational turn here?)

Robert Salas & James Klotz: Faded giant. Febr 2005, BookSurge Publishing, USA, softcover, 153 pages, ISBN 1-4196-0341-8. (UFO incidents near Malmstrom AFB where 20 nuclear missiles became inoperable).

Robert Swiatek: UFOs exposed; the classic UFO photographs. 2004, Fund for UFO Research, Mt. Rainier, Maryland, booklet, 32 pages, no ISBN. (Describes nine of the best photographic cases).

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Charles Upton: Cracks in the great wall: the UFO phenomenon and traditional metaphysics. 2004 Sophia Perennis, USA, softcover (also hardcover), 108 pages, ISBN 1-59731-024-7. (Seemingly, another one of those "UFOs are demonic" studies).

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The Earl Neff clippings – nostalgia from the golden age of ufology

By Clas Svahn

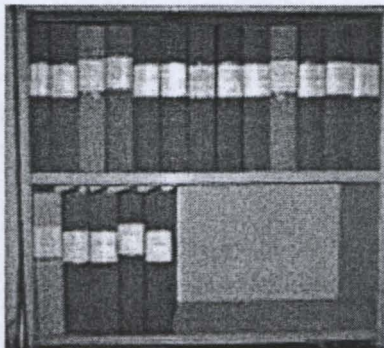
Translation by Stefan Isaksson

At the end of January, 2004, Archives for UFO Research received a donation of American press clippings from ufologist *Bill Jones* in Ohio. The box contained more than 2.000 unsorted clippings which once belonged to *MUFON Ohio* member *Richard Lee*, who had gotten most of them from the now deceased ufologist *Earl J. Neff*.

Clas Svahn has ordered the entire collection into twenty binders which are now all available for researchers at the Archives for UFO Research centre.

The donation contains many important articles from some of American UFOlogy's most intensive years. In the middle of the 1960s, numerous articles about UFOs and flying saucers could be found in American magazines, many of them being just as interesting today as when they were written. At this point in time the UFO phenomenon was taken very seriously and no self-respecting magazine could avoid discussing it.

The collection holds lots of fascinating reading. It's hard not to get stuck for hours. Most clippings come from the Ohio-based magazines *Cleveland Free Press* and *Cleveland Plain Dealer*, but there are also hundreds of other sources from all over the U.S.



The Cleveland magazines were very generous when it came to *space* (no pun intended). It was common for UFO articles to be on the front page, for example on November 5, 1966, when the entire top of the page was covered by the headline "*Flying saucers still a mystery – Called serious business*", followed by an article by tabloid journalist *Frank Edwards* who later, the same year, published a book with a similar title. The lengths of the articles were often extensive. It's easy to tell that both the public and the editors had a serious interest in UFOs.

Not many articles mention foreign sightings, perhaps because so many were reported in the U.S. One exception is an article in the *New York Times* dated July 14, 1968,

and headlined "*U.F.O.'s add spice to life of Latins*", where the reporter describes how the flying saucer debate – and several sightings – had come to enrich the daily life for people in Argentina and Chile. The article tells, among other things, of how young girls were afraid to go outside after Buenos Aires based magazine *La Razón* published the story of a married couple who lost consciousness during a car ride, only to wake up in their car outside Mexico City, 8.000 kilometres away. The story is most likely a hoax. According to the *New York Times* it was never confirmed despite investigations made by the governments of both countries.

Pulitzer price winner

Most other articles from the years 1966 to 1968 deal with American sightings. In the January 1966 edition of *Popular Science Magazine*, Pulitzer price winner *MacKinlay Kantor* wrote a piece under the headline "*Why I believe in flying saucers*". He reports of an event on January 4, 1954, when he witnessed how a bright shining semicircular object, after having hovered completely still in the sky, suddenly took off at a very high speed. Kantor later wrote a biography of one of America's most famous militaries, General *Curtis LeMay* (1906–1990), a man who Kantor came to know very well.

In the *Popular Science Magazine* article, Kantor tells of a discussion he had with General LeMay regarding the UFO phenomenon. LeMay is cautious about what he's saying, but still offers the following: "*Several of the mysteries can be explained as weather balloons, stars, reflexes, and other natural things. I'm not saying that among the cases where no solution has been found there are genuine, flying objects. All I can say is that among the unsolved cases, no natural phenomenon has been found that's able to explain them all. I repeat: There are a few cases we've been unable to explain. That we never were able to explain*".

Republican member of Congress *James G. Fulton* was one of those who suspected that the U.S. Air Force never told the whole truth regarding the UFO dilemma. Fulton was interviewed by *UPI*, and in the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* March 31, 1966, he stated that "*the Air Force acts like a child who doesn't believe in ghosts and hides under a blanket, while at the same time keeps an eye open just in case*".

The reports were treated seriously by the press, yet the idea that Earth was visited by beings from other planets was never far away. Among the authors, several knowledgeable names are to be found. One of them was German rocket scientist *Willy Ley* (1906–1969) who also wrote several science-fiction stories. In an article in *Family Weekly*, January 21, 1968, he discusses different sightings which he believes to be ball lightning. Not once does Ley ridicule the phenomenon. He points out that the

sightings often are likely to have perfectly natural explanations.

Another author, not quite as critical, was *Otto Binder* (1911–1975), who wrote the book *“What we really know about flying saucers”*. Binder also published an article in nautical magazine *Rudder* magazine, February, 1968, where he offers advice to sailors what to do in case they have a sighting at sea. *“Many ships have returned to shore with far more insane stories than any of those about sea monsters,”* Binder wrote.

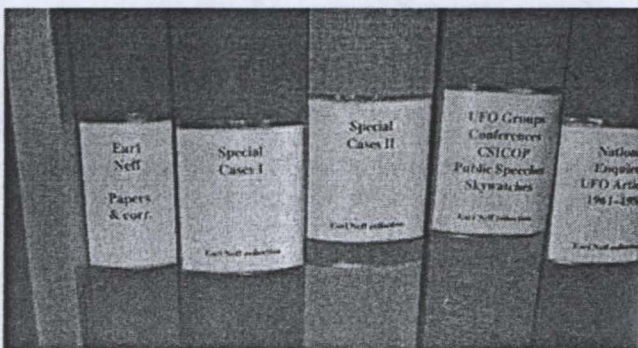
Science fiction writer

An odd UFO author was science-fiction author *Clifford D. Simak* (1904–1988), who in the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* January 6, 1967, described how the two largest UFO organizations at the time, *APRO* and *NICAP*, worked. Under the headline *“Many sure flying saucers manned by aliens”* he said that while *APRO* accepted and investigated sightings where beings had been involved, *NICAP* shunned those sightings. The cause was strictly tactical. *NICAP* hoped to, one day, bring the UFO question to the highest political level including a congressional hearing, but since they feared being mixed up with crazies they assumed that focusing strictly on the ships would minimize that risk. Simak’s article was part of a series of six which all were published in the *Pittsburgh* magazine.

Among the material there are several classic articles, such as the *UPI* article about astronomer and Air Force expert *Allen Hynek* (1910–1986) and the press conference that took place after numerous sightings had been made in Ann Arbor, Michigan. The article was published in, among other magazines, the *Daily Times-News* (Mt. Pleasant, Michigan) on March 26, 1966, under the headline *“Expert Dismisses flying saucers as swamp gas”*.

It resulted in giving the entire work of the Air Force an aura of ridicule since all sightings appeared to be explainable using the swamp gas theory. Even though Hynek, during the well-attended press conference, was keen to point out that his theory about the swamp gas only was applicable to *two* of the sightings reported from behind a college in Hillsdale on March 21, his statement still resulted in seriously negative press and also became the one final event that made Hynek quit working for the Air Force and Project Blue Book and instead devote his time to private investigations.

Between June and August, 1966, Hynek wrote the chief of the Air Force, and *Science* magazine, and more and more started to look like an individual who took UFOs very seriously. On January 12, 1968, *Cleveland Press* published a statement where Hynek accused the Air Force of making a poor job when investigating UFOs.



Several of the articles deal with sightings by pilots. In the *Salt Lake Tribune*, October 3, 1961, pilot *Waldo Harris* (who isn’t just named in the article, his *home address* is there, too!) tells of how he and seven witnesses on the ground saw a disc-shaped object shortly after take-off from Utah Central Airport. Harris says that the object was grey in colour, about 15 meters wide and only a little more than 1 meter thick. When he flew towards it, it suddenly took off with a tremendous speed. Harris followed and saw how it came to a halt over Utah Lake Omni Station. *“It then flew straight up and turned westwards with an amazing speed and disappeared out of sight,”* he tells the magazine.

And he was not alone. On February 25, 1959, the greater part of the front page of the *Detroit Times* was covered by an article headlined *“Mystery sky discs trail airliner here”*, with a picture of pilot *Peter Killian* and stewardesses *Edna LeGate* and *Beverly Pingree* holding one plate each. What the three of them and several others onboard the plane had seen during 45 minutes was how three glowing objects appeared to be following the plane while at the same time not showing up on any radar. There was never any drama though, and the article never mentions how they objects disappeared.

But there were other objects that were more obvious. On July 13, 1964, the *Cleveland Plain Dealer* told of how a strange projectile had travelled through, among other things, a thick glass door before it smashed into the cement floor of Mrs. *Howard W. Morgan* in Bay Village. The object could not be defined as a meteor even though that was the initial definition. What it really was was apparently never established. On the picture published in the magazine one can see Mrs. Morgan with a large, dark object in her hand. Perhaps it was part of a satellite?

Another interesting story concerns a student at the *Warner & Swasey* laboratory, who is interviewed by the magazine, and tells of two other events where real meteorites fell to earth. One of them struck a hole in the roof of a garage in Chicago, and continued through the roof of a car and then came to rest in the exhaust pipe. On the other occasion, the meteorite struck a hole in a porch and then fell down into the hand of a woman sitting there.

Stalkers and Men in black

Several other articles offer similar beauties. For instance, an article in the *Pittsburgh Press* March 5, 1967, with the headline *“Visitors from outer space”*, where author *David Gleason* argues that U.S. Air Force and NORAD are looking for a few individuals who dress in military uniforms and, using fake IDs, track down witnesses, silence them, and steal their photographs. According to the article, these men had been seen in California, New Jersey, Washington, Texas, Connecticut, and Long Island. Other odd figures that sometimes appear in print are the Men in Black, who among other places can be found in a note from *Congress of Scientific Ufologists* Convention in Cleveland (*Cleveland Press* June 22, 1968). One of the delegates apparently came up with the idea that the MIBs were ufologists in disguise from rival organization *NICAP*.

The most obvious trend in the articles from 1966 to 1967 is how serious the “flying saucer” phenomenon is being treated. Long articles by journalists such as *John*

Keel discussed the subject from a range or different aspects.

Beginning in 1968, the number of articles and sightings start to wane. This was brought to our attention by Florida-based magazine *The Gondolier* on August 1 that very year. The magazine concluded that the Aerial Phenomenon Office at the Wright-Patterson base, where Blue Book had its headquarters, as well as NICAP, had started to notice a "strong decrease" in reports coming in. Blue Book alone was apparently losing up to 75 percent.

On March 12, 1967, *Sunday News* began a series of articles where *Ed Wallace* said that five million Americans claimed to have seen a flying saucer. The series contained descriptions of what today have become true classics, such as police officer *Lonnie Zamora's* sighting of a landed object in the desert outside Socorro, Texas, on April 24, 1964, and the Kelly-Hopkinsville case from August 21, 1955, when the entire *Sutton* family claimed to have been under siege by "little green men" for several hours.

Among the clippings there are several interesting interviews with ufologists (Keyhoe, Hynek, and others), witnesses, and contactees (such as *Paul Villa* and *Daniel Fry*). Fry, who says the number of witnesses is not five but eight million, got a large section of the front page in *The Gondolier* on February 6, 1967, after he had paid a visit to the city of Venice. He was, just as most other who told stories of amazing trips in flying saucers, treated quite well by the reporter interviewing him.

Another thing found in the collection is about 100 articles from tabloid magazine *National Enquirer* from Boca Raton, Florida. Even though the magazine wasn't exactly known for serious journalism, it still had a few decent UFO articles over the years. The entire archive of the magazine was doomed; original pictures, notes, recordings, and clippings were shredded after being put into special plastic bags in the summer of 2003. All this happened because of the anthrax virus. On September 19, 2001, little more than a week after 9/11, *Bob Stevens*, the magazine's photo editor, opened a letter addressed to singer *Jennifer Lopez*. The letter contained anthrax, which killed Stevens within three weeks and quickly spread throughout the building, which was evacuated, leaving everything inside to its doom. Three million pictures, notebooks, tape recordings, and other things of historical value is now destroyed and lost forever even though the tabloids owner, *American Media Inc.*, says that most of the files were already duplicated.

Complete magazine issues could also be found in the clippings received from Bill Jones, among others a *National Enquirer* issue where the entire front page was covered by the news that a flying saucer had touched down in Virginia: "*Saucer lands in Virginia*". Reporter *William Allen* writes about *Cliff Crowder* from South Hill who on April 21, 1967, at nine in the evening, was driving along a dirt road when he saw an enormous object hovering over the road. Soon Crowder spotted an object six metres high, standing in the middle of the road. A flashing light hit him, and the object appeared to disappear upwards. A small fire remained on the road, but it went out after about twenty seconds.

