

# NEW BERLIN UFO LANDING AND REPAIR BY CREW

A Psychiatric-Paranormal Survey of the Principal Witness

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TED BLOECHER, pioneer UFO investigator, recently reported a spectacular UFO landing and repair by its crew in New Berlin, New York, on November 25, 1964.<sup>1</sup> In 1973, Bloecher conducted several interviews of the people involved, including a face-to-face meeting with the chief witness, a 29-year-old housewife, Mrs. M.<sup>†</sup> These data were supplemented by telephone interviews and letters. The UFO experience, which also partially involved Mrs. M's mother-in-law, was observed over four hours while two crews from the grounded UFOs — "a group of perhaps as many as a dozen men" — "repaired" one of the craft.

Bloecher's investigation consists chiefly of Mrs. M's narrative, a map, drawings, and an addendum of questions and commentary. Among much interesting information, Bloecher mentioned an artifact found by the witness at the landing site, shortly after the incident. It was Bloecher's impression that the witness and her family were credible. However, because of the uniqueness of the experience, the M family avoided all publicity and discussed the incident with no more than a dozen people, most of whom were family or close friends.

Because Bloecher appreciated the possible value of collateral psychiatric study in cases such as this, arrangements were made for interviews of Mrs. M, who was seen on August 16, 1973 in her home in rural Pennsylvania. At that time all the facts of the landing and repair were confirmed during both direct interviews and hypnotic regression. The visit lasted four hours and most of the material was tape-recorded. The data that follow were also expanded by written material and during an extended phone call on June 19, 1974.

Mrs. M's description of the two landed UFOs, the entities, and the strange goings-on is similar to many reported worldwide observations.<sup>2</sup> Psychiatric examination was conducted in the patient's rural home and showed her to be a healthy, open, straightforward young woman. She stuck to her story and presented a well-organized account. When her data from disparate sources and times were reviewed there were no inconsistencies.<sup>3</sup> She frequently laughed when elaborating on some of the details, such as the ufonauts attempting to repair the craft, handling the tool boxes, cables, etc. She said she was more curious than frightened.

Aside from Mrs. M's recalling previous (and one more recent) UFO experiences<sup>4</sup> there were few other

clues to this study; and if the interview had been terminated at this point, one would have concluded that there was nothing more to be gained by further questioning. However, a combined psychiatric-paranormal survey quickly uprooted data, which had been shut off initially and which yielded a picture that led to surprises and that had possible relevance to the UFO experiences.

First, the UFO sighting happened on the wedding anniversary of Mrs. M's father and mother, and at the Thanksgiving holiday. Mrs. M made little of these connections, and aside from this, it appeared that there was nothing of deep personal significance, actual or symbolic, that immediately preceded or which led up to the sighting.

At the time of the landing her husband and father-in-law were away hunting and she and her mother-in-law were staying up to watch a late TV show-- a musical. According to Mrs. M, an unidentified auto and passengers, at an early stage of the sighting, also witnessed some of the strange goings-on. Her dog "Lady" was frightened. Also, Mrs. M felt that the entities had seen her because an outside light was on the house was red, she had a red bathrobe on, and it was a very clear night. Most of her observation was done with field glasses. Mrs. M is nearsighted, but at the time of her experience she had fully corrected spectacles. She and her mother-in-law decided not to call the authorities and possibly cause a row and obtain unwanted notoriety.

The next day Mrs. M was joshed by her husband and father-in-law, but she and her husband walked up to the alleged landing site and found equilateral-triangle impressions in the ground. They searched for the cable artifact, which George (pseudonym for her husband) found and placed in his mother's house for safekeeping. Although George is a chemical engineer, he did not press for analysis of the "cable": "It looked like thin aluminum strips that were small, maybe a 1/16th of an inch, flat, and there seemed to be an insulation, like strips of paper. The strips were parallel to the cable. They didn't feel like aluminum. It was light." Although the family searched for the artifact, they have yet to find it (June 19, 1974).

