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# **Editorial**

## SOME IMPROVEMENT OF THE OVERALL BUFORA SITUATION?

I sincerely hope you enjoyed the first new 24-page magazine when you finally received it some 5-6 weeks late! I'm sorry you were kept waiting in this way, but the changeover to the new printer was fraught with teething problems. However, this issue should arrive on your doormat no more than a fortnight late and by January's issue we should be back in sync; thank you for your patience.

So much for the improvements in the service BUFORA provides for its members. Now for the non-improvements.

In early September of this year I received the disturbing news from a senior Councillor of BUFORA that once a report is submitted to the Association there is virtually no chance of it ever being retrieved again!! This shocking revelation has only one meaning for me personally: that is someone within the Association is confiscating reports and other material pertinent to the UFO situation.

What are we to do about this deplorable state of affairs?

Well, first of all, allow me to inform you of the sort of 'actions' which won't work: i. E. going through BUFORA's Council, Research Dept. and N. I. C., since all these departments seem to be powerless in bringing about a solution. I say this because, after being personally aware for 5 years that BUFORA had been mislaying case files, I decided to raise the issue at a number of meetings with the above named parties. However I regret to inform the readership that no tangible improvements were achieved by these meetings.

What will work then?

I'm afraid I have to be defeatist in this respect and tell you that I'm completely bereft of ideas. Certainly, Mike Wooten has made some concrete proposals in order to overcome the problem of missing reports, but with the greatest respect to Mike and his supporters, I have profound doubts because someone in BUFORA is undermining the efforts of our investigators in order to marginalise the Association.

For those members who think I'm suffering from a bad bout of paranoia, examine the goings-on in NICAP and APRO.

Members of BUFORA - stand up!!

-Ken.

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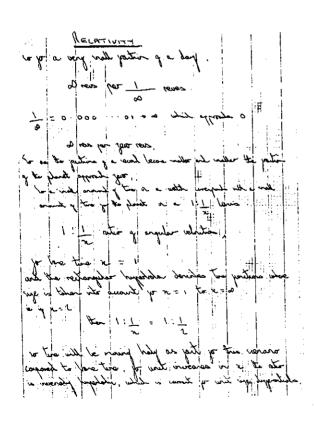
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# The Final Secret Of Free Energy

**Concluding Part** 

By T. Beardon

## RELAXATION TIME AND SEMICONDUCTORS

Relaxation time: The time it takes for the free electrons in a conductor (or material) to reach the skin of the wire after potential is applied is, of course, called the relaxation time. During that time, the free electrons in the gas are 'trapped' insofar as producing current (dissipation of the potential) is concerned. However, immediately after the relaxation time ends, current begins and dissipation of the trapped energy begins.

In copper, the relaxation time is incredibly rapid. It's about 1.5 x 10-19 sec. However, in quartz it is about 10 days! So as you can see, we need to get somewhere in between these two values, and so we will have to 'mix' or 'dope' materials. We must get a sufficiently long relaxation time so that we can switch and collect comfortably in cycle one, then switch into cycle two for dispersion of the freely collected energy in the collector. However, the relaxation time we get must also be short enough to allow quick discharge in the load as soon as we switch the primary source away from the collector. Actually, we need a degenerate semiconductor material instead of plain copper. Degenerate semiconductor material: A semiconductor material is intermediate between a good conductor and an insulator. It's a non-linear material and doped. A degenerate semiconductor material is one which has all its conduction bands filled with electrons, and so it thinks it is a conductor. That is, a degenerate semiconductor is essentially a doped conductor, so to speak. As you can see, we can increase the relaxation time in our 'conductors' connected to the source by making them of degenerate semiconductor material. What we're talking about is 'doping' the

copper in the wire, and in the collector, so that we can have plenty of time to collect, and switch, and discharge, and switch, and collect, etc...

Now in a doped conductor (degenerate semiconductor), we can tailor the relaxation time by tailoring the doping. We must dope the copper before we make the wire. Why would we wish to do that? We want to overcome the single problem that so far has defeated almost all the 'overunity' researchers and inventors.

WHEN YOU CONNECT TO A SOURCE, YOU CAN ONLY EX-TRACT CURRENT-FREE POTEN-TIAL - FREE 'TRAPPED EM EN-ERGY'-DURINGTHE ELECTRON RELAXATION TIME IN THE CON-**NECTING CONDUCTORS AND** SUCCEEDING CIRCUIT COMPO-NENTS. AFTER THAT, YOU'RE **STEADILY EXTRACTING** POWER, AND THE ENERGY EX-TRACTED FROM THE SOURCE IS BEING PARTIALLY DISSI-PATED IN THE RESISTANCE/ LOADING OF THE CIRCUIT AND PARTIALLY DISSIPATED IN THE INTERNAL RESISTANCE OF THE SOURCE. IN THE LATTER DISSI-PATION, YOU'RE ALSO DISSI-PATING YOUR SOURCE BY DO-ING WORK ON IT INTERNALLY TO KILL IT.

