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UFO TIMES EDITORIAL

MUDDLING THROUGH...

I, as the new editor of UT, have taken up control of this onerous office under some difficulties, the greatest of these being the fact that this issue should have landed on your doormats in January!

However, the important task now is to attend to matters of the present and to those of the future, particularly with regard to making the UT a more regular and punctual magazine that will be replete with news, views, forthcoming venues and, of course, those all-important case histories. Furthermore, and by way of something new for the magazine, I intend to expose the readership to developments occurring within BUFORA's 'Witness Support Group' (WSG), thus giving the readers more of a feel for what it is really like to be a witness to – what sometimes can be – very traumatic and bewildering experiences.

For example, I shall begin by outlining in the next issue of UT the characteristics of the very disturbing Tony Burfield case – a case

that was featured in the March 1st. edition of 'Woman' – and hopefully show just how the professions have dealt inadequately with Burfield's pleas for help and counselling.

I shall also be giving room to those, such as WSG member, Mary Seal, who hold convictions concerning the 'Conspiracy Theory', and therefore, by way of pursuing this theme, I have already invited Mary to submit papers covering this very controversial area. No doubt this topic, as well as those cited above, may very well lead to my early demise in my new capacity as 'trouble-maker' (Oops! Sorry, I mean editor!).

In the meantime, and because once again I have had to cobble a magazine together at very short notice, I have had to be superficial in proof-reading, therefore, I apologise in advance for our grammar.

Looking forward to much wailing and gnashing of teeth!

Ken Phillips.

WITNESS LEAD PUBLICATIONS

by Mike Wootten

Witness lead investigation, a concept originated by John Spencer, can (and has been) beneficial to both the witness and the investigator alike. It opens up new avenues of Close Encounter research and allows the witness to come to terms with his or her experience.

BUFORA has certainly taken a lead in this concept with its support and sponsorship of the Witness Support Group, co-ordinated by Ken Phillips. Views and experiences are shared openly between the members of the group and is giving the investigators involved a greater understanding of what makes a Close Encounter witness tick.

Now the members of the Witness Support Group have taken a new course and self-financed the launch of a magazine called *The UFO Witness* which is certainly catering to a unexplored niche in the UFO magazine market – a magazine written by witnesses for witnesses. Their reasoning behind such a move is a valid one – that basically the vast majority of UFO groups and in turn, the magazines and periodicals they produce, do not allow witnesses to have a forum to speak freely about their experiences. The editorial board of *The UFO Witness* states that this has produced a situation where, '...only reductionistic approaches have been allowed to dominate UFO thought at the expense of human consciousness.' The result of which has led to '... a complete failure on behalf of the civilian UFO groups to make any progress whatsoever in their

understanding of the UFO phenomenon.'

To some degree I have to agree with them.

For far too long now, investigators and researchers have had their 'own way', presenting cases coloured by their own judgement and sociological conditioning. It is about time witnesses were allowed to speak for themselves. As one witness recently told me, "Only the witness knows what it is really like to be involved in a close encounter". It doesn't matter how objective and open minded the investigator is, he or she cannot relay the essence of the experience like a witness can.

Balance

But in the cold light of day, a balance has to be found. On the one side witnesses have the right to relate what they saw and experienced, whereas investigators should be free to try and piece together the evidence and present logical explanations wherever possible.

Despite the good intentions of Witness Lead Investigation it can have some detrimental effects. I notice one letter in *The UFO Witness* where the witness explains his observation of 'a funny shaped plane' as he was leaving

Heathrow Airport. Now call me Mr Sceptical, but that was what it probably was, an aeroplane! Another letter relates the writer's conviction that Elvis was not of this world and speculated that he was probably a close encounter witness. Hog-wash you might say, in my opinion you're right. WLI does not mean accept at face value anything a witness reports. Traditional investigation must also take place as well or we will see ufology turning into a religion.

Reductionism is one thing rationalism is another.

However, despite some misgivings, I strongly support the efforts of those involved with the *The UFO Witness*. I am sure it will generate interest from both witnesses and investigators alike and I wish the magazine's editors well.

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“ESTIMATE OF THE SITUATION” (Part 2)

by Robert Moore

Some personal reflections on contemporary Ufology

AN UNHAPPY SITUATION

Since the negative conclusions of the Condon report were made widely known in the late 1960's, the scientific orthodoxy has paid little (if any) attention to the UFO problem. It is thus hardly surprising that much uncertainty still exists regarding the nature (and attributes) of the UFO experience. Ufology currently resembles a “bootlegger” science, where work of any technical nature (or that involving well-qualified scientific personnel) is always conducted on a “through the back door” basis. Any project involving any professional technical body is always done unofficially, or anonymously.

This is hardly the right atmosphere for the attainment of Ufological insight! A phenomenon only briefly exposed to modern sciences' powerful tools is very likely to remain a poorly recorded and unresolved one! The amateur study of UFO's has progressed greatly since the E.T.-obsessed ufology of the sixties. It is now widely accepted by the UFO community that many “true UFO” events probably involve observations of rare atmospheric phenomena. UFO investigators (and the better-organized “skywatches”) have accumulated a substantial collection of photographic evidence that possibly depict such stimuli. It seems an unavoidable fact that these UFO events represent a body of data which may help resolve some problems confronting mainstream science.

Despite this, the subject remains ignored by those who could transform it beyond all recognition. Therefore, it remains the task of amateur organizations (lacking both resources and scientifically-trained personnel) to pick up the pieces. For even this to happen, such groups are dependent on the good will of it's members. Sometimes those asked to investigate reports may well do so to the highest possible standards.

However, there is a fair-to-reasonable probability that the resulting investigation is inadequate (or even downright abysmal). A poorly-documented report (or one distorted by an investigator's beliefs) is effectively worthless, possessing no researchable potential. Some groups (such as BUFORA) recognise this, and take considerable steps to ensure that investigations are carried out to the highest possible standard. However, many other UFO bodies are much less picky.

But whatever the state of the end-product, a report compiled by an amateur ufologist will usually fall short of mainstream scientific standards. The reasons for this have nothing to do with investigator competence. Firstly, it is impossible to finance in-depth investigations on an individual's disposable income (the only funding available to amateur Ufologists). Secondly, as UFO investigators conduct their enquiries on an unofficial level, vital information is often denied to them by governmental bodies. Imagine if cancer research was conducted along these lines! It goes without saying that the general public would not tolerate such an unbearable situation.

ORDER FROM DISCORD...

But as it appears that amateur bodies will be left to collate information on UFO events for the foreseeable future, we have no option but to strengthen existing investigative sub-structures. The only other alternative is ufological oblivion. One area which is fairly easy to improve is report-detail. For a UFO event to be of any value, it must be recorded in sufficient detail to permit meaningful future research. Scribbled notes on the backs of envelopes – or half completed report forms – are of no value to anyone. We must know the full aspects of the UFO's behaviour, and meaningful comparisons of it's spatial attributes – size, initial and final elev-

ation, magnetic bearings, speed, and so on. Without these details it is impossible to compare a given UFO report with IFO phenomena. BUFORA has had considerable success in improving the technical and informational quality of its reports over the past decade – but what of other groups?

Another important area (often missing from early reports) is concise background detail relating to UFO witness(es). This was often disregarded in the 1960's, for ufologists tended then to perceive UFO witnesses as a biological “tape recorder” which happened to spy a passing “nuts and bolts” alien spacecraft! Once the faulty logic underlying this conception was realised (and the weaknesses of human recall accepted) interesting things became uncovered; such as a history of paranormal experiences, or previous UFO sightings. A more person-centred approach also pays a large “rationalist” dividend, being more likely to uncover detrimental elements regarding an “observers” reliability than the older approach.

It is clear that some elements of ufology (i.e BUFORA) have made considerable progress in improving standards within these aforementioned areas. But the UFO study-movement is still largely possessed by the bugbear of theory-itis. Many feel a compulsion to make UFO experiences fit current trendy concepts, or past ufological dogma. Our current “theory-driven” Ufology has resulted in diverse splits within the UFO movement, leading to yet more needless emotive bickering and division. Debate is often the rocket-fuel of scientific development; however, contemporary ufology seems ill-adapted to consider more than one perspective. As each paradigm faction considers their concept the “one” Ufological truth, there seems little chance for cool and reasoned consideration. Sadly, instead of letting the undiluted

essence of the UFO experience guide the development of theories, preconceived ideas often guide the subject. This leads to some aspects of the subject being devalued, while others are held in high esteem. Not so long ago, many Ufologists regarded "entity" claims as worthless – today they are an accepted component of the UFO phenomena!

Another "good" example of how Ufological dogma can influence the subject again involves "UFO entities". The theory that they are space-aliens visiting earth to obtain human genetic material currently dominates ufological research (at least in the United States). Such "pet" concepts are too readily accepted – even in the face of strong negative evidence. For example, if "abduction entities" are "spacemen", why do they behave like apparitions (i.e walking through walls, and/or appearing and disappearing at will). Why do they travel light years to acquire genetic samples, when they could simply kidnap some humans and abscond with them to their homeworld? The "greys" (as these beings are termed by UFO mythology) would then have ample genetic matter on tap from their personal herd of human "cattle". Why don't they make it easier on themselves and acquire some "take-away" humans? Like the infamous "bonking beasts" of "The Sport" fame, they seemingly perceive the Earth as being a gigantic "theme park"; a place where it's O.K to perpetuate questionable practices against a race of fellow sentient beings!

There is also the minor point that totally different species cannot cross-breed. Even matings between genetically close animals (such as donkeys & horses) usually result in sterile off-spring. A civilization able to embark on causal interstellar voyages may well be able to create humans from small samples of genetic material – or re-programme their own DNA to eliminate any acquired genetic defects (a common rational cited by the abductions = alien visitations school). As most branches of science & technology advance at near-equal rates, it follows that a race capable of rapid interstellar travel would also possess an understanding of genetics far in advance of ours. Already, our "meek" human technology can perform notable feats of genetic engineering, and has a fair understanding of the identification and repair of genetic defects!

Some elements of contemporary Ufology also have notable difficulty coming to terms with proposed rationalist solutions to Ufological problems. Such individuals are branded "sceptics", and treated like unstable dynamite (i.e shunned!) But surely the "sceptic" is simply a ufologist taking a humanistic approach towards the UFO conundrum! A UFO hypothesis suggesting that some – or all – UFO events have a rational causation is a theory like any other, and should be examined objectively without emotion or rancour. If Ufology only looks at the "exciting" option, ignoring the more down-to-earth ones, then science will dismiss UFO "students" as thrill-seeking eccentrics. More general concepts – such as a belief in a "UFO phenomena" – can also hinder understanding. Few ufologists dare suggest that UFO phenomena may involve many unrelated stimuli. Carelessly forcing connections between UFO events with radically different origins can only result in confusion and spurious conclusions.

SHARE AND SHARE ALIKE

Everyone in ufology is aware that the subject has considerable problems with data-sharing. Because of the intensive rivalry which exists between various groups it is – for example – virtually impossible to compile a concise catalogue of British UFO activity! Critics often point to the lack of any apparent common denominator in UFO reports as "proof" of the phenomena's non-existence. Ufologists, on the other hand suspect that patterns do exist in the (largely uncharted) sea of report data. However, the unwillingness of (sadly rival) organisations to share information seriously impedes any attempt at large-scale UFO event comparison.

The subject often suffers from an affliction which the writer (for want of a better word) terms "group-think subjectivity". A case heralded as a "benchmark" UFO event by one party is often (justifiably) torn to shreds by a rival organisation. It is both unscientific and dangerous to use group rivalry as a UFO event evaluation "engine". It is not unknown for rival groups to cry "wolf" simply out of spite!

THE SOCIOLOGY OF UFOLOGY

In comparing Ufology with other non-competitive amateur pursuits, one is struck by the less friendly attitude of

Ufology's participants (or the "why do these people hate each other so much" syndrome). The reason for this is unclear. It may be that some see (and use) ufology primarily as a platform for self-promotion. Obviously, to those entertaining this mental attitude co-operation and research comes a poor second or third to exhibitionism! Some ufologists have a tendency to consider the subject as an extension of their psyche. Hence, they perceive any attack on their ufological ideas as a grievous personal affront! The lack of a proper mental attitude may also lead to problems. Too often, the aspiring UFO "expert" is filled full of crazy notions by sensationalist publications. This often leads to a belief that the subject is a massive "cosmic" struggle between Ufologists, UFO entities and the "establishment". Hence, anyone not on "their" side (for whatever reason) are treated with considerable suspicion – such individuals being often accused of "working for the government"!

These problems would occur less often if widely-accepted criteria for recognising bona-fide ufologists existed. Sadly, anyone can claim to be a "UFO expert" (and have done so) – resulting in considerable damage to Ufology's image! Sadly, ufologists have to deal with a media more interested in wild (and highly saleable "copy") than science. It is all too evident that Ufology has a serious image problem; the subject often being ruthlessly lampooned and exploited by sensationalist tabloids such as "The Sport". This has caused Ufology serious problems. The usual humorous angle adopted by media UFO "stories" have a markedly bad effect on witnesses – who often forego reporting their experience for fear of adverse publicity and ridicule. The "anonymous witness" is largely a by-product of this (sadly justifiable) fear.

CONCLUSIONS

Although the UFO movement has made some progress, there is still much room for improvement. Ufology should scrap all its tired shibboleths and start anew. There should be less talk of "the UFO phenomena" – each UFO event should be considered unique until strong correlations between other sightings are uncovered. A massive overhaul of its social structure is urgently required to render the subject fit to meet the ufological challenges of the next century.

CASE REPORT

PELLETED IN BOSTON
(The Spector Letters)

CASE SUMMARY

Case number: PHILCASE.024

Interview date: 14-11-89

Investigator(s): Ken Phillips

Sighting areas: Boston, USA, Bourne-
mouth, Hants. and other diverse
locations

Type of sighting: AN3-402 [Vallée]

BRIEF INTRODUCTION
BY EDITOR

Because the full transcript of this case is due to be featured in the UFO WITNESS, only a precis of the case is to be presented here as a leader to the main text.

