

"A.U.T.E.C." - TOP SECRET OFFICIAL U.S. NAVAL CONTACT WITH UFOs. © By Dr. Michael Preisinger (UFONACHRICHTEN, GERMANY)

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Reports about the U.S. Navy's AUTEK BASE (ATLANTIC UNDERSEA TESTING AND EVALUATION CENTRE) continue to appear. Have Ufologists been on the wrong scent hitherto in constantly assuming that the wreckage of crashed UFOs was all in the hands of the U.S. Air Force? Fresh pieces of information actually go further than that - *suggesting even that there is already official contact!* This two-part report will, on the one hand, shed light on the picture hitherto, and at the same time describe the actual present status of our research.]

PART I: UFOs SEEN NEAR "AUTEK".

For those who have not yet read
*"THE BERMUDA PUZZLE SOLVED"**

I will first give a résumé of the situation. On the island of Andros, in the Bahamas, lying between Nassau and Florida, the U.S. Navy has a strictly guarded secret submarine research centre, Andros being chosen owing to the great sea-depth immediately right off its east coast (a straight drop of more than 2,000m to the ocean bed).

Tourists and other visitors are more or less non-existent and hardly anybody ever seems to know exactly how big the secret Base is. But recently there have been enough rumours and reports to make it reasonable to believe that, via this Base, official contacts with visitors from other worlds or other dimensions actually are taking place!

In his book Charles Berlitz wrote: "In quantity, the reports of UFO sightings over the Florida/Bahamas region far exceed those from other areas of the world. Many reliable eyewitnesses have seen the UFOs, both in the air and the clear ocean water. They have been seen disappearing down into the sea and emerging from it, and the high index of sightings in this region suggests that the UFOs are indeed connected with the mishaps to people in the area, and that they are also abducting ships and aircraft there, and that this has been going on for generations past". (re-translation.G.C.)

THE EARLIEST UFO REPORTS.

Quite a lot of local "spooky" legends look like UFO reports. (Too tenuous to translate, I think. G.C.)

In the 1940s Marva Collins reported an encounter with presumed "ghosts" on the Exuma Islands, in which a farmer named John Rolle was left unconscious and covered with small injuries.

In September 1968 two brothers, Fred and Hezekiah, while walking home one night, heard a "long, howling noise" and shortly afterwards saw "six dwarves sitting under a tree".

In 1957, a week before Christmas, a 10-metre fishing boat was returning to Freeport when all its electrical apparatus suddenly failed, the compass swung wildly, and the boat lay dead in the water for several hours. A dark mass with three lights hung above them. When it departed, all electrical systems were working again.

In 1963 a U.S. Navy report mentioned an "*underwater object*" travelling near the Bahamas at about 270 km.p.h. *It was observed from 15 naval ships.* Four days later it appeared again and was tracked at a depth of 6,000 m. After five days of activity the thing was gone.

In August 1969 and again in October 1969, Captain Don Delmonico, when travelling from Miami to the Great Isaac Light north of Bimini, saw, on both occasions at the same time - 1600 hrs - a greyish-white cigar-shaped craft beneath the surface of the clear Atlantic water. It was 45-60 m. in length, smooth, with no visible steering devices and no visible portholes, and travelling at "90 to 100 m.p.h. at the very least". At first it was coming straight towards his ship and seemed to be about to surface, but at once it dived and passed under him, no turbulence or wake from it being detectable. (Shades of Jules Verne's Captain Nemo and his "*Nautilus*" in "*Twenty Thousand Miles Under the Sea*"!).

