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INTRODUCTION

Since the fall of 1961, when I first investigated this case for the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP), further developments have required updating of the original report.

In an effort to clear up Mr. Hill's anxieties about the experience and Mrs. Hill's subsequent dreams of abduction by the UFO occupants (a new feature in the case), the two witnesses submitted to hypnoanalysis in Boston. Under hypnosis, the Hills relived the original encounter and in addition told similar stories of being taken aboard the UFO and medically examined. The psychiatrist kindly permitted me to hear all the tapes recorded during the sessions with the Hills. This involved listening to eleven hours of tape on seven evenings at the doctor's home.

The Portsmouth couple's experience must now be divided into two parts--a "first encounter" and a "second encounter" (the kidnap story). Both are included together for the first time in this report. The first encounter remains essentially the same as in the 1961 report, with a few minor changes and additions. The second encounter will be presented in detail from my notes taken from the tapes. No attempt is made to censor any details, fantastic though they may seem. The aim here is not to sensationalize but simply to repeat as closely as possible the story told by the witnesses themselves. Mrs. Hill's abduction account under hypnosis, which is more elaborate than her husband's account, should be compared with her narrative written in November, 1961, a copy of which is included.

There have been other alleged UFO abductions reported, especially in South America. Unfortunately, not a single kidnap-account can be completely substantiated. However, the Hills' so-called second encounter is more difficult to explain, and I believe their account compels us to examine such stories more seriously. One Brazilian case, in particular, bears truly remarkable similarities to the Hill affair and will be given in toto at the end of this report along with summaries of several other UFO abduction cases.

Without a doubt, the Hill case is one of the most intriguing and at the same time one of the most baffling UFO incidents ever reported. Until now, the whole story concerning the Hills' experience has never been told. The first encounter has been men-

tioned in several UFO publications. NICAP's UFO Investigator summarized what was then known about the case in its January-February, 1962, issue. C.W. Fitch, who obtained a copy of my 1961 report from the Hills (against my advice), printed the first encounter in full in the APRO Bulletin, March, 1963. The Fitch account was lifted practically verbatim from my report with no credit line given for the contents except that I had conducted an investigation for NICAP. NICAP's 184-page document, The UFO Evidence, carried two short descriptions of the sighting (pages 139 & 182) including drawings of the UFO. And Jacques Vallee, in his just-released UFO book Anatomy of a Phenomenon, devoted a paragraph to the Hill case (page 140) referring to a foreign UFO publication (Lumieres dans la Nuit, Oct. 1963) as his source.

### THE FIRST ENCOUNTER

(The following account is generally the same description given in the original report but is supplemented by new data here and there obtained by further investigation and by hypnoanalysis. Sighting details revealed under hypnosis paralleled the earlier account very closely. Any important additions disclosed by the hypnoanalysis will be inserted parenthetically in the description.)

On October 19, 1961 (about a month after the alleged incident took place), I received a letter from Richard Hall of NICAP, enclosing a letter (dated Sept. 26) from a Portsmouth, New Hampshire, woman who described a close-up observation of a UFO and its occupants. An interview with the witnesses was suggested.

One must, of course, maintain a proper skepticism whenever occupants or creatures are involved in UFO cases simply because of the sensational nature of the claim. Unfortunately the possibility always exists that someone is seeking publicity, perpetrating a hoax, or suffering from a mental aberration. Even so, I was impressed by the woman's report which sounded to me like an honest, straightforward account of a frightening experience that occurred quite unexpectedly to two innocent people. I decided the 60-mile trip to Portsmouth would definitely be worthwhile. On October 21 I questioned the witnesses thoroughly in an interview that lasted six hours.

On the night of September 19-20 Barney and Betty Hill of 953 State Street, Portsmouth, New Hampshire, were returning home via U.S. 3 after a vacation at Niagara Falls. Their dog "Delsey," a dachshund, was riding in the back seat of the car.

As they left a restaurant in Colebrook, New Hampshire, they noted the time on the clock. It was about 10:00 p.m.(EDT). The exact time the UFO observation began is uncertain, but the location was some 30 miles south of Colebrook, in the area of Grove-

ton, where the Hills spotted a bright moving star-like object in the southwest sky. The sky was clear and brightly illuminated by a 10-day-old gibbous moon. The object moved from below the moon and the planet Jupiter, which were low in the sky, upward to west of the moon and then proceeded north. Mrs. Hill said it was brighter than the "star" (the planet Jupiter) and seemed far away. (Jupiter and the moon were in conjunction at 1 a.m., Jupiter being 3° south of the moon.) The couple thought they were seeing a "falling star" (except that it was falling "up"), a plane, or a satellite.

(Under hypnosis, Betty Hill claimed the UFO passed across the face of the moon and was outlined as a wingless, cigar-shaped object flashing different colors of lights.)

As they continued driving south along Route 3 (at speeds never over 30 mph, according to Mr. Hill who was driving), Mrs. Hill became quite excited about the object and so her husband stopped the car several times so that she could observe the thing through their 7x50 binoculars ("Crescent"). Mr. Hill insisted it was nothing to be concerned about, probably just an airliner on its way to Montreal. But it suddenly began curving around toward the west and then finally traveled eastward in their direction. This maneuver puzzled Mr. Hill; no airliner should suddenly decide to change its course like that. It was almost as if the object had seen them and was coming over to investigate, perhaps a jet aircraft flying on a low-level mission. Their car was the only one on the highway, and no others had passed them for a long time that night. Further, they were driving through an almost uninhabited region. As an indication of Mr. Hill's growing uneasiness, he removed a .32 calibre pistol from the rear trunk of the car and placed it under his seat during one of the stops.

The UFO, still off to their right as they drove along, was moving in close enough and low enough so that Mrs. Hill could make out something through the binoculars--a band of light first straight, then somewhat convex as if conforming to the edge of a flattened disc. Mrs. Hill could also detect something else: the strange object was traveling very erratically, in a step-like flight pattern, tilting vertically as it climbed each step, leveling off, dropping vertically, leveling off, tilting upward again, etc. All the time it seemed to be spinning.

As they drove through Franconia Notch in the White Mountains, they watched the UFO pass behind the top of Cannon Mountain (el. 4077 feet), only about a mile distant, then behind other summits along the ridge bordering the road. When they pulled into the parking area at The Flume, their view of the object was cut off by trees so they continued driving south past Indian Head and into a more open area. The thing was still there and drawing closer.

Now they could see that the band of light was not continuous around the object but occupied only about half of the entire rim, and the other half was dark, causing a twinkling or blinking effect as the object rotated. At no time during the sighting did the wit-

nesses get a good look at the dark exterior surface behind the lighted band although they did have the impression that the object was a flattened circular disc.

Mr. Hill slowed down the car. The UFO came down over a clearing on the right, pulled around in front of the car, and stopped in mid-air to the right of the highway "eight to ten stories" (80 to 100 feet) above the ground. The height was a rough guess and the distance was even more difficult to estimate, but the object was probably no more than a few hundred feet away. The lighted edge of the object, a row of windows through which a cold bluish-white fluorescent glow <sup>shown</sup> ~~shown~~ was visible and a red light on each side of the object could be seen. The UFO, hovering in a slightly tilted position, was no longer spinning. The witnesses estimated its size to be at least as big as a four-engine airplane.

Mr. Hill braked the car to a halt in the middle of the highway but left the headlights on and the engine running. At this point he was 2.3 miles north of North Woodstock (from speedometer and topographic map measurements by the writer). Reaching down under the seat, he picked up the gun and put it in his coat pocket. His wife handed him the binoculars and he tried to look through the windshield with them. Then he opened the door on his side and stepped out on the highway for a better look, bracing his arms on the roof of the car as he peered through the binoculars. When he stepped away from the car, the UFO at that moment moved silently across the highway, passing an estimated 100 feet in front of the car and coming to a stop over the field to the left of the highway. Barney Hill still believed what he was seeing had a rational explanation--a military helicopter perhaps having some fun with them. What amazed him though was the ease with which this craft seemed to move and stop and the absolute lack of any sound at this close range.

Mr. Hill started out across the road and into the field toward the UFO, stopping at intervals to use the binoculars. Looking through the binoculars, he watched in fascination as the object began descending slowly in his direction. He could see eight to eleven separate figures watching him at the windows. They seemed to be standing in a corridor that encircled a central section. Suddenly there was a "burst of activity"--the figures scurried about, turned their backs, and acted as if they were pulling levers on the wall. One figure remained at the window. At that instant the red lights began moving away from the object, and Mr. Hill could see that the lights were on the tips of two pointed fin-like structures sliding outward from the sides of the ship.

Meanwhile Betty Hill leaned across the car seat, anxiously watching Barney and looking up and down the road for oncoming cars since they were parked in the middle of the highway. She heard her husband repeat over and over again: "I don't believe it...I don't believe it!" And he said: "This is ridiculous!" Mrs. Hill shouted frantically at her husband to come back. She yelled: "Barney, come back here, you damned fool...!" (Under hypnosis,

she cried at this point.)

The figures, according to Barney Hill, were of human form dressed in shiny black uniforms and black caps with peaks or bills on them (which could be seen when the figures turned their heads). The uniforms were like glossy leather. (Under hypnosis, Mr. Hill said only the "leader" wore a shiny black coat or uniform and a peaked cap. The others wore light-colored shirts, similar to blue denim, and no caps.) When they were standing at the windows, he could see down to their waists. When they moved backward to the wall, their legs were partly visible. The figures reminded the observer of the cold precision of German officers; they moved smoothly and efficiently and showed no emotion except for one fellow operating a lever who, Mr. Hill claims, looked over his shoulder and smiled.

The approaching UFO finally filled up the entire field of the binoculars. The "leader" at the window held a special attraction for the witness and frightened him terribly. The witness said he could almost feel this figure's intense concentration to do something, to carry out a plan. Mr. Hill believed he was going to be captured "like a bug in a net." That is when he knew it was no conventional aircraft he was observing but something alien and unearthly containing beings of a superior type, beings that were somehow not human.

"I don't believe it!" he said as he put down the binoculars. He could see the figures in the object with the naked eye (an inch long at arm's length although this is highly uncertain in my opinion). The UFO was now an estimated "five to eight stories" (50 to 80 feet) up and between 75 and 100 feet away (estimate by the writer at the site). The Hills remember that no light from the thing fell on the ground.

At this point Barney Hill panicked. His wife, who appeared more concerned with her husband's safety than with watching the UFO, said he dashed toward the car, laughing or crying hysterically and repeating, "they're going to capture us," whereupon he jumped into the car, stepped on the gas, and took off down the highway.

(In his conversations with me and with his wife in 1961, Mr. Hill showed evidence of a mental block when he referred to the leader peering out at him and had no recall of events in the interval between mention of the leader and the return to the car. In the account Mr. Hill said he could almost feel this figure's intense concentration to carry out a plan--to capture the witness. There was also a puzzling contradiction in the description: the witness claimed he was not close enough to see any facial characteristics on the figures and yet he referred to one of them looking over his shoulder and grinning, and to the leader's expressionless face. Mr. Hill either did not wish to recall something that frightened him terribly, or he was made to forget this part of the experience.

Under hypnosis nearly two and a half years later, Barney Hill

filled in the missing information. As he watched the leader through the binoculars, the leader's large eyes burned hypnotically into his mind and a "voice" within instructed him to keep coming closer, keep the binoculars to his eyes, and no harm would come to him. The witness said his hands seemed frozen to the binoculars, and he couldn't put them down. He kept walking toward the craft while the mind-voice directed him to "just keep looking" and reassured him that no harm would come to him. According to Mr. Hill, a long object like a ladder began descending underneath the UFO at the same time the fins came out. Finally, he forced himself to let go of the binoculars, which dropped, breaking the strap around his neck. As he hurried back to the car, the eyes and the mind-voice seemed to follow, informing him further instructions would be issued and he was not to tell his wife. Under hypnosis, Mr. Hill sketched the leader's face, which showed enormous, slanted, oriental-like eyes, the peaked cap, and something like a scarf over his left shoulder.

In 1961, I did not attach much significance to Barney's block. Now, I am not so sure.)

## THE SECOND ENCOUNTER

We have come to part two of the Hills' experience, the story of the abduction. The account below is drawn almost exclusively from tapes of the hypnosis sessions conducted by Dr. Benjamin Simon in 1964. As mentioned previously, this version should also be compared with Mrs. Hill's five-page report about her dreams written late in November, 1961.

At the time of my initial investigation, both witnesses were puzzled as to why they could not remember part of the drive home following the encounter with the UFO. They were consciously aware of strange beeping sounds that occurred twice on the car trunk, once just after they pulled away from the UFO near North Woodstock and again in the Ashland area about 30 miles south. But the Hills apparently could recall nothing between "beeps" nor which road they traveled in that interval except they vaguely remembered turning off U.S. 3 at some point. They also remembered seeing trees silhouetted in front of a bright, orange, glowing object in the woods which they at first took to be the setting moon.

Then came Betty Hill's dreams. They began, according to her, one and a half to two weeks after the sighting and continued for about six straight nights. She told of seeing men in the road and a big orange object nearby, of being taken aboard the object with Barney and examined in separate rooms. The dreams so impressed Mrs. Hill she wrote a five-page account of what she believed represented recall of an actual experience following the first UFO encounter.

At the time I attributed the blackout period and the dreams as due to all the excitement and shock of the first encounter and



to nothing else. The orange object I dismissed as the setting moon since the time was approximately right for moonset, and atmospheric refraction could cause reddening of the disc. However, under hypnosis Mrs. Hill not only told the same story of being captured and examined aboard the UFO, but so did her husband for the first time.

Let us pick up the adventure near North Woodstock as the Hills remembered it before hypnoanalysis (this paragraph in my original 1961 report). As a frightened Barney Hill drove off down the highway, Betty cranked down her window, looked out, and saw no sign of the UFO. Barney thought the craft was right over them, but Betty could see nothing. The car had traveled only a very short distance when the couple heard a series of beeping or buzzing sounds, as if in code, on the rear trunk. Each beep caused the car to vibrate.

Hypnosis amplified this description: when Betty lowered the window, she looked back and up but could not see any stars overhead, just blackness, which she believed was the UFO obscuring the stars and following the car.

The mysterious "mind-voice," according to Barney (under hypnosis), instructed him to turn off the highway. This he did. He then was told to turn off on another road which twisted through a heavily wooded section. Again Barney complied. Betty was puzzled by all this. (I later accompanied the Hills on a trip along the back road Barney thought he had followed that night. After traveling along miles of lonely wilderness road, Barney located a site where he believed the second encounter could have taken place. It was 15 miles from the first-encounter site. However, Betty did not agree it was the right spot.)

After they had driven for some distance through uninhabited forest, they suddenly saw a cluster of "men" ahead in the road and a bright orange glow in the woods to the right. (Mrs. Hill cried when she mentioned the figures.) Barney thought it was an auto accident. All at once the motor of their car stalled. Barney tried to start it but to no avail.

The figures--Betty estimated there were 10 or 12 of them and Barney noticed about six--came toward the car in two groups. Three men approached Barney's door, and as they came, an image of the strange hypnotic eyes and the mind-voice came, too, telling Barney to close his eyes and keep them shut. No harm would come to him. The men opened his door. Barney kept his eyes tightly closed. He felt himself lifted up and supported on his feet by two of the men. Apparently someone discovered the gun in his pocket and laid it on the seat.

Five figures came up to Betty's side of the car. She began to open the door herself, and one of them opened it for her. She looked up at the man and promptly "fell asleep." When she opened her eyes, she found herself walking up a wide path toward the object in the woods. There were three men in front of her and two behind. Looking

back, she saw her husband being led up the path, a man on either side supporting him. Barney looked sound asleep to Betty. According to Barney, he was afraid to open his eyes.