Cliff Crowder drove straight to the local police station. When he returned to the scene with four police officers from South Hill and Mecklenburg County, the ground was

still warm and a large dark spot was visible where the fire had been. The site was later investigated by several ufologists, among others *William Powers* who worked as an assistant to Allen Hynek. Pieces from the burnt spot were sent to the Wright-Patterson base in Dayton, Ohio, but test results were inconclusive. It was never known what caused the fire.

That was a short summary of a part of the Earl Neff papers, papers that are now glued on white document paper and sorted into twenty file folders.

A complete volume-by-volume index can be found at the AFU web site: www.afu.info/clipsus.htm

Acquisitions through eBay enriches the AFU reference library

One of the problems our reference library has faced since the start, 30 years ago, is that we have not been able to buy the new, or relatively new, UFO-related literature. This problem has been solved in a double way by the introduction of eBay, the American trading site on the Internet.

A copy of a newly published American UFO book usually costs some 20 US dollars + shipping to Sweden. With eBay we can now buy the same book for maybe 5 US dollars + shipping. We can also save on shipping by trying to plan for buying several items from the same seller/dealer. *In the past three years AFU has bought more than 700 titles this way.* Some of the books are quite obscure, by 'serious ufology' standards, including New Age and Channeling books with a (weak, but yet...) UFO connection.

To part-finance our eBay acquisitions, AFU has also carried through two sales campaigns of our own, on eBay. We trade unneeded copies, received from donors, against money or (sometimes) we agree with some buyer on a more direct trade against copies of materials we would want to preserve here.

The last sale, in October-November 2005, brought in about 1.400 US dollars, money that we intend to use also for *buying new shelves* and *to meet shipping costs* of items/collections that we acquire, or mail to other archives/collectors as exchange objects. Old UFO magazine collections have proven to be especially attractive to buyers/collectors, sometimes generating bids of several hundred dollars.

Final deal on French collection

Through the kind intervention of our colleague *Edoardo Russo* of *CISU* (the Italian national UFO organization), a final deal has been made with *Perry Petrakis* for a group of European archival organizations to jointly take over the French *SOS-OVNI* organization's archives. The hand over took place on Saturday, December 17.

The materials were delivered in 30 large boxes to the French group SCEAU, an organization that acquires and cares for French-language UFO-related collections in co-operation with the French National Archives. The AFU contribution of 3.000 Euros to this joint deal was paid to Petrakis through the hands of Jacques Scornaux, chairman of SCEAU, and was joined by similar contributions of 2.500 Euros from SCEAU members and 2.000 Euros from CISU and Russo.

AFU's part of the deal is smaller than first expected. 1.500 Euros of the money originally collected, through a Swedish-international collection organized in 2003-2004 by Clas Svahn, were spent on buying two very important Swedish collections, both of them in the spring of 2005. At that time we had somehow lost faith in the possibility of a final agreement with Mr. Petrakis. The AFU contribution is directed towards the books & monographs in the Petrakis collection, about 400 items, while SCEAU will keep the non-print archival materials (correspondence, UFO reports etc) in France. We are currently investigating the cheapest way of transporting this heavy weight from France to Sweden. Anyone visiting France?

AFU audio cassette library catalogued

Through the diligent work of *Katarina Otréus*, the most important 50 % part of our audio cassette collection has been catalogued as an Excel file. Since the audio archive includes many – more or less – private tapes (interviews and other recordings) we cannot publish the entire database, as it is, on the Internet but the index file is available for anyone with a serious interest.

The audio cassettes catalogued come from several collections previously received from Swedish researchers and collectors.

One primary source, with regular updates of new interview tapes, is UFO-Sweden's chairman *Clas Svahn*. He has consistently saved all his telephone and face-to-face interviews with UFO witnesses and UFO/phenomena-related people since the start of his UFO interest in the mid-1970s. All of these tapes are now catalogued by date, category, interviewed person, and most details readily available on the cassette's table of contents, without listening to the tape. Other collections of audio tapes come from *Ulf Ekstedt*, *Boris Jungkvist*, *Brage Jansson*, *Gunnar Lindberg*, *Carl-Axel Jonzon*, *Thorvald Berthelsen*, and from *Håkan Blomqvist* & *Anders Liljegren* of the AFU board.



Katarina Otréus with the result of her two-month work with AFU behind her back – more than 1.000 cassette tapes neatly catalogued.

Another large group of tapes is radio programs which have increased immensely in numbers with the start of a large number of regional and local radio stations in Sweden since the 1970's, some of them even working on

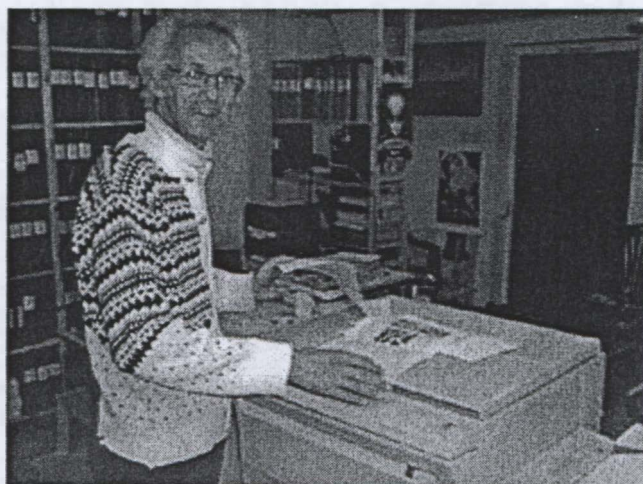
idealistic foundations. The UFO subject has become an often returned-to theme at these stations.

It is planned to conclude the cataloguing of the tape library during 2006 with cataloguing of '*the Monday group*' collection (hundreds of taped public lectures on New Age and phenomenal subjects) and the *Gunnar Lindberg* collection (very heavy on channelled, sometimes UFO-related materials), plus a number of other small collections.

This is all a ground work before a coming project to transfer *the best and most unique tapes* to be preserved in digital format. Next we also plan cataloguing of our VHS and CD/DVD collections. Printed media has long been the main part of collections received – a situation that is now slowly changing. We are following that track.

List of international contactee cases prepared by AFU archivist

Sven-Olov Svensson has been the AFU archivist since 1980. Filing and keeping track of all the material that flows into AFU is his daily business. But Sven-Olov has a long-time interest and experience in UFOs, and particularly the contactee cases, since about 1970. He was one of the keenest borrowers of books from the AFU library during the first years, before taking over as the lending librarian when the collection moved to Norrköping in 1980.



Sven-Olov Svensson at the copier with yet another source for his catalogue of international contactee cases.

With unrestricted access to one of the world's largest UFO libraries he has been cataloguing a continuous stream of contact-related literature throughout the years. His *catalogue of more than 1.200 published contactee cases* (face-to-face contacts, abductions, and psychic/channelled contacts) has been long in preparation. In fact, we made an attempt as early as the 1980s to get it to a printer by typing the file into a computer. That file was tragically lost, shortly before completion, due to a memory crash.

The original catalogue was in Swedish but has now been translated into English by *Stefan Isaksson*, AFU and UFO-Sweden co-worker, who shares Sven-Olov's interest in contactees (Stefan has 'wallraffed' within, and written a published study about, the Raëlian UFO cult). The translated file is now updated with new and better source references by Sven-Olov. It has not yet been decided upon

which form a publication of this list will take – we hope to get in on the Internet as a searchable file of contactee folklore.

Recent and upcoming books

- "Books that would find a home in the AFU library"

May Bach: Dialog mit einer anderen Welt. Im biologischen Internet der All-ten. 2005, Argo, Germany, hardcover, 312 pages, ISBN 3-9808745-2-4. (Judging from the cover this is a UFO-related book).

Colin Bennett: American demonology: flying saucers over the White House. Captain Edward J. Ruppelt and the official UFO investigation of the United States Air Force. May 2005, Diagonal, softcover, 192 pages, ISBN 1-90048646-6. (Hope this is the long-needed biography of Ruppelt!).

Luc Bürgin: OVNI sur la Suisse. Les dossiers de l'armée de l'air. October 2005, Aldane Editions, Cointin, Switzerland, softcover, 276 pages, illustrated, ISBN 2-940374-00-7. (This is the French augmented French version of *UFOs über der Schweiz – Das Dossier der Luftwaffe*, published by Kopp Verlag. Very kindly donated to AFU by the Swiss publishers *Alain Stauffer & Daniel Benaroya*, web site at: www.aldane.com).

Jamuna Carroll & Thomson Gale: UFOs. (Introducing issues with opposing viewpoints). March 2006, Greenhaven Press, hardcover, paging unknown, ISBN 073773227X. (Comes in a series of debate books on many subjects issues, from Television to Marijuana).

Guy Capet: OVNI en Champagne-Ardenne. Témoignages sur les "soucoupes volantes". Sept 2005, Gueniot, France, softcover, 98 pages, ISBN 2-87825-330-2. (Regional study of French cases).

Susan Clancy: Abducted: how people come to believe they were kidnapped by aliens. Oct 2005, Harvard University Press, hardcover, 179 pages, ISBN 0-67401879-6. (Clinical psychologist studies abductees in the lab and finds out they are most likely victims of false memories).

Jerome Clark: Unnatural phenomena. A guide to bizarre wonders of North America. June 2005, ABC Clio, hardcover, 369 pages, ISBN 1-57607430-7. (Compilation of all kinds of Fortean phenomena priced at a surprising 85 dollars!).

Janet Elizabeth Colli: Sacred encounters: spiritual awakening during close encounters. Dec 2004, Xlibris, USA, hardcover/softcover, 357 pages, ISBN 1-4134-3675-7. (Pd.D. transpersonal psychologist explores the psychological layers of two UFO experiencers).

Patrick Cooke: The greatest deception: the bible UFO connection. Aug. 2005, Oracle Research Publishing, softcover, 468 pages, ISBN 0-97243473-9. (Well, this book has been written many-a-times, it seems. I thought out a version of it at high school in 1969, after having read the Bible like a ufologist should read it).

Erich & Cornelia von Däniken: Der Mystery Park. Die Geschichte, die Menschen. Alle texte - alle Quellen. Ausführliche Kommentare. 2005, Mystery Parks, Interlaken, Switzerland, softcover, 205 pages, ISBN 3-9522858-1-1. (The story of the creation of von Däniken's 'ancient astronaut' theme park. Clas Svahn brought us a copy of this from his recent trip to Interlaken to interview Erich von Däniken and astronaut Edgar Mitchell).

Robert Farrell: Alien log. 2004, R E Farrell Books, Peoria, Arizona, softcover, 263 pages, ISBN 0-97591160-0. (Seemingly a wellwritten SF story focusing on UFO crashes and with a follow-up to come. You can read excerpts from the book at www.oncewritten.com/FirstChapters/Title.php?TID=AlienLog).

Peter Fiebag, Algund Eenboom and Peter Belting: Flugzeuge der Pharaonen. 2004, Kopp Verlag, hardcover, 328 pages, ISBN 3-930219808. (Another one in the seemingly endless flow of German astro-archeology, now promoted also by the inauguration of Erich von Däniken's theme park at Interlaken in Switzerland).

Didier Gomez: Apparitions insolites en Occitanie. Récits d'autrefois et témoignages OVNI d'aujourd'hui en pays Tarnais. 2005, Planète OVNI, Lombers, France, ringbound, 130 pages, ISBN unknown. (Regional study of supernatural incidents and folklore in the French province of Tarn – more info on www.studiovni.com/appinsolocc.htm).

Loren E. Gross: The fifth horseman of the apocalypse. UFO's: a history. 1962, January – June & 1962, July – December. 2005, the author, Fremont, California, ringbound booklets, 87+89 pages, no ISBN. (Kindly received from the compiler-author this autumn).

Bonnie Henderson: UFOs: out of the black. Oct 2005, Allegheny Press, softcover, 256 pages, ISBN 0-91004290-X. (Investigation of how top secret aircraft have been concealed as UFOs).

Matthew Holm & Jonathan Follett: Gray highway: an American UFO journey. Dec. 2005, Toadspittle Hill Productions, softcover, 172 pages, ISBN 0966604423. (Seems to be one that starts where *Bryant & Helen Reeve* and *Douglas Curran* left you hanging in suspense...)

Ray Holm: The range of reality: the secret of the UFOs. Febr 2005, PublishAmerica, softcover, 181 pages, ISBN 1-41375878-9. (Is this SF or honest reporting by a contactee?)

James Houran: A search for meaning in the Ramey document from the Roswell UFO case. 2006, Fund for UFO Research, booklet, 76 pages, ISBN unknown.

Jesper Jerkert & Sven-Ove Hansson (editors): Vetenskap eller villfarelse. 2005, Leopard förlag, Stockholm, Sweden, hardcover, 348 pages, index, ISBN 91-7343-085-4. (Swedish academics debunking all kinds of phenomena, UFOs included – CSICOP style).