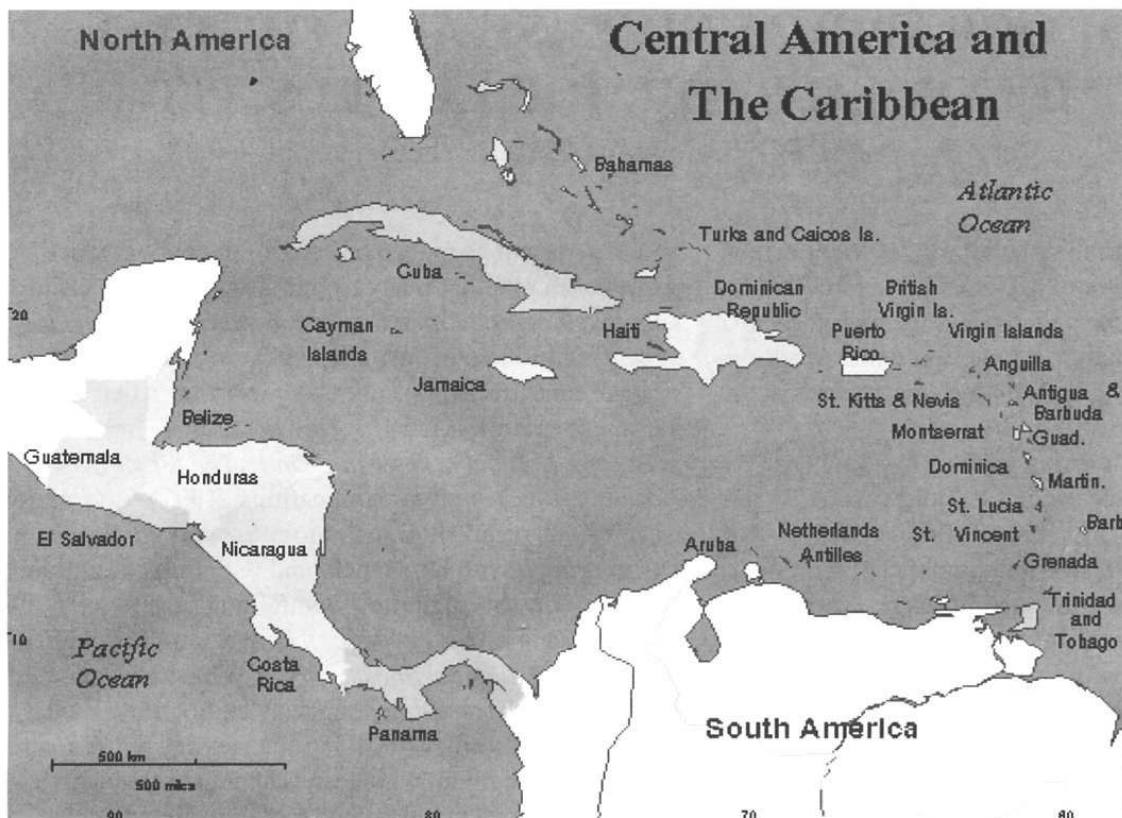
Also in 1969, an unknown object was seen in the air by the crew aboard a U.S. naval vessel. (Naturally not reported officially, but it was later revealed by crew members). The details of the case are as follows:

Robert P. Reilly, of the crew of the rocket-carrying destroyer *U.S. DLG-27*, said his ship was returning to the U.S.A. from the U.S. Naval Base at Guantanamo in Cuba, and at about 23.45 hrs., when close to Bahaman waters, they saw, and at an estimated distance of some 17 to 23 kms, on the horizon to their starboard and over the Bahamas, a large shining sphere that was steadily growing in size. The entire crew were dumbfounded.

At first they felt that nuclear war must have broken out (it was the Cold War period and the Vietnam War was also still on), and the order was given to reverse course. (*Which must have been shown in the ship's log*). Then the sphere vanished, before anyone had managed to get a photo of it.

At once the well-known cover-up process started. The log book was "made secure", and the 70 - 100 men of the crew were strictly ordered to keep their mouths shut. It was only years later that Reilly spoke of the affair.

In 1971 a Lockheed *Super-Constellation* air-liner exploded near Great Inagua. Bob Brush, the pilot of a nearby *DC-6* passenger airliner, saw the explosion. Later he was able to handle a flight-manual from the exploded craft, *and saw that it was full of tiny holes.* *The UFO researcher M.K. Jessup, reporting on this case, recalls the identical feature of the mass of small holes in the*



In the 1980s and 1990s sightings increased. Here are the most spectacular:

In 1982 yachtsman Wesley Miller from Boston was sailing across the "Tongue of the Ocean" from Chub Cay in the Berry Islands to Nassau, when he suddenly saw a shining silvery object slowly approaching his 9-m. yacht from the North. He and his two companions saw that it was cigar-shaped, about 50 ft long and "lit up from within." When only a short

distance away, the object was just a few metres above the sea. Then it "accelerated madly", and at once vanished into thick cloud a few kilometres distant.