The reason why I have decided to feature aspects of the case in both journals is to demonstrate to the joint readership of the darker nature of our subject and to show too the suffering undergone by certain witnesses of "alien" contact. However, to obviate boredom of setting out the same transcript in both publications I have decided to print here only a selection of the various letters the witness has written to certain UFO celebrities over the past few years and in which he makes an effort to induce someone to take note of the frightfulness of his experiences.

SIGHTING PRECIS

As is the case with a certain [unknown] number of witnesses [or victims as they prefer themselves to be called], this witness has never been consciously 'abducted' by UFO entities, nor has he seen a UFO, but he is very convinced he has been confronted by the intelligences that are behind the UFO phenomenon. However, as can be seen from the following correspondence, what the witness regards as close-encounter UFO experiences is nothing less than a horrific hoax perpetrated on those witnesses by the real intelligences behind the UFO phenomenon. These hoaxes are designed to propagate a false message within global society in order to enslave mankind and ultimately to annihilate the self; i.e. the real UFO intelligence is an unspeakable evil which is continually

working at the very edge of human society.

The witness' story began back in the mid-1980s [exact date not specified] when he was approached by certain 'persons' living in the same apartment block as his in Cambridge, Mass.. Over the following weeks and months, these 'neighbours' offered him various 'favours', the nature of which the witness found repugnant.

Having continually rejected the offers made by his neighbours, they ultimately became frustrated with their lack of success, and so one evening, they approached the witness as he was entering the apartment block and seized him at gunpoint. Then, somehow or another, they inserted an 'implant' behind his right eye; an implant which, apparently, can transmit and receive images and information on a 24-hour basis.

Up to the time of the implant, the witness felt he was simply dealing with common criminal elements who were trying to induce him to take drugs and become involved in other illicit activities, but after the 'implant' episode, he began to realise he was dealing with something far more powerful and intelligent. Indeed, the witness became so concerned at the assaults inflicted on him by these 'persons', he actually took them to court in Cambridge, Mass., but the court proceedings were later abandoned due to lack of further action on behalf of both parties.

Among the various types of harassment the witness had to endure were, amongst other things, obnoxious odours coming into his flat from under the front door, strange noises, peculiar dreams, visions and having a dog set upon him. Despite the fact that the witness called the police and filed a complaint against his tormentors, the assaults continued until the witness was forced to leave his apartment and eventually return to England. However, on his return, and contrary to his expectations, he found that his persecution was not over. Indeed, he was approached by various 'persons' in such diverse countries as Israel, Ireland and, of course, in England; these 'assaults'

would strike at any hour of the day or night.

As time went on, the witness got to know the famous author and abductee, Whitley Strieber, and the latter persuaded the witness to have a MIR [magnetic image resonator] scan in order to try and locate exactly where the 'implant' was in the witness' brain. This the witness did and went for the test at Georgetown Hospital, but the only outcome of this [rather expensive] scan was the detection of a small, white, unidentified spot which the brain specialist said was not worth operating on.

Apparently, the 'persons' who are carrying out these various assaults were once ordinary human beings who, at some stage in their lives, had their bodies taken over by non-corporeal 'alien intelligences'. In a word: possession. Thus, and through the employment of the 'pellet' technology, they cause the person so targeted to do their bidding through a series of messages and visions; very frequently whilst the 'victim' is asleep.

The witness is absolutely convinced of the reality of this alien 'invasion' and in the way it has blighted his life. He is also convinced there are many other 'victims' such as himself all over the world, many of whom have either committed suicide because of the mental and physical torture they have endured, or have been committed to mental asylums because society deems them to be insane. Indeed, the witness once said that life for him would be more bearable and simpler if it could be proved he was insane.

There now follows the correspondence of despair:-

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5 July 1990 Mel Grant,

Dear Mel,

As recently as a few months ago I wouldn't have thought twice about going to Sheffield to see Budd Hopkins and perhaps trying to have a word with him. Last summer I went to Washington DC just on the off-chance of contacting someone knowledgeable about UFOs. But things have changed.

In the first place I'm resigned to the fact that no one can rescue me. Secondly, I'll die knowing that several other people know the truth of what happened to me although they are only a small percentage of those who have read my dossier. That's enough for me. The last thing I ever wanted to be was some kind of UFO celebrity and while I don't think it's a good idea for the general public to know the full horror of what is going on, some people should know.

Conveying all this information, then, at considerable cost in time and money might seem, assuming I'm not mad, very public spirited. Actually I'm not very, probably no more than average but subjected to extreme duress my response has been extreme. I'm no hero; I didn't volunteer for this nor would I have done. With no interest in UFOs, far from the battle field (or so I would have thought), I was dragged to the front line, shot and taken prisoner. My only interest in my captors has been how to get rid of them. Notwithstanding this, uh, negative attitude I've come to know them well and can state without equivocation that their evil is of a magnitude outside all human experience that I have ever heard or read of and, so, unimaginable and unbelievable to most people who have not had the misfortune to encounter it. You say you are not sure you know what evil is. You'd know if you knew them. But it could take a while. Human optimism is such that we try to find some positive meaning in the worst of trials; the vermin feed very happily on any strengths (or frailties) we may have and encourage them.

Any investigator would be sure to find untenable contradictions in my story not only as it stands now but as it was when I reported it to the police in the first three years. Carefully calculated misinformation, threats, harassment, assault can't help but hopelessly confuse their prey, whose contradictions and omissions will necessarily make them seem like mental cases or liars or both. The usefulness of testimony under hypnosis strikes me as highly questionable since the vermin are themselves past masters at this technique and while the victim may well be giving an entirely factual account of what happened to him the predator surely distorted the facts at the time since that's the nature of the beast.

Nothing really useful at this stage can come from talking personally to investigators that I haven't already said to them or put it in writing. The enclosed tape might be of some help to you. Without being too doctrinaire

about it, I hope, I do now know why we are being attacked in such baroque fashion by the vermin. They are doing it for the hell of it.

Yours sincerely,

M.S.S.

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15 July 1990 Ron West,

Essex UFO Research Group.

Dear Ron,

No small part of the abjection of being a victim is, as I found in the days before I knew the true nature of the problem, [is] reporting the crime to the police and it's a relief not to do that any more. Similarly, meeting with UFO investigators has generally been a bleak experience whether they believed me or not. In circulating this collection of letters among various people a number of points have come up.

Simplistic psychological interpretations that I originally tried to head off at the pass – like every third paragraph – are the most favoured response along with the fixed idea that these are entirely psychical phenomena in spite of my insistence that we are infested by pseudo-humans with names and addresses, living down your way. Of course it's hard to swallow and it's very unpalatable if you do, but just who do you think the MIBs are? They are indeed 'men' who think it's a giggle to wear black clothes in the execution of their ghoulish games. Mostly, instead of operating in their immediate neighbourhood where they'd be recognised they'll travel hundreds or even thousands of miles from home. For some reason, partly my own peregrinations, they bent that rule with me and for their own whimsical reasons they allowed me to find out where they lived. Why not? What difference does it make?

Wide of the mark also have been kindly-meant comments on my bravery. Suffering loss does not equal courage; perhaps the way in which we endure suffering does, but the vermin so distort and deform everything they touch that those ways are pre-empted. Sure, I'd have faked amity with them to get some relief but they know you're faking and apparently that's not good enough. Their only alternative then is to bludgeon the prisoner but can that really gain anyone's good will? It's farcical. Try as I might to compare their foulness and folly to human behaviour, I fail. It's not out of modesty that I repudiate notions of heroism. I'm being set up like all their other dupes. Ideally they would have had me out in the

streets proclaiming the end of the world is at hand and leading my 'followers' to the highest mountain, say, on July 15, 1990. Short of that they'll squeeze whatever they can to widen the scope of mockery even if it's only these letters which could conceivably cause alarm and despondency, in which case you're the victim, and/or frustration for me, which is also cool. Why write them then? Well, it took me three years to put pen to paper so there was nothing inevitable about my writing of this horror. Certainly nothing was gained by my not writing about it. Above all my own distress was considerably relieved by reading the work of someone who did write about it. Maybe the vermin are getting something out of me – their depravity is versatile enough to bleed a stone – but it's nowhere near the satisfaction they evidently hoped for. Among the destiny messages, for example, were various high-falutin titles of which delegate to some interplanetary congress sounded the least 'glorious'. So concentrated has their assault been that they've subjected me to much of the repertoire. I can't say most of it. They probably have a lot of other tricks up their sleeve. All their performances are a prelude to, and sometimes a cloak for, serious deadly activity. Visible flashy aerial phenomena have about as much (and as little) to do with this invasion as the landing of THE MAYFLOWER had to do with the development of nuclear weapons. These creatures don't need us for anything except possibly as playthings and maybe as an audience. If they do indeed want messengers or delegates or leaders they have plenty of 'human' personnel of their own for such tasks who'd be far more reliable and efficient failing only to provide the satisfaction that a dupe would give. Had I not known them from the first as what I thought were vile humans, maybe I too could have been a little bemused by their stratagems. As it was my dislike and aversion turned to sustained immutable loathing when I found out what they really are. It's possible they viewed this as a challenge but more likely as another bit of entertainment. In any case they tried all the tired old tricks out on me as well it seems as a few new ones, but only new because, evidently, no one else has written about them. So that is my contribution. Know your enemy. It doesn't know the future any more than we do. Just better informed guesses. So maybe there is hope.

The abductions are a hoax, at least those where the abductees were returned. Copies can be made and even physical samples taken without abduction. It seems they are playing with human hybrids; I was shown fairly convincing pictures of what was supposed to be a US serviceman looking very miserable and dangling two strange looking infants on his knees. Other captives in extreme pain and deprivation have also been shown, I think as a threat. Persuasive as many of these transmissions are I can't vouch for their authenticity with as much certainty as I can when they relay sounds and images to me replete with incidental and circumstantial detail that I know to be accurate. Recall and reinforcement, probably entirely to gloat, of games (atrocities wouldn't be too strong a word) played on me with film of all the right places, objects and people whenever appropriate can't be dismissed. Sometimes I have verified given details ex post facto. Less sure then are sweeping assertions of events that haven't directly concerned me. I admit that; I just don't want to waste space and effort with elaborate qualification of already difficult to accommodate material. Most of my opinions and, indeed, the information they insist on plying me with or proudly confirming, are omitted anyway. I do know them and their style as well as you'd know a rabid skunk you'd been locked up with for four years. Still I can't be certain that, for example, the sex pervert social workers are the vermin though they insist they are. I'd be an idiot to describe the background detail they provided to illustrate their perverted acts that don't concern me since they are quite likely to be fabrications.

What do they look like? Someone said he'd identified seventeen different kinds. Maybe there are but they can't appear equally as convincingly as a thousand and seventeen including of course human kind. I have seen most of those that fit the descriptions and look like the drawings in the UFO books plus or minus a feature or two and probably by now several hundreds besides. Rarely a night goes by without a programme of images lasting usually from five to fifteen minutes before they let me go to sleep. This has become very tedious and I have asked them that if they must show it then put it on fast forward but so far they haven't obliged. Mostly the images are of the horrific variety like hideously deformed half-humans suffering acute agonies but through constant exposure these have

become very ho-hum even with the occasionally applied special chemical effects to make me feel terror, panic etc., again familiar through over-use. Usually under closed lids but occasionally externally in the form of very substantial looking 'holograms'. These images do have that oneiric quality typical, I suppose, of hallucinations, but I don't hallucinate. The 'fairy' that stood on my chest, about a foot high, and stroked my face, I could both feel and touch, though not for long lest I would have time to conclude that the effect came via the pellet or by some other means. I don't think they need the pellet: it just makes their job easier. If there are any benignities around the vermin would certainly mimic them. Similarly they'll mock authentic historical martyrs perhaps by trying to make martyrs of some of us which is in keeping with their on-going efforts to undermine religious faith and values or exploit them. I don't know what they have planned for me. Clearly I am of no strategic significance: they happened on me by chance, which is true of most of their victims and they seem to be having a good time with me. So they'll take whatever they can get. It's only rarely that the nightly programmes have been specially designed though the dreams often are. One fifteen minute job they had obviously gone to a great deal of effort (they seem to like work) to custom make for me, was relayed a few nights ago. After it was over I said, "Sorry I missed it. Can you run it by for me one more time?" They wept. Oh very touching!

"Find out what you can about them," some people have urged. Since they lie all the time that's pretty difficult though, since nothing discourages them. I have intermittently questioned them mainly to relieve the interminably dreary one-way dialogue. How easy it would be to appear to have fallen into that category of poor demented people who go around mumbling to themselves. I did ask them if they were responsible for pestilence and disease to which they replied, "no", and I expressed surprise that they weren't jealous of rival plagues and wipe THOSE out. They let me get away with this smart-alec stuff confident in the knowledge of the tight choke-hold they have on me. "Sure", I said, "I'll sit down with you and have meaningful discussions as long as I'm armed and it's understood I'll shoot you down first chance I get". They said they'd think it over. This followed one of their usual madcap proposals; this time for a

PEACE CONFERENCE. Childish isn't the right word for them: it does a disservice to children. Debased or degenerate would be better. You also never lose the niggling feeling that in addition to all the other superlatives that apply to them, 'monumentally stupid', fits well.

"Why do they do this, or stop at that?" goes the reductio ad absurdum argument many people come up with, usually in disbelief at the antics of the vermin. Well I really don't know. Obviously because it suits them. They have their routines and their own scheme of things and probably draw self-imposed parameters within which they'll exercise their infernal designs. "You don't know anything about us", they sneered at me. "I don't want to know", I sneered back. And it's true. If I could get out of this I wouldn't read or write another word about them. Virtually retired at the age of 44, every aspect of my life has been tainted and deformed by them.

