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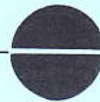
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Editorial

Some have stated in the past that BUFORA is a dead duck, waning into decline with eventual dissolution. It is true that the Association has had its problems in the past; watching a membership decline from nearly 1000 down to less than 25% of that figure at the beginning of the 1980's must have been of great concern to the BUFORA Council at that time.

At present, we can look back at those unfortunate times and be pleased that we have been able to shrug off the restraints of recession and decline.

With the unprecedented success of *Phenomenon*, (which has sold out in hardback and will soon be entering the vast North American market) BUFORA is now receiving approximately 90 membership requests per month, which is a record for the Association. With this more local groups are building stronger ties with us; keeping their local identity (which is very important) but gaining the obvious benefits of belonging to a larger, national network.

The National Investigations Committee has grown to be able to co-ordinate investigations over most of the British Isles, producing professional case studies and pioneering new investigative techniques.

A series of new projects and

services to members are in the pipeline and will be highlighted in future editions of the Bulletin.

Despite this success and the hopeful expansion of the the Association, BUFORA has no aspirations to being 'the best and biggest' UFO group in the United Kingdom. **Ufology is not, and should never be a competitive sport.** The main aims of any UFO group, large or small, should be to absorb a greater understanding of the phenomenon it investigates and to **share** that information with the rest of the UFO community.

That is what BUFORA is in business for and as you can see, actions speak louder than words.

Many editorials within the British UFO literature of late have focussed on the problem of the Sunday Sport newspaper. Headlines like, "Space Aliens

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turned our son into an olive" and the classic, "World War II bomber found on moon" are illustrative of the kind of verbiage that can be found in this 'adult comic'. Any intelligent person can see that the Sunday Sport is a comic, full of fictional stories of many kinds and unfortunately that includes UFOs too.

Most commentators who have addressed this topic, have realised the damage that constant fictional UFO stories appearing in the Sport can have on the subject. The course of action that has been agreed is simple; if you are involved with UFO research don't talk to the Sport.

Sound advice, but we must remember where the Sunday Sport obtained (and greatly expanded) the UFO stereotype of green, bug eyed monsters, in flying saucers. Tabloids such as the Daily Star, The Sun, News of the World and the Daily and Sunday Mirror are the true pacemakers who keep the UFO phenomenon in the silly season category.

It is certainly my belief that these tabloids are far more unscrupulous than the Sport. As stated previously, at least any intelligent person can see the Sport's stories for what they are: fiction. However, You can never be too sure whether a traditional, daily or Sunday tabloid is relaying factual information. Remember, it is they who colour and manipulate the thinking of the average person in the street, not a minority circulation newspaper

like the Sunday Sport.

At a recent NIC meeting, we had a rather interesting debate on abductions and the kind of research protocol that we, as an association, should adopt. During this debate the idea of a specialist 'abductions committee' (for want of a better name) was raised which sounded alarm bells in my mind.

With such a situation of researching the abduction experience in a divorced, insular manner are we not in danger of loosing sight of the UFO beast as a whole?

I would totally agree that in science, it is right that the subject under scrutiny should be categorised and labelled to aid the research. But to look at abductions without comparing and analysing these experiences with other, high strangeness, non abduction cases such as Bedroom visitations, alleged psychic channeling and repeaters would be illogical and would leave such a study without substance.

Following on from this, it is common practice for most established investigators to be selective of the cases they investigate, ie LITS and other unremarkable reports are not enquired into simply because usually they are identifiable and thus apparently a waste of valuable time and resources.

This is a practice that I have always been suspicious of.

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MJ-12: THE UPDATE

by Bob Digby

Previous chairman and member of BUFORA's research department, Bob Digby, reports on the latest information on the controversial MJ12 saga.

A recent holiday touring the United States was punctuated by stop-overs at two UFO conferences. The first of these was the MUFON conference held in Lincoln, Nebraska on 24th to 26th June 1988. One of the many scheduled sessions was MJ-12 and Philip Klass: What are the Facts? to be presented by Bill Moore.

Due to a last minute change, the paper was presented by Jamie Shaudera. Jamie was the recipient of a roll of undeveloped film which arrived at his home in North Hollywood in December 1984. When the film was developed it was found to contain two identical strips of eight frames each on which were photographs of eight pages of apparently classified documents.

TOP SECRET RESEARCH

The essence of these documents were that on the 7th July 1947 an operation was initiated to recover the wreckage and bodies of an alien spacecraft that had crashed near Roswell, New Mexico. Operation Majestic 12 was the Top Secret Research and Development Intelligence operation, directly responsible to the President of the United

States. The Majestic 12 were a collection of the very best and most senior scientific, government and military brains in the US establishment. These individuals were named in the unexpected leaked documents (including it's head, Dr Vannevar Bush).



Vannevar Bush

Not surprisingly, controversy soon raged amongst the UFO community. The paper to be presented at Lincoln was specifically to address the criticism of Phil Klass who is a correspondent for the Washington Magazine;

Aviation Week and Space technology. However, Jamie Shaudera's presentation was a considerable departure from the published proceedings.

DEALINGS

Shaudera spoke of dealings with operatives from the intelligence community in the USA who had effectively established with him that they were who they said they were. This was in the period of late 1982, early 1983.

It seems there has been on specific individual who has been a prime source or 'deep throat' (to use the terminology) of what is claimed to be a COSMIC WATERGATE!

Shaudera explained that right from the start, he and colleagues Bill Moore and Stanton Friedman had decided to play their cards 'close to the chest'. The reason for this being quite simple; with the gravity and complexity of the material, there was many a lead to follow before releasing anything.

Shaudera continued by confirming that their primary source was still actively involved with the operation and that the total number of intelligence operatives supplying information was ten, six of which were primary.

ETHICS

The game was basically played their way on their

terms. However, the team of Jamie, Stanton and Bill agreed on three absolute rules of their own:

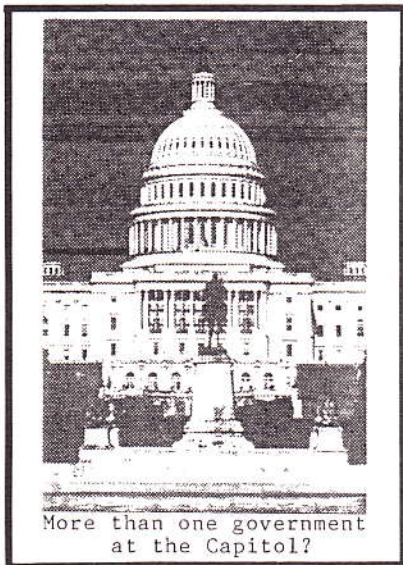
1. There would be no violation of journalistic ethics.
2. No violation of legal ethics.
3. No violation of moral ethics.