Good copper wire: bane of overunity inventors: Many destitute inventors, tinkering and fiddling with overunity devices, finally get something (a circuit or device) that does yield more work out than they had to input. At that point, they usually conclude that it's simply the specific circuit configuration and its conventional functioning that produces the overunity work. However, usually as soon as this configuration is more carefully built with very good materials, boom! It isn't overunity any more. The inventors and their assistants then des-

perately bang and clang away, getting more frustrated as the years pass. The investors get mad, sue for fraud, or get in all sorts of squabbles. The scientists who tested it and found it wanting, pooh-pooh the whole thing as a scam and a fraud, or just a seriously mistaken inventor. Scratch one more 'overunity' device.

Most of these inventors got their successful effect (and possibly erratically) when they were struggling with inferior, usually old and corroded materials. Actually, the more inferior, the better. The more contaminated/doped the better!

The moment you wire up your circuit with good copper wire connected between the battery or primary source and any kind of load, including the distributed circuitry loading itself, you can forget about overunity. You will lose it in the copper after the first 1.5 x 10-19 second!

Think of a really good conductor, such as copper, as an essentially linear material. (Linear means energy conservative). Overunity can only be done with a highly non-linear effect. So your 'conductors' have to be made of non-linear materials. In fact, they have to be made of degenerate semiconductor material. For the type of circuitry we are talking about, the copper has to be doped and then made into 'doped copper' wiring. You also have to utilise the primary battery only to potentialise a collector (secondary battery/source), and then use this secondary battery source to conventionally power the load while also killing itself.

The wiring and the collector must be of degenerate semiconductor (DSC) material 26: A good materials scientist/engineer, together with a decent electrodynamicist, can readily design and tailor some doped copper wiring so that the material in the wiring is a degenerate semiconductor material, with a target (desired) relaxation time. That's what you should use to make the wiring to connect up your source to the collector with, and that type of material is also what you use in your collector. You can use either a coil or a capacitor as the collector, but its 'conductive' material has to be degenerate semiconductor material - in short, it must be doped to have the proper relaxation time. From the collector to the load, however, obviously you want to use a good conductor material. Ordinary copper will do nicely there. Once you do that, you're in business. When making the DSC material, simply tailor the relaxation time to something which is easily switched. For example, take one millisecond. With a relaxation time that long, switching is easy. In fact, one could even use good mechanical switching, or inexpensive, ordinary, solid-state switching, without having to go all the way to nanosecond switching.

Then in the collector you calculate the number of 'trapped coulombs' you have. Take the 'trapped voltage' (current-free potential's energy density per coulomb) you extract from the source during the electron relaxation time after the collector is connected. Multiply the number of trapped coulombs in the collector by the trapped voltage during collection, and you have the amount of energy in Joules that you extract FOR FREE, without paying for it, from the source during every collection cycle. Sources, collector and power

Tapping vacuum energy: You're getting the excess electrical energy directly from the vacuum, as we briefly pointed out above. The vacuum will freely replenish all the 'trapped voltage' you extract from the primary source during the electron relaxation time. It won't replenish a single bit of 'dissipated voltage' (power) you extract from the source.

Note that the same considerations apply in the collector. It's got to have a somewhat longer electron relaxation time. Its electrons stay 'unrelaxed' during the collection cycle, and allow for some additional switching time to connect to the load. The 'trapped voltage' across the collector multiplied by the number of trapped coulombs in it, gives the

number of Joules of FREE EM EN-ERGY you extract and get into and onto the collector (the shovel). In other words, that's your 'shovelful of coal'. You then throw the 'shovelful' onto the fire/load - you simply disconnect the collector from the primary source and connect it across the external load. The collector (secondary battery) now powers the load and its own internal resistance, 'killing' itself while furnishing the energy for powering the external load as well. The source can be almost anything: You can use as a source a simple elevated wire to 'tap' potential from the 200-300 volts/metre between earth and ionosphere. Here again, you need to utilise calibrated, doped wire.