Some people have a problem with the figure of million vermin I came up with for this country alone. This is based on rudimentary 'traffic analysis' of men, women and children sent out to harass me over the last three years in the Bournemouth-Poole area which suggest about a thousand 'families' living locally, judging by the swiftness of deployment, variety in age and accidental sightings of them in shopping in supermarkets etc. "Only 150 000", a voice just said, and as I typed that, a pleasant female voice cooed, "Isn't he adorable?" These little asides to each other that I am supposed to overhear are typical. Because I know them well this announcement would incline me towards a figure of 650 000. You can take your pick. "I warned you not to say that", said another voice, "You know how he twists everything!"

I was a little disappointed with someone expressing surprise at my familiarity with 'in' jargon like 'traffic analysis' and some of the more esoteric references. My knowledge of them is limited and comes not at all from a morbid or an enthusiast's interest but merely that I am one of those boring people who knows all the quiz show answers, good at crosswords etc. And I read the Sunday papers. In fact I'm going to do that right now.

*Yours sincerely,
M.S.S.*

This correspondence will be continued in both UT & UFOW III.

BELGIUM – STOCKAY: The Speeches Are Issued

We all remember the landing case at Stockay St. George which happened unexpectedly on 4th. May 1990 and presented in the second edition of EURUFON NEWS. At the present, we consider this case to be one of the most interesting of the Belgium Wave, such was the high credibility rating of the witnesses.

Here is a presentation of the accounts of three independent reports from people who were also present at the landing on this famous evening and which comes, therefore, in an irrefutable way to confirm the observation of that likeable archaeologist and that of

his wife. In the light of the declarations from the different witnesses, it appears that according to all the evidence, the current of events which came unexpectedly that evening were as follows:-

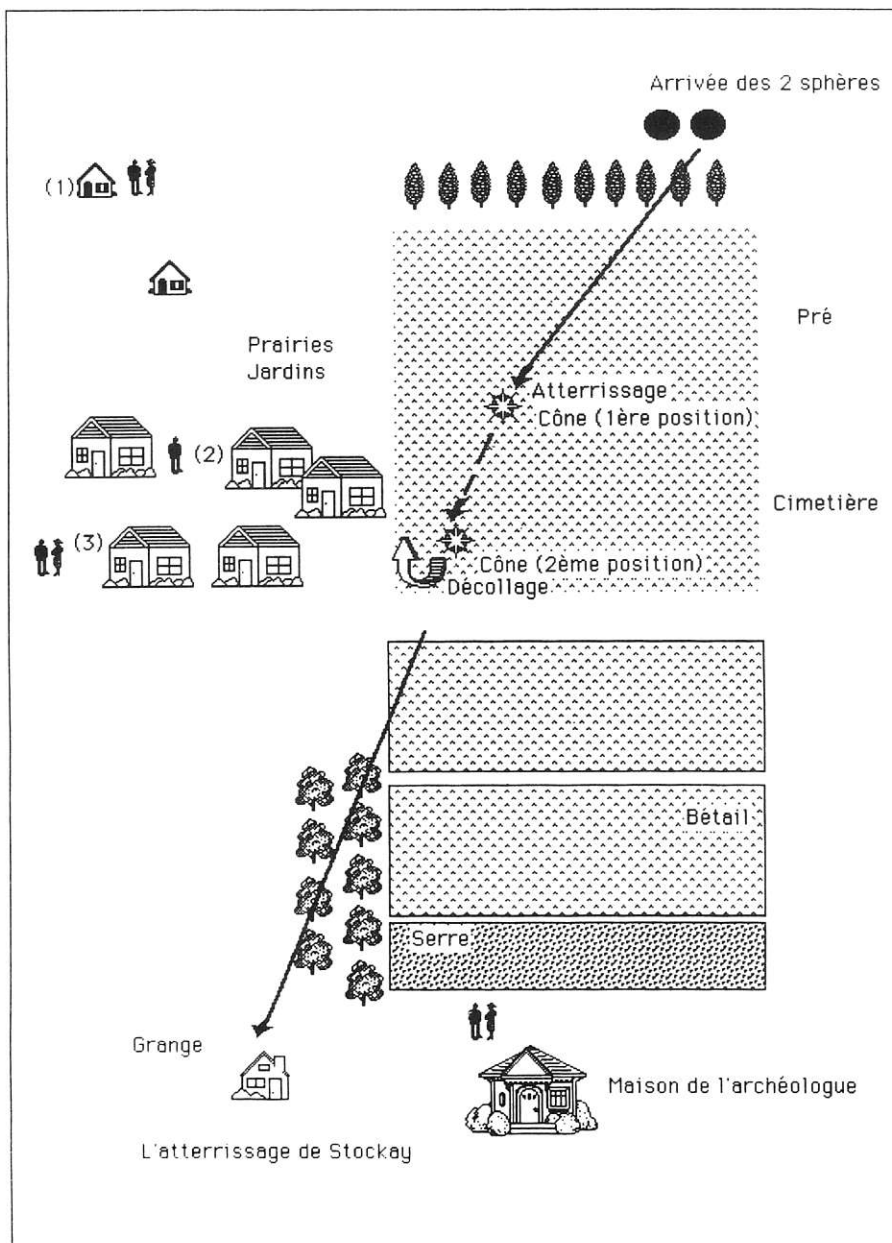
On the 4th May 1990, a little before 23.00, a couple from Brussels occu-

pying a house situated about 500 or 600 metres as the crow flies to the north-west of the archaeologist's meadow [position 1 on the map of the area] witnessed the approach at low altitude, and from the north-east direction, two luminous spheres which stabilised themselves over the village of St. George; that is to say above the archaeologist's pasture. A little while later, one of the two spheres disappeared by fading out.

The second sphere made a descent towards the ground and seemed to settle itself there. Some moments later, M. Destexhes closed the door of his small greenhouse, and hearing the dogs barking, he turned and perceived the phenomenon in his meadow [see EURUFON NEWS No 2]. Some minutes later, the couple from Brussels, who observed the object through binoculars and described it as a cone of large size and highly luminous, decided to take a torch-light and make some light signals in the direction of the cone.

The husband made the effort to do this and ascertained that the phenomenon abruptly changed colour, turning from yellowish-white to an intense orange. It was exactly at this moment that M. Destexhes, then at a distance of 45 metres from the objects, took a step forward and the object changed colour and raised a cupola. Had the object then reacted to the signals from the torch or at the progression of the archaeologist towards the object? We will likely never know; the two solutions being perfectly envisaged. In the meantime, M. Destexhes returned home and the couple from Brussels pursued their observation.

It is at this point that another witness intervened, a man aged about 70, and who having found himself at his window at about 80 metres from the phenomenon – which was partly obscured by the elementary school teacher's building – [position 2 on the



map], perceived a large gleam in the meadow but without a distinct outline.

A little later, the Brussels couple stated that the first sphere which had disappeared had reappeared at less than 100 metres above the meadow and flew slowly towards the centre of the village, flying over the outbuildings of the archaeologist, then the phenomenon on the ground also began to move and went back up over the meadow in the same direction for about forty metres.

Another couple, of which the woman is a pharmacist, returning home some seconds later [position 3 on the map], perceived the relatively indistinct shape of a cone of light, the source of which seemed to be situated at the edge of the pasture; they thought there was perhaps a fete in the meadow, so they went indoors. Some seconds later, the Brussels couple witnessed the take-off of the object which then took the same direction as the first sphere.

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We cite in addition certain facts of which we cannot guarantee the connection between their unexpected appearance and the phenomenon observed, but which are troubling enough in their own right.

For almost six months, the cows of M. Destexhes refused to go grazing on the site, and as time went on a circle developed, at the centre of which is an old pit [shaft] where nothing has grown since.

This circle has become larger with time [nearly two metres in diameter actually, as opposed to 0.5 metre last year], and at some metres from the spot where the cone manifested itself about a dozen small goats, which had been grazing there, had since died. Some trees situated in proximity to the site had also died. A relationship to cause and effect? We shall never know, but there is a consistency with the facts.

Patrick Vidal.

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FLYOVER BY A LARGE DELTA WING

March 12th 1991 at 22.45, M. Robin was riding about in his car in the region of Huy [province of Liège] when he noticed to his left and high up in the sky, a series of white lights of strong intensity.

The witness thought it was an aircraft, but he ascertained with surprise that this object was stationary in the sky. Curious, he pulled up by the road-

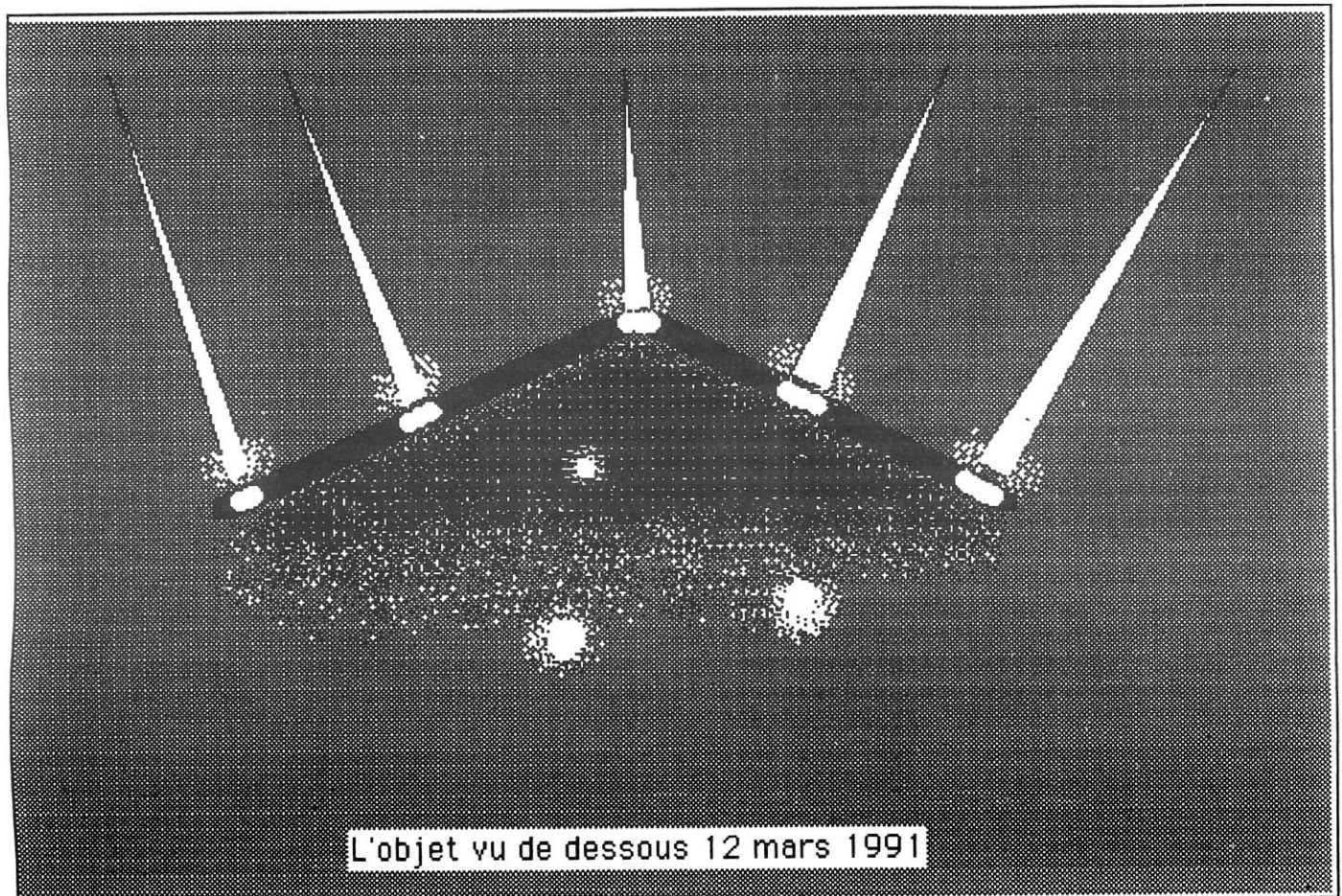
side in order to observe this strange aeroform at his leisure. At the front of this machine some lights projected distinct beams, some of which were horizontal and others vertical. At the rear, three red lamps were visible, one of which was blinking. At this moment, a car arrived from the opposite direction, and the witness attempted to stop it by flashing the headlights of his car in order to alert the other driver to the spectacle, but the driver continued on his way without stopping.

The object, in the meantime, inclined itself in the direction of M. Robin and slowly began to move towards the witness. Passing over the vertical point [at about 150 metres altitude], the witness perceived a noise comparable to that of a large plane in the process of landing, but this rumbling was all the time weaker than that of a classical aircraft.

The object had the shape of a large delta-wing, and slowly, at the same altitude, it continued its course towards Havelange and Ciney; the observation would have lasted 45 seconds approximately.

P. Vidal.

Translation by that 'jack of all trades master of none', Ken Phillips.



The Watchers – How Extraterrestrials Want To Save The Earth

An Incredible Story

Review by Rudolf Henke in 'Journal fur UFO-Forschung', No.1, 1952

Translation by Gordon Millington

For several years now, no major German publisher has produced any books about UFO abductions. A wave of occult interest and UFO-mania certainly did not break out in the former German Democratic Republic, while that business of the alleged, mysterious, light-phenomena in Belgium and the mainly European euphoria over pictograms in the cornfields, paved the way for the publication of yet more bizarre accounts, so that Bastei-Lubbe books have now brought out the third volume from Raymond E. Fowler about the abduction of the 54-year-old American woman, Betty Luca, better known as Betty Andreasson.

Like most abduction accounts, this one came to light through hypnotic regression, and Fowler recapitulates the familiar story of Betty Luca's strange encounter when she went out of the house and was confronted by a pair of bewildering, pulsating lights, which every student of UFO phenomena knows to be as common as the usual stimulus for German UFO stories: hot-air balloons!