## Family History

Both Mrs. M's parents were of old American stock. Her father, an only child, high school graduate, and successful farmer, could not attend college because he had to care for his father who was ill. He was described as a widely read man. Mrs. M recalled many episodes of everyday telepathy between her father and mother. Her father's temper was recalled as "even." He attended a nondenominational Christ-

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ian church. Her paternal grandfather had died when Mrs. M was eleven. She was very much attached to him, and more will be said about him later. The paternal grandmother had died of breast cancer in 1971. Mrs. M felt that she was never particularly close to her: "She wanted me to be perfect." Since the death of the grandmother, Mrs. M has felt some kind of forgiveness from her grandmother; e.g., "She wasn't given time to let us know how she loved us — she wanted to talk to us."

Mrs. M considered her mother, a college graduate who majored in history and once taught high school, a very intelligent woman. The mother was the second oldest of eleven children, and her family was poor. Mrs. M recalled many episodes of telepathy between her mother and herself. For example, when Mrs. M was washing dishes in the kitchen and the mother was sitting in the living room wanting a pair of sewing scissors, Mrs. M got them for her. The mother was described as "terrific at finding lost things for her husband." The mother is an Episcopalian.

Interestingly, Mrs. M's mother and father had a common seventh-or-eighth-generation ancestor who was a citizen of colonial Massachusetts and who had been tried and acquitted of being a witch. In her associations Mrs. M compared her personality to her parents' personalities and presumably to "the witch ancestor" when she said that: "she knew what she liked and didn't like a strong personality."

Mrs. M has a fraternal twin who is five minutes younger. She is closely attached to him. He is a farmer and, with his family, lives near his parents. She recalled her father's oft-repeated comments: "One of us would answer a question that the other twin had not asked verbally. This happened many times — we also seemed to know when one of us was hurt or in danger." She also has a brother two years older who had been married, divorced, and remarried. This brother, a music teacher, has perfect pitch and is left-handed.

Mrs. M left college after the third semester to marry her husband, an agnostic, who was then a student at a technical institute. He is of old Colonial stock on his mother's side and of German-French extraction on his father's side. At the time of deciding whether to marry her husband, she was going with another man of whom her parents disapproved. One day when Mrs. M and George (her future husband) were talking about getting married: "Grandpa [paternal] appeared in an unusual light in the dining room. It was a white light that spread out, and as it spread out I could see him standing there in white robes. I was surprised. He was smiling at me. I interpreted it as being that he approved of George and it was a comfort to me." Mrs. M had not had any psi experiences with her husband unless one includes the alleged haunting, which is described below.

At the time of the UFO landing/entities experience, Mrs. M, age 20, had been married for one year. She was not pregnant.<sup>5</sup> In the subsequent years and at the time of the psychiatric study (1973), she had a son, age 6, a daughter, age 5, and an infant daughter whom she described as "exactly

like me." The pregnancies and deliveries were uncomplicated. The children were born through natural childbirth. Mrs. M noted many family instances of possible parent-child telepathy.<sup>6</sup>

Some psychodynamically significant facts of Mrs. M's life included dissociative traits like sleepwalking and sleepwalking. She denied automatism; e.g., "I hate the ouija board, and it won't work for me." Prior to the interview, she had never been hypnotized.

She had attended several schools and was a good student. Both parents handled the discipline: "The worst thing a child could do was lie. There was never any deception. But we were not punished for being inventive. If there was a lie, we'd sit down together and talk about it. Mother and Father's kindness was the discipline." She enjoys singing and can play the piano and the guitar by ear. She had been molested twice as a youngster: "It crops up as a ghost, every now and then."

### Significant Past Experiences

1. In her childhood Mrs. M had a tonsillectomy under ether anaesthesia: "It was a black void and I could see sheets of metal all crumpled — awful scared — it accelerated — changed directions, but was nothing like the drone, or in other ways like the [UFO] experience."

2. **Out of Body:** Once, on a Christmas day, at age 15, Mrs. M had a severe asthmatic attack and bronchial pneumonia. Her parents were very concerned. She recalled how she was propped up in bed, with a vaporizer on. Suddenly: "I couldn't breathe and nothing seemed to matter. I didn't pass out, but — I came out of the body. I stood on the floor by the bed and looked at myself. I gazed around the room, walls, and ceiling which then seemed to disappear as I began to travel. I went to the right and I was up higher than the house. I wasn't travelling distance as much as I was travelling space and time, and I could see both where I had come from and where I was going.