The Hills both agreed the figures were about five feet tall, somewhat shorter than the average height of human beings, or about as tall as Betty. Barney was taller than they were. Their faces were Caucasian but with gray skin, and their bodies were, according to Betty, "thick-chested and slender-hipped." They were clothed in dark uniforms, each figure wearing a short dark coat like a Navy pea jacket (different clothing than seen during the first encounter).

Mrs. Hill turned to Barney and said: "Barney, wake up!" One of the beings asked Betty: "Is Barney his name?" He spoke in English but with sort of a foreign accent. Mrs. Hill was assured by the being that her husband was all right and no harm would come to them. He explained they wanted to do some tests and then she and Barney would be returned safely to the car.

The path led up to a small clearing in the woods where the UFO was resting. The object was dark now, and Mrs. Hill could see no lights or windows on it. She stepped up on a ramp leading to a doorway. Here she became frightened again and halted. But the spokesman reassured her once more, and she entered the ship.

Mr. Hill, his eyes still closed, felt the incline or ramp beneath his dragging feet. As he went through the door, he stumbled over the sill raised above the floor (he said he also tripped over the same sill when he left the ship).

Mrs. Hill discovered they were in a corridor that apparently curved around the ship. She was guided to the left down the corridor and into a small, wedge-shaped room (probably conforming to the ship). Mr. Hill was led past the door to a second room next to hers.

#### Betty Hill's Account of Her Examination

Mrs. Hill was left with a doctor or examiner and the man who spoke to her on the way to the ship. As she looked around the room, she noticed an examining table, stool, cabinet, equipment in one corner, and a bright bluish overhead light.

The doctor sat her on the stool. He brought over an instrument like a big microscope and held it close to her left arm. He seemed to be inspecting the skin under close magnification. He then took a long instrument like a letter-opener and scraped skin cells from the arm. The samples were given to the "leader" who placed them on a plastic-like material and wrapped them up.

The doctor looked at her eyes with a light, opened her mouth and looked at her throat and teeth, and swabbed her left ear, removing a scraping and wrapping it up as before. He pulled out and

and cut off some strands of hair from her head. These were preserved. The hands were looked at; the fingers were scraped under the nails and a clipping removed. The doctor took her shoes off and looked at her feet.

Next he unzipped her dress. Mrs. Hill removed the dress, leaving her clothed in a slip. She then lay down on the table on her back while a machine was pulled over. The device was equipped with wires running to a cluster of needles. The doctor explained that he wanted to check her nervous system and assured her there would be no pain. He proceeded to touch the needles at various points all over her body, using one or more of the needles at a given spot. She was rolled over on her stomach where her back and spine were checked with the needles (the slip was pulled up for the back tests). Although the needles caused occasional muscle reactions, this part of the examination was painless.

The examiner then picked up a long needle and explained to Mrs. Hill that it was a pregnancy test and would not hurt. She asked him what kind of a pregnancy test could he perform with the needle. He did not reply and suddenly inserted the needle in her navel. She felt a sharp pain which completely surprised both men. The leader quickly bent over Mrs. Hill, passed his hand over her eyes, and at once the pain disappeared. Mrs. Hill felt very grateful to the leader for this and began to trust him for the first time. The leader said they had not known she would suffer pain from the test; if they had known, they would not have performed the test. Mrs. Hill declared the needle was no pregnancy test.

The testing on Betty Hill ended there. While the doctor left the room to attend to Barney Hill, the leader put all the samples into a drawer and handed Mrs. Hill her shoes and dress. She put them on and he zipped up the dress for her.

While they were waiting, Betty said she carried on quite a conversation with the leader (which may have been the same figure who frightened Barney in the first encounter and who guided him to the landing site). She told him this had been quite an experience. He regretted having frightened them but said they did all they could to lessen it. She said she was all right now and was enjoying the chance to talk with him. No one would ever believe her, she said, and she suggested he give her something to take back as concrete proof of the experience. He agreed and told her to look around for something to take. She noticed a book on top of the cabinet and asked if she could take that. He consented. In the book Mrs. Hill found symbols of some sort written in columns.

Then she asked him where he came from, and he asked her if she knew anything about the universe. She said no. He walked across the room and touched something on the wall. The wall opened, exposing a map which he pulled down. This chart, according to Betty, showed nickel-sized dots and tiny dots connected by curved lines. Heavy black lines indicated trade routes between planets; some of these went from one planet to another in a series of lines. Light lines were routes to planets or stars occasionally visited. Broken

lines were expeditions or exploration trips to distant bodies. The leader asked Mrs. Hill if she knew where she was on the map. She laughed and admitted she didn't know. Then, he declared, there would be no point in showing her where he was from. And with that, he rolled the map back up.

About this time the doctor returned with some excited crew members--and Barney's teeth! He opened Betty's mouth and pulled at her teeth. He was puzzled that Barney's teeth were removable and yet hers were not! Mrs. Hill laughed over this and explained that Mr. Hill had dentures, that people lose their teeth with old age. Apparently everyone on board was amazed by the false teeth and shuttled back and forth between Barney and Betty. Then the examiner asked her what old age was. She said that the human life span is about 100 years but that people usually die at age 65 to 70 from body degeneration and disease. He wanted to know what a year was, and although she could not define it exactly, she said it was a way to measure time. What did we eat, he wished to know. She told him, and then he wondered what vegetables looked like. What was her favorite vegetable? She described squash as one of her favorites. What did it look like? It was yellow... What is yellow? She had a difficult time trying to explain all this since the examiner did not understand the meaning of the words she was using.

Mrs. Hill told the leader her knowledge was very limited, but there were other people who would like to talk with him. She even suggested if he could come back, she would try to find these people and arrange a meeting. He replied it was not his decision to make. But if they chose to come back, they would find her. How would they find her, asked Betty? We always do, answered the leader.

Several men appeared with Barney in the corridor. When the leader and Betty stepped into the corridor, the men began to talk among themselves excitedly. The leader went over, talked with the group, and then came back. He took the book. (Mrs. Hill cried at this point during hypnosis.) She protested that the book was her only proof. He explained that the others objected. It was decided that no one should learn of this experience, and even she would not remember it. Betty became angry and told the leader he could take the book but she would never forget the experience; somehow she would remember. He replied that she might remember, but no one would believe her. In any case, he said, Barney would not recall any of the experience. If by chance he did, his story would be different, leading to confusion, doubt, and disagreement. He advised her to just forget everything; if she should remember, since it could be very upsetting.

#### Barney Hill's Account of His Examination

Mr. Hill opened his eyes for a quick peek at his surroundings and saw that he was standing before a table in a clean, wedge-shaped "operating room" which was illuminated with a pale blue

light. He could see a cabinet of some kind in the room. Several men were standing there. He closed his eyes again. After he was placed on the table, his shoes were taken off and his pants pulled down slightly.

He felt a cup-like device placed around his genitals and believed a sperm specimen was somehow withdrawn. His left arm was scraped for skin cells, and his ears and throat were checked. He was rolled over on his stomach. A cylindrical object was inserted up the rectum, and once again the witness believed something was extracted.

Both Barney and Betty heard the crew members talk among themselves. Barney described the voices as a mumbling or humming sound. Betty simply said the words or tones were not understandable. Barney thinks they communicated with him totally by thought transference while his wife was uncertain whether she was spoken to verbally or mentally. Both witnesses are sure they spoke to their captors verbally.

The Hills felt they were in the ship between 30 and 40 minutes.

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Mr. and Mrs. Hill were led from the ship down the path toward the car. They were told to wait in the car until the ship took off. Crew members accompanied them part way and then turned back. Barney opened his eyes. Already he was forgetting what happened and began to wonder why he was in the woods. He turned and saw Betty coming down the path by herself. Why was she in the woods, too? When he reached the car, he noticed the motor was off and the lights were out. He opened the door and sat down (on the gun). Then he found their dog Delsey trembling under the seat.

Betty, feeling very happy and relieved, arrived, opened the door, and asked her husband to come out and watch. Barney came out and joined Betty next to the car. She picked up the trembling dog and held it as they waited for the ship to take off.

The object was dark at first then it began glowing orange again, becoming brighter and brighter. It lifted off, dipped behind a ridge (to Betty it looked like a ball rolling off the ridge), and then shot up into the sky at an angle, dwindling to a point in a matter of seconds.

The couple got into the car, and Barney started driving. Apparently Betty's memory of the abduction was fading, too, and so neither witness spoke to the other about being on board a UFO. Finally, after they drove back to U.S. 3 (at this point, we pick up the account as given in my original 1961 report before hypno-analysis; the following was also mentioned by both witnesses under hypnosis; see page 6), in the Ashland area Betty broke the silence, asking her husband: "Do you believe in flying saucers now?" He replied: "Oh, Betty, don't be ridiculous. That wasn't a flying

saucer." Both claim at once they heard five or six "beeps" on the rear trunk. (Besides recalling this brief exchange and the beeping sounds, they vaguely remembered seeing an orange object at ground level in the woods but attempted to explain it as the moon.)

When they arrived home, Barney said he inspected his genitals for no particular conscious reason he could think of. He found nothing wrong with them.

At first they were not going to tell anyone about what happened. But in the morning Mrs. Hill changed her mind, told her apartment neighbors that they had seen a UFO in the sky, and then decided to call her sister Janet in Kingston, New Hampshire, and tell her about the experience (the first encounter). It happened that the police chief of nearby Newton was visiting the sister, and he advised Mrs. Hill to call Pease Air Force Base and report the sighting. Janet suggested they go out and examine the trunk of the car (a 1957 Chevrolet two-door hardtop) with a compass to see if the car was "magnetized." This they did and were surprised to see a cluster of more than a dozen shiny, circular spots the size of a half or silver dollar on the trunk. The compass needle spun when near or over the spots. (These shiny spots gradually disappeared that winter.)

The next day Betty called Pease Air Force Base (near Portsmouth) and spoke to an unidentified officer who asked her to give him the details of the sighting--location, description, etc. Mrs. Hill did so and said the man seemed to be very interested in the fin-like structures, a new feature to him, and in the two red lights. She did not report her husband's observation of the figures as it seemed too fantastic to be believed. Before he hung up, the Pease officer told Mrs. Hill that someone might contact her again about the sighting.

A Major Henderson called back later and spoke to both witnesses. He told them the conversation was being monitored. Henderson phoned again the next day, said he had worked on the UFO report all night, and asked for a few more details. He said they might contact them again. But that was the last the witnesses heard from the Air Force. According to the Hills, Major Henderson told them that the government knows of the UFOs' existence and the Air Force is very interested in finding out more about them.

#### SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Following the experience, Betty Hill picked up several books on UFOs including one of Major Keyhoe's books which listed his address. She wrote to Keyhoe (NICAP Director) September 26, describing the first UFO encounter. About three weeks later, on October 19, I received the letter from NICAP Secretary Richard Hall, suggesting an interview with the Hills. I conducted the interview on October 21.

Two other NICAP members learned about the sighting upon visiting NICAP in Washington. They were Robert E. Hohmann of Hyde Park, New York, and C.D. Jackson of Rhinebeck, New York, both employed by IBM. When they interviewed the Hills November 25, they reported that a Major James MacDonald was present during the discussion. He was there at the Hills' invitation as an old friend. He also happened to be very interested in UFOs (in fact he later visited NICAP and vouched for the Portsmouth couple's reliability). I learned from the Hills that Major MacDonald had recently retired from 18 years of service in the USAF, that he was once with the CIA, and now was a USAF consultant. According to the Hills, he has been investigating plane disappearances, auto crashes, and at one time was even involved in the Lubbock Lights case.

(Major MacDonald told the Hills that a UFO was involved in the case where six planes vanished under very mysterious circumstances off the Florida coast December 5, 1945. A total of 27 men was lost resulting in one of the greatest air-sea searches ever made. The case was mentioned in Keyhoe's The Flying Saucer Conspiracy, but there was absolutely no proof that a UFO was tied up with the disappearance. It is difficult to know whether MacDonald was merely quoting from Major Keyhoe's book and assuming a UFO connection, or whether he actually had access to a secret report or perhaps even was drawn into the official investigation.)

The whole UFO experience proved to have a very disturbing and traumatic effect upon both witnesses, especially Mr. Hill. Barney's strange feeling about the "leader" (in the first encounter) and Betty's dreams of abduction (occurring for about six successive nights one and a half to two weeks after the sighting) finally compelled them in March, 1962, to discuss their sighting with a psychiatrist, a Dr. Quirk (oddly enough) at the Baldpate Sanitarium, Georgetown, Massachusetts. The psychiatrist was already acquainted with the UFO subject and had talked with other doctors about UFOs. He not only believed the Hills' story but also ruled out the possibility of a simultaneous hallucination. Barney was prepared to undergo hypnosis in an effort to reveal the cause of his block, but Dr. Quirk thought it best at this time not to try to forcibly uncover the cause. (If a repressed experience is too fearful to recall, sometimes shock, convulsions, or even temporary amnesia may result from forcing by hypnosis.) His advice to the Hills: next time have a camera with them!

Barney, who had not had a drinking problem for ten years, returned to drinking a few months after the sighting. Then, early in 1962 (February or March), he began to develop an itchy sensation in the genital region. Wart-like growths grew in a ring around the area, requiring three minor operations to remove them. The growths were, in all probability, psychosomatic in origin. (One might ask: could they have been due to repressed feelings about the "cup-like device" Barney believed was placed around his genitals in the alleged second encounter?)

That summer Mr. Hill, bothered by his drinking, visited another psychiatrist, Dr. Duncan Stephens of the Exeter Clinic, Exeter, New

Hampshire. Dr. Stephens agreed with the Baldpate psychiatrist that a simultaneous hallucination was unlikely and hypnosis should not be used at this time.

But late the next year, since Barney's emotional difficulties showed no sign of clearing up and, if anything, seemed to be worsening (he developed an ulcer, was being treated for high blood pressure, and had been undergoing psychotherapy for months) and since Betty was still concerned about her abduction dreams, Dr. Stephens finally felt both Mr. and Mrs. Hill should undergo hypnoanalysis. Dr. Benjamin Simon, a Boston psychiatrist specializing in hypnosis, agreed to conduct the analysis.

The Portsmouth couple proved to be subjects for hypnosis. For a period of seven months in 1964, the Hills drove to Boston once a week and were subjected to an extensive cross-examination under hypnosis, resulting in eleven hours of tape-recordings and a complete transcript of the sessions. Each witness repeated the first UFO encounter in vivid detail and furthermore not only did Betty Hill tell her story of being abducted by the UFO occupants, but so did Barney for the first time.

As they relived the experience under hypnosis, there were some anxious moments, particularly for Barney. As he approached the point in his account where his mental block occurred, he screamed and sobbed hysterically, clutching his face and shaking uncontrollably. Under Dr. Simon's expert guidance, the critical point was passed and Barney Hill recalled what frightened him that night in September two and a half years ago (see page 5). For a long time after these sessions in 1964, Mr. Hill found it painful and upsetting to listen to the tapes (they have copies), and Mrs. Hill often broke out in hives when listening to them.

Dr. Simon kindly permitted me to hear the tapes. It required seven evenings at his home to hear all of them.

#### DR. SIMON'S CONCLUSIONS

Dr. Simon is convinced the first UFO encounter actually took place as reported and that a craft of some sort was witnessed by Mr. and Mrs. Hill. The Boston psychiatrist prefers to accept an earth-based aircraft of either conventional or classified type rather than an extraterrestrial spacecraft. He is undecided about the figures in the UFO Barney said he watched through binoculars. The witness may have seen figures, but his description of them could have been influenced by previous anxieties that Dr. Simon believes were uncovered during the hypnosis (even the possibility of hallucination was not entirely ruled out here).

Regarding the second encounter (the abduction story), he believes it happened only in Betty Hill's dreams and that Barney, upon hearing his wife tell about her dreams repeatedly, finally felt he must have been abducted, too. A kidnapping by space beings,



in the psychiatrist's opinion, has all the earmarks of a nightmare--its bizarre nature, inconsistencies, etc. And a detailed dream can occur in a flash.

