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On Feb 4th, 1999 I was watching Channel 28 and they ran the story of the CASH-LUNDRUM INCIDENT at Dayton, TX. While watching this recount of events, effects, and investigations, it came to me that I might have an insight as to the nature and origination of this craft.

Back in the days of Atlas and Titan 1, I attended a short course at UCLA on Nuclear Rocket Propulsion. As I remember, the concept was to mix radioactive material with air until the mixture went critical causing extreme heat, expansion and expulsion of the air mixture out the nozzle and thereby resulting in the required thrust. Our assignment in the course was to design a rocket that would place a 1000 # payload in synchronous orbit. This course took place in about 1957. I never heard any more about this concept and I concluded that the fallout was too dangerous for populated areas to be feasible.

The public's probable response to the truth of the real danger in this event was probably above the pain threshold for the U. S. Government, in terms of a reputation for careless disregard for civilian life and litigation reserves and hence the big coverup.

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NEWS RELEASE

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For Immediate Release:

INJURIES CAUSED BY UFO CLAIMS WOMAN'S LIFE

Betty Cash, one of three people injured in a UFO close encounter near Huffman, Texas, on December 29, 1980, died on the 18th anniversary of the event, in Birmingham, Alabama. She had been in poor health ever since the encounter. At the time of the event, Mrs. Cash operated her own businesses near Dayton, Texas.

Betty Cash, along with Vickie Landrum and grandson Colby Landrum, encountered a huge UFO accompanied by military helicopters on a dark road in the east Texas Piney Woods. They were exposed to radiation from the object, which caused extreme medical problems such as burns, eye damage, hair loss, diarrhea, and vomiting. Although they and others observed a large number of military helicopters along with the UFO, the U.S. Government refused to acknowledge the event or assist them in any way.

After the encounter, Betty Cash was hospitalized and treated for burns and the other maladies. The extent of the injuries was so great, she was forced to close her businesses and never worked again. Her life became a series of hospital stays, many of them in intensive care. Eventually, she developed cancer, which was successfully treated. In November 1998, Mrs. Cash suffered a stroke. On December 29, during her recovery, an unusual turn of events claimed her life.

Mrs. Cash was a hero in the fight against government UFO cover-ups and brought hope to other victims of UFO incidents. She was devoted to family and friends and never allowed her illness to prevent her from helping others to cope with the trauma of UFO close encounters.

For further information, contact John Schuessler, MUFON's Deputy Director of Administration, and primary investigator of Mrs. Cash's UFO incident, at (303) 948-6224, FAX (303) 948-6225, or e-mail at: schuessler@mho.net.

John Schuessler

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 Date: Sunday, January 24, 1999 5:31 PM

Karl,

I know there is a curiosity out there to see documents. Unfortunately, the government has already ruled negatively on the Cash-Landrum case. The case is closed - the door slammed shut. Nothing short of people speaking out under oath, along with supporting official documentation; people that were involved in flying the helicopters or working with the project involved, will carry any weight in turning the government decree around. It was cleverly done and I admire the how they did it, but our team was neither in a position to offset that damage or smart enough to outsmart the bureaucracy. I am hoping we will be better prepared the "next time."

About six years ago, several "independent" doctors wanted to see Betty's medical records. We arranged for that to happen. The result was disappointing because the most senior doctor looked at the records and concluded by saying "Oh, I thought I would find something that would show that the problems started before the UFO incident." After that, there was no interest in supporting their case as I would have expected. Instead, it became a non-subject. Not one objective comment resulted from the work. So much for objectivity.

In addition, none of Betty's doctors had any contact with the UFO case after her initial hospitalization in Houston. So, her 15 or so other doctors were objective and independent. They had no connection to UFOs, MUFON, CUFOs or any other UFO organization. What they did was to look at her history and then treat her. Her prime doctor said Betty had been exposed to extensive radiation and it was far beyond anything she could have come in contact with in business or the environment. It is his belief that her injuries were caused by a U.S. government operation.

Even much earlier, we tried for objective help. As the result of a lot of badgering, we prepared a sanitized version of medical records and shared them with a number of doctors. The badgering stopped, but nothing else came of it. We received no comments back. There was no additional support from any of these doctors because there was nothing for them to jump on. Also, very few doctors really go out looking to help people unless they are getting paid by someone. If that isn't enough, they keep quiet to avoid malpractice suits. I have learned this the hard way.

When we went to various government agencies with the information, including medical data, we were shunned and lied to by "experts." Zero help was received.

I am hoping that when the next case of this type comes along that I and several others involved in the Cash-Landrum work will have the opportunity to assist in the investigation by applying the lessons learned. We may not be any more successful in cracking the wall of silence, but we will cause a lot more trouble for those controlling it.

Karl, I am a realist. I spent my whole career working with and around government agencies. I worked a range of programs from open/unclassified

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THIS IS MY
 RESPONSE TO
 K. PFLOCK'S
 MESSAGE ON
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I'M NOT SURE
 WHAT HE REALLY
 WANTS

[Signature]

ones, to highly classified ones. Throughout more that 35 years, every person, group or agency I saw started with a set of precepts and they protected them to the hilt, whether they were right or wrong. Bad decisions never got exposed. Screw-ups never got exposed. Policy manuals were often ignored. In classified situations, the material was protected and covered with lies and misinformation. I was aware of it some times and understood that the cold war required protection of information at all costs. "Real Americans" didn't question any of it, including the excessive amounts of money spent on the cause. As a result of all of this, I feel that those individuals are very naive who think they can crack the wall of silence and get these vast organizations to come clean and tell the truth. A lot of ufologists have tried and all have failed. It is pretty obvious that people like Betty Cash and Vickie Landrum don't count with the people in charge.

Nevertheless, all this has not driven me into an anti-government or activist position. We still have the best form of government in the world.

We will just have to live with the dirty trick players that work in it. I will continue to pursue my interest in "future technologies," many of which are exemplified by UFO encounters. I will continue to do it honestly and ethically, because it will do no good for me to stoop to the level of those who do untoward things. If I have some successes with it, then good. If not, not many people will care anyway.

Betty's memory is honored by what we did for her when she was alive. She is now in God's care. What we do in the future will be done for others.

> From: Ktperehwon@aol.com
> To: schuessler@mho.net
> Subject: Re: Re: Cash-Landrum
> Date: Sunday, January 24, 1999 3:56 PM
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> JOHN -- Thx for the info in re the "secret docs" rumor. I gathered it was
> something like that.
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> Concerning Betty's pre-incident medical history (and, for that matter, that of
> the Landrums), as I've emphasized to you before, while your word about it
> satisfies those who know and trust you, "Trust me" is not an acceptable answer
> in science or objective investigation of any kind. Scientific, technical,
> legal, historical, etc., findings and facts are not based upon "Trust me."
> When we in ufology rely upon such, we severely undermine our credibility.
> Most people, even those of good will, even the great majority of those who,
> like myself, are firmly convinced something very real and terrible happened to
> Betty and the Landrums, are left wondering, "What is it that's being
> hidden--and why is it being hidden?" This doesn't have to be.
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> Klass and other CSICOPian True UNbelievers are NOT the issue. The issue is
> establishing and building up a body of solid, unassailable, and objectively
> accessible evidence. If Betty's pre-incident medical history could be made

- > available for examination by serious researchers and objective medical experts
- > with no ufological ax to grind, think of what their findings would do to
- > bolster the case, not only in ufological circles but with the general public
- > and key elected and other officials. Think of what this could do for ufology
- > in general. Consider what effect it might have in getting official action to
- > get at the truth.
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- > Without such access and objective evaluation, the case--one of the most
- > important in the literature--must remain on the "almost but not quite" list,
- > that is, almost genuine (i.e., objective) proof. With such access and
- > objective evaluation, a huge hole could be smashed in the wall of secrecy.
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- > While Betty is gone, her cause is not. What a wonderful way to carry her
- > cause to victory. What a way to honor Betty's memory. -- All best and
- > cordially, KARL

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JANUARY 14, 1992

DEAR MR. SCHUESSLER:

I'VE BEEN READING ABOUT THE CASH-
LANDRUM INCIDENT IN THE UFO LITERATURE FOR
SOME TIME, AND I SAW YOUR REPORT ON NBC'S
"UNSOLVED MYSTERIES" ABOUT THIS CASE
LAST YEAR.

I CAME ACROSS AN INTERESTING ARTICLE
IN TIME MAGAZINE AND WONDERED WHETHER
OR NOT YOU HAD SEEN IT. THE ENCLOSED
ARTICLE TELLS OF A PREVIOUSLY CLASSIFIED
U.S. GOVERNMENT RESEARCH PROGRAM KNOWN
AS PROJECT TIMBERWIND AND PROJECT
ROVER, - AN ATTEMPT BY THE GOVERNMENT
TO BUILD A REACTOR POWERED ROCKET.

COULD THIS BE THE ANSWER TO THE
CASH-LANDRUM INCIDENT? IN THE
ARTICLE IT STATES THAT THE ROCKET EXHAUST
CONTAINS RADIOACTIVE TRACES. BETTY CASH
AND VICKIE LANDRUM BOTH SAW A CRAFT
WITH A FLAME SHOOTING OUT THE BOTTOM
OF IT. AND IT WAS HIGHLY RADIOACTIVE.

IT COULD BE THAT WHAT THEY SAW WAS A PROTOTYPE CRAFT, TESTING AN APPLICATION OF PROJECT TIMBERWIND OR PROJECT ROVER. THE CASH-LANDRUM INCIDENT HAPPENED IN 1980. THE ARTICLE STATES THAT THE REACTOR POWERED ROCKET PROGRAM STARTED IN 1972 THAT WOULD HAVE GIVEN THE U.S. GOVERNMENT 8 YEARS TO DEVELOP AN EARLY PROTOTYPE AND HAVE ONE FLYING BY DECEMBER 1980 - WHEN THIS INCIDENT HAPPENED.

THE FACT THAT THE CASH-LANDRUM INCIDENT HAPPENED 30 MILES FROM THE NASA JOHNSON SPACE CENTER IS TELLING ENOUGH, AND IMPLIES MANY THINGS. ANYWAY ITS JUST A THEORY. I SEND THIS TIME ARTICLE TO YOU TO SEE WHAT YOU THINK ABOUT IT AS A POSSIBLE EXPLANATION FOR THE RADIATION DOSAGE ENCOUNTERED IN THE CASH-LANDRUM INCIDENT.

SINCERELY,

Keith B. Noble

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Star Wars Does It Again

In the latest dubious scheme for strategic-missile defense, the Pentagon is secretly building an atomic-powered rocket

By PHILIP ELMER-DEWITT

In the eight years since it was founded, the Strategic Defense Initiative has poured \$24 billion into various schemes for knocking down ballistic missiles, many of them dubious. But no Star Wars project seems more clearly—or appropriately—destined for the technological trash heap than the one that came to light last week. According to documents made public by the Federation of American Scientists for the express purpose of torpedoing the scheme, the Pentagon has for several years been secretly developing a new kind of booster rocket—code-named **Timberwind**—that would loft giant weapons into space on short notice. Its power source: an onboard nuclear reactor running at extremely high temperatures and spewing radioactive exhaust directly into the atmosphere.

The idea behind Timberwind is simple. Just pump liquid hydrogen through a small nuclear reactor heated to several thousand degrees Fahrenheit. The liquid hydrogen is instantly converted to hydrogen gas, which then blasts out of a nozzle. The resulting thrust is two to three times as great as that generated in conventional rocket engines by the explosive mixture of hydrogen and oxygen. Much larger payloads could thus be lifted into orbit.

That is the theory. In practice, it's more complicated. The reactors must be built of materials that are both lightweight and capable of withstanding extraordinary temperature changes, from several hundred degrees below zero to several thousand degrees above. To reduce the risk of fatal meltdowns, the uranium fuel must be packed in tiny particles coated with several layers of carbon alloy and carefully machined to very close tolerances. And because the fuel gives off "hot"—meaning radioactive—by-products, it is inevitable that the escaping gas will pick up some radioactivity on its way out.

These technological problems may be solvable. Timberwind proponents say cleanup systems could remove radioactive by-products before they are discharged into the air. Better still, the atomic engines would be handy on a manned

mission to Mars. Nonetheless, the program's political problems may be insurmountable. The 1979 accident at Three Mile Island shook America's confidence in nuclear technology, and the *Challenger* explosion dramatically demonstrated the vulnerability of space launches. Not surprisingly, many scientists are bothered by the idea of putting these two technologies together. In 1989, antinuclear activists, protesting potential "Chernobyls in the skies," organized the first civil-disobedience demonstrations aimed at halting a U.S. space shot. Their target: NASA's Galileo spacecraft, an interplanetary scientific mission that used as its power source two radioisotope thermoelectric generators fueled by plutonium. In October 1989, the Galileo launch went off without a hitch, despite the protests.

As nuclear devices go, Galileo's generators were relatively innocuous. Thermoelectric generators are battery-like gadgets that use natural radioactive decay in their fuel cells to produce electric power. Timberwind's engines, on the other hand, are

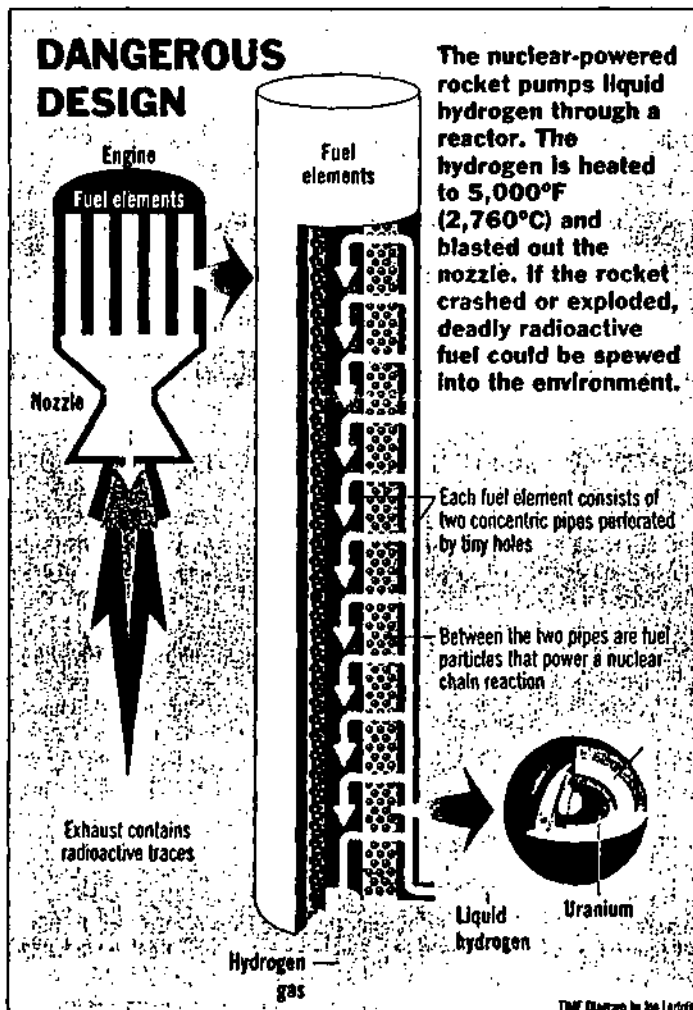
true nuclear reactors that split atoms and generate heat, using the same chain reactions that power atom bombs. Although modern nuclear engineering has virtually eliminated the risk of explosions and meltdowns in such reactors, the problem of disposing of radioactive wastes has not gone away. Nor has the stigma attached to nuclear reactors in general. "If anybody tries launching a reactor-powered rocket," says Theodore Taylor, a veteran designer of nuclear devices, "past demonstrations will pale by comparison."

So why is the U.S. so interested in Timberwind? The reasons date back to the early 1970s, when NASA, with the Pentagon's blessing, decided to put the bulk of its research funds into the reusable space shuttle. Further development of conventional rocket boosters stalled. Now both agencies find themselves bumping into the limited payload capacities of the remaining rockets: NASA for hoisting its space station into orbit and the Pentagon for lifting its big directed-beam Star Wars weapons. The proposed nuclear-powered rockets would more than triple the payload of the U.S.'s most powerful booster, the Titan 4, from 20 tons to more than 70 tons.

Ironically, one of the projects killed in 1972 to make way for the space shuttle was **Project Rover**, a 17-year, \$1.4 billion effort to develop nuclear-powered rockets. More

than a dozen prototype engines were built and tested. The same work in today's dollars would cost \$25 billion. But Rover was always viewed as a second-stage rocket that would be fired only after it was safely out of the earth's atmosphere. Launching a nuclear rocket from the ground was deemed to pose unacceptable health risks.

According to Steven Aftergood, a space expert at the Federation of American Scientists, project Timberwind is still at an early stage in its development. Fuel elements have been built and tested. Testing grounds have been selected in the Nevada desert. The Defense Science Board has given the project its seal of approval. And plans have been made to send a prototype rocket on a suborbital test flight over Antarctica and parts of New Zealand. All this was before the veil of secrecy had been lifted, however. Now that the word is out, and Congressmen have begun to stake out positions on either side of the issue, Timberwind is starting to look like another one of those wacky Star Wars projects that will never get off the ground. —Reported by Bruce van Voorst/Washington



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Dear Mr. Andrus:

Thank you for yours of March 20.

I am indeed flattered to be invited to assume an official role as Consultant in Radiology with MUFON.

I accept your invitation, have filled out the enclosed application for membership, and stand ready to help you as much as I can within the time constraints imposed by a busy private practice.

I have recently responded to the initial information in the Cash/Landrum case for John Schuessler, with a carbon copy to Dick Hall. A carbon of my letter to John Schuessler is also enclosed.

The Cash/Landrum case is a most interesting one indeed. As I indicated to John Schuessler, there is no doubt the witnesses suffered radiation burns of some kind, but there is as of yet no definite information as the kind of radiation, nor indeed the dose.

It is therefore premature to suspect penetrating radiation of the ionizing kind such as found in gamma or x-rays, and indeed the presence of a normal white count and platelet count during Betty Cash's hospitalization mitigates against this.

By way of explanation of a portion of the enclosed application. I am interested, in addition to UFO sightings in general, in the long term personality changes in the UFO witnesses, with a bonafide and dramatic sighting. I am referring to close encounters, abductions, and perhaps that curious set of individuals reported recently by Len Stringfield, who have come in close contact with crashed discs and/or humanoids in some kind of capacity. I want to emphasize that I do not think that these personality changes are necessarily pathological, but it seems that in such bonafide dramatic exposure such as is described in the literature would certainly cause profound

changes in the individual temperament, world view or, to employ the currently fashionable word, paradigm. It must be very difficult for some of the individuals to carry on reasonably normal activities after a severe catalytic event in their lives, which should in most people cause a drastical restructuring of their way of being in the world. Certainly these dramatic incidents would cause considerable degree of alienation, separation from commonly held myths and traditions, reorientation of religious beliefs, suspicion and distrust of perhaps the authorities and a variety of other changes. I have not seen this study to any great extent and believe it would be a fruitful area for study if one can confine your sample to those individuals who had very dramatic encounters.

Aside from that I have nothing more to offer at this present time except to thank you very much for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Peter Rank", written over a horizontal line.

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Dear John:

Thank you much for copies of your investigator data on the Cash/Landrum case. They make fascinating reading.

Thank you also for your follow up memos of your recent phone conversations with Vicki Landrum and Betty Cash.

Mrs. Landrum has recently sent a letter to me post marked March 24, 1981, expressing her concern about the long term potentially damaging effects of her UFO experience. I will answer it in the very near future, with a carbon to you.

The possibilities include burns secondary to high intensity infra-red radiation, radiation burns secondary to high intensity ultra-violet rays, or a radiodermatitis secondary to ionizing radiation. In the ionizing radiation category, there are a number of possibilities, including both particulate and non-particulate rays.

I do not know which type of radiation is responsible. We are over a medical/scientific barrel not knowing exactly what source of radiation was, nor dose received by these UFO witnesses.

My considerations to date are as follows:

1. The excellent history that you have taken in the case of all three witnesses suffering radiation burns of some kind, etiology undetermined.
2. The presence of hair loss, dystrophic changes in the nails, and systemic effects of nausea and diarrhea clearly raises the possibility of penetrating ionizing radiation.

