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EDITORIAL

As you may have already noticed, thumbing through this latest issue of UFO Times, there are fewer pages and a rather noticeable depreciation of design and masterly layout that you have all been spoilt with of late.

Well, there is a very good reason for this. By the time you will be reading this editorial, I would have left the bachelor life behind for a blissful married one instead. Time is very short with making all the arrangements for the ufological wedding of the decade so I hope you will be forgiving.

The latest issue of MUFON Journal has shown to be bold and has presented two interesting and enlightening essays that seem to crack the mould of 'keep it nuts and bolts or else' brand of US ufology. Firstly Robert G. Todd seems to rip the MJ12 saga to shreds, presenting many inconsistencies that some have failed to present before. Todd openly condemns Stanton Friedman for keeping MJ12 alive and kicking, "..than he is reporting his alleged research accurately, honestly and objectively." I understand that Friedman has asked MUFON for an apology. However other MJ researchers namely Barry Greenwood et al are also shouting 'inconsistencies' with increasing volume. Another protagonist of the MJ12 documents, namely Timothy Good, Author of the popular book 'Above Top Secret' is also under fire for his pronouncements of support, which all seems to add up to the fact that MJ12's days are probably numbered.

Entitled, 'Therapist and Investigator: A Definition of Roles', Rima E. Laibow M.D. who is a clinical psychotherapist carefully and succinctly underlines the tremendous care that is required when dealing with abduction experients and their trauma. Laibow states. "Whether or not investigators find themselves eager to pursue a particular case, they should regard themselves as morally and ethically bound to offer competent referral to a therapist for the unweaving of the twisted strands of abduction-related experience from the tapestry of the patient's life. Reweaving the tapestry is the work of the ensuing therapy." Some wise words which I can only agree with.

I have been receiving some interesting responses to the questionnaire that was included in the last issue of UT. One or two people have commented on my editorials stating that they are rather biased (to say the least) and are quick to criticise other researchers without 'sparing the rod'. Of course my editorials are biased simply because they are my beliefs that have been formulated from a long and structured study of the subject. Yes, I have a sceptical view and do chastise individuals and other groups because I personally feel they sometimes deserve it. Too much rubbish is pronounced in the name of ufological science and that is the sole reason why we have not unshrouded the mystery completely, if at all, to date. However unlike some other magazines I could mention (but space precludes) I will always publish critiques of my own opinions and others (so long as they are printable!), making this magazine open and democratic. So try me.

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We shall be moving the closing date for prize draw questionnaire entries to **May 23rd 1990** to allow more of you to send in your completed questionnaires (on a separate sheet of paper if preferred). Please, make the effort to reply as it is for your benefit.

THE CRASH RETRIEVAL THAT NEVER WAS

Investigators Probe Probable Hoax

With the 1980's seeing the rise and rise of the crash retrieval story it seemed only fitting that with the waning of the decade, 1989, should see the genesis of what will be a long running c/r story in this country, bolstering belief systems and inter-group politics alike. Although the alleged crash took place in South Africa it seems to be mainly UK researchers who are involved in it directly at present.

Three major articles have so far been published in the UFO literature and there are several 'official' documents floating about so it seems set to snowball.

The IUN first became aware of this case when one of our contacts (the perennial Allan Staithes) who deals with intelligence told us a vague rumour about this case, and also that it was a hoax, in mid-June. We sat and waited to see what developed and by October it had become a full blown 'case'. YUFOS were the first to write about it in the UK,as one of their contacts came by the case.

If we are to believe the account published in YUFOS' journal QUEST this is what happened (taken from the 'official' documents which they obtained from S.A.) We offer this without comment, but please read 'allegedly' in front of all the statements - all names etc are pseudonyms.

On the 7th May 1989 at 13.45 GMT a South African naval Frigate, The White Swan, reported that they had tracked a UFO on radar. This UFO was travelling at 5746 nautical mph. This report was confirmed by other radar installations. Radio contact was tried, without success and two mirage fighters were scrambled to intercept the object. At 13.59 GMT, one of the fighters reported radar visual contact and was ordered to fire his 'experimental aircraft-mounted Thor 2 Laser cannon'. The laser cannon must have damaged the UFO as it lost altitude and eventually came down at an angle of 25% in the Kalahari desert, approximately 80 miles into Botswana. The fighters were ordered to stay in the area until an Air Force team were on the scene. When they arrived this is what they found.

Inside a crater (150 metres across by 12 metres deep) they found a silver coloured disc shaped object. The object lay at an angle of 45° and had impacted with such heat that the surrounding area had become fused. A magnetic field was present which disabled some of the Air Forces equipment. Eventually the object was moved for analysis and the site was filled in and returned to normal.

Insignia

The document then goes on to list the findings by the S.A.A.F. when they examined the craft at the Air Force base it was removed to. The type and origin of the craft was listed as 'extraterrestrial' and it had a 'curious insignia forged into the metal' on its side. Its dimensions were; Length - 20 yards, Height 9.5 yards, weight 50000kg. The material construction of the craft was (as usual) unknown and no point of entry could be located. During this investigation a hatch suddenly opened a fraction in the craft which was fully forced by hydraulic jack. When this was done two 'entities' came out and were taken to a medical centre.

The document continued to describe the

entities as being of suspected extra-terrestrial origin, 4-4.5ft high, greyish blue complexion, devoid of all body hair, oversized head in relation to body with prominent cheek bones, large, pupiless eyes slanted upwards at the side of the face, small nose, mouth but no lips, no ears, arms reaching to below the knees, three fingers on each hand, no exterior sexual organs and many other small items all devoted to indicating the entities was one of those 'grey' chappies beloved by ET ufologists over the past few years.