The story is credible only insofar as we can believe Betty Luca. In this context, Fowler remarks that a doctor has claimed Mrs. Luca to be without any serious psychological problems, so that the possibility of minor ones still remains. The problem of her marital misfortunes, the basis of her horror stories, must also be mentioned in passing; but Fowler, who believes himself to be an abductee too, will not entertain the possibility that her misfortunes, those heavy blows of fate, arise from a demonstrably unstable personality. At the age of 17, Betty, brought up in a strongly christian family, married the electrician, James Andreasson; there were seven children from the marriage.

In 1966, her husband was badly injured in a motor accident and Betty had a hysterectomy because of suspected cancer, so that she was no longer able to have children. A year after separating from her unfortunate husband, two of her sons were killed in a motor accident. One could be anxious for Bob, her second husband.

At the beginning of his book, Fowler sets out in quick succession his views on the various, possible interpretations of Betty's story – psychosis, birth trauma, the collective unconscious or even fraud. Certainly, the many misfortunes in Betty's life could have induced un-

pleasant, mental experiences for which the abductions stories might have provided a compensatory illusion, but Fowler dismisses any such suggestions. Yet Betty's horror stories are full of explicit, sexual references; one wouldn't need to be deeply versed in Freudian psychology to see this.

The explanation of the extraterrestrial element is to be found in the following examples of the ethos of sexual enmity inculcated by the Christian church, "that it is the duty of a man and a woman, when they come together, to have intercourse for propagation and not merely for pleasure," which Betty must have absorbed in her family home. Over and over again in her abduction account there is the abdominal insertion, the report that "a woman lies there on the table... seems so frightened... and I feel she can move her hands and everything above the waist, but the lower half of her body is like stone... and she has her legs up high... and they are taking something out of her, it seems to be a foetus." The foetus is strangely deformed, is pierced with a needle, its eyelids cut off, its genitalia operated upon. Surely this is a memory of the hysterectomy, or else of the marital separation, which, according to Christian belief, is a dreadful sin, or of something even more traumatic?

First Encounter

Betty's first encounter with extraterrestrials was as a young girl when she was out walking in the fields and woods, but this is not the place to describe her "experiences" or to put forward the suspicion of a rumour that the girl was sexually abused. Child studies have shown that sexual abuse of

children happens much more frequently than is reported, but in any case, I will conclude my explanation of Betty's abduction stories by suggesting that, as with all other ET fantasies, any such memories have been, like most other childish traumas, completely suppressed, as Alice Miller has described.

Or shall we accept, as Fowler and Luca would like us to do, that the ETs wish to save Mankind through frightening experiments on foetuses? A foetus is not needed when a preparation of cellular tissue would suffice to reveal our terrestrial genetic code. There is in Betty's, as in all such contact stories, a lot of pseudo-scientific nonsense, as the following passage shows:-

"And they explained to me that they do this because humanity will become sterile (according to Betty!) through air pollution and bacteria... they told me they are extrapolating their protoplasm into the nuclei of foetal cells..." So Mrs. Luca has made an outstanding, biological discovery, which she then confuses with another. (For information: 'protoplasm' means the total of cell tissue, including the cell centre, the nucleus. One cannot bring protoplasm into the nucleus, and the statement is thus meaningless. Also, a foetus has not just one cell centre, but many of them in almost all body tissues. No such biological processes as described can therefore exist.)

Is it really the case that "there is no known, psychological explanation for these experiences", as America's allegedly best-known psychiatrists, R. J. Lifton, said four years ago in an NBC television broadcast? Is it really true that "the role of the sexual elements in the account must remain obscure", as Scott Rogo also stated in 1987? People

like Fowler, Lifton and Rogo seem to have, not a superfluity, but rather a lack of fantasies to explain if [why?] they do not first consider the Trauma Hypothesis. Here the affair becomes rather dangerous, possibly even bordering on questions of criminality, if it is not admitted that Mrs. Luca, and possibly also other abductees, are suffering extreme traumas of terrestrial origin. Those who deny that these abductions

are just delusions participate in the guilt of any who fail to help the sufferers, depriving them of the chance to expose the true origins of their paranoia.

The rampant abduction-paranoia in certain American UFO circles bears traces of medieval witchcraft beliefs, as also do the supernatural explanations usually put forward. The hysterics of sexual frustration are, on the one hand, equated with diabolical lewdness,

while on the other, nuns and monks writhe in "holy", sexual ecstasies behind convent walls.

Whoever reads the Fowler and Luca book from a viewpoint other than that of the conventional UFO abduction story will derive much benefit from it; yes, I think everyone who wants to obtain a deeper understanding of the nature of close encounters of the fourth kind should certainly read it.

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THE EUROPEAN DIMENSION

Extracts from Eurofon News

BELGIUM: THE FAN OF ST. GEORGE

by P. Vidal

This observation unfolded last February one evening between 21.30 and 22.00. The witnesses, four in number, reside in the centre of St. George in the province of Liège.

On the evening in question, at the time cited, the first witness, aged 73, called his wife and his son and daughter-in-law because the witness happened to perceive an unusual, luminous phenomenon in the sky which was well clear at the time. This phenomenon was stationary at low altitude in the distance, and according to all appearances, located between the villages of Stockay and Engis.

The object remained thus for about a dozen minutes in this position without budging, then slowly it started to move whilst maintaining its altitude. The son, armed with his video camera attempted to film it, but he encountered problems aiming at the target [the result was,

alas, of little assistance].

The four witnesses present at the flight of this phenomenon, which had brought itself nearer to them, looked through binoculars and were able to discern the shape of a dark fan adorned by many luminous sources [see sketch].

The altitude of the object was estimated at about 200 metres and followed a trajectory from the south-east to the north-west, during which process the object had drawn considerably near to the village of Saint George, but the witnesses outside could perceive no noise.

The machine, which had the size of a large plane [that of an AWAC according to the son], flew over a neighbouring wood at less than 1 000 metres away, then seemed to gain altitude and speed then disappeared, hidden by some trees and the roofs of neighbouring houses.

HOLLAND: AN ALARMING ROAD COMPANION

by Humphrey Burchartz

H. Burchartz, is an engineer and is very interested in the UFO phenomenon. Towards the end of 1989, on the occasion of a sky-watch, he filmed the famous triangular UFO. Today, he is one of the founders of EURUFON and is the manages our Dutch section. He reports here on a close-encounter case.

On the evening of the 5th May 1991, a holiday in the Low Countries, a sec-

ondary-school youth, Roger K., was coming home after leaving a friend; the time was nearly midnight. The young man lives at his parents' home in the small village of Beek, which is about two kilometres from Masstricht Airport, in the south of the Low Countries [province of Limbourg].

The sky was clear and starry, and roger was hurrying to return home because he had stayed late at his friend's

house. As he lives near the Airport, he is used to seeing the landing and taking-off of all types of aircraft and is, therefore, familiar with their navigation lights, but at that time of the evening, there is practically no air-traffic. Roger was pedalling along the open road and in the distance could be seen the outline of the first houses of the village.

Suddenly, the young man perceived at about a dozen metres from the road, and at less than thirty metres in altitude, a semi-spherical object, the diameter of which Roger estimated as being about 10 metres; stunned, the adolescent stopped quickly.

He observed very clearly at the central part of the lower half of the object a luminous source which emitted a beam of orange light directed towards the ground, and on the circumference some lights or portholes were visible. The object was floating stationary in the air, and Roger could perceive a faint noise like a sort of purring. Fear took possession of him and he climbed on to his bicycle and attempted to get away the place. Thus, in a frightened state, he noticed that the object had begun to move and was following him; again, Roger stopped and the object did the same.

This same trick repeated itself many times, and this procedure lasted for five minutes. Panicking, the young man started off without looking back in order to reach the first houses in the village, and having arrived in front of his home, he turned his head but the object had disappeared.

This case, which was generated in the region of the Masstricht Airport, is not unique for its class, and in the vicinity we have indicated many times the presence in the sky of mysterious machines.

On this subject, I am not preventing myself from thinking about the article "UFO dream", which appeared in the first edition of this review, where the witness near the airport also perceived in the sky an object equipped with three feet [pods]. Some months afterwards, an air-controller [a sceptic] confided with me that when accompanying his wife he observed a triangular machine flying near the airport. In January 1991, one of his colleagues on duty in the control tower saw a similar object in the proximity of a flight-path. The shape and the behaviour of the object [the pursuit] described by Roger is remarkable because in terms of the

shapes and behaviour we find once again analogies with not only the cases from Bastogne in Belgium and from Rijmerstock in the Low Countries, but equally with those coming over from the United States [all these cases have been presented in edition 2 of this review].

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We note that on the evening of the 6th November and the days following, we

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12, and which age bracket is considered by specialists in criminology who investigate unusual events, as the most credible.

Keeping account of the collection of these factors, the question which we pose is: do we know if the official explanation of the events of 5th November is really sound, or has public opinion been a victim of a campaign of official disinformation.

More anon..

EASTERN EUROPE: THE PROBLEM OF UFOs: FROM AMATEURISM TO PROFESSIONALISM

by Tschavdar Zinsow

Tschavdar Zinsow is a sociologist and collaborator with the group "Mensch-Erde-Kosmos" [Men-Earth-Cosmos] and presents us here not only with an article of reflection, but information concerning the observations of Kljutsch as well [refer on this subject to, 'Abduction in the region of Katnik?', which appears in this present review].

The cases reported in the region of Kljutsch are interesting for different reasons: the first being, that for the first time in our home-land, and in a very precise region, UFOs have been seen in a periodic manner: secondly, there were observations of humanoid beings inside objects on the ground: thirdly, there was the reporting of different phenomena of poltergeist in two houses in the region.

It must also be kept in mind the number of accounts reporting observations of "golden men" and the apparition of a star having a sedating effect on the observer, or again, the vision of the two entities dressed in white who make off quickly. As one can readily ascertain, the spectre in these enigmatic cases are copious and present a number of facets. This is why the collective unconscious and traditional thought are not really ready to accept the manifestation of such phenomena. This absence of preparation [in order not to say ignorance] of people confronted with these facts bring about, on the part of public opinion, a reaction of rejection. The more widespread opinion wish that the existence of UFOs or extraterrestrial civilisations be denied.

The reason for these attitudes are in the houses of the majority of the following people: the subject does not

interest them, so the information that they would be able to obtain is scarce, and there is a lack of publications on the subject, lacking basic data and the advice of specialists and scientists. When a case is presented, the investigations are not generally thorough enough, not really approached without prejudice, and of course the idleness and dogmatism playing a non-negligible role.

Another group of hardened sceptics who are characterised by the following citations: "it is something, but we cannot find it!" So much so that the eye will not have seen and the hands will not have touched, one will not be able to think!"

The third group is constituted of those who believe in the reality of UFOs or extraterrestrial civilisations. In general, this group is formed by the witnesses themselves and by people who are not ignorant of the facts but who consider themselves as some serving authority based on a new approach to the world and to existence. However, the facets of the UFO phenomenon nowadays are very diverse, as for example: means of escape, mysticism, imagination, delirium, liking for religious mysticism etc...

These diverse aspects constitute for a large section of people a type of reality. Moreover, it must be added that the UFO phenomenon by its furtive presentation [sudden appearance or disappearance] may create in the house of the witness the impression of it having been an illusion or to have witnessed a natural phenomenon.

I am therefore returning to Kljutsch.

It is my third visit there to enhance research on the UFO phenomena. In

the interest of truth, it must be emphasised that the actual interest of the farmers in the region is focused less on the extraterrestrials than on the tobacco harvest, which at this time mobilises the autochtones [sic]. In spite of that, the quotes of Mme. Temenusschka Kirilowa, in whom we confided, are as follows:-

"On that morning [8th July 1989], my husband, Nikolai Kirilowa, and myself went to the fields in order to work. It was about 06.15 when we saw, high in the sky, three circular, flying objects. They were coming from the Belassitza mountains, and continuing on their way to the south-west, flew over the region of Markata; their colour was a dirty-white. Two of the objects were flying in the front and the third, which was a little lower, was in the middle. I could not estimate their size because we had not observed them long enough, so we continued on our way."

Here is another report by Simon Stoitschew Mitrew, a mechanic, middle-aged and of a calm and learned disposition:-

"It was in the month of June, in the morning towards 04.15 or 04.30. I was fixing the toilets, which are in the yard, when above the crest of the Ballasitza mountain, but above the woods, I saw something of a roundish appearance of the apparent size of a football which was moving at a speed of 50 – 60 Km/h from the east to the west. The object was the colours of the rainbow, was silent and moved in a particular way. At the end of the observation I was frightened to such a point that I felt my hair standing on my head."

The third account is in relationship with the two preceding ones and it comes to us from Georgi Troikow Baddelski, a retired teacher:-

"At 22.00 in the month of February or March, I found myself in the yard, and wanting only to go to bed, when I noticed something above the houses situated at the edge of the village to the west. I saw at the height of 1 000 metres a luminous, white ball which had almost the size of a football. I observed this ball for nearly two minutes; it was stationary..."

The foregoing represents a tiny part of the UFO observation reports over or in the vicinity of Kljutsch. The total number of observations is near forty. Among the witnesses I have to include myself as well because I made an observation in the presence of Kiril Jakimow. →

POLAND: UFOs IN THE BALTIC

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NDLR: we draw our readers's attention to the somewhat fantastic character of certain cases in the course of this article and submit them to you with every customary reservations, not being able to verify whether the source of the information was well-grounded.

On 5th November, corporals Arkadiusz Adamiec, Tadeusz Kryzak and Marius Skanik, carrying out their military service with an infantry unit based in Opole, observed a very strange phenomenon.

"This happened some minutes after 19.00 when we were coming out of the block after finishing our supper. Suddenly, lifting our eyes, we saw a group of brilliant red balls which were heading towards the centre of town. Most of the objects had a tail of which the brilliance was equal to that of the main body; in all, there were nearly 20 balls of this type. After 5 to 8 seconds, another group of balls appeared in the sky, and these were also followed by a trail, but this second group were at all times less numerous than those of the first."