3. Follow-up medical examination is mandatory. This medical examination should include a complete physical examination, including detailed history, by a qualified specialist in internal medicine. It should also include ophthalmologic examinations, including tests for visual acuity, reports on the status of the lens, and fundoscopic examination, to establish the current status of the retina.
4. This physical examination will establish the presence of any injury, as well as establish a complete baseline physical examination for future reference.
5. Physical examination should include complete white count examination, including platelet count, with careful description of the morphology of both the white and red series.
6. It would be most useful for this examination to be conducted by a qualified internist, with specialty referral, in your area. In this manner, any follow up examinations would be accomplished by the same internist or other physicians.
7. When all medical records have been released, including both inpatient and out patient records, I would be happy to provide you with further evaluation, based upon my study of same.
8. Photographs of the hair loss and changes in the nails for both Mrs. Landrum and Mrs. Cash are recommended. These photographs should be in color and preferably of high medical photographic quality. Photographs of the skin would also be useful, because if severe ionizing radiation did indeed cause the erythema, swelling, redness, and apparent blister formation, it would be useful to have a baseline record for follow-up as chronic residuals develop.
9. I talked with Bruce McCabe on the phone today. He would like my opinion as to what kind of follow-up examination should be accomplished. With your permission I will send him a letter including my recommendations after evaluation of the patients medical records.

Mrs. Landrum mentioned to me that she is losing her fingernails. This shedding of the nails (onychomadesis) is a relatively rare condition that is brought out by the complete loss of growth of the keratin produced by the matrix at the base of the nail. It can be caused by a variety of situations including severe febrile reactions, such as following scarlet fever. One, a few, or more nails may be lost. Such shedding of the nails also occurs secondary to emotional stress, as a psychosomatic expression of disease, although I think this unlikely. Most important of all it is a result of severe local inflammatory changes and may occur in association with radiodermatitis secondary to ionizing radiation.

Needless to say the loss of hair is also consistent with radiodermatitis secondary to ionizing radiation. These two physical findings, specifically nail and hair loss, favor the presence of ionizing radiation.

The absence of acute changes in the platelet count and white count mitigate against radiodermatitis. Still I think all three individuals should have serial white and platelet counts on a follow-up basis.

It might be useful to fly to Houston at some time in the future not only to meet you but to have a chance to sit and talk with Vicki Landrum and Betty Cash and Colby at some length. To do so now would be premature. I would suggest that we defer this consideration until the patients initial medical records are reviewed, and follow-up specialist evaluation of three UFO witnesses has been accomplished.

With your permission I will send a carbon copy of this to Dick Hall.

Let me conclude by saying this - we have strong evidence that these patients have suffered damage secondary to ionizing radiation. It is also possible that there was an infrared or ultra-violet component as well. All three witnesses require medical follow-up, and perhaps funding for this can be in part from the Fund for UFO Research.

I will respond to Mrs. Landrum's letter, with a copy to you, in the best way possible. I will have to tell her that the exact cause of the radiation reaction that she sustained is as yet unknown, that no one can predict the future either for her or Colby, but that it is mandatory for further follow-up medical information. It is also important to reassure Mrs. Landrum that exposure to ionizing radiation does not necessarily result in bad sequelae and that it is largely dependent upon dose.

John, I hope that this letter helps you by way of beginning. Please feel free to call me or write anytime. I look forward to copies of medical records.

All best,



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Thank also for the Mc Donald case. Arrived today & I will review it.

Another possibility would be some subregional care at a Houston Clinic - if this seems feasible I will look into it

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Dear Mr Stacy,

You will by now have seen my letter of 1985 Dec 10, and a copy of Walter H Andrus's reply of Dec 30. I was surprised that Mr Andrus replied and that the letter did not go directly to you. Please let me comment on some matters mentioned by Andrus.

If I have a reputation as a UFO investigator then it is as one who doesn't believe in UFOs (as anything unearthly) and who always finds a conventional explanation. My views on the Huffman report are hardly likely to alter that reputation, and I assure you that I am not at all concerned if anyone should find my views 'detrimental' to my reputation.

I have not set out to insult Schuessler, or any other investigator of the case, and no-one should see anything I wrote as an insult (that is over-reaction by Andrus). I do not know Schuessler, but he ought to welcome alternative hypotheses if he expects to be accepted as a scientific investigator. Indeed, he ought already to have considered an astronomical explanation. From Andrus's letter I conclude that such an explanation has not been considered by the team. If they had made the most elementary enquiries they would have found that there was no Moon visible at 9 p.m. on 1980 Dec 29 (not '20' as Andrus has it). This fact throws doubt on the timing of the nights events and also throws doubt on the reliability of the witnesses' statements (which of course I have not seen). Did Schuessler perhaps check the time at which Cash and Landrum left the restaurant (it is remiss of him if he did not)?

Since times are in doubt (and until clarification is made) I am entitled to choose midnight as any other time later than 9 p.m. Although the Moon would still not have been up, the extra 3 hours allows the witnesses to have seen the Moon later on their way home. I merely suggest that the event occurred at or about midnight because at that time an astronomical explanation is possible. If Schuessler can show that the event did not occur at or about that time then of course my hypotheses fails.

I see that one of my predictions has already proved correct--no damage to the highway was discovered! It is special pleading to argue that there was damage but that it was repaired before any investigator could see it. In any case, it is not clear to me how the exact location of the incident can be determined (there are 4 miles of possibility).

Despite Andrus's evident incredulity, I can assure you that a bright star low on the horizon can produce the effects described by Cash and Landrum (except heat). What Andrus and others forget is that the witnesses can have had no means of assessing the distance of the object. Once they assumed that it was a craft they then assumed that it was on the road ahead, and blocking their path! Andrus knows little of psychosomatic effects if he does not know that people can cause real illness simply by imagining it. Of course it may be that, in addition, a real illness, which existed before the incident, was later blamed on the incident. I doubt that there was any evidence of radiation effects on the witnesses.

I am asked how I account for the helicopters. I am not obliged to explain how helicopters came to fly by (even if it is true). It is obvious that the witnesses can have (wrongly) assumed that some helicopters (on an unconnected mission) were as interested in the 'UFO' as they were. The aircraft might only appear to have accompanied the object, particularly if they flew along the highway towards Canopus. Has Schuessler plotted the exact route of the helicopters? It is disappointing that the team could not identify the aircraft, but that is not necessarily significant.

Andrus accuses me of ignoring 'basic facts' (but does not specify these) and implies that I have not thoroughly examined Schuessler's article (even though I referred to it). In fact I found the article short on specific and necessary data--it is more of a rumour report than an account of an investigation. I had assumed that it was a preliminary to a more detailed and informative account but if one such exists no-one has mentioned it.

yours sincerely *Steuart Campbell*

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July 9, 1986

Dear Dennis:

This letter is written in response to a letter by Stewart Campbell regarding the Coah/Londrum Case and published in the June 1986 issue of the MUFON UFO Journal. I must admit that my initial reaction to Campbell's letter was the thought that you and Walt had initiated a "humor column" in the journal (I found myself laughing out loud more than once while reading it). However, all too soon I came to realize that the letter was not meant to be humorous, but in fact, serious (this thought, I confess, prompted one last guffaw).

Campbell who, it appears, is striving to become Scotland's answer to Phil Bloss, also appears to be guilty of the same antiscientific thinking

as are those other well known debunkers who I will not bother to name. The substance of his letter indicates that he is guilty of both not doing his homework on the case in question and coming to conclusions based on assumptions. As an example, Compbell states that it is not likely that, "after dining out, they (the witnesses) were returning home as early as 9 pm. A more likely time is near midnight." Firstly, the witnesses were not returning home from dining out but, in fact, returning home after an unsuccessful attempt at locating a bingo game. And, secondly, had they been returning home after dining out, how could Compbell presume to know at what time the witnesses had preferred to dine out? Perhaps in Scotland people are late diners.

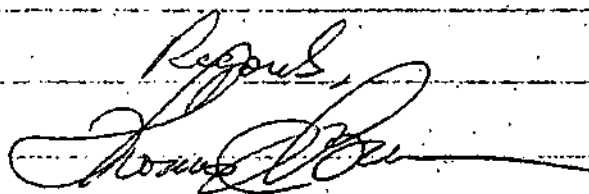
There are a number of other statements, inferences and assumptions in Compbell's letter that clearly indicate that, at least at the time he composed it, he knew very little of the background material on the

Cash/Landrum case. As examples of this, he alludes neither to the helicopters, the sound made by the object, nor the long-term physiological effects on the witnesses. Campbell's explanation of the refracted and distorted light of Canopus being the cause of the sighting is ludicrous when one takes into account every detail of the case. Campbell states that his attention had been recently drawn to the Cash/Landrum case. This certainly seems strange since so much had previously been written about it (particularly in the MUFON UK Journal). Campbell simply did not bother to familiarize himself with the case before commenting on it.

While I may have thought Campbell's letter amusing at first, I soon realized that it illustrated an ongoing dilemma. While the letter does little or no harm by being published in the Journal, it is such examples of misrepresentation that when published in the national media serve to reinforce the skepticism of the general public.

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as well as the scientific community.

Hopefully, in the future, Stewart
Complitt and those of his ilk, will
have done their homework before
writing or speaking on any aspect
of the highly complex UFO phenomena.

Respect,


THOMAS J. BURNS
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P.S. Please excuse my script. My
Typewriter is ill.



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7 April 1984

Mr. Philip J. Klass
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Dear Phil:

I just received a copy of your letter dated March 21 via Walt Andrus. Apparently, your mailing to me did not make it through the postal system.

I am sorry to hear your organization is having trouble being recognized and is now a "tiny band of skeptics". The last time I saw a CSICOP letterhead it showed you all were speaking for people like Carl Sagan, B. F. Skinner, Isaac Asimov and other well known people. I suppose even those people tire of the game eventually.

Jim Oberg hasn't mentioned CSICOP for a couple of years, so I figured he was too busy working in other areas to participate. He has had some excellent articles on space travel and space war published in the recent past.

Anyhow, my article in the MUFON UFO Journal was not aimed at you or your organization. I do realize you haven't claimed "to be infallible" and that is OK. Most people aren't infallible. That article was an opinion statement given to Bob Pratt, because he asked my opinion about the status of the UFO field at this time. I didn't expect it to be published as it was. However, the thrust of the statement was aimed at the major active UFO organizations and how they operate. It was not intended to be either kind of brutal; rather, an unbiased look at the status quo. I apologize if I struck a nerve with you; but it was not my intention. As a view of how the material was received in the UFO community, I have received only about 30 replies. None of the replies mentioned you or the other skeptics. Every one focused on how to make the organizations better.

In my reply letter to you dated 24 October 1983, I requested the source of your information about the Cash-Landrum case as quoted in your latest book; especially the following: 1) What records do you have showing Betty Cash's bout with cancer? 2) When did it occur? 3) Where was the treatment given? 4) What type of cancer did she have? 5) How long did it persist? 6) Where was she treated? The cancer subject was mentioned in your letter of Sept 8. I really am interested in all possible explanations and answers to these questions should be part of the total package on this case. You will be given full credit for your work.

Sincerely yours,

John F. Schuessler

cc: Pratt, Andrus

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March 21, 1984

Mr. John F. Schuessler
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Dear John:

Your article in the just-received issue (January) of the MUFON UFO Journal, appraising the current state of UFOlogy, reveals a very troubled state of mind. I fully endorse your conclusion that it is a "sad" state, but for quite different reasons--described in the last several chapters of my recent book.

I admit that I did not realize--if your appraisal is correct--what a massive influence our tiny band of skeptics--little more than a dozen-- has had on the much larger and better funded UFO Movement. While MUFON, APRO and CUFOS may not be exactly rolling in funds, our CSICOP UFO Subcommittee has no income from dues or from the parent CSICOP. Our Subcommittee does not even have its own publication and with luck we may be able to publish one major article in the Skeptical Inquirer which issues only every three months.

Since you chose to mention Aviation Week & Space Technology magazine in your article, you know that I have never used the columns of this very influential magazine to attack the "UFO-Believers" -- unless you consider my two articles proposing the plasma-UFO hypothesis, published nearly 18 years ago, to be in that category.

You have levelled a number of very harsh accusations against the skeptics/debunkers, without giving specifics. (Perhaps I should use one of these charges--omitting data--against you but I recognize that your article was a long one and that space is limited, as it always is, even in AW&ST.)

Because of your business relations with Jim Oberg, vice-chairman of our Subcommittee, you know that at least one of us is a very decent, well-intentioned person. I believe the same is true of the rest of our members. I have never claimed to be infallible and I'm sure the others acknowledge the same.

That is why I ask that you document your harsh charges with specific examples. Because you claim that our terrible misdeeds are committed "often" and because I have been active in this field for nearly 18 years and vice-chairman Robert Sheaffer for nearly as long, there must be hundreds of specific instances you could cite--IF your charges are true.

Specifically, would you cite 5 specific instances to support each of the following charges made by you in your article against the skeptics:

- (1) "Fabricated information."
- (2) "Conduct personal attacks on individuals." (I fully acknowledge we have criticized individuals in the UFO Movement but always with specifics and I assume you do not claim that your associates should be immune to criticism.)

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- (3) "Shoutdown opponents."
- (4) "Call and write television networks, stations, and personalities in an attempt to suppress any type of program not to (our) liking."
- (5) Resort to "intimidation."
- (6) The names of former members of the UFO Movement who have abandoned it because of a "debunking attack" by members of our UFO Subcommittee.

Speaking for myself, and I believe for my associates, we do not claim immunity from criticism for misdeeds. If such exist, and you will provide specifics, I shall try to avoid a repetition and believe my associates will also.

As you know, we have corresponded in the past about the Cash-Landrum case on my initiative so that I could obtain your viewpoint prior to writing about the matter. How regrettable that you did not do such research first before attempting to write about the University of Nebraska-Lincoln incident.

Had you attempted to obtain my comments you could have avoided in your article the very gross distortion of what I actually said to Robert Mortenson in our telephone conversation of Aug. 23, 1983. (Your article is even a gross distortion of Mortenson's own somewhat flawed recollections of our conversation.) I enclose a copy of my letter of Nov. 23 to Mortenson, correcting his flawed recollections, with a verbatim transcript of precisely what I did say.

As an "amateur psychiatrist," which most journalists imagine themselves to be, I believe your very troubled state of mind stems from frustration at having spent 19 years in the field of UFOlogy with nothing to show for that effort. Today you know nothing more about "what UFOs really are" than you did 19 years ago. You have not been able to move one millimeter closer to solving the "mystery." And I predict that on your death bed -- which I hope will be no sooner than 100 years from now--you will not know one iota more about UFOs than you do today.

That is the characteristic curse of "ersatz-science." We know no more today than was known a century ago about ghosts, poltergeist or leprechauns. Victims of this curse must survive on their hopes -- hopes that can never be fulfilled. That is, understandably, frustrating as well as tragic for the victims.

As a gesture of good faith to assist the UFO Movement in recovering from the doldrums, I herewith promise that I will not write any more books debunking UFOs.

I hope you will document your harsh charges against me and my associates with a bill of particulars to offer us the opportunity for rebuttal, or reform.

Sincerely,



cc: Bob Pratt FYI

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Oct. 31, 1983

Mr. John Schuessler
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Dear John:

After three months, and three attempts to get you to respond "yes" or "no" (or, "I don't know") to two simple, direct questions about Betty Cash's "pre-UFO-incident" health conditions, I am glad that you finally were able to respond with a "no" to questions about whether Mrs. Cash had cancer and had taken radiation treatments prior to the alleged incident.

I regret that your schedule is so very busy that you consider the writing of a postcard containing two "yes" or "no" answers to be "wasting the time of a lot of people."

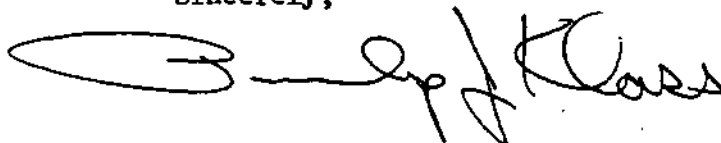
I must confess that since the "post-incident" health/symptoms reported by the principals ~~as~~ the only physical evidence to support their tale, that none of your reports on the case that I had seen at the time of writing my book dealt with their pre-incident health, I was surprised at this curious omission.

If it is not an invasion of privacy to widely publicize their alleged health conditions following the alleged incident, including the principals' appearance on a national TV network, surely it would not be an invasion of privacy to discuss their pre-incident health conditions--especially if all of the principals were in excellent health.

I look forward with great anticipation to the projected litigation. At that time, the medical records of the principals will necessarily have to be made public. And they will be required to testify under oath--subject to the well-known penalties for perjury and for attempting to obtain money under false pretenses--if the latter should in any way be pertinent.

I appreciate your well-meaning lecture on ethics, morality and the proper modus operandi for UFOlogists, although I suspect that I am too set in my ways after 17+ years in the field to change. I shall not reciprocate by offering my own views on the Australian UFOlogist with whom you were teamed in a lecture tour "down under."

Sincerely,



P.S. Inasmuch as I do not have the address of Mrs. Cash, I ask that you forward to her the enclosed extra copy.

cc: Walt Andrus, MUFON
Bruce Maccabee, FUFOR
Peter Gersten

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September 8, 1983

Mr. John F. Schuessler
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Sincerely,



cc: Walter Andrus
Dr. Bruce Maccabee

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Where did you get this
information? It wasn't
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NO. 229

RADIATION INJURIES FROM UFO

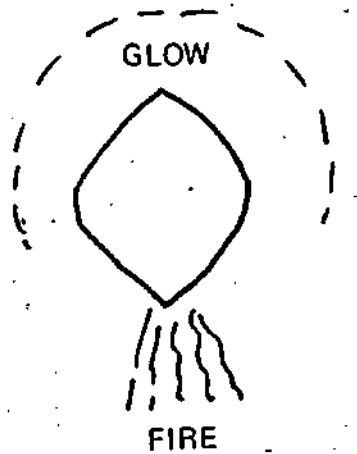
By Richard Hall

Preliminary Report

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General appearance of Huffman, Texas, UFO

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Although they remain to be fully documented, the medical symptoms suggest both radiation sickness and physical burns; both ultraviolet and infrared radiation may have been involved. Full details will be reported as soon as the investigation is completed, and the future health of the witnesses will be monitored.

INFORMATION, DATA, COMMENTARY AND SPECULATION



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Copy to Bill

Mr. Peter Gersten
27 N. Broadway
Tarrytown, NY 10591

28 April, 1983

Dear Peter:

I have received your letter of 13th April. I quite agree with you that the health and well-being of Betty Cash and Vicki and Colby Landrum must take precedence over all other considerations in this case. Indeed, I grieve for these three in their continuing difficulties.

It is for this reason that following your curious refusal to meet with me and learn what I had, I decided that the best course of action would be to turn everything over to a third party for an independent evaluation and analysis. This was accomplished shortly after my last conversation with you. When this process is completed, the results will be published without profit or gain to me (or for that matter, without even recovering expenses), and you shall be provided with a copy. I shall then be happy to provide you with whatever additional information you desire.

I am somewhat concerned by your apparent misinterpretation of my use of the term "executive briefing" in connection with my offer to meet you in Minneapolis. This was not intended to mean that I possessed some sort of document, but rather was a (perhaps poorly chosen) term which I used in an effort to impress upon you that I was prepared to brief you on everything I had in connection with this case. Perhaps I should have said "executive style briefing". But in any event, I do hope that the matter is now clarified. For the record, I neither possess nor have any knowledge of government documentation which makes specific reference to the matter in question.

With respect to my statements about you in Washington, I simply stated that in my opinion you had cavalierly broken a firm commitment you had made to me within two days of having made it. I went on to say that this action had caused me to seriously question the trust I had placed in you and that under such circumstances I was going to find it rather difficult to continue working with you. Indeed, as you already know, your breaking of this commitment seems to have been connected with a rather unpleasant series of events that occurred shortly thereafter. While this connection is purely circumstantial, it is nonetheless enough to cause me to wonder.

I deeply regret the apparent strain in our relationship. Perhaps if you feel the same, things stand a chance of being repaired.

Yours very truly,

William L. Moore

WLM/s

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JAMES A. GAGLIARDI
MICHAEL TORRES
PETER A. GERSTEN

April 13, 1983

William L. Moore
Box 1845
Prescott, AZ 86302

Dear William:

I have recently been informed that Betty Cash has cancer and that her left breast had to be removed. Thus, I cannot understand how, if what you have been telling me is true, you can continue to withhold physical evidence which is material to the Cash/Landrum incident. The release of any evidence concerning the cause of their injuries must take precedent over your desire for personal financial gain. How can you continue to withhold "soil samples", "photographs", and an "executive briefing" while their health deteriorates?

Incidentally, it has been brought to my attention that you had some unkind words to say about me on your last trip to Washington. Hopefully, your poor judgment was an isolated incident.

See you in court.