(The following paragraph is confidential.)

To understand why Dr. Simon selected this hypothesis, one must see into the personalities of Barney and Betty Hill. In some respects, they are completely contrasting types. Betty is dominating and possessive. Barney is passive, highly suggestible, and full of repressed anxieties and fears. She is white and he is Negro. Both are the products of previous marriages (Betty's first marriage lasted 13 years; she first met Barney Hill about 1956, marrying him in 1960 about 20 months before the UFO incident; Barney had two sons by his first marriage).

In Dr. Simon's view, Betty had the dreams which were triggered by the initial UFO experience. She then related them to her husband and to friends. At first Barney was skeptical and believed they were just dreams. But gradually Barney's suggestibility took hold and he, like his wife, finally accepted the dreams as a manifestation of a real experience, that is, that they both were abducted and then made to forget the experience by a form of hypnotic amnesia. It is readily apparent that Betty's account of the kidnapping and medical examination aboard the UFO is quite elaborate and detailed while Barney's account of his own experience is very brief and sketchy--an indication to Dr. Simon that the whole second encounter originated in Betty's mind and then was duplicated, at least in part, in Barney by suggestion. The doctor told me if one believes in anything strongly enough, whether it really happened or not, it can be repeated under hypnosis.

(The following paragraph is confidential.)

Dr. Simon found examples of sexual symbolism in the witnesses' stories under hypnosis. The obsession with the eyes of the figures and the needle penetrating the navel were such symbols. Barney's description of a genital-rectal examination and his inspection of the genital area after the UFO sighting indicated to Dr. Simon latent homosexual feelings, a fear of attack on the genitals. Dr. Simon emphasized that dreams are expressions of unconscious conflicts and wish fulfillments.

#### MY CONCLUSIONS

Following my initial six-hour interrogation of the witnesses on October 21, 1961, I was of the opinion the Hills were telling the truth and that the first encounter with the UFO occurred exactly as reported except for minor uncertainties and technicalities that must be tolerated in any such observation where human judgment is involved (i.e., exact time and length of visibility, apparent sizes of object and occupants, distance and height of object, etc.). Although their occupations did not qualify the witnesses as scien-

tific observers, I was impressed by their intelligence, apparent honesty, and obvious desire to get at the facts and to underplay the more sensational aspects of the sighting. Neither witness had read any books on the UFO subject before the sighting. Mr. Hill, especially, had been a complete UFO skeptic before the experience (he still detests the term "flying saucer").

In the interim between my first report on the case and this revised account, I find that I have not changed my opinion in regard to the first encounter. In fact, everyone who has questioned the Hills, including three psychiatrists and even Air Force officials, has ruled out a hoax and simultaneous hallucination. (Collective hallucinations are extremely rare and are usually brought on by sensory deprivation and/or a strong sensation of impending death. In such cases, subconscious thoughts take over and the mind projects the visions reported. A prime recent example involved the two Pennsylvania miners entombed in a coal mine for 14 days in 1963. These men shared vivid simultaneous hallucinations.)

Dr. Simon and I agree an unidentified craft was seen in the first encounter. Although he admits the objective reality of the Hills' UFO, he prefers a mundane explanation for the object. However, it was apparent at the outset that the doctor knew very little about the UFO subject. He proved to be so skeptical of the spaceship hypothesis that he refused to read the literature and sighting reports I made available to him on the subject. It is my definite impression that had he made an honest effort to acquaint himself with the UFO phenomenon, he might have altered his opinion somewhat about both encounters.

As for the second encounter, I must admit the doctor's hypothesis is a plausible one that could account for the alleged abduction. But I am far from convinced, especially in the light of similar kidnap-accounts reported elsewhere (see "Other UFO Abduction Cases"). The dream theory has not eliminated all doubt from my mind as I had hoped it would. Unlike most UFO "contact" claims, the Hill case is particularly hard to explain because the first encounter appears to be true, and if the first encounter took place, then I feel we cannot positively rule out the possibility, however remote, that the second encounter did in fact occur. Dr. Simon admits he cannot prove the dream hypothesis is correct but, on the other hand, spaceship abduction cannot be proven either.

When I first met the Hills shortly after their experience in the White Mountains, Barney appeared to be deeply concerned by the "leader" in the UFO (first encounter) and by his failure to recall events immediately after watching this figure. Both witnesses were perplexed that they had no conscious recollection of events between the odd beeping sounds nor of the route they traveled in that interval. They vaguely recalled seeing an orange object in the woods, but that was discounted as probably the moon (the time of moonset did check out approximately).

It is intriguing to this investigator that under hypnosis

these gaps were filled in very nicely, like pieces of a puzzle, and both witnesses largely corroborated each other's accounts (the "inconsistencies" that Dr. Simon speaks of were minor, in my opinion, and would be expected in any experience as complicated and as detailed as this one; in fact, I would be suspicious if all details related by the witnesses agreed precisely). Barney Hill was able to uncover the cause of his block: the leader's eyes and a "voice" that instructed him to come closer (page 6). As he obeyed, a ladder began to come down from the UFO. When Barney dropped his binoculars, the strap holding them around his neck broke. Prior to hypnosis, Barney could not remember how or where he had broken the strap. The ladder and the leader's instructions were also new details revealed for the first time by hypnoanalysis.

The end of the first encounter (consciously recalled) flowed smoothly into the beginning of the second encounter (page 7) and the end of the second encounter flowed into that portion of the trip where the witnesses were once again consciously aware (page 11).

If we are indeed dealing with an actual abduction of earthlings by UFO entities and not with imagined events, it is clear that the Hills were made to forget parts of the experience by the imposition of hypnotic blocks on their minds. If Barney Hill made no effort to block this imposed amnesia, he would probably not recall the events or at least have great difficulty in recalling them. Similarly, according to this speculation, Betty Hill, in her account, attempted to fight this control and therefore might have recalled the abduction in her dreams. When Barney "recalled" the abduction under hypnoanalysis, he was told by the "voice" to keep his eyes closed and thus his description would not be expected to be as thorough as his wife's. The mysterious "beeps" appear to have had some significance in the controls exerted on the Hills.

Mr. Hill's inspection of his genitals after the sighting (for unconscious reasons) and the wart-like growths that developed later around the same area could have been, in this case, symptomatic of a real experience--the cup-like device placed at that spot on his body. At that time, prior to hypnoanalysis, only the witness's unconscious would be aware of the experience.

Incidentally, regarding the Hills' hypnoanalysis, I am not particularly impressed by sexual symbolism as employed in modern psychiatry. Almost anything can be described as a sex symbol, as Vance Packard has pointed out, and, in my view, such symbols are frequently used to excess in psychoanalysis.

Dr. Simon would rather accept the dream hypothesis to explain the abduction than a "supernatural" hypothesis, as he referred to extraterrestrial visitation which the doctor considers fantastic. In refusing to even examine the evidence supporting the spacecraft hypothesis, however, he has demonstrated a narrow, rigid outlook on the subject. He also has certain preconceptions about the appearance, behavior, and motives of alien visitors. I gave him a copy of NICAP's The UFO Evidence and hope that he has read it.

I am much indebted to Dr. Simon for allowing me to hear the tapes recorded during the sessions with the Hills. When I last spoke with him, he was undecided about what he should do with the data gathered, but he did believe he should publish it in some form soon. He considered doing a book or a paper on the case.

Hypnosis and narcosynthesis have been employed in at least two other UFO incidents that I am aware of. In the Domsten, Sweden case (see "Other UFO Abduction Cases") contradictory results were obtained by three examiners. A hypnoanalysis was performed by two doctors on both witnesses who proceeded to give similar accounts. The doctors concluded that the experience was not the result of hallucination but came "directly from the outside." Then a military psychologist for the Swedish defense staff interrogated the two witnesses. He questioned the reliability of both men, believing the more dominant personality of one man influenced the other. However, the objectivity of the official examiner is much in doubt.

In the Wolfeboro, New Hampshire case (see my report "Another Close UFO Encounter in New Hampshire: The Wolfeboro Incident - May 14, 1962") two terrified young students requested psychiatric help after apparently being blacked out by a UFO. It is interesting to note that both psychiatrists in this case used the conventional explanations--overactive imaginations, exaggeration, fantasy projection--in spite of the fact one of the boys told the same story under a "truth serum" injection (narcosynthesis). The witnesses mentioned having strange feelings following the sighting.

#### THE AIR FORCE'S CONCLUSIONS

It will be recalled that Mrs. Hill telephoned Pease Air Force Base the day after the sighting (page 12) and reported the first UFO encounter to an officer who expressed much interest in the fins and red lights observed. A Major Henderson called back twice to obtain additional details; the first time he told the Hills the call was being monitored and on the second occasion he said he had worked all night on an official report of the sighting. The Air Force was not told about the figures seen in the first encounter, and as far as I know, the Air Force has no knowledge of the second encounter. The witnesses were never questioned in person by Air Force personnel.

In reply to a letter from a Mr. Herbert Taylor of Brooklyn, New York, pertaining to the Hill case, Major Maston Jacks, the Pentagon UFO spokesman, stated that the incident was carried as "insufficient data" in Air Force files and then hinted that the object was probably the planet Jupiter! Although a copy of Major Jacks' letter (dated Oct. 1, 1963) is attached at the end of this report, I think it deserves a point-by-point breakdown here:

1. "The case is carried as insufficient data in the Air Force files." Officers at Pease Air Force Base questioned the Hills on the telephone three times to secure all the necessary data concern-

ing the sighting. They were given the basic data requested. Pease obviously was very interested in the case, especially in the structural detail observed.

2. "No direction was reported..." In the Hills' description to the Air Force, directions were given. The witnesses told how the UFO traveled from southwest to north then west and finally east toward their car.

3. "No specific details on maneuverability were given." This again is absolutely false. The Hills described to the officers the object's step-like, erratic flight as it approached them, its momentary hovering, its shift of position across the highway, and the final descent.

4. "As no lateral or vertical movement was noted, the object was in all probability Jupiter." Aside from the fact that lateral movement and complex maneuvers were described by the witnesses, as noted above, the planet explanation is completely ridiculous. The witnesses saw both the UFO and Jupiter in the sky at the same time. Furthermore, the object grew in apparent size from a star-like light to a disc with a row of windows and a red light on the ends of fin-like structures--an object that filled the binoculars' entire field of view.

Major Jacks' reply demonstrates the USAF's policy of stretching conventional explanations for UFOs to the point of scandal and absurdity. Actually, such explanations may be for public consumption only; as Major Henderson alluded to Mrs. Hill, the Air Force knows more than its telling.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Before the experience, Barney Hill apparently had a total lack of interest or curiosity about UFOs. His wife had a mild interest in the heavens which she shared with her father, but she had not read any books on the UFO subject. She was aware of several UFO sightings in New Hampshire including one by her sister. Needless to say, neither Mr. nor Mrs. Hill are UFO doubters any longer. Both are now quite interested in the UFO subject and wish to know more about it and read as much as they can. They became NICAP members soon after the sighting. Near the conclusion of my first interview with the witnesses, I was asked many questions concerning the possible nature and origin of such objects. Mrs. Hill commented in her letter to Major Keyhoe: "We both have been quite frightened by this experience but fascinated. We feel a compelling urge to return to the spot where this occurred in the hope that we may again come in contact with this object. We realize this possibility is slight and we should, however, have more recent information regarding developments in the last six years."

In response to occasional requests, Barney has briefly related the first encounter (without mention of the entities) on

a few phone-in radio programs. He also has revealed a portion of the second encounter to a Massachusetts UFO club audience, to his church group in Portsmouth, and to close friends.

The Hills have expressed dissatisfaction with Dr. Simon's dream hypothesis. In my own opinion, while the psychiatrist's theory for the alleged abduction certainly has merit, it fails on some counts and is not completely convincing. In an effort to uncover the truth, the couple spent a total of \$1200 on hypno-analysis plus transportation costs for the drive to Boston once a week for seven months.

Barney<sup>03701</sup> and Betty Hill live at 953 State Street, Portsmouth, New Hampshire (phone 603-GENEVA 6-3803). Barney, aged 39 at the time of the sighting, is a postal clerk at a Boston, Massachusetts, post office (South Station) although he will soon transfer to Portsmouth as a rural mail carrier. He is active in the New Hampshire civil rights movement, is a member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Rockingham County Economic Opportunity Program, and was recently appointed to the U.S. Civil Rights Commission. Betty, aged 41 at the time of the sighting, is a child welfare worker employed at Portsmouth by the New Hampshire Department of Public Welfare.

Some biographical data about Dr. Simon would be pertinent here. Dr. Benjamin Simon pioneered in the treatment of psychoneurotic soldiers by such methods as hypnosis and narcosynthesis and headed up the program at a Long Island army hospital during World War II. An excellent documentary film, "Let There Be Light," based upon Simon's work at the hospital, was produced by the government in 1945 and directed by John Huston. The Hills and I were given a private showing of the film at Dr. Simon's home. The doctor's office is at 53 Bay State Road, Boston (phone CO 2-1050). He resides at 141 Hillside Road, Arlington (phone 648-0081).

It will be noted that there were no electromagnetic disturbances, such as auto engine failure, in the first encounter. However, auto-stalling was reported in the second encounter. With the possible exception of mental controls reportedly imposed on the couple and Barney's wart-like growths, the witnesses did not notice any physiological effects such as warmth, burns, or paralysis. The dog appeared to be frightened when the Hills supposedly returned from the UFO. There were no other aircraft noticed in the sky at the time.

In the rear trunk of the car, the Hills carried a bag of fertilizer (bone meal). This fact is mentioned only because some investigators have perceived a possible UFO affinity for nitrates and fertilizers in a few landing incidents, notably Socorro and Newark Valley. In any case, this investigator sees no such connection in the Hill sighting, especially since the fertilizer was left untouched.

Also just for the record, the Hill case took place a day

before Hurricane Esther's rains and winds hit New England (see North Scituate, Mass., case, Sept. 10, 1960).

New Hampshire has furnished quite a number of UFO reports in recent years. For example, in 1960 NICAP recorded seven sightings from the Granite State, six of them in the White Mountains area, especially around Plymouth. Of particular interest were the red cigar-shaped objects seen during April--twice from Plymouth (on the 15th and 25th) and once from West Thornton (on the 28th). See NICAP Special Bulletin, May, 1960, page 4. Another "cigar" was observed in the same area, near Rumney, on August 24. See NICAP report form on case. The writer intends to plot all the New Hampshire sightings in his files on a map to see if a geographical clustering of reports exists in the state.

As mentioned earlier, Mrs. Hill's sister Janet has observed UFOs. About 12 years ago, according to Mrs. Hill, Janet was driving from Kingston, New Hampshire, to Haverhill, Massachusetts, on State 125 and saw near Plaistow, N.H., a large glowing object in the sky with smaller objects flying around it. She ran to a house and got others to look at the strange apparition. They all saw the smaller objects fly into the larger one which then took off.

Then on February 20, 1965, at 7:45 p.m., Janet's 14-year-old son Glen called her attention to a strange object hovering in the sky at Kingston. She and her other two children, Kathy, 16, and Tommy, 10, ran outside and they all watched the object which was large, round, orange, and glowing. It was estimated to be a half mile away at low height. After viewing it a few moments, Janet ran across the street toward her parents' house to get them to look at it. When she was half way there, the object took off in a burst of speed toward the south and in a moment it had dwindled to the size of a star and then was gone.

Both of these accounts were related to me by Betty Hill. I have not had an opportunity to interview her sister in person.

#### REPORTS OF SIMILAR UFO'S

Following my first report to NICAP on the Hill case, I asked Richard Hall to search NICAP files for sighting reports of similar UFOs possessing fins. This structural feature is rarely reported in UFO sightings. Mr. Hall uncovered at least three cases and recently a fourth. In addition, two other incidents had objects resembling the main body of the Hill UFO, but without fins. All six cases are summarized below. Note especially the many similarities between the Illinois and Brazil sightings and the Hill case.