From the years after 1982 we have many reports from yachtsmen and other mariners describing the sudden appearance of precisely such craft, their same behaviour, and their sudden disappearance into cloudbanks.

For example, we have the report of George Fairley from Columbus, Ohio, who in 1983 was travelling in his motor-yacht from Miami to Alice Town (on Bimini).

Or the report of Alex Frasier of Toronto, who in 1987 was on a sailing boat bound for Georgetown on Great Exuma Island for Nassau.

And the case of Timothy Hudson of Phoenix, Arizona, who in 1990 was going in a motor-yacht from Fort Lauderdale to Freeport, or of George Crady of New York who in 1994 was sailing a yacht from Marsh Harbour to Spanish Wells. *All their reports are practically identical.*

Possibly the latest notable sighting was my own. On February 1, 1996, I was taking photographs at Saunders Beach when I spotted what I at first thought was a strange black eagle in the sky. To begin with I felt it could be a sea eagle, a species often seen there. But what struck me was *its great height* - which seemed about 300 m., only just below the sparse fleecy clouds. Then suddenly, when right above me, it seemed to be changing shape and suddenly moved off and vanished at a speed that must have been over 300 km.p.h.

In Part II, to follow, I shall give more information - some of it sensational - about "AUTECH".

NOTE BY EDITOR OF FSR.

* Without having Charles Berlitz's book in front of me (I can't find it in the mass of books in my house), I assume that this is the one to which Dr. Preisinger is referring. ■

debris of the crashed aircraft of Captain Thomas Mantell. Jessup's theory was that the UFOs use cathode rays that produce a vacuum.

Three years later, in August 1974, the same pilot, Bob Bush, saw a huge flash of light over the Turk and Caicos Islands.

Also in 1974, W.H. Prosser, aboard the research ship *Undersea Hunter*, encountered a very large "terrace-shaped" vessel in the channel between Abaco and Eleuthera. The thing was brightly lit up, *but did not show on the radarscope*, and vanished shortly thereafter.

On March 3, 1975, at about 9.00 p.m. as Charles Berlitz himself reports, he saw a UFO pass by, under water, in the Bahamas area.

On the evening of August 2, 1975, a scientist, Jim Thorne, and a diver, Walt Hendrick, on the beach at Bimini, saw a "star" in the sky that suddenly started to move. It came right towards them, hovered overhead, moved to and fro sideways, and then moved off and hovered over various areas of the sea and the island. The "star's" light was bluish and its speed of movement estimated at "several thousand kms.p.h." The sighting had lasted about 3 minutes.

In the 1970s, at Dr. Hynek's UFO Research Centre in Evanston, new films of UFOs over the Bahamas were shown. That region was now being discussed as "one of the world's principal UFO centres".

Also in 1978, on radarscopes at the Pinycastle Electronic Warfare Range near Astor, an object was observed zig-zagging in the sky, performing startling changes of direction and astounding speeds, suddenly halting, and suddenly starting again. Its speed was estimated at over 800 km.p.h. Observed through binoculars, it seemed to be round, and "emitting strange red, green, and white beams of light".

THE HOLOGRAPHIC UNIVERSE AND THE UFO PHENOMENON. © By DR. JOE LEWELS, PhD.,

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[We take this opportunity to welcome Mr. Dwight Connelly as the new Editor of MUFON UFO JOURNAL, in succession to Mr. Dennis Stacy, and we look forward, with him, to a continuation of the amicable working relationship which FSR has always maintained with MUFON.

In Mr. Connelly's first issue, MUFON UFO JOURNAL No. 356 (December 1997) the lead story, by Dr. Joe Lewels, was this fascinating essay on the possibility that our Universe is holographic. Being a mere "arts type" and totally ungrounded in science, I make no claim to *understanding* this extraordinary article which, as Mr. Connelly himself says in his accompanying commentary "I had to read more than once before I began to even partially grasp the material."