William E. Jones (editor): UFOs, serious business? Absolutely. Classic cases. [Volume 1]. 2005, Mutual UFO Network of Ohio, booklet, 32 pages. (Privately distributed by the author, AFU has also received an expanded edition of 44 pages).

William E. Jones (editor): UFOs, serious business? Absolutely. Hints of the reality. [Volume 2]. 2005, Mutual UFO Network of Ohio, booklet, 32 pages. (Privately distributed by the author).

Tapani Koivula (editor): Uforaportti 12. Ufotutkimuksen vuosikirja 2005. 2005, Suomen Ufotutkijat ry, softcover, 190 pages, ISBN 952-99618-0-4. (This is the annual yearbook from the Finnish UFO investigators, the 12th in a row – preceded also by a simpler annual in the early 1990s called *Vuosiraportti*. As far as we know there is no specialized regular UFO mag in Finnish – this compensates for that! Find out more at www.suomenufotutkijat.fi/)

Janja Lalich: Bounded choice: True believers and charismatic cults. 2004, University of California Press, Berkeley, softcover, 329 pages, ISBN 0-520-23194-5. (Comparative study of Heaven's Gate and a Marxist political collective).

Richard Leviton: Signs of the earth: deciphering the message of Virgin Mary apparitions, UFO encounters and crop circles. June 2005, Hampton Roads Publishing, softcover, 268 pages, ISBN 1-57174246-8.

Rob MacGregor & Bruce Gernon: The fog: a never before published theory of the Bermuda triangle phenomenon. 2005, Llewellyn, softcover, 208 pages, ISBN unknown. (A new theory of "electronic fog").

Michael Michaud: Contact with alien civilizations: our hopes and fears encountering extraterrestrials. June 2006, Springer, hardcover, 400 pages, ISBN 0-38728598-9.

MUFON 2005 International UFO symposium proceedings. "Unconventional flying objects: the body of technological evidence, part II". 36th annual international UFO symposium proceedings. 2005, MUFON, Morrison, Colorado, softcover, 278 pages, no ISBN. (Aztec, abductions and ETs are the usual subjects of this annual on the status of US 'mainstream' ufology).

Enola Nicks: Side effect: testament of a contactee. July 2005, Ecce Nova, Canada, softcover, 92 pages, ISBN 0-97353414-1. (A female abductee who doubts that the creatures who abduct her are ETs).

V. M. Rabolu: Hercolobus, or red planet. 2004, Editrice Coradi, Varese, Italy, softcover, 57 pages, ISBN 0-9533331-8-3. (The book of this Colombian contactee – pseudonym for one *Joaquin Enrique Amórtégui Valbuena* are spreading like viruses over the globe. The website www.hercolobus.net reports that it is "diffused" in no less than 42 countries, even a Swedish edition! Quite a lame story compared to that of Raël/Claude Vorilhon...)

Mary Rodwell: Awakening: how E.T. contact can transform your life. June 2005, Avatar, softcover, 246 pages, ISBN 0-97384420-5. (Second book by this abductee who prefers to see the good in the visitors' agenda).

Sherry Shriner: The Bible code revealed: the coming UFO invasion. Jan. 2005, iUniverse, softcover, 155 pages, ISBN 0-59533559-4. (The Bible story again this time taking a jump start from President 'Ike's' rumoured meeting with ETs in 1954).

Jean Sider: OVNI: creatures de l'humanité. Febr 2005, JMG Editions, France, 373 pages, ISBN 2-91516433-9.

David Simpson: Conclusions from controlled UFO hoaxes. 2005, Institute for Cultural Research, Nottingham, booklet, 32 pages, ISBN 0-904674-38-X. (Simpson and friends test UFO beliefs with a series of hoaxes).

Linda Joy Singleton: Oh no! UFO! 2004, Llewellyn Worldwide, St. Paul, Minnesota, softcover, 177 pages, ISBN 0-7387-0579-9. (A fiction book for young readers about the Strange (!) family, there is a sequel, *Shamrocked*, about this family's adventures with the little people near Mount Shasta).

Brad Steiger & Sherry Hansen Steiger: Conspiracies and secret societies: The complete dossier. Jan 2006, Visible Ink/Omnigraphics, Detroit, Michigan, hardcover, 550 pages, ISBN 0-7808-0921-1 (1-5785-9174-0 for softcover). (An A-Z encyclopedia of 300 individuals, organizations and events connected with the world of

conspiracy – everything from Alien autopsies to Jim Hoffa).

Michael D. Swords (editor): Grass roots UFOs – case reports from the Timmerman files. 2005, Fund for UFO Research (FUFOR), softcover, 251 pages, illustrated, ISBN unknown. (Witness reports collected by John P. Timmerman during his tours with the CUFOS exhibition).

Jean-Pierre Troadec, Daniel Robin, Laurent Merle & Bernard Jolivet: OVNI: le mystère subsiste. 2005, Editions Les Confins, Lyon, France, 250 pages, includes bibliography, ISBN 2-9522230-1-7. (Another regional study).

Bon Trubshaw (editor): Explore phantom black dogs. June 2005, Albion Press, UK, softcover, 160 pages, ISBN 1-87288378-8. (British local folklorists on phantom animals sighted in the countryside).

Alfred Lambremont Webre: Exopolitics: politics, government and law in the universe. April 2005, Universebooks, Canada softcover, 165 pages, ISBN 0-9737663-0-1. (Available from www.universebooks.com)

Jean-Jacques Velasco & Nicolas Montigiani: OVNI: L'evidence. April 2004, Carnot, Chatou, France, softcover, 220 pages, ISBN 2-84855-054-6. (This book is by the former of the French official UFO study – the French *Nick Pope* or *Allen Hynek* – no other comparison intended!).

Maurizio Verga: ITACAT. II catalogo Italiano degli atterraggi UFO. Volume I, 1912-1954. (Documenti UFO). 2005. Edizioni UPIAR, CISU, Torino Italy, softcover A4 size, 171 pages, illustrated, ISBN unknown. (We exchanged with the author to get this fine catalogue of Italian landing cases (up to and including 1954 with a lot of clippings and contemporary SF publications reprinted. I didn't find this (yet) in the UPIAR store on www.upiar.com but I am sure it will soon be there).

Ryan S. Wood: MAJIC Eyes Only: Earth's encounters with extraterrestrial technology. Foreword by Jim Marrs. Nov 2005, Wood Enterprises, hardcover, 328 pages, ISBN 0-97720590-8. (Wood has done – again - what Randle did a few years ago: collect 74 crashes in a book).

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God Jul och Gott Nytt 2006!

Bilaga till AFU Newsletter # 50, december 2005.

Dags för en nyårsbetraktelse till "UFO-arkivets" trogna vänner. Har ni också märkt att tiden accelererar ju större årtalssiffran (och därmed den egna åldern) blir? Någon borde skriva en bok om *det* fenomenet!

2005 har snart passerat och arkivets styrelse har äntligen lyckats avverka ett kombinerat årsmöte för de båda verksamhetsåren 2003 och 2004. *De här åren har varit arbetsamma på arkivet.* Samlingarna tenderar att flöda ("forsa", börjar snart bli rätt ord...) in i en allt stridare ström och man undrar ibland vart allt detta "ska ta vägen"? Som med det mesta, så finns det både en rolig "uppsida" och en mindre rolig "nedsida".

Låt oss börja med "uppsidan". Ni som regelbundet följer AFU:s hemsida www.afu.info (nås numera även via www.afu.se) ser att vi får in många samlingar. Mer material än vi orkar redovisa i detalj i AFU Newsletter. Senast har jag, förra veckan, packat upp en kartong med de intressanta resterna av danska SUFOI:s nedlagda bibliotek.

I går (18/12) fick jag en e-post från Jacques Scornaux, ordförande i den franska arkivföreningen SCEAU, som berättar att man i lördags (17/12) hämtat den 30 kartonger stora samlingen från Perry Petrakis och den nedlagda föreningen SOS-OVNI. Det har gått mer än 2 år sedan Clas Svahn tog initiativ till insamlingen. Tack alla ni som så generöst bidrog när Clas ringde! Clas' insamling + italienaren Edoardo Russo's envisa förhandlingar med Petrakis + Jacques Scornaux's arbete med att organisera övertagandet gav till slut resultat. "EU"-samarbete i sin prydno skulle man kunna säga. Nu försöker vi organisera transport av 400 böcker till Sverige. *Vet du något billigt sätt så hör av dig!*

AFU:s boksamling fortsätter att växa så det riktigt knakar i hyllorna - hittills i år med 382 titlar. Ett annat av årets genomförda projekt är en förteckning över cirka 1 200 ljudbandskassetter, bl.a. Clas Svahns hela intervjusamling och alla radioprogram. Katarina Otréus gjorde en riktig kämpainsats med detta under ett par månader hos oss. Snart är dessutom hela 1970-talets rikhaltiga samling av tidningsklipp (vi har just passerat 9 000 registerposter) inknappade i vår databas. Sandra Aronsson jobbar med detta, nästan dagligen.

Alla svenska UFO-rapporter från 1995-1996-1997 är registrerade i ScanCat och vi sorterar nu resten av "liggande" rapporter för registrering under det kommande året. Detta är "Anci" Mårdhs projekt. Sven-Olov Svensson kämpar tappert med alla högar med inkommande böcker och tidskrifter som jag lämnar vidare efter katalogisering i våra databaser, samtidigt som han letar källor till sitt 35-åriga (tala om tålamod!) projekt med en internationell katalog över "alla" kontaktfall. En katalog som Stefan Isaksson förtjänstfullt har översatt till en engelsk publik. Själv jobbar jag med bl.a. webbplatsen och ekonomin – tyvärr har vi missat en del utskick av inbetalningskort under året och därmed ditt stöd.

Snälla ni som stödjer oss, fundera på att själv arrangera en stående överföring direkt via banken! Det är numera möjligt till vilket konto som helst, i varje fall fungerar det Nordea → Plusgirot = vårt pluskonto 49 07 14-3. Traditionellt autogiro kan vi däremot inte arrangera – det är bara till för stora företag som klarar att lämna en datafil varje månad.

En "nedsida" jag vill nämna: förestående stambyten och renoveringar i de fastigheter där vi har våra tre arkiv. Troligen når man fram till vår äldsta lokal redan under nästa år. Det går värme-, avlopps- och vattenrör genom alla våra lokaler så vi tvingas nog utrymma, den ena lokalen efter den andra. Jag ser framför oss *sex flyttar* – ut och in igen i 3 olika arkiv. Tanken har väckts på en flytt till en ny större lokal i Norrköping med allt under ett och samma tak – gärna nyrenoverat och utan rör i taket (vattenrör ingår inte som en ingrediens i Riksarkivets anvisningar för arkivlokaler!). Just nu finns säkert minst 70 000 kvm tomma lokalytor i staden Norrköping – ibland jättefina lokaler i gamla kulturhus - men till vilka priser!!!

Sköt om er inför, och under, det nya året!

Anders Liljegren

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Some visions for the future of the AFU Foundation

By Anders Liljegren

The three present AFU venues are “lined up” in a “row” along the same suburban street of Norrköping, a traditional old Swedish industrial town of about 125.000 inhabitants - a city now facing a newborn life as an administrative, logistics and educational centre.

The three localities are all below the street level which makes for cheaper rents. We have been very fortunate in this sense. The residential area of more than a thousand flats is peaceful, with ageing populations, who, in extreme cases, have lived here for fifty years or more.

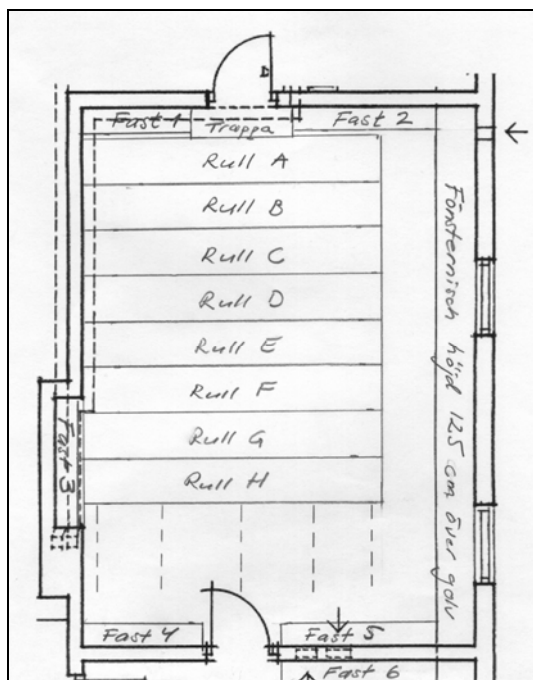
Now the time has come to upgrade the technical status of the old houses with new pipes for water, heating and drainage, and new electricity systems. AFU will have to, temporarily, move out of our three places, with the first starting in January 2007.

We have been seeking ways out of the dilemma of evacuating more than 600 shelf meters of (mostly ordered) archives materials, and then moving it all back into place again. Archives people traditionally prefer straining their brains in stead of their muscles!!

Aided by the always very kind and helpful people at the landlord's we have now found a fourth venue of 76 square meters that will help us immensely with the task ahead.

Plans are to evacuate all or most parts of, the collections into the new locality, starting probably in *October 2006*, when *that* particular house is ready after the overhaul.