August 20, 1956. Citrus Heights, California. Around 5:30 or 5:45 p.m. Mrs. Louise Moore and her husband watched a semi-circular formation of about 25 or more bright, round, shining objects traveling from a point high in the north to the south, passing east of the zenith. Speed was estimated at about 300 miles per hour, height

about 10,000 feet. Each object, estimated to be perhaps 20 feet in diameter, was circular and looked "like two soup bowls, one inverted on top of the other." Protruding from the middle of each were short, stubby, wedge-shaped wings about a quarter the size of the body. As the objects shifted back and forth within and across the formation, the wings "flapped up and down." The wings did not move when the objects moved straight ahead. The sighting lasted about three minutes. (Although Mrs. Moore insisted the objects were not birds because they were too bright, too fast, and too silent, she said they looked "alive" and as if they were playing tag with each other. This behavior, in my opinion, makes the sighting very dubious. Birds reflecting sunlight could still be the culprits.) (Source: NICAP files.)

December 15, 1957. Southwestern Brazil. One of the abduction cases which will be reported in more detail later. The UFO itself first appeared in the sky as a star-like light. Then it approached and hovered about 300 feet above a field, killing the witness's tractor engine. The object landed some 60 feet away. According to the captive, it was a disc about 50 to 60 feet across and 9 or 10 feet thick resting on three legs 10 or 12 feet long. Three pointed structures, the center one with a green light on the tip and the other two with an orange light, protruded from one side of the craft. On the opposite side was a vertical, rudder-like plate. The witness said a cupola on top kept revolving even when the UFO was on the ground. After he was released, he said the green light changed to a blinding white and then the object rose up at terrific speed. The white light became the only part of the object visible as the UFO moved rapidly away. (Flying Saucer Review, Jan.-Feb. 1965.)

October, 1958. Near Stephensburg, Kentucky. Mrs. Harvey Devore looked out her kitchen window one morning and noticed a strange silver- or aluminum-colored object in a field. When it continued to stay there for some time, she called a neighbor, Les Sutzer, and asked him to investigate. When Sutzer approached within 300 yards of it, it started rolling along the ground and then rose almost straight up. The object was shaped somewhat an ice-cream cone, was about the size of a small truck, and had short stubby wings that moved back and forth as the object took off. After it left the ground, it reportedly hovered over the field for 45 minutes. Sutzer discovered small wheel tracks in the field. Another neighbor, Alvin Duncan, also saw the object. (Lancaster, Ky., Central Record, Oct. 23, 1958.)

May, 1961. La Porte area of Indiana. Mrs. Velma Duncan claimed she encountered the same object on the ground three times in one month, twice on the road. On the third occasion she got within 40 to 50 feet of it before it went up into the air. The UFO, which was approximately 10 to 15 feet across the bottom, was shaped like an inverted bowl with a small fin on each side and oblong windows along the top. A flashing red light shone through the windows. When the object rose off the road, it became fluorescent all over and emitted a whirring sound somewhat like an electric mixer. (NICAP Subcommittee Indiana #2 report.)



May 19, 1963. Waukegan, Illinois. About 10:15 p.m., as an Episcopal priest and his wife drove south on State 131 near Waukegan, they spotted a bright white light to the southeast over Lake Michigan. It appeared to be some six or seven miles away and a few thousand feet high. At first the light moved away, but in a few moments it began moving southwest. As it drew closer, the UFO seemed to be flashing on and off in a regular pattern. As it continued to approach the priest's car, the light resolved itself into several lights in a row. Then it became clear that the lights were windows, square in shape, arranged along two levels of a strange craft.

A half mile south of the State 132 intersection, The Rev. Father R. Dean Johnson pulled off the road and jumped out just as the UFO passed slowly and silently overhead at about 40 miles per hour and at a height of about 200 or 300 feet. The object was drum-shaped, possibly 80 feet in diameter and 15 or 16 feet thick, with three-foot-square windows evenly spaced around the circumference on two levels except in one section on the upper left and another section on the lower right. As the craft rotated (counterclockwise) at approximately one half revolution per second, the dark sections produced a blinking effect. Both levels were fully illuminated on one side.

The UFO continued southwest for perhaps a mile then turned southeast, passing over Route 131 again, over North Chicago, and out over the lake. Gaining altitude and speed, it turned southwest again. As The Rev. Johnson and his wife drove on, they watched the object continuing its zig-zag pattern over the Chicago suburbs beyond. They had seen the UFO for 15 to 20 minutes.

The Rev. Johnson, who was priest-in-charge of All Souls Episcopal Church, Waukegan, learned that there were other witnesses of the UFO--motorists, persons at the stock car races in Waukegan, and several of his parishioners. (Fate, Jan. 1964.)

May 21, 1964. Isleton, California. Sketchy report of a disc with two rows of windows and a red pulsating light on one side. This UFO hovered some 500 feet above a family on a highway. (Source: NICAP.)

#### OTHER UFO ABDUCTION CASES

The kidnap aspect of the Hill case is not unique. There are other reported UFO abductions and attempted abductions on record, most of them occurring in remote areas and under circumstances quite similar to those in the Hill incident. The wilderness areas of Brazil and Argentina have produced a large number of these alleged experiences. I am careful to call all such stories alleged experiences because none of them have been completely authenticated. The Hill account, however, achieves a degree of respectability and credibility as the result of a rather thorough investigation of the events. In fact, this case and an amazingly similar Brazilian

kidnap account (Dec. 15, 1957 case) demonstrate the need for a closer, unbiased look at such reports.

Ten cases--five abductions and five possible attempts at abduction--are summarized below. Regarding the five kidnap cases, in two instances the captives said they were released while in the other three the individuals were not returned (according to the witnesses who supposedly observed the abductions). Special attention is devoted to the Brazilian incident referred to above; Gordon Creighton's complete account of the experience in the Flying Saucer Review is included here.

November 23, 1953. The Kinross Case. This is the famous incident involving the mysterious disappearance of an F-89 jet and its two-man crew during a UFO chase over Lake Superior. A radar station in northern Michigan was guiding the jet toward the UFO when both objects appeared to merge on the scope. Only one blip remained and it quickly went off the screen. No trace of the two fliers or their plane was ever found. The radar evidence, the complete lack of bodies or wreckage, and the curious Air Force treatment of the case have led to speculation that the UFO somehow made off with the plane. (See D. Keyhoe, The Flying Saucer Conspiracy, Henry Holt & Co., 1955, or my report condensed from same.)

April, 1957. Near Cordoba, Argentina. An unidentified citizen of Cordoba was riding his motorcycle toward Rio Ceballos about 7:30 a.m. when his engine stopped. As he dismounted to see what the trouble was, he saw a large disc-shaped object hovering some 50 feet above the road. The UFO, emitting a sound like air escaping from a tire, was some 60 feet in diameter and over 15 feet high. Its color was greenish in some parts and blue in others, giving the effect of a metallic iridescence. Terrified, the witness jumped into a ditch and tried to hide.

After a few moments the object descended to about seven feet above the road and hovered again. From the bottom of the craft, a device like a transparent elevator or stairway began to come down, carrying a humanoid figure. The being stepped down when the device halted about a foot from the ground. After glancing briefly at various plants around him, the figure walked toward the panic-stricken witness who tried to dig a hole in the ditch in an effort to hide.

The being was about five feet eight inches in height and wore a plastic-like, close-fitting uniform like a diver's suit. Reaching out his hand, the being helped the man out of the ditch and then pointed toward the craft to make the man understand by signs that he should follow him to the ship without fear. Encountering resistance, he gently stroked the man's forehead to calm him and again pointed to the craft. This time the witness obeyed and entered the elevator which rose into a large cabin within the ship.

Around the wall of the cabin were five or six panels, each about six feet wide, covered with intricate equipment including

screens. Seated at each panel was a being dressed like the man's guide. They paid no attention at all to their visitor. Above the panels around the room were a series of large square windows that admitted daylight. In addition to this light, a low fluorescent light pervaded the cabin. What puzzled the witness was that he had noticed no trace of windows from the outside.

The man was invited to enter the lift device again. As they descended, he struck the wall with his knuckles. It gave off a metallic sound. On the ground once more, he asked his guide, by signs, how the craft managed to stay suspended in mid-air. The being passed one hand over the other, which meant nothing to the witness.

The being examined the motorcycle with interest and then indicated to the man that it would not work while the ship was there. He placed a hand on the man's shoulder and re-entered the lift, which slowly rose into the craft. After a short delay the UFO went straight up to some 2500 feet and sped off to the northwest. (Diario de Cordoba, May 1, 1957; Flying Saucer Review, Jan.-Feb. 1965.)

In the March and May, 1959, issues of the APRO Bulletin (Aerial Phenomena Research Organization, Tucson, Ariz.), Dr. Olavo Fontes described a remarkable series of sightings near the village of Ponta Poran, Brazil (these sightings were also carried in C. Lorenzen's The Great Flying Saucer Hoax, William-Frederick Press, 1962). For at least two and a half months--from December, 1957, to March, 1958, Saturn-shaped UFOs buzzed jeeps and cars on lonely roads near the village, apparently inspecting the vehicles and their passengers and studying human reactions. Although it was difficult to interpret the objects' real motives, attempted abductions were one definite possibility and therefore these incidents are included here. Ponta Poran is situated on the southwestern frontier of Brazil on the forest-covered plateau known as the Mato Grosso. In this vast region villages are scattered and isolated.

December 21, 1957. Ponta Poran, Brazil. The first incident involved six witnesses in a jeep--a farm owner, her three young sons, her servant, and a driver (names given in the account). At 6:30 p.m. they were driving toward Ponta Poran when a large ball of light flying low approached from the south. As it came closer, the group could see that it was really two glowing spheres flying side by side. Each object flew along one side of the road, oscillating sideways in a strange wobbling motion. They appeared to be metallic spheres about 15 feet in diameter encircled by a rotating ring at the equator like the planet Saturn. The upper half of the objects and the ring were fiery red; the lower half silvery-white. Each UFO gave off a blinding glare which varied in intensity.

For a terrifying two hours, the two UFOs followed behind the jeep, flew beside it, ahead of it, over it, and around it in circles. At times the objects projected beams of light at the frightened passengers. Twice the driver stopped the jeep. When he did, the UFOs approached rapidly, and while one hovered high up, the

other hovered just above the ground (or possibly landed). When the jeep started to move, the lower UFO took off vertically and joined its companion again. As the witness entered Ponta Poran, both objects climbed into the sky and disappeared.

February 19, 1958. Ponta Poran, Brazil. Two separate sightings. The first involved five witnesses in a jeep at 4 a.m. and later six others in a second jeep; the second involved four witnesses in a station wagon at 10:30 p.m.

The same farm owner, one of her sons, and the driver were joined by the farm caretaker and a worker there. They were driving down the same road from Ponta Poran to the farm at 4 a.m. when a reddish light appeared from the east. As it drew closer, it became a large sphere giving off a brilliant red glow and encircled by a rotating ring. It came down and hovered over the road in front of the jeep, its glow dimming and turning a silvery color. The witnesses felt this action by the UFO was an intentional move to halt the jeep, either preparatory to capture or as sort of a sentinel against any intruders into the area.

At this point the driver turned the jeep around and headed back to town, whereupon the object climbed up and followed. When the group reached Ponta Poran, the UFO climbed to a high altitude and hovered over the town for half an hour.

The farm owner rounded up six other witnesses who watched the strange sight for over 15 minutes. Then they all got into two jeeps and drove back down the road to see what the UFO would do. The UFO followed at a distance. When the jeeps stopped at the spot where the object had hovered the first time, the object stopped, too, but remained at a distance. It then climbed to a high altitude and stayed there until sunrise. At 6 a.m. it suddenly shot upward at tremendous speed and vanished.

That night, after hearing about the sighting, four respected citizens of Ponta Poran--a professor, a law student, a notary, and a tax clerk (names given in original account)--decided to seek out the mystery object. The professor, especially, was interested in making a contact if possible. At 10:30 p.m. they arrived at the place in the road and began signaling with the headlights of their station wagon. A reddish light appeared from the west and approached the car, flying with the peculiar oscillatory motion (side to side). When it was joined by another light, the group panicked and sped back to town. The objects moved away in opposite directions.

March 3, 1958. Ponta Poran, Brazil. About 10:30 p.m. the same driver in the December and February sightings and his girl friend parked his jeep on a road near the town. While they sat in the jeep, three boys who accompanied them went into the brush to signal with flashlights in an attempt to attract a UFO. Suddenly all five spotted a bright object hovering over a thicket. As the boys ran toward the jeep, the object swooped over their heads and came down with a wobbling motion very low over the parked vehicle. It was a silvery, metallic ball, larger than a car, emitting a bril-

liant glow.

They started the jeep and headed back toward town with the UFO following close behind about nine feet above the ground. After a 15-minute chase, they drove through a wooded area and the UFO went away. But when they left the woods, they spotted the object again hovering higher up. This time the UFO descended and hovered just a few feet above the road ahead of them, cutting off their route to town. The driver, preparing for the worst, chose to drive on and ram the object. However, when the headlight beams struck the thing, it reacted by wobbling violently and darting straight up. The jeep passed under the UFO. It began to follow again but keeping at a distance. After ten minutes of this, it abandoned chase, climbed, and vanished from sight.

Two nights later there was still another instance of a car chased by two UFOs near Ponta Poran. The object departed when the witnesses, a husband and wife, reached the town.

December 20, 1958. Domsten, Sweden. The "Loaf-Men" Incident. The weird creatures described by laundry-truck driver Hans Gustavsson, 25, and student Stig Rydberg, 30, are virtually unique in the history of UFOs. The story sounds like science-fiction except that (1) a doctor who examined both witnesses declared them sane, and (2) two other doctors performed a hypnoanalysis, concluding the experience was not an hallucination but came "directly from the outside." The only dissenter seems to be a military psychologist who quizzed the witnesses for the Swedish defense staff (the official attitude toward the incident was one of skepticism from the start).

According to Gustavsson and Rydberg, they were driving home to Halsingborg following a dance. At 2:55 a.m. near Domsten they noticed a strange light in the woods and stopped to investigate. Proceeding on foot for some 30 feet, they were astounded to see a glowing saucer-shaped object about 15 feet in diameter and about 3 feet thick resting on three legs.

Suddenly they were set upon by four lead-gray, limbless, loaf-like creatures about four feet tall and about 15 inches broad. They resembled scones (biscuits) or skittles (bowling pins). In a manner not precisely made clear, the men asserted they were grasped firmly as the creatures tried to drag them toward the craft. The captives found it difficult to get a hold on the jellylike "loaf-men." Rydberg said: "My right arm sank as far as to the elbow deep into one of them when I tried to box myself loose."

Gustavsson felt the creatures were reading his thoughts: "The second before I had time to get a coupling on them they parried the holds I was planning. Their raw strength was not particularly great, but they were tremendously technical."

All four "loaf-men" began concentrating their efforts on Gustavsson, who had wrapped his arms around a signpost. Finding

himself free, Rydberg ran to the car and blew the horn. His companion, spread horizontally in the air by the creatures as he clung to the post, was suddenly released so that he dropped to the ground.

As Rydberg ran toward his friend, the craft rose into the air, becoming brighter and filling the air with an odor like ether and burned sausages. (The beings also smelled--"like stale marsh," according to Rydberg.) The object emitted a thin, high-pitched sound that paralyzed the men with its very rapid vibrations. The UFO then disappeared from sight.

The two witnesses, who estimated the struggle lasted four to seven minutes, said they went back to the car and sat there in a daze for about 15 minutes, tears streaming down their faces. When they arrived in Halsingborg, they agreed not to tell anyone about what had happened.