I find this bold exposition by Dr. Lewels all the more dramatic as he does not shrink from linking the holographic Universe idea with everything else that today is still so very much a taboo area for the orthodox scientist — namely the "esoteric" the "occult", the "parapsychological", the "paranormal", the "spiritual" the "mystic". As Dr. Lewels indicates all of this could be comprised within a holographic Universe and could come to be regarded as a normal part of everyday science. Everything would be "natural". There would be no need for the rather absurd term, "supernatural".

Dr. J. Allen Hynek, whom I knew extremely well, was, I discovered in fact, no stranger to all those weird and "way-out" ideas. As he admitted to me, he was of course mighty careful not to discuss them with fellow-scientists or to reveal the extent of his knowledge and his interest in such fields. But in several private discussions with me Allen Hynek found no difficulty in considering such things as "astral" and "etheric" planes, "astral

travel", etc, and he made no secret of the belief, which he shared with me, that many of our so-called alien visitors might well be from other dimensions that are "right here", or be practitioners of "astral-travel", or time-travel", etc.

(For confirmation of my statement that Allen Hynek had these private views, see now Philip J. Imbrogno's new book *Contact of the Fifth Kind: The Silent Invasion Has Begun* (Llewellyn Publications, 1997). As many leaders will recall, Philip Imbrogno worked closely in UFO research with Dr. Hynek, and with him co-authored the book on the gigantic "boomerang" craft over the Hudson Valley. [*Night Siege: The Hudson Valley UFO Sightings*. (Ballantine Books, 1987)] What Imbrogno tells us in his new book totally suggests and confirms what I have always said about Hynek's very broad and comprehensive mind, which was capable of taking in and examining the ideas that other folk considered "crazy".

As Hynek said to me, more than once, apropos of our optimistic "Space programme" and the "Space Age" (and don't forget that he was a qualified astronomer, and Director of the Dearborn Observatory at North-Western University, Evanston, Illinois) "**What mankind needs is not so much exploration of Outer Space but also exploration of "Inner Space", and until we have made a lot of progress in the latter, I suspect that we aren't going to get very far.**" (Not an actual quotation, but the *substance* of his words to me.)

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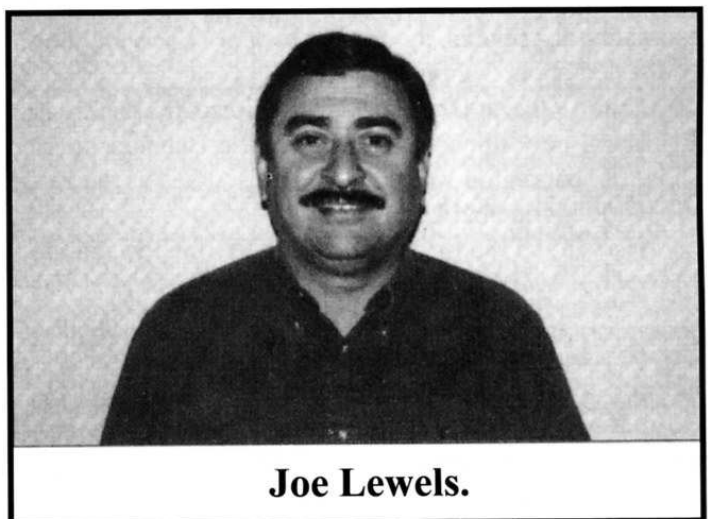
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Michael Talbot, in his fascinating book, *The Holographic Universe*, suggests that the entire universe and everything we perceive in our world may only be the reflection of ghostly images, holographic projections, from a reality so beyond our own that time and space do not exist there.

The implications of this concept, he believes, are so astounding that they provide a basis for resolving many of the mysteries of science, including those previously considered to be paranormal or mystical.

Such statements would surely be met with ridicule were it not for the fact that they accurately represent the conclusions of some of the world's most respected scientists from fields as diverse as physics, neurophysiology, medicine and psychiatry.

In fact, the holographic model is gaining acceptance



Joe Lewels.