Plans are also to equip the new two-room premises (see blueprints, here) with *new compact shelves on rails* to provide maximum storage capacity. If the projected 16 sections of rolling shelves (marked “Rull A” to “Rull R” in the drawings) can be installed, it will mean that we can



Sketch of projected shelves in the inner room of the new archives.

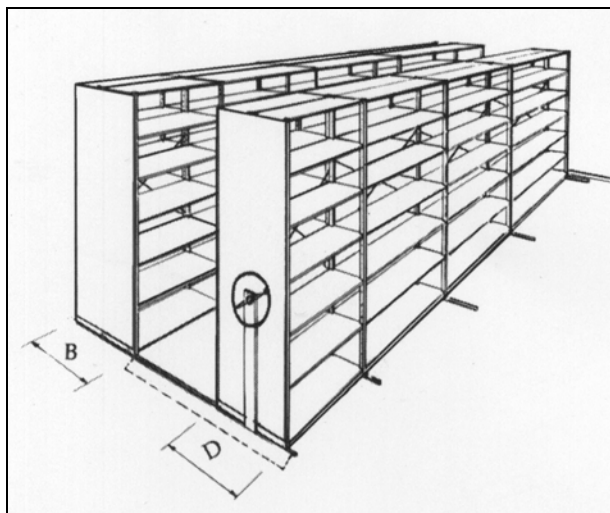
evacuate all of our collections, including the media libraries (books, videos, magazines), for a short period.

Plans are, then, to move back into our present library and working facilities, spreading the collections on three remaining premises, while we would let go of the oldest (and smallest) locality (where we started our work in 1980).

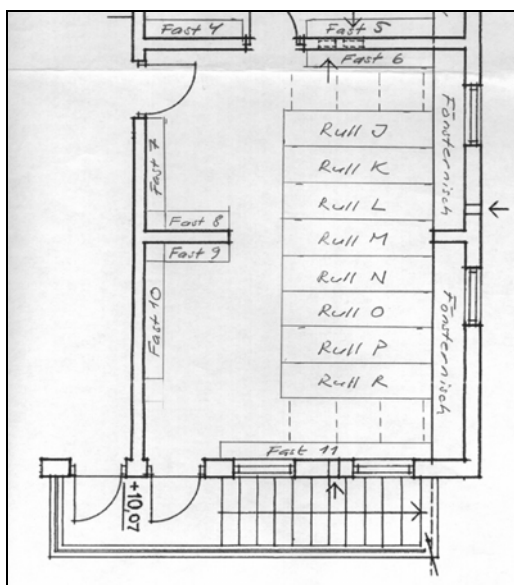
The about 700 meters of rolling shelves would cost us a total of about 178.000 SEK (USD 22.000), money we don't have and which we can only dream of...

Maybe one of the world's tens of thousands of billionaires would like to sponsor us? Why are people like Robbie Williams willing to spend money on “space ports for UFOs”, UFOs that obviously can land in any field or on mountain top in this sad world?. Why not spend your money in an intelligent way, supporting the world's most dedicated effort to preserve the UFO memory to the future? We are very sure that it will be needed, whatever the solution to the UFO mystery (or mysteries).

Fortunately, there may be a solution, or we wouldn't spend one single minute on dreams such as this. The Swedish *National Archives* (Riksarkivet) has a fund for regional, private archives where money can be sought for shelves and security measures. Aided by expertise from ÖLFA, a union of local and regional archives in east-Sweden, we will be applying for a grant. *Decision will come on October 3, so keep your fingers crossed!*



The decision (positive, we hope) would come perfect in time for installation of the shelves and evacuation from the first of our premises.



The outer room of the projected new archives with areas for sorting new incoming collections.

While engaging in visions of a possible future – ***everything starts with a vision, I remember so many of them*** - we have also done some rethinking of how we could use our present venues better, and how the collection should be structured.

Decision has been made to change venues between our work-places facility and our library, respectively.

The present library, inaugurated in 2002, is much better to use for 4-6 workplaces with computers. It has a better security situation with just one entrance, and there is also a toilet that we do not have to share with anyone else. There is also the possibility to arrange for a small kitchen where coffee and quick meals can be prepared, and where we can wash up our dishes. This venue also has the best summer climate with a superbly cool atmosphere.

The present main archive with four work-places will instead become our new library, or, “media centre”. This is where visiting researchers will find the tip-of-the-iceberg of our collections: books, documents, audiovisual media, a selection of the best magazines, etc.

The book library, which is now arranged strictly in order by author’s name, will be restructured into themes following the Ufocode scheme.

Ufocode was devised by us in 1983 and is still holding ground very well, being developed with new theme codes. In our dreams there will be a display on 75 square meters in clockwise order starting with “A” (astro-archeology) and ending with “U” (ufology) near the entrance.

There will also be a reader’s corner for contemplation and discussions. Also, we hope to accommodate one or two researcher’s desks with computers that will have sets of all of our databases and a lot of external databases. The general renovation of the area will also provide “true broadband” with super-high-speed internet connection.

The more elusive items, like rare magazines (master collection and surplus materials), less frequented documents, archives and manuscripts, plus other very

special collections, will be kept in the new facility with compact shelves. The new system, as a whole, will provide an increase in shelf capacity of more than 100 % compared to the present situation.

AFU is always seeking people who can provide voluntary work or other resources to realize and continue our visions. We will probably need the help of skilful people who can help us renovate (painting, floors, security measures), and moving.

We are also seeking ‘investors’ who can provide monetary means. For instance we need new (or used) computer power to the centre for *projects involving future digitalization and building of data bases*. If you can help, please let us know.

AFU people and projects

Here is a summary of the many collections and projects which have been completed, or are underway, at AFU, and which have not been mentioned in previous newsletters. More details may sometimes be found on our web site:

www.afu.info.

■ Ann-Christin Spolander has been working for half-a-year on an inventory and general upgrade of our collections on Swedish UFO groups, societies and personalities. A digital inventory of most of our materials from Swedish UFO study groups will soon be published on our web. Ann-Christin has spent her period with us as an archives trainee, before going into university archival studies. A splendid job!

■ Tomas Eriksson has returned to Norrköping, and voluntary work with the archives, after spending many years in the north of Sweden. In the late 1990’s he was, for a period, an “ALU” co-worker with us, managing the UFO-Sweden national report centre. He will now continue working with the report archives, in collaboration with Sussie Andersson, who is updating our database with reports from the most recent 10 years. Another task ahead will also be the Danish SUFOI report archives. Tomas has recently put a collection of nine thick volumes of foreign report translations into chronological order. The reports were translated into Swedish by ufologist Sören Andersson and most cases were published in the magazine *UFO-Information*.

Incoming collections from Norway

■ Our Norwegian contact Ole Jonny Braenne continues to provide us with a wealth of materials. The six heavy parcels received from him this spring/summer has included almost 100 kilos of books, magazines and videos. Ole Jonny is transferring his films collection (documentaries and fiction) to DVDs. The old VHS video cassettes are “dumped” on us. We try to catalogue all the material that has some UFO connection. With a generous attitude towards science fiction and occult themes this is about 90 %.

■ Some years ago Ole Jonny Braenne also provided us with the personal archives from Norwegian ufologists like Kolbjörn Stenödegård, Finn W. Kalvik and Odd-Gunnar Roed, who have either passed away or lost interest. We have just ordered the Odd-Gunnar Røed files into seven personal Roed correspondence folders. Correspondence, meeting agenda, etc, on the Project Hessdalen have been

combined with Swedish materials in the archives into a three folders archive on the history of this world-renowned project.

Russian archives

■ St. Petersburg ufologist *Mikhail Gershtein* has, since the start of year 2006, provided us with, by now, 10 (!) parcels of Russian materials connected to ufology. Anders Liljegren is slowly cataloguing this unique (at least to us here in the West) collection of mostly original (non-translation) Russian books. At the present the books alone take up a shelf of about 1.5 meters length, even including type-written “Samizdat” manuscripts. Mikhail has also sent us complete or almost complete collections of UFO-related magazines from Russia and former Soviet state areas. Clas Svahn has been busy as an intermediary, also neatly ordering the Russian clippings Mikhail sends into file folders. This will all provide the base for a Russian-language collection at AFU, possibly a shelf on it's own in the new media library.

Merci bien!

■ Frenchman *Bernard Hugues*, who manages a group in Marseille called CERPA, has sent us several parcels of materials, including some (probably) very rare French contactee books. We have also received exchange materials from *Didier Gomez*, publisher of the magazine *UFomania* and author-publisher of books and booklets in French. *UFomania* recently published a very kind review about AFU's work for their readership. We have also exchange deals with *Jean-Luc Rivera* where we receive the excellent publications he is involved with.

■ We are still trying to find ways of transporting the 400+ book collection of *Perry Petrakis*, which we bought in December. We are negotiating with a Stockholm truck company but if anyone, who reads this, is planning to go from France to Sweden on a vacation tour (and could carry about 300 kilos of books in their car!) we would be willing to discuss paying for the gas. Contact us!

Finland – our closest neighbour to the east

■ Finnish ufologist *Tapani Kuningas* recently met with Clas Svahn in Stockholm and handed over to AFU a fine collection of books and materials published by Finnish ufologists, including the issues of the Finnish ufologist's Yearbook we were lacking. We have also received materials from his Finnish colleague Björn Borg and are expecting to acquire copies of more UFO-related materials from our closest neighbour to the East, which is so far away – language-wise.

Other recent acquisitions & exchanges

■ In early 2006 we received the last portions of the Danish SUFOI's former lending library via *Per Andersen*, one of our friends on the SUFOI board. With materials coming in from all the Scandinavian countries we are now a truly 'Nordic' enterprise!

■ We recently helped Polish journalist-researcher *Bartosz Rdultowski* with some source material on the Nazi UFO rumours. By exchange we received his three Polish books on aspects of secret aircraft related to UFOs, from WWII and onward. For more details – see our web place.

■ AFU has also received – and ‘melted in’ – collections from Swedes like *Leif Persson* (manager of the UFO-Sweden report centre), *Björn Ekelund*, *Ragnar Birgersson*, *Sven Tommy Helmér*, *Borgny Tingstedt*, *Jan Kimby*, *Kenneth Karlsson*, and others – usually book collections. Such collections are divided between our reference library, our sales shelf, and providing copies for international exchange deals. All of it comes to use for the foundation! Thank you!

■ eBay sales have not been possible to find the time for, but we are still acquiring materials, now and then, through this excellent source. As this is written we have just acquired the 1972 and 1974 MUFON symposium proceedings which will complete our collection of that essential publication of contemporary American ufology. We are also slowly tugging into the big chunk of William Corliss's Sourcebook publications.

Information requests

■ AFU receives on the average of two or three information requests each week, mostly through the internet, which shows that there is a need for an ‘institution’ – *though as yet with very modest resources* – to care for people's natural curiosity into UFOs and UFO folklore. We can often help students, journalists, ufologists, publishers, etc, just by scanning one or two pages from our collection, or sending Xerox copies. Often this develops into a mutual contact where input comes by return to the archives collection! We are also getting a growing number of offers for UFO-related collections (we currently have such offers from Argentina, Finland and Italy); often so many that it is difficult to give them all a proper reaction and follow-up. Where money are involved our resources are very, very limited.

University dissertations

■ One of the people that AFU – through *Håkan Blomqvist* – has worked with during 2006 is university student *Jessica Moberg*, who has just sent us her thesis from the faculty of ‘Science of Religion’ (in itself a contradiction, isn't it?) at the Södertörn high school, south of Stockholm.

The 82-page essay is titled (in translation) *When the flying saucers landed in the Swedish Welfare State*. This is a thoughtful and detailed examination of Swedish ufology. Probably much to ‘woolly’ for hard-evidence ufologists to digest, but we are seeing a lot of works, internationally, in this area (such as the Heiland doctoral thesis in Norway), and it is very interesting for us to follow.

We have just had a couple of visits from *Erik Östling* from Stockholm who is aiming to write the first Swedish doctoral thesis in this area. We would like to preserve any thesis related to ‘our’ subject but our time resources for coverage are much too small.

Book reviews

by Stefan Isaksson

Unsolved History – Investigating Mysteries of the Past Joe Nickell

University Press of Kentucky

179 pages

ISBN: 0813191378

Joe Nickell is just as productive as he is scientific, and that says a lot. A LOT.

To most people, Nickell is probably most known as paranormal investigator for *CSICOP* with his own column in the *Skeptical Inquirer*, but Nickell has more than that up his paranormal sleeve. He has, among other things, worked as a private investigator and published several books dealing with investigation techniques and camera work (for instance, books with such titles as *Camera Clues*, *Detecting Forgery*, and *Crime Science*), in short, books that any careful investigator of both paranormal and “normal” mysteries ought to know about.

And *Unsolved History* is one of these books where Nickell offers advice to anyone interested in learning how to do a thorough investigation of mysteries that are more historical in nature than they are paranormal. Among the nine cases in the book, only two are well-known among students of the paranormal: the Nazca-lines in Peru and the Shroud of Turin. The other cases are pure historical mysteries, but that doesn't matter much. Nickell is as thorough as ever.