Finally, you must adjust the repetition switching in accordance with the discharge time through the load. In other words, you have a serial process as follows: (1) extract trapped energy (potential) from the source onto the collector at 1. (2) Switch the collector off the source, onto the load, during time ât2. (3) Wait while the collected energy in the collector discharges through the load during time ât3. (4) Switch the collector back off the load and onto the potential source, during time at4. That completes one cycle. The serial timing simply is [ât1+ât2+ât3+ât4].

If you balance all the doping and the materials design, and correlate the switching, you can get all the free energy you wish. Properly utilised, a single car battery can be used to power an electric automobile indefinitely. Or even to power a battleship. In the real world, of course, you will inevitably have a tiny bit of loss as you go, because there's a finite (though high) resistance between the two poles of your battery. Handling that is a piece of cake. Simply run a separate little collection circuit to collect a little bit of trapped EM energy from the slowly leaking source, and every so often feed the collected energy back into the battery as power, to 'reseparate' the charges (charge the battery) and replace the small amount of the primary source's potential gradient that has been lost. The battery, load and 'trickle charger' then become a closed-circuit, free-energy source that will last for years and vears.

Limited only by one's imagination: Of course you can see many variants; this is just the 'master key'. You can have multiple collectors, collecting trapped energy simultaneously or in sequence off a single source, and pooling their collected energy to more powerfully power the load. You can utilise a very high 'voltage', such as in the Swiss Electrostatic Overunity Device, to increase the energy collected per coulomb in each switching (in each shovelful) in accord with equation [8]. For a battery, you can get a separate little collector/load device to trickle-charge the battery, overcoming the small, normal 'leakage current' that does occur in batteries and in real circuits and devices. The opportunities are endless. You can put in a unit to take mostly only power-free energy from the 'power line' feeding your business or home, reducing your utility bill by, say, 90%. Or you can simply build a small home power unit to do the whole job for only a few hundred pounds. [Not so long as John-boy's privatised and mostly foreign-owned electrical companies have anything to do with it! **Ed.**] This simple secret can be used to power the world, cheaply and cleanly, and thus clean up the biosphere.

## CONCLUSION

Well, there you have it. I've given you the benefit of what required most of my adult life to discover. The definitions advanced in this paper are rigorous. It took years of sweat and tears to come up with them. They're simple, but they will change your understanding entire electromagnetics, power and energy once you grasp them. Hopefully the reader will experience the same emotions as I experienced when I finally discovered how simple it all really was. First one wants to laugh for about two hours at how truly ignorant we've all been. Then one wants to cry for about two hours for the same reason. This could all have been done a century ago, if we had ever really understood electromagnetics.

Maxwell's book was published in 1873. We got it wrong, starting right

with Maxwell and his use of the material ether, which was almost universally assumed at the time. Still, by using quaternions, Maxwell succeeded in packing a great deal more in the model than even he himself recognised. When the vector aspects interacted to form a zero resultant transationally, those active interactants were still in there and still fighting and interacting. The scalar component of the quaternion remained, and infolded those struggling vectors and functions of them inside itself. In short, it captured the case where the electromagnetic energies are involved in translation actions which nullify each other transationally (electromagnetically). However, the energies are still in there in the continuing interactants inside the zero vector resultant. As such, they are trapped EM energy, and it is the trapped EM energy inside a mass - not the mass per se - which is responsible for gravitation. In other words, Maxwell's theory already correctly captured the unification of the gravitational field and the electromagnetic field in 1873.

Then Heaviside et al forced Maxwell's theory into a vector framework, throwing out the scalar component, and discarding the unification of gravitation and electromagnetics along with it. Serious errors were made and still exist in many of the fundamental definitions; in fact, many of them aren't definitions at all. Nearly every engineer and physicist can readily calculate potentials - all, of course, on the 'dissipation' side where the potentials are actually the amount of potential that was collected upon a collector and then dissipated. I could find hardly a single physicist who really knew what a scalar potential was prior to a finite amount being collected and dissipated as voltage. Yet 99% of them believed they understood the potential.

Just remember that the control and use of energy is personal power. The control and use of absolute energy is the control and use of absolute personal power. In the old adage: power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely.

Please use it wisely.

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26. You can actually do away with the separate collector and utilise the doped copper DSC material itself as the collector. However, you will not be able to collect nearly so much energy in each collection cycle for dissipating in the load in the subsequent work cycle.

Ed's comment: I must confess that the physics of this revolutionary aspect of electromagnetics was above my head, but I do know that if Beardon's theory is correct, then the banking and power-production cartels would never allow the ordinary person access to free or nominal-cost electrical power (or free anything for that matter!). Thus all talk of 'free energy' is in vain.