But it was not long before their curious looks gave them away, and relatives and friends wanted to know what troubled them. Many persons, naturally, reacted with ridicule. Finally, both men decided to reveal their alleged experience to the defense staff and to the newspapers. They agreed to place themselves at the disposal of investigators. As mentioned earlier, the three physicians and the military psychologist conducted their examination. (Halsingborg Dagblad, Svenska Dagbladet, Stockholm Tidningen, Dagen Nybetters, and the Swedish magazine Se; APRO Bulletin, Jan. 1959; C. Lorenzen, The Great Flying Saucer Hoax, William-Frederick Press, 1962.)

August 19-20, 1962. Diamantina, Brazil. This is the incredible story of Raimundo de Aleluia Mafra, a 12-year-old Brazilian boy who claimed he witnessed the abduction of his father by two UFOs. So far as is known, the father is still missing and all efforts to locate him, or his body, have failed. The boy's house is in a lonely spot about 17 miles from Diamantina.

According to Raimundo, his father Rivalino Mafra da Silva, himself, and his two small brothers (aged 6 and 2) were asleep on the night of August 19 when footsteps were heard in the room. Raimundo called his father who lit a candle. Then, in the dim light, they saw an odd silhouette, more like a shadow, floating just above the floor. Raimundo said the shadow was "half the size of a man and not shaped like a human being."

The "shadow," after observing each bed for a while, left the room. Again, running footsteps were heard and a voice said: "This one looks like Rivalino." The boy's father then yelled: "Who goes there?" When there was no answer, the father got up and went to another room where the voice asked if he was Rivalino. He replied that he was. Then several voices said they were going to kill Rivalino. The father, according to Raimundo, began to pray aloud, and the voices said there was no help for him. That ended the conversation.

In the morning, after a sleepless night, Raimundo went out-

side to get his father's horse. It was then that the boy saw two large globes hovering close to the house about six feet off the ground and about three feet from each other. Each object had an irregular antenna-like projection and a small tail. One object was completely black; the other was black and white. They both emitted a humming sound and flashed a fire or light on and off through an opening.

Frightened, Raimundo called his father who came out and asked what the strange things were. Warning his son to stay back, Rivalino approached within about six feet of the hovering globes.

Raimundo related what happened next: "At that moment the two big balls merged into each other. There was only one now, bigger in size, raising dust from the ground and discharging a yellow smoke which darkened the sky. With strange noises, that big ball crept slowly toward my father. I saw him enveloped by the yellow smoke and he disappeared inside it. I ran after him into the yellow cloud, which had an acrid smell. I saw nothing, only that yellow mist around me. I yelled for my father but there was no answer. Everything was silent again. Then the yellow smoke dissolved. The balls were gone. The ground below was clean as if the dust had been removed by a big broom."

The Diamantina Police Chief, Lt. Wilson Lisboa, was called the same day. After putting the boy under cross-examination and failing to make him change his story, Lt. Lisboa ordered a complete investigation. During the next ten days, policemen using police dogs and bloodhounds searched the house, surrounding fields, and the whole district without turning up a trace of the missing man. An investigation of Rivalino's past--possible enemies, love affairs, relatives of his--provided no clues to the mystery. However, when the police chief questioned prospectors who knew the man (Rivalino was a diamond prospector), they related an amazing story.

According to the prospectors, Rivalino told them that on August 17 he had seen two strange persons, each about three feet tall, digging a hole near his house. When he advanced, the creatures ran into the bushes. Moments later a red-glowing, hat-shaped object took off from behind the bushes and disappeared from sight at high speed. The men said they hadn't believed Rivalino's story at the time.

Another confirming report turned up. Antonio Rocha, an employee at the Diamantina Mail Department, told the vicar of the town's cathedral about a UFO sighting he had made. The vicar, Jose Avila Garcia, informed Lt. Lisboa. Rocha said that on August 19 he was fishing in the Manso River near Rivalino's place. At 4 p.m. he saw two globe-shaped objects circling very low over Rivalino's house. They were gone in a few minutes. Rocha told Lt. Lisboa: "I don't know anything about Rivalino's disappearance, but from the report given by his son Raimundo, I have the impression he saw the same objects I sighted." August 19 was the same date that the boy's night of terror began.

Next, the police ordered a psychiatric examination of Raimundo. Afterward the psychiatrist, Dr. Joan Antunes de Oliveira, told the press: "I can tell you that the boy is normal and he is telling what he thinks to be the truth." Hypnoanalysis was also tried but failed because the boy was not receptive to hypnosis.

On August 30 Raimundo was taken to the state capital, Belo Horizonte, where the state's Secretary of Public Security, Col. Mauro Gouveia, took charge of the case. Once more the boy was cross-examined and given medical and psychiatric tests. Three days later an Air Force plane took him to Rio de Janeiro, where he disappeared behind a curtain of military security.

A month after the strange disappearance of Rivalino Mafra da Silva, the Diamantina police closed their investigation. No further clues to the puzzle were found. (Belo Horizonte Diario de Minas, Aug. 26, 1962; Rio de Janeiro Correio da Manhã, Sept. 4, 1962; APRO Bulletin, Sept. 1962.)

September 16, 1962. Vila Conceicao, Brazil. Less than a month after the abduction incident cited above, another UFO kidnapping was reported, this time near a small village at the opposite end of Brazil. Vila Conceicao is isolated from civilization by the Amazon jungle except for one radio transmitter and boat travel. It is located on the Equator at the Padauri River, which empties into the Rio Negro.

According to a radio message received at Manaus, the kidnapping took place on the night of September 16 following a soccer game that afternoon. During the game the referee angered the fans of one team by rendering questionable decisions in favor of the opposing team. An incident was avoided when the local priest intervened. In the evening everything seemed to be forgotten when suddenly the absence of the referee, Telemaco Xavier, was noticed. A search was begun, but after looking for him all night and the next day, all that was found was his whistle which was dropped near a clearing in the tropical forest that surrounds the village.

On the following day a plantation worker reported that on the night in question he saw a round, glowing object giving off sparks land in the clearing near where a man was walking. Three men jumped out of the object and grasped the man. A fight ensued, but the man was finally carried inside the craft. The object then took off vertically at high speed and went out of sight. An investigation into the worker's story revealed signs of a struggle where the worker said the attack had occurred. The soccer referee is still missing. (APRO Bulletin, Jan. 1963.)

October 21, 1963. Trancas, Argentina. At 9:30 p.m. Don Antonio de Moreno, 72, was awakened at his ranch near Trancas, Argentina, by a young employee who notified him of what looked like an accident on the railroad about half a mile away. De Moreno woke his wife, 63, and they both looked out the window. Hovering a few feet above the railroad track was an oval-shaped object which projected light on the ground. "People" were walk-



ing back and forth in the light.

Then Senora de Moreno spotted a similar object very close to the house and hovering just a few feet off the ground. It was about 25 feet in diameter with a dome and windows around its circumference. The woman aimed a flashlight toward the UFO, whereupon it shot a bright, white, tubular beam of light at the house.

Upon checking the other windows, they discovered four more discs near the house. Two of them were only a few feet away, one shining a reddish-violet tubular beam at the house and the other the white beam. Three of the UFOs remained at a distance of some 200 feet.

Shortly after the beams of light struck the house, the inside of the house began to heat up "like an oven." A strong smell of sulfur filled the air. There were seven or eight frightened persons inside, including three children. Even though the heat became almost unbearable, they were afraid to leave the house.

Finally, after 40 minutes of terror, the group saw the object over the railroad go up and move away. The beams from the two closest UFOs switched off, and all five discs followed the first object into the darkness. A smoke-like mist hung in the air for several minutes where the two nearest objects had hovered.

A neighbor about a mile away, not knowing of the de Moreno sighting, reported seeing a formation of six glowing disc-shaped objects moving through the sky about 10:15 that evening. The time coincided closely with the time the de Morenos said their discs left the area.

The independent sighting and the testimony of a newspaper reporter who said the house was still very hot and the sulfur smell was still present when he arrived several hours later, all point to the reality of a true occurrence. And if the incident is true, one might speculate that the heat generated by the beams was intended to drive the family out of the house in order to effect an abduction. (APRO Bulletin, Nov. 1963.)

### The Brazilian Farmer Case

We finally come to the case referred to several times throughout this report. Of all the UFO abduction accounts this investigator has examined, the one to follow bears the closest similarities to the Hill case. The description given here was drawn from Gordon Creighton's article in the Flying Saucer Review, January-February, 1965. Mr. Creighton's source was the April-July, 1962, bulletin of the Sociedade Brasileira de Estudos Sobre Discos Voadores (Brazilian Society for the Study of Flying Saucers) in Rio de Janeiro. Dr. W. Buhler, editor of the bulletin, chose not to reveal the exact area where the UFO encounter occurred, but it is thought to be in the Ponta Poran vicinity of the Mato Grosso near the Brazil-

Paraguay border. It will be recalled that this same area underwent a long siege of UFO activity beginning December 21, 1957, during which jeeps and cars were boldly approached by UFOs. That abductions or contacts were being attempted around Ponta Poran seems to be further strengthened by the following case which happened around the same period.

Mr. Creighton's account follows:

"The episode here described took place at midnight on 15th December, 1957, at a place near the inland western frontier of Brazil. The precise location is not disclosed by Dr. Buhler, but from my knowledge of Brazil, where I spent some years as one of H.M.'s Consuls, I think the locality must be Ponta Poran.

"Very soon after the affair occurred, the Brazilian Society for the Study of Flying Saucers heard of rumors in Rio de Janeiro that the secret service was investigating something quite extraordinary. Finally the Society ferreted out enough information to be in a position to launch their own inquiry. In July 1961, Dr. Buhler himself, with another member, a Dr. M.P.A. (name not disclosed), set out on a trip into the Brazilian hinterland. Their objective was a place lying some 1500 kilometers (1000 miles) from Rio de Janeiro (Ponta Poran is about that distance from Rio), and their journey lasted 36 hours, involving the use of five bus routes and a ferry-boat.

"The purpose of the journey was to interview a young Brazilian farmer who is referred to in their account as 'A.V.B.', his identity being kept secret for understandable reasons. It is proposed hereafter to call the farmer by the Portuguese name 'Adhemar,' although it must be remembered that it is not his real name.

"The farmer, who is described as a serious young man, lives 5 kilometers from the nearest village. He rode in on his horse to the village to meet the investigators, as pre-arranged. At first the two doctors found him shy and intensely reluctant to discuss the details of his experience of four years before, but they finally persuaded him to talk. The episode had indeed been so strange that he had not even mentioned it to his parents, with whom he was then living, or with his brother. By the time the doctors arrived to see him he had married.

"December is a very hot month in that part of Brazil, so hot that Adhemar and his brother worked at night, driving their tractor and ploughing a field lying on a plain beside a river.

"On 14th December, 1957, at about 11 p.m., they were busy ploughing when Adhemar drew his brother's attention to a light in the sky. The light changed its position every time they turned the plough at the end of a furrow, and when it came nearer the brothers took fright, uncoupled the plough from the tractor and drove off home.

"On the following night Adhemar was out ploughing again, this

time alone. At midnight a 'star-like light' approached at great speed from the north and seconds later came to a halt about 300 feet above the field. Thoroughly alarmed, Adhemar decided to pack up and make for home, and began to operate the hydraulic gear which uncouples the plough from the tractor. It failed.

"Adhemar was still struggling with the coupling mechanism when the engine of the tractor also went dead. At that moment the machine in the sky swooped down and landed some twenty yards from the tractor. The terrified farmer saw two 'people' emerge from the machine and run towards him; in a panic he jumped from his tractor and endeavoured to run away, but the two people (now described as 'men') grabbed him from behind. He managed to throw one of them over his head, but two more arrived and seized him, and finally there were five or six of them hanging onto his arms and legs. Although he had resisted violently at the beginning, he soon perceived that it was useless to struggle against so many, and gave up. Nevertheless, it was clear that man for man they were not so strong as he.

"The captive farmer was hustled to the machine, and up a ladder, then through a door into a round compartment some five or six feet high, and six or seven feet wide. This compartment had a shaft passing through the center from floor to ceiling, and the surrounding wall had square holes in it 'such as one sees on electrical installations.' There was a fixed table with three legs which had upon it an instrument--and here Dr. Buhler explains that he has been asked by a certain person in Rio de Janeiro not to describe the instrument, so that the authenticity of any future reports mentioning such instruments may be established.

"The captors at once applied a flexible suction syringe to two places near the prominent part of his chin, apparently to draw blood from him. Next, they proceeded to remove his clothes with incredible speed, carefully undoing all buttons so that nothing was torn.

"He was then conducted through a door to another compartment, in which the only furniture was a couch with a plastic material. He was laid upon this, and his body was moistened all over with a kind of sponge which contained a refreshing liquid. Adhemar imagined at first that this was to clean him, as he was dirty.

"Estimating the time that he had been in the first compartment as five minutes, Adhemar added that he was left waiting in this second compartment for some twenty minutes. Nobody came to trouble him, but he suddenly became aware of a pungent odor which pervaded the compartment. Overcome by a wave of nausea he was violently sick.

"There was a third door leading to another room, and this door now opened. Two men brought in a girl who was between 4 feet 8 inches and 5 feet tall. They left her with him and withdrew. Smiling, the girl approached him with open arms...

"Adhemar told Dr. Buhler that when he thought afterwards about the episode, he was very puzzled, for only a few moments before the arrival of the girl he had been both nauseated and terrified, yet when she appeared with the men, those feelings had disappeared. He suggested later that the excitement which replaced the earlier unpleasant sensations might have been connected in some way with the liquid which had been applied to his body.

"Adhemar told Dr. Buhler that the girl had sparse blond hair, no eyelashes, no eyebrows--or only very fine blond ones--and no hair on her body. Her ears were small, her chin, lips and nose were finely formed, her eyes were 'Chinese' looking, her cheekbones prominent (as in Slavonic peoples) and her teeth white and well formed. He estimated that her weight was 80 lbs.

"In due course the girl left him. He said that she had not spoken to him throughout the incident. Dr. Buhler tried to extract such details as he could, but Adhemar was shy and very embarrassed at that point.

"Adhemar went on to say that when the girl approached the door, it opened automatically. Being a simple farmer, he said he could not imagine what manner of mechanism controlled such an operation.

"When the girl had gone, Adhemar returned to the first compartment to get his clothes. After he had dressed himself, he was joined by a member of the crew who took him outside onto a platform which was level with the floor of the compartments.

"Our farmer was now able to take in something of his surroundings. He had seen five or six members of the crew. They were all dressed alike, in white, close-fitting 'metallic scale' suits (his hands had even been injured by the scales during his struggle). Each man also wore a wide belt, with a reddish light on the front of it. Their feet were encased in rough white shoes, which apparently had no heels, to judge by the footprints which Adhemar saw next day in the soft earth. Their hands were covered by strong gloves, and on their heads were large opaque helmets with only a small horizontal slit at the level of the eyes. At the rear, flat metallic tubes emerged from a small lump on the men's backs, and ran up, one on each side, into the helmet.

"Adhemar said he was unable to see eye to eye with them. In other words, he was unable to secure any view at all of their faces, and we do not know whether they were creatures resembling the girl or not.

"The men did not speak to him, but only among themselves, in a strident sort of language. Adhemar could affirm at any rate that it was not Syrian or Japanese, two languages with which he was sufficiently familiar to recognize them by their sound.

"All the men were of small stature, reaching only to his shoulder, but the girl was smaller still. Dr. Buhler and his col-

league report that they themselves are both 5 feet 7 inches tall, and that Adhemar is a little shorter than that.

"The interviewers now turned their attention to the interloper's machine. Adhemar said it landed at a spot some 50 yards from the bank of the river, thus cutting him off from the route to his home, some two miles distant. He did not attempt to cry out for help as he knew it would be useless at that distance.

"Adhemar did not understand the source of the light which illuminated both the outside and the inside of the machine.

