



## The Toys-R-Us Apparition

### SPECIFICATIONS:

**Date:** 1978

**Location:** Toys-R-Us store, Sunnyvale, California

**Photographer:** Photographer from Alpha Labs hired by the television program *That's Incredible!*

**Type Camera:** Unknown. Infra-red.

### Other Information:

Location has a history of poltergeist and paranormal activity.

This classic shot has one of the best pedigrees among spirit photos because it was shot under carefully controlled circumstances with numerous witnesses present, making fakery especially difficult. Taken in 1978 at a Sunnyvale, California Toys-R-Us store known for an inordinate amount of paranormal activity, the picture was shot by professional photographers hired by the TV program *That's Incredible!* Using both high-speed and infra-red cameras, a photographer was filming store employees holding a seance (led by noted psychic Sylvia Browne) as they tried to contact whatever spirits there may be. When the film was developed by Alpha Labs, the infra-red camera caught this apparition of a young man with his

hands in his pockets leaning casually against the wall.

The curious thing was that the man was not seen with the naked eye at the time nor did he turn up on the high speed footage shot from the same vantage point at the same time, making hoaxing especially unlikely. Additionally, the sheer number of witnesses present—as many as a dozen—would further seem to eliminate collusion.

This particular Toys 'R Us had a history of inexplicable events such as items falling off shelves with no one around, strange feelings of being watched by store employees, cold spots and other paranormal happenings. There is also a story that goes that a young man named Johnny Johnson—who had worked on

the site when it was an apple orchard in the nineteenth century—had accidentally severed his leg with an axe and bled to death. It is thought it is his spirit who now haunts the store's location which, if true, makes him a fairly long-lasting and, by most accounts, one of the more active spirits ever to haunt a specific location. Definitely one of the best documented and impressive spirit captures ever taken and one about which people really can say "That's Incredible!"