At the same moment, at the other end of Opole, other people were watching the phenomenon, among whom was a pilot, M. Pawel Wosniak, who later confided with me about the event:-

"No, it was neither a rocket nor a plane; I would have recognised the characteristic sound. I also exclude the hypothesis of a meteor because the trajectory had been altogether different; even the powerful flames at the rear of the objects..."

On the same evening, on a road connecting Opole with Worclaw, many

→ On 6th July at 01.14, the first object appeared in the west flying towards the south at the speed of an airliner, but with the difference that it was flying very low. When it reached a dark zone over a wood, the object disappeared. Less than half an hour later, the scene was reproduced with another object which disappeared at a slightly higher altitude than the former object. I must add that it constantly presented a yellowish-green luminosity, and the usual navigation lights were absent.

cars had stopped. The drivers got out of their vehicles in order to look at the sky. Also at the spot was M. Jan Czabanowski who later declared: "There were numerous lights similar to stars. I counted about forty of them, all red and were moving in a pulsating way."

Mlle Joasia Kruszewska [aged 12], who lives near Glubczyce in the region of Opole, was coming out of mass when she noticed a strange "line of lights" which had made their appearance in the sky; they resembled a host of brilliant, red stars. Some of the lights had the form of a comet and possessed a long tail; they all disappeared as quickly as they appeared.

Monsieur Grzegor L. [anonymity demanded], waiting at a tram-stop, noticed in the sky a series of brilliant light-sources of varying diameter which passed over rapidly from west to east; the lights were yellow and red. Preceding these lights there was an object which was larger than the lights; the observation lasted about 30 seconds.

An almost identical report reached us orally from Mme Zofia P. from Myszkow. She also saw a large object following a group of luminous points [about a dozen with tails]. According to the witness the phenomenon moved along slowly and she also noticed two objects, which made up part of this group, going faster than the rest of the group. Again on 5th November 1990 towards 19.00, an observation was made at Chmielnik in the region of Kielce. The witness, Monsieur Kazimierz Slomka, in the company of his family, observed at an altitude of about 500 metres some luminous headlights moving from west to east.

Monsieur Zdzislaw Kilim from Kielce noted the exact time of his observation. "At 19.02 three lights appeared on the horizon which were going west to east and forming a triangle which left two trails of highly colourful sparks; the phenomenon disappeared behind the horizon after about 15 seconds."

We have many uninvestigated cases for that evening of 5th November 1990, but it is still too early to deliver a conclusion as to their nature.

Another series of similar events was made known in Poland on 18th January 1991. On that day, between 15.00 and 16.00, Mme L.B. was waiting for a bus

under a shelter in the centre of Czsetowocha. The bus arrived, and as the lady was boarding it, she felt compelled to look to her right. She turned her head and was startled when she saw a ball adorned with a sort of tail which was floating over a neighbouring roof. The object departed towards the south and disappeared behind the houses, going faster and faster. This woman was very happy to have seen the UFO and would have wished to see the occupants. Without respite, the image of this object has imprinted itself on her memory and this state of mind prolonged itself until the evening.

In the evening, the witness was at home, when towards 21.00, she perceived a rustling sound emanating from outside on the balcony. She looked over in that direction and saw two entities, but she was not afraid and went on with her cooking and laying the table [!!! – if this is a true statement then Mme L.B.'s behaviour was inexplicable such that normal behavioural conditions were suspended! – Ken Phillips, BU-FORA translator].

She opened the window and sat down on her bed and invited the beings to come inside, but they stayed where they were. The beings measured 1.75 m and their appearance was very similar to ours. One of the two was dressed in a combination of a greyish-white silver colour, and the other one in a sort of coat. The head of the first entity had a hair style or something which resembled a pancake [sic].

The encounter lasted about 7 minutes without leaving traces.

The following observation was located at Skarzisko. Monsieur Wojciech Dygaz saw a brilliant, yellowish-red object traversing the sky at a dizzying pace. Suddenly, it emitted an object of smaller size which left in a different direction; this happened at 22.27.

Many people saw a ball with a trail [red with a yellow halo of apparent size five times that of the full moon] at 22.45 – 23.00 over Cracovie. The UFO landed at Battowice [a neighbouring village] where we discovered a circular, burned trace on the grass of diameter 2 to 3 metres.

At Katowice, we shall report the observation of a similar object which occurred at 22.50 and was going towards the south. The following observation had as witnesses a couple under the name K. [anonymity demanded] who reside Murownia; they

had put the time at 22.50. Journeying by car, the couple noticed the presence in the sky of a very brilliant ball, emitting a very powerful light. The driver pulled up at the side of the road, and in the company of his wife, got out of the vehicle in order to continue the observation.

Suddenly, the object emitted a luminous mist and began a descent towards the ground. The object brought itself nearer to the witnesses who declared it was the shape of a cigar and estimated its length to be about thirty metres. Above the front part of the machine there was a sort of perch with a red light, whilst at the rear, there was a jet of hot gas being emitted; in fact, it was very much like the flame of a 'Gaz' burner. Right up to the present day, we are still receiving reports concerning the 18th January, so what happened in Poland on that evening...?

There were two other days like this in Poland which were rich in ufological

events; the 20th August 1979 and the 2nd December 1983 [translator's note].

Here is the last Polish case which occurred on 23rd July 1990 at Rybnik. Monsieur Stanislaw Kufka had left his home to look for his dog who had broken its chain and had run away. Looking to his right, the witness noticed in the sky a powerful beam of white light as well as another red, smaller luminous source proceeding behind the first.

The beam swept over the ground in an erratic manner as if looking for something. No sound emanated from the phenomenon, which was located at less than 300 metres from the witness. If it had been a matter of a helicopter the witness would have easily heard the sound of the rotor.

M. Kufka directed the beam of his torch towards the phenomenon and was able to outline thus a circle and a cross. In response, the UFO quickly lit up the road in front of the witness, who was

afraid and had sought refuge behind an electricity pylon. A little later, the beam of light moved back and extinguished itself; only the red light remained visible. The phenomenon then directed itself towards M. Kufka and hovered at about twenty metres from him at very low altitude. The beam reappeared and illuminated a part of one of the witness' legs. The latter, terrorised, took flight and attempted to seek refuge at a neighbour's house, however, the neighbour was asleep and the witness came back on to the road. The UFO was always in the same place but there was a sort of ladder on the left part of the red, luminous source. The witness saw a being on the ladder but was not able to give many details because the street lighting hindered the view. When the being climbed the ladder, it got back inside and the red light extinguished itself. The witness thought that the object had the shape of a cigar or an elliptical object. The next day, he had a bad leg, but no trace was visible on it.

OBSERVATIONS IN THE COUNTRIES OF EAST EUROPE

We received a quantity of observations relative to the UFO observations during the last two years. We have even received some unexpected reports concerning some old cases in Poland, of which there was one dating from 1926. I gained these after launching an appeal to our colleagues in Western Europe to the effect that if they knew some Polish cases, would they kindly let us know. We are especially interested in the period 1940 – 1960, during which the Stalinist terror reigned in our country. For example, I will quote the article by Jean Sider appearing in EURUFON NEWS 2, relating to an unexpected CEIII at Gdynia on 18th July 1943.

This case was totally unknown to us and this is regrettable, but if I had more information at my command regarding this subject, I would be able to pursue the enquiry. This is why I am asking Monsieur Jean Sider to address to us some complementary documentation in order to derive from the situation the complete account.

Finally, I wish that the collaboration between 'ufologists' of the west and those of the east will become more effective than that which exists today; we have everything to gain.

The unexpected political changes in Eastern Europe have contributed to the development of ufology in the socialist countries, as for example the USSR, Czechoslovakia and Poland, where we have acquired the possibility of editing specialist magazines. It was not so long ago it seemed impossible for ufological groups to exist in these countries and that socialist society was not very interested in the subject. Since these changes, information abounds, and here is some examples of cases we have been broadcasting.

USSR

In the archives of Dr. V.N. Fomiyenko, there is the report by Vladimir Syergieyevich Kharanitov referring to a CE4:-

"At the beginning of 1978, I was holidaying in the house of my parents situated in Vyelikye Polye [27 km from Pskov]. One day, between the 10th and 15th January, unfortunately I do not remember the exact date, I was skiing to the fishmongers in order to buy some fish there. When we returned, my brother [a dental surgeon] and me were going to have supper at our neighbour's house, Monsieur Alexander shikaliyev, who is a chauffeur. During the meal, we

drank two bottles of vodka [this sort of libation is very frequent in the USSR].

Towards 22.00, I left the room in order to smoke a cigarette. The sky was very clear and starry, and the outside temperature was close to -20° C. Suddenly, I saw some people who were bent forwards as if they were looking for something. I approached them and asked: "What are you doing here?"

The three persons straightened themselves up and I then noticed the strange character of their faces: they were covered by a visor. Only their silhouette resembled that of human beings, and the one in the middle was a woman whose hair was long. The three beings were dressed in coveralls that were without any zips or buttons; the material which made up these coveralls shone like titanium.

Near to them, was located a strange machine the size of a small car. They did not answer my question, but by gesticulation they invited me to approach this machine. The object was endowed with a cupola on the upper part of diameter two to two and a half metres. The dark lower part was larger and when one of the beings invited me by signs, I thought that they wanted to kidnap me. At first, I was very suspicious, but despite the very strange

character, I remained calm. I decided to leave a trace behind me, so I took off a garment and tied it around a trunk, then I approached the odd trio. We then went on board this 'car', on which there was no door, and took our places on the soft, aesthetic and comfortable seats. The 'chief', who had joined me, approached the seats and sat down beside the woman in front; the third being and myself positioned ourselves behind. The 'chief' then closed a kind of door and a panel illuminated itself in front of him. There was a type of desk made up of white and yellow push-buttons. Each button measured about three centimetres by a centimetre and a half wide, and I counted nine rows, each containing 25 buttons; I also noticed a kind of steering wheel.

The 'chief' applied his hand to the keyboard and pressed some of the buttons; his hand was normal. The machine took off and started to turn on its axis. I saw the house, which slowly diminished in size by proportion as we gained altitude, and I even noticed a car on the road to Pskov. Suddenly, the machine accelerated to a very high speed, but I did not feel the G-force. I became afraid, and with my fist, I struck the pilot's head; I do not remember what occurred next.

When I regained consciousness, I was sitting against a tree and then I rapped at the window and my brother and my neighbour came out of the house. I described my encounter to them and my brother went to look for the clothing which I had tied around the tree. I had been away for about ten minutes, but everything which happened up to the moment of the clash with the pilot would have unfolded, in my estimation, in the space of three minutes."

This report was dated 3rd February 1980. The weak point of the account resides in the fact that the witness had been drinking alcohol. It must be noted, however, that in Central Russia everyone drinks vodka, and a litre of this drink for three persons is the usual thing. The witness affirmed that he was not drunk and that at -20°C one soon returns to their senses.

So, mystification? If yes, then to what purpose?

The witness only spoke about the incident to his brother and the neighbour. Monsieur Fomiyenko had only alluded to the affair two years after its occurrence, and even then only incidentally.

Conclusion...

20th February 1990 at Rostov, the weather was variable but dry, when Ola Garanzha, a nine-year-old pupil in the third class of school 78 underwent a funny experience.

Before leaving school, she glanced at her watch, which showed the time was 15.15. On her way home, she noticed in the sky a sphere of small size which was reflecting red, blue and green light. Its diameter corresponded approximately to a third or a quarter of the full moon. The object was flying slowly and Ola carried on towards it, and reaching the back of a house, she saw then a large, circular object having the same reflections as the small sphere. The object was stationary at one metre from the ground and measured approximately five metres in diameter.

The little girl noticed an opening in the object, from which eight beings emerged, two by two. They were of large size [2m – 2.50m] and near them was a smaller creature which was particularly different from the other beings; Ola qualified it as a robot. The beings had long hands which descended as far as the knee.

The humanoids were dressed in coveralls and the robot seemed to be dressed in them as well. The beings, indifferent to her, took some samples from the ground. Ola was located at about fifteen metres from them and the encounter lasted about a dozen minutes. Next, all of the beings went back into the machine which then took off. This case was the object of an inquiry by the ufological group in Rostov.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

We only had little information concerning close encounter cases registered by the Czech ufology group. This is not surprising because such organisations were in their infancy in 1986 and private investigators previously had little freedom of manoeuvre. In 1986, a ufological group was formed at Hradek, in February 1990, the Ufo Centre of Kosice was inaugurated and in May 1990 it was the turn of the Czech Association of Archo-Astronautics; the latter, moreover, being considered today as the most serious in Czechoslovakia.

Here are some czech cases:-

In July 1968, Zdena, [the name of the witness] who was 15 years old at the time, encountered a strange person

dressed in old-fashioned attire [sic]. The being was tall, thin and had blond hair and blue eyes, but had no ears and the hands had only four digits. He pointed out a flying machine to the young girl which was spheroidal in shape and of a pink colour...

The next day, as she was returning to her home in Neratovice, "suddenly, the bus stopped... someone cried out that something abnormal was manifesting itself in the sky. I answered that it was nothing to worry about and that is was all a matter of a martian vessel. The other shouted me down and said I was behaving like a Bohemian gipsy and I was turned off the bus."

This case was actually the object of an investigation by the A.A.T.:-

On 21st August 1990, in the village of Okoc [in the region of Dunajska Streda], a young woman saw the top of a head of strange appearance. It was bald and brilliant and near her bed at about 1.40 m from the floor of her room. The witness looked at her watch which showed the time to be forty minutes past midnight.

The following day, she read an article relating to a surprising CE3 case at Gyor in Hungary, 34 km from Okoc, and which concerned a chauffeur who had encountered a being, the description of whom was similar to the one she had seen.

