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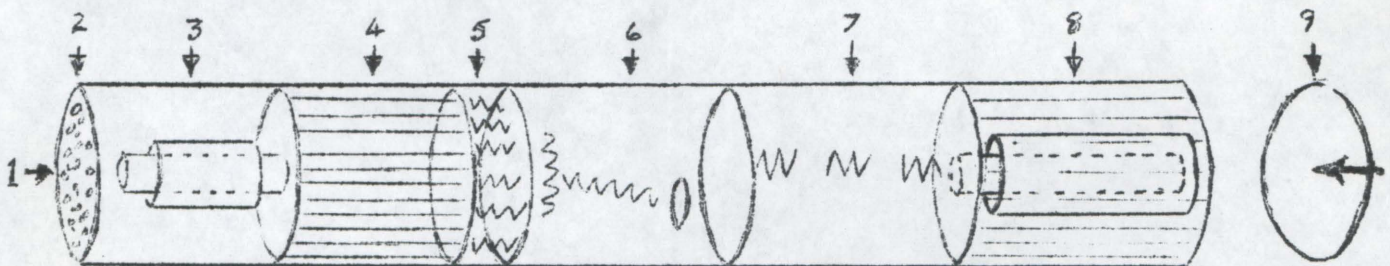
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THE TESLA SCOPE FOR SPACE COMMUNICATION



"Q" Glass Vacuum Tube enclosed in wooden box.
9 ft. long, 5" in diameter

Legend:

- (1) Audio Output. (2) Pick up. (3) Converter. (4) Automatic Control Chamber.
(5) Gas Chamber. (6) Converter. (7) Received Energy Control. (8) Dark Room (this section enclosed in pure silver shield). (9) Head.

The above illustration has been copied from a rough sketch (not to scale) drawn by Arthur H. Matthews of the basic concept of the design for a Space Communication Set which would increase the speed of electrical waves to 27 times that of light, as first conceived by Nikola Tesla in 1898, with the objective of communicating with the Planet Venus. Due to pressures of other work, however, the first working model was not built by Tesla until 1918. In 1938, Arthur Matthews, under Tesla's guidance, built an improved version of this device at Sanford, in the Province of Quebec, Canada. In 1947, 3 years after Tesla's death, he re-built the Set, incorporating further improvements and finally, in 1967, he re-constructed the Tesla Scope, adapting the new microminiature electronics and reducing its size to 6 ft. long and 4" in diameter. While the more recent models have incorporated the refinements of modern technology, this Space Communication Set retains the same basic concept as originally devised by Nikola Tesla and by this means, Mr. Matthews has, over the years, received messages from space people who claim that they are from Venus.

In this issue, therefore, we are turning over our editorial pages to Arthur H. Matthews, to whom we are all indebted for making available to Topside the interesting background story (including some hitherto unpublished material) on the life of the great electrical genius, Nikola Tesla, of whom Mr. Matthews was a close friend and confidante for many years and who is now custodian of many of Tesla's papers and invention designs. We are doing this in response to enquiries made by readers for further details on the Tesla Interplanetary Communication Set, and most of all, at the request of the Space Brothers, to pass on a message of vital importance to the people of Earth, as received by Mr. Matthews through the Tesla space communication device.

Arthur Matthews acknowledges, with gratitude, that he owes much of his early training and scientific insight to Nikola Tesla, and as a result, he has investigated UFOs with a well-balanced combination of Science and Philosophy. The messages he has received from his Venusian space friends (which could not be more appropriate in these days of world chaos brought about by wrong thinking) were obtained by purely scientific means, i.e., via the Tesla Scope.

This long-range Communication Set incorporates a method of harnessing cosmic rays, as discovered and devised by Tesla. The device works on a very fine beam - thinner than a hair - and it is able to reach spaceships more than 30,000 miles above the Earth's surface. The crews of these spacecraft have worked out calculations whereby they can beam their signals to the Set, always kept in an exact location, and on which Mr. Matthews has rigged an alarm system which rings when space signals are received. Communication is always at the initiation of the space people.

Arthur Matthews has demonstrated this device to top-level scientists, some of whom have tried to pry the secret of its construction from him. True to the Cosmic Principle that there is no merit to anything achieved without personal effort, the space people have instructed him not to divulge its secret - as yet. However, he is permitted to say that the full directions for building the Set are to be found in the published lectures which Tesla gave between the years 1890-96 and a few subsequent lectures. What the Venusians hope is that some Earth scientists will study these lectures, build the Communication Set from the data obtained, and give Tesla due credit as the original discoverer of this method of space communication.