Peter A. Gersten

Copies to: Betty Cash
Vicki Landrum
John Schluessler
Jim Lorenzen
J. Allen Hynek
Bruce Maccabee
Larry Fawcett
Larry W. Bryant
Dick Hall
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VISIT

Vehicle Internal Systems Investigative Team

<p>SUBJECT/PURPOSE CASH - LANDRUM CASE</p> <p>RECORD OF DISCUSSION @ MUFON SYMPOSIUM J. Schuessler & W. Moore</p>	<p>DATE OF TELECON/TR/CONF. 2 July 1983</p>
<p>DISCUSSION/COMMENTS (INFO.OBTAINED, CONCLUSIONS)</p> <p>Betty Cash and Vickie Landrum asked me to question Bill Moore about his claims of knowledge of their case - information that might help them in their legal proceedings. I had no formal meeting with Bill, but we did have several informal discussions.</p> <p>1. Why does he believe he knows the actual location of the incident - not the location identified by Betty & Vickie? Reply: He cannot answer now. His material is in the hands of someone else for verification.</p> <p>2. Does he really know what the object was and who it belonged to? He had an informant that had started giving him information on several cases. He shared some of that information with Peter Gersten, who later exposed it on national TV. The informant got in trouble and will not cooperate further. That means any information Bill could have gotten is no longer possible.</p> <p>PREPARED BY <i>J. Schuessler</i> DATE 7/3/83</p>	

Distribution: V. Landrum, B. Cash, W. Moore
W. Andrus P. Gersten
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3. Does APPO really have any information that could help Betty & Vicki? Possibly so - may also have an informant, but they would maintain the information as confidential, so as not to get anyone in trouble.
4. Bill shared other UFO items with me (not pertaining to the Cash-Landrum case), but requested me not to discuss them; so I'll honor his request, even though he talked openly about them during his public lecture. Since they don't pertain to Cash/Landrum I really don't care about them.

Conclusion: Bill is a pretty good investigator. He talks to a lot of people and asks a lot of questions. He could be a real asset to the investigation; however, he has other priorities, so we cannot depend on him at this time, no matter how important the information is to Cash & Landrum. He may help sometime in the future if it is not too late.

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Vehicle Internal Systems Investigative Team

August 29, 1981

Congressman Charles Wilson
2nd District, TX
Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

Honorable Sir:

I am writing in behalf of two of your constituents, Betty Cash and Vickie Landrum, both of Dayton, Tx. They contacted you earlier about injuries sustained on Dec. 29, 1980 near Huffman, TX. They reported the presence of many military helicopters. Realizing you probably receive a lot of crank letters, I want to assure their situation is serious.

Their medical injuries are well documented and were extensive. They havenot recovered as of this date. In fact Mrs. Landrum has taken a turn for the worse. Neither of these women have been able to work since the incident.

They suspect military activities, not to get something on the military, but because CH-47 Chinook helicopters (only used by the military in this area) were positively identified. The medical damage has all the earmarks of radiation damage. Whether directly caused by the military presence or by a "UFO" is not important. They were injured and in your district. They do need help.

I would appreciate anything you can do as a Congressman to shed some light on the nature of the device that caused their injuries so the injuries can be properly treated before it is too late.

I can be reached at (713) 488-2884 - home and (713) 483-2609 - work.

For future reference, the two leading scientifically based UFO organizations are MUFON, 103 Oldtowne Rd, Seguin, TX 78155 and CUFOS, PO Box 1402, Evanston, IL 60201

Sincerely yours,


John F. Schuessler

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November 8, 1982

Walter H. Andrus, Jr.
International Director
103 Oldtown Road
Sequin, Texas 78155

Dear Walt:

Thanks much for your understanding letter of October 26. It is, you may be sure, with great reluctance that I declined to serve as State Director.

The next few years are going to be professionally very demanding, after which I can see my way clear to some degree of freedom. Perhaps at that time I can take on additional responsibilities.

Regarding the NOVA Program, I have just had a chance to review John Schuessler's critique of the program which he sent to producer John Mansfield. It is a thoroughgoing and professional critique, completely devastating on a point by point basis. John sure has bird-dogged that program the same way that he has thoroughly investigated the Cash-Landrum case.

Permit me to say a word about that case. John has done an incredible job of investigation. The latest word is that Vicki is having trouble with her eyes, the signs and symptoms of which are compatible with ionizing radiation. To be sure, the facts of the case indicate that the principals received a spectrum of radiation exposure, of which ionizing radiation was apparently only an aspect.

Also by way of information, a friend of mine is on the board of the local public education television station, WHA-TV. I have taken it upon myself to give him a thorough briefing about the NOVA Program, both before and after its telecasting. He has assured me he will carry this information to his colleagues.

Also by way of information, I am in letter contact with Mr. James Leming, who was the individual that Dr. Harder put under regressive hypnosis at the CUFOS Symposium last year in Chicago. He is doing very well, promises to send a great deal of information in the future, and has recently, and apparently very precipitously, decided to move to Great Falls, Montana from Cincinnati, Ohio. This sudden urge to move to the Rockies upon contactees is very puzzling.

Hope this finds you and yours healthy and hearty.

All Best,


Peter Rank, M.D.

With -

Enjoyed our weekend together -

Towards the end, my mind was still

groggling - I think I overamped on all
the information. -

When you get time - would appreciate your
opinion of my answer to Phil Kase. It
represents my deeply held convictions on
protecting witnesses. - And I hope you
concur that my response are appropriate

Res. -
P.R.

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March 13, 1982

Dr. Peter Rank
Radiology Consultants
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Madison, Wisc. 53703

Dear Dr. Rank:

Let me say that I fully understand your position as an M.D. in terms of confidentiality on the Cash/Landrum incident.

If John Schuessler had addressed the key issue of "before/after" effects in his article published in the Nov. 1981 issue of The MUFON Journal, I would have been spared the trouble of writing to him, to Dr. Niemtzow and to you in an effort to learn something about this all-important issue.

Schuessler made it clear that Landrum's doctor was informed of her medical problems, instructed that she go to a hospital where she remained for 12 days, according to Schuessler's account. Apparently her doctor authorized her release "even though she had shown little improvement." Then, John reports, that Landrum returned to the hospital "for 15 more days." Presumably at the suggestion of her physician. Curiously, his account says nothing of Cash's medical treatment by her physician. In other words, his public account raises, in my mind at least, far more questions than I have encountered ^{before} for such a seemingly well-investigated incident.

For me the key question is whether, or not, both women were in excellent health prior to the incident, with none of the symptoms later reported.

But since that is something which you feel you yourself can not answer because of confidentiality, could you respond to the following:

On the basis of your discussions with one of the principal's doctors, what probability would you assign to the possibility that her post-incident symptoms might have a prosaic explanation, and what probability would you assess that the symptoms could only be explained in terms of an extraordinary phenomenon, such as an extraterrestrial craft with some sort of radiation "weapon". (The sum of these two probability estimates should total 1.0, unless you feel that there is a third alternative not listed above.)

Sincerely,



Rich -

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Philip J. Klass
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Dear Mr. Klass:

Thank you for yours of March 13, 1982, which arrived this morning.

I hasten to reiterate my inability and unwillingness to comment in any way on the Cash/Landrum case for reasons mentioned before.

I would not begin to comment on the pre-incident medical condition of either Betty Cash or Vicki Landrum, nor will I comment on their hospital care, nor will I comment on their post hospitalization condition.

Again, I must say it would be unethical for me to transmit any medical information to an interested third party, regardless of their journalistic or other credentials.

Not only is it unethical, I have no legal authorization to transmit this information.

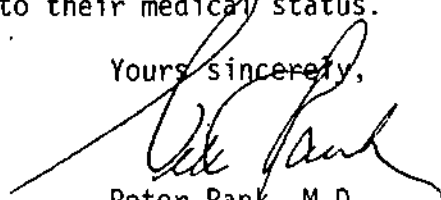
Finally, I do not agree with the philosophy current among people who style themselves Ufologists, of transmitting personal information about informants or witnesses, and I have no sympathy for the journalistic model under which you are laboring.

There is no doubt that we have caused many citizens a great deal of inconvenience, embarrassment, and harrassment by going public with names and private details of their lives as they relate to the entire UFO question. I will not be a party to this in any way.

Furthermore, neither of the adult principles involved in this episode have given me any authorization to release such information to you, and it is unlikely that they will do so in the future.

Again, Mr. John Schuessler is in charge of this case and is the only one that can obtain authorization from the principles to release any information at all, and certainly this applies to their medical status.

Yours sincerely,



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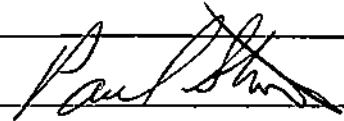
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MARCH 19, 1982

DEAR WALTER ANDRUS:

INCLOSED IS THE EVALUATION INVOLVING
THE CASH-LANDRUM SIGHTING. DR. RAYMOND STANSTROM
REVIEWED THE CALCULATION AND FOUND NO ERRORS.
I AM INCLOSING DR. STANSTROM RESUME' FOR AMPLIFICATION
ON HIS BACKGROUND. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS
OR COMMENTS PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ME.

SINCERELY



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→ (REVISED SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION)
FOR JOURNAL ARTICLE

IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE DEVICE OBSERVED WAS A MILITARY TEST PLATFORM. IF THIS WERE THE CASE, SEVERAL TYPES OF DEVICES COULD CAUSE THE OBSERVED EFFECTS, SUCH AS A NUCLEAR REACTOR OR A LARGE SCALE MAGNETOHYDRODYNAMIC PROPULSION DEVICE. IN EITHER CASE, THESE DEVICES WOULD REQUIRE MASSIVE SHIELDING I.E., WEIGHT TO MAKE IT A MANNED PLATFORM AND WOULD THEREFORE MOST LIKELY DICTATE THAT SUCH A TEST VEHICLE BE REMOTELY PILOTED FOR EARLY DEVELOPMENT. THIS WOULD REQUIRE ^{THAT} THE PILOT BE IN VISUAL CONTACT WITH THE DEVICE, YET MAINTAIN SUFFICIENT DISTANCE TO AVOID EXCESSIVE RADIATION EXPOSURE. ALTHOUGH A TRUE UNKNOWN CANNOT BE DISCOUNTED, IT IS MY ~~CONSIDERED~~ OPINION THAT THIS CASE IS DUE TO A MILITARY DEVICE NOT RESPONDING TO FLIGHT CONTROL SIGNALS AND THE PRINCIPALS IN THIS CASE OBSERVED THE DEVICE DURING ^{THE} SUBSEQUENT RECOVERY OPERATION.

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March 13, 1983

Letters to the Editor
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Dear Sirs:

As one who is actively studying the C-L case, and who has corresponded with Dr. Peter Rank on numerous occasions, I must express my amusement at Paul Stowe's "Technical Review of Radiation Evidence in Cash-Landrum Case" (12/82 issue), and Dr. Rank's response.

Dr. Rank begins his review of the article by congratulating Mr. Stowe for "the depth of his knowledge and the thoroughness of his analysis...I would agree totally with Mr. Stowe's analysis..." He then proceeds to reject many of Stowe's assumptions and conclusions:

(1) Regarding assumption of total body exposure, "This is by no means clear."

(2) Regarding Stowe's estimate of 200-300 rem exposure, "I do not believe that a general dosage level can be assigned..."

(3) Regarding assumption of monoenergetic source, "It is therefore misleading to assume that monoenergetic rays of any kind are the principal determinant of the patients' symptoms."

Dr. Rank reveals that "there were no well-documented changes in the blood..." According to Table 1, which accompanied Stowe's article, this would indicate total body exposure of less than approximately 50 rem, insufficient to account for the reported diarrhea, vomiting, hair loss, and non-healing ulcer. However, if the witnesses managed to ingest additional radiation, and apply still more to their hair (while somehow avoiding total body exposure), perhaps this case would make some sense.

As it now stands, there appears to be no rational support for the speculation that Cash-Landrum represents a genuine radiation exposure case, much less a "UFO" case. I would strongly urge MUFON to encourage the witnesses to take a properly administered polygraph examination (perhaps on F. Lee Bailey's television program "Lie Detector"), to assist those of us who are searching for the truth in this case.

Sincerely,



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PUBLIC RELATIONS REPRESENTATIVE:

I HAVE BEEN ASSISTING A WOMAN AND SMALL BOY THAT WERE BURNED BY RADIATION ABOUT THREE YEARS AGO. THEIR ACCIDENT CAUSED THEM TO HAVE A BAD SKIN CONDITION THAT WAS ONLY HELPED BY ONE OF YOUR PRODUCTS.

THE PRODUCT THEY USED WAS SUN SEEKERS FACTOR 15 ULTRA SUNSAFE LOTION (SHOWN IN THE ATTACHED CATALOG PAGE). IT HEALED THE SORES, AND EVEN REDUCED THE SCARING OF THE TISSUE, CAUSING AN IMPROVED LOOKING SKIN CONDITION.

THE PROBLEM IS THAT YOUR CATALOG NO LONGER CARRIES THE SUN SEEKERS FACTOR 15 LOTION. THE NEWER SUNSAFE TANNING LOTION DOES NOT HELP THEM. YOUR LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE HAS NONE OF THE OLDER PRODUCT IN STOCK.

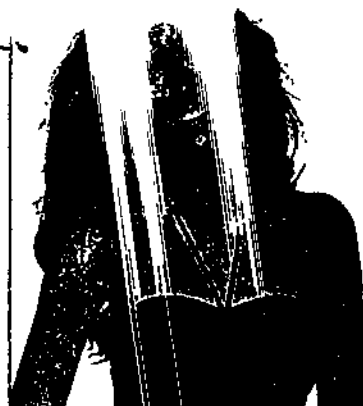
CAN YOU ASSIST US IN FINDING A CASE OF THE SUN SEEKERS FACTOR 15 LOTION? WE WILL BE HAPPY TO PAY SHIPPING CHARGES OR WHATEVER.

THE NAME OF THE VICTIM IS: MRS. VICKIE LANDRUM, RTE 1, BOX 124, DAYTON, TX 77535. THE OTHER VICTIM IS HER SMALL GRANDSON COLBY.

PLEASE ASSIST IF YOU CAN. I WILL BE GLAD SUPPLY WHATEVER REPORTS YOU REQUIRE TO DEMONSTRATE THE SERIOUS NATURE OF THE SKIN CONDITION. RADIATION EXPOSURE DOES HAVE VERY LASTING EFFECTS AND YOUR PRODUCT IS THE ONLY THING WE HAVE FOUND THAT GIVES LONG-LASTING RELIEF WHEN USED AS A BODY LOTION ON OCCASION.

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Sincerely,


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March 21, 1983

Mark Teich

Dear Mark,

The excellent story you wrote in the Feb. 1983 issue of OMNI, UFO UPDATE was a 'sadly familiar one to me.

Because of a Governmental "cover up" I too must suffer the hideous after affects of full spectrum radiation exposure. Like Betty, Vicky, and Goby, the exposure damaged my immune system and left me with the exact symptoms (and some that were not mentioned) in your informational article.

In 1976, doctors gave me up for dead with rapid degeneration that resulted in cancer. Since then I have discovered and learned a simple art of survival that greatly relieves the distress these three individuals now (because of profitable secrets) are forced to suffer.

The every-day-item that will relieve the pressure and stress causing lesions, adrenal crisis (heart attacks & stroke) sells for under \$5.00 and can be purchased in any local hardware store, hobby shop, variety store or farm feed store. Colby has probably recently studied the age old item in first grade science class.

I no longer need to rely on my oxygen tank and am able to lead a some-what normal life style, as are others now using this means of relief. This method of healing is used in a number of foreign countries slowly leaking into this country for those who can find no results through our governmental or medical systems.

I hope this letter finds you soon and that I can be of assistance in this matter, and that it's not too late to help these people the government refuses to help.

Sincerely,

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Reviewed the calculations made by Paul A. Stowe and found no errors.

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EXPERIENCE

Dr. Shanstrom is a Senior Technical Specialist with an extensive background in the area of nuclear-fuel management, water and gas cooled nuclear core design, safety analysis, nuclear power plant operational analysis, and training of utility groups in core-physics and thermal-hydraulics analysis. His current responsibilities at EDS include supervision of a core-physics and thermal-hydraulics analysis group.

In addition to his work at EDS, Dr. Shanstrom is president of his own company, Shanstrom Nuclear Associates, which provides specialized consulting services and certain proprietary nuclear computer programs.

Dr. Shanstrom's past activities include Manager of the Fast-Reactor Physics Group for a nuclear steam supply vendor, and Manager of the Reactor Core Design and Computer Groups for the European branch of this company. Much of this work was related to the preliminary core and primary system design of a variety of nuclear plants including: the Gas Cooled Fast Breeder Reactor (GCFR), the High Temperature Gas Cooled Reactor, the Thermionic Direct Conversion Reactor, the Experimental Beryllium-Oxide Reactor, and the Marine Propulsion Reactor. Dr. Shanstrom is co-patent holder for the GCFR.

Table 6.4

Fast-Neutron Removal Cross Sections and Mass Attenuation Coefficients

Element	Atomic Number	ρ (g/cm ³)	Σ_R/P (Calc.) (cm ² /g)	Σ_R (cm ⁻¹)	Σ_R/P (Exp.) (cm ² /g)	Element	Atomic Number	ρ (g/cm ³)	Σ_R/P (Calc.) (cm ² /g)	Σ_R (cm ⁻¹)	Σ_R/P (Exp.) (cm ² /g)
Aluminum	13	2.699	0.0293	0.0792	0.0292 ± 0.0012	Neodymium	60	6.960	0.0124	0.0861	
Antimony	51	6.691	0.0136	0.0907		Neon	10		0.0340		
Argon	18		0.0244			Nickel	28	8.900	0.0190	0.1693	0.0190 ± 0.0010
Arsenic	33	5.730	0.0173	0.0993		Niobium	41	8.400	0.0153	0.1288	
Barium	56	3.500	0.0129	0.0450		Nitrogen	7		0.0148		
Beryllium	4	9.013	0.0678	0.1248	0.0717 ± 0.0043	Osmium	76	22.480	0.0108	0.2432	
Bismuth	83	9.747	0.0101	0.1003	0.010 ± 0.0010	Oxygen	8		0.0405		0.031 ± 0.002
Boron	5	3.310	0.0575	0.1914	0.0540 ± 0.0054	Palladium	46	12.160	0.0144	0.1747	
Bromine	35	3.120	0.0168	0.0523		Phosphorus	15	1.820	0.0271	0.0493	
Cadmium	48	8.648	0.0140	0.1213		Platinum	78	21.370	0.0107	0.2279	
Calcium	20	1.540	0.0230	0.0354		Potassium	19	6.475	0.0237	0.1533	
Carbon	6	1.670	0.0502	0.0838	0.0407 ± 0.0024	Praseodymium	59	6.500	0.0125	0.0812	
Cerium	58	6.900	0.0126	0.0870		Radium	88	5.000	0.0100	0.0498	
Cesium	55	1.873	0.0130	0.0243		Rhenium	75	20.530	0.0109	0.2238	
Chlorine	17		0.0252		0.020 ± 0.014	Rhodium	45	12.440	0.0145	0.1810	
Chromium	24	6.930	0.0208	0.1436		Rubidium	37	1.532	0.0163	0.0249	
Cobalt	27	8.900	0.0194	0.1728		Ruthenium	44	12.060	0.0147	0.1777	
Copper	29	8.940	0.0186	0.1667	0.0194 ± 0.0011	Samarium	62	7.750	0.0121	0.0941	
Dysprosium	66	8.562	0.0117	0.1003		Scandium	21	3.020	0.0224	0.0676	
Erbium	68	4.770	0.0115	0.0550		Selenium	34	4.800	0.0170	0.0818	
Europium	63	5.166	0.0120	0.0621		Silicon	14	2.420	0.0281	0.0681	
Fluorine	9		0.0361		0.0409 ± 0.0020	Silver	47	10.503	0.0142	0.1491	
Gadolinium	64	7.808	0.0119	0.0938		Sodium	11	0.971	0.0322	0.0313	
Gallium	31	5.903	0.0180	0.1060		Strontium	38	2.540	0.0160	0.0107	
Germanium	32	5.460	0.0176	0.0963		Sulfur	16	2.070	0.0261	0.0540	
Gold	79	19.320	0.0104	0.2045		Tantalum	73	16.600	0.0111	0.1838	
Hafnium	72	13.300	0.0112	0.1484		Tellurium	52	6.240	0.0134	0.0837	
Helium	2		0.1135			Terbium	65		0.0118		
Holmium	67		0.0115			Thallium	81	11.860	0.0104	0.1238	
Indium	49	7.280	0.0139	0.1009		Thorium	90	11.300	0.0098	0.1111	
Iodine	53	4.930	0.0133	0.0654		Thulium	69		0.0114		
Iridium	77	22.420	0.0107	0.2408		Tin	50	6.550	0.0137	0.0598	
Iron	26	7.865	0.0198	0.1560	0.0214 ± 0.0009	Titanium	22	4.500	0.0218	0.0981	
Krypton	36		0.0165			Tungsten	74	19.300	0.0110	0.2120	0.0082 ± 0.0018
Lanthanum	57	6.150	0.0127	0.0783		Uranium	92	18.700	0.0097	0.1816	0.0091 ± 0.0010
Lead	82	11.347	0.0104	0.1176	0.0103 ± 0.0009	Vanadium	23	5.960	0.0213	0.1267	
Lithium	3	0.534	0.0840	0.0449	0.094 ± 0.007	Xenon	54		0.0131		
Lutetium	71		0.0112			Ytterbium	70		0.0113		
Magnesium	12	1.741	0.0307	0.0535		Yttrium	39	3.800	0.0158	0.0599	
Manganese	25	7.420	0.0203	0.1505		Zinc	30	7.140	0.0183	0.1306	
Mercury	80	13.516	0.0105	0.1424		Zirconium	40	6.440	0.0156	0.1001	
Molybdenum	42	10.200	0.0151	0.1543							