This case is not, moreover, the only one of this type manifesting in the region. In the course of the second half of the month of July 1990, at Topolniky, a man likewise stared at this brilliant head. It was one o'clock in the morning and the head was located in the frame of the door, at about 1.20 m height.

On 8th September, between Male Dvomiky and Dunajsky Klatov, a young woman was escorted by a large, brilliant ball of a reddish-orange colour.

The ball followed her for six kilometres, and at Dunajsky Klatov, the young woman realised she had travelled six kilometres on foot in thirty minutes! We added that before this episode she had taken this same route with some colleagues, who consequently affirmed to have seen a large ball with a black ring making its way over some fields.

Bronislaw Rzepecki, with the cooperation of Robert Lesniakiewicz.

Translated from the German by P. Vidal.

BULGARIA

ABDUCTION IN THE KATNIK REGION

by Valeri Kostadinow

The following case is interesting more than the title suggests. First of all, because it describes the possibility of an abduction of which the base outline presents some analogies with a number of American cases, added to which, is the relative confusion prevailing in the account testifying to the impossibility of a human being to tell of an encounter with the unknown, then much of this encounter has fits in well with those of others. Moreover, numerous observations reported in the region allows us to think about the situation [NDLR].

Since the first of February 1989, Jiril Jakimow from the village of Kljutsch, has taken more than 25 photographs of flying objects which are, to say the least, enigmatic.

Memories of encounters with UFOs thrive in the minds of the inhabitants of Kljutsch, but what is remarkable is that what the inhabitants of this small village remember corresponds with the descriptions made by Jiril Jakimow. Elderly persons recall some close encounters with tall creatures who appeared unexpectedly some years ago.

Recently, we were told of a story relating to a shepherd who saw a golden humanoid in the region of Markata. The shepherd died a little while after this encounter, but in spite of this case and others newly arising, specialists are not interested in these cases from this region. In favour of Jiril Jakimow's credibility, I will say that he insisted that some specialists come to the location in order to inspect the environment where the photographs were taken, "The investigators have to look for the landing sites of these machines."

To this proposition, Dimiter Deljan confided with me that a team from the association 'Mensch-Erde-Cosmos' were in the process of preparing an detailed investigation concerning these events; it is provided for in the code of this association to adopt a policy of objectivity concerning UFOs. All the data will be systematically analysed in order to open the way for scientific research. Jiril Jakimow reports that some sensational observations and a close encounter of the third kind had taken place on 18th May 1989 at 11.00

and on 8th June at 18.40. Only one of the two observations will be referred to because some additional details are required before publishing the second; here is then what Jiril Jakimow declared:-

"On 18th May 1989, at 11.00, I was in the region of Katnik where I was picking some herbs in order to make some infusions, when I saw a UFO proceeding slowly over a nearby chestnut tree. The object came towards me and I was afraid because it started to turn just above me. I was able to hear some bizarre crackling emanating from the core of the machine; what is more, the object was emitting light. I then attempted to take a photo but the camera failed. Suddenly, a noise struck my ears and I felt a violent pain in my skull. I then saw some small asterisks in rotation like a swarm of bees; they were turning above my head and I felt sick. At this moment, I perceived a whitish-blue mist in the sky and small stars; then the light source disappeared. Suddenly, it was as if I found myself in the mist and I opened my eyes and saw a desolate landscape with large craters and some blueish-white mountains. There was thousands of flying light sources as well as some small humanoid beings of about a metre in height. Others were bluish with green eyes, and others were bounding along like grasshoppers, a little in the manner of robots. Next, I was transported towards a kind of laboratory having the appearance of crystal from which shone numerous light sources like stars; the small, blue creatures tried to call me.

Next, the luminous source, with which I had been confronted at the beginning of the encounter, reappeared and carried me away. It was as if I was sucked up in the midst of this light, and there I heard an incomprehensible language. Suddenly, I felt the hardness of the ground on which I was lying and everything had disappeared. I was not capable of estimating the time which had elapsed between the moment when I saw the object and when I found myself lying down on the ground; to this day, I am still not able to say. Was it a dream, or had I truly seen this blue and cold country. Could it be that this story resembles many others, for example, the Swiss contactee, Meier? In the edition of 25th March 1989, the Soviet paper, 'Komsomolskaia Pravda', published a similar case.

So, dream or reality?

Translated from the German by P. Vidal.

THE SWISS AIR FORCE IS LYING TO US

by Luc Burgin.

It is known that some UFOs are regularly observed in Switzerland. The company, 'Swissair', allows the recording and estimation of the observations of their pilots. Here are some examples:-

On 9th September 1968, the crew of a Swissair aircraft was in the vicinity of Toulouse and at high altitude when they observed an unknown aircraft in the form of a diamond; the object could not be detected on radar.

On 20th March 1981, another crew saw a ball of fire of which the colour varied from white to green. All this has caused a question to run through my mind for a long time: is the Swiss Air Force investigating the UFO phenomenon? Do the airforce archives contain observation reports, and if so, what are they doing about it?

My researches in this domain has not been allowed access to a clear response... But following the thread of events:-

In 1955, Monsieur N. from BHle, received from the Federal Service some correspondence and the following letter from the Air Defence:-

"... We thank you for your letter of 28th March. To our great regret, it is not possible for us to communicate to you information which has been sent to us concerning the observation of UFOs, because the persons having witnessed such events, in general do not wish for this class of data to be produced for third-parties. You will understand that even for you, we are not able to break this ruling." Some of these phrases are all too familiar:-

- The Federal Defence Dept. has collected and has in its possession since the early 1955 some UFO observation reports as well as witness testimonies.
- these cases are not accessible to the public, and as such, are to be considered as secret.

The dancer, Lou Zinnstag, who is now deceased, had some personal contacts with the Federal Administration Service and Air Defence, when she had a questionnaire to fill in relating to a UFO observation and which the data thereon was intended for military appraisal. In the adjoining letter of explanation, one is able to note an interesting phrase: "But I invite you in any

case to make to questionnaire public [by means of the press or whatever]”.

This recommendation excited my curiosity as I followed up my investigations.

On 30th August 1950, some inhabitants of Arch in Switzerland observed many UFOs of a discoid form. Among these witnesses was the Schwab family. Much later, Madame Schwab communicated her story to the press [Neuen Press 10/8/68]:-

“... a little while after our observation we received a visit from two gentlemen from the Defence Dept. They were in civilian clothes and I have forgotten their names as well as which branch of the services they belonged to because it was such a long time ago...”

These two men showed the family more than a hundred photos of UFOs in the hope that the witnesses would be able to identify the ones which they had observed. I found the following text in the BEILER ZEITUNG newspaper for 16/3/78 edition: “... however, at the airforce staff headquarters of a small country like Switzerland there was an officer in charge of documents relating to flying saucers, and must in fact have refrained from contradicting the sceptics!”

In June 1987, I drew up a letter destined for the Federal Administration Service and the Air Defence [EMD] in order to obtain some information on the nature of research carried out by the EMD, as well as the subject of the famous questionnaire.

The response was not long in coming [10 July 1987]: “... we have to make it known to you that you have, alas, been badly informed as to the activities of the Swiss Air Force concerning UFOs. Not only do we not keep an information archive on the subject, but we have never disposed of concrete data on the question which would have been reported by our pilots having encountered or observed such machines... As a one-off measure, we are disposing of some old articles, which for the most part, formerly appeared in the press in the summer, or during holiday periods [silly-season material?]. Consequently, we are not therefore really interested in this problem”.

It is bizarre, if on the lengthy questionnaires ‘UFOs’ are made use of in such a way over a period of time, to believe that such activity concerning the treatment thereof would not logically become very abundant, don’t you think? The letters cited at the beginning

of this article and dated from the ‘50s were all disseminated by a certain J.R. Lécher.

In one of these letters addressed to the already cited Lou Zinnstag, the author expressed mainly his lifelong interest in the UFO phenomenon, and it appears at least once in the course of a meeting organised formerly by Madame Zinnstag for the ‘Balois UFO Circle’.

As a consequence of that, I am addressing myself to the Federal Administration Service and Air Defence with a view to obtaining the address of this man, who for a long time must have been in recluse. The response was as follows: “... even your information relating to the claim concerning the quoted circle of M. Lécher is false. If, in effect, his name appeared many years ago in one of the circle’s publications, it was done without his knowledge.

Monsieur Lécher has always refused to discuss that which he calls utopian affairs. Therefore, he is certain that today, in his old age, that this theme does not amount to any interest for him...”

These assertions are in total contradiction with the information which I disposed of in the subject of Monsieur Lécher, who indicated in one of his letters: “The investigator qualification regarding these questions from the military point of view, the author [Lécher] will take part in this meeting with interest [Balois UFO Circle – 29-8-56].

After the meeting, he mentioned: “For this personal invitation as well as this very interesting meeting, allow me to express my sincerest gratitude equally to Messieurs Dr. W. and Dr. Sch. for bringing this meeting about... [8-10-56].

Certainly, Monsieur Lécher was formerly the ‘investigator’ closely involved in the research into UFOs, which was patronised by the Federal Administration Service and the Air Defence, and nursed, according to all the evidence, a lifelong interest in the subject. There is total contradiction then between the response which was made to me and the reality. I absolutely believe I know the actual address of Monsieur Lécher, and I have therefore written to the EMD, but this time my letter remained unanswered, until with perseverance, I one day received a letter from the EMD.

The content was poor enough with only one very laconic phrase appearing on the sheet: “We are not disposed to communicate to you the actual address of Monsieur Lécher”.

I was not discouraged, so I drew up a letter addressed to Monsieur Lécher, care of the EMD, and awaited an answer. The letter I received was signed by the hand of Monsieur Haberli, the service information chief of the Command of Navigation Personnel and Air Defence Troops.

This read that an article appearing in the 1972 edition of ‘Weltwoche’ stating that it knew of a secret act amidst the Swiss Military relating to UFOs. According to Haberli, who spent more than 25 years at the above-named establishment, not a single report relating to the observation of a UFO reached this service.

‘Weltwoche’ continued: “Even a call to a witness issued by Haberli in the form of a televised programmed has yielded nothing...”

OBSERVATIONS:-

- When in 1978, the Swiss television issued an appeal for witnesses, it received over a number of days more than 100 letters; some UFO observations indicated that they were made from all the Cantons of the country.
- A phone-in programme of the same type took 217 calls, of which 67 related to observations.
- On 6th September 1949, an instructor officer of the Swiss Airforce, one a certain Eggenberger, observed with precision a discoid UFO; the facts were reported in the press
- On 15th November 1954, at Grand Villard, a large number of soldiers belonging to troops of the airforce, were witnesses to a UFO phenomenon

Does the EMD have some dossiers concerning these affairs? Officially, this has been flatly denied, but elsewhere we were able to read in an article treating UFO observations and which appeared in a paper dated 16-8-54: “These declarations, astonishing though they are, are contained precisely in a report [titled: ‘The observation of a UFO’], which was immediately dispatched to Berne to the Administration Dept. and the Air Defence by an air force lieutenant residing in Zurich...”

What became of that report?

As we said so well in the cited letter, we have just collected some press articles, which for the most part have

been "despatched" at the time of the appearances in summer or in the holiday period...

Then, at the beginning 1988, during the broadcast 'Tellquel' on the Swiss television devoted time to UFOs, and the military representative declared as follows:-

"The army maintains a close contact with persons who cause us to be a part of the UFO observations, and who again particularly disturb us in these times. These observation are noted, logged and classified. The responsible authority for this task is the Information

Service for the Air Force".

During the course of this same transmission, a letter dating from 1955 was produced and was signed by J.R Lécher: "It is true that for some years we have been collecting information and effected enquiries into the UFO phenomenon..."

WE RECAPITULATE:-

- a) The Swiss military carry out research into UFOs.
- b) The dossiers on this subject seemed to be classified.
- c) Officials demand that this collec-

tion be ignored or that false answers are given.

(It is useless to state that Monsieur Gautier has not judged it useful to look at the remainder of a letter which I addressed to him).

As the topic of secret dossiers collected on diverse subjects is a reality, we may ask ourselves the question: how many other dossiers to which the interested people have no access and which are kept in the hands of the EMD.?

[translated from the German by P. Vidal]

ZECHARIA And The Ancient Astronauts

Zecharia Sitchin is a remarkable scholar. A Russian emigrant to Israel, where he was educated, he now lives in the USA and has devoted his life to the ancient languages and archaeology of the Near East. By refusing to take for granted traditional readings of historical documents, interpretations developed in pre-technical times when references to such artefacts as flying machines were assumed to be either fanciful or metaphors, and by working backwards in time to the sources beyond the Hebrew versions of the book of Genesis, Sitchin has painstakingly assembled from these earliest accounts a novel and convincing version of the origins of the solar system, of our own Earth and of humankind.

The quest which ended only with the publication of his 'magnum opus', the four books collectively known as 'The Earth Chronicles', began when Zecharia, as a schoolboy studying the sixth chapter of Genesis, refused to accept his teacher's instruction that the word "nefilim" should be translated as "giants". Sitchin objected that the root meaning of the word was: "those who from Heaven to Earth came down", and spent the rest of his life justifying that assertion. How far he succeeded in his self-imposed task can readily be assessed by anyone who shares his knowledge of the culture and writings of the Sumerians, Egyptians, Babylonians and Assyrians, but those of us whose scholarship is deficient in these areas must adopt more indirect and subjective methods of evaluation. Studying the mass of evidence he assembles and sets out with such clarity and logic, we have to decide for ourselves whether the narrative he develops provides a credible interpretation of the great issues with which it

deals and whether, if we reject his version of events, we can provide an alternative that carries equal conviction. Personally, I cannot.

To attempt even a complete list of the matter contained in 'The Earth Chronicles' would exceed both my scope and my intention here, which is simply to set out without even the minimum of justification those aspects of Sitchin's narrative relating to my present theme of man's encounters with the UFO occupants whose aims and activities we have been tentatively seeking to encompass. So let us begin with Sitchin's final answer to the question with which his long search began.