In addition they would not blindly accept what they were being told and that they would challenge and investigate what information they were given.

One of the earliest criticisms was over the fact that the three of them (SMF hereafter) had held on to these documents a long time before releasing them. However, as previously pointed out SMF wanted to make further enquiries to verify what they had received and not just release blindly without obtaining supporting evidence.

SOLE RESPONSIBILITY

Whilst it would be wonderful for the US government to confirm the authenticity SMF point out that we are not talking about one body of individuals all channelled to one source, when we refer to government; more like a dragon with many heads. Indeed if MJ-12 does exist, then it is a body autonomous of the President: virtually a mini-government within the government. It would then have sole responsibility for everything to do with this subject matter.



SMF argue that this is not so surprising - to use Jamie Shaudera's terminology, this is not something that should not be subject to the whims of any particular administration because of political expediency. The whole matter, if true, is of too great an importance and significance.

When it comes to cover-ups, SMF point out that they come in different forms. If you talk about Watergate, then you are talking about a criminal act. Relative to UFOs, if you accept the premise that the Roswell incident happened as described then the only responsible thing a government could do is to cover the whole thing up. This, for the purposes of getting control, determining what is going on and who it is going on with. Does the incident represent a threat to national security? It is not a case of simply covering-up just to hide it from everyone.

The next point to be addressed is what is National Security? Does it just mean the threat of military invasion? No - it embraces the economic and psycho/social make-up that can unravel any of the 'fabrics' of our society is a threat to national security.

Therefore, argues SMF, the MJ-12 style of operation would be the most responsible thing to do.

Whilst the team of SMF cannot personally verify the MJ-12 documentation, they still have leads to follow up. They still maintain that nothing has happened to conclusively show a fraud. In effect the question cannot be answered - negatively or positively. They have reviewed the possibilities, particularly in the light of the information supplied from their intelligence operatives. The team of SMF do not regard the matter as one of belief. Their process is one of trying to prove what they are being told, to verify the evidence as it exists in a credible fashion and maintain integrity.

THE ULTIMATE SECRET

One of the regular questions raised over the whole story is- if the government has this information, why don't they just tell us all? The SMF answer is that those in the know wish they could but we are dealing the biggest, ultimate secret the world has ever known!

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thoroughly and secretly, that the material is not accessible by just walking into some military establishment and picking up a file. Jamie Shaudera stated that photographs relating to MJ-12 could only be viewed through special optical equipment designed to foil re-photography. textual documentation are specially treated to prevent re-photocopying. The compartment-alisation process was very thorough.

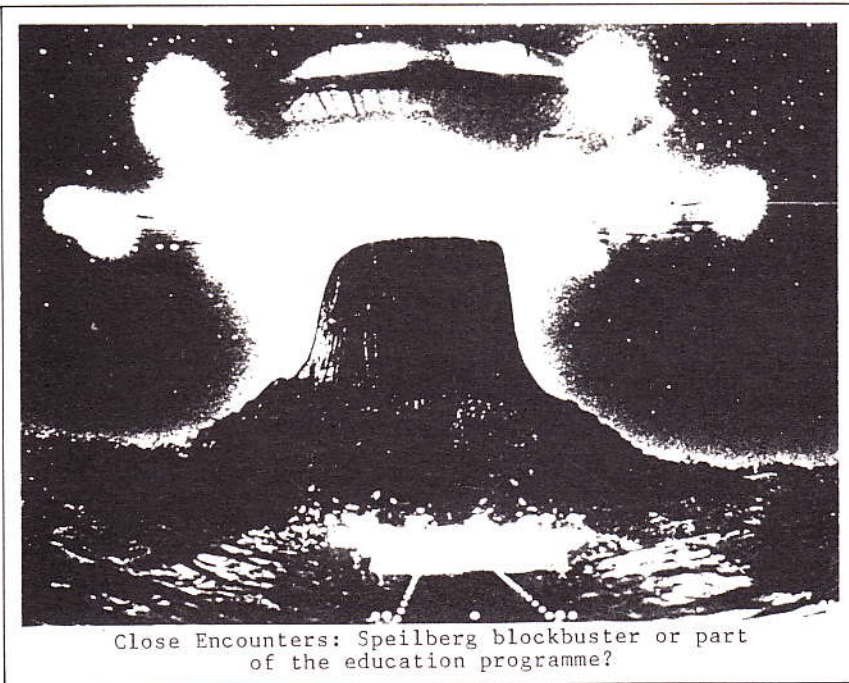
Another point made is that SMF do not just accept that the intelligence operatives are who they say they are. Jamie Shaudera pointed out that ultimately, you only know that these people are who they say they are through the development of a relationship

over time. To have the ability to contact them at an identifiable office, say and also the ability for these people to lay on a visit to a high security, government compound, where, as Shaudera puts it - 'you don't get there with a MUFON badge!'

Jamie Shaudera also stated that it seemed very important to these operatives that they could tell their story. He is under no illusions with his 'producer's eye' what would be required to go 'on air' and prove it all. He says anyway that without telling them, they know perfectly well what is needed.

PLAYING THE GAME

Therefore, what is the



Close Encounters: Spielberg blockbuster or part of the education programme?

purpose of just telling the story unless there is ultimately a play-out of the scenario they are telling of. SMF say they are willing to continue playing the game as long as the possibility still exists. SMF report that they are moving swiftly towards going public with all the information they have. Their sources have made it clear that they expect SMF to do their homework. This extends to them being tested with false information that enquiries showed to be false. SMF think that simply accepting these false documents would have heralded the end of the game.

What of the game? Shaudera says it involves calls in the middle of the night, strange recorded messages, foreign postcards mailed from abroad with cryptic clues. It seems somebody needs to go the distance on this.

SMF also believe this information is part of a timed release based on a protracted process of conditioning that the public has undergone over the last forty years or so. It started with the introduction of certain themes such as the concept of life out in space to the ideas of Close Encounters and ET.

SMF believe that everything that has happened so far is simply due process. This process is now entering a different phase but within the next few months, SMF hope that all their evidence will come to light. They say that there have been overtures from high level individuals in Washington that have come as a complete surprise. Indeed,

this was one of the reasons why Bill Moore could not be present to give the paper at Lincoln.