Then there was a light, off in the distance. It was growing larger, and in that light I could see people working. They were dressed in white robes. My grandfather was there and he was also dressed in a white robe. He seemed to be in the forefront, closer to me than the people who were working in the background. He seemed to be waiting for me, but he was not smiling. I stopped halfway between where I was going and where I had come from. There was music, such as I had never heard in all my life. I looked back and thought 'Dead, you know.' I turned around and looked back again at Grandpa and where I was going. Then a man stepped up behind me and took hold of my right shoulder with his right hand and wouldn't let me turn around. I started to turn to look at him, and I could feel the light from behind me as if it were emanating from the person, as he said to me, 'You may go there [death], or you may go back [life], but if you go back I have work for you to do, and your life won't be easy for you.' I made up

my mind to come back, and Grandpa seemed to turn around and go off.

I came directly back — at once. Next, I was standing beside the bed and I was getting into myself. It hurt to get back in my body. I did not seem to be asleep any of this time. I don't remember not being conscious of where I was or what I was doing. When I got back into my body, there was a little struggle to start breathing again, but I began. I've never forgotten that experience. I told my mother and father and later my husband about it. I think I died. Years later, when I got my (Mormon) blessing from the Patriarch, he said almost the same words to me that happened in this experience."

**3. Mormon Church:** One year after the UFO landing Mrs. M joined the Mormon Church. "When I was investigating the Church, I spoke to the elders about it [UFO experience]. I became a Mormon because the church is true." She did not elaborate on this but felt that her conversion was unrelated to her UFO experience. Interestingly, Joseph Smith, the founder of Mormonism came from Elmira, which is close to Mrs. M's childhood home. Her statement was in contrast to some reported analogies between reputed contactee experiences and Mormonism.<sup>8</sup> Much of her interest in genealogy was compatible with the tenets of the church in this regard. She said that since joining the Mormons: "People who are close to me never have anything bad happen to them. For example, I have been involved in many situations where a horrible auto accident should have happened, but it didn't. I don't consider myself superstitious. I believe we're in the millennium and Armageddon is approaching."

**4. The Good Samaritan:** "My Patriarchal blessing tells me that people will come to me for advice and I will be able to give them wise and sound counsel. Many times I've had total strangers come up to me and ask things that are very personal, and I've been able to help them. I feel I've been chosen for this.

"I particularly remember one incident. A woman came up to me in a motel lobby in Maryland and asked, 'Are you staying here at the motel?' I said, 'Yes I am.' She said, 'Well, my husband works for the chemical plant and we're staying here.' She then remarked on what a beautiful day it was, and then said to me, 'I have a problem. And I'd like to have your help.' You could have pushed me over with a feather when she asked me this,

"So she came to my room, and we sat down and had lunch while she told me about her problem. It was very personal. 'Could you give me sound advice?' she asked. I thought about it for a few minutes, and although I can't remember what I told her or what her problem was, she looked at me in tears and said, 'Thank you. Now I know that's what I should do.'"

**5. Haunted Apartment:** Two years after her UFO experience, when the husband was attending college, they lived in a five-apartment building and she recalled a possible haunting there. On occasions, when Mrs. M was home alone, she would hear sounds like marbles being rolled

across the kitchen floor. Although she checked everything out, she could not find an explanation. Her husband scoffed at this until one day when he also heard the sound. He grinned and said, "Your friend is back!" He listened, went into the kitchen, turned on the lights, and it stopped.

On numerous occasions she also heard something like a broom handle being bumped against the ceiling (or her floor) downstairs. This annoyed her because she was the only one in the apartment at time, and she could never find an explanation. She complained about this to her husband who also subsequently heard it. Finally, the sounds went away.

**6. Missing Objects:** Like her mother, Mrs. M was also gifted in finding missing objects. "Once, Dad lost the string and shock assembly from the hay mower. This is an essential part that is needed for loading and baling. Dad and my brothers searched for it and couldn't find it. Mother, who was good at finding missing objects in her own right, couldn't go, so she told Dad to ask me to see if I could help. So he told me where he had worked last, and I began to walk around. I then asked my twin to get in the truck with me and drive around the field. Suddenly I said, 'Stop.' And there it was, down in the field."