To the average Swedish reader, however, most cases are probably unknown, for example the mysteries regarding American adventurer Jonathan Boone, the alleged silver mines of Jonathan Swift, and the famous “Bixby letter” supposedly written by president Abraham Lincoln (which most Swedes actually have at least heard of, since it was featured in the blockbuster *Saving Private Ryan*). But then again, it doesn't really matter if you know about the cases beforehand or not, because Nickell always makes sure to supply enough background material.

Some of the chapters tend to get a little tedious after a while, but that's made up by the extensive bibliography which has tons of books worth consulting for anyone interested in doing their own investigations of the cases in the book (or other historical cases).

Chasing the Roswell Alien Glenn Marcel

The Invisible College Press

279 pages

ISBN: 1931468257

Chasing the Roswell Alien is Glenn Marcel's second book about tabloid journalist *Melissa Vaughn*, whom he introduced for the first time in his last book, *Chasing Elvis*. This time around the young journalist ends up in Roswell, New Mexico, where she starts digging deep into secrets and conspiracies regarding the famous crash of 1947. And what she finally finds is perhaps just as frightening as it's fascinating.

Obviously I won't give away the ending but what I will do is telling you a thing or two about the book. Glenn Marcel – who is related to *Jesse Marcel*, one of the key players in the real Roswell incident – has written a thriller/mystery novel about this the most famous of all cases in the history of ufology.

Unfortunately though, the novel is actually quite sloppy, and I cannot give it a better grade than a C. Not very bad, not very good. It's not that there's a lack of intrigues, sudden turns of events, and action. On the contrary, the story charges on at top speed, new characters come and go, and you won't find many quiet moments throughout all the 279 pages of the book.

So why, then, is the final grade no more than a C? Well, again, it's a sloppy piece of literature. The chapters are short and lacking of depth; they only contain what is ABSOLUTELY necessary for the story and definitely nothing else. The reader is never allowed to gain a deeper insight into what's going on, and this total lack of mood and atmosphere results in the book completely lacking any absorbing elements whatsoever.

I found the characters to be more like robots than people, none of them appear to have any sense of feelings, and this result in the whole shebang becoming one big illusory happening. It's not because of the fact that extraterrestrials and parallel dimensions are brought into the story, it's because of the sad fact that not a single character feels real. Here and there people learn of amazing secrets of the state and new and awesome facts that are sure to upset their entire worldview and turn their life upside down, and all they can do is shrug their shoulders and mutter something in the sense of “yeah, well, so what?”.

And one scene that was especially irritating is when an airplane has crashed into a dangerous river. Water starts filling the cockpit, but the passengers are only able to joke about it and being sarcastic, even though their very lives are in danger.

Furthermore, the book is arranged in a weird way. Melissa Vaughn, the brave heroine, doesn't appear until you reach page 121. This makes the preceding 120 pages seem extremely lengthy.

You can absolutely read *Chasing the Roswell Alien* even though you might not have ever heard of the Roswell Incident before, and if you do know something about it, it might be fun to take part of a fictive story dealing with a real event. Still, the book is far from being as great as it could have been; if only Marcel had taken the time to make his characters seem a little more alive. And I wish he hadn't been in such a hurry writing it. Perhaps he wasn't, but that's definitely the feeling you get from reading it.

Join My Cult!

James Curcio

New Falcon Publications

284 pages

ISBN: 1561841730

I wish I'd understood *Join My Cult!*, because judging from the response it's gotten online and from book reviewers on Amazon.com it's an amazing book, destined to be a cult classic and packed with various occult themes. Add drugs, magic, and conspiracy theories to the mix and you'll have a book that is just as strange as it's fantastic.

That is, according to others. Because personally I didn't really understand a whole lot of what the 284 pages had to offer. That's not a very funny thing to admit, especially not since I really did try my very best to understand what was going on. And sometimes I actually did understand. I think. Almost, anyway. There was one character named Alexi, one named Ken, another one known as Jesus, and someone known as Agent 139.

But, were some of the characters one and the same individual? What was reality, and what took place in dreams? Or on other astral levels? Who really did say what, and what was indeed happening? And why? What was Mother Hive Brain, which was mentioned time and again?

And so one, and so on. Can I really write a review about something I didn't understand? Am I the stupid one here? Was the book good? Or bad? Perhaps it was good. Or perhaps it sucked. What do I know? Well, at least it was weird. And very much so.

Recent and upcoming media

- "Media that would find a home in the AFU library"



Mikhail Akhmanov: Oglyanis – prisheltzy ryadom! Inoplanetyane – demony ili bogi? (Turn around - the aliens are near! Extraterrestrials – demons or gods?). 2005, Yauza-Eksmo, Moscow, hardcover, 320 pages, ISBN 5-699-11337-1. (Famous Russian SF author takes on the UFO phenomenon, with examples of his own novels cited in the appendices. Copy available at AFU through Mikhail Gershtein).

Werner Anderhub & Andreas Müller: Phänomen Kornkreise. Der neuste Stand der Kornkreisforschung. Oct. 2005, AT-Verlag, Baden, Switzerland, hardcover, 128 pages, ISBN 3-03800-251-8.

Ann Andrews: Jason – my Indigo child. Raising a multidimensional Star Child in a changing world. May 2005, Granite Publishing, USA, softcover, 312 pages, ISBN 1930724098.

Anonymous: The Blue Planet project. 2005?, UFO Photo Archives, USA, eBook, ISBN 0-934269-51-3. (Authored by a US Government insider describing relations between the US and several ET societies).

P.M.H. Atwater: Beyond the Indigo children: the new children and the coming of the fifth world. Oct. 2005, Bear

& Company, USA, softcover, 256 pages, ISBN 1-59143051-8. (Many books are now published about special children, Indigo children. This one is more in the NDE field – compare with *Ann Andrews* above).

Gary Bates: Alien intrusion. UFOs and the evolution connection. Jan. 2005, Master Books, USA, softcover, 381 pages, ISBN 0-890514356. (Another one in an endless stream of Christian-Biblical worldviews that tells you UFOs are vehicles of the demons).

Roberto Affonso Beck: Ufologia. A luz dos fatos. June 2006, Biblioteca UFO (CBPDV), Brazil, softcover, 180 pages, ISBN unknown. (A new appearance from the Brazilian national UFO group in their series of books).

Timothy Green Beckley: Timothy Green Beckley's strange saga. Aug 2005, Global Communications, USA, paperback + audio CD, 140 pages, ISBN 1-89206293-3.

Richard Bessière: OVNI & extraterrestres. June 2005, Les 3 Spirales, France, softcover, 254 pages, ISBN 2-84773-023-0.

Greg Bishop: Project Beta. The story of Paul Bennewitz, National Security, and the creation of a modern UFO myth. Febr. 2005, Paraview Pocket Books, USA, softcover, 288 pages, ISBN 0-74347092-3.

Franck Boitte: La vague de 1954 en Belgique. Année charnière pour l'ufologie européenne. 2005, the author, Chateaufort, France, softcover A4, 117 pages, ISBN unknown.

Fabrice Bonvin: OVNI: les agents du changement. Dec. 2005, JMG (J-M. Grandsire), France, softcover, 440 pages, ISBN 2-915164-65-7.

Björn Borg: UFOt ja tiedemiehet. (UFOs and the scientist). 2006, the author, Helsinki, Finland, softcover, 340 pages, no ISBN. (Privately printed book with views on UFOs from more than 1.300 scientists worldwide).

William Bramley: Jesus goes to Hollywood: the alternative theories about Christ. July 2005, Dahlin Family, Modesto, California, hardcover, 335 pages, ISBN 0-97556360-2. (Dwight Connelly, in MUFON, Dec. 2005, reports there is one chapter on UFOs here).

Robert Brewer: UFOs: 7 things you should know. Febr. 2006, PublishAmerica, softcover, 92 pages, ISBN 1-41374414-6. (Yet another one from the Christian view of life, by a witness of the "Phoenix lights").

Art Campbell: UFO crash at San Augustin. Jan. 2006, Filament Books, eBook, no ISBN available. (Allegedly new evidence on the old case, www.filamentbooks.com).

Thibaut Canuti: Un fait maudit. Histoire originale et phénoménologique du fait OVNI. 2005, Ufomania, Lombers, France, softcover A4, 206 pages, no ISBN. (Historical review of the UFO phenomenon by 32 years young Frenchman, review copy received by AFU).

Ron Card & Wendelle C. Stevens: UFO contact from Venus. 2005?, UFO Photo Archives, USA, eBook, 219 pages, no ISBN. (from www.ufophotoarchives.com).

Michael Carter: Alien scriptures: extraterrestrials in the Holy Bible. Sept 2005, Blue Star Publications, USA, softcover, 122 pages, ISBN 1-881542-76-9. (One that is not about Satan and demonic creatures from space?)

Rodolfo R. Casellato, M.A.O. Bianca & Wendelle C. Stevens: UFO contact from planet Klermer. 2006?, UFO Photo Archives, eBook, no details available. (Brazilian abduction case: www.ufophotoarchives.org)

Sean Casteel & Timothy Green Beckley: Our alien planet: this eerie Earth. April 2005, Global Communications, softcover, 130 pages, ISBN 1-89206288-7. (Includes CD, also as eBook from www.filamentbooks.com).

Didier Charnay & Francois Hays: Guide des livres ufologiques francophones 1951-2005. 2005, Editions du 24 juin, Viriat France, softcover, 480 pages, ISBN unknown. (Privately published French bibliography, see www.studiovni.com/gluf.htm).

Albert Coe & Wendelle Stevens: UFO contact from the planet Norca. The shocking truth. 2005?, UFO Photo Archives, USA, eBook, 130 pages, ISBN 0-934269-59-9. (<http://ufologie.net/htm/c.htm> for a summary of this contact case).

Jason Colavito: The cult of alien gods. H.P. Lovecraft and extraterrestrial pop culture. Dec. 2005, Prometheus Books, USA, softcover, 398 pages, ISBN 1-59102-352-1.

Loren Coleman & Patrick Huyghe: The field guide to Bigfoot, Yeti and other mystery primates worldwide. March 2006, Anomalist Books, USA, softcover, 224 pages, ISBN 1-93366512-2.

Conners, Wendy: Research recordings of Robert Gribble's National UFO Reporting Center (NUFORC), Seattle, WA, 1974-1977. May 2006, 252 tracks, 44 hours of UFO interviews. Available from www.fadeddiscs.com.

Conners, Wendy: The Shaver & Allende mysteries: deros, teros, Philadelphia experiment and the death of Morris K. Jessup; / Swamp gas: the 1966 Michigan UFO flap; / Saucerology: tales of Giant Rock / Humanoids: an audio retrospective; / Project Blue Book. All five productions: 2005, Faded Discs, USA, Audio CDs. Just a few of the many documentary audioCDs available from www.fadeddiscs.com. Should be fantastic materials for any collection!

William R. Corliss: Archaeological anomalies: graphic artefacts I. 2006, Sourcebook Project, USA, hardcover, 182 pages, ISBN 0-915554-48-8.

Michel Coste & Alexandre Lollini: Ufophilatelie. 2005, Espace Lollini, Marseille, France, booklet, 12 pages + CD. (On stamps worldwide, connected to UFOs, copy acquired by AFU).

de Campos, Pedro: UFO – fenomeno de contato. Uma visao espirita da Ufologia. 2005, Lumen, Brazil, softcover, 352 pages, ISBN 85-8647475-4.

Ashahana Deane: Voyagers. The sleeping abductees. June 2006, Granite Press, USA, eBook, no ISBN. (www.filamentbooks.com).

Preston Dennett: Supernatural California: a Golden State guide to UFOs, extraterrestrials, ghosts, hauntings, psychics, mediums, mystical spots... Febr 2006, Schiffer Publ, USA, softcover, 168 pages, ISBN 0-76432401-2.

Steve Dewey & John Reis: In alien heat: The Warminster mystery revisited. Dec. 2005, Anomalist Books, Jefferson Valley, USA, softcover, 328 pages, ISBN 1-93366502-5.

Gary Dillman: A Capitol UFO. 2005 Gate-way-Publishers.com, USA, booklet, 52 pages, ISBN unknown. (Self-experience sighting in Washington D.C. 2002, also available as eBook).

Tim Donovan: The truth about UFOs and aliens. April 2006, PublishAmerica, USA, softcover, 76 pages, ISBN 1-42413024-7. (Finally, the truth...)

Mark Dorio: Ufology: a very short introduction. Sept. 2005, Trafford Publishing, softcover, 124 pages, ISBN 1-41206473-2

Jonathan Downes: The rising of the moon. Sept 2005, Excalibur Publishing, USA, softcover, 392 pages, ISBN 0-95449365-6. (Starting off with a local British UFO wave this investigation diversifies into many paranormal phenomena).

Lucius Farish, Wendelle C. Stevens & Phyl Pierceall: UFO contact from beyond Rigel. 2005?, UFO Photo Archives, USA, eBook, ISBN 0-934269-50-5 (Cherokee Indian girl abduction).

Joaquim Fernandez & Fina d'Armada: Celestial secrets – the hidden history of the Fatima cover-up. July 2006, EcceNova, Victoria, B.C., Canada, softcover, 284 pages, ISBN 0-9735341-8-4. (Second book in a trilogy, more info on www.eccenova.com, the predecessor Heavenly lights now as eBook, www.filamentbooks.com).