Jamie Shaudera assured his audience that what is yet to be revealed tells a most incredible story.

PREDICTABLE QUESTIONS

The questions that followed the presentation were highly speculative and somewhat predictable, ranging from the true purpose of Star Wars (SDI) to why the government allows SMF to disseminate this information.

CONCLUSION?

Personally, I find the cases for and against to be inconclusive. Clearly, only the ultimate proof would settle the arguments for all time.

What I do find fascinating is that even for an audience that I would call 'conditioned' to the subject matter of UFOs, I detected a lot of disbelief in the scenario being described. Perhaps the team of SMF are dealing with the 'unacceptable' amongst the UFO community.

Suppose, then, that the scenario is true and we are dealing with the greatest secret of all time. It could just be that it is unsaleable, even to the majority of those that profess an interest in the subject matter; let alone the rest of the population.

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for President-elect Eisenhower in November 1952.

If you were in charge of selling the concept of contact with an alien intelligence to the public, do you think it would be as simple as going on the 6 O'clock news?

Another point that is overlooked in the question of expectation. The evidence come proof of something, is very often unimpressive. The matching of expectation with the evidence available is something that this paper certainly gave me something to ponder over.

I feel that this topic has roused passions amongst both those that want to believe in

the scenario described and those that do not.

Clearly, the only safe conclusion is that we must await further developments and I hope Jamie Shaudera is correct is saying these are imminent. As they say, watch this space.

Since writing this article, Bob has informed me that, as predicted, new developments have arisen. Once these developments have been evaluated, Bob will report on them in these pages. [Ed]

— "Rencontres de Lyon" 29-30 Avril/ 1er Mai —

The third European "Rencontres de Lyon - 1989" Congress will be held once again in the city of Lyon on April 29th, 30th, and May 1st. The congress is open to all individuals and groups wishing to increase their knowledge or seriously debate the UFO phenomenon whatever their opinion or affiliation.

The congress met with great success both in 1987 and 1988. It is a french forum (with the official congress language being french) for ideas and thoughts where ufologists from around the world can publicise their research. The congress acts like a 'crossroad' where ufologists and scientists alike, interested in the UFO phenomenon can freely express and exchange their points of view. It is also a junctionpoint where authors seeking to publicize a recent book can secure a publisher or translation rights.

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YORKSHIRE CASES ROUND-UP TWO

by Dave Clarke

Dave continues his summary of Yorkshire cases.

February 3/4. - Mrs. Henry of Beauchief watches circular object with bright lights manoeuvring below Derbyshire hill-line on Hathersage Road between 1-3am. from her bedroom window.

February 4/5. - Mr. & Mrs. Morton at Ecclesfield see light aircraft apparently pursuing circling light source, flying from Rotherham towards Grenoside.

February 5. - 5.10pm. observer in Risca, South Wales, sees triangular object with flashing red lights, makes a roaring noise heard by others. Reported to Ecclesfield police.

6.20pm. - Mr. & Mrs. Hardy at Hillsbrough watch like a "block of flats all lit up" with coloured lights moving from Ecclesfield towards Fox Hill, Sheffield.

7pm. - Mike Carter & J. Williams, see huge cross-shaped object with red windows and white tiles "like the space-shuttle" pass over Carr Hill, Greasbrough, Rotherham towards Ecclesfield making no noise at all.

7.30pm. - observers at Ecclesall, Sheffield, see V-shaped object heading southeast.

8.45pm. - two observers on Mulehouse Road, Crookes, see two brilliant objects like spotlights hovering over Rivelin Valley, NW Sheffield. No noise, moved off to the north.

February 8. - 6.30-7pm. white light like a beach ball seen in northwest by Blakebrough family in Cantley, Doncaster. Lights up nearby playing fields.

8.20/8.30pm - YUFOS' Ian Smith and Allen Peters report elongated objects carrying bright lights over Febton Road, Kimberworth, Rotherham. One reportedly shaped like an ice-cream cone with with flashing orange and white lights.

February 9. - 6am. Postwoman Mrs. Topley sees two brilliant lights stationary in sky over Manor Top, East Sheffield.

6.50-7.30pm. - Blakebrough family again see brilliant floodlight in Northwest from Cantley, Doncaster, goes out like a "lightbulb" into a red glow.

10.20pm. - Chris Peters sees brilliant object lighting up playing fields at Bentley Park, Doncaster.

February 10. - 6.10/6.15am. Ivy Blakethorpe sees white light again when setting out for work, seen also by principal of Beccasar college, Doncaster, in sky over Cantley.

7pm. - Mr. & Mrs. Jones driving near Ecclesfield, see red and green lights above houses on a "hovercraft" shaped object.

7pm.-Barmaids Sarah Carter and E. Masters see strange object over Wordsworth Avenue, Parsons Cross, flying towards Ecclesfield. Had row of bright lights, performing strange manoeuvre in sky. Was pursued in car for some way. Reported to police and MOD.

7.20pm - Mrs Hillman was outside her house in Wombwell, near Barnsley, sees huge object with many coloured lights beneath, above rooftops moving towards Hoyland. A strange noise was heard.

7.20pm - Mrs Petermann and others were in Main Street, Wombwell, all see huge Pyramid-shaped object covered in brilliant lights pass at rooftop level towards Hoyland making a strange noise.

7.30pm - Mrs Williams and her daughter, were leaving Hoyland on loop-road see huge triangle-shaped object in the air above pub. It was black and had hundreds of coloured lights in the centre. The object moved over an electricity pylon and moved off towards Wentworth, apparently following the course of the pylons.

10.15pm - A car containing four people, travelling towards Sheffield on the A629 near Penistone see large diamond-shaped object carrying brilliant lights in the sky above the road. Cabin windows were noted, no noise.

Night. - Mr Swallows sees triangular object in sky over Mexborough.

February 12. - 6.30pm Miss Anderson sees large square object with coloured lights in sky over Fox Hill, Grenoside.

7.45pm - Mrs Wilson sees saucer-shaped object with lights, which seemed stationary at first, but then moved slowly towards Rotherham. The incident was reported to Ecclesfield police.

February 13. - Steve Lucas, leaving work at Maltby at 2am sees low-level, triangular-shaped object with red and white lights moving from Tickhill towards Rotherham. No Noise.

February 14. - 2.30pm Mr Green and friend see a cigar-shaped, orange object in the sky over Kimberworth, Rotherham in broad daylight.