She also recalled: "Material for genealogical research has appeared out of thin air. Once, in Baton Rouge, I was grabbing a heavy county record book when it fell off the shelf and opened to the page that I had been searching for, for over two years — it had all the information I needed about my mother's grandparents."

**7. Haunted House:** A later haunting, in her current country home and years after the sighting, concerned the alleged ghost of the former owner who in life was supposedly very fond of the house, to which he had built an extension. She recalled these episodes:

"I'd bolt the cellar door so that my son wouldn't fall down the stairs, and yet I'd find the door open. This happened repeatedly and would make me very mad. Also the other doors would be open and the cellar lights would be on. And the radio went on once. Also, once when George went to work and left the radio on, I heard a man's voice say: 'Helen (pseudonym).' It sounded as though it came out of the hi-fi set, yet that wasn't on! At that time the kids were looking up and smiling as if they saw something. On another occasion, the children were looking at a picture of my paternal grandfather which was given to me by my mother. David, who had just learned to talk, said: 'That's Grandpa Stark (pseudonym).' It sounded as though it came out replied, 'Oh, we saw him (phantom?).'"

Mrs. M continued: "Mr. Campbell (ghost) bothered me. He hounded me if I didn't open the draperies. Every time I went into the room, he'd do this to me — as if somebody was taking hold of me. If I opened up the draperies, I had a feeling he would leave. One day I played a game with the draperies. I made the bed and closed them, but after one or two minutes I felt as if someone were standing in the room and

wanted me to open the drapes. I did so and the feeling left.

"I'd also find the lights on in the middle of the night both outside and inside the house. The neighbours would report this when we came back from a trip to town. One day I went to the store while a neighbour girl came to sew. She saw a man disappearing into the guest room. He was dressed in grey pants, brown shoes and a plaid shirt. It scared her to death. I came home, she was not there, and the back door, which was previously locked was open."

Nearly one year later (June 19, 1974), Mrs. M reported further evidence for the haunting: "Our 'friend' turned all the lights out and left the doors open."

**8. Strange Phone Calls:** Mrs. M recalled receiving strange phone calls prior to the UFO-landing experience. Once, before her marriage, a man's voice asked her name, age, and whether or not she was married and had children: "Like statistical data — there was no reason for it. I don't know why I even answered him. Usually I just say 'you have the wrong number' and hang up. He was polite. The last time this happened the man had a Scottish accent. I did not have any idea who he was. He asked me questions: I can't remember it all, but it seemed to be connected and have some purpose."

**9. Phantom Driver:** While driving on the highway to Kingston, New York, I saw a car behind me in my rear-view mirror — I could see her — a middle aged woman, and her face was blanked out. I felt awful and thought she was going to die. It was horrible."<sup>9</sup>

**10. Premonitions:** "I get odd feelings about people — even premonitions about myself. For example, one summer, when we were in high school, my twin brother and I decided to go to the Vermont State Fair. I looked forward to this, and we made plans to go with our older brother and his wife. The night before I couldn't go to sleep — I felt funny — and began to cry for no reason. I cried and cried. I woke up two or three times and decided that Bill and I couldn't go because we would be killed. I was sure of it. I went downstairs and told Mother. Bill came in and asked, 'Why not?' I said, 'Something is going to happen today and we'll be killed.' He asked if it was all right for our older brother Johnny and his wife Susie to go. I said sure, but we couldn't. Bill accepted it, 'OK, we're not going, and don't feel bad.' Of course I was in tears and disappointed. It was awful. My father said, 'Now, daughter, don't feel bad. When you have a premonition like that, obey it.'"

Mrs. M recalled hearing how, once during her father's courtship of her mother, a premonition he had was verified by a near-fatal auto accident.

**11. Animals:** "When I was a girl, wild cats would come to me that never went to anyone else. Also, when I'd walk through the woods, I could approach the deer, and they would just stand there and look

at me. It's strange. I don't know why. Dogs would like me too. They don't continuously bark at me (when they do at other people). Never did a dog bite me. There is a dog down here who won't even go to the people who own her, but I'll call her and she'll come right to me."