Apparently no blood or tissue samples could be taken as the entities were very aggressive and had in fact attacked and scratched a doctor. Instead of hanging a 'careful, I bit' sign round their heads the aliens were consigned to 'level 6' (no, not level 6, anything but that we imagined they screamed) of the AFB and were kept there until such times as they were transported to Wright Patterson (where else) on the 23rd of June.

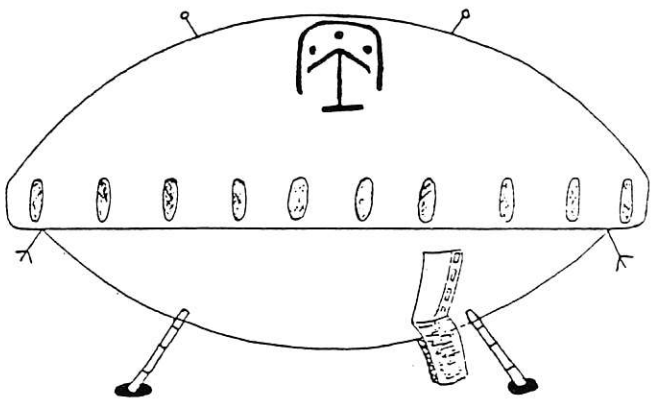
Contact

YUFOS' involvement in all this is unclear but it seems that first news and the documents were obtained by a YUFOS contact, Dr Henry Azadehdel, who has a penchant for American version of contemporary ufology. YUFOS member, Tony Dodd was apparently made aware of the case by Henry Azadehdel and eventually the shadowy South African contact came to the UK and met with the two YUFOS people and gave more info on the case including names of officials and scientists from SA and America who were involved in the case. These names are not given. The SA contact signed a long statement to the effect that the story was true and that he was ready and willing to take a lie detector test.

YUFOS made contact with another SA intelligence officer who confirmed the case and said he had access to photos (8 by 10 glossies no less) and a fifty page telex from Wright Patterson giving details on how to conduct a crash retrieval [interesting to point out that in a recent documentary concerning the premature re-entry of the Cosmos 1900 satellite in the late seventies, the Home Office issued a 600 page document detailing procedures on how to deal with radioactive satellite debris. So it would seem that a fifty page telex concerning alien c/rs would be a rather light weight document when one considers the alleged subject matter. Editor]

YUFOS then telephoned the Squadron Leader in SA who allegedly fired at the UFO, lied about their identity and managed to get him to confirm that he had fired once. NORAD in the USA was then contacted and they confirmed to YUFOS that an object had been tracked (you try 'phoning NORAD and see what they say!). The sleuthing went on. Wright Patterson and one of the men named by the SA intelligence agent was tried. They knew nothing but according to YUFOS, 'he was obviously shaken and took some time to answer' (interesting how if officials confirm a UFO sighting they are 'spilling the beans' or 'coming clean', but if they deny then they are always 'shaken' by the knowledge that others know the terrible secret - has anyone considered that they not just think 'who the hell are these bunch of loonies' and give them a load of garbage?). Not surprisingly when YUFOS telephoned again the man had 'gone away on an assignment for several weeks'. Well he would have wouldn't he? Wouldn't you if you were being pestered by ufologists?

The YUFOS article goes on to detail the many phone calls made to Wright Patterson, and various agencies in both countries. Threats were made by phone to the SA intelligence agent who was



THE 'CRAFT'

staying with Henry Azadehdel and the article finishes with the comment from a South African contact who said, "There is absolute hell let loose here at the moment".

The IUN have a correspondent, a veteran ufologist, who lives in a relevant area of South Africa who has supplied us with a list of criticisms of the case, which, mingled in with my own are as follows (in no particular order).

1. The document is littered with grammatical problems. Kalahari had been spelt 'Calahari' on the document. Also the report seems to mix metric with imperial weights and measures. - why?

2. The Thor Two Laser cannon is frankly a joke. No aircraft in any airforce carries Laser cannon capable of shooting down aircraft let alone UFOs travelling at high speeds. In fact it was reported in early January that the R.A.F. was experimenting with lasers which could dazzle pilots eyes - a long way from the Thor weapon mentioned.

3. The frigate involved was alleged to be secret - our S.A. contact assures us that frigates were phased out two or three years ago. The remaining frigates were used, once, for target practice by submarines. Obviously one was secretly stored away until it could be fortuitously involved in this nonsense.

4. The term 'Squadron Leader' is not used in SA, British Army ranks are generally used.

5. Why should the SA's deal with Wright Patterson? There is no love lost between South Africa and the USA: US ambassadorial aircraft have recently been caught using their privileged position for photo-recognisance missions and the CIA were caught attempting to infiltrate a nuclear research establishment at Pelindaba 18 years ago. Add to this the fact that the US have imposed sanctions on SA and instant co-operation seems odd to say the least.

6. A UFO crashes in Botswana and within the space of the length of time a jet can remain above the site a team goes in followed by a c/r team? This besides the time and availability factor also assumes that the South Africans happen to have a team of men and vehicles suitable for retrieving crashed UFOs. The area of the Kalahari that the UFO is alleged to have crashed in is not sandy open dessert it is in fact 'thornveld' and is farmed sparsely. Why didn't anyone see such a massive operation? Furthermore, considering the present political climate, Botswana would certainly have condemned the actions of South Africa after having its territory and airspace violated.

7. Assuming they get in there (remember that the lead jet stayed in the area long enough for an initial team to get there - attracting attention all the time), and avoid Botswanian military patrols whilst they check it out. How do they get the UFO out without leaving tracks all over the dessert, a dessert where tracks can remain for over 30 years? Planes can not land so it would have to be transported across desert and roads. To transport such an item it would have to be necessary to move anything at the sides of the road which was in the way; houses, lights etc.