Night. - Two YUFOS members see large ruby-red diamond shaped object rise up from hills in the Wentworth area, hover and apparently land. A search fails to discover any trace of it.

February 15. - 11.40pm, Mr Bailly and wife watch brilliant coloured lights Manoeuvring in the night sky through their bedroom window in Rotherham.

February 16. - Night. Two YUFOS members see formation of five red objects pass over their car in Wentworth area.

February 18. - 6.30pm, an observer on Whirlowdale Road, Ecclesall, Sheffield, sees an object with red and green lights

and making a humming noise, moving north to south. Reported to the police and the MOD.

6.30pm. - Julie Thomas driving near Stannington, saw a huge marrow-shaped object with red lights fly very low above the road heading from north towards Rivelin (south). No noise heard, moving slowly.

6.20/6.30pm - Mrs Oldfield, (a microbiologist), and her husband watch from their home at Malin Bridge, Hillsborough, a "huge" triangular shaped object with red and white flashing lights flying south towards Sheffield, then performing a manoeuvre and appearing to turn in a northerly direction, making a strange noise heard only when directly overhead.

February 19. 6.15am, Mr Anderson and his wife watch a cluster of brilliant lights from Grenoside in the direction on Rotherham. They are stationary for 10 minutes then, with lights "shooting off", moved rapidly northwest then disappeared.

Night. - Mr Cross at Goldthorp sees a low-level lighted object he thinks was some kind of aeroplane. Others in the area have seen the same thing, one saying it was hovering.

February 24. Night. - a family at Ecclesfield observe a large lighted object in the sky discharge small objects and then apparently land in a field nearby. Still waiting for further details via an intermediary.

February 28. 7pm? - sighting reported to YUFOS by Mark and Sarah Rodber of East Herringthorpe, Rotherham. They saw a ball of white light in the sky over the estate descend and "blink out".

7.20/7.25, - Roger Hunt of Thurcroft reports seeing an object like a plane's fuselage without wings moving from Rotherham area, it's back appearing to fall away in flames then the rest of the object vanishing.

7.20/7.25, - Mrs Hodgkinson of Ravenfield sees a shooting star, moving away from Rotherham, appearing to split in two, one part disintegrating in flames.

Night? - Mr O'Leary of Ravenfield sees an object hovering over a pond on his land - takes photographs of it (under investigation).

March 3. - 9.20pm, four students in a car travelling on A629 from Manchester - Sheffield see a large lit triangular-shaped object pass over moors in front of the road when at Salter's Brook. It made no noise and was flying toward Emley Moor TV mast.

March 9. - 6.30pm, girl observes strange lights in sky over Mexbrough (probably aircraft).

March 25th & 27th. - large star-like object with red light observed by residents of Greasborough, Rotherham.

March 27th. - 8-8.30pm, Fiona Chaplin sees elongated object with lights flying between houses at Wickersley, Rotherham.

March 30. - 5 am, "fireball" seen by many people in Sunnyside, Rotherham. Crashes to the ground and fizzles out.

11.10pm, - lights seen in the sky by Mr Lloyd over Rotherham.

March 31. - 9.30-9.50pm. Ken Mitchell and a friend watched a brilliant light moving in a semi-circle over kimberworth Park, Rotherham. The lights did not seem to resemble aircraft lights.

CONCLUSION

It certainly appears that many of the sightings between January and February 18th (especially the flap of February 2nd) have been caused by a very dangerous low-flying light aircraft which carries a "V" shaped formation of lights beneath its wings. Groups of witnesses at Goldthorpe, Chapeltown and Wombwell have told me that the aircraft has been flying over towards Sheffield regularly on Tuesday and Wednesday nights at rooftop level.

Efforts to trace the origin of this aircraft have so far failed. RAF Finningley suggested to me that it may be a flight between Leeds/Bradford and East Midlands - both of whom have denied it has anything to do with them. Denials also from Manchester Airport RAF Finningley, RAF Leeming. RAF Church Fenton, RAF Binbrook and others.

YUFOS investigators in Rotherham claim to have photographed and filmed light formations over the town, but apparently most of these have failed to come out or are very poor in quality.

Since the writing of this report, Dave Clarke has secured the help of Stafford MP Bill Cash who is collecting a dossier of evidence concerning the reports of low-flying aircraft for submission to the Defence Minister, Roger Freemann for an official investigation into the matter.

BUFORA RIC, Clive Potter has also been liaising with Dave Clarke with the collection of this information in the hope that Bill Cash will have the opportunity ask questions in Parliament.

Dave has also lodged a formal complaint with the Ministry of Defence and the Civil Aviation Authority on the behalf of 18 witnesses who have reported dangerous low-flying unidentified aircraft in the the South Yorkshire area. In this way, the usual standard denials are by-passed and an investigation should be compulsory. Let us hope that these important initiatives taken by Dave will bear fruit. Any further developments will certainly be reported in the Bulletin [Ed].

MUNDRABILLA: A CASE BRIEFING

by Keith Basterfield & Ray Brooke

Keith Basterfield and Ray Brooke are both investigators for UFO Research Australia. This article is intended as a preliminary report only, concentrating on the Knowles family and excluding much surrounding detail .

THE EVENT

Mrs Faye Knowles and sons Sean 21, Patrick 24 and Wayne 18 were travelling in a 1984 blue Ford Telstar from Perth, Western Australia to Melbourne Victoria.

At a point estimated to be 40 kilometres west of Mundrabilla, W.A., Sean, the driver saw what he at first took to be a truck's light approaching them from the east apparently along the road. As the light approached it then disappeared after "jumping about a bit". It became visible again and continued to approach their vehicle. Sean commented that it "looked like a spaceship". It became brighter and bigger. They kept driving towards it. It then disappeared.

The next thing they knew the object was behind them. Sean accelerated the car in an attempt to get away from it. Suddenly it was in front again.

CONFUSING

The exact sequence of events from here is very confused. It included:

- A tyre blowing out whilst they were travelling at speed. Sean brought the car to a halt.

- Mrs Knowles placed her hand on the car roof and it felt like a "spongy" substance.

- They wound down the windows and a "greyish-black mist" came into the car.

- The sound of their voices changed in pitch and appeared to slow down.

- They believed the object was on the roof of the car although they did not see anything protruding front, rear or sides of the car.

- They could hear a humming sound.

- Sean blacked out for a period.

- They all became hysterical, crying and shouting.