Details of the messages follow and in view of the present world situation, we suggest that our readers give them some serious thought and pass on this knowledge. Some of you may have a healthy skepticism about the origin of these messages which, of course, is the right and privilege of any logical, intelligent person. "Prove all things" is an excellent scientific maxim, but until they have been proven, the wise retain an open mind. Many "impossibilities" of yesteryear are proven facts today, and may we remind our readers that despite the flimsy reporting given to the public by the U.S. Government on its space probes of Venus, suggesting that conditions on this planet preclude any likelihood of intelligent life there, many reputable, well-qualified scientists have good reasons to question these findings (for further details, see "Life on Venus" on page 6). Finally, we ask our readers to judge these messages on the truth and validity of the statements made - and to heed the warning spelled out. Certainly there are no doubts about the genuineness of his contacts with the space people in the mind of Arthur Matthews, who claims that on several occasions over the years, spaceships have landed on his 100-acre property at Lac Beauport, Quebec. These landings have taken place in a large, sloping meadow which sweeps down from the forested mountainside. This meadow, protected by the mountain at the back and the rise of

ground at the front, forms a comfortable hollow in which the spaceships can nestle, safe from prying or hostile eyes. Mr. Matthews says that he has spoken with the occupants of these spacecraft and claims that they are real, living, physical beings. We hope to publish further details of these landings in the next issue of Topside, through the courtesy of Mr. Matthews.

Guest Editorial

THE REPEATED MESSAGE FROM VENUS.

by Arthur H. Matthews.

I am told that the following message purporting to come from Venus, has been transmitted through various channels to the people of Earth for many hundreds of years. It is, in the main, the same message which I have received via the Tesla Scope in the years 1941, 1945, 1947, 1949, 1951, 1957, 1959 and 1961. This same message has been repeated because the same conditions exist on Earth. When I first received it in 1941, I was informed that it came from space people who claimed to be from Venus and who were aboard a spacecraft they called the X-12, a mother-ship 700 ft. in diameter and 300 ft. in height. They told me that if I visualized 2 saucers put together, with a tube in the centre and a separate ring around the outside, I would have some idea of the shape of this spacecraft which, they stated, carried 24 smaller spaceships inside exactly like the mother-ship except they were from 50 to 100 feet in diameter. They claimed that their spacecraft were operated solely by means of thought waves and that they had no other power - no motors or other forms of propulsion such as Earth people use.

Apart from the omission of certain personal messages connected mainly with my continued work for Tesla on Earth, the following is the message I first received in 1941 and which, in essence, has been repeated over the years.

"When you first receive this message, you will, like most Earth people, doubt. This is one of the strange things we find about the people of Earth - their continued doubting. They say they believe in God, but they doubt. They say God can cure their sicknesses and their troubles, but they doubt. Therefore, we expect you to doubt also. You will wonder if we really come from Venus - do we come from outer space? And you will wonder how we are able to talk to you in your own language. We use English at this time because you, our friend Matthews, only understand this language, but we have made a study of every language used by mankind. Actually, we would prefer to transmit our thoughts by the use of mental waves which would activate the Tesla machine.

As we look down on Earth, we note the greatest confusion and misunderstanding. Instead of acknowledging the One God and looking towards Him for enlightenment, we find you all over the Earth running hopelessly and helplessly in pursuit of many things you think will increase your personal happiness - and yet you wonder why you continue to suffer. We hear all of you, year after year, asking the same questions: "Why must we suffer? Why do we still have wars, sickness, poverty, famine and death? Why does pure joy always run away faster than we can, so that we can never catch up with it?" The answers to these questions are to be found in the fact that instead of turning upwards to God, your thoughts are earthbound and you judge only by what you see in others around you, the vast majority of whom are sick, unhappy and full of bad habits, doubting the existence of the Supreme Being and futilely, you follow the group. Your Earth is full of hate and misery and this condition has come to be accepted as the rule for mankind on Earth. This is not how God intended life to be on your beautiful planet, but very

few of you obey the Laws of God. Many of you attend some form of religious service on your Sundays, but how many Earth people carry out God's Laws in their everyday lives? We are amazed and saddened to find how much of your time is devoted to inventing and using destructive machines with which you murder each other. We see you spending vast sums of money pretending to bring peace on Earth, when you should know that the only way of obtaining peace is free - through Christ Love - there is no other way, so why waste your money and energy? We ask this question realizing that most Earth people have known for almost 2,000 years that the only way to secure peace on Earth and goodwill towards your fellow-men is by following the teachings of Jesus Christ whom a God of Love sent to your planet to bring spiritual enlightenment to mankind.

Therefore, we can only sadly conclude that the Earth people must be suffering from some form of mental sickness which can only be cured in one way - the way of the Christ Philosophy of Love. You have heard all this before and much of what we say will fall on deaf ears, but our thoughts are directed to those few of the Earth people who have sufficient mental and spiritual power to think clearly and to know right from wrong. These few have been implanted among you to help others to evolve spiritually and to grow in a manner to be of service to the Great, All-Knowing, All-Loving God and all His creatures. Your present behaviour is the reason for the continued visits to Earth by those of the space people who endeavour to act as spiritual guardians to your planet, but we must warn you that if you continue to conduct your lives by wrong thinking, you will surely annihilate yourselves - and we shall not have many people to pick up when your Earth is about to be destroyed.