8. The UFO crashes at an incredibly high speed, fusing the ground around it, yet it is not scratched (this is also after being shot at by a laser cannon too). Remember the Roswell incident - that alleged craft broke up after just skimming the surface never mind impacting at ground fusing speeds. But the aliens also emerge unscathed too. That's alien technology for you: an advanced technology that allows however an experimental laser cannon to shoot it down.

9. The SA, US and Israeli intelligence services (at least) know about the case and yet one of their number is allowed to come to the UK to spill the beans, phone calls are made to and from SA, documents passed through the post. All this and no one prevents the **ultimate secret** from being passed to a bunch of amateur ufologists in West Yorkshire. In the real world this doesn't happen.

Call us cynical if you like but I think the whole thing smacks of a hoax and a pretty flimsy one at that. Why and by whom? Hard to work out but look at

the sequence of events. who got the case first? YUFOS (but after Allen Staithes heard about it) who go to great pains in pointing out that Harry Harris (ufology's forgotten man according to him) was told about the case **before** YUFOS revealed it. But who released the story? We are pretty sure the said person lives north of Watford Gap but we can't say more as ufologists are notoriously litigious these days when their hoaxes and beliefs are threatened.

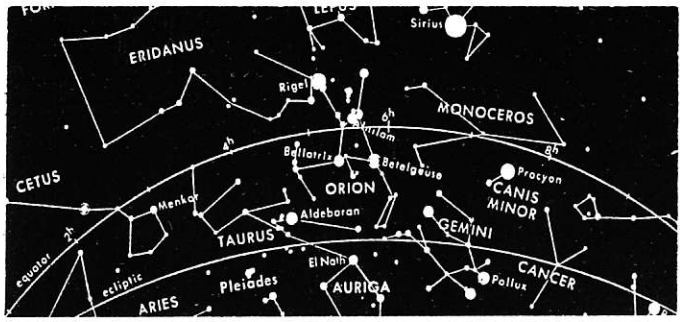
Underground Bases

That's the case in the UK. This dubious c/r also reared its ugly head in the USA where the Nevada Aerial Newsletter has covered the story (from PO box 81407, Las Vagas, Nevada 89180-1407, USA - $8.00 per issue in the UK). NAR is a conspiracy based UFO Journal, presenting the John Lear style of underground alien bases, aliens breeding us for food, agents killing people for 'knowing too much'. But anyway, in their November issue the case is outlined, exactly the same as the YUFOS version (except that the electromagnetic field surrounding the object caused a helicopter to crash killing five crew), until the 'can' is opened so to speak. The NAR then claim that the two figures that emerge are **US military personnel.** This statement is qualified by the fact that NAR say that there were also 'greys' on board (this **after** and probably only upon seeing the YUFOS documentation). According to NAR's analysis, the UFO was an american UFO; they are allegedly building and flying UFOs as part of one of those iffy deals with the aliens. NAR says they are called ARVs (Alien Reproduction Vehicles).

So two versions of the story, each one slightly different. Tempting to say each one tailor made to fit the ufologists it reached (why wasn't the story leaked to say BUFORA or CUFOS?). For example UK ufologists, even those who have strayed well beyond the path of theoretical acceptance wouldn't accept alien/human deals and all the John Lear flim-flam. So give them a straight forward c/r with cover-up to go and they love it. But give that to the wilder shores of American ufology and its no good, too tame. To sell it you've got to add in the alien human deals and the underground bases to the mixture to add the seasoning for the American taste [European ufologists usually take this kind of story with a pinch of salt only - ed].

Conclusion

That's the case and our thoughts on it so far. our contact in South Africa is checking further into the case and intends to visit the area, so we will bring you more news when we have it or when other groups publish something. Unfortunately, YUFOS are not releasing any names, locations etc. which are seriously checkable so we will have to criticise what we have got. It is the IUNs opinion that the case is a hoax, carefully designed to create a 'classic case' for the purposes we can only guess at. This is the 1990s, time to grasp the nettle. We may never get to the bottom of this, but lets's make sure it doesn't escape into the ufological literature as a classic case - at least until the problems have been resolved.



SkyWATCHER

Edited by Gary Anthony

Introduction

This Skywatcher includes the usual regular features and space news highlights a new centre 'European Astronauts' and 'Giotto - The Sequel'. Yes, Giotto returns with a new target in the effort to study a cometary nucleus.

The Planets

VENUS - May. is a morning star rising only 90 minutes before the Sun. At magnitude -4. This planet is visible low in the eastern twilight and the Moon can be seen nearby on the 22nd.

June. Venus remains low in the eastern twilight at magnitude -3.9 and rises approximately two hours before the Sun.

MARS - May. Like Venus, Mars is also in the eastern twilight and brightens to magnitude 0.5. By the end of the month it rises before 02 hours, two hours before sunrise. The Moon is to the north on the 20th.

June. Mars moves out of morning twilight this month, rising soon after midnight by the end of the month at magnitude 0.3. The Moon is to the north on the 17th.

JUPITER - March. Jupiter sets by 22hours and 30minutes by the 31st. The planet's brightness has faded to magnitude -1.9 and it willmove eastwards through Gemini. A crescent Moon passes 2° to the north on the 26/27th.

June - Jupiter sets before 23hours on the 1st. By the end of the month, this planet will be low in the western evening twilight, setting less than an hour after the Sun. The Moon is close on the 23rd/24th.