- They believed that the car was lifted off the road. However when asked if they

looked out and saw the ground, they had not done so.

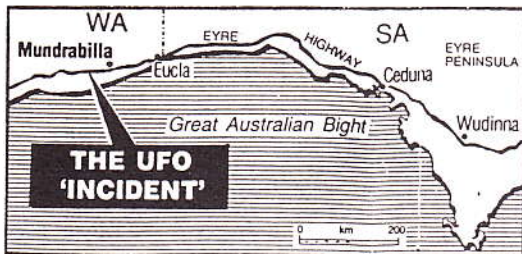
- They reported the vehicle was "dropped" back to the ground.

After this period of time Sean stopped the car. They all got out and hid in the scrub adjacent to the vehicle. The object remained in the vicinity of the car and the departed. Some 15 minutes after stopping, the family returned to the car, rapidly changed the tyre and left the scene. From there they proceeded to the Mundrabilla Motor Hotel, W.A.

INVESTIGATION

We received the basic details of the incident around 2.30pm. on Wednesday 20 Jan, some 9-12 hours after it is reported to have occurred. The Ceduna police called UFOR(SA). The family were present at the Ceduna police station at that time. Arrangements were made for the family to call to see Ray Brooke when they arrived in Adelaide with the vehicle.

However the story leaked to the media and the family were



"OFF BOUNDS"

On Thurs 21 Jan we arranged with Channel 7 Adelaide to meet the family, who were then off bounds to all other interests. Between extensive TV interviews we managed to talk informally with all members of the family. No formal interview was possible in the circumstances. We confirmed the basic story that is related above.

THE CAR

Inspection etc of the vehicle has not been possible owing to the car being held by Channel 7 network at an undisclosed location.

NOTES

1. It is reported to have been dark at the time of the event and becoming light at the end. Duration is quoted as 1-1/2 hours.
2. There is confusion over the time of the episode. It is reported to have commenced at 5am. but it is unclear whether W.A. or S.A. time. The family are also very unclear on this.
3. The family appear to us to be very down to earth individuals caught up in events beyond their control.

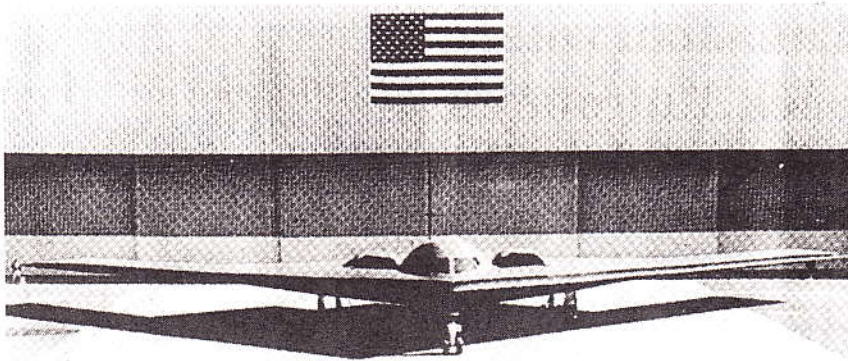


OBJECT
WHITE LIGHT
with shape
in centre
a yellow
light
About 3 feet
wide. 16
estimation
of length

Drawing by the witnesses

intercepted en-route and concluded a deal with the Channel 7 Network.

When we met them they exhibited signs of tiredness, stress and confusion at times.
.....More to follow [Ed]



STEALTH INTO THE OPEN

by Mike Wootten

After much speculation of the design of the super secret B-2 Stealth Bomber, the mystery veil that has kept this revolutionary plane away from public view for over a decade was finally pulled back to a specially composed "Stealth Fanfare" with 500 invited guest showing their approval.

Tight security was maintained at Northrop's manufacturing plant in Palmdale, California. Guests were kept a safe 200 feet away from the manta-ray flying wing with television pictures being strictly controlled by Northrop, only allowing a head on view: keeping the pioneering rear exhaust masking system secret.

The bomber, with a wingspan of 189 feet and a height of 17 feet and a price tag of around £277 million is almost entirely made from plastics and non metallic carbon-based materials. This awesome machine has an expected range of 10,000 miles (without refuelling) cruising at a height of 50,000 feet and can deliver upto 16 nuclear tipped missiles without being

detected by radar or infrared sensors.

FIRST TEST FLIGHTS?

Most commentators agree that this public unveiling will allow planned test flights in January 1989 to go ahead without the huge costs that would be incurred if the flights were kept under a top secret cloak. However, some UFO researchers believe that this bomber has already flown in Britain, generating many reports by witnesses of a 'humming, triangular shaped object'. A dossier of this information is being compiled by BUFORA investigators, which will hopefully prompt questions to be asked in Parliament (see page 18). Watch this space for further developments.

readers ~ write

Dear Sir,

In the May 1988 Issue of the BUFORA Bulletin is an article by Steuart Campbell entitled 'Mirages Explain UFO Reports.' In this article it is stated on page 5 that 'A stellar mirage was the cause of the famous Socorro (New Mexico) incident of 1964.'

The author does not mention the fact that the witness, police-officer L. Zamora stated that he saw two short figures standing near the object. Mr Campbell also does not mention the fact that the bushes in the alleged landing area were still smouldering when another police officer (state trooper Chavez) arrived on the scene.

Perhaps Mr Campbell would like to tell us how a mirage can cause bushes to burn. It is an insult to serious researchers to contend that the mirage theory can explain the Socorro, New Mexico case.

Paul Fisher,
Illinois, USA.

Editor's Comment.

Thanks for you letter Paul. Yours was one of many that I received, disagreeing with Steuart's thesis. As I have stated before, despite the fact that Steuart does stretch his mirage theory to explain away every UFO report to the point of credulity, I would be careful not to dismiss this

theory completely as some UFO reports (after thorough investigation) may well be 'thermoclines' as described by Steuart.

To The Editor,

Regarding your editorial (Bulletin 28), just what grand revelations has British ufology to offer that makes it 30 years ahead of the USA?

I am sure that American ufology arrives at its conclusions on evidence just as valid as the British. That it couldn't draw any more false conclusions than you do yourself by suggesting that meteorological explanations and folklore correlations are something new to the 80's, that the earthlights theory is a serious contender for explaining the phenomenon, that prosaic explanations, which you call more 'down to earth', are somehow 'more natural' than the ETH (which is far and away the most logical theory, not to mention the least inadequate in explaining all the evidence). And most incredibly, that it has been British researchers who have made almost all the so called breakthroughs in thinking which are postulated to suddenly be in existence.