To help the people of Earth, we brought down one of our own to live among you. During a trip from our planet to Earth, a Venusian child was born. We landed our spacecraft at midnight on July 9, 1856 and decided to leave this boy-child in the care of a good man and his wife. This infant was Nikola Tesla and we left him on Earth in the hope that his higher mental powers and inventive genius would enable him to build advanced machines for the benefit of humanity and that your world, torn by hate and wars, would thereby come out of the darkness into the light. During the years between 1856 and 1943, we landed many times on Earth, but we found no improvement there. At the death of Tesla in 1943, we landed again and attended his funeral. We were saddened to find that the Earth people had used the gifts of Tesla and other great inventors only to satisfy their greed and lust for power, that the same evil conditions existed on Earth and that its people continued to expend their energy on wars and killing their own kind, which is contrary to God's Law which clearly states: Thou shalt not kill.

These things are beyond our understanding for Venus, in all its history, has never had war. We have but one purpose in life - to serve God and this we do with all our energy of body and mind and because we do this, our mental power grows stronger with age. We remain in perfect health until the day we die. We enjoy perfect harmony, health and happiness with our loved ones all the days of our lives. We have no place in our hearts for selfish desires because we know and believe that God's Law is good and therefore we have no need for man-made laws.

Lack of faith in God has left your Earth in the Dark Ages and you will never progress or know peace of mind, true happiness and complete harmony until you learn to renew your faith and to become higher in your thinking and living than the crawling things which you now appear to emulate - instead of becoming spiritually-minded beings in the likeness of God. To avert hatred and wars, you must learn to remove every trace of national pride and racial discrimination, for there is, in fact, only one race in the entire Universe - that of mankind whom God created.

Aurora Borealis and earth currents, and I am as sure as I can be of any fact, that these 'variations' were due to none of these causes. It was some time afterward, however, that the thought flashed upon me that the disturbances might be due to intelligent control. The feeling is growing constantly upon me that I had been the first to hear the greeting of one planet to another. Faint and uncertain as these signals were, they have given me a deep conviction and foreknowledge that ere long all human beings on this globe will turn their eyes to the firmament above with feelings of reverence, thrilled by the glad news: Brethern! We have had a message from another world, unknown and remote!"

Credit: Dr. Daniel W. Fry, Understanding, P.O. Box 206, Merlin, Oregon, 97532, U.S.A.

LIFE ON VENUS

While not negating the wonderful achievement of the recent space probes of Venus, it appears, after what at best can only be described as a cursory scratching at the surface of this planet with experimental instruments understandably not as yet designed to meet all the unknown alien conditions of outer space, that the space probe agencies are already trying to sell us the idea that there is no life on Venus. They allege that this is based on their interpretation of the exploratory data collected which indicates that due to lack of oxygen, atmospheric conditions and extremely high temperatures, this planet could not support life. We might ask what sort of a scientific conclusion this is, based on such a short-term analysis and what logically-minded person is going to accept it? The simple truth is that to date, no conclusive, satisfactory scientific evidence has yet been produced to rule out the possibility of biological life forms on Venus. Why then all this unscientific haste to convince us otherwise? Could it be yet another segment of the worldwide conspiracy to hush up the truth of other inhabited planets whose occupants are visiting Earth in their spaceships? If so, we are not so easily fooled these days. And still less are many of the world's leading space research scientists, planetary physicists, astronomers and other qualified experts who for some time now have been tearing holes in the fabric of the space probe findings, seriously questioning the validity of their interpretation of conditions on Venus. As far back as early 1966, an influential group of U.S. space scientists openly levelled criticism at the findings of Mariner II on its fly-by of Venus several year ago, stating that despite conclusions to the contrary, there was still a good chance that the planet Venus may have some form of life. This panel of scientists, marshalled by the Space Science Board of the National Academy of Sciences, met in Washington on January 16, 1966 and in its report stated that Venus had been too hastily rejected as a biological objective. In dealing with the radio reports from Mariner's instruments which indicated a surface temperature of 800 degrees, the report stated in part: "The main objective has been to the supposedly high surface temperature, but we should note that the interpretation of the radio emission from Mariner is, at least, questionable. Few planetary physicists would be surprised to hear that a non-thermal source exists for the data transmitted by Mariner." The report went on to say that far lower temperatures than those suggested by Mariner may exist at the summits of high mountain ranges possibly present on cloud-shrouded Venus.