**12. Confirmation through Hypnosis:** A deep hypnotic trance was quickly obtained.<sup>10</sup> Mrs. M relived the UFO — landing experience and invoked the essential details. While entranced, Mrs. M noted that the entities were Caucasian, they wore dark suits, and one of them had blond hair.

**13. Motion Pictures and Thoughtography:** Although Mrs. M. was unfamiliar with thoughtography<sup>11</sup> and had no memory of possible "spirit" pictures in the old family album, among snapshots, and the like, she recalled some recent developments (telephone conversation June 19, 1974) where two different friends of hers "accidentally took clear pictures of a white-robed man and (2) on a separate occasion when a camera was aimed at and snapped a clear sky, and a different person developed the film, the print was of Christ in white robes."

She promised to try to locate the material and send it for study. Her results are not unlike the description of Jesus appearing on a turned-off television set, and some of Mrs. Lansing's work.<sup>12</sup>

In conjunction with techniques used by contactee Mrs. Stella Lansing, motion pictures were made of Mrs. M, her children, pets, and the inside and outside of the house. A frame-by-frame analysis of the films revealed nothing unusual. It can be speculated that the results might have been different had the pictures been taken by Mrs. Lansing, in view of her past results when others who were simultaneously filming usually failed.

**14. Parting Shot:** When I was leaving Mrs. M, she pointed out a house some distance down the road and told me how she always detested that house and always associated it with bad news, until one day she told her girlfriend about her feeling. The girlfriend, who knew something of Mrs. M's paranormal experiences, howled with laughter. Finally, she blushing informed Mrs. M that the cozy country home was once a bordello where one of the ladies of the evening was murdered by an ungrateful patron.

**15. Coincidences, or Red Herrings in the Psychic Nexus:** After procrastinating about setting up an appointment to visit Mrs. M in her home, I had finally resolved to go on the day which was the birthday of my late mother. My two consultations in practice (Montclair, N.J.) on days immediately before this date, oddly enough, originally came from the same remote area where Mrs. M lived, and where I had never been before. These patients were completely familiar with Lake Trilby (fictitious name), where Mrs. M lived, and even gave me directions on how to get there. Of course

they knew nothing of my forthcoming trip, researches, etc.

The credibility of Mrs. M was generously affirmed by another coincidence. It developed that a cousin of Mrs. M's husband lived in the town next to mine and the cousin's wife was well known to my wife. Later, by force of circumstances she was nominated by my wife to a position on the local school board. The cousin and his wife were very close to Mrs. M and her family, and without their knowing what I was seeking they completely supported Mrs. M's credibility. At the time of my questioning, the cousin and his wife had no knowledge of Mrs. M's previous UFO-entities experiences. It is not unlikely that many "coincidences" that are observed in the emotionally charged investigations of UFO cases are actually part of the psychic (telepathic) nexus<sup>13</sup> and have no direct relation to the UFO event itself, but might act as a red herring.

### Discussion

A psychiatric-paranormal survey of Mrs. M raises many questions that might throw light on the otherwise inexplicable UFO-entities experience. The credibility of the leading experient is supported. There was no evidence for psychosis, delusions, dishonesty, lying, fabrication, or exaggeration.

Could Mrs. M's UFO experience have been solely the product of psychodynamic forces? This critique is unanswerable. Clinically that is unlikely, because of the involvement of other witnesses, including her dog's response, and the physical evidence noted the next day. If her UFO experience was solely psychopathologically predetermined, we would need a positive concentration of emotionally significant events and, for such a unique experience, a precipitating cause, something more specific than the tangential fact that the episode occurred on the wedding anniversary of her parents. Furthermore, there was no past history for any striking UFO experiences or interest in such events.

Her previous psychodynamic structure, however, is helpful in explaining the quality of her reaction: the way she manages anxiety. From what we know of the mother-in-law, we can speculate that it would be unusual for her to have had a folie a deux reaction develop acutely during the UFO experience. This is not a clinically plausible explanation for what happened. The mother-in-law, according to Mrs. M, was never hypnotized, never had any emotional or psychosomatic illnesses, nor major dissociative reactions. Furthermore, upon questioning of Mrs. M, it did not seem that the mother-in-law was hypersuggestible.