To me it seems a quagmire of ignorance to day 'Many leading ufologists in the US are still caught in the quagmire of little green men, crashed saucers and mythological

government secrecy.' Has UFO Conspiracy escaped your notice? Do you honestly believe the people who witnessed the remains at Roswell were seeing a weather balloon? Perhaps you think that thousand of humanoid reports worldwide are just mass delusion?

What does seem to exist in British ufology is a fashion for deriding the ETH. I have found myself at times wondering if this is a view based on fear, of seeming simple, by embracing the most logical and simple explanation, or if some confuse being critical with being intelligent or clever! It may be the ETH is wrong, but no-one has a better theory or evidence to show it. I'm all for speculation about the psychic or the psychological provided it is kept in perspective. Ideas about the ultradimensional do not necessarily preclude the ETH either.

No-one, least of all the Editor of a supposedly prestigious journal, should be making such unfounded generalizations, or purvey such biased based inaccuracies, or allow sarcasm and unjustified disparagement to substitute for facts. If this is the way ufology is to be presented by Bufora, I, as a member am embarrassed.

Regina Cullen,
London.

Editor's Comment

Well, where do I start! Firstly I must remind you that

the editorials that appear in the Bulletin are not a reflection of BUFORA policy or attitude but are my own personal thoughts and viewpoints and are structured in such a way as to provoke discussion and debate which has on this occasion resulted in a reply from you, for which I am grateful.

It seems from your letter Regina, that you have totally missed the point of my editorial. It was certainly not intended to be a 'lets bash Americans' simply out of sheer bravado. But I see from the current contents of the American UFO press a wide open door to ETH, crashed saucers and ET centred abductions theories, but seemingly closed doors to other prosaic theories which are just as valid for open debate on the international UFO forum.

Since Kenneth Arnold, ufology has been dogged by researchers who constantly put the cart before the horse by deciding what the origin of the UFO is and then goes all out to prove it (and that goes for British researchers too). My editorials and other previous articles have always had a flavour for promoting open minded research, encompassing all angles and possibilities. And I would not exclude the ETH from, what is by now, an endless list of hypotheses that have been formulated over the past forty years. You yourself have fallen into the cart-before-the-horse syndrome by claiming that the ETH is the **only** logical theory. I am sorry my dear, but I will have to see a great deal more evidence to convince me of that one. Write an article for inclusion in

the Bulletin that proves that ETH is the only logical theory, I will print it.

importance to the study of UFOs in general.

In answer to you, yes, I have read UFO Conspiracy and Above Top Secret. Although certainly intriguing and thought provoking, I am still suspicious. It has been mooted that Cases like Roswell were possibly 'double bluffs'; using a UFO story to cover up secret military weapon tests. I suspect that the Rendlesham Forest incident is another example of a double bluff, a bluff that worked brilliantly.

It is nearly the season of good will to all men. So I would like to take this opportunity to wishing you all a very merry Christmas and a prosperous new year.

SNIPPET FROM THE PRESS

Family in Green Beam Terror

You speak of 'thousands of humanoid reports'. Have you spoken to these reportees? Although I have not spoken to all reporters of alleged humanoid encounters, I have spoken to some, and a majority of these witnesses would not agree with your viewpoint: they do not look exclusively at their experiences with a 'nuts and bolts reality'.

The Daily Star (28th October 1988) carried a rather interesting report of a family travelling home by car when they encountered a dazzling bright green light as they drove through the village of Felinfach, West Wales. Witness Tony Silvestri stated, "It was so bright I couldn't see through the windows. The sighting lasted several seconds and once the light was gone Tony stopped the car to calm his wife and young daughter who also saw the light.

On another point. you recently showed some annoyance that your letter (printed above) did not appear in Bulletin 29 as you expected. The reason is simple, there was little space to print your letter as well as my volumous reply. So please, be patient with us British UFO editors!

The witnesses reported the incident to the RAF who promptly investigated the case. Flight Sergeant David Pengilly said, "We like to get reports soon after an incident so that immediate action can be taken to find out what it was." He added, "We don't like unidentified things in our airspace." Unfortunately, Richard Lawrence of the Aetherius Society was also asked to comment and had this to say, "If a beam of light is emitted from a UFO then there's a real possibility that extraterrestrials are on board (obviously!). Jenny Randles balanced Lawrence's madcap response explaining that its been a busy year for UFOs.

Editorial.....Continued

Are we loosing out on valuable information? Questions of why do people report common, everyday aerial objects (natural and manmade) as objects that have mysterious, unworldly characteristics must be of

Evaluation: Fireball Meteor.

Booklook..... Reviews

The New Age: Notes of a Fringe Watcher. By Martin Gardner. Hard cover, 273pp, published by Prometheus Books ISBN 0-87975-532-X.

Gardner has made a successful writing career out of demolishing the claims of pseudo-scientists, parapsychologists and cultist religions to name but a few, with regular columns in Skeptical Enquirer and the New York Times.

The New Age: Notes of a Fringe Watcher is a collection of these articles that span over the last four years. Most of these articles reveal and attack the sloppy work of parapsychologists and because of this there is some repeating of commentary from previous chapters that was sometimes tedious. He also covers the topics of perpetual motion, psychic surgery and the Martian stone face.

Shirley MacLaine certainly receives constant critical attention from Gardner and quite rightly so. His reviews of her seemingly unending list of autobiographies are certainly cutting and may have even brought Shirley back down to earth a few inches. Geller also did not escape from critical comment and is basically branded a charlatan (charlatan being Gardner's favourite word).

A whole chapter is devoted to the famous anthropologist Margaret Mead and her interest in the paranormal. Gardner

unearths Mead's naivety of subjects like UFOs, past lives and channeling, despite her glittering, well travelled career.

Creationism, was another fascinating topic that was covered, unveiling some the extraordinary lengths that some christian fundamentalists will go to undermined the Darwinian concepts of evolution.

To sum-up. The New Age: Notes of a Fringe Watcher is essential reading for anyone involved with paranormal research. You may not agree with all Martin Gardner says, but it will certainly open your mind.

Reviewed by Mike Wootten.

Disneyland of the Gods by John A. Keel. Amok Press, 1988, 174pp. Import only, £6.95 (try Compendium Books in Camden Town, London - fast mail order available too).