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MAY	1990	JUNE
1st 20 h	First Quarter	----------
9th 20 h	Full Moon	8th 11 h
17th 20 h	Last Quarter	16th 05 h
24th 12 h	New Moon	22nd 19 h
31st 08 h	First Quarter	29th 22 h

	RA	Dec		RA	Dec
	---------East----------		Venus	---------East----------	
	---------East----------		Mars	---------East----------	
	06h > 08h	+10° > +30°	Jupiter	06h > 08h	+10° > +30°
	18h > 20h	-15° > -30°	Saturn	18h > 20h	-15° > -30°

Meteor Showers

Name	Begins	Maximum	Ends	Max ZHR	Radiant Coordinates
Eta Aquarids	Apr 21	May 4	May 12	20	336° RA 00° Dec
Lyrids	APR 19	APR 22	APR 24	10	260° RA -20° Dec

Note: All co-ordinates refer to the 'equatorial system'.

SPACE NEWS

The ESA Council meeting, at their HQ in Paris on March 20th/21st, approved an agreement between the Federal Republic of Germany and the ESA, on the construction of a European Astronaut Centre (EAC). All delegates were unanimously in favour of the EAC being located in Cologne, which will be established for the selection, recruitment and training of European astronauts.

The centre is set to provide the astronauts for 'Columbus' and the 'Hermes' space plane, two key programmes in Europe's autonomy in space.

After spending four years of inactivity in deep space, ESA's probe, Giotto was reactivated on the 19th February 1990. It took experts only 150 hours to reactivate Giotto, using the Jet Propulsion Laboratory Deep Space Network (DSN) tracking station in Madrid.

On 14th March 1986, Giotto encountered Halley's Comet at a distance of 150 million km from the Earth., taking photographs every four seconds, revealing the comet nucleus.

The spacecraft is now 75 million km from Earth and undergoing a series of orbit control manoeuvres. Giotto has a new mission - to rendezvous with Comet Grigg-Skjellerup on the 10th July 1992. On the 2nd of July 1990, Giotto will pass within 23,000km of our planet, using the Earth's gravitational force for a sling-shot effect in order to make the Comet Grigg-Skjellerup encounter possible.

All information courtesy of ESA and NASA.

If any investigator requires astronomical information to help with the evaluation of case investigations please write to:

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BUFORA LECTURE SPECIAL

BUDD HOPKINS TO SPEAK IN LONDON

17th July 1990, 7pm

BUFORA are pleased to announce that Budd Hopkins - the united states' leading abduction researcher will be speaking in London on Tuesday, 17th July 1990 at the London Business School, Sussex Place, Outer Circle, Regents Park, London, NW1. Nearest Underground is Baker St. The lecture starts at 7.00pm (doors open 6.30pm). Tickets are priced at £ 7.00 for non-members and £5.00 for BUFORA members. Advance bookings: BUFORA (SL), 16 Southway, Burgess Hill, Sussex, RH15 9ST. Cheques payable to 'BUFORA Ltd'

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REVIEWS

A NEW PERSPECTIVE ON THE ABDUCTION?

Perspectives by John Spencer, 256pp illus., Hardback, Macdonald. £12.95

Books about UFO abductions are no longer novel. Indeed we have had a stream of them since 1987 and to justify its right to exist any new offering has to be just a little bit different. 'Perspectives' manages to achieve that, even though I do quibble with its forthright sub-title "A radical examination of the alien abduction phenomenon". The two words refreshing and irritating sprang more to my mind whilst I was reading it.

Of course, sub-titles are often the invention of an eager publisher and I can hardly blame John for this example - especially not when the American publishers of my own Abduction book claimed in a sub-title that it actually SOLVED the abduction mystery ! It did not do so - nor, to be truthful, does John Spencer's offering come close to doing that.

John , as readers will know, is a long standing BUFORA council member and with Hilary Evans was the mastermind behind our two highly acclaimed compilations 'UFOs:1947-1987' (Fortean Tomes 1987) and 'Phenomenon' (MacDonald 1988, Avon, USA, 1989). Those were wonderful books, but this is his first solo effort in the UFO publishing business - so how does he fare?

Let me say straight away that it is a more thoughtful and fundamentally interesting book than most titles that get churned out. Pot boiler is the last thing this can be called. It adopts a very particular (and quite unusual) stance that is not exactly guaranteed to appeal to most UFOlogists - especially not those living in the USA, where an article expressing some of the ideas developed by the book has already generated much wrath amongst the readership of MUFON Journal. John is also taking UFO reputation in hand and braving the American lecture circuit at this summer's jamboree in the new UFO haven of the Florida panhandle (ie Gulf Breeze territory). One can only advise that he pack a bullet-proof vest alongside the suntan lotion.

Why is this? In many ways because its the sort of book that you might imagine Salman Rushdie would dare write if he were a UFOlogist. It stands in the middle of a crowd of believers, expecting the sermon on the mount, and cuts them down unceremoniously with fire from a well-aimed machine gun. In other words, it represents one of the most debunking books yet written from within the field and sacrifices more than one sacred cow along the way.

That in itself is no bad thing. Indeed it is really very healthy and valuable, because much of what is criticised deserved criticism and I cannot argue with many of the general points that are made. Nevertheless, in an effort to be a sort of psycho-social 'new wave' trailblazer - or trigger a nineties philosophy of post-abductionist UFOlogical rationalism it demonstrates both what is good about the 'mind and myth' approach and what the Americans tend to find so annoying. They claim a European desire to sweep everything aside by vague generalisation in an attempt to reach theory-based conclusions. As always, both sides of the debate have merit.

Indeed, in my view, probably the single greatest failing with 'Perspectives' is that its author has

little experience as a field investigator. To an extent that is no real detriment, because there is a need for overviews (especially when the 'outsider' IS a UFOlogist - a status nobody will deny this author). But he is largely commenting on the failings of our investigation into the abduction phenomenon - so his acute lack of direct involvement or familiarity with the evidence creates some problems.