"The description of the machine is strange, but I feel that it may well correspond with some UFO sighting accounts already on file. It was a 'bird-like construction,' some nine or ten feet in height, which stood on a tripod itself some ten or twelve feet high. The thickness of the tripod legs was about twelve inches, widening out at the base where they met the ground.

"The main body of the machine was about 50 to 60 feet in length, and had a pointed fore-part which bore a green light. There was also a shorter pair of parallel protuberances, one on each side, both of which bore an orange light near its tip. On either side of the main body of the machine there emerged a short projection 'shaped like a plank.' The normal position of these projections seemed to be horizontal, but Adhemar noticed, when the machine took off, that they had made a turn of 30 degrees.

"Above the main body of the craft, but quite close to it, was a large cupola, 18 inches thick, and approximately 30 inches wide. The cupola was in constant rotation, even when the machine was on the ground, and it produced a wind which could be felt as the farmer stood nearby. This wind increased to storm-like intensity when the machine began to take off. There was no heat or odor.

"At the end of the main body stood a vertical plate, just like a rudder.

"When Adhemar had finished his tour of the platform, the man who was with him accompanied him down the ladder, which, it appeared, was retractable. On reaching the ground, the man made two holes in the earth, pointing first to one hole and then skywards, and then to the other hole. Adhemar, the simple farmer, almost certainly illiterate like most of his fellows of the rural population of Brazil, told Dr. Buhler that he had not understood what the little man meant by this very elementary method of indicating two different planets in space. But, as I have emphasized on more than one occasion, there is nobody less likely to have ever heard of science fiction than the rural mestizo populations of South America. Yet it is precisely from that continent that some of the most astonishing UFO reports have come. It must be borne in mind that no part of our planet offers better bases than the vast interior of South America.

"When Adhemar saw that the machine was about to take off, he

stepped back quickly. The green fore-light changed to a blinding white and after it had risen, which it did with incredible speed, this white light was the only one that remained visible in the sky. The machine was gone in a flash.

"Walking home, Adhemar still felt nauseated, and for the next three weeks his liver was painful, and small superficial ulcers appeared on his face and arms. These, however, healed quickly.

"When he went to get his tractor next day, he found that it functioned perfectly. The heel-less footprints of the crew and the impressions made by the machine's three legs were clear enough in the soft ploughed earth. As Dr. Buhler points out, this in itself was heavy evidence in support of Adhemar's story, and should have been investigated. Further evidence was the two marks on his chin, where the blood had been drawn from him. These remained visible for more than three years.

"Adhemar told the two doctors that he had only talked to one single person about the affair (presumably only one person in addition to the authorities who had questioned him in Rio). He added, moreover, that on two occasions, both during the night, and some months before his strange experience, his home had been 'floodlit' twice from the sky by spacecraft. On one of these occasions his mother had also witnessed the 'floodlighting,' while on the other occasion the whole yard around the farmhouse had been illuminated from above. This was seen by both Adhemar and his brother from the bedroom in which they slept. Furthermore, other people in the village and the neighborhood had also seen these lights on several occasions during the night.

"When Dr. Buhler asked Adhemar his final question--how would he feel should he have to undergo such an experience again--the farmer replied shyly that he would not particularly like it. It had been very frightening, and in any case, he was no longer a bachelor. 'All the same,' he added, 'if it should happen again, that the same machine with the same people landed once more, I would not run away...'"

The comparisons between the Hills' experience and the farmer's are striking. Both incidents allegedly occurred around midnight in sparsely populated areas. The UFOs were similar: each first appeared as star-like lights then approached and hovered; at close range each object had orange or red lights on the ends of pointed structures, and a revolving section. The witnesses reported their engines killed by the UFO. Almost immediately after the vehicles were immobilized, the witnesses in both cases were grasped by a group of "men" from the landed object and ushered aboard the craft where they claimed they were led into rooms and examined. Note the sexual interest in each incident: Mrs. Hill said she was given a pregnancy test and Mr. Hill said his genitals were examined and a sperm specimen taken; the farmer implied that an act of intercourse occurred in his case.

The UFO occupants, except for the garb worn, were quite alike

in both accounts: they were about five feet tall, or somewhat shorter than humans, possessed oriental-like slanted eyes (the crew's faces, except for the girl's, in the Brazilian case were hidden by helmets), and spoke among themselves in a strange strident language.

At the end of both experiences, the farmer and Mrs. Hill allegedly were shown by holes in the ground and by map, respectively, where their visitors came from.

Finally, both the farmer and Mr. Hill reported ulcers or growths appearing on their bodies after the encounters.

It is interesting to me that these two kidnap cases have so many close parallels and yet each incident took place four years apart on two separate continents with the probability that neither party had any knowledge of the other's experience. I will conclude by simply stating that although neither case can be completely proven, the comparisons between the two stories as well as the curious UFO behavior evidenced in other close encounters cannot be ignored and, indeed, command the attention of all serious researchers in the UFO field.

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COPY OF BETTY HILL'S LETTER TO MAJOR KEYHOE

953 State Street  
Portsmouth, N.H.  
September 26, 1961

Dear Mr. Keyhoe:

The purpose of this letter is twofold. We wish to inquire if you have written any more books about unidentified flying objects since The Flying Saucer Conspiracy was published. If so, it would certainly be appreciated if you would send us the name of the publisher as we have been unsuccessful in finding any information more up to date than this book. A stamped self-addressed envelope is being included for your convenience.

My husband and I have become immensely interested in this topic, as we recently had quite a frightening experience, which does seem to differ from others of which we are aware. About midnight on September 20th, we were driving in a National Forest area in the White Mountains, in N.H. This is a desolate, uninhabited area. At first we noticed a bright object in the sky which seemed to be moving rapidly. We stopped our car and got out to observe it more closely with our binoculars. Suddenly it reversed its flight from the north to the southwest and appeared to be flying in a very erratic pattern. As we continued driving and then stopping to watch it, we observed the following flight pattern.

The object was spinning and appeared to be lighted only on one side which gave it a twinkling effect.

As it approached our car, we stopped again. As it hovered in the air in front of us, it appeared to be pancake in shape, ringed with windows in the front through which we could see bright blue-white lights. Suddenly two red lights appeared on each side. By this time my husband was standing in the road, watching closely. He saw wings protrude on each side and the red lights were on the wing tips.

As it glided closer he was able to see inside this object, but not too closely. He did see many figures scurrying about as though they were making some hurried type of preparation. One figure was observing us from the windows. From the distance, this was seen, the figures appeared to be about the size of a pencil, and seemed to be dressed in some type of shiny black uniform.

At this point, my husband became shocked and got back in the car, in a hysterical condition, laughing and repeating that they were going to capture us. He started driving the car - the motor had been left running. As we started to move, we heard several buzzing or beeping sounds which seemed to be striking the trunk of our car.

We did not observe this object leaving, but we did not see it again, although about thirty miles further south we were again bombarded by these same beeping sounds.



The next day we did make a report to an Air Force officer, who seemed to be very interested in the wings and red lights. We did not report my husband's observation of the interior as it seems too fantastic to be true.

At this time we are searching for any clue that might be helpful to my husband, in recalling whatever it was he saw that caused him to panic. His mind has completely blacked out at this point. Every attempt to recall, leaves him very frightened. We are considering the possibility of a competent psychiatrist who uses hypnotism.

This flying object was at least as large as a four motor plane, its flight was noiseless and the lighting from the interior did not reflect on the grounds. There does not appear to be any damage to our car from the beeping sounds.

We both have been quite frightened by this experience, but fascinated. We feel a compelling urge to return to the spot where this occurred in the hope that we may again come in contact with this object. We realize this possibility is slight and we should, however, have more recent information regarding developments in the last six years.

Any suggested readings would be greatly appreciated. Your book has been of great help to us and a reassurance that we are not the only ones to have undergone an interesting and informative experience.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Mrs. Barney Hill

(Mrs.) Barney Hill

# BETTY HILL'S OWN ACCOUNT OF HER DREAMS WRITTEN NOV., 1961

## DREAMS OR RECALL?

Dreams that occurred following the sighting of the UFO in the White Mountains on September 19-20, 1961.

Two events happened of which we are consciously aware; these also were incorporated in my dreams. First, we sighted a huge object, glowing with a bright orange light, which appeared to be sitting on the ground. In front of this, we could distinguish the silhouette of evergreen trees. Our reaction was to say, "No, not again" and then we consoled ourselves with the self-assurance that it was the setting moon. At this point in the highway, we made a very sharp turn to the left. Second, at the termination of this, I asked Barney if he believed in flying saucers now? He replied, "Do not be ridiculous". At this point, we were beeped again, so we vowed that we would not say another thing about this topic and would forget all about it, at least at this time.

I will attempt to tell my dreams in chronological order, altho they were not dreamed in this way. In fact the first dream told was the last one dreamed. My emotional feelings during this part was of terror, greater than I had ever believed possible.

We were driving home from the sighting, when we saw the bright orange glowing shape; we saw a very sharp left-hand turn in the road and found that the road curved back to the right. At this moment, I saw 8 - 11 men standing in the middle of the road. Barney slowed down to wait for them to move, but the motor died. As he was trying to start the motor, the men surrounded the car. We sat there motionless and speechless, and I was terrified. At the same time, they opened the car doors on each side, reached in and took us by the arm.

(This is the first dream I had). I am struggling to wake up; I am at the bottom of a deep well and I must get out. Everything is black; I am fighting to become conscious, slowly and gradually I start to become conscious, I struggle to open my eyes for a moment and then they close again; I keep fighting, I am dazed and have a far-away feeling. Then I win the battle and my eyes are open. I am amazed! I am walking thru a path in the woods, tall trees are on both sides, but next to me on both sides is a man; two men in front; two men in back; then Barney with a man on each side of him; other men in back of him. I become frightened again and I turn to Barney and say his name, but he is "sleep walking", he does not hear me and does not appear to be conscious of what is happening. The man on my left speaks to me, and asks if his name is Barney; I refused to answer. Then he attempts to reassure me: that there is nothing to fear, Barney is all right; no harm will come to us. All they want to do is make some tests; when these are completed in a very brief time, they will take us back to the car and we will go safely on our way home. We have nothing to fear.

During this time I become conscious of several things. First, only one man speaks, in English, with a foreign accent, but very understandable. The others say nothing. I note their physical appearance. Most of the men are my height, altho I can not remember the height of the heels on my shoes. None are as tall as Barney, so I would judge them to be 5' to 5'4". Their chests are larger than ours; their noses were larger (longer) than the average size altho I have seen people with noses like theirs - like Jimmy Durante's.

Their complexions were of a gray tone; like a gray paint with a black base; their lips were of a Bluish tint. Hair and eyes were very dark, possibly black.

The men were all dressed alike, presumably in uniform, of a light navy blue color with a gray shade to it. They wore trousers and short jackets, that gave the appearance of a zippered sports jacket, but I am not aware of zippers or buttons for closing. Shoes were a low slip-on style, resembling a boot. I can not remember any jewelry, or insigna. They were all wearing a military cap, similar to Air Force, but not so broad in the top.

They were very human in their appearance, not frightening. They seemed to be very relaxed, friendly in a professional way (businesslike). There was no haste, but no waste of time.

After reassuring me that there was no cause for fear, the "leader" ignored me and we continued to walk. I would turn back to Barney, and he still was not aware of what was happening. Incidentally, he remained in this state, until we were returned to the car at the end.

We reached a small clearing in the woods. In front of us was a disc, almost as wide as my house is long. It was darkened, but appeared to be metallic. No lights or windows were seen, and I had the impression that we were approaching from the back of it. We stopped up a step or two to go on to a ramp, leading to a door. At this point I became frightened again and refused to walk. The leader spoke, firmly but gently, reassuring me that I had no reason to be afraid, but the more delay I caused by my uncooperativeness, the longer I would be away from the car. I shrugged my shoulders and agreed that we might as well get it over with; I seem to have no choice in this situation.

We entered the disc. I found a corridor, curving to the contours of the ship. We started to enter the first room, leading from the corridor, but then I found that Barney was being taken further down the hall. I objected to this, and questioned why we both could not be examined in the same room. The Leader showed some exasperation with this question and my objections and explained, as tho I was a small child, that the exam would take twice as long this way, as they only had equipment enough to test one person at a time in a room, and he thought that I wanted to be on my way as quickly as possible. So I agreed.

About four or five men entered the room with us, but when another man came in, they left. This man was the examiner and also spoke English. He was very pleasant, reassuring. He asked questions; some I had difficulty understanding as his English was not as good as the first man. My answers puzzled him at times. He asked my age; also Barney's. He shook his head as tho he doubted me; He asked me what we ate; when I told him, he did ask questions, what did vegetables look like? My favorite one? Squash, what did it look like, how do we eat it. I told about peeling it, cooking it, mashing it, putting salt, pepper, butter, on it. He was puzzled. I tried to explain the color of it - and looked for some yellow coloring in the room, but could not find any. I tried to tell about meat, milk, but he did not understand the meaning of the words I was using.

Then the examiner said that he wished to do some tests, to find out the basic differences between him and us; that I would not be harmed in any way and would not experience any pain. So he would explain what he was doing as he went along. *Just a few simple tests.*

The leader returned and remained in the room the rest of the time I was there. He was an observer during the testing. First, I sat on a stool, the doctor in front of me, with a bright light shining on me. My hair was closely examined, and he removed a few strands and then cut a larger piece on the back left hand side. I was not able to see what he used for cutting purposes. Then he looked thru my mouth, down my throat, in my ears, removing some ear wax or something. They examined my hands and fingernails, taking a piece of my nail. They removed my shoes and looked at my feet. They showed much interest in my skin, and pulled out some type of apparatus which they held close to my arm on the top and inside. He seemed to be adjusting this, and I wonder if he was getting a magnified view or taking a picture. He took a slender long instrument, similar to a letter opener, and scraped along my arm. As he took these samples, he would hand them to the leader who carefully placed these on a clear material like glass or plastic, cover with another piece and wrap them in a piece of cloth. Very similar to a glass slide.

Next he pulled a mackin over, and asked me to lie down on an examining table. This machine resembled the wires of an EEG, but no tracing machine was seen. On the end of each wire was a needle. He explained that he wanted to check my nervous system. He reassured me that there would be no pain. Very gently he touched the ends of the needles to different parts of my body. He started with my head, temples, face, neck, behind my ears, back of my neck, all my spine, under my arms, around my hips, and paid particular attention to my legs and feet. Some times only one needle would be held against me, then two, then several. At few times he would touch a spot on my body and I would jump, or my arm or leg would jerk; or a slight tishh. Both men were highly interested in this test; and I feel that a recorder was being used altho I did not see one. Also during this exam, my dress was removed as it was hindering the testing.

They said the next test was a pregnancy test. The examiner picked up a very long needle, about 4 -6" long. I asked what he planned to do and he said that it was a very simple test, with no pain, but would be very helpful to them. I asked what kind of pregnancy test he planned with the needle. He did not reply, but started to insert the needle in my navel with a sudden thrust. Suddenly I was filled with great pain, twisting and moaning. Both men looked very startled, and the leader bent over me and waved his hand in front of my eyes. Immediately the pain was completely gone and I relaxed. At that moment I became very grateful and appreciative to the leader; lost all fear of him; and felt as tho he was a friend. I kept repeating my thank yous to him for stopping the pain and he said that they had not know that I would suffer pain from this test; if they had known, they would not have done this. I could feel his concern about this, and I began to trust him.

They decided to end the testing. The examiner left the room, the leader gathered up all the "test samples" and put them together in a draw, and I put on my dress and shoes. Upon questioning where the examiner had gone, he told me that he was needed to complete the testing on Barney; that his was taking long than mine, but soon we would be going back to the car.