THE CASH - LANDRUM UFO SAGA

(CHRONOLOGICAL
EVENTS)

1. MAP OF LOCALITY (SLIDES) (PHOTOS OF BETTY, VICKY, COLBY)
2. DEC. 29, 1980 N. 9:00 PM CST (SLIDES OF EVENT)
- * 3. MEDICAL PROBLEMS FIRST NIGHT BETTY, VICKY, COLBY
4. DEC. 30, 1980 VICKY WENT ACROSS STREET TO THE HOME OF MR. WARD, A DAYTON, TX POLICEMAN, ^{3 DAYS LATER,} HE TOLD HER TO CALL (206) 722-3000 IN WASHINGTON (SEATTLE) ^{WICK} SHE TALKED TO BOB GRIBBLE ON SECOND TRY. AT THE NATIONAL UFO REPORTING CENTER.
5. BOB GRIBBLE FORWARDED REPORT TO APRO IN TUCSON, ARIZ.
6. BILL ENGLISH IN APRO OFFICE CALLED VICKY LANDRUM IN DAYTON, TX, BUT DID NOTHING BUT SCARE HER.
7. BILL ENGLISH CALLED DICK DONOVAN - WEEKLY WORLD NEWS AND SOLD HIM THE STORY LEAD AND INVESTIGATION.
8. JAN 2, 1981 BETTY WAS ~~WAS~~ ADMITTED TO PARKWAY GENERAL HOSPITAL IN HOUSTON TO BE TREATED FOR APPARENT CHEMICAL BURNS. (SHE DID NOT TELL DOCTOR SHENOY ABOUT THE UFO CLOSE ENCOUNTER ~~THE~~ INITIALLY.)
9. DR. SHENOY CALLED IN SPECIALISTS OF ALL KINDS AND CONDUCTED A BATTERY OF TESTS, BUT TO NO AVAIL. HE COULD FIND NOTHING THAT WOULD CAUSE HER CONDITION
10. THE HOSPITAL PEOPLE ^{APPLIED} ~~USE~~ BURN CREAM ON HER FACE TO PREVENT SCARING. ~~SHE~~ BETTY SAID LARGE PATCHES OF TISSUE PEELED FROM HER FACE.
11. DR. SHENOY COULDN'T EXPLAIN THE SWELLING, BURNS OR LOSS OF HAIR. EVENTUALLY, BETTY TOLD HIM OF THE UFO AND HE APPEARED RELIEVED.
12. BETTY LEFT THE HOSPITAL AFTER 15 DAYS CONFINEMENT,

- AFTER 13 DAYS AT HOME,
13. BETTY RETURNED TO THE HOSPITAL ~~ABOUT A WEEK LATER~~, SHE HAD REMAINED SICK, SWELLING CONTINUED, AND HAD HEADACHES. THE VOMITING HAD STOPPED BUT HER APPETITE HAD NOT RETURNED, HER HEALTH WAS GETTING WORSE.
 14. DR. BURMAN, A DERMATOLOGIST PRESCRIBED OINTMENT FOR HER SWOLLEN EYES. INITIALLY, HE HAD APPLIED CORTISONE ON THE SKIN WITH A NEEDLE.
 15. PRESCRIPTIONS WERE PRESCRIBED BY DR. KUMAR.
 16. WHEN BETTY LEFT THE HOSPITAL THE LAST TIME, DR. SHENOY PRACTICALLY INSISTED THAT SHE GO SEE THE MOVIE "HANGAR 18". SHE FELT VERY ILL AS SHE EXITED THE HOSPITAL, BUT SHE DID ATTEND THE MOVIE.
 17. ALL ^{THAT} SHE GOT OUT OF THE MOVIE WAS THE GOVERNMENT CONSPIRACY ASPECT. THIS LEFT HER CONFUSED ABOUT WHY SHE WAS TOLD TO ATTEND. (DR. SHENOY WAS ^{APPARENTLY} SUSPICIOUS)
 18. MRS. LILLY MAHRASIT, A NURSE AT PARKWAY HOSPITAL, ~~WAS~~ ATTENDED BETTY DURING JANUARY 1981 AND CONFIRMED THE HAIR LOSS, BURNS, PAIN, WEAKNESS AND THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE CASE.
 19. VICKY LANDRUM ^{AND COLBY} MEDICAL PROBLEMS SHORTLY AFTER EVENT
 - (a) USED 3 BOTTLES OF BABY OIL ON COLBY'S AND HER FACE
 - (b) SHE AND COLBY HAD DIARRHEA FOR AT LEAST 3 DAYS.
 - (c) COLBY'S WAS SO BAD THAT SHE HAD TO CLEAN HIM LIKE A BABY.
 - (d) THEY BOTH HAD STOMACH ACHES
 - (e) THE HAIR ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF VICKY'S HEAD CAME OUT. SHE SAID HER SCALP FELT LIKE IT WAS ASLEEP.
 - (f) VICKY HAD PROBLEM WITH HER EYES, INFLAMED AND RIGHT ONE

DRAINS CONSTANTLY. (SLIDE OF VICKY)

20. VICKY'S FINGER NAILS ON LEFT HAND WERE DAMAGED.
(THE HAND ON TOP OF THE CAR)

(a) EACH NAIL HAS AN INDENTIN, LINE-LIKE ACROSS FROM SIDE TO SIDE. (INDEX FINGER HAD A HOLE THRU NAIL) PARTIALLY GROWN OUT WHEN SCHUESSLER INTERVIEWED VICKY ON FEB. 28 1981.

21. WHEN APRO DID NOT RESPOND PROPERLY BY CONDUCTING AN INVESTIGATION, BOB GRIBBLE SENT MUFON THIS "INCIDENT REPORT" DATED FEBRUARY 17, 1981 (SLIDE)
WALT ANDRUS CONTACTED JOHN SCHUESSLER UPON RECEIPT OF THE "INCIDENT REPORT".

22. FEB. 20, 1981 5 PM -- CATHY GORDON, A REPORTER FOR THE CONROE (TEXAS) DAILY COURIER AND A FRIEND OF BETTY CASIT CALLED JOHN SCHUESSLER TO SEEK HIS HELP. (CATHY PUBLISHED A TWO PART ARTICLE ON 2/21 & 2/22)

23. FEB 21, 1981 1 PM -- BETTY CASIT CALLED JOHN SCHUESSLER AT NASA IN HOUSTON. SHE HAD TRIED TO CONTACT JOHN EARLIER IN THE WEEK, BUT DUE TO THE FIRST SPACE SHUTTLE ENGINE FIRING HE WAS BUSY.

24. FEB. 22, 1981 -- JOHN INTERVIEWED BETTY CASIT AT HER BROTHER'S APT. IN HOUSTON. (BETTY'S MOTHER WAS PRESENT.)

25. FEB. 28, 1981 -- ALAN HOLT & JOHN SCHUESSLER DROVE TO DAYTON, TEXAS TO INTERVIEW VICKY LANDRUM AND HER GRANDSON COLBY.

26. ~~VICKY~~ VICKY, COLBY, JOHN AND ALAN DROVE TO THE SITE TO RECONSTRUCT THE SIGHTING.

(a) ~~THE~~ SPOT WHERE THEY BELIEVED THEY STOPPED THEIR CAR NEAR INTERSECTION OF INLAND RD. & HUFFMAN - NEW CANEY ROAD

(b) ALAN HOLT WALKED SOUTH UNTIL HE WAS UNDER WHERE

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OBJECT HOVERED PER VICKY & COLBY

(c) JOHN STEPPED OFF DISTANCE AS 133 FT.

(d) AT THAT POINT VICKY & COLBY SAID THE OBJECT WAS BIGGER THAN THE DAYTON, TX ~~TO~~ WATER TOWER.

27. MARCH 6, 1981 -- JOHN SCHUESSLER CONSULTED WITH DR. RICHARD NIEMTZW, MUFON CONSULTANT IN RADIATION (I. E. LOSS OF HAIR, DIARRHEA, AND LINES ACROSS FINGER NAILS.) DR. NIEMTZW ADVISED THAT ALL ARE SYMPTOMS OF RADIATION EXPOSURE.

28. MARCH 12, 1981 -- DR. PETER RANK, A RADIATION SPECIALIST IN MADISON, WISCONSIN, AND MUFON CONSULTANT OFFERED HIS SERVICES AT THE REQUEST OF THE FUND FOR UFO RESEARCH.

29. MARCH 16, 1981 DR. J. ALLEN HYNK CALLED JOHN SCHUESSLER AND EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN THIS CASE AND SIMILARITIES TO STEVEN MICHILAK CASE IN CANADA (SLIDE)

30. MARCH 19, 1981 BETTY CASH STILL HAS EYE IRRITATIONS, WEAKNESS, HEADACHES & NO ENERGY. SHE IS GETTING BLISTERS ON HER BODY - ARMS, LEGS, AND BACK.

31. BETTY CASH IDENTIFIED MOST OF THE HELICOPTERS AS CH 47 CHINOOKS (TWIN ROTORS). THE SECOND TYPE WEREN'T CLOSE ENOUGH TO MAKE A POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION.

32. MARCH 20, 1981 IN REPLY TO A KIRK RADIO NEWS ITEM JERRY MAC DONALD OF DAYTON, TX SAID HE WAS IN HIS BACKYARD WORKING ON A SEWER PROBLEM BETWEEN 8 & 9 P.M. ON DEC, 29, 1980. A LARGE OBJECT CAME SLOWLY ACROSS THE AREA. IT WAS BRIGHT, RED IN CENTER AND FIRE IN THE BACK. IT CREEPT ALONG, HOVERED, AND RUMBLLED. IT WAS FRIGHTENING. IT WAS AT AN ALTITUDE OF 200 FT. (TWICE THE HEIGHT OF FOOTBALL FIELD LIGHTS)

~~33. ~~MARCH~~ APRIL 23, 1981 BETTY CASH WAS AT HER SISTERS HOME IN BIRMINGHAM, ALA. IN GENERAL HER HEALTH WAS BETTER, HER HAIR IS STILL MISSING, SO SHE NOW WEARS A WIG. THE BIG BLISTERS SWELL UP, THEN BREAK, LEAVING A LARGE RED BLOTCH ON HER SKIN,~~

33. MARCH 24, 1981 WEEKLY WORLD NEWS HEADLINE "3 SURVIVE UFO ATTACK" WITH FULL PAGE ARTICLE BY DICK DONOVAN
35. APRIL 24, 1981 VICKY ~~LEWIS~~ LANDRUM WAS MAD ABOUT THE INACCURATE ARTICLE PUBLISHED IN THE 4/28/81 ISSUE OF THE GLOBE. VICKY HAS BEEN GOING TO THE LIBERTY TEXAS HEALTH CLINIC WEEKLY FOR 4 WEEKS, ^{SHE HAS ALWAYS HAD LOW BLOOD PRESSURE.} ABOUT 4 WEEKS AGO SHE WAS FEELING SICK, DIZZY AND ABOUT TO FAINT. HER PRESSURE WAS 100/87, THEN 142/84 NEXT WEEK, 120/80 THE FOLLOWING AND 110/80 THIS WEEK.
36. VICKY AND COLBY WILL ENTER THE UNIV. OF TEXAS MEDICAL BRANCH AT GALVESTON, TX TO BE TESTED FOR RADIATION EXPOSURE. SHE WILL GET HER EYES CHECKED ALSO. DR. CHANDLER IN DAYTON HAS BEEN TREATING HER EYES.
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37. APRIL 28, 1981 -- MR MICHAEL MARR REPRESENTING THE TV PROGRAM "THAT'S INCREDIBLE" PRODUCED BY ALLAN LANDSBERG WAS INTERESTED IN HAVING VICKY, BETTY AND COLBY APPEAR ON A FUTURE SEGMENT. JOHN TRIED TO DISCOURAGE IT.
38. APRIL 30, 1981 CH-47 LANDED AT DAYTON, TX AS PART OF A CELEBRATION. SHE AND COLBY WENT INSIDE AND TALKED TO THE CREW. IT HAD ARMY AND COAST GUARD MARKINGS.
39. MAY 17, 1981. VICKY LANDRUM PROVIDED PHOTOGRAPH OF ONE OF THE CH-47 HELICOPTERS AND THE NAME OF THE PILOT WHO CLAIMED TO HAVE FLOWN AFTER THE UFO NEAR HUFFMAN, TX ON DEC. 29, 1980 -- CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER. WILLY CULBERTSON, (SLIDE)

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40. JOHN MET WITH A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE U.S. ARMY AND TEXAS NATIONAL GUARD. THE HELICOPTER BELONGED TO THE 136TH TRANSPORTATION COMPANY. THE COMMANDING OFFICER IS MAJOR DEL LIVINGSTON. THE UNIT HAS 10 CH-47's AT GRAND PRAIRIE, TX (NEAR DALLAS) AT THE DALLAS NAVAL AIR STATION AND 8 CH-47's STATIONED AT ELLINGTON AFB NEAR HOUSTON.
41. JULY 3, 1981 -- ALLEN HENDRY PREPARED LETTERS TO MAIL TO U.S. SENATORS JOHN TOWER AND LLOYD BENSON, ~~AND~~ SIGNED BY BETTY CASH AND VICKY LANDRUM. TO SEEK ^{THE SENATORS} ~~THE~~ HELP SINCE THE HELICOPTERS WERE MILITARY. (FRED WHITING WAS THE REFERENCE FUROR)
42. JULY 15, 1981 -- TV CREW FOR "THAT'S INCREDIBLE" FILMED AT VICKY LANDRUM'S HOME IN DAYTON. (JOHN SCHVESSLER WAS PRESENT.) STUART SCHWARTZ (ASSOCIATE PRODUCER)
43. JULY 19, 1981 EDITOR OF SCIENCE DIGEST ~~WAS~~ CALLED VICKY LANDRUM AND WANTS TO DO A STORY FOR THEIR MAGAZINE.
44. AUGUST 17, 1981 -- JOHN SCHVESSLER CALLED EACH OF THE 6 HOT AIR BALLOON GROUPS IN THE HOUSTON AREA TO DETERMINE WHETHER ANY OF THEM FLEW ON DEC. 29, 1980. EMPHATIC NO, SINCE NONE ARE CERTIFIED FOR NIGHT FLIGHTS AND NONE FLEW THAT DAY SINCE IT WAS TOO ROUGH AND TOO CLOSE TO THE HOUSTON INTERCONTINENTAL AIRPORT.
45. AUGUST 29, 1981 -- VICKIE WENT TO DR. CHANDLER AND ANOTHER SPECIALIST BECAUSE OF FURTHER PROBLEMS WITH HER LEFT EYE. SHE NOW SEES OUT OF A VERY NARROW CONE OR FUNNEL, THE DOCTORS SURMISE SHE MAY HAVE OPTIC NERVE DAMAGE. COLBY'S EYESIGHT HAS DEGRADED SIGNIFICANTLY IN THE PAST MONTHS. HE JUST RECEIVED GLASSES FROM DR. CHANDLER AND IS TO WEAR THEM DURING ALL WAKING HOURS.

46, SEPT. 9, 1981 VICKY LANDRUM EXAMINED AT THE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY. IT APPEARS THAT THE BACK OF THE EYE IS OK, BUT IT IS DAMAGED AROUND THE EDGES.

47, SEPT 10, 1981 VICKY AND COLBY LANDRUM FLY TO LOS ANGELES FOR STUDIO TAPING OF "THAT'S INCREDIBLE". VICKY HAS AGREED TO BE ~~THE~~ A HYPNOSIS SESSION BY DR R. LED SPRINKLE. (SLIDE)

48, SEPT. 21, 1981 -- A DAYTON, TX POSTAL CLERK NAMED ANGIE STANLEY SAID SHE WITNESSED THE DEC. 29, 1980 UFO. SHE WAS DRIVING TO DAYTON FROM NEW CANBY OF FM 1485 WHEN SHE OBSERVED A HUGE OBJECT WITH BRIGHT LIGHTS OVER THE PINE TREES.

HIGHLIGHTS THAT MUST BE INCLUDED

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TEXAS

1. U.S. SENATORS ~~DE~~ JOHN TOWER (R) AND LLOYD BENSON BOTH ADVISED BETTY CASH & VICKY LANDRUM TO FILE THEIR CLAIM WITH THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE AT BERGSTROM AFB IN AUSTIN, TX. - WHICH THEY DID. AUGUST 1981
2. FIRST RESPONSE FROM AN AIR FORCE SPOKESMAN/WOMAN WAS THAT THE U.S.A.F. DOESN'T FLY CH-47 CHINOOK HELICOPTERS THEREFORE ~~SO~~ THEY WERE NOT RESPONSIBLE.
3. THE TV PROGRAM "THAT'S INCREDIBLE" DISTURBED SOME OF OUR CONGRESSMEN IN WASHINGTON, DC, THEY ASKED THE PENTAGON TO INVESTIGATE. (FILMED IN SEPT. 1981)
4. WHEN THE SUMMER REPEATS CAME ON ~~IN~~ IN 1982, THEY AGAIN ASKED THE PENTAGON TO INVESTIGATE, SINCE NO REPORT HAD BEEN FORTHCOMING.
5. MARCH 18, 1982 BETTY CASH, VICKY & COLBY LANDRUM AND JOHN SCHVESSLER APPEARED ON THE TV PROGRAM "GOOD MORNING AMERICA" LIVE
6. ~~LT. COL. GEORGE~~ 3/19/82 LT. COL. GEORGE SARRAN, U.S. ARMY INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE^{WASHINGTON, DC} CALLED JOHN SCHVESSLER TO INQUIRE ABOUT ~~HELICOPTER~~ THE CASE.
7. MAY 25, 1982 LT. COL. SARRAN CAME TO HOUSTON TO PERSONALLY INVESTIGATE. JOHN HAD MADE APPOINTMENTS FOR INTERVIEWS WITH A LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT INCLUDED WITNESSES, HELICOPTER GROUP COMMANDERS, POLICE OFFICERS, ET,
8. MAY 25, 1982 COL. SARRAN & JOHN BOTH ~~WAS~~ AUDIO TAPED ALL INTERVIEWS. ~~UNDER~~ PER ^{CONDITIONS} AGREEMENT, (~~COL.~~ COL. SARRAN DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO OPERATE HIS TAPE RECORDER ~~AT~~ WHEN VICKY LANDRUM WAS INTERVIEWED FIRST (COPY SENT TO PETER GERSTEN) FRED WHITING F.O.L.A.

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9. MARCH 29, 1983 -- BETTY CASH DEVELOPED CANCER,
UNDERWENT SURGERY FOR REMOVAL OF HER RIGHT BREAST
10. APRIL 13, 1983 -- BETTY EXPERIENCING HEALING PROBLEMS,
THE SKIN GRAFT IS NOT HEALING,
11. BETTY CASH HAS SINCE HAD A HEART
ATTACK, -- ONE OF SEVERAL



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20310

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

DAIG-ZXF

19 AUG 1982

Mr. Frederic L. Whiting
3848 Brighton Court
Alexandria, VA 22305

Dear Mr. Whiting:

This responds to your letter of 27 July 1982 requesting a copy of a report of investigation. Your request was received in this office for reply on 6 August 1982.

Inspector general records are closely protected and controlled in order that the inspector general may effectively fulfill his responsibility as the confidential representative of his commander. It is my position that the records you have requested are exempt from mandatory release under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 USC 552(b)(5), (6) and (7) and paragraphs 2-12e, f and g, AR 340-17; however, I have considered your request and, as the Initial Denial Authority, have decided to furnish you the records with the following exceptions:

a. Certain portions of the report that contain the opinions, conclusions and recommendations of the officer conducting the investigation. This material is considered to be intra-agency memoranda and, as such, is exempt from mandatory release under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 USC 552(b)(5) and (7) and paragraphs 2-12e and g, AR 340-17. In order for an inspector general to serve his commander effectively, he must be able to communicate frankly and fully without concern for public disclosure.

b. Certain portions which contain material concerning other individuals, the release of which would be considered an unwarranted invasion of the individuals' privacy. This material is exempt from mandatory release under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 USC 552(b)(6) and (7) and paragraphs 2-12f and g, AR 340-17.