In April, 1968, Dr. Willard F. Libby, a Nobel Prize-winning chemist, formerly a member of the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission and now directing the Institute of Geophysics and Planetary Physics at the University of California, Los Angeles, offered some startling new theories on Venus in a report made to the technical journal "Science",

suggesting that Venus may have 3-mile deep ice caps and continuous snowfall at its polar regions. He said that it is conceivable that low forms of life may exist in the semi-polar regions due to some melting of the ice caps and the presence of carbon dioxide in the Venusian atmosphere. Summing up on the question of life on Venus, he stated "It seems that any forms of life that can live in high concentrations of carbon dioxide may well exist on Venus in the semi-polar regions where the temperatures may well be mild enough."

We have been told that the latest findings on Venus indicate that there is no oxygen in its atmosphere. Again, reputable scientists question this allegation, and it might be pointed out here that in 1957-58, Russian and American earth satellites sending back signals after spectographic observations, indicated that there was no oxygen in Earth's atmosphere!

Professor V.A. Firsoff, Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society and noted British authority on the Planet Venus, has expressed criticism of the findings of the space probes by Venus 4 and Mariner 5, stating that "-- the scientific accounts of the results so far published are woolly and unsatisfactory." He goes on to say: "The solar day of Venus deduced from the radar data is 117 days. Now if the sun never sets on Venus, which seems to be attributed to the intense refraction in its atmosphere, how is it that one side of Venus as seen in the telescope, is always dark? Indeed the boundary between the day and night hemisphere is quite sharp. True, what we observe is the upper cloud layer of Venus. If, however, the sun shines right round the globe of Venus some of the light from it should reach us through the clouds, as it is through the self-same clouds that it reaches the surface in the first place. Of this, though, there is no sign.

"The dark side of Venus is sometimes seen faintly illuminated by the so-called "ashen light", but spectra of this light have been obtained (by Kozyrev in the Soviet Union and Newkirk in the United States) and consist of bright emission lines, such as are produced by electrically excited gases. According to the tentative identification by Mr. Bryan Warner of London University, most of these lines appear to be due to oxygen; nitrogen has been identified as well. But the point is that scattered or refracted sunlight would give a continuous spectrum with dark absorption lines."

If the full and true findings of the Venusian space probes by the Russians and Americans were released to the public, we feel it safe to predict that a very different picture would emerge on the subject of Life on Venus!

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HOW WE SHOULD DEAL WITH UFO NEGATIVE PROPAGANDA.

Over the past 2 years especially, an increasing amount of reports, rumours, talk and wild speculation has been circulating around the UFO scene concerning such matters as the pressuring and silencing of private UFO researchers; UFO publications being forced off the market; loss of, or interference with, UFO mail, including valuable documents, photographs and even registered mail and telegrams "going astray"; queer stories of "Men in Black" and more recently, menacing drivers of unlicensed black Cadillacs - black-garbed, Oriental-looking men who silently photograph the houses and families of UFO witnesses (as per John A. Keel's article "The Sinister Men in Black", "Fate", April, 1968); an increase in literature on the "Flying Saucers are Hostile" theme (laughable, this - if they were really aggressive, UFOs with their advanced technology, could have

wiped us all off the face of the Earth centuries ago!); the distorted, negative portrayal of UFO occupants in the TV show "The Invaders"; suggestions that members of the "Silence Group" are infiltrating UFO associations with the alleged idea of using these organizations eventually to pass on false information and negative thinking; a few UFO periodicals warning us in effect: "Be on guard. "Big Brother" may be watching you!"; odd UFO questionnaires that include the intriguing question: "Have any members of your Association been subjected to government scrutiny or intimidation?" - and, coming right home, even a mysterious rumour that Topside was being "suspended", which we can assure our readers is entirely unfounded! Dr. Edward Condon is reported as saying that the findings of the Colorado University's UFO study project "will not necessarily add to the nation's peace of mind" and later reports indicate some disintegration among his original group of scientists, with Dr. Condon reported to be suffering from a recurrent heart ailment. Then there are even more disturbing suggestions, e.g., Gordon Creighton, President of Britain's largest UFO research organization BUFORA, theorizes that there may be something sinister in the unusual number of recent deaths among well-known Ufologists. We do not claim to know the truth, but this does seem like stretching coincidence to the point of melodrama, and one might ask here why such key UFO figures as Keyhoe, Hynek, McDonald, Valleé, Fuller, Edwards, the Lorenzons, Fry, Farish, Barker, (USA); Duplantier (Canada); Cramp, Clearey-Baker, Caswell (Britain); Petersen (Denmark); Michel (France), and many others have been left unscathed?

Where Lies the Truth?