I spent the time waiting, by talking with the leader, and walking around this small room. There was an absence of color in the room, and it was a metal construction - like stainless steel or aluminum. Cabinets and one door were on the curved side; the remaining two walls were intersected like a triangle. There was a bright overhead light of bluish shade. Together in one corner was the equipment used in the testing. After the

leader had put away all the things, we stood on the right hand side of the door and talked. I mentioned that this had been quite an experience and I had never had any thing like this happen before. He smiled and agreed and said that of course in the beginning I had been badly frightened. They regretted this fright and had wanted to do all they could to alleviate it. I admitted that I had completely recovered and was now enjoying this opportunity to talk with him; and there were so many questions I wanted to ask. He volunteered to answer all that he could.

At this point, some of the men came hurriedly into the room. Their excitement was apparent and they were talking with the leader but I could not understand what they were saying. They were not using words or tones of which I was acquainted. The leader left the room with them, and I became frightened that something had gone wrong with Barney's testing. He was gone only a brief period of time; he opened my mouth and was touching my teeth, trying to move them. When he stopped, very puzzled, he said that they were confused, Barney's teeth were removable and mine were not - this was an amazing discovery! The examiner returned and checked my teeth. I was laughing most heartily about this, and went on to explain that Barney had dentures, the reasons for this; while I did not need these yet, but I would as I became older; that all people lose their teeth with old age. All were very amazed and all the men were going back and forth to Barney and then me, to look at our teeth, and to see the differences. They were unbelieving, shaking their heads.

After they left, the leader asked what was old age. I said that a life span was believed to be 100 years, but people died at age 65 -70 from degeneration and disease usually; some died in accidents and illnesses at all ages. I attempted to explain aging - the skin wrinkles, the graying hair, etc. He asked what was 100 years, and I could not tell him, only a way to measure time.

Then I broached the subject again of this whole experience being so unbelievable to me; that no one would ever believe me; that they would think I had lost my mind; I suggested that what was needed was absolute proof that this had happened; maybe he could give me something to take back with me. He agreed and asked what I would like. I looked around the room and found a large book. I asked if I could take this with me, and he agreed. I was so happy, and thanked him. I opened the book and found symbols written in long, narrow columns. He asked jokingly if I thought I could read it, and I said that this was impossible, I had never seen anything like it. But I was not taking this for reading purposes, but this was my absolute proof of this experience, and that I would always remember him as long as I lived.

Then I asked where he was from and he asked if I knew anything about the universe. I said no but I would like to learn. He went over to the wall and pulled down a map, strange to me. Now I would believe this to be sky map. It was a map of the heavens, with numerous size stars and planets, some large, some only pinpoints. Between many of these, lines were drawn, some broken lines, some light solid lines, some heavy black lines. They were not straight, but curved. Some went from one planet to another, to another, in a series of lines. Others had no lines, and he said the lines were expeditions. He asked me where the earth was on this map, and I admitted that I had no idea. He became slight sarcastic and said that if I did not know where the earth was, it was impossible to show me where he was from; he snatched the map back in place. I said that I did not intend to anger him but had told him that I knew nothing of such

things. But there were many people here who did have knowledge of these things, and I knew that they would love to talk with him, and would understand him. Then I suggested the possibility of arranging a meeting between him and these people, that this would be a momentous meeting; a quiet meeting with scientists, or top people in the world. While I was saying these things, I was wondering if I could do this, but felt that it could be worked out some way. He asked why, and I said that most people did not believe that he existed; he would have a chance to meet us and to study us openly. He smiled and said nothing. I was in the middle of trying to sell him this idea, when several men appeared with Barney, who was still in a daze. I spoke to him and he did not answer. I asked when he would be fully awake and the leader said as soon as we were back to the car.

We started to walk out the door, when one of the men said something, not understood by me. They all stopped and were talking excitedly. The leader went back and talked with them. A disagreement had occurred, and the leader seemed to be the minority. He came up to me and took the book. I protested saying that this was my only proof; he said that he knew this and this was the reason why he was taking it. He said that he could see no harm in my having the book, but it had been decided that no one should know of this experience, and that even I would not remember this. I became very angry and said that somehow, somewhere, I would remember; that there was nothing he could do to make me forget this. He laughed and agreed that I might possibly do just that - to remember, but he would do his best to prevent me from this, as this had been the final decision. He added that I might remember but no one would ever believe me; that Barney would have no recollection of any of this experience; in case that Barney might ever recall which he seriously doubted, he would think of things contrary to the way I knew them to be. This would lead to confusion, doubt, disagreement. So if I should remember, it would be feasible, to forget. It could be very upsetting.

We left the ship and walked through the woods. This time it seemed like a very short time. I spent the time saying that I would always remember and asking that they return; please, please return. The leader said that it was not his decision to make; he did not know if he would come back. I said that I was very happy about meeting him, and honored, and thanked him for being kind. All the men accompanied us.

We came to the car, and the leader suggested that we wait and see them leave. We agreed. Barney seemed to wake up as we approached the car, and he showed no emotion as though this was an everyday occurrence. We stood on the right hand side of the car, Barney was leaning against the front fender, and I was by the door. As we were waiting, I thought of Delsey. I opened the car door and Delsey was under the front seat. She was trembling badly and I patted her for a moment. She came out and I picked her up, and held her, again leaning against the car door.

Suddenly the ship became a bright glowing object, and it appeared to roll like a ball turning over about 3-4 times and then sailing into the sky. In a moment it was gone, as though they had turned out the lights. I turned to Barney and I was exuberant. I said that it was the most marvelous, most unbelievable experience of my whole life. I patted Delsey and said that, "There they go. And we are none the worse for the wear".

We got in the car and Barney started driving. He had said nothing during this whole experience, so I turned to him and asked, "Do you believe in flying saucers now?" He replied, "DON't be ridiculous". Then we heard the beeping on the car again, and I thought, good luck and good bye, and I am going to forget about you! If you want me to forget, I will, and I will not talk



THE FOLLOWING IS RECENT USAF REPLY TO MR. JOHN LUTTRELL, REPORTER FOR THE BOSTON TRAVELER, REGARDING HILL CASE. LETTER INCLUDES COPY OF MAJ. HENDERSON'S REPORT & OFFICIAL STATEMENT ON HILL CASE. ORIGINALS KINDLY FORWARDED TO ME BY MR. LUTTRELL SEPT. 7, 1965. CONTENTS OF MAJ. HENDERSON'S REPORT CONFIRMS THAT BASIC UFO DETAILS WERE GIVEN TO THE AIR FORCE, INCLUDING EXTENDABLE FIN-LIKE STRUCTURES WITH RED LIGHTS ON TIPS, ERRATIC STEP-LIKE FLIGHT, MANEUVERS, & DIRECTIONS. THE FACT THAT APPARENT SIZE OF UFO INCREASED DRASTICALLY AS OBJECT HOVERED AND DESCENDED TO WITHIN "HUNDREDS OF FEET" ABOVE CAR IS CLEARLY IGNORED IN AIR FORCE'S ATTEMPT TO FIT UFO INTO CATEGORY OF CONVENTIONAL ASTRONOMICAL BODIES. OFFICIAL STATEMENT CONFIRMS THAT "INSUFFICIENT DATA" CATEGORY SERVES AS CONVENIENT PIGEONHOLE FOR SOME "UNKNOWNNS."



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

September 1, 1965

Dear Mr. Lutrelle:

I have attached a copy of Information Report No. 100-1-61 covering the Barney Hill sighting on the night of September 19-20, 1961. This report was prepared by Major Paul W. Henderson, 100th Bomb Wing, Pease AFB, New Hampshire.

I have also attached a statement on the sighting from the Project Blue Book Office, dated September 27, 1963.

I hope these will be useful to you.

Sincerely,



RICHARD B. FRANCE  
Operations Branch  
Public Information Division  
Office of Information

2 Attachments

1. Info Rpt No. 100-1-61
2. Statement

Mr. John Lutrelle  
Boston Traveler  
300 Harrison Avenue  
Boston, Massachusetts

On the night of 19-20 Sept between 20/0001 and 20/0100 Mr. and Mrs. Hill were traveling south on Route 3 near Lincoln, N.H. when they observed, through the windshield of their car, a strange object in the sky. They noticed it because of its shape and the intensity of its lighting as compared to the stars in the sky. The weather and sky were clear at the time.

A. Description of Object

1. Continuous band of lights - cigar shaped at all times despite changes of direction.

2. Size: When first observed it appeared to be about the size of a nickel at arms length. Later when it seemed to be a matter of hundreds of feet above the automobile it would be about the size of a dinner plate held at arms length.

3. Color: Only color evident was that of the band of lights when comparable to the intensity and color of a filament of an incandescent lamp. (See reference to "wing tip" lights.)

4. Number: One

5. Formation: None

6. Features or details: See 1 above. During period of observation wings seemed to appear from the main body. Described as V shaped with red lights on tips. Later, wings appeared to extend further.

7. Tail, trail or exhaust: None observed.

8. Sound: None except as described in item D.

B. Description of course of Object

1. First observed through windshield of car. Size and brightness of object compared to visible stars attracted observers' attention.

2. Angle of elevation, first observed: About 45 degrees

3. Angle of elevation at disappearance: Not determinable because of inability to observe its departure from the auto.

4. Flight path and maneuvers: See item D.

5. How object disappeared: See item D.

6. Length of observation: Approx 30 minutes.

C. Manner of Observation

1. Ground -visual

2. Binoculars used at times

3. Sighting made from inside auto while moving and stopped.

Observed from within and outside auto.

D. Location and details: On the night of 19-20 September between 20/0001 and 20/0100 the observers were traveling by car in a southerly direction on Route 3 south of Lincoln, N.H. when they noticed a brightly lighted object ahead of their car at an angle of elevation of approximately 45 degrees. It appeared strange to them because of its shape and the intensity of its lights compared to the stars in the sky. Weather and sky were clear. They continued to observe the object from their moving car for a few minutes then stopped. After stopping the car they used binoculars at times.

They report that the object was traveling north very fast. They report it changed directions rather abruptly and then headed South. Shortly thereafter it stopped and hovered in the air. There was no sound evident up to this time. Both observers used the binoculars at this point. While hovering, objects began to appear from the body of the "object" which they describe as looking like wings which made a V shape when extended. The "wings" had red lights on the tips. At this point they observed it to appear to swoop down in the general direction of their auto. The object continued to descend until it appeared to be only a matter of "hundreds of feet" above their car.

At this point they decided to get out of that area, and fast. Mr. Hill was driving and Mrs. Hill watched the object by sticking her head out the window. It departed in a generally Northwesterly direction but Mrs. Hill was prevented from observing its full departure by her position in the car.

They report that while the object was above them after it had "swooped down" they heard a series of short loud "buzzes" which they described as sounding like someone had dropped a tuning fork. They report that they could feel those buzzing sounds in their auto. No further visual observations were made of this object. They continued on their trip and when they arrived in the vicinity of Ashland, N.H., about 30 miles from Lincoln, they again heard the "buzzing" sound of the "object"; however, they did not see it at this time.

Mrs. Hill reported the flight pattern of the "object" to be erratic, changed directions rapidly, that during its flight it ascended and descended numerous times very rapidly. Its flight was described as jerky and not smooth.

Mr. Hill is a Civil Service employee in the Boston Post Office and doesn't possess any technical or scientific training. Neither does his wife.

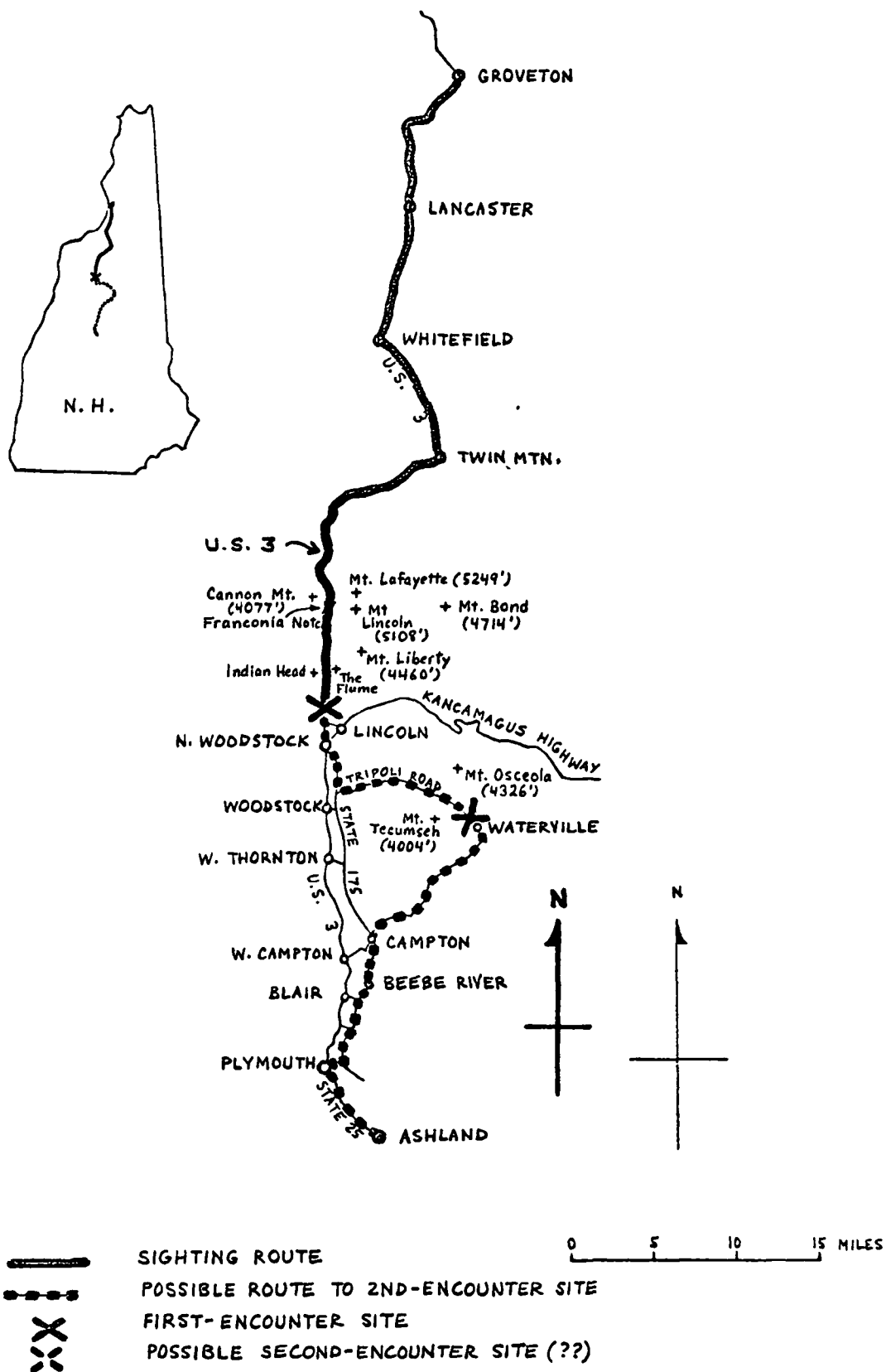
During a later conversation with Mr. Hill, he volunteered the observation that he did not originally intend to report this incident but in as much as he and his wife did in fact see this occurrence he decided to report it. He says that on looking back he feels that the whole thing is incredible and he feels somewhat foolish - he

just can not believe that such a thing could or did happen. He says, on the other hand, that they both saw what they reported and this fact gives it some degree of reality.

Information contained herein was collected by means of telephone conversation between the observers and the preparing individual. The reliability of the observer cannot be judged and while his apparent honesty and seriousness appears to be valid it cannot be judged at this time.

Statement from Project Blue Book Office, 27 September 1963

The Barney Hill sighting was investigated by officials from Pease AFB. The case is carried as insufficient data in the Air Force Files. No direction (azimuth) was reported and there are inconsistencies in the report. The sighting occurred about midnight and the object was observed for at least one hour. No specific details on maneuverability were given. The planet Jupiter was in the South West, at about 20 degrees elevation and would have set at the approximate time that the object disappeared. Without positional data the case could not be evaluated as Jupiter. There was a strong inversion in the area. The actual light source is not known. As no lateral or vertical movement was noted, the object was in all probability Jupiter. No evidence was presented to indicate that the object was due to other than natural causes.