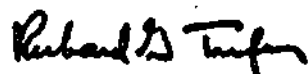
c. Certain portions of the record did not originate within the U.S. Army inspector general system of records. These documents have been referred to the US Air Force inspector general, in accordance with Army Regulation 340-17. If you desire to appeal this initial denial, you should submit your appeal through this office to the Secretary of the Army, ATTN: General Counsel, Washington, DC 20310.

DAIG-ZXF

Mr. Frederic L. Whiting

The releasable portions of the records are inclosed. The fees chargeable for search and reproduction of this material are hereby waived.

Sincerely,



RICHARD G. TREFRY
Lieutenant General, USA
The Inspector General

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As stated

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Alexandria, VA 22305

July 27, 1982

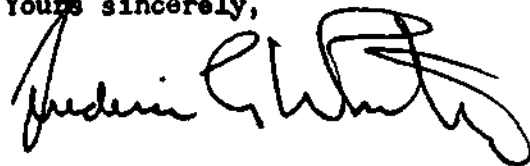
Inspector General
Department of the Army
Attention: FOIA Coordinator
The Pentagon
Washington, DC 20310

Dear Sir:

Under terms of the U. S. Freedom of Information Act, I hereby request that you furnish me a copy of all U. S. Army records relating to the widely publicized Cash-Landrum incident of December 29, 1980, near Dayton, Texas, in which figured a flight of military helicopters.

It is assumed that these records include both printed material and audio/video recordings of interviews; that they contain the incident's entire investigative case file developed by your investigator Lt. Col. George Sarra, USA; that they reveal the identity, mission purpose, and post-flight accounts of the helicopter crews involved; that they include all Serious Incident Reports (SIR) on the extent of any military operations associated with the incident; and that they include all records on the incident produced by the Army's Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence.

Yours sincerely,



Frederic L. Whiting

Copy furnished to:

Chairman, Subcommittee on Government Information and Individual Rights,
U. S. House of Representatives

DAIG-AC UFO Incident

Proposed Reply

CALL

DAIG-AC

ATTN: Mr. Naler

LTC Sarra/nr/51578

. Attached is a draft reply to a Member of Congress concerning DAIG investigation of the 70 incident that allegedly occurred the evening of 29 December 1980.

. Request you furnish this office your final response so we may close our file.

OR THE INSPECTOR GENERAL:

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SIGNED

ROBERT A. HARLESTON

Colonel, IG

Chief, Assistance Division

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Dear Mr. Wyden:

This is in final response to your 16 February 1982 request to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for information concerning possible military involvement in an alleged UFO incident that occurred 29 December 1980 near the town of Dayton, Texas. An inspector general inquiry has been completed.

The allegation that Army, Army National Guard, or Army Reserve helicopters might have been involved on the evening of 29 December 1980 is not substantiated. Agencies queried included major Army commands, Army installations, test and evaluation agencies, National Guard and Reserve flying detachments, the Houston police helicopter unit, and others. Interviews were conducted with the victims and other persons thought to have information concerning the incident.

There was no evidence developed which supported the contention that Army helicopters were involved.

Sincerely,

Honorable Ron Wyden
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

UFO Incident

MFR:

26 Apr 82

Have made numerous inquiries as to the possibility that the Army may have been involved in the UFO incident in Dec 1980. All feedback has been negative. Will forward to the Houston area to inquire about helicopters that supposedly surrounded the "UFO" that caused severe burns to the people involved. Key players are John Schusaler, 713-483-2609, Dr. Niemtzow (a) 837-2140, Dr. Rank (Radiologist) 608-251-2371. COA: 1121 (Request for info). 26 Apr. No suspense.


G. C. SARRAN
LTC, MG

MFR: see memo to Div Chief

18 June

DAIG-AC

MEMORANDUM FOR DIVISION CHIEF

The allegation that Army, National Guard, or Army Reserve helicopters might have been involved in a UFO incident that occurred 29 December 1980 _____

DISCUSSION:

This case was given to Army Congressional Liaison by AF Congressional Liaison after the AF could not determine any involvement. The three victims (two women and a young boy) clearly recall viewing some 23 helicopters orbiting around the object. Through the process of identifying silhouettes, some of the helicopters were determined to be twin rotors, or CH47s (Chinooks). Since the Army has the preponderance of troop and heavy equipment helicopters, the case was transferred to the DAIG for inquiry.

The DAIG inquiry focused exclusively on the question whether Army, Army National Guard or Army Reserve helicopters were involved in this incident. There was no effort to substantiate the existence of unidentified flying objects (UFOs), the events that happened that evening, or the medical problems that allegedly have occurred to the three victims.

Prior to visiting the site area, numerous phone calls were made to the different Army commands to request that records be checked to determine if any helicopters were flying at the approximate time and location of the reported incident. It is noted that the site of the incident is some 35 miles northeast of Houston, Texas, near Dayton, Texas. The reported time and date were between 2100 hrs and 2130 hrs, 29 December 1980 (Monday). There were no scheduled maneuvers in the area, and most Army units traditionally observe very limited operations on half day schedules.

Requests for assistance for any pertinent information were made to FORSCOM, Operation and Reserve Training Division, and program director for new systems; TRADOC, Operations and Training; Aviation Command, project manager for aviation systems; DARCOM-IG; TEOOM; OTEA; DCSRTA; Fort Hood-IG; TCATA (at Fort Hood), and the Corpus Christi repair facility. Coordination was made with John Schussler, project director for manned flight operations with NASA, Major Dennis Haire local commander for eight Chinook Texas National Guard helicopters stationed at Ellington AFB, south of Houston; and CW4 Gustofson, senior AST for seven Army Reserve huey helicopters stationed at Tomball civilian airfield, northwest of Houston. Other coordination was made with Dr. Rank, M.D., Radiologist; and Dr. Niemtzow, M.D., USAF, Radiation Oncologist (specializing in radiation for cancer patients); both of whom had interest and knowledge in the case. After a period of time to thoroughly check flight records, all reports concerning any known helicopters flying in that general area were negative.

A trip was then made to the Texas site area to interview people with pertinent knowledge. John Schussler was interviewed. He had followed the case since February 1981 and was thoroughly conversant with all aspects of the case. Vicki Landrum (older of two women victims) was interviewed. She testified as

to the events that evening. She was adamant that she and the other two victims (Betty Cash and her grandson) had counted approximately 23 helicopters flying around the object shortly after the object had ascended back in the sky. She related the medical disorders that have happened to each of the three victims; including sores on skin, hair falling out, blackened fingernails, constant diarrhea, loss of appetite, and diminished eyesight. The medical evidence of deterioration of health seems almost irrefutable, but was not a primary consideration in the DAIG inquiry.

Ms. Landrum related an experience she had in May 1981, some 5 months after the alleged incident. An Army National Guard helicopter (CH47) from Ellington AFB landed in the Dayton town square to be on static display for a local celebration. In a conversation with the aircraft pilot, CW3 Culberson, Mrs. Landrum heard him to say that he was flying the evening of the incident in response to an emergency by the Montgomery County Sherriff's Department. When pressed for more details, the pilot responded that he was prohibited from adding more information because of national security. After the interview with Ms. Landrum the DAIG investigator telephoned Ms. Betty Case in Alabama to corroborate or add any knowledge to the incident supplied by Ms. Landrum. Ms. Cash had moved to Alabama some months earlier so that her mother could take care of her because of the continued deterioration of her health allegedly caused by the incident. The 8 year old boy was not interviewed.

Next, a local Dayton policeman and his wife were interviewed. He recalled a conversation that he had with his wife at approximately 0040 hours, 30 December 1981, some 3 hours after the alleged sighting by the three victims, as they were returning from a visit to her parents' home. Some 8 miles from Dayton and within 5 miles of the earlier sighting, the policeman and his wife heard loud noises and noticed helicopters flying in groups of three in a "V" formation. They vividly remember discussing that some maneuvers must be going on nearby, the lateness of the hour (sometime between 0030 hrs and 0100 hrs), the helicopters were flying lower than normal (400 or 500 feet from ground level), they were twin rotors, and some of the helicopters periodically would turn on spotlights or landing lights which indicated they might be looking for something. Although the policeman discussed his experience with others at the office the next day neither he nor his wife could give any other names of people who might also have seen helicopters that evening.

A trip was made to Conroe, TX to interview the local sheriff. Neither he, his deputies, nor the dispatcher on duty the night in question could recall any emergency or any reason why helicopters might have been requested or flying.

Chief Warrant Officer Culberson, full time employee and maintenance officer for eight Texas National Guard helicopters at Ellington AFB stated that he remembers talking to Ms. Landrum while his aircraft was on static display in Dayton, TX. However, he emphatically stated that he was not flying that evening, he knows of no one who was flying, and his response to Ms. Landrum was simply that he had heard on the media that some helicopters responded to a request for assistance by the Montgomery County Sheriff's Department.

Major Haire, the National Guard detachment commander and CW3 Culberson's CO, stated that none of his aircraft were flying that evening. He further stated that it would be most unusual for any flying on a Monday evening. Virtually all flying in the unit is done on week-ends with occasional make-up flying done on Thursday evenings. Also, all flight missions must have his approval before the flight.

An interview was conducted with CW4 Gustofson, the senior full time administrator for the seven Army Reserve huey helicopters located at Tomball Airfield on the northern edge of Houston. He stated that none of his helicopters were flying that evening. He further stated that six of his seven helicopters had large painted red and white crosses which would have been clearly visible from the ground, even during reasonable darkness. He stated that if any of his helicopters were flying that evening, he would necessarily have been involved.

Additional inquiries were made to the captain of the Houston Police Department in charge of helicopter operations, the local FAA spokesman, and the civilian helicopter repair facility at Montgomery County Airport. No one had any knowledge of helicopters flying in the area.


Mr. John Schussler stated that another person had earlier told him that he saw helicopters flying at the approximate time of the incident. However, that person refused to be interviewed or otherwise cooperate in the inquiry.

Upon returning to Washington, DC, requests for information were made to the IG at the JFK Center, Special Operations, AF and Navy IGs, CIA, and the Bergstrom AFB JAG. In response to letters from Senators Tower, Bentsen, and Congressman Wilson, representatives of the JAG at Bergstrom AFB interviewed the two ladies and the boy in August 1981. The results of the interview were provided this office. Although the apparent purpose of the interview was to submit a claim against the government, the JAG office at Bergstrom AFB presently knows of no claim submitted by the victims or their lawyer. In summary, no one could provide pertinent information that might involve Army helicopters.

GENERAL COMMENT

Ms. Landrum and Ms. Cash were credible. The DAIG investigator felt

The policeman and his wife were also credible witnesses. There was no perception that anyone was trying to exaggerate the truth. All interviewees were extremely cooperative and eager to be helpful in any manner. Through the course of inquiry the DAIG investigating officer tried to concentrate on any reason or anyone or organization which might have been flying helicopters that particular evening in that general area. There was no evidence presented that would indicate that Army, National Guard, or Army Reserve helicopters were involved.


GEORGE C. SARRAN
Lieutenant Colonel, IG
Assistance Division



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20324

Mr. Peter A. Gersten
Attorney at Law
191 E. 161st St.
Bronx, NY 10451

28 MAY 1983

Re: Personal Injury Claims of Betty Cash Vickie Landrum
and Colby Landrum

Dear Mr. Gersten

Your clients' claims for personal injury allegedly caused by an overflight of an unidentified flying object and unidentified helicopters on 29 Dec 80, have been considered under the provisions of the Military Claims Act, 10 U.S.C. 2733, and are denied.

The reason for this decision is that the attendant facts fail to establish that the unidentified flying object or helicopters were owned or operated by the United States government or any agency or instrumentality thereof.

If your clients are dissatisfied with this decision, they have the right to appeal to higher authority within the Air Force within 60 days of the date of mailing of this letter. No particular form is necessary. However, the appeal should state the basis thereof and should indicate any additional evidence they have to further substantiate the claim. Any appeal should be addressed to HQ USAF/JACC, 1900 Half Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20324.

Sincerely

R. R. SEMPLE, Colonel USAF
Chief, Claims & Tort Litigation Staff
Office of The Judge Advocate General



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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20324

2 SEP 1983

Mr. Peter A. Gersten
Gagliardi, Torres and Gersten
27 North Broadway
Tarrytown, NY 10591

Re: Appeal of Personal Injury Claims of Betty Cash, Vicki
Landrum and Colby Landrum

Dear Mr. Gersten

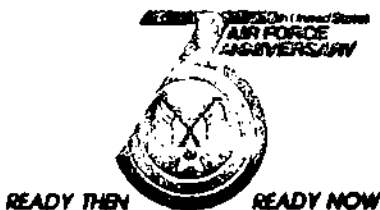
The appeals of your clients' claims for personal injuries allegedly caused by an overflight of an unidentified flying object and unidentified helicopters on 29 December 1980 have been considered under 10 U.S.C. 2733 and are denied.

The reason for this decision is that the facts as alleged by the claimants fail to establish that their injuries were caused in any way by the United States Government or any of its agencies or instrumentalities. You should not consider the acceptance and subsequent denial of this claim as an admission of the truth of any facts alleged by your clients. Our investigation has revealed no evidence of involvement by any military personnel, equipment or aircraft in this alleged incident. The arguments you presented to establish liability of the government are not supported by any case or statutory law.

This is the final administrative action that can be taken on your clients' claims. This denial also satisfies the administrative filing requirements of the Federal Tort Claims Act. Based on this denial, your clients have the right to file suit against the government in an appropriate United States District Court not later than six months from the date of the mailing of this letter of denial.

Sincerely

CHARLES M. STEWART, Colonel, USAF
Director of Civil Law
Office of The Judge Advocate General



IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION

CLERK, U.S. DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

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BY DEPUTY: *[Signature]*

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and COLBY LANDRUM

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

CIVIL ACTION H-84-348

ORDER

Came on for consideration Plaintiff's unopposed motion
for continuance of the trial setting in this case, and the Court
having considered same, it is ORDERED that the motion is GRANTED.

It is further ORDERED that this case is reset for Docket
Call on September 3, 1985, at 11:00 a.m., to be called for trial
in its numerical order.

DONE at Houston, Texas, this 3/4 day of January, 1985.

[Signature]
United States District Judge

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

BETTY CASH, VICKI LANDRUM, INDIVIDUALLY
AND AS GUARDIAN AD LITEM OF
COLBY LANDRUM

Plaintiffs,)	Amended Complaint
v.)	Civil Action, File Number H-84-348
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)	
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)	
Defendant.)	
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FIRST COUNT

1. This action arises under the Federal Tort Claims Act, 28 USC 1346 (b) , 2671 et seq., as hereinafter more fully appears. Before this action was instituted, the claims set forth herein was presented to the Department of the Air Force on December 20, 1982. Final denial of these claims, by the Department of the Air Force, was issued on September 2, 1983 and this suit was commenced within six months of said denial.

2. Plaintiff Betty Cash resides at 209 48th Street, Birmingham, Alabama. Plaintiff Vicki Landrum is the grandmother of Colby Landrum and both plaintiffs reside at 506 West Clayton, Dayton, Texas within the Jurisdiction of this Court.

3. During all times herein-after mentioned, defendant owned and operated military CH-47 double rotary type helicopters and an experimental aerial device of a hazardous nature.

4. On the evening of December 29, 1980 plaintiff Betty Cash was driving an automobile with two passengers, plaintiffs Vicki and Colby Landrum. At approximately 9:00 pm on FM Road 1485, 7 miles outside of New Caney, Texas, plaintiffs observed a large unconventional aerial object which was emitting a glow and flames. Plaintiff Betty Cash was forced to stop her automobile when the aerial object blocked the road. The plaintiffs exited the automobile and observed the object as it hovered at treetop level approximately 135 feet from them. The plaintiffs experienced intense and excruciating heat emanating from the object. After several minutes plaintiffs returned to the vehicle and the aerial object ascended. Plaintiffs then observed the object together with many military appearing helicopters, including several CH 47s double rotary type. The helicopters appeared to be escorting and/or safeguarding the object.

5. At all times hereinbefore mentioned defendant did not use proper care and skill in failing to warn or protect plaintiffs from said experimental aerial device which was clearly hazardous in nature.

6. At all times hereinbefore mentioned, defendant negligently, carelessly, and recklessly allowed said experimental aerial device to fly over a publicly used road and come in contact with plaintiffs.

7. Solely by reason of defendant's carelessness and negligence as aforesaid, plaintiff Betty Cash experienced the following symptoms and injuries: Erythema, acute photophthalmia, impaired vision, dystrophic changes in the nails, stomach pains, nausea,

vomiting, diarrhea, anorexia, loss of energy, lethargy, scarring and loss of pigmentation, excessive hair loss and hair regrowth of a different texture and cancer and removal of right breast. The extent of permanent disability is unknown at this time and the plaintiff's condition is subject to deterioration. The plaintiff has suffered and continues to suffer great pain of body and mind and incurred expenses for medical attention and hospitalization in the sum of TEN MILLION (\$10,000,000.00) DOLLARS.

8. The aforesaid injuries were caused solely by the defendant, its agents, servants or employees and without any negligence on the part of the plaintiff contributing thereto.

9. If the defendant were a private person, it would be liable to the plaintiff in accordance with the law of Texas.

WHEREFORE plaintiff Betty Cash demands judgement against defendant, in the sum of TEN MILLION (\$10,000,000.00) DOLLARS and costs.

SECOND COUNT

10. Plaintiff Vicki Landrum repeats and realleges each and all of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 6 as well as those contained in paragraph 9 of the First Count of this complaint with like effect as if herein fully repeated.

11. As a result of the above mentioned incident, plaintiff Vicki Landrum, experienced the following symptoms and injuries: Photophthalmia, greatly diminished vision, stomach pains, diarrhea, anorexia, ulceration of the arms, scarring and loss of pigmentation, anichomadesis, hair loss and regrowth of a different texture. The extent of permanent disability is unknown at this time and the plaintiff's condition is subject to deterioration.

The plaintiff has suffered and continues to suffer great pain of body and mind and has incurred expenses for medical attention and hospitalization in the sum of FIVE MILLION (\$5,000,000.00) DOLLARS.

12. The aforesaid injuries were caused solely by the defendant, its agents, servants, or employees, and without any negligence on the part of the plaintiff contributing thereto.

WHEREFORE Plaintiff Vicki Landrum demands judgement against defendant in the sum of FIVE MILLION (\$5,000,000.00) DOLLARS, and costs.

THIRD COUNT

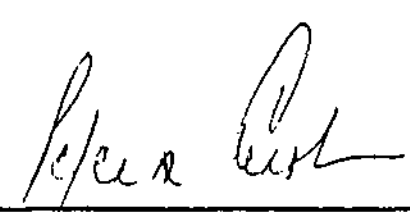
3. Plaintiff Colby Landrum repeats and realleges each and all of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 6 as well as those contained in paragraph 9 of the First Count of this Complaint with like effect as if herein fully repeated.

14. As a result of the above mentioned incident plaintiff Colby Landrum experienced the following symptoms and injuries: erythema, eyes swollen and watery, progressive deterioration of vision, stomach pains, diarrhea, anorexia, weight loss, and an increase in tooth decay. At the time of the incident, the plaintiff became terrified and hysterical. He suffered from nightmares for several weeks thereafter and continues to display extreme anxiety and fear at the sight of helicopters. The extent of permanent disability is unknown at this time and the plaintiff's condition is subject to deterioration. The plaintiff has suffered and continues to suffer great pain of body and of mind exacerbated by his age, and has incurred expenses for medical attention and hospitalization in the sum of FIVE MILLION (\$5,000,000.00) DOLLARS.

15. The aforesaid injuries were caused solely by the defendant, its agents, servants, or employees, and without any negligence on the part of the plaintiff contributing thereto.

WHEREFORE Plaintiff Vicki Landrum as Guardian ad litem for plaintiff Colby Landrum demands judgement against defendant in the sum of FIVE MILLION (\$5,000,000.00) DOLLARS and costs.

Signed: _____


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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
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BETTY CASH et al

Plaintiffs

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Defendants

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CIVIL ACTION NO. H-84-3488

**FIRST REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS
OF PLAINTIFF, BETTY CASH et al
ADDRESSED TO DEFENDANT**

Pursuant to Rule 34 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure Plaintiff, Betty Cash hereby requests that Defendant, United States of America produce the documents requested below for the inspection and copying at the offices of Barfield and Ross, 3410 Mount Vernon, Houston, Texas 77006 within thirty (30) days after service of this Request or at such other time and place as agreed upon by the parties in writing.

I. DEFINITIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS:

1. "Document" and "documents" shall be used in their broadest sense and shall mean and include all written, printed, typed, recorded, or graphic matter of any kind and description, both originals and copies, and all attachments and appendices thereto. Without limiting the foregoing, the terms "document" and "documents" shall include all agreements, contracts, communications, correspondence, letters, telegrams, telegrams, telexes, messages, memoranda, records, reports,

books, summaries, or other records of personal conversations, minutes or summaries or other records of meetings and conferences, summaries or other records of negotiations, other summaries, diaries, diary entries, calendars, appointment books, time records, instructions, work assignments, visitor records, forecasts, statistical data, statistical statements, financial statements, work sheets, work papers, drafts, graphs, maps, plats, charts, drawings, tables, accounts, analytical records, consultants' reports, appraisals, bulletins, brochures, pamphlets, circulars, trade letters, press releases, notes, notice, marginal notations, notebooks, telephone bills or records, bills, statements, records of obligation and expenditure, lists, journals, advertising, recommendations, files, printouts, compilations, tabulations, purchase orders, receipts, sell orders, confirmations, checks, cancelled checks, letters of credit envelopes or folders or similar containers, vouchers, analyses, studies, surveys, transcripts of hearings, transcripts or testimony, expense reports, transparencies, microfilm, microfiche, articles, speeches, tape or disc recordings, sound recordings, video recordings, film, tape, photographs, slides, punch cards, programs, data compilations from which information can be obtained (including matter used in data processing), and other printed, written, handwritten,

typewritten, recorded, stenographic, computer-generated, computer-stored, or electronically stored matter, however and by whomever produced, prepared, reproduced, disseminated, or made. The terms "document" and "documents" shall include all copies of documents by whatever means made, except that where a documents is identified or produced, identical copies thereof which do not contain any markings, additions, or deletions different from the original need not be separately produced. "Document" and "documents" means and includes all matter within the foregoing description that is in the possession, control or custody of the plaintiff or in the possession, control or custody of any attorney for the plaintiff.

2. Unless otherwise indicated, the documents requested are those prepared or received by you from January 1, 1980 to the date the documents requested are produced, or which relate to that period of time.

3. With respect to any document which you claim is covered by any privilege, please identify the author and all recipients, the date of the document and give a brief description of the nature and subject matter of the document and the grounds on which you claims the document is privileged.

4. The facilities from which the requested information refers in the following requests are Ft. Hood, Ft. Sill, Ft. Polk and any Navy vessels capable of carrying and launching CH-47 helicopters in the Gulf of Mexico on the dates noted.

EXHIBIT A

1. Names and addresses of any and all temporary duty officers and/or other officers assigned by and other means, at the above listed facilities for December 27, 28, 29, 30, and 31 of 1980.
2. All personal flight records for the officers listed in response No. 1 for the dates as noted above.
3. Copies of any documents that would reflect orders, plans or assignments for pilots of CH47 helicopters to tow, ferry, and/or escort any large object through the air in December of 1980.
4. Serial numbers by type and model of all helicopters, of any type, assigned to the posts listed above or on temporary duty to the post listed above, or loaned to post listed above for the period of November 1, 1980 to March 1, 1981.
5. For each of the helicopters whose serial numbers were provided in response to the above request provide the material readiness reports.
6. Provide accountings from each of the posts listed above for fuel requested and/or supplied to the helicopters whose serial numbers were provided in request for production No. 5 above during the period from December 15, 1980 through December 31, 1980.
7. Provide lists of all serial numbers of all helicopters that were used to airlift or escort any objects from the posts listed above during the period from December 1, 1980 through December 31, 1980.
8. Provide the names and addresses of all enlisted men from the above listed facilities who flew any type of helicopter from December 27, 1980 through December 31, 1980.
9. Provide construction modification documents for the last ten (10) years for all underground facilities at Fort Hood, including the former Gray Army Airfield.

II. DOCUMENT TO BE PRODUCED


See Exhibit "A".

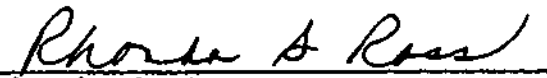
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing instrument has been served on counsel for Defendant, by forwarding same to him by certified mail, return receipt requested, at the above-stated address, on this 25 day of April, 1986.


Bill Shead

Respectfully submitted,


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CIVIL ACTION NO. H-84-3488

PLAINTIFF'S RESPONSE TO DEFENDANT'S OPPOSITION
TO PLAINTIFF'S FIRST AMENDED MOTION TO
CONTINUE DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO DISMISS

COMES NOW, BETTY CASH, et al, and files this their Response to Defendant's Opposition to Plaintiff's First Amended Motion to Continue Defendant's Motion to Dismiss and would show the Court as follows:

1. Plaintiffs BETTY CASH, VICKI LANDRUM and COLBY LANDRUM have been seriously injured by radiation.

2. There is nothing and there has been nothing natural in the area of FM Road 1485, 7 miles outside New Caney, Texas that would cause such severe and debilitating injuries.

3. One set of interrogatories has been filed with little information discovered. Those questions were propounded by Plaintiff's first attorney and it is agreed that the questions in that first and set were overbroad. New Interrogatories and a Request

for Production have been drafted with special attention paid to the area of the United States in which the incident in question occurred. Special attention has also been paid to the type of documents to be produced. When the requested information is produced it will indicate that the Plaintiffs have stated a viable cause of action upon which relief may be granted and that the military operations in question did in fact occur under the direction of the United States of America on December 29, 1980.

4. Discovery will allow the Plaintiffs to prove that Plaintiffs' claims are not barred by the discretionary function exception to the Federal Tort Claims Act and that the Government's conduct constituted as failure to exercise due care at the operational level.

5. The evidence will show that Plaintiffs have stated a claim upon which relief can be granted.

6. A dismissal under Rule 12(b)(6) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure is on the merits and is accorded a res judicata effect. For this reason, dismissal under this section is generally disfavored by the courts. De La Cruz v. Tormey (CA9th, 1978) 582 F2d 45, cert denied (1979), 441 US 965, 99 S Ct 2416, 60 L ed2d 1072. See also United States v. City of Redwood City (CA9th, 1981) 640 F2d 963 (dismissal under Rule 12(b)(6) is proper only in extraordinary cases).

7. The burden of demonstrating that no claim has been stated is upon the Movant. See Johnsrud v. Carter (CA3d, 1980) 620 F2d 29.

In determining the motion, the court must presume all factual allegations of the complaint to be true and all reasonable inferences are made in favor of the non-moving party. Miree v. DeKalb County, Georgia (1977) 433 US 25, 97 S Ct 2490, 53 L. ed2d 557; Kugler v. Helfant (1975) 421 US 117, 95 S Ct 1524, 44 L ed2d 15. However, legal conclusions, deductions or opinions couched as factual allegations are not given a presumption of truthfulness. See Briscoe v. LaHue (CA7th, 1981) 663 F2d 713, aff'd (1983) 193 S. Ct. 1108, 75 L ed2d, 96.

8. Generally, the allegations of a complaint are to be liberally construed. Sinclair v. Kleindienst (CA DC, 1983) 711 F2d 291 (complaints must be read liberally, and detailed pleading is not required). See also Schlesinger Investment Partnership v. Fluor Corp. (CA2d, 1982) 671 F2d 739 (the dismissal with prejudice of a complaint without leave to replead or conduct discovery contradicted the liberal federal policy in pleading and discovery). After thus construing the complaint the court should deny a motion to dismiss for failure to state a claim "unless it appears beyond doubt that the Plaintiff can prove no set of facts in support of his claim which would entitle him to relief". Conley v. Gibson (1957) 355 US 41, 45-46, 78 S Ct 99, 102, 2 L ed2d 80 (footnote omitted). In Scheuer v. Rhodes (1974) 416 US 232, 94 S. Ct 1683, 40 L. ed2d 90, the Supreme Court stated:

When a federal court reviews the sufficiency of a complaint, before the reception of any evidence either by affidavit or admissions, its task is necessarily a limited one. The issue is not whether a plaintiff will ultimately prevail but whether the claimant is entitled to offer evidence to

support the claims. Indeed it may appear on the face of the pleadings that a recovery is very remote and unlikely but that is not the test. Moreover, it is well established that, in passing on a motion to dismiss, whether on the ground of lack of jurisdiction over the subject matter or for failure to state a cause of action, the allegations of the complaint should be construed favorably to the pleader. 416 U.S. at 236.

9. In making this determination, the likelihood that plaintiff will prevail is immaterial. Boudeloche v. Grow Chemical Coatings Corp. (CA5th, 1984) 728 F2d 759 (as long as the pleadings were sufficient, dismissal was inappropriate even if it appeared almost certain to the district court that the facts alleged could not be proved to support the legal claim); United States v. City of Redwood City supra (even if pleadings indicated that recovery was very remote, dismissal was improper in a negligence action); De La Cruz v. Torney supra (the pleader's chance of success on the merits is not at issue in a Rule 12(b)(6) motion), as is the fact that the requested relief is inappropriate, or the legal theories have been miscategorized.

10. Defendant's statement that the Plaintiff is attempting to confuse the legal issues at bar is without merit. Plaintiffs are aggressively moving toward obtaining evidence that will conclusively show that Plaintiffs' injuries are a result of the negligence of the United States and that will overcome the government's immunity defense.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiffs, BETTY CASH, VICKI LANDRUM, and COLBY LANDRUM respectfully request that the Court enter its Order granting an extension of time to conduct discovery.

Respectfully submitted,



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I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing instrument has been served on counsel for Defendant, by forwarding same to him by certified mail, return receipt requested, at the above-stated address, on this the 25 day of April, 1986.


Bill Shead

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION

BETTY CASH, ET. AL.,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Defendant.

CIVIL ACTION NO. H-84-348

MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER CONCERNING
FIRST REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION

COMES NOW the defendant, United States of America, and moves for the entry of a protective order in this matter, and would show the Court as follows:

1. Much of the information requested is duplicative of the Interrogatories already answered in this case. Those Interrogatories were answered in several installments, the last being March 18, 1985 at which time various objections were made on the basis of vagueness, overbreadth, and undue burden. Those objections are reurged at this time.

2. On January 17, 1985 the United States submitted a Motion to Dismiss and/or for Summary Judgment. Following a review of the pleadings, this Court on September 3, 1985 heard oral argument of the parties. At that time the Court stated that an Order of Dismissal might be forthcoming. In light of the pendency of this dispositive motion, on purely legal grounds, the continuation of protracted "fishing expeditions" every time the plaintiff's obtain new counsel is unduly burdensome and constitutes sheer harassment of defendant.


3. Plaintiffs have previously sought, without success, leave of this Court to re-commence discovery in this case. Defendants object to the dilatory tactics and unconscionable conduct of plaintiffs in attempting once again to cloud the purely legal issues upon which this case rests. Where as here, the case is so obviously barred by operation of law, for defendant to incur the expense of duplicitious and burdensome discovery, for the second time, is simply not justified.

WHEREFORE, defendant moves for entry of a protective order staying all discovery pending the Court's decision on the Motion to Dismiss and/or for Summary Judgment filed January 17, 1985.

Respectfully submitted,

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By:


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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Motion for Protective Order Concerning First Request for Production was mailed to Peter A. Gersten, 895 Sheridan Avenue, Bronx, New York 10451, Rhonda S. Ross, 3410 Mount Vernon, Houston, Texas 77006 and William C. Shead, 2927 Broadway Boulevard, Houston, Texas 77017 on this the 14 day of May, 1986.


FRANK A. CONFORTI
Assistant United States Attorney

BETTY CASH, ET. AL.,
Plaintiffs,
vs.
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Defendant.

CIVIL ACTION NO. H-84-348

CAME ON this day the Motion for Protective Order filed by the United States and the Court, having considered the Motion and accompanying Memorandum, and the subsequent pleadings of the parties,

It is hereby ORDERED that all discovery in the above noted cause of action is STAYED pending a ruling on the Motion to Dismiss and/or for Summary Judgment pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure Rules 12(b)(1), 12(b)(6) and 56.

DONE at Houston, Texas, this _____ day
of _____, 1986.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
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BETTY CASH, ET. AL.,)	
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Plaintiffs,)	
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vs.)	CIVIL ACTION NO. H-84-348
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	
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Defendant.)	

ORDER OF DISMISSAL

CAME ON this day the Motion to Dismiss and/or for Summary Judgment filed by the United States and the Court, having considered the Motion and accompanying Memorandum, and the subsequent pleadings of the parties,

It is hereby ORDERED that the above noted cause of action is DISMISSED pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure Rule 12(b)(1), Rule 12(b)(6) and Rule 56.

DONE at Houston, Texas this _____ day
of _____, 1986.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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CASH-LANDRUM CASE DISMISSED

by John F. Schuessler, MUFON Deputy Director.

On December 29, 1980, Betty Cash, Vickie Landrum and Colby Landrum encountered an unusual flying object and a large number of twin-rotor helicopters along a deserted road northeast of Houston, Texas. As the result of that encounter their lives were changed forever. They sustained life threatening injuries and have undergone long periods of suffering.

They were advised by the military legal authorities at Bergstrom Air Force Base in Austin, Texas to file a claim against the United States government for the injuries they sustained. They did file the claim, which was later rejected. The appeal was also rejected. They were then told to sue the United States Government in Federal Court. Again, they followed instructions and filed a civil action in the United States District Court, Southern District of Texas, Houston, Texas.

Their contention was that they had been wronged, physically injured, while driving on a public thoroughfare. The United States Government was at fault because their injuries were sustained while they were in close proximity of the military helicopters and the large glowing object, later called a UFO for lack of a better term.

The United States District Court Docket Call was set for September 3, 1985. Frank Conforti, Assistant United States Attorney, requested dismissal or a summary judgement in favor of

the United States. The attorney for Cash and Landrum replied that the United States was not entitled to a dismissal or a summary judgement. Judge Ross Sterling did not make a decision on Mr. Conforti's request. Therefore, the case did not go to trial.

Nearly one year later, on August 21, 1986, Judge Ross Sterling dismissed the case on the basis of expert testimony submitted by Mr. Conforti. The experts addressed the issue of whether or not the United States owned and operated a device as described by Cash and Landrum ^{and} ~~the~~ sidestepped the issue of military helicopters. The claims of the experts are summarized below.

Robert W. Sommer, Chief of the NASA Aircraft Management Office, avowed that "no object as described by the plaintiffs was, at any time, owned or operated, or was in the inventory or under the control of NASA." He did say that NASA did have one twin-rotor helicopter, but it was in a hangar in California on the date of the incident.

Colonel William E. Krebs, Chief, Tactical Aeronautical Systems Division, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Systems, Air Force Systems Command, United States Air Force, has been involved in development, testing and evaluation of all United States Air Force craft capable of flight. He said "no such craft was owned, operated, or is in the inventory of the United States Air Force..." Further, he said "I have never seen nor heard of any such craft..... being associated with the military service." While he did not address all twin-rotor helicopters, he did declare that the CH-47 was not in the

inventory of the United States Air Force.

Vice Admiral Robert F. Schoultz, United States Navy, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, said "no aircraft matching the description given (by Cash and Landrum) was owned or operated by the United States Navy." He did not address the twin-rotor helicopter issue.

Richard L. Ballard, Acting Chief, Aviation Systems Division, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Research, Development, and Acquisition, United States Army, said "I have compared the description of the object.....with my knowledge of the inventory of all Army craft capable of flight. No such craft was owned, operated, or in the inventory of the United States Army..." Further, he said "I have never seen nor heard of any such craft described.....as being associated with the military service." He ignored the twin-rotor helicopter issue.

Judge Ross Sterling considered the expert testimony to be sufficient reason to dismiss the case. That means he will not meet Betty Cash, Vickie and Colby Landrum, and he will not hear the evidence they wanted their attorneys to present.

The case is closed! Unless.....

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UFO SIGHTING QUESTIONNAIRE - GENERAL CASES (FORM 1)

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM (Print) AND RETURN TO INVESTIGATOR (For MUFON Use)

NAME OF INVESTIGATOR:

John F. Schuessler

STREET ADDRESS:

P.O. Box 58485
Houston, TX 77058PHONE: A/C 713 / 4882854

TOWN/CITY:

P CODE: _____ COUNTRY: _____

PLACE OF SIGHTING

USA

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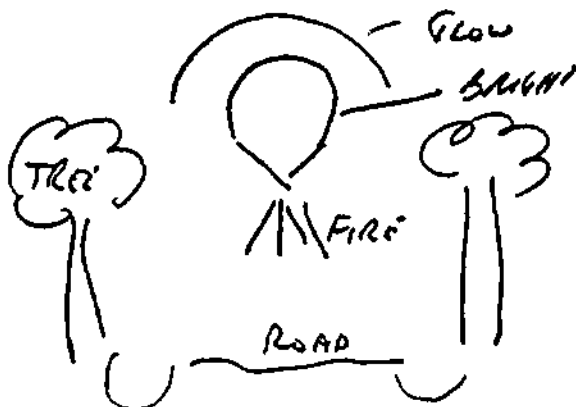
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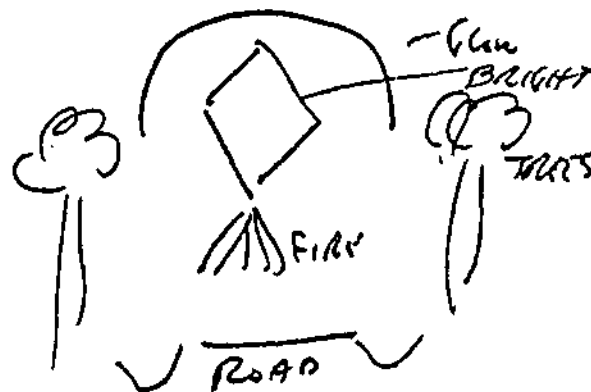
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STATE/PROVINCE

DRAW A SIMPLE SKETCH OF THE OBJECT. (Label any lights, colors, protrusions)



VICKY'S DESC



COLBY'S DESC

(On a separate sheet, please sketch a simple map of the area showing your position and the object's position. Include an arrow denoting the direction of North. Indicate direction that the object was moving.)

PERSONAL ACCOUNT

PLEASE DESCRIBE THE INCIDENT AS IT HAPPENED. BE SURE THAT YOUR NARRATIVE INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:

1. WHERE WERE YOU AND WHAT WERE YOU DOING AT THE TIME?
2. WHAT MADE YOU FIRST NOTICE THE OBJECT?
3. WHAT DID YOU THINK THE OBJECT WAS WHEN YOU FIRST NOTICED IT?
4. DESCRIBE YOUR REACTIONS AND ACTIONS, DURING AND AFTER SIGHTING THE OBJECT.
5. DESCRIBE THE OBJECT AND ITS ACTIONS.
6. HOW DID YOU LOSE SIGHT OF THE OBJECT?