Georg A. Filer & David E. Twitchell: Filer's files: worldwide reports of UFO sightings. Oct. 2005, Infinity Publishing, softcover, 206 pages, ISBN 0-74142812-1.

Bill Foster; Peggy Foster & Nadine Wheeler: The black triangle abduction. Nov 2005, Invisible College Press, USA, softcover, 368 pages, ISBN 1-93146824-9. (A new American abduction case).

Heiner Gehring & Karl-Heinz Zunneck: Flgscheiben über Neuschwabenland. Die Wahrheit über "Vril", "Hanebu" und die Templer-Erbenemeinschaft. March 2005, Kopp Verlag, Germany, hardcover, 216 pages, ISBN 3-93851600-3.

Timothy Good: Need to know: UFOs, the military and intelligence. August 2006, Pan Macmillan, UK, hardcover, 320 pages, ISBN 0-28307034-X. (To be published in the US in May 2007, see www.timothygood.co.uk.)

Steven M. Greer: Hidden truth – forbidden knowledge. April 2006, Crossing Point, USA, softcover, 325 pages, ISBN 0-96732382-7. (Autobiography by this conspiracy-UFO-New Age figure).

Coris A. Grinshill: UFO alien encounters: the unreported evidence. 2006, Kingswood, USA, hardcover, no paging or ISBN known. ("Is there a conspiracy to hide the truth about UFOs behind a manufactured fiction of little grey aliens from distant galaxies?")

Mark A. Hall: Thunderbirds: America's living legends of giant birds. Nov. 2004, Paraview Press, USA, softcover, 208 pages, ISBN 1-93104497-X

Graham Hancock: Supernatural: meetings with the ancient teachers of mankind. Oct. 2005, Century, UK, hardcover, 528 pages, ISBN 1-84413681-7.

Tayah L. Hanson: The "Rael" world. Narratives of the Raelian movement. M.A. thesis submitted to the College of Graduate Studies and Research. Oct. 2005, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Canada. (File downloadable from library.usask.ca, PDF file available with AFU).

Merrily Harpur: Mystery big cats. March 2006, Heart of Albion Press, UK, softcover, 270 pages, ISBN 1-87288392-3.

Charlotte Harrison: Alien abduction, UFO's and Bible prophecy. August 2005, Xlibris, USA, softcover, 72 pages, ISBN 1-41347023-8.

Patrick Huyghe & Dennis Stacy (editors): The universe wants to play: The Anomalist 12, a nonfiction anthology. June 2006, Anomalist Books, USA, softcover, 212 pages

ISBN 1-93366514-9. (Seemingly a welcome back of this regular publication, in the original printed form).

Robert Iturralde: The UFO phenomenon and the birth of the Jewish-Christian and Moslem religions. April 2006, Rosedog, USA, softcover, 196 pages, ISBN 0-80598233-7.

Venda Jones [pseud.]: They hover above us. April 2006, Authorhouse, USA, softcover, 64 pages, ISBN 1-4259-0234-0. (Copy received at AFU from the author, largely photographic book with little background details on how the photos were exposed).

Antony Joseph: The African origin of UFOs. Oct. 2006, Salt Publishing, USA, softcover, 140 pages, ISBN 1-84471272-9. (For your information: this is poetry – not UFO research, yet a part of the growing tentacles of an ever growing UFO-inspired (sub)culture).

Eric Julien: La science des extraterrestres. July 2005, Science-Conscience, France, softcover, 420 pages, ISBN 2-91516457-6.

Eric Julien: Enfants des étoiles: Tome 1: desirez-vous nous voir apparaître? April 2006, Science-Conscience, France, softcover, 321 pages, ISBN 2-02516469-X. (French air traffic controller who writes much about the connections between UFO sightings and nuclear weapons tests, trying to prove correlations between the two).

Colm A. Kelleher & George Knapp: Hunt for the skinwalker. Dec. 2005, Paraview Pocket Books, USA, softcover, 304 pages, ISBN 1-41650521-0. (Documentation on strange happenings on an isolated ranch in Utah bought by NIDS, the organization started by Robert Bigelow).

Judy Ann Kennedy: Spiritual practice, occultism and extraterrestrial intelligence: a travel guide for beyond the rainbow. Sept 2005, Paper Wings Publishing, USA, softcover, 672 pages, ISBN 0-97701320-0. (Copy received from publisher).

Kenneth Lloyd Larson: Pi and the Golden Section. July 2005, New Age World, USA, softcover, 482 pages, ISBN 1-59405063-5.

Kenneth Lloyd Larson: The intelligent mathematical design over the great pyramid quadrant. June 2006, New Age World, USA, softcover, 442 pages, ISBN 1-59405087-2.

Susan C. Lepselter: The flight of the ordinary: narrative, poetics, power and UFOs in the American uncanny. March 2006, Proquest/UMI, softcover, 300 pages, ISBN 0-54216783-2. (Ethnographical dissertation on uncanny narratives in US pop culture, including abductions, Ph.D. dissertation from The University of Texas, fulltext available at <http://repositories.tdl.org/handle/2152/397>).

Michael Luckman: Alien rock: the rock n'roll extraterrestrial connection. July 2005, MTV, USA, softcover, 352 pages, 0-74346673-X. (On the cultural connections between rock music and ET's/SF/UFOs).

Madhir: Historias de OVNI's y extraterrestres. 2004, Plaza Dorrego, Buenos Aires, Argentina. No other details.

Anthony R. Mallin: Asylum: the definitive UFO and alien abduction experience. Febr 2006, Semmens Publishing, UK, hardcover, 297 pages, ISBN 0-95520200-0. (Abduction syndrome that started off in 1965 in Lincolnshire).

Philip Mantle: Alien autopsy inquest. 2005, Filament Books, ebook, downloadable from www.ufodata.co.uk/catalog/product_info.php?products_id=34.

Philip Mantle & Paul Stonehill: Mysterious sky: Soviet UFO phenomena. May 2006, PublishAmerica, USA, softcover, 416 pages, ISBN 1-42410549-8. (Well, review copy was refused by the publisher when Stefan Isaksson asked...)

Glenn Marcel: Chasing the Roswell alien. Sept. 2005, Invisible College Press, USA, softcover, ISBN 1-93146825-7. (A relative of Major Jesse Marcel writes a fiction story centered on the Roswell case – see Stefan Isaksson's review, this issue).

Jorge Martin, Wendelle Stevens & Amaury Rivera: UFO capture of two F-14. 2005?, UFO Photo Archives, USA, eBook, no ISBN. (www.ufophotoarchives.com).

William McBride: Interpretations of an alien star map. Aug. 2005, PublishAmerica, USA, softcover, 118 pages, ISBN 1-41376751-6. (Hmmm, very skeptic to what there is to interpret behind a star map sketched free-hand from memory by an abductee).

Joel Mesnard: Men in black: l'étrange affaire les homes en noir et des ovnis. Nov. 2005, Le Mercure Dauphinois, France, softcover, 181 pages, ISBN 2-91382661-X.

Helen & Betty Mitchell: Among the saucers. Mars interst. 2006?, UFO Photo Archives, USA eBook, 400+ pages. (www.ufophotoarchivs.com).

Judith K. Moore & Johan Keijser: The language of crop circles. The cosmic meaning of crop circles in Europe and North America. May 2006, Johan Keijser Publishing, the Netherlands, softcover, 276 pages, ISBN 90-810398-2-2. (Translation of Dutch book).

Jeremy Morel: Mon dieu...un OVNI. Du phénomène ovni a ses dérives religieuses, en France de 1950 à nos jours. 2005, Université Jean Moulin, Lyon, France, 123 pages. (Dissertation in history).

Carl Nally & Dermot Butler: Conspiracy of silence – UFO's in Ireland. June 2006, Mercier Press, Ireland, softcover, 192 pages, ISBN 1-85635509-8.



Nikolai Nepomnyaschii (editor): Velichaishie zagadki anomalnyh yavlenii. (Greatest mysteries of anomalous phenomena). 2005, Veche, Moscow, hardcover, 384 pages, ISBN 5-9533-0696-2. (Copy for reference library received from Mikhail Gershtein, St. Petersburg).

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The Bill Caulfield UFO collection

We are very proud to announce AFU's first acquisition of a major American ufo-related collection. In January 2007, we were contacted through e-mail by **Mrs. Cherie Lowe** from Oklahoma, who wrote:

"My father, **Bill Caulfield**, recently passed away. He was an avid UFO investigator/researcher for over 45 years and amassed an extremely large collection of UFO books, magazines, journals, tapes, taped interviews, and original photographs. We would be interested in selling all of this, and wondered if you purchase collections, or refer to those wanting to purchase. We would be willing to sell this for a very reasonable amount, and would like to see it kept intact if possible. Dad was deeply involved in some of the big stories throughout the years, including those of his personal acquaintances, **Scott Corder** and **Donna Butts**, **Guido Franch**, **John Otto**, among others".

We have since had a tight mail and telephone communication with Cherie Lowe, who has been extremely helpful. The result is that we have bought the complete collection (except for a few books sold on eBay) for a substantial, yet reasonable, sum, paid to Cherie's mother, **Bonnie Caulfield** in Kansas City (Missouri), this July.

The deal was only possible after a collection of money had been organized by UFO-Sweden's chairman **Clas Svahn** among his many contacts in ufology and other parts of the international society. The money collected (we won't mention any sum here, but it was a very substantial sum) **bears evidence of the broad willingness, at least in Scandinavia and the UK, to support AFU's goals of preservation. Thank you, everyone!**

The historical collection was carried across America from Missouri and over the big pond, by Kuehne and Nagel, a most helpful transport group. It left Halifax in a container on board the Swedish vessel Atlantic Conveyor, arriving in Gothenburg on Sept. 28.

We have just paid the roughly 1.000 dollars fees for trans-Atlantic shipping of 300 kilos and are having quarrels with the Swedish customs about the further 500 dollars value added tax charged. We think this is unreasonable for a collection of merely historical value. The collection will arrive in Stockholm, during

the second week of October, and will, first, be taken care of and sorted by Clas Svahn, before cataloguing and sorting onto the shelves of the AFU archives.

For the benefit of the many of us who do not know who Bill Caulfield was, Cherie has written, with much humour, a personal portrait of her dear father:

William "Bill" Caulfield

Dec. 19, 1925 – Jan. 17, 2007

My Dad was **William "Bill" Caulfield**. Sadly, at the age of 81, he passed away in January 2007 from a malignant brain tumor. Married to **Bonnie** for 54 years, with three children, Dad was an executive with a major airline for 33 years, and later ran two very successful businesses with Mom.



His interest in flying saucers began when he was a young man in Denver, Colorado. He had met a young woman whose father was a general in the Air Force. She shared the story her father had told her of dead alien bodies transported from Roswell after a crash landing of a UFO.

Later, he read one of **George Adamski's** first books, and was hooked! While living in California, he joined a UFO organization in Los Angeles, where they would

travel to Giant Rock, CA, to listen to Adamski, and others, tell their stories. It was an exciting time in the UFO field. Poor Dad... He spent many a cold night out in the California Mountains with two little old ladies who claimed they could bring saucers in at will! Alas, he never saw any.

He met **John Otto**, when we moved to Chicago in 1961, who had a radio show called "Out of this World with John Otto," and became fast friends. I'm sure some of you will remember my Dad from the "good 'ole days" when the UFO story was young, exciting, and full of new adventures, from the first contactees and abductions to crop circles and, of course, worldwide sightings.

Dad was always right in the middle of the next "big" story. His passion was discovering the truth about flying saucers, and he spent most of his adult life pursuing his hobby of investigation and research on the subject.

He knew all the pioneers of the late 40's through the 70's...men like George Adamski...Dr. Frank Stranges, Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Jacques Vallée, Linda Moulton Howell, Morris K. Jessup, Major Donald E. Keyhoe, Daniel Fry, Albert K. Bender, Otto Binder, Bud Hopkins, Captain Edward Ruppelt, John Keel, Reinhold Schmidt, Wayne Aho, George VanTassell, Gabe Green and so many more.

I spent my childhood growing up around all these names and stories, many of which I found terrifying at the time. I still remember when the story of the Men in Black came out. I thought I would never sleep again! On summer vacations, sometimes Dad would take me with him to visit people around the country who had experienced sightings. I took it for granted that everyone knew all about UFO's and was certain I'd get to ride on one someday! After homework was done, I'd grab a FATE Magazine to read, like any other kid would grab the comics!

Through the years, Dad met so many extraordinary and interesting people. He would typically sit down with them to listen to their stories, and before long, they were calling him their friend. He had a warm and trusting nature, endearing him to most who knew him, and investigated so many stories throughout the years.

His last big investigation was the **Donna Butts/Scott Corder** story. He served as a consultant on the making of a Japanese documentary on them and was instrumental in the writing of their book, **The Four**; and, though it ended up in a bit of a disappointment for him, he remained a loyal friend to them both until his death.