Although the existent psychodynamic data are inconclusive, and it would be desirable to have had many additional sessions with Mrs. M, there might be clues in the psi events of her life. These data, which were prominent in the interview, might be analogous to data in other reported UFO cases<sup>14</sup> that were studied via combined psychiatric-psi techniques.

What is the significance of the various alleged

psi experiences happening before the UFO event? After the UFO event? Could the UFO experience itself have been a psychic experience with projected telepathic hallucinations and materialization from more spectacular event than anything I have ever come across in studies of gifted paragnosts and telepathists.

Could Mrs. M (and her mother-in-law) have been psychically attuned to these events by the UFOs and entities, whereas other people would not perceive them? Could Mrs. M see or have experiences with another dimension that most others are oblivious to, or perhaps only dimly aware of? What is the source of the psi (?) force — human or UFO-engendered — that could be common to both, and how much of its employment, if any, is dependent upon the psychobiological nature of the experient? Is Mrs. M different from other close-encounter UFO witnesses, and if so, in what ways?

What purpose is served by the UFO-entities' form of dramatization? What is the meaning behind the communication? Is it part of some stratagem that is related to psi and to the other odd experiences like the possible MIB, phone calls; or is it all coincidence? Why was Mrs. M "chosen"? Was she conditioned for her UFO experience via past dissociative behaviour as later illustrated by her quick affinity for a deep hypnotic trance? Was her UFO experience a paranormal psychodynamic interaction and the product of entrancement? Was she prepared for this spectacular event by many previous narrow escapes from death (e.g., molestation as a child, fearful early experience with ether anaesthesia, fear of suffocation in an asthmatic attack, auto near-disasters, etc.)? How reliable and how relevant to the UFO experience is her anecdotal evidence for psi, including family telepathy, finding lost objects, premonitions, and psychodynamic, quasi-religious or psi hallucinations (e.g., the white-cloaked grandfather), unusual rapport with wild or hostile animals, and hauntings before and after the experience? What are the UFO implications of having a permissive family attitude for psi?

Would collaborative psychiatric research,<sup>15</sup> which has been successful in elucidating various behavioural and psychosomatic conditions, be helpful in pinpointing the origin and genesis of Mrs. M's UFO experience and in defining the UFO — psi interface? For example, was Mrs. M's decision to become a Mormon influenced by her experiential, psi, and UFO background factors, or were her later religious proclivities an inevitable part of her life style and of the same stuff as the formative (and UFO?) experiences that influenced Mormonism's founder Joseph Smith? It would not seem unusual for such an awesome event as Mrs. M's UFO-entities experience to invoke a religious type of reaction. Other contactees have had this type reaction.

Judging from clinical experiences, there are probably many other significant events that we do not know about and which Mrs. M did not or could not (repression) recall, but which would be helpful.

Because of insufficient data, it is impossible to state if there was an apparent augmentation or awareness for psi following her UFO experience. However, it is hard to escape the conviction that in some way psi is definitely related to the UFO-entities event, that all is not coincidence, and for all that one knows, the statement by Mrs. M about herself at one point in the interview, that she has a "mission in life," might be as good an explanation as any.

### More Questions and Conclusion

If Mrs. M's UFO experience was "designed" to inspire her with a missionary zeal, as has happened to other contactees, why has it not "worked" for her in this way, and for what deeper reasons other than to avoid notoriety has she avoided telling many people about her experience? What is the relationship between her two previous and later UFO experiences and this one? Perhaps much more data than were derived from one consultation would supply sufficient clues to better define the issues.

If this study, including all the alleged psi, were analyzed without the history for the UFO experience, it would not be unusual. Through the years I have studied many people who are healthy (and otherwise) who have had life-cycle-psi experiences on the order reported here. Thus, psi per se should not be overestimated. Situations like this, as in the instance of Mrs. Stella Lansing, the lady who has photographed many UFOs on motion pictures, are best followed over a long period of time. Undoubtedly, other clinical experiments could be devised. However, there is always the difficulty of applying suitable clinical controls that would help in assessing the credibility of the contactee and the validity and interpretation of the experience.