SEE ATTACHED WRITE-UP

SIGHTING TIME

9 PM () AM () ZONE:

DURATION: 12 SEC () MIN 45 HRS ()

DATE OF SIGHTING

29 DAY
Dec MONTH
80 YEAR

(Continue narrative on reverse side)



FOR MUFON USE
TEMPERATURE: 40°
WIND DIRECTION: _____
WIND SPEED: _____
VISIBILITY: Good
CEILING: High
Clouds

EDUCATION: _____ MAJOR: _____
DEGREE: _____
SPECIAL TRAINING: _____
VISION: _____ COLORBLIND? () EYEGLASSES? ()
HEARING: _____ GOOD? () FAIR? () POOR? () USE AID? ()
HEALTH: _____ DURING SIGHTING? Good AFTER? Problems

WITNESS NAME: Vicky Anderson AGE: 260
STREET: 506 W. Clayton
TOWN/CITY: Dayton PHONE: 288-9156
PROVINCE: TX COUNTRY: USA
OCCUPATION: _____
EMPLOYED BY: _____

ENVIRONMENTAL SITUATION (Check/Fill In As Applicable)

VIEWED FROM: OUTDOORS(☒) INDOORS() CAR(☒) AIRCRAFT() BOAT() OTHER _____
VIEWED THROUGH: () GLASSES() WINDOW(☒) SCREEN() BINOCULARS() TELESCOPE() STILL CAMERA()
() MOVIE CAMERA() THEODOLITE() RADAR() OTHER Also in open air
AREA/LOCATION: CITY() SUBURBAN() RURAL(☒) INDUSTRIAL() COMMERCIAL() RESIDENTIAL()
AREA/TERRAIN: FIELDS() WOODS(☒) HILLS() MOUNTAINS() RIVER() POND() LAKE()
AREA/TECHNICAL: AIRPORT() POWERLINES() POWER STATION() RAILROAD TRACKS() OTHER _____
SKY CONDITION: CLEAR(☒) PARTLY CLOUDY(☒) OVERCAST() FOGGY() HEAVY() MEDIUM() LIGHT()
PRECIPITATION: NONE(☒) RAIN() FOG() SLEET() SNOW() HEAVY() MEDIUM() LIGHT()
UFO DIRECTION: FIRST SEEN IN 130 ft dist. (Paco) LAST SEEN IN SW IT MOVED FROM NE TO SW
UFO ELEVATION: () FIRST SEEN - 1/4() 1/2() 3/4() OF THE WAY UP HORIZON; OVERHEAD() OTHER _____
() LAST SEEN - 1/4() 1/2() 3/4() OF THE WAY UP HORIZON; OVERHEAD() OTHER _____
UFO DISTANCE: WHEN CLOSEST TO ME 130 ft UFO ALTITUDE: WHEN CLOSEST TO THE GROUND 4100 ft
UFO PASSED: () IN-FRONT-OF _____ WHICH WAS _____ IN DISTANCE FROM THE WITNESS
() BEHIND _____ WHICH WAS _____ IN DISTANCE FROM THE WITNESS
ALSO IN AREA: AIRPLANE() HELICOPTER(☒) BALLOON() SEARCHLIGHT() OTHER 23 Helicopters
BEFORE WITNESS SIGHTED UFO() DURING UFO SIGHTING(☒) AFTER UFO SIGHTING()

OBJECT DESCRIPTION (Check/Fill In As Applicable)

OBSERVED: () AN OBJECT () NUMBER OF _____ SHAPE OF _____ COLOR(s) _____
() A LIGHT (☒) NUMBER OF 1 SHAPE OF D COLOR(s) Bright Light
DESCRIBE: SOUND Beep-Beep SMELL _____ SPEED Hovered
Also sound of Helicopter
REAL SIZE: () LARGER () SMALLER () SAME SIZE () AS THE OBJECT LISTED BELOW
() BASKETBALL () COMPACT CAR () STANDARD CAR () HOUSE () OTHER _____
APPARENT SIZE: () HOW MANY TIMES LARGER () OR SMALLER () IF PUT IN THE SKY BESIDE OBJECT BELOW
() As Big As City Water Tank TIMES THE SIZE OF A STAR _____ TIMES THE SIZE OF A FULL MOON
BRIGHT AS: A STAR () THE MOON () OR A _____ LIGHT IF PLACED AT SAME DISTANCE AWAY
DID THE OBJECT(S) OR LIGHT(S): (Please elaborate on items checked below by using a separate sheet)
CHANGE DIRECTION? (☒) ROVER? (☒) AFFECT RADIO/TV? () FLUTTER? ()
TURN ABRUPTLY? () DESCEND? (☒) AFFECT ELECTRICITY? () SPIN? ()
FALL LIKE A LEAF? () ASCEND? (☒) AFFECT MAGNETISM? () BLINK? ()
ABSORB OBJECT(S)? () OVER POWERLINES? () AFFECT TIMEPIECE? () PULSATE? ()
EJECT OBJECT(S)? () OVER A BUILDING? () AFFECT ENGINE? (☒) APPEAR SOLID? ()
CHANGE SHAPE? () LAND ON GROUND? () AFFECT VEHICLE? () HAVE FUZZY EDGES? ()
CAST SHADOW? () LAND IN WATER? () AFFECT ANIMAL? () HAVE OUTLINE? ()
CAST LIGHT? (☒) CARRY OCCUPANTS? () AFFECT HUMAN? (☒) WOBBLE? ()
REFLECT LIGHT? () COMMUNICATE? () AFFECT WATER? () VIBRATE? ()
LEAVE A TRAIL? () GIVE OFF HEAT? (☒) AFFECT GROUND? () GLOW? ()
DISINTEGRATE? () LEAVE RESIDUE? () AFFECT VEGETATION? () APPEAR TRANSPARENT? ()

HOW MANY OTHER WITNESSES? 2 DID ANY OTHER AGENCY CONTACT YOU? _____

PLEASE PROVIDE THE NAMES/ADDRESSES/PHONE NUMBERS OF OTHER WITNESSES AND/OR INVESTIGATORS OR AGENCIES ON SEPARATE SHEET IF APPLICABLE AND KNOWN.

SIGNATURE OF OBSERVER

YOU MAY (☒) MAY NOT () USE MY NAMEDATE THIS FORM SIGNED 4-3-87

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CASH/LANDRUM CASE (29 Dec 1980)

ON-SITE INVESTIGATION REPORT

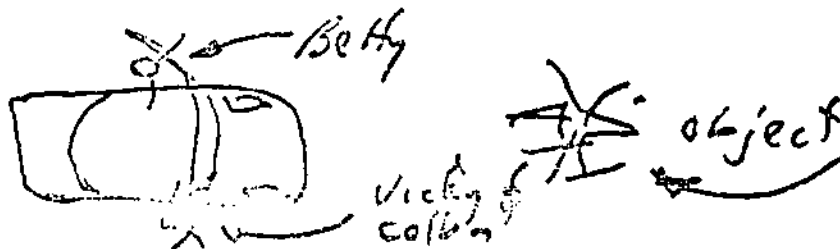
DATE: 28 FEB 1981

INVESTIGATORS: ALAN HOLT & JOHN SCHUESSLER

On Saturday, 28 Feb. 1981 Al Holt & I drove to Dayton, Tx to meet Vicky Landrum and grandson Colby. She and Colby described the incident and then we drove to the location of the 29 Dec 1980 event, near Huffman, Tx

Vicky, Colby and Betty Cash (driving) were headed back home to Dayton after stopping at a restaurant in New Caney.

When they first observed the object it was high in the sky - only a fire-like light. It rapidly descended to treetop level above the road in front of them. Because it was shooting flames downward they were afraid to drive under it. They stopped and stood outside the car, but within the open doors.



The site of the incident is near the lake, so there are businesses, trailers, cabins, etc. periodically throughout the area, however it is sparsely settled. Near the incident site is an occupied trailer home, but the lady living there said they were in bed by 8 PM, about an hour before the sighting.

Betty Cash remained outside the car until the object started to rise and pull away to the right. Note: the road in that area is laid out in a north-south direction.

Vicky stood in the doorway with her right side toward the object and 4 fingers of her left hand on top of the car. She held Colby close up to her as she watch. He was terrified and screamed for her to get back in the car, which she did very soon. She estimates she was outside 2 to 3 minutes. She said Betty was probably outside twice that long. All three were quite frightened.

Vicky is a non-drinker and is quite religious. She does smoke. She thought this was the predicted end of the world and was saying this as she watched. She said the Bible says the sky will split and in a rain of fire Jesus will come. She expected that to happen, but when it did not, she felt she wasn't deserving and ready yet. She vows to lead a better life from now on.

The initial site was along a tree lined road (blacktop, but in poor condition).

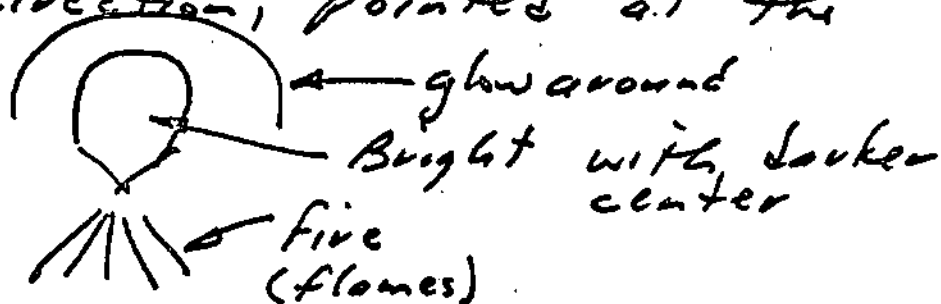


Most of the trees are pine, with some oak mixed in.

Betty had (earlier) described the object as an extremely bright light, with no distinctive shape, but with 4 points like a diamond.


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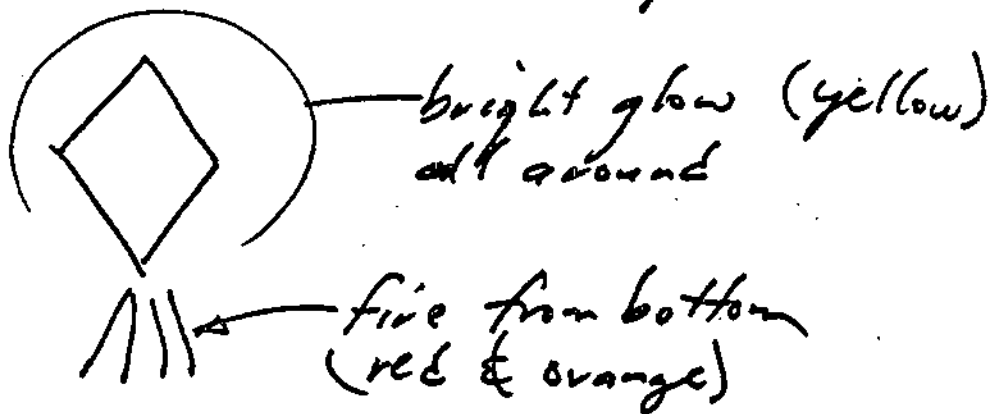
Vicky described it as oblong in a vertical direction, pointed at the bottom.



Road

She said it was never round, always oblong.

Colby said it was totally  shape



Vicky said that after she got back the car she sat and prayed as she watched the object. Colby screamed in fear.

The evening was cool so they had the automobile heater on low. After the event, the inside of the car was very very hot. They then used the air conditioner

As the object hung above the road Vicky could hear a roar "like a hurricane." Then when the flames would belch out the noise would be a wash.

They could all three feel the heat from the object.

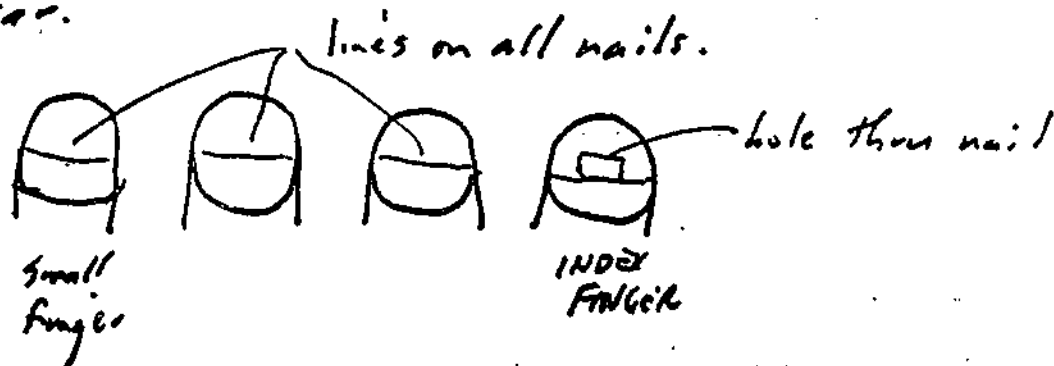
Medical effects

Colby's face was sunburned. He had problems with his eyes and that problem remains even now, but not to an extreme.

Both Vicky and Colby felt strange when they arrived home. She used 3 bottles of baby oil on Colby's and her own face over the next several days. She & Colby had diarrhea for several days (at least 3 days). Colby's was so bad she had to clean him up like a baby. They both had bad stomach aches.

The hair on the right side of Vicky's head came out, but now it is growing back. She said her scalp felt like it
- 1000

Vicky's finger nails, left hand only are damaged. That hand was on top of the car.



Each nail has an indentation, line-like, across from side to side - now partially grown out.

Colby had nightmares for two or three weeks. He would wet the bed because he was afraid to get up at night. He just started sleeping in his own bed again last week. His school grades fell off for a week or so; but he is back to normal now - A's.

Vicky thought Betty Cash was going to die. Betty was extremely ill until Vicky insisted she go to the hospital on the fourth day. Betty had a swollen neck, large nodules (blisters) on her scalp, face and right eyebrow. She couldn't eat, and that is unusual for Betty. Vicky explained that Betty is usually a big eater.

For example; Betty & Vicky had a big lunch on 29 Dec. That evening they stopped at New Coney to eat again. Vicky just had coffee; while Betty had Sausage, eggs and extras. After the incident Betty could not eat. Vicky would make her some soup or other meal - she would eat a ~~bit~~ or so & get deathly ill and vomit. She was unable to eat from the time of the incident until she entered the hospital. She too, had diarrhea very badly.

When Betty was admitted to the hospital at the emergency room (by Dr. Shenoy), the nurses asked if she was a burn patient. After two weeks Betty was released. She was home 13 days, of which she spent 7 or so in bed all the time. Because she remained ill, could not eat properly, and seemed to be getting worse, she returned to the hospital.

Vicky has a problem with her eyes - the right one being the worst. They are both still very inflamed and the right one drains constantly. Before the incident

Vicky wore eyeglasses for reading only. Those glasses were from TSO. Now she has glasses she must wear all the time, prescribed by Dr. Chandler, eye doctor from Liberty, Tx.

Helicopters

Vicky and Betty only saw an object during the close encounter - no helicopters. As it rose and flew away there were more than 20 helicopters, although Vicky admitted that they moved around a lot and a few might have gotten more than once. Even so, she is positive there were 10-12 or more - no doubt about it.

Colby says he saw helicopters all during the event, even when the object was low over the road. He is quite sure of that.

Vicky says there were two kinds of helicopters involved - maybe more. One kind was large and smooth running with a very large rotor on top. Another had two rotors on top, but one was above the other slightly.

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The three witnesses drove on after the object rose up and the fire stopped coming out of the bottom. At three different vantage points they observed the object gaining in altitude & distance and the helicopters in pursuit.

Vicky truly feels that this was not any thing unnatural. She believes the U.S. government was transporting and escorting something dangerous through the area. (Her son mentioned a similar incident near the lake about 6 months earlier where a fiery object landed and burned 300 ft of grass).

Colby said the helicopters appeared to be trying to find out what the object was. He counted 18-20 helicopters and stopped counting.

Site Location

Close encounter at ①
 stopped to view object plus helicopters at ②,
 at ③ and finally at ④.

Note: They could still hear the roar of the coptors at ④

See page 10

Note: Curves in road eliminated for simplicity!

Huffman, New Caney Rd.

Road Sign

INLAND RE



①

Flight Path

3.5 miles

object looked like an oblong ball from this point on.

Fishing Camp and Bridge
②

Cemetery
③

2200

1.3 Miles

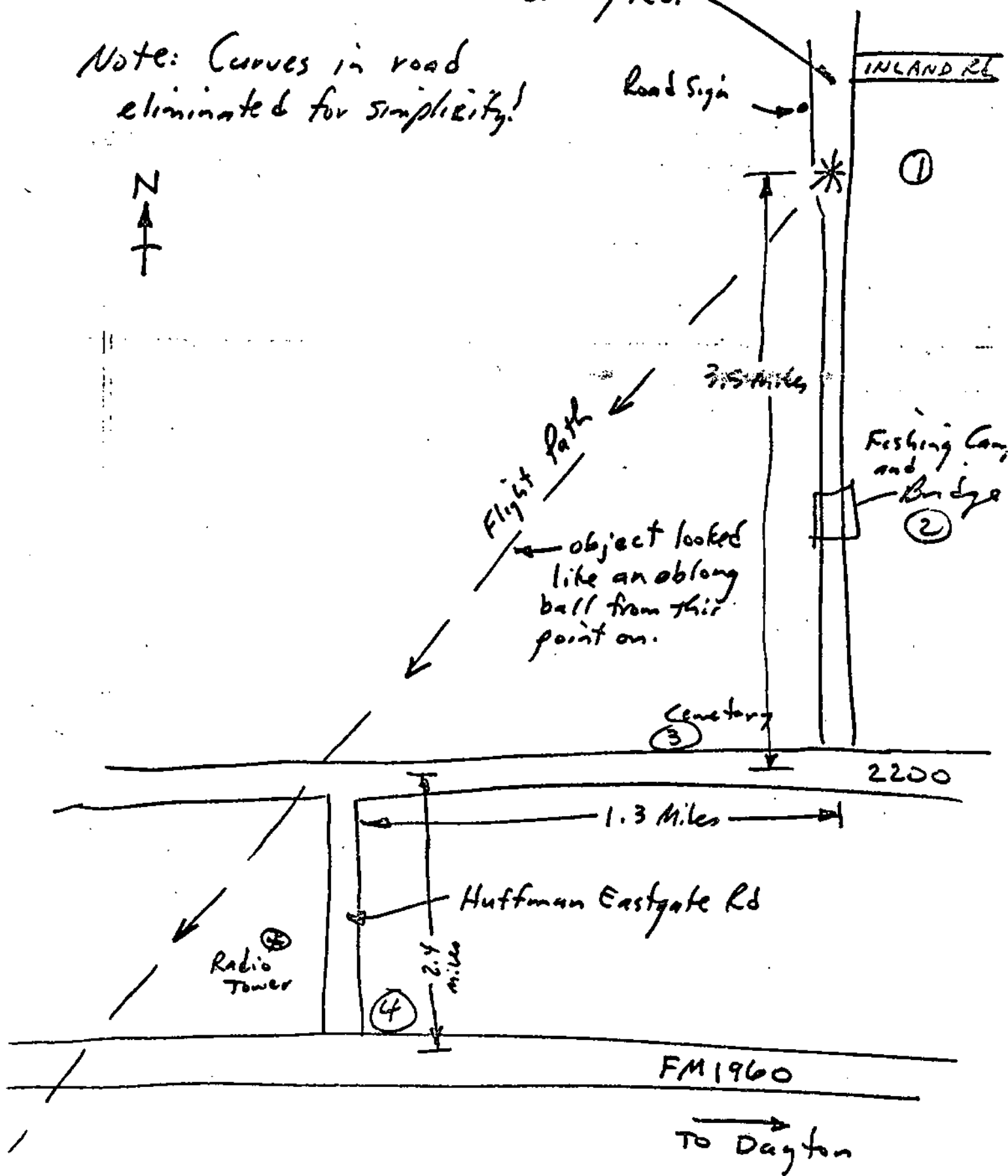
Huffman Eastgate Rd

Radio Tower
④

2.4 miles

FM 1960

To Dayton



The location of the close encounter was on Huffman New Caney road near the Inland road intersection.

We parked along the road and walked as a group to the spot where Vicky believed they stopped their car on 29 Dec 80. Then Al Holt walked on ahead to a point where Vicky & Colby said he was under where the object hung over the road. I paced the distance from sighting to object location. It was 50 paces. My pace measures 32 inches, or a total of 133 feet.

At that point Vicky & Colby said the object was bigger than the town water tank.

Al Holt will prepare a separate set of interview notes. They will not be compared until both are completed and ready for submittal.


J. Schumacher
MUFON



UFO SIGHTING QUESTIONNAIRE - COMPUTER INPUT (FORM 2)

INVESTIGATOR DATA

FIELD INVESTIGATOR'S NAME:

John F. SchuesslerTELEPHONE: AC 713 488-2889

FIELD INVESTIGATOR'S ADDRESS:

P.O. Box 58485

STREET AND NUMBER

Houston

TOWN OR CITY

Tx 77058

STATE/PROVINCE/ZIP CODE

Harris

COUNTY

USA

COUNTRY

DATE OF FIELD INVESTIGATOR'S REPORT:

01

YEAR

3

MONTH

4

DAY

AFFILIATION (if not MUFON)

SIGHTING DATA

DATE OF UFO SIGHTING:

1980

YEAR

Dec

MONTH

29

DAY

IF MONTH/DAY NOT KNOWN, CHECK BELOW:

JAN - MAR () APR - JUN () JUL - SEP () OCT - DEC () (BEST GUESS)

1ST WEEK () 2ND WEEK () 3RD WEEK () 4TH WEEK () (BEST GUESS)

TIME OF UFO SIGHTING:

24-HOUR CLOCK TIME 2100 (IF UNKNOWN, CHECK BELOW) DURATION: 10 Min. ZONE: CST

DAY () NIGHT (X) MORNING () AFTERNOON () EVENING () DAWN ()

NOON () ABOUT MIDNIGHT () BETWEEN MIDNIGHT AND DAWN ()

PLACE OF UFO SIGHTING:

near New Caney, Tx

STREET ADDRESS OR OTHER IDENTIFICATION

Harris

COUNTY

USA

COUNTRY

OTHER INFORMATION:

NUMBER OF WITNESSES 3

COORDINATES

(If Known)

30° N

HOURS MINUTES TENTHS

LATITUDE

~95° W

HOURS MINUTES TENTHS

LONGITUDE

COMMENTS:

Medical Injury Case

PRIMARY WITNESS DATA

PRIMARY WITNESS' NAME:

Vicky LandrumTELEPHONE: AC 713/258-9156

PRIMARY WITNESS' ADDRESS:

506 W. Clayton

STREET AND NUMBER

Dayton

TOWN OR CITY

TX 77535

STATE/PROVINCE/ZIP

Montgomery

COUNTY

USA

COUNTRY

USE OF WITNESS' NAME:

MAY (X) MAY NOT () BE USED IN CONNECTION WITH THIS REPORT (Note exceptions below).