But, the most fascinating story he ever researched and became involved with, for me, was about a poor,

unassuming man by the name of **Guido Franch**. Their relationship spanned more than 20 years, and although many doubted Guido's sincerity at times, I know Dad always believed and respected him.

After Dad retired, he turned his hobby into more of a full-time pursuit, lecturing across the U.S. on the UFO story. During this time, he wrote several published articles, a booklet, and a book he co-authored with two others. He also published an audio tape on upcoming world events that concerned the end times and how they would play out with ufology. He felt such urgency in sharing his knowledge with anyone who would listen, as he believed UFOs would someday play a larger role in all of our lives here on Earth.

I know that Dad would be so proud to have his life's collection of books, interviews, magazines, photographs and other UFO materials archived with AFU. Mom and I sincerely hope that they will be read, listened to and enjoyed by thousands of people for many, many years to come.

Cherie Lowe

Back in business!

AFU is finally back-in-business after a three year long (2006-2008) "preoccupation" with the consecutive renovations of our physical localities, and **the moving-about-with-the-materials** this resulted in. A tiresome, but very interesting period where we have moved, mostly on carts and by hand, 700 shelf meters of archives & library collections back & forth a few hundred meters in two directions. Papers are seldom light weight!

We now have the majority of our archives in the right places, at least for the immediate future, and we will also have a good deal of **new** space for future archives & donations!!! And – what is probably the best - our localities are fresh with new painting, new floors, new water pipes and new steel doors. A much lower risk for flooding, or fire! Gradually we will come back to what we are best at - 'our core' - **archiving, preserving and helping people to find old data.**

Our **three** main work facilities are all lined up within 200 meters distance along the same street. We are contemplating to continue renting a **fourth** facility, which is our oldest (and smallest) archive, in fact the place where we first moved in - in 1980. A lot of tradition in those walls; it's hard to say goodbye and let that one go away from us! This place may possibly be turned into the home of another - **non-UFO, yet 'phenomenal'** - Swedish library, possibly under future AFU management, if we can handle that too. For the moment, we won't say more on that issue, until we have a final agreement with the other party.

We are seeing the completion of the goals set forth in the previous issue of this newsletter more than two

years ago (see "Some visions for the future of the AFU foundation", AFU Newsletter # 51).

1. We **did** get the money (82.000 SEK) sought from the **Swedish National Archives** for acquisition of (second-hand) compact-type shelves in October 2006. They were installed in December that year, and have since been **crammed** with materials during the moving-about period. "Without them we wouldn't have survived". Thanks to Swedish folklorists **Ebbe Schön** and **Bengt af Klintberg**, **Sandra Lindström** (the Swedish official "Nick Pope"), and to Britain's **David Clarke** for signing and supporting our successful money request. The compact-shelf archive can hold more than 500 meters of materials and has an area of 72 square meters.

2. About half of the new shelves-on-wheels (i.e. five full wagons) are occupied by about **25.000 magazine issues from all over the world**. The upper three shelves, in each section, contain our original "master" copies, while the three lower shelves usually are occupied by big cardboard boxes full of surplus back issues of many, many titles, sorted by volume and number. Every "serial" issue should be registered in our database, which is available as a 250+ page PDF at www.afu.info/mags.htm, although we have discovered "holes". We plan to renew the downloadable catalogue at least once each year. Our (slightly older) HTML listings make it possible to "google" any title on the internet and get a hit.

3. Our previous library has been renovated **into fresh new working facilities with six work tables**. 62 square meters is this place. The facility is fresh with a new kitchen area (water sink, coffee machine, refrigerator, micro), a new toilet (both of them for AFU personnel and visitors **only**), new paintwork, new floors, a new ventilation system (less archival dust in the air we breathe!) and a new steel door to replace the olden wooden one. New cling-films on each of the six windows make the place bright in daylight despite that we are in the cellar floor, but keep us safe from too much "unwanted insight". **Håkan Blomqvist** enthusiastically decorates the walls with posters, paintings and other memorabilia to make the place as cosy and "ufological" as possible.

4. The previous (cable-connected) phone has been replaced by a **new mobile (cell) phone**. You can reach us – preferably during lunch time hours in Sweden – at **+46 703 68 32 21**. (The old +46 11 13 86 66 line will soon be terminated).

5. The previous working facility has been renovated into our **new book & media library** with some 60 book shelves (six new ones this summer) to form sort of a maze along the walls and on the floor. The library has an area of 75 square meters and is now behind two almost unbreakable steel doors.

6. Work proceeds every day with getting a **final good order of the books & documents collection**. We have just invested 5.000 SEK in a new computer that holds our book Access database. Here book searches can be made and books can easily be assigned a new (better) shelf code. Our collection is being "fine-tuned" according to our **Ufocode classification system**, which we devised 25 years ago and which now is coming into full use. The new order of one or two shelves per subject matter will aid us, and our visitors, and will also provide natural places for keeping special collections such as clippings, documents, video/CD/DVD documentaries, etc related to any particular subject. We are, eventually, aiming at a **media library** - not only restricted to printed books.

In a few months time, when we have gotten the final order to our collections, and decorated our facilities we will publish a **new photo tour series** at www.afu.info and there are also plans to record a **new documentary** that can be sent to prospective donors to help them decide about the future of their collection. We are also thinking about formulating a new information leaflet which will include our future **access policies** for the archives.

Anders Liljegren

New AFU librarian

On Sept. 16 we welcomed and introduced our new librarian, **Ingrid Collberg**, who will start working for us in late October when, hopefully, there is a preliminary good starting point for her - the library will then be in a reasonably good order.



Ingrid is a professional librarian who has worked with the Norrköping community library as their head of cataloguing. She became a pensioner last April and wanted to make something useful and interesting of her new leisure time, so she contacted her colleague **Håkan Blomqvist**, a librarian at the same community library and co-founder of AFU.

Ingrid will be an asset to us with her experience in cataloguing books and general librarianship. Plans are that she will take over all cataloguing of incoming books from **Anders Liljegren**. There have been years

when we have catalogued more than 700 new book titles!

Ingrid will join the previous five-headed team of **Sven-Olov Svensson, Sandra Aronsson, Anki Mårdh, Håkan Blomqvist** and **Anders Liljegren**, who all come to AFU at least once each week, often every day, to perform work on different tasks. This autumn season we also have **Monica Peralta** and **Patrik Loreman** as work trainees with us.

The Jan Ove Sundberg collection

In recent years Swedish journalist **Jan Ove Sundberg** has sold most of his UFO-related collections to AFU, paid for by Anders Liljegren and the AFU acquisition fund (where money comes from the collections under the whip of Clas Svahn).

Jan does not intend to return to ufology where he was one of early field researchers for UFO-Sweden, in the 1970s, and has edited a number of ufo / fortean magazines plus written two fortean books, **Fantomubåtarna** (The phantom submarines) in 1993 and **Storsjöödjuret, Nessie, Seljordsormen och andra sjömonster** (The Lake Storsjön beast, Nessie, the Lake Seljord snake and other sea monsters) in 1995. Two years later he founded **GUST (Global Underwater Search Team)** - www.cryptozoology.st/ - which has performed about 30 searches for lake monsters in Sweden, Norway, Scotland and Ireland.



A few years ago we bought Jans collection of UFO-related audio cassette witness interviews and related illustrative materials, such as photos and sketches. This batch included – among others – the basic material for Jan's projected book on Swedish abductions, a book that never materialized. The file includes rare interviews with some 30 close encounter witnesses.

It also included much of the background material for his book on "phantom submarines", inspired by the wave of sometimes mysterious submarine violations of Scandinavian waters in the 1980s, where more than 6.000 reports came to the Swedish navy. Jan

performed unique direct interviews with witnesses of "submarine" and "diver" incidents along the Swedish coasts.

The most recent acquisition came late in August when Anders Liljegren and Håkan Blomqvist fetched the materials in Jan's home in Motala. This acquisition includes the very last portions of Jan's remaining UFO / USO-related archives, while he now concentrates on his fortean **GUST** searches. Included in this batch of materials was Jan's file of his complete writings for UFO, fortean and professional magazines throughout the years, correspondence files (with John A. Keel and many others), plus Jan's file of clippings and written interviews from the submarine project. All of these are very important additions to our files, in line with the preservation work we are trying to perform.

Since 2001 Jan has been a victim of cancer in his spine, with numerous operations and a (several times) postponed death sentence. Jan has a high driving force that has obviously helped him through the troublesome years. While visiting India, in 1991, an Indian astrologer prophesised Jan would attain the age of 83, a prophecy Jan is always eager to inform his operating doctors about.

Anders Liljegren

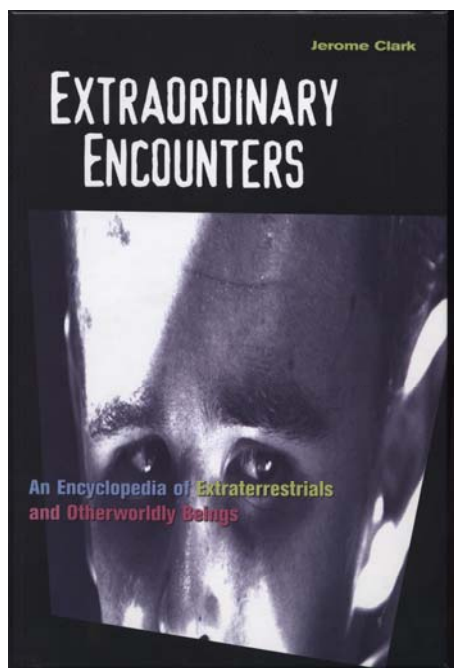
Book reviews: Extraordinary encounters

Jerome Clark is something like an intellectual doyen of mid-stream American ufology. In his tracks he has a row of tome-like encyclopaedias in "our" area, and decades of dedicated work (first) as the UFO editor of well-known **Fate Magazine** and (later) as the chief editor for **International UFO Reporter (IUR)**, the historically inclined journal published by the **J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies (CUFOS)** in Chicago. There are few aspects of the great UFO-fortean puzzle that Clark hasn't acquired a deep knowledge about.

On the American eBay market there is thousands of UFO books, magazines and DVDs offered – often of a questionable quality. Now and then you can make a real find, however. Sometimes there can be books that you might never have heard about. This was the case with the "small" (290 pages) encyclopaedia **Extraordinary encounters** by Jerome Clark, published seven years ago. Was it ever reviewed by anyone, or was I asleep that year? Anyway, I got the distinct feeling that this could be a valuable addition to the AFU reference library. I won the auction at a very reasonable price and with no competitors! I am very satisfied with the acquisition!

This small pearl in the UFO literature takes on the most remarkable contacts that take place on the border between reality and unreality. The subtitle is

An encyclopedia of extraterrestrials and otherworldly beings. Despite the fact that Jerome Clark has a steady foot in extraterrestrial belief camp as being "the best explanation for UFOs", few American researchers have such a breadth and credibility in their search. The other American whom I could think of as being the possible author of an epos like this would be **J. Gordon Melton**. (With a recent similar contribution received here – since first writing this review – by **Martin Kottmeyer**! Editors comment)



Extraordinary encounters include almost 300 search words from A to Z. The search terms are mostly the names, "race types" or planets (or star systems) of origin that "extraterrestrials" and non-worldly visitors have claimed in their contacts with earthly humans. Differing from **Aetherius** to **Zagga**. Lucky for us there is an good cross-index at the end where one can find more logical doors into the texts. **King, George** leads you to **Aetherius** and **Dean, John W.** will lead you to the text under **Zagga**.

In the book you find an entertaining mixture of the wide ufological folk belief: abductions, peaceful 1950s contacts, channelled messages, contacts with worlds within our earth, religious visions, contacts with folkloric beings, UFO sects and a number of other (im)possibilities. All of this is written and edited with a sound scepticism that seemingly never walks over the line to character assassinating criticism.

The understatement is that all of us (?) realize that these stories can hardly have so much to do with the material world, but more likely acts out in a rich psychological inner world. The one who takes all of this for real must blame him/herself if he/she suddenly experiences a multi-schizophrenic reality of uncountable numbers of completely contradictory

worldviews!! But that's what contactee ufology has always been like for us semi-sceptics.

Jerome Clark has a unique overview of the literature. By necessity this knowledge is mostly restricted to the Anglo-American world. In the book there are countless numbers of **rare sources** which we eventually hope to be able to add, at least one copy, to the AFU library, but also 'new' non-print contactees, only found on the Internet. Some of the new contactees find new media for their messages. Yet, the 300 cases are only some 20 % of the number of contact cases AFU archivist **Sven-Olov Svensson** has catalogued world-wide.

These last years AFU has been able to buy some of the literature Clark refers to, through eBay. Most prominently the "channelled" (psychic) messages. Honestly speaking, channelled messages are among the most boring of all things you can read! I must confess my admiration for Clark just being able to find the energy to go through all that "trash"! AFU saves these books and manuscripts more out of a felt obligation to preserve it all for the future.

His summaries provide cross-roads to the centre of these spider's webs of more or less home-cooked ideas and philosophies. I am even thinking of copying some search words out of the book and put Clark's texts as introductory info in many of the obscure books we have on our library shelves. But – as usual – shortage of time puts a lid on this project.