The whole picture, as described above, adds up to a mass of negative thinking, which, to say the least, is damaging to the work of genuine UFO researchers and is probably diabolically devised to discourage and intimidate not only them but the vast mass of lay people who are becoming increasingly interested in the UFO mystery. How much of this negative material is based on truth, how much is exaggerated sensationalism or downright lies, or how much of it is carefully-conceived negative propaganda designed to harm the UFO cause, and whence it all emanates, are questions which as yet, cannot be answered accurately. As with the UFO mystery itself, we can only theorize. Many believe it is the work of governments, acting through such agencies as the CIA, etc.; others attribute it to the vague "Silence Group", while some suggest that certain people with warped minds have jumped on the UFO band-wagon and are attempting to terrorize Ufologists for sheer kicks. A few, and probably more accurately, lay the blame at the door of a mere handful of people - that small and select but all-powerful syndicate of international financiers who control world governments, their destiny and thinking and who fear, in the spreading of UFO truths, the eventual crumbling of their vast financial empires. Wherever the truth lies, there is little doubt that negative forces of some sort are actively at work on this planet, and therefore we must be prepared to deal with them.

A Timely Warning

Regrettably, a number of UFO writers and publications have been responsible for damaging the UFO image by giving undue prominence and publicity to this negative propaganda and in this regard we refer to those writers who appear to delight in 'sensationalizing' their articles with dramatic half-truths or blown-up rumours of a negative nature which they consider will make their material more saleable, particularly to the "yellow sheet" type of publication. While keeping a watchful eye on negative developments and constantly seeking the truth, we would be a lot wiser and serve a better purpose if we kept such doubtful negative material out of our journals. Otherwise, we may only be falling into a carefully-laid trap and serving the ends of the negativists.

Rather, we should concentrate on the constructive, positive side of our search for UFO truths and become our own "Silence Group" when dealing with destructive negative propaganda. Above all, we should be particularly careful about what we say on this subject in public statements or in interviews with news media, which often provides an open invitation for our views to be distorted in the sensation-seeking press. A typical example of this may be quoted in the unfortunate experience of Mr. J. Ralph Jarrett, President of the UFO Investigators Group of Charleston, W. Va. In a speech addressed to the Charleston Exchange Club in March, 1968, he commented that those who learn too much about flying saucers are mysteriously "silenced". The following day, "The Charleston Gazette" published an account of this address under the exaggerated headline of "UFO Probers Doomed to Die"! In a statement published later in the Gazette in which Mr. Jarrett objected to this headline and clarified his meaning (i.e., "silencing" did not mean death), he commented sadly: "In six short words, this headline could have destroyed more than it has taken me a year to accomplish." We have every sympathy with Mr. Jarrett for being so badly misquoted and we print this mainly as a warning to others. If we publish UFO negative material at all, rather than treat it too seriously, it might be a better idea to give it the same ridicule as that heaped on the serious UFO research conducted by private groups for so many years. This approach proved very effective for the famous "swamp gas" alibi, and for a laugh, we might add the retaliatory slogan of the Amalgamated Flying Saucer Clubs of America: "Flying Saucers are Real - the Air Force doesn't exist!"

Some Practical Approaches

Assuming there is some truth in the negative propaganda allegations, how can we best protect ourselves from such activity? In the case of "lost" mail for which some evidence of veracity exists, we think we can do no better than to quote the following warning and sound advice as issued by Dr. P.M.H. Edwards, West Coast Director for CAPRO & APRQ:

- "1. Submit evidence primarily only to authorized organizations (CAPRO, APRO, NICAP, etc., to list a few).
2. Submit only COPIES (never originals) of photographs to the authorities (this applies especially to the USAF, Bluebook and other government agencies, but also applies to the private agencies as well). If the agency wants to see the original of the photo or negative, make arrangements with that agency to send a representative with proper credentials to receive the original/s. When the agent arrives, check his credentials very carefully, then telephone the office that sent him to verify the fact that this is actually their man. When the agent takes the photo, make absolutely certain you obtain a receipt with a return date on it. Also, make sure you have 2 or 3 witnesses in attendance.
3. Try to refrain from mailing originals out of the country. Copies, of course, can be sent. Many agencies and private individuals in Canada have run into a delivery problem with the U.S. Postal Authorities - a great deal of original material has been 'lost' and never reached its destination. We know of one Canadian agency which mailed a complete report and analysis of a very important case to its parent organization in the U.S. by Registered Mail. A few days later, the package was returned to the Canadian agency with the words "No such address" stamped across it. Now the American agency to which the report was sent has been in existence for 13 years and its headquarters have never been changed, so "No such address" did not apply in this case. Also, the package had been ripped open and most of the material taken out. This is theft - a federal offense - all you have to do is find who

opened the package which, of course, is impossible.

4. If the material is very important, refrain from using the organization's name or even its initials; preferably, mail it to a person at that address and this way it may escape the attention of the postal authorities. If the organization's name appears on the package, it immediately becomes suspect. It is a fact that almost every Post Office in Canada and the U.S.A. is aware of the full names by initials of most of the well-known UFO organizations. (Topside confirms this, having received mail addressed "ONSC, Canada", "Wilbert Smith's Club, Ottawa" and even "UFOs, Canada"!.) So, for mailing investigations, UFO reports and especially originals of photographs and negatives DO NOT use the organization's name or initials."