Armed only with several pinches of salt and with tongue pushed firmly into cheek the intrepid reviewer decended the intro pages of John Keels new - first for ten years - book Disneyland of the Gods. If Vallee's latest is his greatest hits then

Disneyland is 'A Young persons guide to Keel'. Like a Fort of the eighties, Keel wonders, albeit aimlessly, from one variety of anomolous phenomena to another. But unlike Fort, there are no references. The reader is presumably meant to accept on trust that all these things happened because John baby says so.

UFO material crops up here and there; with an occasional flash of the old Keel brilliant insight when he is discussing abductions, missing time and crashed saucers. Keel was hip to all these things when Budd Hopkins was still painting by numbers and he should now be fully developing these ideas rather than wildly speculating about possible links between apparently (to me) disparate phenomena. However, fascinating titbits of information are offered, for example, Keel mentions that John Fuller, author of the 'Interrupted Journey' (Keel - 'a non-book') only used selective quotes from the many hours of Betty and Barney Hill's hypnosis sessions - 'details which tend to to discredit the reality of their remembered experience', come on then, let's have them.

Keel knows extraterrestrials aren't inthe running any more, but quoting Creighton and Le Poer Trench as references, goes back to his old track of extradimensional beings, ultraterrestrials, parallel realities and so forth as an alternative to the ETH. It seems to me that ETH'ers never die, they just replace one unproven theory with another - at least the ETH, if genuine, is ultimately provable, Keels alternative is not.

We can attribute anything we want to these mysterious visitors, who needs proof anymore? The cat goes missing or the budgie learns a new word which sounds like 'Adamski', it's cool, only the ultraterrestrials playing their games. Added to these inferences he rambles on about the world falling apart, drugs, increasing violence etc all being due to some mysterious outside force: we are nearly on the same lines as when Gordon Creighton seriously suggested in an FSR editorial that AIDS was caused by ultraterrestrials. Laugh? I nearly joined YUFOS. These ideas take us on strange road, a road which only the most discriminating can follow without falling prey to obsessions.

And Yet, when Keel talking about belief and how belief structures perception, a glimmer of hope is lit. But it has all been trotted out before in either in his articles or books and if you have got them and unless you are a collector then don't bother with this one. Come on John You can do better, this is living on your (considerable) reputation. Worst of all the book has no references and no index.

Sweating profusely, the reviewer emerged from the slim tome some three hours later. Salt dissolved and cheek extremely sore the reviewer rested, strangely tired after the long journey through familiar terratory.

Reviewed by Werdner Strebor.

UFOLOGY: DIVIDED BY TWO NATIONS?

by Jenny Randles

Is there more than one theory to explain the UFO? Jenny Randles, Director of Investigations discusses this question.

After attending several international conferences (including the well acclaimed MUFON conference held in Washington), I have realised that there will be a dilemma that we must face in the coming years.

It is true to say that both the MJ-12 affair and the rise in abduction research has gone down like a lead balloon. I think there are many reasons for that, which do not intend to discuss here. Essentially, it stems from the fact that there are major differences between ufology as it is practiced in the USA and in other places. I can of course only speak for Britain, but I know enough of European ufology and spent enough time with Bill Chalker to assess Australian ufology, to realise that both are more akin to British than American modes of thinking.

To an extent this is our conservatism and caution showing through, plus an increased (I think over-obsessive) approach to sociological and psychological theorism. But I suspect the problem goes deeper than that. I am beginning to wonder of our arguments which look to be at cross purposes are not generated at heart by a failure to spot a significant clue. Perhaps we are trying to reconcile differences between

approaches and data that are irreconcilable, because there is not one UFO problem, but two.

Whenever I attend media interviews in this country I am always faced with journalists who make the presumption that UFO and Alien Spaceship are interchangeable terms. To believe in the reality of an unknown UFO phenomenon is to accept that the earth is being visited by little green men. Of course, those who are involved in the subject know that this is an over simplification. It is taking one theory to account for the unknowns and turning it into the only solution.

ALIEN ASSUMPTIONS

There are many reasons why this occurs. Partly, it is due to the way the phenomenon appears like alien travellers and behaves as we might predict (incidentally, always in my mind a negative factor, because surely aliens should behave in an alien way - and not like the interstellar equivalents of NASA).

Also there is a kind of reductionist logic that is applied. We have got into space. There are millions out there. Ergo, life from space can come here. If it does, we should see it. We see UFOs,

therefore it is alien life. That's a superficially plausible analysis. But it is riddled with assumptions, that frankly we have little justification in the making at this stage.

However, above all of these is the fact that UFOs as Alien Spaceships is the answer that most human beings want to be true. Be honest with yourself. If it could be proven to you beyond any shadow of a doubt that UFOs were not alien, but some product of science on the fringes of comprehension (eg an new atmospheric phenomenon) - would you still pour in all that time, money and effort to investigate these things? Especially when deep down you know that you do not have the scientific credentials to handle the data and learn very much about these new phenomena.

Some people would answer yes. They are involved in the UFO field for altruistic reasons. But I suspect that the vast majority, even when they deny it thrice until the cock crows, really have an inner longing to see their belief vindicated that UFOs are advanced alien visitors who have come here, will change the world and maybe help us get out of the mess we are in.

Of course, I know too that the ET theory is a viable concept. It may not be proven, but it isn't disproven either. It deserves to live on as a catalyst for meaningful research.

Anyone involved with field investigation to the sort of

extent that I am, handling cases day in, day out, to and from BUFORA's team, can see a number of realities about the UFO subject that are commonly glossed over. I suspect that this even gives a different perspective on the whole subject for those who regularly follow through through cases, as opposed to those who read reports in journals on the most glamorous cases and then speculate from there.

90% IFOs

For a start, most UFOs turn out not to be UFOs at all. We may all say we know that, but unless you face a situation where 90 percent of your time is spent recording IFOs, then the significance does not really home in.

Take a sighting in early January 1988. A teenager reported a bright shape in the sky through her telescope at her home in Kensington, West London. The police were called and eight officers eventually arrived (including a senior detective). All were baffled by this amorphous blob of light in the sky that stayed there for more than an hour or more.

Now any experienced UFO investigator would quickly be suspicious of this. Indeed, BUFORA AI, Mike Wootten, was on the scene, doing his job as soon as we learned of the story. It took him minutes to reconstruct the sighting with the witness and ascertain that she had only just got the telescope, was a complete novice, did not realise that the cheap lens distorted point sources into blurred shapes

and was pointing straight at a bright planet. A computer simulation showed us immediately the planet was Jupiter (as suspected, because there had been other misperceptions of it) and other key facts emerged. For instance, the "UFO" had been seen by the witness in the same place...a dead giveaway in investigation terms.