Those Nefilim who came down to Earth 445,000 years ago were 600 natives of the planet Nibiru, the tenth planet in our own solar system, which has an atypical comet-like orbit which it requires 3,600 earth years to complete. Anu, the king or ruler of the advanced Nibiruan culture, had dispatched a party of 900 individuals, 600 of whom, under the command of their

leader Enki, established an initial base in what is now southern Mesopotamia. The remaining 300 did not come down, but operated the space links with their home planet from a space station in Earth orbit and a planetary base on Mars. The purpose of the expedition was to obtain gold, which was urgently needed on the home planet to maintain the ecology of Nibiru, whose inhabitants enjoyed a life span so long that we should consider them virtually immortal. During the next 45,000 years, as the ice age gave way to an interglacial period, the Nefilim extracted gold from the sea water, built cities and a spaceport, and established gold mining operations in Southern Africa. Enki's half-brother Enlil was then sent to take over the administrative side of the operation, allowing Enki, the master scientist and engineer, to concentrate on his specialisms. There was rivalry and bad feeling between Enki, the first-born son of Anu, and Enlil, for it was the latter who would be Anu's heir, having been born to his father's half-sister.

300,000 years ago, there was a mutiny at the gold mines, so serious that Anu himself came down from Nibiru to settle the matter. The Nefilim working the mines had decided that 100,000 years of manual labour was enough. Enlil was furious and wished to take a hard line with the rebels but Anu was wiser and listened sympathetically to their complaint. Enki, however, found the answer. He undertook to create primitive slaves to do the work, by taking the eggs of female hominids, fertilising them 'in vitro' with sperm from the Nefilim and bringing the embryos to term in the wombs of Nefilim females. The creatures thus produced were known generically as "The Adam", sterile mules whose function was to work for the Nefilim and accept them as gods. This method by which the Adam was produced in quantity was of necessity slow and probably unpopular with the female Nefilim, so Enki, the great geneticist, gave a further twist to the DNA chain which finally led to the production of fertile men and women, creating mankind as the self-perpetuating species it has been ever since.

In a mere 50,000 years 'homo sapiens' had populated several continents and many of the male Nefilim, finding the human girls attractive, had helped in the process, to the disgust of Enlil, who was beginning to think the creation of man in the image of the "gods" had been a bad mistake, especially as Enki had gained all the credit for it. Thirteen thousand years ago, when it became clear to the Nefilim that a great deluge was imminent on Earth, calculated to destroy all life there, Enlil was content to see this happen and persuaded the council of the "gods" and his father Anu to agree.

The biblical story of Noah is well-known, but it is perhaps not generally realised that this is a corrupt version deriving from Akkadian and Sumerian accounts and altered to conform with the monotheistic preoccupations of the editors of Genesis, who treated the god-word as singular while leaving the plural verb forms unchanged. The Hebrew word "Elohim" is plural and corresponds to the Nefilim, the "gods" who gave the Sumerian scribes the original story. In the Assyrian version, Noah is called Utnapishtim, whose story is simply a re-telling of the Sumerian account of their King Ziusudra, known personally to Enki and forewarned by him of the coming flood. The Nefilim did not create the flood nor

could they prevent it; it arose as a consequence of the increasingly unstable Antarctic ice cap slipping into the sea under the gravitic influence of the approaching Nibiru at its perigee in the asteroid belt.

The Nefilim planned to save themselves by taking off into Earth orbit until the waters subsided, but they were not going to tell mankind of the approaching doom. Enki was supposed to keep this secret, but instead he decided to save his faithful servant King Ziusudra and gave him instructions to build a giant submersible craft, which he and the trusted members of his court, his workmen and their families too, were all to board when they saw the rocket ships of the Nefilim taking off from the spaceport. Enki also provided him with a navigator, who was to direct the ark to Mount Ararat when the floods began to subside. From their orbiting craft the Nefilim watched the overwhelming of the world they had built and many of them were sad and wept, regretting the loss.

Eventually, when Enki had landed on Mount Ararat to meet his faithful servant Ziusudra, they learned that mankind was not altogether destroyed and even Enlil was finally persuaded that the world must be rebuilt. The "gods" used all their knowledge and technology to re-establish humanity as the floods gradually receded, promoting agriculture and animal husbandry. Human civilisation spread out from the Middle East to cover the globe, actively assisted by the "gods" in their airships. Enki, known in ancient Egypt as "Ptah", personally ordered the development of the Nile valley culture, where some of the great engineering works of the "gods" still remain to impress us, just as does the base of their post-diluvian spaceport at Baalbec in the Lebanon.

Sitchin continues his story, filling in the biblical background in depth and detail, until in a further book, 'Genesis Revisited' (1990), he tells the story which suggests that the final chapter in the dealings of the Nefilim with humanity yet remains to be written, that the bug-eyed, Strieber type ufonauts with whom some believe the US government has done a deal are in fact the android creations of the Nefilim, still operating from the old Martian base they set up so long ago. The story he tells, with photographic evidence in support, is that of the USSR unmanned space probe Phobos 2, launched in July 1988 to explore the planet Mars and

more especially its unusual moonlet. Phobos 1, launched at the same time, was lost two months later, allegedly by an error in the commands sent to it by radio, but its twin arrived safely into Martian orbit in January 1989.

Although officially a Soviet craft, Phobos 2 represented a collaborative international effort with more than thirteen European countries involved, and the participation with government approval of leading British and American space scientists. Briefings from mission control in Moscow indicated that it carried equipment to locate more precisely the heat-emitting areas on Mars, scanning both the planet and the satellite with infra-red and gamma-ray equipment. Phobos was to receive special attention, perhaps in view of Soviet suggestions that it could be a captured asteroid deliberately placed long ago in its almost perfect circular orbit as a hollow space station. The moonlet was to be probed by radar as well as by the other scanners, and photographed by three television cameras. Two landers were to be dropped on its surface, one stationary and one mobile, and it was planned that eventually the probe would hover a mere 150 feet above the surface, recording features as small as six inches in length. It certainly seems that the expedition's planners expected significant results from the operation "but", asks Sitchin, "was there someone there, at Mars, who did not welcome this intrusion?" For on March 28 1989 Soviet mission control announced that contact with Phobos 2 had been lost.

Gradually the details of what had occurred were released. The final television transmissions from the spacecraft, recorded by both colour and infra-red cameras, showed an object, either a craft or a missile, heading from the Martian surface towards Phobos. These pictures were released only three months later by the Soviet authorities, but the very last frames, taken just before the transmission was ended by the destruction of the orbiter, have never been released to the public media. In the penultimate chapter of 'Genesis Revisited', after a detailed discussion of all the evidence, Sitchin concludes as follows: "*What the secret frames hide is evidence that the loss of Phobos 2 was not an accident but an incident Perhaps the first incident in a Star Wars – the shooting down by Aliens from another planet of a spacecraft from Earth intruding on their Martian base.*"

It seems, however, most improbable that any of the ancient astronauts from Nibiru would have condemned themselves to millennia of pointless exile in bases beneath the sands of Mars. If, as Sitchin suggests, such bases still exist and are manned, then a maintenance crew of androids and robots seems

much more likely. If Phobos is indeed part of their installations, then they would certainly have been programmed to defend it from intrusion. Whether their instructions have also included keeping a watch on our own planet, particularly since the time of our first atomic explosions when the

UFO phenomenon went public, we do not know, nor can we be sure that their findings are not relayed back to planet Nibiru, now being searched for by astronomers in Earth's southern hemisphere as it flies through space on its return journey towards our sun.

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AI'S AND THEIR WORK

We are in a very healthy position with 50 investigators in our team – the highest number for many years. 50% of these are full AIs and the rest are provisionals who are learning the ropes. A couple of these are up for 'promotion' to full AI status at the next NIC meeting at 2 pm on 7 November at the London Business School.

In addition the postal training course began as planned on 1 September with an unexpectedly large number of participants pioneering this exciting project – many of whom are not yet on the provisional AI lists. The six month course has taken a great deal of time during the summer in design and production and the implementation is proving pretty time consuming as well. However, I hope those taking part will gain from it and come next March will all pass the exam and receive the first ever certificates UFOlogy has awarded from such a course. There is already demand for a second run which we are gearing up to launch next Spring – watch UFO Times for details. Council will soon vote whether to open up the scheme to UFOlogists outside the realms of BUFORA. If we do BUFORA members will certainly get priority and take the course at a discount from any non members (the present cost works out at £7.50 per person). For this to operate to maximum efficiency in 1993 a couple more tutors need to be recruited from the ranks of the well experienced fully accredited AIs (any offers?!?) I am hopeful that this initiative will become a demonstration of BUFORAs forward thinking policy and reflect our keen interest in improving standards of investigation.

Our other project – the IFO sensitivity index – has not been forgotten and Roy Rowlands has taken over the work to steer this to fruition in 1993. The scheme will produce a 'kit' of lasting value to investigators everywhere.

Finally, AI Gary Anthony is developing a new tool for which we hope to have secured council funding by the time you read this. Extending on from

available astronomical software for home computers which allow you to print a sky map for any sighting date, time and place, thus aiding in IFO detection, Gary is broadening the scope into a much more comprehensive diagnostic program which should be a boon to investigators all over the world.

PUBLICATIONS

Two investigator based publications are in process. AI Robert Moore has taken over the reigns of the 'UFO World' series (the original yearly report on global UFO activity which BUFORA launched a while before a well known UFO author and publisher independently developed a similar concept as an annual book). Our volume has been suspended for a couple of years, partly so as not to try to compete with the aforementioned volume, but there has been demand for BUFORA to continue its series. Robert was eager to take on the task. Hopefully the new edition will see light of day this coming winter.

Our mammoth project is the 'Best of British' casebook that will be a reflection of BUFORAs work in the 30 years since our inception. The original plan was to launch this to coincide with the September conference but several factors have delayed it. Firstly, it took effort to persuade investigators to stop investigating and start writing – then when they did most did not submit reports on Amstrad disks so all their work is having to be retyped! In addition, some of the key BUFORA cases vanished into the system for a time (until we discovered a researcher who had used them for his research for – well a while). Obviously, we could not do a 'best of' book without these. Furthermore, the research needed to delve into the archives and fish out material about olde worlde BUFORA cases proved extensive. Then, by the time we sorted all this out the training course was in full preparation taking up far more time than had been anticipated due to the pleasantly high demand. It was decided that the book should be done well -

rather than hastily – so the decision was taken to let it dictate its own speed. All being well it will appear around the turn of the year and, hopefully, will be well worth the wait.

UFO SIGHTINGS

Press cuttings received by the department total as follows:-

Jan (73) Feb (42) Mar (29) Apr (16)
May (122) Jun (51) Jul (63) Aug (116)
Sep (50)

That is 562 – which is well down on the past 2 years, mostly due to the almost complete disinterest shown by national media in crop circles this summer (in 1991, for example, we received 571 cuttings in July, August and September alone and about 90% were crop circle related). The good news is that BUFORA will save a lot of money in bills to the press cuttings agency.

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82-004 **17 April 1982** **Guildford/Dorking road, Surrey**

An update on an Omar Fowler investigation submitted by Gordon Millington. He has reinterviewed the young couple (now married) ten years on. The UFO was like a cigar with square windows and two 'jet burners' coming from its underside, as it hovered by the road. They drove back, then returned, only to discover it had vanished. The Oz factor 'silence' has just been reported by the witnesses who did not mention it in 1982. This was one of a spate of very similar roadside encounters around this time – an almost identical case occurring by a motorway bridge at Bidston Hill on the Wirral.

64-501 **Summer 1964** **Wentloog, Near Cardiff, South Wales**

Kerry Blower submits a report from a man woken by his wife at 1 am. She thought she had heard a plane crashing. He left the caravan in a field where they were staying and saw an object approaching across the sky. It was a blue oval with an orange patch in the base. The man watched the object for 30 minutes then it accelerated away and upwards 'like a shooting star'. When he returned inside the time was 4 am – three hours had in fact passed. The witnesses do not seem keen for further follow up.

70-505 **Winter 1970** **Drumchapel, Glasgow, Scotland**

Fergus Storrier – a police officer and the new coordinator for Scotland -submits a report on this sighting at 8 pm. The man involved saw a copper coloured dumb-bell shape move across the sky and across the moon. The area is near Glasgow Airport but the witness insists it was not an aircraft.

77-626 **Summer 1977** **Cwmbran, South Wales**

Another Kerry Blower case involves a white cucumber shape seen at 2.25 am one night. It rushed across the sky extremely fast and has all the hallmarks of a bright bolide or fireball meteor.

77-627 **October 1977** **Chester-le-Street, Co Durham**

In this Paul Allison case a teacher looking from her house at about 8.30 pm observed a white oval of light tilted at an angle with a dark centre to the base. She called her husband in another room but before he arrived it grew brighter and vanished as if it had 'imploded'. It is possible that this might have been a ball lightning/plasma event.

79-285 **August 1979** **Swansea, South Wales**

Kerry Blower again, this time with the tale of a group of friends and neighbours outside around 10 pm watching white lights move about the sky for about 2 hours. They were star like and steady moving and sound like either high flying aircraft or satellites on an unusually clear night. One witness himself felt the latter and Kerry agrees with this suggestion.

85-023 **November 1985** **Great Snoring, Norfolk**

The witness is a civilian at a USAF base and lives now at a place called Fakenham. Nonetheless, investigator John Copey does not think this constitutes a reason to doubt the sighting (!) A bright white light 'like jupiter' was seen at 10 pm and moved steadily across the sky. But as it did so a series of lights detached from it, lined up and went out one by one.