What is included in **Extraordinary encounters** may seem like information left over, or refused from, Clarks other published encyclopaedias...? So fine, then, that these interesting texts also were regarded as worthy of the printing ink!

Anders Liljegren

Jerome Clark: *Extraordinary encounters*. ABC-CLIO, Santa Barbara, California, 2000, 290 pages.

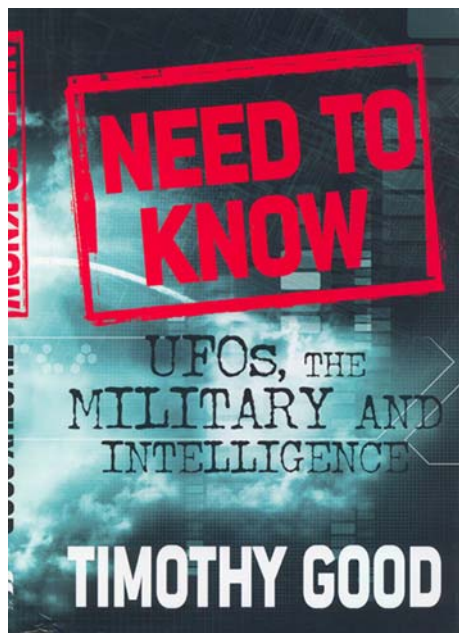
Need to know

When the first book from the pen of **Timothy Good** **George Adamski – the untold story**, written in collaboration with **Lou Zinstag**, appeared in 1983 I was happily surprised. Finally, someone who did an in depth documentation of the classic 1950ies contactee. I had often wondered why no one of the American ufologists had taken on this task. Perhaps it was because of the earlier, very strong polarisation in American ufology that it became an Englishman who did the first thorough investigation and study of George Adamski.

The really **controversial** side of Timothy Goods' book was that he did not, like most ufologists, simply dismiss Adamski as a charlatan and hoaxer. Timothy Good presented a large amount of new data which indicated the case was not closed and that we should

take a second look at the classic contactees. I started corresponding with Timothy Good in 1984 and learned a great deal of his sources and views. Something which inspired me in my own investigation of Swedish contact cases.

In 1987 Timothy Good made an international breakthrough with his 590-page tome **Above top secret: The worldwide UFO cover-up**. It made him something of a celebrity and prominent figure in international ufology. A position he has kept and secured with volumes like **Alien liason**, **Alien base** and his latest **Need to know: ufos, the military and intelligence**.



Need to know is a chronology of how the military and intelligence community in various parts of the world has handled the UFO problem – or hidden and conspired to cover up facts of UFO observations and the militaries secret investigations. Timothy Good presents several of the classic UFO reports sometimes with additional data. Of particular interest is his documentation of many older close encounters where pilots have been involved. For example the Australian airforce pilot who in the summer of 1942 found his plane followed by a classic saucer which is then seen diving into the ocean.

The book has chapters on the ghost rockets, Roswell, aircrashes in connection with UFOs, underwater UFOs (USOs) and of course a presentation of the most interesting witnesses claiming to have participated in secret military operations and investigations of crashed saucers.

Need to know is an impressive collection of well documented close encounter cases involving pilots, military and intelligence personnel. Timothy Good is convinced that we are visited by several extraterrestrial civilisations. He also speculated that there may be alien intelligences sharing our earth and

that they have been here a long time. One of his sources is a veteran of American army intelligence claiming that alien visitors have, after the second world war, established secret bases in Australia, the Caribbean, the Pacific, Russia and the United States.

My only criticism of Need to know and also the other books by Timothy Good is that he now and then appears somewhat naïve in his confidence in the trustworthiness of his witnesses, especially contactees. Psychological or sociological explanations or interpretations are seldom discussed. But on the other hand it must be said that Timothy Good has usually done his homework and interviewed the people he writes about.

In view of Timothy Goods' preoccupation with cover-ups and official secrecy regarding UFOs it appears somewhat peculiar that he himself does not believe that governments should reveal what they know about alien visitors. The time has not come for a total revelation of the facts. Social chaos would be the result according to the author. In other words secrecy and the cover-up is, so far, a sound and realistic policy. But the ultimate question then is: who really has a need to know.

Håkan Blomqvist

Timothy Good: Need to know: UFOs, military and intelligence. Sidgwick & Jackson, London 2006, 452 pp. ill.

Landing cases from Italy

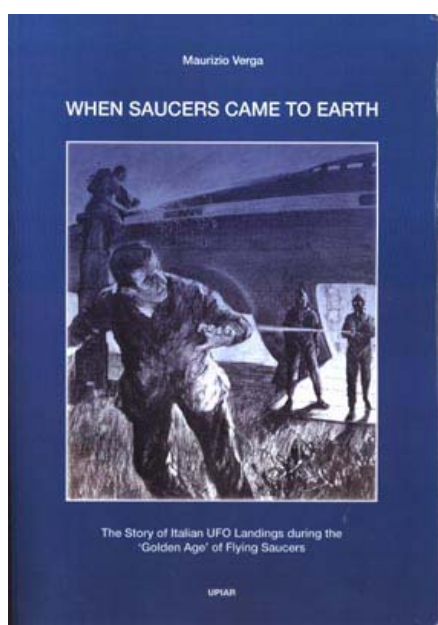
In the early 1990s AFU was visited by an Italian documentary film team that taped a number of interviews and searched for Scandinavian materials during six hectic hours, before boarding the Copenhagen plane for the big world outside Norrköping. With them travelled **Maurizio Verga** as the "ufological" expert from Italy's most serious national group, the **CISU (Centro Italiano Studi Ufologici)**.

We got an insight into the effectiveness of the Italians! There is hardly any European country that beats them with all of their serious UFO publications, highly developed databases, conferences, well-informed participation on international mailing lists (including the **EuroUFONet** which they initiated) - and their archives! In Torino we find the combined **CISU** archives which we (AFU) are eager to co-operate with – when hopefully we soon find more of the time and other resources!

Right on time for the 60th anniversary of the Kenneth Arnold sighting, during the Swedish midsummer festivities of 2007, the Italians invited us other Europeans for a conference in Torino with free accommodations! In the meeting people like **David Clarke** from the UK, **Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos** from Spain and **Jacques Patenet**, director for the

government-run French UFO investigation body **GEIPAN**, took part. Patenet is the man behind the project to publicize all of the combined **GEPAN**, **SEPPA** and **GEIPAN** documentation on the web and he seems quite willing to co-operate with serious private investigators. (Clas Svahn has provided AFU with printed paper copies of these archives for easy access and preservation at AFU.)

When saucers came to Earth is something as unusual as an Italian UFO book translated into English. Compiler is the very same Maurizio Verga, who, besides ufology, is involved with the Italian fashion industry. In the 1980s I remember Maurizio as the editor of the irregular **Computer UFO Newsletter**, an interchange on ideas behind UFO-related databases. That was one or two decades before the Internet age.



The subtitle **The story of Italian UFO landings during the "Golden Age" of flying saucer** tells us this is a catalogue of landings (in the 1912-1954 period) with focus on the ufological "Golden Age" of the 1950s. 61 of the 104 cases come from the 1954 wave. The book was printed only in 100 copies. The market for such specialized, national catalogues is very, very thin!

Some 30 years ago I reviewed **Willy Wegner**'s similar compilation of **Danish** landings, adding the wish that we would soon see a Swedish equivalent. The waiting has been in vain. If any of you readers would be able to help us with Swedish-English translations we could make it, eventually, within a couple of years. We have the materials at AFU but not the manpower (usually used up on a continuous work with **new** collections pouring in...)

About half of Verga's book is filled with the chronological compilation of published landings on the Italian "boot" on the atlas. Each case is classified and

rated. Ratings are conservative. None of the cases get the rating (**seemingly**) **unidentified**, although this is listed as a possibility one in the scale. The most common ratings are **insufficient information** combined with **unreliable** and **possible hoax**.

Six of the cases are listed as (definite) **hoaxes**, for instance the well known series of photos by **Gian Piero Monguzzi** from "the mountains" of northern Italy. In reality the saucer, the saucer man and the background were all models! Another "case" was enacted by a local amateur theatre group who called out visitors from a local bar. The newspapers had – for weeks – written about the ongoing south-European wave of "Martian" sightings. There was no comparable massive wave of humanoid reports in Scandinavia.

Case descriptions vary in length and quality, from a few lines and up to more than 25 pages of texts, clippings and theories for one single case. The most space is used for the well known **Rosa Lotti** humanoid case from November 1st, 1954. She sighted a cone-shaped object with its two passengers, who stole her flowers and a stocking! This case has been translated and published in Swedish UFO media.

Like many early humanoid cases from southern Europe several cases are stumblingly close to a Catholic-Christian interpretation, especially in a similar case 24 years before the Rosa Lotti encounter (in 1930) from the same vicinity, published in 1990. If these cases had occurred fifty or one hundred years ago, the Vatican priests would have been called in to distort it all into a case of the Virgin Mary. Question is: what similar distortions creep into UFO-related images? And the folklorists' tales, with their needed patterns?

UFO cases from Italy, like those from Sweden, and other parts of the world, can be regarded as folkloristic memorates that – now with ufologists behind the pens and the keyboards – are investigated a step further than what is usual in folkloric studies, to find out whether there is some kind of "objective reality" behind it all. Many cases come to light, or become investigated, only 20-30-40 years after "the fact". This is also the pattern in Sweden. "Interesting", detail-rich cases that surface nowadays are **generally** at least one decade old, which makes one suspect that there has been time enough for the percipient to re-think and "phenomenologize" (mystify) what were the first impressions on the retina and through other senses.

Like Sweden, Italy had a new generation of ufologists in the early 1970s, who enthusiastically went into the field to investigate even the old cases from the 1950s. Often they discovered it was then too late to come to some "objective truth". Sometimes it was even impossible to track down a witness to talk to. Some

Italian cases had connections to journalists, either as victims of hoaxers, or as greedy reporters ready to earn a few lire. The same pattern can be seen with the 1896-97 airships in the US and with the 1954 wave of French "Martian" sightings. With Verga's book in hand one is now lacking a similar English rendering of the French wave!

Verga uses the second half of the book to print some of the original newspaper articles in Italian, which is less meaningful to us who can only enjoy the pictures and the general editing techniques. Huge front page pictures of film stars from weekly magazines (with a small saucer-connected headline in one corner) are less meaningful in a work like this. Even with classical beauties like Sophia Loren and Ava Gardner!! Minor quibbles - on the other hand the reproductions from SF magazines, where fantasy often anticipated "reality", are just fantastic. Like in the (now hoax-confessed) Swedish Domsten case one can see the apparent connections to fiction.

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The PREP project

Barry Greenwood, one of AFU's tireless contributors from across the Atlantic, has devised a new scheme in the company of **Mary Castner** (of CUFOS), **Jim Klotz** and **Rod Dyke** (of the (US) Archives for UFO Research) whereby very rare (usually American, but really no limits here...) low-distribution magazines and newsletters can be made available to serious researchers world-wide.

PREP (Periodical Restoration Project) proposes scanning & digitizing of old out-of-print publications, usually from the "golden age" of the 1950s. A number of elusive issues are already scanned and cleaned up to make better copies, when reprinted. The result has been put up on a server for download. Writes Greenwood: "Without a budget of any kind except for the time spent scanning issues of periodicals, there is no hard schedule for posting and no over-scheduling of titles. Once titles are selected for processing, those titles will be finished before any more are added."

AFU has promised to do some scanning of early publications like "The Little Listening Post" and others for the project. In August we had high hopes for a quick progress since we had a second-hand copier/scanner donated to the archives but the scanning function failed when we were to put it into production! We are looking for other solutions, preferably a scanner that can be used by our work trainees directly at the AFU work facility

Collections from two Magnussons

This summer we received the sad news that two of Sweden's most liked old timers in the paranormal field left this world of human consciousness.

Sven Magnusson departed in late June. He was found dead in his home about a week later. Since 1964 he had edited the paranormal & religious publication **Sökaren** (The Seeker). Almost every issue contained something about UFOs, picked with great care from reliable sources, or commented by Sven to set the record straight.

Sven managed 45 years of single-handed publishing. It is now doubtful that **Sökaren** will survive as a publication printed on paper. Clas Svahn visited Sven's former home, accompanied by a caretaker, and managed to save a lot of publications, pictures and correspondence files. In his testament, Sven had otherwise prescribed that **all of his books should be burned** upon his death. Clas managed, however, to save some rare items including a complete set of bound issues of **Sökaren** for the period 1964-2004, which are now on file with AFU.

Barbro Magnuson (no relation to Sven) died on July 25, 64 years old, after many years of fight with her cancer. Barbro was one of UFO-Sweden's best and most respected investigators and she spent many days and nights in the Norwegian Hessdalen valley, where she got acquainted with the local population. AFU has (via Clas Svahn) taken over her complete UFO archive, most of which has now been put into proper order. The collection includes taped first-hand interviews with Hessdalen witnesses (which we already had on loan from Barbro) and a lot of papers, correspondence and documents relating to Barbro's work as a field investigator. You can view more on Barbro's materials at www.afu.info/recdons08.htm where there are also presentations of many other collections received during the past years, since we published the latest AFU Newsletter.

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