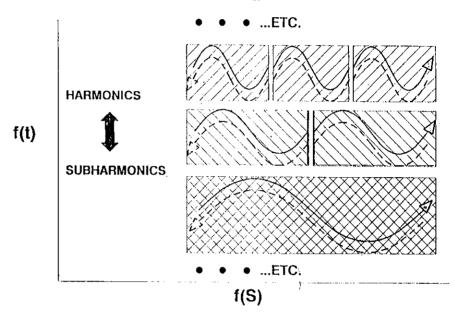
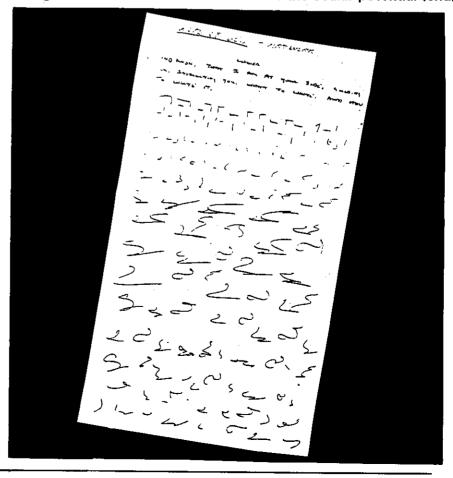


Figure 1b. Internal wave structure of the scalar potential (end).



# An Audience with Alan Godfrey

By Jonathan Dillon

UFO conferences and seminars have always attracted immense droves of people. International speakers and folk more closer to home have forwarded their findings to theatre packed audiences all with an appetite for the UFO puzzle. Yet these are worldly advertised events, in the newsletters, the Journals, the extravagantly composed and bred magazines of the manifold UFO examination groups in current reality. Similar measures of audiences don't attend the isolated back-water venues as say Ouest Internationals UFO Conferences or BUFORA's do they?...Well perhaps they do!

This exceptional arena is a modest wind-swept town on the Lancashire Yorkshire border. Moorland and grazing cattle are abundant, even outnumbering the locals of the area. Where am I describing? Todmorden of course.

The date was 27th May, the time was 8:30 pm and the place was the Lions Social Club, a stone's throw from the centre of Town.

The frequenters of the Club bar were downing their halves and finishing off the nuts that lay scattered in the tray. The dwelling was packed, not only with members and locals, but with the odd UFO enthusiast that had travelled across the remote hill-sides to witness an event that would reveal the truth behind one of the most talked about UFO confrontations in Great Britain. The Alan Godfrey experience.

Andrew Whitham and myself, both co-founders of the new group, "UFO-WATCH", had heard about the event from a colleague, Robert "Bob" Wilson, who inhabits the obscure town of Tod. We'd all heard about the story of Godfrey's sighting and apparent abduction, but had never fully got all the facts together and refereed them ourselves. Well what's better than pursuing the information

out first-hand from the former policeman, after all he himself wanted

to clear the air.

We set foot in the upstairs member's lounge (which was packed to capacity, some 150+people being present) and gained filming permission from Alan himself. I would send him a copy in thanks so it could serve as a memorable token of the evening's proceedings.

The classic "Close encounters of the third kind" music was faded (as it is so often played at the major Conferences around the country, if not the globe), the orders were temporarily halted, the lights became dim, and on stepped the man we'd all come to see.

The generous applause subsided and Alan was amazed to see so many friends and strangers who had turned up to hear his story.

Alan had predetermined to devote the evening lecture to his late close friend Barry Williams who had urged him to speak in public in his home town about the events of 28th November 1980, but had alas not lived to see the day. I regarded it as a tender thought.

"The village idiot" was a phrase that hung on a chain around Alan Godfrey's neck for some years after his passage with a UFO. Maybe we were idiots for paying £2.50 to come and hear Alan speak. Funnily enough even he made this assumption. By midnight our preconceived ideas had vanished. "Little green men" and "take me to your leader" were the usual terms used by certain people in Alan's presence after his episode with a UFO. He had learned to live with it, in time ,but unfortunately his children hadn't. We prepared ourselves, the encounter was about to begin...

... The story began on June 6th 1980. Zygmunt Adamski, an ex-miner, was 56 and had fled Poland, his native land, when the Nazis invaded during the Second World War. He and his wife Leokadia, who was confined to a wheelchair, lived in a quiet crescent in the Tingley suburb of Leeds, and it was from there that he set out on foot to purchase a bag of potatoes from the local shop. After speaking to a neighbour about the Wedding he was attending the following day, he was not seen again... until 5 days later, and over 30 miles away.