Perhaps the New Berlin landing and repair case, as well as other similar reports, would justify speculation about what might be found if psychiatric studies, including paranormal surveys, were a routine and necessary part of the evaluation of contactees.

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4. One bright sunny summer day, when Mrs. M was

approximately twelve years old, she was lying on the ground and noticed "an odd silvery object with no vapour trail, that rapidly moved from horizon to horizon, within thirty seconds. There was no sound. It was so odd that I told my parents. No one else knew about this." This event occurred before the out-of-body experience (see note 8).

Another time, when coming home from her second year at college, at 3.00 p.m., on a clear day, in Cortland, New York, Mrs. M came upon many excited people who: "... with the police, had been watching a cigar-shaped vehicle, large and silvery. It came straight down, assumed a vertical position, and little chips came out. It was very low, had a hardly audible drone. After a while it assumed a horizontal position, the chips went back in, and it shot away at a terrific speed, at an odd angle." Although she didn't witness this event, she was impressed. She never read anything about UFOs other than occasional newspaper articles.

Although she has no personal experiences since the New Berlin landing, she recalled: "There was a rash of sightings in January and March of 1974. Truckers stopped at the foot of the hill by my house, and at dawn lots of people were watching peculiar colours, which circled around like the flashing light on top of police cars. There was also reported interference with automobiles. I myself heard peculiar hums and loud noises at the time that some neighbours were seeing odd things in the sky."

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7. An out-of-body experience that I recently studied pertains to Karen, a young woman who recalled: "A group of friends got together. They had a stone house in the Ponoco Mountains (Pa.). I wanted to be at the party very much but couldn't go. I was ill in Blairstown, New Jersey, and fell asleep, but I dreamed I was at the party. I walked in the front door and all the people knew me. One man was on the floor and I almost tripped on him. He said, 'Sorry, I didn't see you coming in.' The next day I went up to visit my friends, and the man recounted the same story and how I practically tripped over him. I left my body. The dream was real colourful. The man was certain that I was there in fact, when this was not the case, and many others could prove it. He was the one who brought up the experience." This woman had one other striking out-of-the-body experience but never any unusual psi or UFO episodes. Some contactee events seem superficially similar to out-of-the-body reactions: e.g., the possible materialization of humanoids or creatures, travelling to another planet, or the reverse, where ufonauts allegedly appear transparent, can glide through walls, etc. The study of out-of-the-body and some contactee experiences and their interacting influences might seem to be a neglected but rewarding area for research in ufology.
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9. In the early days of her contacteeship, Mrs. Stella Lansing recalled how on one occasion cars drove around the main street of her home town. This went on for a length of time and she was taken by the unreal, empty expressions on the unrecognizable faces of the drivers. Although a small town, where she would usually see familiar faces, this time was different; they were all unfamiliar. Even though this data has the drawbacks of any anecdotal material, such a depersonalization reaction is not uncommon clinical accompaniment to states of anxiety and depression. One might wonder if some of these examples could work the other way also, and have a valid

paranormal of UFO-related nuclear connection. It is a fruitful area for careful investigation.

10. As has been true with several other extraordinary contactees I have worked with, I was impressed with the case of rapidly inducing a deep hypnotic trance, or the tendency for the contactee to almost become spontaneously entranced (see my "Berserk: A UFO-Creature Encounter", published in FSR Vol.20, No.1. Perhaps this is analogous to Frankel's observation that the patient "experiences the major part of his symptoms when in a state that is comparable to marked hypnotic responsiveness. The spontaneous intrapsychic events [UFO?] somewhat like hypnosis, could have been evoked in the first instance by the experience of intense fear. This postulates that the event could have been a defense mechanism in which dissociation and distorted sensory perception played a major role. Stated in another way, it

is suggested that marked hypnotic responsiveness might be highly important, not only in the treatment of certain clinical problems, but also in their etiology." (Frankel, Fred H.: Hypnotizability and Therapy, a paper presented at the American Psychiatric Association's 127th Annual Meeting, Detroit, May 6-10, 1974, and printed in *Psychiatry*, Vol. III, No. II, June 11, 1974, Audio Digest Foundation, 1930 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 700, Los Angeles, Ca. 90057). The subject of contactees and hypnosis would be excellent material for an extended study or article.

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