The first quarter of the book merely reflects a potted survey of UFO history in a fairly superficial manner, making points that have mostly been made before (eg that the term 'flying saucer' stems from a journalistic error - that UFO crashes might be disinformation etc). This is succinctly packaged together as a 'revisionist' view of the pre-Abduction phase of UFOlogy which is not particularly daring but sets the tone for what follows

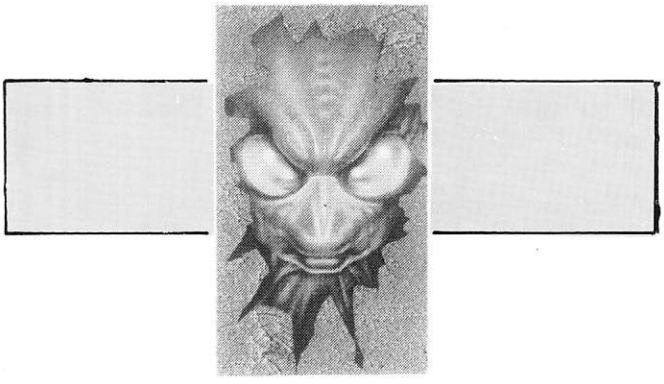
Plausible Attempt

Then, around page 47, John enters brave new territory. He dissects the Betty and Barney Hill abduction from 1961 - which he regards as the genesis of ALL subsequent cases. It is much to his credit that he does this not simply by reading the literature and imposing his views onto it, but by talking at length (via transatlantic phone calls) to Betty Hill. I doubt whether Betty is too happy with his assessment of her case (we don't really find out) but John makes a plausible attempt to show that it was effectively a non-real experience (ie a sort of dream/hypnosis fantasy shared by Barney from her visions); although that superimposed itself upon what may have been some sort of real experience in the first place.

Whilst he does not really analyse what that trigger might have been and there are bound to be many UFOlogists who find his psychoanalysis inadequate I suspect he may not be too far wide of the mark. Nevertheless, I did begin to find myself far from convinced by John's efforts to saddle the entire abduction phenomenon on the coat-tails of this case - suggesting (if not stating) that the time-lapse element within it (and subsequent CE 4s) and even the Oz Factor, which to me demarks an altered state of consciousness, are all invented by UFOlogists and imposed onto this case and other future examples as we moulded and shaped the abduction like aberrant or demented sculptures with the witnesses playing the role of the clay!

This will infuriate many people in the field; even though there is an element of truth in the argument. How much truth is very open question at the moment - and I suspect the blame heaped onto UFOlogists, whilst not entirely unjustified, is grossly over-stated. In fact, therein lies the fundamental problem that seems to dog the ethos of this book. It makes a valid point before losing it kamikaze-fashion, sometimes trying to pull off a Paul Daniels magic trick and vapourise the entire phenomenon.

It is just not tenable to claim that the Oz Factor state or even time-lapses ONLY occur in the wake of the Hill case and as a result of eager-beaver UFOlogists seeking them out. I have no doubt that on occasions time-lapses ARE invented and I have commented on one or two cases where I think I saw that happen. However, if you really study the UFO literature you see that these elements DO occur in cases, at least as far back as the 1954 wave. Also if you investigate across boundaries of different paranormal phenomena (something John Spencer seems to be recommending) then you find that the Oz Factor is of such importance simply because of its universal nature. When I was researching my books outside the mainstream of UFOlogy (eg Sixth Sense and Mind Monsters) I found it from first-hand investigations into premonitions, psychic visions, ghosts,



poltergeists, time slips, out of body experiences and near death experiences - as well as in countless studies by other field researchers within the literature.

To me this is undeniable evidence that what counts is an altered state of consciousness of which the Oz Factor just happens to be a symptom. What CAUSES that state or what FOLLOWS once a person is emersed within it are different questions altogether, and I fear to deny the existence of this evidence as a pure invention of abduction research just will not do.

Different Evaluations

John tries a second, more detailed, analysis of the Kathie Davis case (subject of Budd Hopkins book 'Intruders'). This is fascinating, because you can look at it side by side with Paul Devereux's assessment in earthlight terms as featured in his recent book. You get two wholly different evaluations. Both cannot be correct and conceivably neither of them are... even if the Hopkins version of the truth also looks improbable.

Herein lies another problem. John seems only to be interested in cases that Hopkins provides, even though there are indications throughout the text that he is not fully convinced about this type of methodology.

Budd Hopkins is undoubtedly a key figure in Abduction research, partly because he has done quite a few personal investigations but mostly (I suspect) because his two books have been so publicly successful in the USA and have set a cultural stereotype in motion. However, it seems to me to be rather ineffective to focus on this work (dismissing other people almost out of hand). That creates selectivity of data and helps to explain what are (to me) some flawed conclusions which 'Perspectives' reaches.

For instance, the statement is made that the aliens which emerge from hypnosis are investigator dependent... seemingly because Hopkins always comes up with the standard US alien (ie the small grey men) whereas another American researcher, Dr Leo Sprinkle, has a more mixed variety of entities in his (actually far more extensive and much longer term) case bag.

However, a less restrictive approach would show that Hopkins is to some degree atypical and it may be that there are special circumstances in his research why the entities are so limited in form. Overall, there is clear evidence of a more culture dominated factor within the entity format (ie - ugly, aggressive creatures in the hirsute South American culture, clinical smaller technicians in the technocratic US society and polite, tall gentile 'Nordic' types in the rather more reserved British society). That - surely - is more in need of understanding as a key factor in the abduction pattern than what I think is the red herring of why Budd Hopkins sample of cases happen to be so homogeneous. In my view the answer is more to do with these cases of his being largely quite recent reports and thus constrained by the current American 'template' of an alien, honed by the extensive publicity for that precise kind of space-being.