Trevor Parker of Parker's coal merchants was loading up his truck for the final delivery of the day when he discovered a body. It was lying on top of a 12ft high coal heap in the yard. It hadn't been discovered at his prior pick-ups at 8:30 am nor at 1:30 pm but when the police and ambulance service were informed roughly after 4:00pm, the man was found to have been dead for some 8 hours.

First to arrive on the scene was PC Alan Godfrey. He was very puzzled on first seeing the dead man. A terrified expression clung to the face of the man although rigour-mortis had not fully set in. There were no footprints or disturbances in the coal. It was as though he had just been "laid" there from above. Also it looked as though "Ziggy" had been hurriedly dressed and neglect to the way his shoes were placed on his feet was also noted. What struck Alan most were the bizarre individual burn marks on the top of Adamski's head towards the back of his skull .down the back of his head and left ear, round towards the front of his neck finishing off at the top of his breast bone. Several rather than one individual burn mark. These were almost identical in shape. Also a large weeping wound was discovered that had what appeared to be an ointment smeared upon it. This wound may have been caused by a blunt object he thought. Samples of the lotion were eventually sent off to Leslie Albert King M. Sc., Ph. D. at the Wetherby Forensic laboratory for analysis, results of

which showed it could not be identified. It was discovered, however, that the ointment had been applied to the body a day or two before death.

The body of Zygmunt Adamski was taken to the Mortuary in Hebden Bridge and then to the Royal Halifax infirmary and a post-mortem was preformed by Dr. Alan Edwards. PC Godfrey was present at the postmortem on the 11th June 1980. It was discovered that Adamski had suffered a massive heart attack. The Coroner James Turnbull postponed the inquest three times to allow more time for inquiries but the police, especially Godfrey ,drew a complete blank. It was the facts that Adamski had never been to Todmorden before. he didn't gamble, drank rarely, didn't have enemies and was a gentle and loving husband, that totally puzzled them. Despite frequent appeals, no witnesses came forward to say they had seen him, so Turnbull had no choice but to leave the case an openverdict. The police kept a file open, just in case... And on November 28th came startling revelations that a UFO was seen by the police officer who was first on the Adamski murder scene:PC Alan Godfrey. What came next were announcements that somehow both incidents were connected. A hazardous suggestion but one that made us all think twice!. Had ET killed this man?. I dare not say.

PC Alan Godfrey was out driving his police Panda, on this particular morning, at 5:05 am to investigate the numerous telephone calls that had flooded Todmorden police station. They were about the sightings of a herd of cows from Roy Starkey's farm, that kept appearing and disappearing on a Council estate off Femlea Road in Todmorden. Three cars had been sent to check the reports out, PC Godfrey being one of them, another Panda car and an area patrol car being the other two.

He was travelling along the main Burnley Road when he saw at the corner what he thought was a doubledecker bus in distress at the side of the road. He approached as any bobby would and realised this wasn't a bus. It was something you wouldn't expect to see on a quiet morning in Todmorden. It was floating about five feet off the ground, and he saw that the bottom half of the object was spinning causing the surrounding trees to shake vigourously. He saw rows of windows or panels and a dome on the top which emitted a blue brilliance.

PC Godfrey then tried to alert his station and picked up the VHF radio in the car. This failed to work so he tried his personal UHF walkie-talkie but that too didn't operate. The area does have radio black-spots though. He then decided to draw the UFO on his pad using a clip-board for support ,but when he'd completed the sketch he found himself several hundred yards further down the road. He could see the Hare and Hounds public house from his new position. This was harrowing enough. Also his car was facing the other way round towards the town. His engine was still running so he immediately set off to try and find his colleagues who were still searching for the missing cows. In town he picked up two of them; John Allen and Malcome Agly.

On arrival at the reputed landing site they scoffed at Alan but then truly believed "something" had been there. It had pelted rain the previous night and the ground was wet, that is everywhere but a section of the road where Alan had seen the strange craft. They climbed over a gate and entered the nearby park to try and spot the UFO and it was here they found the herd of cows. They too had just been placed there as if from above and their tracks were confined to one spot. It was impossible to deduce how they had got there. After this incident Roy Starkey had the cows put down. His reason for this was that the cows became ill soon after their return to the farm.

Later Alan felt uncomfortable in his boots and discovered his left inner boot had been split. During a medical examination soon after, Dr. Williams told Alan he had psoriasis on his foot caused by a shock of some sort. "What shock?" Alan thought. After Alan spoke of his encounter the Doctor was convinced it must have been the cause.