90-005 **8 August 1990** **Collumpton, Devon**

Doug Cooper has produced two detailed sequel reports to his investigation of a crop circle formation found on this date. These are interesting in the light of post Doug & Dave cereology. The formation comprises two circles and a triangle lined up in a triangular pattern. In 1991 the barley crop failed in just these three locations leaving barren earth. Soil analysis was carried out showing a decrease of about a third in nitrates, phosphates and sulphur. Yet there was an excess of some odd metals (eg cobalt, molybdenum, zinc and – even more unusually – radioactive substances such as plutonium). After this disaster rye grass was sown in autumn 1991 but this failed again only in the three effected areas. More soil analysis is underway and Dr Terence Meaden (allegedly out of circles research according to some sources has – in fact – been assisting in the further investigation of this riddle)

90-028 **June 1990** **Malahide Beach, Co Dublin, Ireland**

Anne Griffin and Pat Delaney submit a photograph taken on the beach on a warm day which when enlarged showed a black conical UFO behind the heads of two men. Nothing was seen. Initial appraisal suggests this is almost certainly an artefact of the photographic or developing process but a proper evaluation will take place.

91-014 **22 November 1991** **Walton, Liverpool**

This came to the attention of charge nurse Mark Glover when one of his colleagues saw him reading a UFO book in the hospital. She reported a dream of a UFO that she had just had that day and they discussed the subject. A few weeks later she saw a UFO! A woman on route to the local fish and chip shop at 5.20 pm observed a crescent shaped set of white lights with red lights at either end that moved silently from south to north where it stopped and then all the lights went out. These then came back on again in a

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sequence and the object moved off in the same direction as before. Visually the object resembles an airship frequenting the area in February 1992 but no evidence has been found that it was present in November 1991.

91-015 September 1991 Hay Mills, Birmingham, Warwickshire

A woman observed a red light jumping about the sky above a rooftop. An aircraft passed over and then the UFO descended slowly out of sight behind the house. Investigator Raymond Bates discovered that the West Midlands police helicopter is based nearby and theorised that this was reflecting the then setting sun (time was 7.30 pm) and it had waited until the aircraft passed before descending to land.

91-016 1 December 1991 Mullingar, Co Westmeath, Ireland

Another report from Anne and Pat of the Irish Branch of BUFORA but unfortunately the witnesses failed to cooperate fully. At 5.40 pm a boomerang shape with three red lights set at each end and in the middle was seen to pass across the sky. There was another light that moved along the length of the object, went out and then started again on the same path. The object stopped dead in the sky and flipped through a right angle to take on a new orientation before it rapidly moved away.

92-004 8 February 1992 Central London

Ken Phillips investigated a wave of reports which made national headlines. A drifting light was observed above the capital which all sources (from the MoD to the Daily Star!) confirmed was the Daily Star airship on a promotional mission. Some witnesses still dispute this seemingly inevitable conclusion. The airship (plus another belonging to Renolds) moved north after this and in late February created many sightings in north-west England – including one over a football match in Manchester which provoked ridiculous media headlines in the USA about terrified crowds! In fact as the local media had featured Bernard Manning alongside the blimp as a good story most people recognised it; although some UFO reports did reach us.

92-005 22 February 1992 Eggardon Hill, Bridport, Dorset

This case has involved the investigation talents of Doug Cooper, Alan Woodward, Robert Moore and Paul Fuller but we still don't know what went on!

Two men were using their CB radios on a hill at 9.30 am when they saw two dark oval masses that they thought at first were hang gliders. They took a photograph and had it immediately developed and these depicted THREE dark objects. They had simply 'vanished' after the picture was taken. They reported the story to the local press and then in May told the paper that they had each received a series of anonymous calls warning them to stop seeking an answer. BUFORA were by now already well into investigation (although the negative has not been made available and photo analysis is as yet incomplete). Checks have revealed no obvious sources for the sighting (eg military activity). However, the witnesses have clammed up and have so far failed to provide any details of the media reported threatening calls.

92-006 9 April 1992 A 303, Near Salisbury, Wiltshire

Ken Phillips has investigated this report of a woman driving on the road at 9.20 pm who saw a dark 'airship' like mass drifting slowly in the distance. With the help of the MoD a reasonable solution as an army blimp or barrage balloon has been provided.

92-007 26 June 1992 Glastonbury, Somerset

Michael Lewis offers a sighting made at 10.50 by man and daughter of a big saucer like mass with red and green lights and white searchlight beam emerging. Investigation reveals that it was almost certainly a helicopter used by police to patrol the ongoing Glastonbury summer festival.

92-008 4 July 1992 Patney, Wiltshire

Another case from Michael Lewis . At 23.30 a family of five observed a rotating series of flat ellipses that revolved around the sky for more than an hour. Apparently they occurred amidst many reports of UFOs in the area made by crop field watchers and at a time when Colin Andrews and Dr Greer were using lasers to try to attract circle making UFOs with reputedly interesting results. However, we know that some observers mistook the lasers for UFOs and visually this description is exactly like the computer controlled laser lights that have created many UFO sightings lately.

92-009 17 July 1992 Selhurst, London

A woman saw a steel like egg shaped object pass her window very quickly at 8.55 pm. Investigation incomplete but the sighting does have some resemblance to the silvered fairground balloons which in summer months have created some UFO activity.

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SPACE NEWS

Editor's preamble

Due to the fact that I only received Gary's 'SPACENEWS' article at the end of February '93, there is not much point in printing astronomical data for Nov/Dec '92 because heavenly bodies have the inconvenient habit of moving about - particularly the planets! - therefore what is news in the run-up to Christmas is history for a reader in the early spring of the following year.

My sincerest apologies to Gary that all his hard work has amounted to nothing. In future I shall ensure his articles are on time so that I don't waste his!

On Sunday August 16th this year ['92 - ed.] a bright meteoric fireball was witnessed by over 100 observers scattered across the UK. The meteoric event occurred at around 21.50 Univer-

sal Time and the fireball was seen to travel in a NNW trajectory. A number of UFO reports were generated by this natural occurrence and several investigators have since been made enquiries with the Aerial Reference Point, ARP. The British Astronomical Association's Fireball Survey are collecting reports, so if anyone has any for this event, investigators or witnesses may send them directly onto the BAA or to the ARP to be passed on. I would also like to further encourage all investigators to use the ARP in their investigations.

The Hubble Space Telescope is in the news again, photographing a striking mirror image of a very distant galaxy. The observations could reveal the secrets of space-borne dark matter that has mystified astronomers for decades.

The image is seen through a large cluster of foreground galaxies located some four billion light years distant. The gravity of the galaxy cluster behaves as a natural magnifying glass, bending and focussing the light from a distant galaxy into several images, each of which is larger and brighter than otherwise. Anyone familiar with Ein-

stein's Theory of Relativity will remember that a gravitational field can bend and magnify the light from a distant light source when viewed in proximity.

Dark matter, which may represent as much as 90% of universal matter, does not emit radiation that can be detected by current instruments, though gravitational lensing may offer a penetrating key and an indirect way of discovering the location and distribution of dark material within the cluster's mass.

Other clusters are being sought at different distances to use gravitational lensing observations which could allow physicists to probe the universe at different times in the distant past and follow the evolution of the dark and visible matter independently.

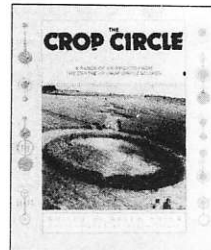
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Sophisticated?

Dear Editor,

UFO Times would be more interesting if it were to deal with the 'other side of the coin', ie, more should be written on research (serious) into finding life in the universe. Carl Sagan, the American Astronomer has worked on this aspect and is worth discussing.

Also the general level of scientific sophistication should be improved in response to an increasingly sophisticated membership.

**Edward Good,
London**

Editor's Comment: Your comments regarding SETI and its connection with UFOs presupposes that UFOs originate from outer space. In my view this has not been confirmed. However, I am more than willing to include such articles if they are submitted.

The standard of UFO research in the UK is steadily improving along with a standard of sophistication. Readers who consider themselves scientifically sophisticated are more than welcome to submit manuscripts for inclusion in the pages of UFO Times.

The UFOIN Files: A Rebuttal

Dear Sir,

I do not wish to protract this debate. Indeed to reciprocate what Andy Roberts wrote I would also make clear that I have great respect for him and this letter should not in any way be misconstrued as an 'attack'. But readers do deserve a quick reply to his letter in UT 17, (p.18) as it contains several state-

ments that seem to me at odds with reality.

The UFOIN files – if they 'belong' to anybody – surely 'belong' to the investigators who pooled their efforts to compile them. The fact that these 20 to 30 people chose to stand aloof from group politics when NUFOS clung on to them, made no song and dance about 'winning them back' (just a polite enquiry) and even now accept the fact that they are housed with UFOlogists who had no role in putting them together says all that needs to be said about who has put the interests of UFOlogy first. No amount of commentary about any group being 'bigger' than any other will alter these facts.

The issue about credit on the Aveley and subsequent published UFOIN files rests only on one thing – that the people who spent time and money putting the cases together are correctly credited for their work. In the Aveley report as published that was patently not the case. I have seen one major US catalogue listing it as the product of Philip Mantle and Andy Walmsley (presumably because their names are on the cover) without mention of Andy Collins and Barry King. In all of my books I take very seriously the issue of giving full credit. The inuendo in this letter was that I have published witness details in some way different from those circumstances the IUN propose:- that is when the witness gives their permission or when the case is already in the public domain through the witnesses own actions. Readers will assume otherwise from what was said. It is just not so.

As for the present location of the 2000 NUFON files, what is stated about them is false. They are located in a work room at a Manchester city centre venue which is very easily accessible

and have been so located for several years. They are all in folders and filing cabinets (which we paid for) in chronological order (which MUFORA did). The claim that you can only see them on wet Wednesdays in February is ridiculous. The only conditions are that visits are pre-booked, so the caretaker can prevent the disappearance of files Andy seems afraid of! We have had visitors use them from all over the world. A recent book by James Deem from New York praises the facilities and two years or more ago IUN member David Clarke used the NUFON files himself. One of his first remarks, oddly enough, was 'oh, they are in order!'

Furthermore, the IUN are not the only team to offer cost-price photocopies. We have done that for years. And by this we mean 10p cost price copies. The UFOIN files are being offered by Enigma at a price which works out at well in excess of that according to their own catalogue. Eg – one of my UFOIN cases is a 6 page report offered by the IUN, not at 60 p plus post as you might think from what Andy relates, but at £2.50 plus post – ie FOUR TIMES cost price (see Enigma's January 1992 price list). Now I am not against the IUN making a small profit but your readers were specifically told that the UFOIN files are on offer for (quote) 'the cost of photocopying – a facility no other group offers'. As you can see neither claim seems to be justified.

**Jenny Randles,
Stockport**

Editor's Comment: I shall not comment further.

New Ed's comment:- As a former participant in the UFOIN exercise I

must express surprise that the ensuing fiasco after its demise has not been settled to the satisfaction of all parties concerned. Such a state of affairs will lead the 'laity' to believe that ufologist cannot organise a celebration in a brewery!

Gulf Breeze: Another Dimension

Dear Editor,

In response to the 'Gulf Breeze Photos Take a Blow' BY Mike Wooten in the July issue of MUFON Journal casts grave doubt over the authenticity of the Gulf Breeze photos taken by Ed Walters.

Now I have read many reports of UFOs and the one point that seems always evaded is that this [sic] is a two-dimensional plain. Physical time is what one sees during the waking state of flesh and blood, whereas, after death states become energy. This, to give the example of energy differentiation, is what the 'Astral' integrates into, and through the physical, grosser plain is a refined microcosmic nature.

Now the out-of-body-state, according to the experts, weighs a mere 2 ozs as regards a pointer [sic] to the physical body. I know the 'Astral' can never be defined weight-wise because of its very nature to be able to pass through physical matter.

There are many cases of UFOs materialising, disappearing at will and able to alter their metabolic structure to such an extent that only a very faint

image would show up on any photograph. Until one proves by one's own experience to travel OOB on the 'Astral Plane', one cannot give any assumption whether an image on a photo is true or false.

Another point: physical ears are governed for sound vibrations on the physical side only. One would have to be very sensitive indeed to hear sound from the 'Astral'. In fact all senses would have to be very acute to pick anything up at all. This is why sages spend lifetimes becoming more acquainted with a more refined texture of the human body.

Uri Geller says through the Star Newspaper that, "people can unlock their inner forces", but people have no inner forces to unlock, only a refining of the physical metabolism and strengthening, which can take years; in fact in many cases a total lifetime.

Terry Plowman.

Editors Comment:

I must admit, I could not quite follow all of your letter. But I will not decry the essence of your letter regarding out-of-the-body experiences. There is plenty of good evidence regarding OOB and NDE that stops me from rejecting this phenomenon, whether it

be a physical projection of oneself into an external realm or a self-created inner one. However, I cannot agree with your ideas regarding the Gulf Breeze photographs.

Basically, you are saying that we should replace a seemingly rational and balanced evaluation for a completely unsubstantiated one. I am sure many Tibetan Gurus (who do nothing but contemplate their own navels) will tell you that you cannot explain an unknown with yet another unknown. Using this train of thought we accomplish nothing. New Ed's comment:-

I have personally investigated Terry's experiences and his report is on file with BUFORA. However, what I think Terry is trying to say here is that the Gulf Breeze saga is the result of a consciousness from beyond our space-time. This may or may not be true, but if it is, then we have no way in which we can directly study such phenomena except, perhaps, through linear mathematics. However, much of what is going on along the Florida Panhandle can be attributed to 4-D terrestrial 'intelligence' agencies who use such events to distort the truth in order to serve other purposes.

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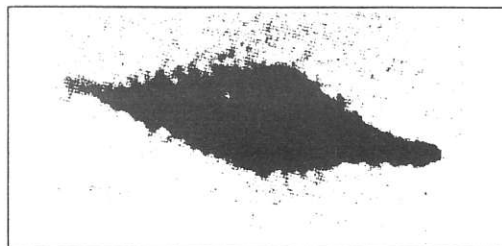
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