If They Try to Silence You

With regard to the alleged "pressuring and silencing" of private UFO witnesses and researchers, which apparently is more prevalent in the U.S., we quote below a condensed version of an excellent article on this subject which appeared in the March-April 1965 issue of NICAP's "UFO Investigator". While slanted primarily for American consumption, the advice given is equally applicable in most countries.

- "1. If you sight a UFO, mail a report to NICAP (1536 Connecticut Ave. N.W., Washington DC, 20036, USA) at the earliest possible moment - if possible, before an interview with a government agent. (A NICAP investigator may contact you; if so, ask to see his credentials.)
2. If a government, or even municipal, agent contacts you, ask for credentials first. Be courteous; many investigators oppose the secrecy and are only following orders. Write down names, official agency, key data on identification cards and the date and time. If credentials are refused, you can refuse to talk, even if the investigators are in uniform.
3. If informed of the interview ahead, have one or more witnesses present, and/or a tape recorder. If agents order witnesses to leave, ask for the legal authority involved. Since there is none, you can politely insist on witnesses or taping, or both, to keep the record straight. If they still refuse, you can end the interview.
4. Before reporting details, tell the investigators you reserve your civil rights to make this information public if you wish. If they object and order you to keep silent, ask by what legal authority.
5. If the agents agree to your provisions, then carefully give them all sighting details. However, if you have photos of a UFO/s, **DO NOT GIVE UP THE ORIGINALS**. If possible, have copies made before any interview. Offer investigators a copy. They have no legal right to take the original film and there are recorded cases where owners never got their originals back. If you do give up a photo, original or copy, be sure to get a signed receipt showing name, title, agency involved, and date, with brief description of the photo and condition.
6. If the agents insist on silence, you should ask the specific reasons, besides the legal authority, then the decision is up to you - not the agents. We suggest that if you agree, you insist on their writing out the silencing order and signing it, with an explanation. If you don't agree and no authority or good reason is shown, you would be free to release the report to NICAP, the press or broadcasting stations. However, if agents ask you merely to delay publicity a short time - for a fair reason - you could agree. (This would not prevent a temporarily confidential report to NICAP.)

7. Regardless of interview results, get photos, if possible, of the investigators as they leave, also their car and number plate. This is very important if agents are in civilian clothes and vitally so if they refuse to show credentials.

If you are in a "sensitive" position, NICAP certainly does not want you to risk your job. But if you are free from pressure, you have every right to report silencing attempts to newspapers or broadcasting stations. If you can't risk publicity, send us a confidential report of the entire affair. But unless you are compelled to remain anonymous, please make your report public. If more witnesses hit back and reveal silencing attempts, the censorship soon will collapse."

The Best Protection of All

There is only one way to deal effectively with the Forces of Darkness and that is by the Light of Spirituality from which all evil shrinks. If we beam out thoughts of goodwill and compassion to these unhappy creatures with sick minds, in complete faith of God's protection, they cannot harm us. We willingly give sympathy to a person with a sick body, so how much more compassion should we extend to the morally-bankrupt, with diseased minds. If we project thoughts of hate and fear, we only open up a 2-way channel which puts us on the receiving end of negative activity. Far better that we pray for these lost souls stumbling blindly in the dark, in the firm belief that each prayer will cast a ray of light into their world of spiritual darkness.

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"UFO CONTACT"

Topside would like to thank those of its readers who responded to the appeal in our last issue to support the continued publication of "UFO Contact". Word has reached us from Denmark that thanks to an encouraging response, particularly from Scandinavia, "UFO Contact" will continue to be published this year. It is, however, still in need of subscriptions from the North American Continent to assure its continued publication next year. For the convenience of any of our Canadian or U.S. readers who may wish to subscribe to this excellent magazine, Topside has permission from Denmark to accept subscriptions which will be forwarded on to Denmark. Rates: \$3.50 (surface mail) or \$5.00 (air mail).

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"HARMONIC 33"

Due to an unforeseen delay by the English publishers of Capt. Bruce Cathie's eagerly-awaited book describing his scientific study of the behaviour of UFOs over New Zealand which indicates that an intricate grid system is being built up by these spacecraft, "Harmonic 33" is not expected to be published before June, 1968. We therefore hope to review this book in the next issue of Topside. In the meantime, readers may order a copy of the first edition of this remarkable book which is likely to prove an early "sell-out" (Price: \$2.50, Canadian or U.S. funds) from :-

The Murray Organization Limited,
C.P.O. Box 2237,
Auckland, New Zealand.

THE LIFE OF NIKOLA TESLA

Part 4 of a condensed version based on a tape recording by Arthur H. Matthews.