Godfrey was in two minds whether to report his encounter but after hearing that other officers in nearby Littleborough, Halifax and Burnley had seen it he filed a statement. He also later learned that it had been tracked by radar travelling across the continent.

UFO researchers, in particular Harry Harris who was a friend of Godfrey's and a solicitor, launched their own investigation. MUFON, BUFORA as well as Quest International agreed that nearly 15 minutes were missing from when he first saw the object to his turning up further down the road. It was nearly 12 months later that he was urged to undergo hypnosis by the investigators and also a high ranking Manchester police officer in the Fraud Squad. He was taken to St. John's Wood Hospital in Manchester and a serious session was prepared for him. A part of the first session is as follows:

Godfrey: "It's a bus...... Not a bus!"
Pause

"Flying Saucer.. Big.. Not frightened... spinning.. Light on dome, not going nearer".

Psychiatrist: "Why not?"

G: "On the radio.."

P: " Hear anything?"

G: "Silent.. No sound.20 foot wide 14 foot high... feel warm.. The bottoms spinning... Dark windows, getting out of the car now light from underneath, bloody car won't go, I want to go.. Oh Jesus, there's a light!"

P: "What's happening now?"

G: "Black...... Can't see anything..
Feel something, something hold of
me, I'm in a room now.."

P: "Who are you with? Describe the room.."

G: "There's a table, a him.."

P: "Who's 'him'?"

G: "I don't know!"

P: "Describe him.."

G: "6 foot, man, white sheet on him a beard, skull cap, long nose, thin ,can't see his teeth, he smiled... They are horrible."

P: "Who's 'they'?"

G: "... They're horrible.. Look small like 5 year old lads.. About eight of them...they're touching me.."

P: "Where?"

G: "Heads like a lamp.. Keep touching me, making noises like 'me me me me me'.."

P: "What are they doing now?"

G: "They are just there!"

P: "What now?"

G: "Joseph!, he's smiling.. It just came into my head.. Not to be frightened!.. They are robots, not human, they're robots. There's a bloody dog down there, horrible, looks like size of an Alsatian... Black short hair....just sat there.. No noise.. Leading me to a table now.."

P: "What's on the table?"

G: "It's a bed.. No objects on the bed...He wants me to get on it!"

P: "Are you going to get on?"

G: ".. Not bloody likely!... Getting on the bed now.."

P: "Why are you getting on now then?"

G: "Thought about it so got on, lying down, there's a light.. There's Joseph.. I'm thinking what he's saying.. He isn't moving his mouth.."

P: "Make the sound.."

G: "It's in my head!"

P: "Express it then.. Make the sound.."
G: "(Low monotonous) Get on the bed. He's touching my thigh with one of his hands.. It's gone black..."

The former PC was very agitated so the exercise was ended temporarily. The ECG showed his pulse rate was higher than a marathon runner's. Godfrey did undergo 5 hypnotic relapse sessions one of which the hypnotist made him re-live a whole night shift at the station. This impressed Alan as he had a conscious as well as an unconscious memory of that event. The abduction, though, couldn't be confirmed by Alan as he had read up about UFOs after his initial sighting on the road and some of the things he described sounded almost as if he was reading them from a book. This was a credible stance by Godfrey as he neither believed nor down-right admitted his abduction, but was certain that he saw a solid craft with an unknown origin on the quiet route on 28th November 1980. After first seeing the regression video footage he couldn't comprehend it. It did seem to jog his wife's memory though. She could remember trying to wake Alan up one night when she heard a strange oscillated humming sound in the

Godfrey's merit became thin on the

ground after a massive story appeared in the Sunday Mirror on 29th November 1981 written by John Sheard. As a policeman he had to sign the Official Secrets Act and promise not to converse with the Press or Media in general unless authorised. Yethe was deliberately and persistently advised by the Chief Inspector of the Halifax division and the Superintendent to speak to the reporter. Alan agreed as long as a Senior officer would be present. The full Del Monte of coverage was printed. His consequence was a summons to face the Chief Constable of the area at Wakefield the next day in his best "bib and tucker". Godfrey then explained about the mutual arrangement with the Chief Inspector and the Press officer but the Chief Constable hadn't heard anything. If the Chief Constable hadn't heard anything then what the heck was going on?.

Very soon other repercussions emerged. His police Panda car was replaced with a bicycle. After a well needed holiday in Majorca he returned to discover he'd been transferred to Halifax police station. Plus after his sighting he had started the Todmorden UFO Society with a friend Jim Reynolds and they met around the town with other UFO devotees. Soon he received word that he had to stop its activities and not consort with its members. He abided but the last straw was when he perceived knowledge in his local pub that he had been barred from Todmorden police station. This is only allowed if the officer is subject to an inquiry, but as far as Alan Godfrey knew, he wasn't.