HILLS' SIGHTING ROUTE (adapted from state highway map)

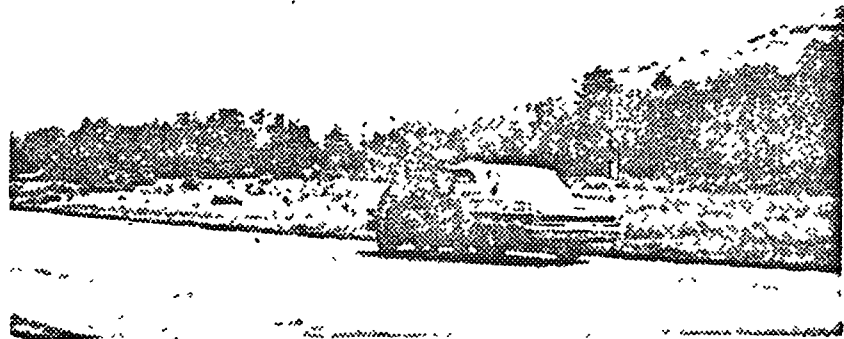
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THE FOLLOWING TWO PAGES CONTAIN PHOTOS TAKEN IN 1964 AT HILLS' FIRST-ENCOUNTER SITE NORTH OF NORTH WOODSTOCK. BARNEY HILL IS SHOWN IN POSED RE-ENACTMENT OF ENCOUNTER. PHOTOS BY THE WRITER (FROM KODACHROME SLIDES). IN ACTUAL ENCOUNTER CAR (NOT THE SAME MODEL) WAS PARKED IN MIDDLE OF ROAD.



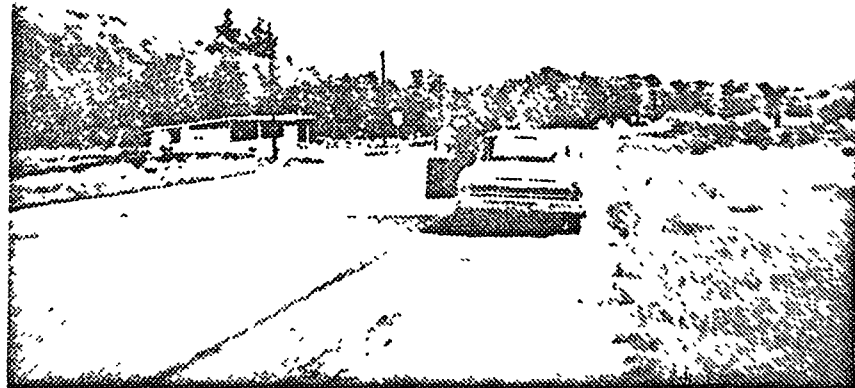
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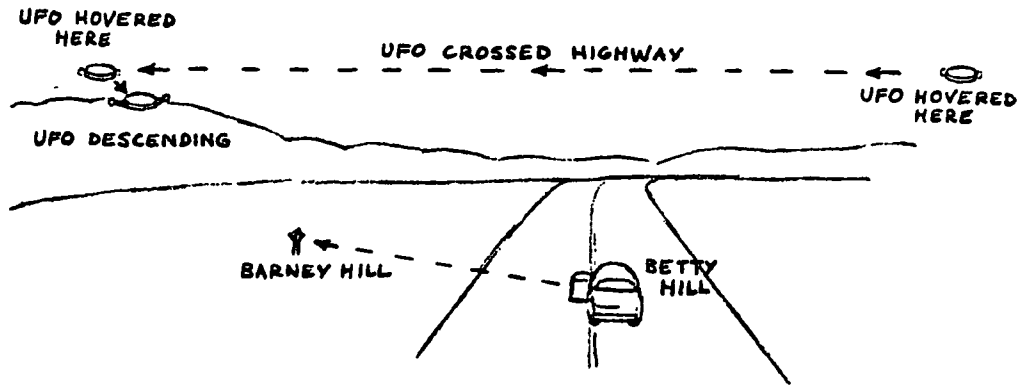
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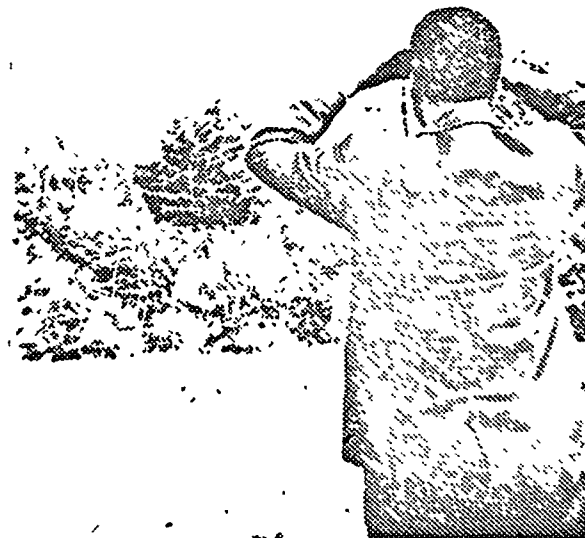
VIEW SOUTH TOWARD N. WOODSTOCK SHOWING TERRAIN  
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AFTER UFO CROSSES ROAD TO LEFT, BARNEY HILL WALKS INTO FIELD TOWARD OBJECT

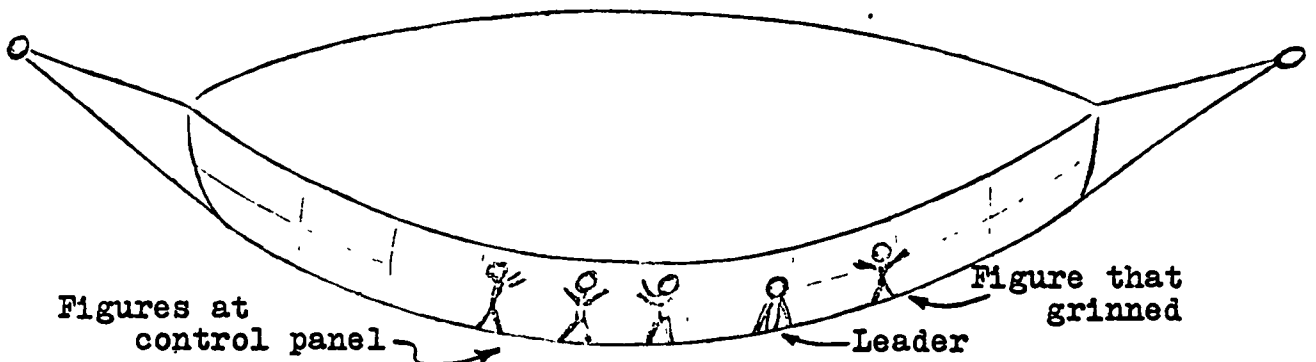


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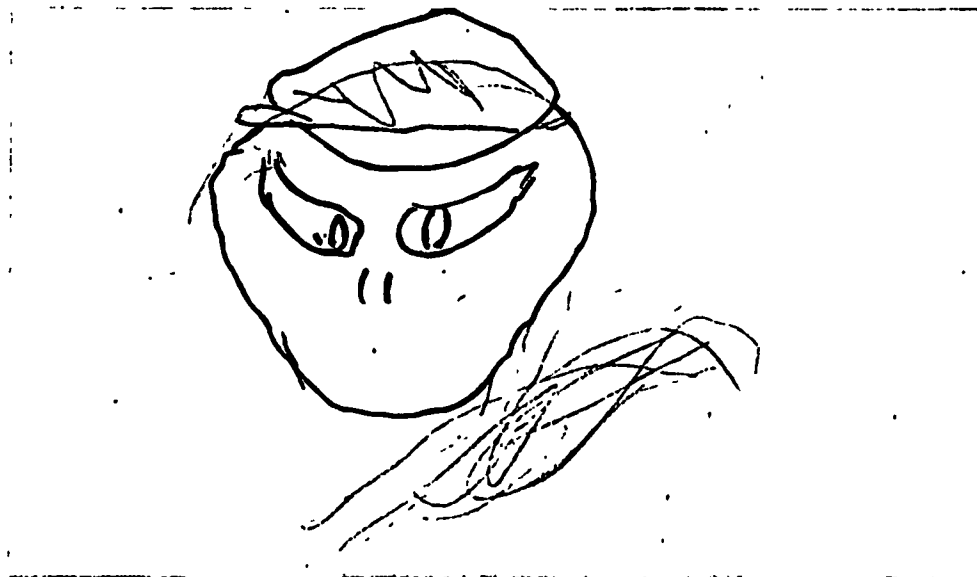
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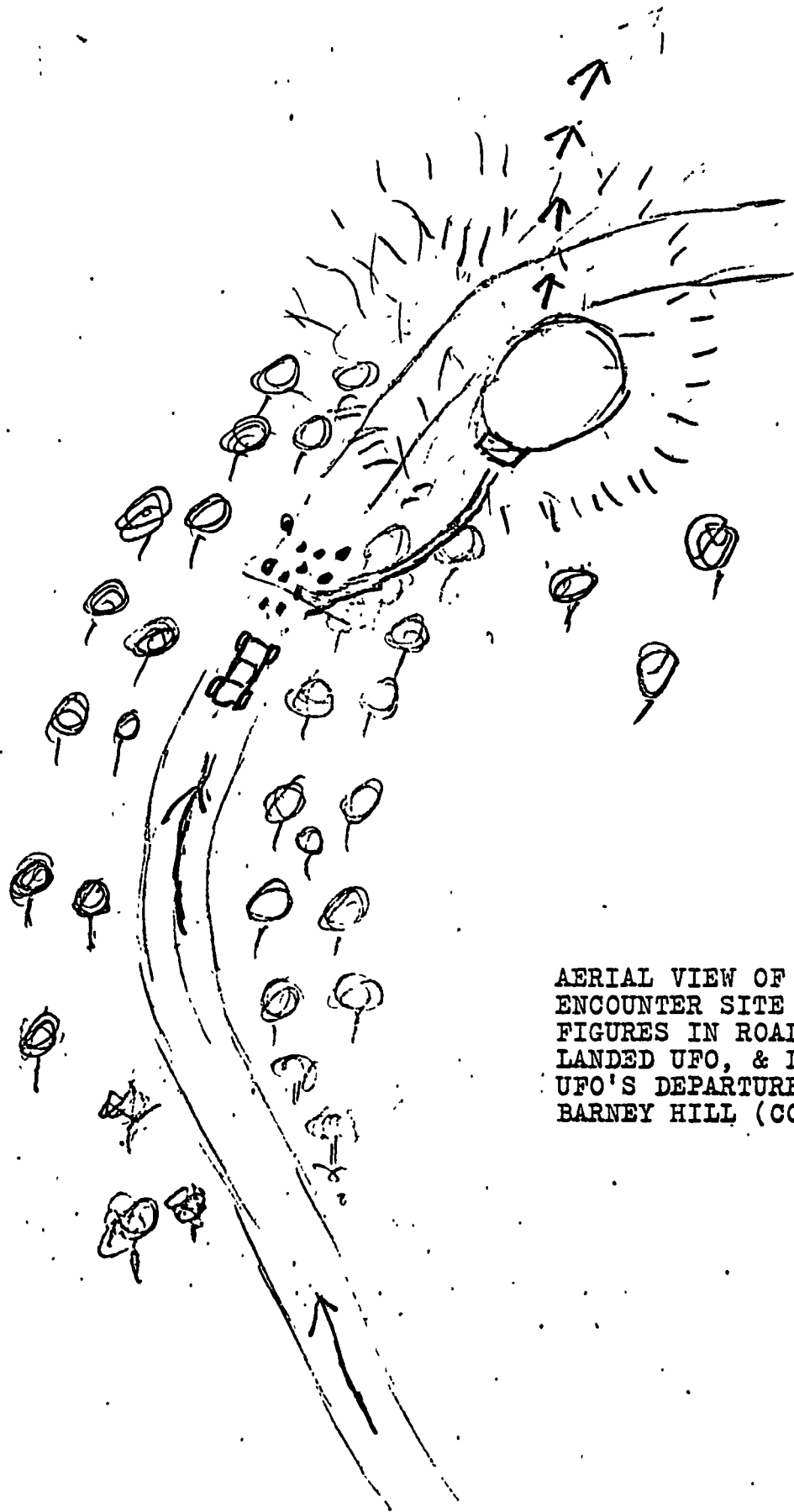
UFO AS SEEN BY BETTY HILL  
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UFO AS SEEN BY BARNEY HILL SHOWING  
FIGURES, "FINS," & RED LIGHTS. FROM  
SKETCH BY BARNEY HILL.



SKETCH OF "LEADER" DRAWN BY BARNEY  
HILL WHILE UNDER HYPNOSIS (COPY).



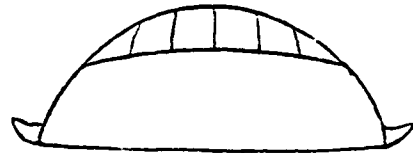
AERIAL VIEW OF HILLS' SECOND-ENCOUNTER SITE SHOWING CAR, FIGURES IN ROAD, PATH TO LANDED UFO, & DIRECTION OF UFO'S DEPARTURE. SKETCH BY BARNEY HILL (COPY).



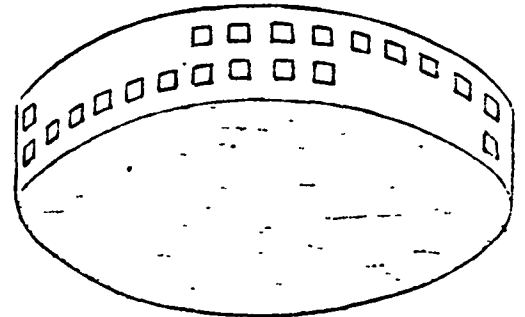
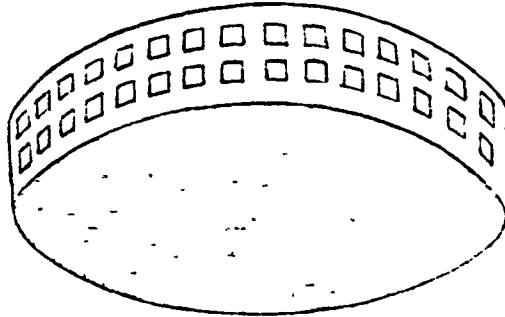
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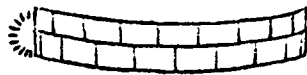
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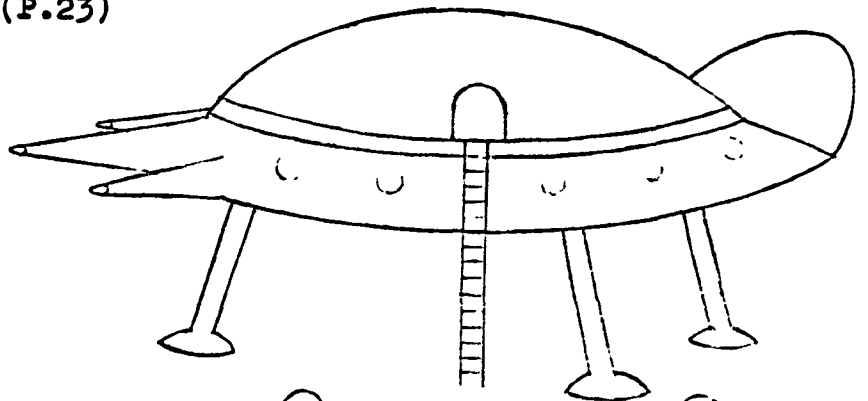


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