Professor Poeschl had urged Tesla to make models of his newly discovered alternating current system and immediately the electrical genius set about mentally visualizing a full range of dynamos, motors, transformers and other devices, all in perfect detail, and thus what was to become his world-famous Polyphase Power System swiftly evolved as a mental reality. But all too soon came the realization that he would never be able to afford to build these constructs on his poorly-paid salary and all attempts to interest financial backers in Budapest in what they considered to be a "crackpot" invention had failed miserably. So Tesla decided to quit his job at the Telephone Exchange and go to Paris where he thought prospects would be better. Taking with him a letter of introduction and recommendation written by Szigeti, he went to Paris and applied for a position with the Continental Edison Company which, impressed by his credentials, took him on as a junior engineer. This Company was a French firm which made and installed motors, dynamos and lighting systems under the Thomas A. Edison patents, all of which was direct current equipment. During his work there, Tesla discovered certain flaws in the dynamos and devised ways of correcting them. These were adopted by the Company, but all Nikola Tesla received was an encouraging pat on the back - and more problems to solve. Again, he tried to interest investors in his alternating current invention but to no avail - and then suddenly, fate took a hand.

The Continental Edison Company had installed a powerhouse and lighting system in the railway station at Strasbourg in Alsace, which then belonged to Germany. In early 1883, arrangements had been made for the electrical installation to be formally opened by Kaiser Wilhelm I but, as it turned out, a short circuit in the wiring blew out the entire wall of the railway station just as the Emperor stepped from the train! The infuriated Germans held the French firm responsible for the failure and the Continental Edison Company stood to lose a lot of money if they did not offer immediate restitution. Because of his knowledge of German and past experience, and with the promise of a handsome bonus if he succeeded, Tesla was rushed to Strasbourg to survey the damage and to supervise the reconstruction of the electrical system, which was to take over a year to complete. On arrival, he was given the facilities of a machine shop near the station and immediately, Tesla saw in this an ideal opportunity to transfer his mental constructs into physical reality. Using materials ordered from Paris and working in his off-hours, Tesla, without the aid of a single blueprint or even a freehand sketch, began meticulously building all the parts for a motor and dynamo to operate on alternating current. He not only made each part to the exact thousandth of an inch but carefully polished it to make it more precise. When all the parts had been completed, he assembled the equipment and started his power generator. The moment of truth had arrived. He closed the switch and the armature of his motor turned and built up speed. Tesla paused and took a deep breath, then closed the reversing switch. The armature stood still for an agonizing split-second, then instantly started turning in the opposite direction! The Tesla alternating current system worked perfectly - and with no commutator! And thus, in that vital moment of Earth's technological history, alternating current was transformed from a visual dream into a working reality - and the Tesla Polyphase Induction Motor was born!

Tesla had formed a friendship with the former Mayor of Strasbourg who developed a very high regard for the young inventor. Tesla recalls, as a nostalgic memory, an incident in which the ex-Mayor paid him the highest compliment he could give. Just

before the Germans invaded Alsace in 1870, the Mayor had cached away in a secret hiding place, a number of bottles of rare old vintage wine made in 1801 which were only opened in honour of some special personage or occasion. On completion of Tesla's alternating current models, the Mayor paid Nikola the supreme compliment of opening a bottle of his precious wine and the two men spent a very pleasant evening together imbibing this exquisite beverage. The Mayor had followed the development of Nikola's alternating current system with keen interest and when the working models were ready, he introduced Tesla to a number of wealthy businessmen in the hope of getting one of them interested in developing this a.c. system, but while very impressed with the equipment and its potentialities, not one could bring himself to invest in such a revolutionary idea. The Mayor therefore urged Tesla to return to Paris as soon as possible. Nikola was only too eager to try his luck there now that he had working models, but he found his work at Strasbourg continually protracted by all kinds of petty obstacles as the Germans tediously checked and re-checked every part of the electrical installation. In Tesla's own words: "Just to give an idea of the German thoroughness and efficiency, I may mention here a funny experience. An incandescent lamp of 16 candle power was to be placed in a hallway and upon selecting a proper location, I ordered an electrician to run the wires, but after working for a while, he concluded that the Engineer ought to be consulted, and this was done. The latter made several objections but ultimately agreed that the lamp should be placed 2" from the spot I had assigned, whereupon the work proceeded. Then the Engineer became worried and told me that Inspektor Aberdich should be notified. That important person called, investigated, debated and finally decided that the lamp should be shifted back 2", which was the place I had in mind. However, it was not long before Aberdich got cold feet himself and advised me that he would have to inform the Ober-Inspektor and obtain his decision. It was several days before the Ober-Inspektor arrived and after a 2-hour debate, he decided to move the lamp 2" further. My hopes that this was the final act were shattered when the Ober-Inspektor returned and told me that his superior, Herr Funke, was so particular that he dare not give an order for placing the lamp without his explicit approval. Accordingly, arrangements were made for a visit from the great man. That morning we cleaned and polished everything and finally Funke arrived with all his retinue and was ceremoniously received. After 2 hours of solid deliberation, he suddenly exclaimed that he must be going and, pointing to a place on the ceiling, ordered me to put the lamp there. It was the exact spot which I had originally chosen!"