Extraordinary Claim

Several times throughout 'Perspectives' the author claims that British UFOlogy is blindly following this much criticised American lead (see page 99 and 130 - for instance) - a comment which, I feel, shows ignorance of British investigation. John does not really specify why he believes that extraordinary claim, but it is simply untrue in my experience.

It may be that a couple of UFOlogists have used regression hypnosis in the mode of Budd Hopkins; although even in those instances the amount of hypnosis and timing of its use has been nothing like as excessive or instant. Also - the majority of British UFOlogy - does NOT use hypnosis in cases and there are more CE 4 type reports where it has not been used than there are cases where it has. We also have the Code of Practice (which places some restriction on the use of hypnosis) and the recent guidelines for abduction cases - both of which were

instigated in Britain (with key BUFORA involvement). . . Then there is the anamnesis work of Ken Phillips et al. So where is the basis of these allegations about our work?

For me the best part of the book comes with John Spencer's personal investigations of two Swedish cases. These are interesting reports (the Anders case is, in fact, briefly previewed in BUFORA's UFO World 87 from the original stories).

One of the book's major debating points now emerges. It is said that UFOlogy tends to treat witnesses as murder suspects and even likens them to victims of a witch-hunt. It paints a picture akin to wicked investigators strapping their victims under spotlamps and interrogating them in the style of the SS! That may not have been the image John was seeking and might reflect my frustrations about the text. However, if I was not mistaken, this is a billion miles removed from the work that I know, where the investigator is trained to let the witness tell their story in their own words as far as they want to go, then he or she goes home and tries to find an explanation.

My concern is that any self-respecting witness reading such views of how we treat 'victims' are pretty unlikely to go anywhere near serious groups such as BUFORA. Whilst there could be limited truth here in certain circumstances I got an impression of over-the-top generalisation, which I think will prevent this comment from having any impact it deserves. A more gentle expression of the problems might have generated less fury amongst active UFOlogists and stood some chance of stimulating change. Such change may even be a good thing, but these over-emphasised attacks will largely go unheard, from UFOlogists who will simply refuse to accept heated criticism.

There is much more I could say about this book - but space precludes. Interesting points are often found interspersed with missed opportunities. For instance, when he briefly discusses the Alan Godfrey case (page 148) and indicates surprise at the news that the name of one of the hypnotists was Joseph - the same as claimed by the entity. It appears as if John Spencer suddenly discovered this when he asked a question at a lecture after the case was published and he does add that he has not studied the report in detail - but... then goes on to pose some questions about it.

In fact, if he HAD read 'The Pennine UFO Mystery', where I wrote up the case in 1982 on behalf of the witness with transcripts of the hypnosis sessions, then he would have known that this point was spotted right away - along with several other similar clues that amplify and add to his comments. The text partially answers some of John Spencer's queries.

I am not criticising him specifically because he has not read one of my books, but this is symptomatic of a more general dilemma of 'Perspectives'. I think it is true that if you seek to reappraise the abduction phenomenon and to comment on a particularly strong case then you owe it to your readers to have familiarised yourself with the full facts which were, after all, not very difficult to get hold of in this instance.

I found 'Perspectives' to be very schizophrenic. On one page I would be applauding a point well made and pondering its implications. Turning over there was a comment that nearly had me screaming out aloud in exasperation.

Having said all of that and seemingly attacked the book's most fundamental principles, let me make one thing clear. It is the duty of a new book on our subject to give you something to think about and to add to the controversy. Few succeed, but 'Perspectives' undoubtedly does so. I may not agree with all of its conclusions, or like the way in which it expresses even some views that I do support. However, when a book fires me up to writing such a long review (which despite the length really does not do justice to all the points I wanted to make) then it is clearly useful.

'Perspectives' is a book I would definitely suggest that you read to judge John Spencer's 'radical' concept.

Do we turn the investigation over to the witness and end the domineering and (he thinks) distorting effect of 'investigator control'? But if we do this, will we get new insights or a confusing mess of diverging esoteric waffle that sees us chasing wild stories along countless blind alleys? Maybe only time will tell.

Review by Jenny Randles

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I have certainly enjoyed reading the couple of issues I have had chance to read and I suggest you try it out too. The spirit of 'small press' publishing can certainly be found within these pages. The budding writer is encouraged to participate as the journal currently offers £5.00 for accepted articles. So get writing!

Review by Mike Wootten

L A T E S T N E W S

INDEPENDENT UFO NETWORK
1st Annual International UFO Conference
Sheffield Library Theatre
July 14th & 15th 1990

The IUN are pleased to announce that Dr Vladimir Rubstsov of the Soviet Union will be speaking at the conference over the weekend of July 14/15. This will be the first time that a ufologist from the Soviet Union has ever lectured in Britain. Dr Rubstsov is the MUFON representative in Russia and has recently been involved with the investigation of the alleged landing case in Voronezh.

Preliminary outline of speakers:-

14th July: 1-6pm	Budd Hopkins (USA) Peter Hough (UK) Dave Clarke & Andy Roberts (UK)
15th July: 10am-6pm	Vladimar Rubtsov (USSR) Jenny Randles (UK) Paul Devereux (UK) Budd Hopkins (USA) Perry Petrakis (Fr)

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FEAR RESPONSE IN UFO REPORTERS

by Steuart Campbell.

Those who report seeing UFOs (here described as 'UFO reporters') often also report physiological effects which they naturally attribute to some influence from the (assumed) UFO. Many ufologists believe that UFOs are responsible; James McCampbell thinks that the effects are due to microwaves emitted by ufos.