SAVIOR FEATURES

GENERAL CASE () ELECTRICAL/MAGNETIC () ANIMAL EFFECTS () PSYCHOLOGICAL/PHYSIOLOGICAL EFFECTS (✓)

LANDING () PHYSICAL TRACES () ARTIFACT () ENTITY CASE () PHOTOGRAPHIC () RADAR () OTHER

COMMENTS:



UFO SIGHTING QUESTIONNAIRE - COMPUTER INPUT (FORM 2)

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TELEPHONE: AC 713 4882884

FIELD INVESTIGATOR'S ADDRESS:

John F. Schuessler
P.O. Box 58485
Houston, TX 77058

TOWN OR CITY

TEXAS

STATE/PROVINCE/ZIP CODE

Harris

COUNTY

TX

COUNTRY

DATE OF FIELD INVESTIGATOR'S REPORT:

1981

YEAR

Feb

MONTH

26

DAY

AFFILIATION (IF NOT MUFON)

SIGHTING DATA

DATE OF UFO SIGHTING:

1980

YEAR

Dec

MONTH

29

DAY

IF MONTH/DAY NOT KNOWN, CHECK BELOW:

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APR - JUN ()

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(BEST GUESS)

1ST WEEK ()

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NIGHT (✓)

MORNING ()

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DAWN ()

NOON ()

ABOUT MIDNIGHT ()

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near New Caney

STREET ADDRESS OR OTHER IDENTIFICATION

Harris

COUNTY

USA

COUNTRY

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HOURS MINUTES TENTHS

~95°W

HOURS MINUTES TENTHS

LATITUDE

LONGITUDE

COMMENTS:

Medical Injury Case

PRIMARY WITNESS DATA

PRIMARY WITNESS' NAME:

Betty Cash

TELEPHONE: AC 713 / 258-5803

PRIMARY WITNESS' ADDRESS:

Rt 1, Box 127B

STREET AND NUMBER

Dayton

TOWN OR CITY

TX 77535

STATE/PROVINCE/ZIP

Montgomery

COUNTY

USA

COUNTRY

USE OF WITNESS' NAME:

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MAJOR FEATURES

GENERAL CASE () ELECTRICAL/MAGNETIC () ANIMAL EFFECTS () PSYCHOLOGICAL/PHYSIOLOGICAL EFFECTS (✓)

LANDING () PHYSICAL TRACES () ARTIFACT () ENTITY CASE () PHOTOGRAPHIC () RADAR () OTHER

COMMENTS:

Case lead supplied by Rbt. Gribble, APRO & MUFON



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CASH/LANDRUM CASE (29 DEC 1980)
ON-SITE INVESTIGATION REPORT
DATE: 22 FEBRUARY 1981
INVESTIGATOR: JOHN SCHUESSLER

THE FOLLOW NOTES WERE MADE DURING
A MEETING WITH BETTY CASH AT HER
BROTHERS APARTMENT (APT. 30, 695 NORMANDIE,
NORMANDIE WOODS APTS, HOUSTON, TX). HER
MOTHER WAS PRESENT.

BETTY WAS DRIVING FROM NEW CANEY TO
DAYTON, TX ON MAY 1985. IN THE CAR
WITH HER WAS VICKIE LANDRUM AND
GRANDSON. COLBY LANDRUM. THEY HAD
BEEN LOOKING FOR A BINGO GAME.

BETTY SAYS SHE WON'T BE GOING OUT AT
NIGHT ANY MORE LOOKING FOR BINGO
GAMES. IT IS JUST TOO SCARY.

BETTY SAW THE THING FIRST. THE WHOLE
SKY WAS BRIGHT SOME DISTANCE AHEAD
AND TO RIGHT. AFTER NEGOTIATING A
TURN IN THE ROAD BETTY SAW THIS
BRIGHT THING RIGHT OVER THE ROAD

IT WAS TOO LOW TO DRIVE UNDER.

SHE HAD BEEN DRIVING IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION ON 1485. HER SPEED WAS A CASUAL 50-55 MPH. VISIBILITY WAS GOOD. AIR WAS COOL - BETTY HAD ON A LEATHER JACKET.

THE OBJECT HUNG OVER THE ROAD. FLAMES PERIODICALLY SHOT DOWNWARD FROM A POINT ON THE BOTTOM OF THE GLOWING MASS. SHE DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO GET AWAY.

THEY STOPPED THE CAR IN THE ROAD A SHORT DISTANCE FROM THE BRIGHT THING. THEY OPENED THE CAR DOORS AND STOOD IN THE OPEN DOORWAYS. THEY WERE AFRAID TO LEAVE THE CAR.

THEY COULD HEAR A BEEPING BEFORE THEY STOPPED AND THE WHOLE TIME THEY WERE STOPPED. THEY COULDN'T DEFINE THE SOURCE. BETTY SAYS SHE WILL NEVER FORGET THE SOUND.

SHE KEPT HER EYES FOCUSED ON THE OBJECT. IT WAS VERY VERY BRIGHT.

BECAUSE THE LIGHT WAS SO BRIGHT BETTY COULDN'T SEE DETAILS OF THE OBJECT. AFTER THE OBJECT LEFT THE AREA BETTY HAD TROUBLE SEEING AND HAD TO WAIT A MOMENT BEFORE TRYING TO DRIVE.

FLAMES SHOWERED DOWNWARD. EACH TIME IT HAPPENED THEY COULD HEAR AS SWOOSH - SWOOSH LIKE A FLAME THROWER. THE WHOLE AREA HAD A GREAT SOUND - A ROAR. THEY COULD HEAR THE SOUND EVEN AS IT FLEW AWAY - UP AND TO THE RIGHT.

COLBY WAS TERRIFIED. HE STOOD NEAR VICKY AND SCREAMED FOR HER TO GET BACK IN THE CAR. VICKY THOUGHT THE WORLD WAS COMING TO AN END AND SAID SO.

COLBY HAD SLEPT ALONE SINCE HE WAS A TOT (NOW 7), BUT HASN'T SINCE THE INCIDENT. HE SLEEPS WITH VICKY.

THE CAR HAD BEEN TUNED LESS THAN 4 MONTHS AGO. NOW RUNS ROUGHLY.

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BETTY FIRST THOUGHT 2 PLANES HAD COLLIDED & WERE CRASHING, BUT SOON DETERMINED OTHERWISE.

WHEN THE OBJECT ROSE & WENT SW, THE FLAMES STOPPED. BETTY THINKS AIR CONTROLLERS AT HOUSTON INTERCONTINENTAL AIRPORT MUST HAVE SEEN THE BRIGHT THING - ALSO ALL THE HELICOPTERS. SHE COUNTED 23 HELICOPTERS.

THE DRIVING AFTER THAT WAS NO LONGER LIMITED TO 55 MPH. THEY SPED WHEREVER THEY COULD. BETTY DROPPED COLBY & VICKY AT THEIR HOUSE, BUT DIDN'T GO IN BECAUSE SHE FELT ILL.

BETTY ARRIVED HOME AT 9:50 PM. HER FRIEND WILMA & GRANDSON AND ONE OTHER PERSON WAS THERE. SHE WAS VERY SICK (SHE HAD FELT GREAT ALL DAY).

SHE SAT IN A CHAIR. HER NECK SWELLED AND BUSTERS GROW ON HER HEAD AND FACE. ONE GROW ON HER RIGHT EYELID - AND BURST. HER EARLOBES SWELLED SO MUCH SHE HAD TO REMOVE HER EARRING PINS.

HER EYES SWELLED CLOSED. SHE WAS NEARLY BLIND FROM THEN TILL AFTER SHE ENTERED THE HOSPITAL FOUR DAYS LATER. THE NURSE PUT SALVE ON HER EYES AND THEY IMPROVED. IT WAS NEARLY A WEEK BEFORE HER EYES WERE OPEN SO SHE COULD RECOGNIZE PEOPLE.

THE HOSPITAL PEOPLE PUT BURN CREAM ON HER FACE TO PREVENT SCARING. SHE SAID LARGE PATCHES OF TISSUE PEELED FROM HER FACE.

THE DAY AFTER THE INCIDENT VICKIE WENT ACROSS THE STREET TO THE HOME OF MR. WARD, A DAYTON POLICEMAN. HE TOLD HER TO CALL (206) 722-3000 IN WASHINGTON. SHE HAD TO CALL TWICE BUT FINALLY GOT ACTION VIA MR. ENGLISH AT APRD WHO TURNED THE CASE OVER TO DICK DONOVAN OF THE WEEKLY WORLD NEWS.

LATER IN FEBRUARY BETTY CALLED NASA AND THEY REFERRED HER TO JOHN SCHWESSLER.

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BETTY LEFT THE HOSPITAL AFTER 15 DAYS. DR. SHENOY HAD CALLED IN SPECIALISTS OF ALL KINDS, AND CONDUCTED A BATTERY OF TESTS, BUT TO NO AVAIL. HE COULD FIND NOTHING THAT WOULD CAUSE HER CONDITION.

HE COULDN'T EXPLAIN THE SWELLING, BURNS OR LOSS OF HAIR. EVENTUALLY, SHE TOLD HIM OF THE UFO AND HE APPEARED RELIEVED.

BETTY RETURNED TO THE HOSPITAL IN A LITTLE OVER A WEEK. SHE HAD REMAINED SICK, SWOLLEN, WITH HEADACHES. THE VOMITING HAD STOPPED BUT HER APPETITE HAD NOT RETURNED.

THE HOSPITAL WAS PARKWAY GENERAL IN HOUSTON.

BETTY IS CONSTANTLY TIRED, HAS A CONTINUOUS HEADACHE, AND CANNOT WORK. HER HAIR STILL REMAINS PATCHY, BUT APPEARS IT WILL GROW BACK.

TREATMENT

BETTY SAID SHE RECEIVED OINTMENT FOR HER EYES. DR. BURMAN PUT CORTISONE ON THE SKIN WITH A NEEDLE.

SHE HAS PRESCRIPTIONS FROM THRIFTY DRUGS - DAYTON, FROM DR KUMAR.

1. Flornal No 3 for pain ($\frac{1}{2}$ grain Codeine)
2. Sinequan 50 mg.
3. " 75 mg.

She takes Viobec B. Complex with 50 mg vitamin C.

Betty will leave 2/26 for Birmingham AL. TO STAY WITH HER MOTHER. SHE EXPECTS TO GO IN THE UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL THERE FOR MORE TESTS.

HER MOTHER'S ADDRESS IS:

209 48TH ST.

FAIRFIELD, AL 35064

(205) 785-2752

BETTY'S CAR IS A 1980 CUTLAS SUPREMACY
LIC. NO. VAS-217 (TEXAS)

WHEN BETTY LEFT THE HOSPITAL THE
 LAST TIME DR. SHENY PRACTICALLY
 INSISTED SHE GO SEE THE MOVIE
 "HANGAR 18." SHE FELT VERY
 ILL AS SHE EXITED THE HOSPITAL BUT
 SHE DID ATTEND THE MOVIE. ALL
 SHE GOT OUT OF THE MOVIE WAS THE
 GOVERNMENT CONSPIRACY ASPECT. THAT
 LEFT HER CONFUSED ABOUT WHY SHE
 WAS TOLD TO ATTEND.

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Interview - Vickie Landrum/Colby Landrum (Grandson)

- Saw a light high in the sky which descended to point above the trees
- Vickie told Betty to stop the car
- Light emitted fire from underneath portion which blocked the road ahead of them, they could hear the roar
- Colby was screaming so she returned to get inside the car while Betty stayed outside
- Light hung suspended for 5-6 minutes
- Vickie was out of the car for 2-3 minutes
- Vickie thought this was the end of the world - ready or not
- Whole sky was lit up
- ~~Vickie~~ was reminded of the biblical passage concerning Jesus coming with a rain of fire
- Colby ^{calmed} down when Vickie told him that this was Jesus coming
- Car was hot like in the middle of August
- Object lifted up and moved off to the right - Vickie didn't notice the planes then

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- On the road toward Huffman, ~~we~~ saw the object again and the helicopters, could hear the roar?
- Object floated ahead and to the right of them
- Stopped at stop sign at FM 1960, helicopters were still there
 - some of the helicopters were up there with the object
 - some were circling around it
- They were initially 1-2 blocks from the object - they could feel heat and heard a roar like a hurricane

Colby's Drawing



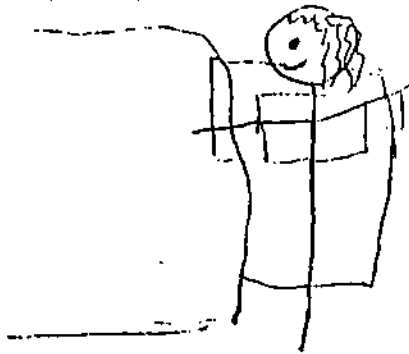
- Christopher's contribution to the report

- Very bright
- Pinkish, flame like a bonfire flame

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Vukie's position & car



- Colby's face like it was sunburned
 - both of them had skin effects like they were on the beach all day
- Flame stopped as object lifted up
 - appeared as a long bright white light
 - went in a direction between Humble and Houston
- Bigger Than a water tank
 - went out ahead to the southwest toward Houston Intercontinental Airport
- Betty & Vukie stopped the car subsequently 2 times - each time they saw the object and helicopters

Had the impression that the "helicopters were transporting something."

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- Near Sire Lake 6 months ago a UFO sighting occurred - grass was burned off
 - Helicopters had blinking lights
 - two types
 - appeared higher at 2100
 - lower at
 - Colby had diarrhea for 2-3 days
 - Colby had a dream about a little spaceman
 - "man inside it, little bitty, 2 ft. tall"
 - ~~he was inside it~~
 - had a stomach ache
-
- Visited 3 sites where object was sighted
 - nothing observed as far as evidence
 - road well traveled in day time
 - at last stop, some of the helicopters
 - were still close enough to be heard (at 1900)

Alan C. Helt

VISIT

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Conversation with Bill English

- Liberty Guardian newspaper reported witnesses who observed the object further down the road
 - Same description
 - 5-6 miles further to the north
- Vickie Landrum's doctor refused to treat her

Alan Holt



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Helicopter Investigation

3/10/81

- Houston Intercontinental - FAA 443-4297
 - 350-400 helicopters in area associated with off shore activity - all single rotor
 - types, Bell, 222, etc.
 - Helicopter traffic flies VFR (Visual Flight Rules) thus does not contact tower
 - No twin rotor helicopters in the area
 - San Antonio
 - Alexandria, La.
 - Corpus Christi, Navy
 - Restricted area - beyond 15 miles must stay below 1800 ft. MSL
 - radar limitations 2000 to 2200
 - 15 miles from airport north (radar antenna 12-13 miles south of airport)
- Eggland Air Force Base, Alexandria, La
318-448-5635
 - activity does not carry them to Houston, Fort Belk is the extent of their activity

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3. Fort Polk - 863-27314 (base ops)

- UH2 and smaller
- no twin rotor helicopters
- suggested contacting Fort Hood

4. Fort Hood 747-9200 (base ops)

- have Schnocks twin rotors
- was a slow day on Dec. 29 and holiday period
- do not have 20 twin rotors
- generally helicopters go out in small groups, 5 to 10 at a time

Robert Gray Field

- exercise in local area where 100 helicopters come in from the field all at one time "for effect"

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Friday, 20 February 1981, 5 pm

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J. Schuessler Report

Caller: Kathy Gordon, Conroe Daily Courier, Conroe Texas 77301
P.O. Box 609, (713) 756-6671, X-240

Referred to me by Allen Benz of APRO/
She is a reporter, but also a friend of a UFO victim - Betty Cash
Betty Cash, 52 years old, lives in Dayton, TX (just north of Houston).

On December 29, 1980 she and a friend Vicky and Vicky's little 7 year old grandson had been driving around trying to find a bingo game. They left ^{New Caney} Nucaney, TX on Highway 59 and casually drove back towards Dayton.

On a lonely road they encountered a bright glowing object. It ~~was~~ about one block up. It came down to the road and burped out some flames. It was at treetop level and they were afraid they couldn't get under it without getting burned. So, they stopped and shut off the car motor. It was just a short distance away, about 100 feet.

Betty, the driver got out. The night temperature was about 40°. It was 9 pm or so. Vicky got out with the boy and he became so frightened that she got back in with him and he hid on the floor. The fire seemed to hit the treetops. Betty stayed outside for 10 or 15 minutes. To her it looked like an extremely intense glob of light. The boy said it was diamond shaped. It rose and went up and to the right.

The site is some 38 miles from Dayton, TX. As the object left they followed ~~it~~ to FM 2100. It was higher and very bright. They could see between 20 and 25 helicopters around. They had blinking lights and were also lit by the object. The women could not see any insignia, however. The object and the helicopters went between Humble and Houston, TX. The women headed for home.

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Betty said that when she went to get back in the car it was very hot to the touch as was the air around her.

Betty dropped Vicky and the boy at home and went to her home. A friend was staying with her.

She sat down in a chair. Her neck hurt and her head felt as if it would burst. She soon developed nodules on the head and scalp that burst and flowed clear liquid.

The next day Betty was too ill to get out of bed. Four days later she was admitted to a hospital in Houston as a burn victim.

The areas burned were the bare areas, mostly on the right side. Even today water makes her skin burn. Her eyes are like she has a film over them. Her eyelid and earlobes swelled and burst like the nodules on the scalp did. They too flowed clear liquid.

She has no appetite.

Betty has been a cardiac patient - had a bypass operation some time ago.

Ms. Gordon talked with Betty's hair dresser and he said she had a great head of hair. Too much to do anything with.

APROs Bill English had assigned the investigation to Dick Donavon of the Weekly World News when first notified about it.

Kathy started to ask about and discuss where other incidents involving helicopters took place. I mentioned that in Texas about the only recent helicopter activity was in conjunction with cattle mutilations. After a brief discussion the telephone connection became very bad and we were cut off.



21 February 1981, 1 pm

Betty Cash called collect from Dayton, TX

She talked briefly about trying to catch me at NASA earlier in the week, but due to the First Shuttle engine firing I was busy and out of contact.

Betty has been out of work now since the incident on 29 December 1980. She had been operating a truck stop restaurant and grocery store. She worked the night shift and slept days.

Betty repeated much of the same information as given to me by Kathy Gordon on 20 Feb. Differences/additions are given herein.

We talked about her hospital stay. She said it has cost her about \$10,000 and she has had to close her business. She is not able to work and looks too bad to meet people.

She said the blisters swelled up soon after she arrived home from the incident on 29 Dec. 1980.

In the hospital, the doctors did little for her. She received pain pills for the headaches. A dermatologist put ointment on the burn on her face and also treated her scalp.

When the group met the UFO they stopped the car - it did not fail on its own. They had the radio on but couldn't tell if the object interfered with the radio or was noisy above the sound of the radio. She described the noise as a beep, beep, beep type of noise.

She was wearing a leather jacket because it was a chilly night. However, she was very hot while near the object. To get back in the car she had to use the leather jacket as a hot pad to keep from burning her hand on the door handle. The whole car was very hot.

I requested her to have a friend help examine the auto for any signs of heating - like melted non-metals or adhesives, or scorch marks.

She went back just last week to the sighting location but could not detect anything significant. Several trees were dead, but the reason was not obvious.

Her car now runs very rough - the engine misses. It was given a tune up just 4 months ago.

Vicky was in pretty good condition before the event. Now she has lost sight in one eye and a little of her hair is falling out, but nothing near the hair-loss on Betty.

The grandson has been having a rough time. He has nightmares much of the time. He is deathly afraid of airplanes. For two or three weeks after the event he was a bed wetter because he was afraid to get up at night.

I requested an accounting of time for their trip. It seems they stopped to eat at a truck stop at ^{New Caney} Nucaney on highway 59. They left there around 8:15 to 8:30. The location of the truck stop is at Rte 1485 and H-59. They encountered the object around 9 pm. They arrived home around 9:50 pm.

Betty was quite definite about the helicopters. Apparently they were not around it when it was close to her. However when it went up and away the helicopters seemed to rush in from all directions. She thought they would crash into each other. She said they could see each helicopter and she counted 23. Each had little lights and a big rotor on top and a small one on the rear. She thought they were military but didn't actually see military markings.

Betty's doctor is a cardiologist named Dr. Shenoy. She will call him and give her approval for me to talk to her. He has been treating her as a heart patient. She didn't tell him about the object when she went in for the first time. He just thought she had a burn of some kind, perhaps chemical. On a later visit Vicky told him of the cause.

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Betty has never had glasses or cataracts or other eye problem. Now her eyes are bad - like a film over them.

Betty's mother is visiting from Alabama to care for her. She may take Betty there to the University hospital next week.

Betty's telephone is 453-6042