None of this prevented the media going crazy with the story. many national newspapers carried it as a serious sighting. It even became the first British case that has made the national BBC TV news. Not even the Rendlesham Forest case achieved that! Doubtless, these reports filtered around the world, as did quotes from "experts" like 'Dr' Richard Lawrence of the Aetherius Society (he usually being presented as plain Dr Lawrence, the leading UFO expert, to give outsiders no sense of his highly dubious status.

BUFORA's 'solution' to this case barely got a look in. Mike did one radio interview in London and I did two in other parts of the country. None of this put a dent in the millions of TV viewers and newspaper readers convinced to this day that the case is a "real UFO".

Nor is this experience in any way unique. It happens all the time. Ordinarily, BUFORA AIs focus on promising cases and virtually dump simple IFOs, beyond basic checks and then logging them. But it is often necessary to try to correct the false impressions put over about these innocuous

stories. Of course, there are a few cases each year (never more than 20 or 30 in a typical twelve months) which do pass the tests of genuine investigation. It is these which represent what most would call "real ufology", although the IFOs are important in various ways and cannot be ignored.

ONE OUT OF TEN

The fact that very critical investigation goes on is in my view important. Any investigator who does not go into a case fully aware that the odds are stacked nine to one against it being a 'genuine' UFO is not doing their job. The inevitable adds a degree of cynicism. How could it fail to? But it produces better quality 'unknowns' in the long run.

So what of these unknowns? They, presumably, are the spaceships. At least, that is almost always what a journalist says to me by the time we reach this point in the argument. But this simply isn't so.

Let us look at a selection of typical cases from recent BUFORA records covering this one out of ten residue.

- On 19th May 1985 a very small ovoid object (just a few feet in diameter) flew within close proximity to a man at Ventnor on the Isle of Wight. It made a quiet rush of air noise. The case was investigated by Paul Fuller.

- On 4th April 1986 a white ball of light sped over the head of a man in Dukinfield,

Lancashire, making a throbbing noise. This was investigated by Georgina Mills, who found no simple answers.

- In early June 1987, a case I followed up at whitechurch, involved a series of three white in a triangle formation that remained stationary for some moments and then just switched off.

These do not misrepresent the remainder of the unknowns, but what do we have when we review them?

The whitechurch UFO (the 'pawnbroker sign' as it is common called) is rare but very consistent. I found approximately fifteen such cases on BUFORA archives in the past quarter century. It is evidently some sort of optical, atmospheric phenomenon which nobody is fully aware of. There is no reason at all to assume these were three lights on an otherwise invisible and stationary spaceship.

The Dukinfield "ball of light" is a classic UAP. It may have links with ball lightning, earthlights or other such events. It may be a new sort of anomaly. But again it would be silly to ascribe it to a spaceship on the strength of the report itself.

Only the Isle of Wight case seems to offer much hope for those convinced that material craft do exist. I would say that around one in three of the residual cases are of this sort, ambiguous or more concrete observations of actual aerial devices. Yet in this instance Paul Fuller did

not simply write it off as a UFO. He probed deeper. Suspicions tumbled out as he did so. There is a secret radar base on the hills where this occurred. A Navy exercise involving 'drones' was taking place off the nearby coast. The Navy and MoD clammed up when Paul mooted the possibility of classified military (RPV) technology being involved.

Three cases, three different probable phenomena behind them. None are solid evidence for the extraterrestrial hypothesis.

Which is not to say that no case ever is. I am, remember, not attempting to disprove the existence of ETs, merely to challenge the presumption that this has to be the implied answer.

However, any experienced investigator also knows how shapes and structure are read into collections of lights. This occurred in another widely publicized case, on 9th December 1987. Literally dozens of witnesses observed what they termed "A football field in the sky". This glided slowly across several counties and out to sea. The media carried seemingly endless reports, but we suspected an explanation immediately. Having the investigational experience to suspect this led us to the right channels. Philip Mantle, Dave Clarke and Clive Potter (the three relevant BUFORA investigators) combined forces and quickly established through two independent routes that the "fairground of lights" (another widely used description) was a US Air Force training mission from

RAF Mildenhall involving two KC-135 tankers and a series of F-111 fighters hooked up to giant fuel tanks.

Yet despite this proof I am sure the undigested reports will have filtered to other ufologists, unsuspectingly taking the reports more seriously. This is because almost all witnesses saw the lights on the various aircraft as a part of one **giant** UFO. From this they interpolated a shape and drew it quite consistently (because the light formation was accurately seen and the only error was the false assumption that the lights were fixed on one object).

Ironically, I recently did a BBC radio interview in Nottingham. I explained all of this and was met with the incredulous looks from the presenter. "But you are supposed to believe in these things!" he told me. Then he added that he had interviewed some of the witnesses and was convinced that, because they said they saw a mile-wide craft strung up with lights, that **was** what they saw. But it probably was **not**, in this instance.

Cases like that soon teach the dangers of becoming over-attached to pro-spaceship arguments based upon the myth of independent witnesses to a clearly defined craft **proving** such a craft was really present.

Again let me stress, I am not disputing its value as one of our working hypotheses. But I am cautioning against forgetting the counter problems that it generates. I

hinted that there might be two ufologies, perhaps I should elaborate on what I meant.

Partly, I did mean that there is a difference between American and British ufology. The former is undoubtedly far more committed to the ETH. I think too committed. But British ufology falls into the same trap with its over-zealous endorsement of rather vague psychological theories.

UFO CHARACTERISTICS

But there is more to than that. I believe that these residual UFO cases that I have just discussed cover many things. But they do have important characteristics.

You can get photographs of them. They are occasionally tracked on radar. There is some limited movie film evidence. If you plot the average number of witnesses per case across a large sample it is very similar to the figure for misidentifications (IFOs). It comes out at around 2.5 or 2.6 witnesses per case [see also A Statistical Overview 1980-1982, M. Wootten, JTAP vol 1, No 1 Ed]. Debunkers use this as evidence that the residue cases are the same as IFOs, ie, unconfirmed misidentifications. But it proves no such thing. All it says is that just as most sources of IFOs are real (viz aircraft, planets etc). So most of the residuals are **real** things too. Anyone in the right place at the right time can see one, often several people in proximity to the event can see it simultaneously.

To be continued in Bulletin 31

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