I wish to discuss one particular set of effects, well described by Raymond Fowler in UFOs: Interplanetary Visitors (1979). a witness, who alleged a close encounter, felt a tingling sensation which began from his feet and ran upwards through his body until he was completely immobilized. However, he recovered after the 'object' departed (p.13). Many other witnesses have reported a similar tingling sensation, often accompanied by a temporary paralysis. Since I have experienced this particular symptom I am well placed to explain it!

Recovering from hepatitis some 12 years ago I felt a pain in my chest which I thought might be a heart attack. A tingling began in my feet and spread rapidly upwards, paralysing me as it went. If I feared a heart attack I was even more afraid of this paralysis since I did not know where it would stop. Fortunately I remained conscious, though totally paralysed, and was able to speak. I was rushed to hospital where it was discovered that all I had was a bad attack of hyperventilation! The pains were not due to a heart attack.

Hyperventilation is a normal human response to acute stress. The normal breathing rate of around 12 per minute increases imperceptibly to 20 per minute, while at the same time the volume of each breath increases by 50 per cent. The effect of this is to more than double the intake of air. While this cannot increase the uptake of oxygen it can increase the rate at which the body discharges carbon dioxide. This upsets the body's chemical balance and results in very many symptoms, including especially tingling and numbness. Other symptoms include dizziness, disturbance of vision, muscle pains, tremors and spasms, fatigue, exhaustion, general weakness and sleep disturbances. The cure for hyperventilation is to breath into a paper bag - so restoring the CO_2 balance! A good review of hyperventilation was recently given by science journalist Judith Perara in New Scientist (3 Dec 1988).

It now appears that the physiological symptoms of fear are the result of hyperventilation. In 1947 Shaffer listed the symptoms reported by American aircrew during combat.[1] These included rapid heart beat, dryness of mouth, sweating, stomach sensations, tension and trembling. The psychological effects were irritability, feelings of unreality and an inability to concentrate. Readers will recognize many of these symptoms as those reported by UFO reporters. It would not be surprising if those who believe they are close to a UFO experience fear and that this fear produces hyperventilation. Consequently many of the physiological and psychological effects reported by UFO reporters are explicable as a simple fear-response. There is no need to suppose that the effects were the result of some direct influence from an alien craft (which is what most UFO reporters believe they have seen). Even simple fear-responses have been attributed (wrongly) to a supposed UFO. One witness reported how her skin prickled and her hair stood on end without realizing that these symptoms are typical fear-responses. Nearly all the physiological symptoms attributed either directly or indirectly to some influence from a UFO are explicable as

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LETTERS

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'Homing Pigeons'

Dear Editor,

I was interested to read Dave Clarke's 'Review' of the Yorkshire UFO Society Conference in issue 4 of UFO Times, since being a speaker myself it would appear the one he attended must have been in another dimension.

'Very Little was said about UFOs themselves', he tells us. I should have thought it obvious that UFOs - meaning craft of unknown origin - was what the conference was all about. As with many British 'experts' of today - and yesterday - he entirely misses the point that UFO research should be primarily be directed at discovering the origin and purpose of such craft, not tinkering around with the 90%-95% of the metrological-astronomical-etc.etc. reports we all know can be explained away. Any UFO investigator worth their salt is fully aware that the other 5% exists. YUFOS is a society that 'homes in' on that 5% and the 'hilarious story' of the South African UFO report was, and still is being investigated in a far more active and detailed manner than I have come across elsewhere.

Since disparagement was seemingly the 'order of the day', it would seem I should be grateful to Dave for - apparently - not having stayed to denigrate my own presentation (though I would been interested to see how he managed to do so). His 'Raving Mad' remark gives a completely false impression of the proceedings and I can only recommend to BUFORA members that they journey to future meetings to judge for themselves.

Norman Oliver
Lincoln

Editor's comment: I would like to tackle the points you have made in two parts. Firstly, Dave gave his own point of view of the proceedings at Ossett. These views are not necessarily BUFORA's or my own. He is entitled to his own opinions, the same as your good self (which some members of the the UFO community seem to have pitifully forgotten). If he had penned a positive review then I would have equally printed it. It's a matter of you win some, you lose some.

Secondly, it's news to me that UFOs mean - 'craft of unknown origin'. Isn't this a rather presumptuous and blinkered statement to make? Too many UFO researchers have closed minds on the subject when we should be keeping our options open; procuring the data for what it is, not for what we would like it to be. I am not surprised that witnesses are readily relating harrowing abduction scenarios if the ufologists continue to use words like 'craft' within the literature. It is also a grave mistake to dismiss the wealth of information that exists within the IFO data. As the old saying goes:- If you throw away the IFO data you could be throwing the UFO baby out with the bath-water.

Frankly the South African crash/ retrieval **is** hilarious. But if you want to believe it, I would not stand in your way.

As for tinkering. Can we all conclude from what you say that Paul Devereux, Dr Meaden, the Project Pennine team and others who have or are producing non-ET hypotheses that are poised to reduce the UFO 5% still further are tinkers. Think again as I suspect your judgement may be wrong.

The following letter was passed to me by Jenny Randles. I have decided to print it in the hope that it will help.

Dear Jenny Randles

My name is Mickey Geisinger, I read your book UFO Conspiracy - The First Forty Years. I think the book was great.

My mother is in your book, her name is Betty Cash. I'm writing you because I think you can help my mom. My mother was burned by radiation from a UFO. The [US] Government is covering it up, it happened in 1980.

And no one has offered to help her, I think the Government should help pay for her medical bills, she now has cancer. We want to sue the Government for the cover-up.