Unfortunately Godfrey had no choice but to leave the police force. A vocation that had seen him decorated with two awards for meticulous and courageous work. One incident ended with him being assaulted by three wanted criminals as he tried to arrest them. Sadly he was beaten to the ground and repeatedly kicked in the groin.

The death riddle of Zygmunt Adamski and Alan Godfrey's amazing evidence added up to an astonishing story. It is questionable why Godfrey should lie about his experience. He has nothing to gain, he was just an ordinary police bobby in an everyday town. It does happen to anybody. Alan Godfrey though may be special, a contactee with a history of apparent other paranormal experiences. His confidence to the gathering showed when he related to us his tender age experiences.

In the "Psi Researcher", the SPR's quarterly magazine, issue No.10, Rosemary Dinnage related Jenny Randles lecture for the Society entitled "UFO's: The inner-space dimension" which also featured in the first ASSAP northern UFO conference. She explained that other paranormal experiences were usual within UFO witnesses' life maturity, especially in the town of Todmorden and a 10 mile radius. This area receives world wide attention from its dubious title "UFO epicentre of Great Britain, if not Western Europe". With 8 or 9 supposed alien abductions occurring there why not?

Alan Godfrey is no stranger to this connection as when he was a youngster in 1952 he frequently saw a collection of balls of light enter his shared bedroom and perform acrobatics for him. After this they encircled him and raised him out of his bed, out through the window and continued up beyond the Earth's atmosphere where he looked back at the planet. He was only a youngster but noticed the blue and green colours that stretched vastly in front of him. Remember this was in 1952 which was 5 years before the Russians launched the very first artificial satellite on October 4th 1957.

More UFOs were seen months after Godfrey's infamous meeting, not only by Godfrey himself, but by other bobbies and members of the Tod public. One incident occurred where there were several witnesses. A huge multi-coloured UFO appeared above a hillside, and Godfrey and others watched it. Eric Lord of the Astronomical Society at the location concluded it was "Sirius". The witnesses knew it was certainly serious! Observations of strange lights and craft continue to this day in the region.

Another paranormal incident

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Alan endured was when he used to congregate with his young friends. One day whilst out playing, a speeding car came down the street heading for the group of boys. They all dived out of the way except Alan who was unaware of the oncoming danger. He turned and saw the car and according to his friends leapt up into the air and eluded it. This immense competence of being able to jump about 10-12 feet in the air was taken in Alan's stride.

The lecture was over, and Alan received a worthwhile portion of praise, pie and peas. (We all enjoyed the last two). He seemed to be very satisfied yet at the same time disturbed in a way. Had he convinced his audience that he had unquestionably seen a UFO on the 28th November 1980 or had we all been to see a space-cadet?. Through Alan's lecture I had drawn some conclusions of my own. I believe Alan did encounter something strange that lonely desolate morning. What it was is a mystery above us all!.

Alan's charisma and Yorkshire wit had proved he is someone special. In the eyes of his friends he was a gem, in the eyes of the UFO strangers he may have be as valuable as one.

I stumbled from the building, tired and jaded. As I made my way up Burnley Road through Todmorden I ran into a silver suited man."You don't believe all this 'Adamski and Godfrey' rubbish do you?", it said."Weather balloons, that's all they are. Either that or the planet Venus."

I watched it climb into a T-model ford that wasn't there and drove away at Mach 17, and I was alone save for two people making their way home along Burnley Road."Happy Christmas Mr Cohen," said one."I trust you are joking, Mr Patel," said the other. For a few seconds all was quiet, except for the hooting of a psychologically disturbed bat. And I suddenly felt, quite, quite alone. There's something strange about that area, I just can't put my finger on it.

## THE SECRET WORLD ORDER

## IN MEMORIAM TO ALL THOSE ARMAMENTS SCI-ENTIST WHO HAVE DIED UNDER MYSTERIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES

CAR CRASH: Professor Keith Bowden, 46, computer scientist, Essex University; car plunged onto disused railway line, March 1982. Verdict: accident.

MYSTERY DISAPPEARANCE: Lt.-Col Anthony Godley, 49, head of work study unit, defence expert, Royal Military College of Science, Shrivenham, Oxon; disappeared in 1983. Presumed dead.

SHOTGUN DEATH: Roger Hill, 49, radar designer and draughtsman, Marconi; killed himself with a shotgun at family home, March 1985. Verdict: suicide.