By the Spring of 1884, the plant was formally accepted and Nikola Tesla returned to Paris in great expectation of his promised reward for successfully completing the project and thus saving the Continental Edison Company a vast sum of money. In anticipation of this well-earned bonus, Tesla had practically exhausted all his savings on building his constructs and was now desperately in need of the promised reward for all his efforts. Shortly after his return to the Continental Edison Company, he enquired about the "liberal remuneration" the firm had promised him. As a result, Tesla found himself shifted from one of the three directors to another, each in turn denying any personal responsibility for the offer made him, until finally it became obvious that the Company had no intention of honouring its promise. Sadly disillusioned, Nikola Tesla still had the courtesy to offer the firm the first refusal of his alternating current system and when they turned it down, he submitted his resignation. One of the executives of the Company, Charles Batchellor, an American, had sympathized with Tesla, and he suggested that Nikola went to America, offering him a letter of introduction to the great Thomas Alva Edison in New York. Tesla accepted the offer, with renewed hope and, in his own words: "I determined to try my fortune in the Land of the Golden

Promise!" A week later, he was booked to sail to America. He left his lodging in Paris with his travel tickets, a small amount of money and his few belongings packed in a brown paper parcel. On his way to the railway station, he was attacked by thugs, knocked down and robbed of his meagre possessions. But, by some superhuman effort, he managed to reach the boat on which, with no ticket, he had to travel steerage. Nikola spent most of the voyage in the engine room and whiled away the time working out ways to improve the equipment. Towards the end of the voyage, a mutiny brawl broke out in the engine room and although innocently involved, Tesla had to desperately fight his way out of the meleé.

And thus, Nikola Tesla arrived in the Land of the Golden Promise, with a bandaged thumb, a cut cheek and a large lump on his forehead. He had no baggage and his only possessions were on his person - a book of his poems, a couple of articles he had written, some calculations relating to a problem he was working on for the design of a flying machine - and the letter of introduction to Thomas A. Edison. In his pocket, there were exactly four cents!

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John G. Fuller's article "Flying Saucer Fiasco" which appeared in the May 14/68 issue of "Look" reveals in detail the whole sordid background of one of the most despicable "scientific" hoaxes to be perpetrated on the American public - to say nothing of the complete waste of over half a million dollars of the taxpayers' money. It shows how the University of Colorado UFO Investigation Study, over-shadowed by a negative approach and non-objectivity from the top level (and a heavy preponderance of psychologists on its staff of experts, presumably to try to prove that UFO believers are all nuts!), was doomed before it even started, and worse, it discloses a deliberate attempt to "trick" the public into believing what "appeared" to be a totally objective study" - all of which has led to a near-mutiny by several of the staff scientists, the dismissal of 2 Ph. D's, the resignation of the project's Administrative Assistant, and the withdrawal of NICAP's considerable assistance. In short, the biggest scientific foul-up of all time. That the U.S. Government should go to such extraordinary lengths to try to disprove the reality of UFOs can only produce one reaction among Ufologists. Millions of us are now convinced more than ever that there must be some truth in the existence of alien spacecraft in our skies! Or why else all these elaborate cover-up precautions?

It appears that our only hope now of getting an objective, scientific UFO study lies with NICAP and we print below the statement made by its Director which appeared in "Look" magazine.

"After 17 months, NICAP has broken with the University of Colorado UFO Project. We join LOOK and John G. Fuller in disclosing the facts as a public service. At first, NICAP was dubious about an AF-financed project. After Dr. Condon pledged a fair study, we briefed scientists, trained field teams, loaned verified reports by pilots, aerospace engineers and other capable observers. Later, news stories quoted Condon as strongly biased, rejecting all evidence. When we found that barely one half of one percent of NICAP's cases were investigated (and none by Condon himself), we stopped transmitting. Administrator Low's disturbing proposals and the firing of Drs. Saunders and Levine led to our final break. NICAP will submit plans to the President and Congress for a new official investigation, free of military or civilian agencies, with majority-vote controls, frequent public reports and other safeguards. We welcome suggestions (confidential if desired) from scientists and other citizens seeking a full, open evaluation. Meantime, to offset the Colorado failure, our investigations will be intensified; NICAP is the world's largest UFO fact-finding organization, with over 300 scientific and technical advisers, trained investigators and thousands of nationwide members. To help increase factual evidence, we urge that all verified sightings be reported to us. Names will be kept confidential, if requested. Maj. Donald E. Keyhoe, USMC, Ret., Director National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, 1536 Connecticut Avenue N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036."

We should all get behind NICAP and give it the whole-hearted support it deserves.