What happened to my mom would make a great movie, but I think the Government would have her killed, I really do. I think the Government should pay. I don't know who to turn to. John Schuessler has kept in touch with my mother, but I think the Government should settle with my mom, before she dies, I don't know who to turn to.

I thought maybe you can help my mom get coverage on this, she's been on Good Morning America, UFO Live, that's incredible. But no one has offered to help her.

Please help her get what she's got coming, you are the only one I can turn to.

Thank-you,
Mickey Geisinger,
Texas, USA.

Editor's Comment: The first thing we can all do is write to Betty Cash (c/o 103 Hove Ave, London, E17 7NG, UK), giving our support. Knowing that people are behind her and her family, would be a tremendous boost. Also a letter to the American Embassy applying pressure would only help. Their address is: 24 Grosvenor Square, London, W1.

Which ever way one looks at the situation the US Government is liable. If it was an intrusion of a foreign power (and I use foreign in its widest possible context) then the US Government did little to protect its citizens. And likewise if the source was US government hardware. Pay up Uncle Sam, your morally in a no win situation.

Witness Bites Back

Dear Sir,

In reply to Anthony North's letter [UT 4, November 1989]. As I am the person who sighted this UFO with the Tornado [see UT 3 Stop Press], I feel that I must disagree with him on most of the aspects in the letter. First to say that he spent nine years in the RAF he seems to have a remarkable lack of knowledge of the Air Force.

1. RAF Leaming, North Yorkshire, Tornado MK F3 SQN, Not the east cost, nor far from Blackpool.

2. I have heard that UFOs have always been recorded by the RAF - Have just released a list of UFO sightings.

3. He seems to think that this Tornado was only on a sortie, when in fact it would have been scrambled, with I might add, live weapons. He thinks that Tornados cannot fly on the West side of the country. From East to West would take a matter of minutes in a supersonic fighter.

4. As I have stated above, the fighter was not on a training mission, therefore it would have been carrying live weapons.

5. The aircraft did not change to re-heat. As I saw it, the fighter already had its afterburners glowing and was travelling very fast. There was dull flash under the fuselage, not the engines. The smoke trail was in front of the aircraft as well as behind and was black not orange, as what would come from the re-heat.

So all in all, your letter does not have any resemblance to what actually happened.

Name and address supplied.

Dear Sir,

Parts of John Spencer's paper advocating "Witness Driven Investigation" are not without plausibility but he overstates his case by asserting that investigators of abduction phenomena are all sharing Betty Hill's dream and distort a witness's story in conformity with their own preconceptions. Consider only the question of 'false isolation', the 'Oz effect' or, as I prefer to call it, 'the cone of silence' apparently projected down from the UFO at its apex. Last year I interviewed three witnesses who each, quite without prompting, spontaneously described experiencing this phenomenon, of which none of them had previously heard. No doubt many investigators could confirm this and other frequently replicated aspects of the abduction scenario as originating solely from the witnesses. I therefore cannot accept Spencer's reported sighting of Betty's dream - I think it must have been a weather balloon or possibly the planet Venus!

Spencer's concern with the methodology of interviewing raises a more valid point, reflecting long standing differences between psychological traditions. Whether or not he is aware of it, he is in effect rejecting the 'interpretative' approach of Freud and Jung in favour of the 'non-directive, client centred' approach of Carl Rogers, who held that ideas may be unintentionally 'introjected' into the minds of witnesses by interviewers. Now whether or not it is true, as Spencer asserts, that the whole corpus of reported abduction cases is thus tainted by introjection, one virtue of his hypothesis in that it is at least potentially testable. Let him produce for comparison with the mass of interpreted evidence a similar quantity of reports produced by non-directive computer Rogerian interviewing. To eliminate the bias inherent in human interviewers, let the witnesses respond freely to a non-directive computer program, such as a developed version of Weizenbaum's famous ELIZA, with the screen output echoed directly to a printer. If the hardcopy output of such a program is found on analysis to differ materially, once a statistically significant sample has been obtained, from the corpus of material Spencer Stigmatizes, then he will have taken a considerable step in support of his hypothesis which, without such empirical validation, remains merely one more opinion.

Gordon Millington
Guildford, Surrey.

The following was not submitted as a letter. However, the writer has asked for it to be printed as a matter of public record.

Withdrawal of Apologies

Following the publication of "A Documentation of Paranoia and Persecution Complex" in 'Flying Saucer Review', I feel honour bound to explain to members of the Association that the apologies provided by myself were provided because Messrs Andrews and Delgardos' solicitors claimed to have "documentary proof" that I had libelled these gentlemen in my private correspondence to Ann Druffel of Pasadena, California. I t is with regret that I must now inform members that no such "documentary proof" of a libel has ever been provided by Messrs Andrews and Delgardo in the eighteen months since these matters were raised. I therefore withdraw the apologies and undertakings provided in good faith and demand that these gentlemen apologise for their actions and pay me my costs. I also withdraw the apology provided by Gordon Crighton, editor of 'Flying Saucer Review', and I demand the Right of Reply to the deeply libellous and insulting comments that have appeared in this magazine about those of us who simply hold different opinions to those held by the Editor and contributors of this magazine.

Paul Fuller
Romsey, Hampshire

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normal human fear-responses, usually manifested in the effects of hyperventilation.

It is now evident that the phrases 'paralysed with fear' and 'scared stiff' derive from the effects of hyperventilation. Mankind has always suffered from such a response under extreme stress or in a state of fear.

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DIARY

2nd June — BUFORA London Lecture **Anamnesis update**
Speaker Ken Phillips

7th July — Northamptonshire UFO Research Centre meeting: Friends Meeting House, Wellington St, Northampton.
The Corn Circles Mystery Speaker Steve Gamble.
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