**FATAL LEAP:** Jonathon Wash, 29, digital communications expert at British Telecom's secret Martlesham Heath research site and at Marconi's parent company, GEC; fell from hotel room while working for B. T. in Abidjan, Ivory Coast November 1985. Verdict: undecided.

**DEATH PLUNGE**: Vimal Dajibhal, 24, computer software engineer responsible for checking computer guidance system for Tigerfish torpedo at Marconi Underwater Systems, Croxley Green, near Watford; found dead under Clifton Suspension Bridge, Bristol, August 1986. Verdict: open.

STRANGLED: Ashad Sharif, 26, computer analyst, Marconi Defence Systems, Stanmore, Middx.; drove car with neck tied to a tree, October 1986. Verdict: suicide. SUFFOCATED: Mark Wisner, 24, software engineer at MOD's experimental station for test combat aircraft, Boscombe Down, Wilts.; found dead in his house with plastic bag around his head, December 1986. Verdict: accident.

SUFFOCATED: Richard Pugh, MOD computer consultant; found dead with feet tied together and plastic bag over his head, January 1987. Verdict: accident.

**SUFFOCATED:** John Brittan, MOD tank batteries expert, formerly of the Royal Military College of Science; found dead in parked car with engine running, January 1987. Verdict: accident.

**OVERDOSE:** Victor Moore, 46, design engineer, Marconi Space Systems, Portsmouth; took drugs overdose, February 1987. Verdict: suicide.

SUFFOCATED: Peter Peapell, 46, scientist at the Royal Military College of Science; found dead beneath car, carbon monoxide poisoning, February 1987. Verdict: open. SUFFOCATED: Edwin Skeels, 43, engineer, Marconi, Leicester; found dead in car with hosepipe leading from exhaust, February 1987. Verdict: suicide.

CAR CRASH: David Sands, satellite project manager, Easams (Marconi Sister Company); drove car loaded with petrol cans into wall, April 1987. Verdict: suicide. CAR CRASH: Stuart Gooding, 23, post-graduate research student at Royal Military College of Science, Shrivenham; died while on holiday in car crash in Cyprus, April 1987. Verdict: accident.

CAR CRASH: George Kountis, an experienced systems analyst at Bristol Polytechnic; his drowned body found in upturned BMW in the Mersey, Liverpool, April 1987. Verdict: misadventure.

CAR CRASH: Michael Baker, 22, digital communications expert on defence related project for Plessey; died when his BMW crashed through a barrier near Poole, Dorset, May 1987. Verdict: misadventure.

**HEART ATTACK:** Frank Jennings, 60, electronic weapons engineer, Plessey; found dead of heart attack. No inquest.

**DEATH LEAP:** Russell Smith, 23, laboratory technician with the Atomic Energy Research Establishment at Harwell, Oxon.; found dead halfway down a cliff at Boscastle, Cornwall, January 1988. Verdict: suicide.

SUFFOCATED: Trevor Knight, 52, computer engineer at Marconi Space and Defence Systems; hosepipe from car exhaust, March 1988. Verdict: suicide.

**ELECTROCUTED:** John Ferry, 60, assistant marketing director, Marconi; found with electric leads in mouth in company flat, August 1988. Verdict: open.

**ELECTROCUTED**: Alistair Beckham, 50, software engineer, Plessey Defence Systems; found in garden shed with electric wires running from his body to the mains, August 1988. Verdict: open.

SUFFOCATED: Andrew Hall, 33, engineering manager, British Aerospace; hosepipe connected to car exhaust, September 1988. Verdict: suicide.

Advertising Feature

## **WE ARE NOT ALONE**

By ANKI INTERNATIONAL

The creation and the early working of our solar system comes under the science we call cosmology. Cosmologists working from observation of recent events and mathematical hypothesis have concluded how our solar system evolved. It is, therefore, only natural, that as our technology improves, and we are able to explore the planets, we can either corroborate or amend our reasoning.

Along these lines, scientists, until quite recently, believed that the Earth was the only planet where water could be found. However, highly developed satellites have found evidence of water in unbelievable

quantities everywhere throughout our solar system, from Neptune right through to Mer-Indeed, cury. while Neptune was always thought to be composed of pure gas, as were all the other planets of our outer solar system, scientists were astonished to discover Nep-

tune is composed of a small, rocky centre surrounded to a depth of 6,000 miles by super-heated, rich, blue water.

Perhaps at this time (1989) there was one man who had the conviction of knowing exactly what the 'Pioneer 2' would discover when it sent back to Earth for the first time photographs of Neptune, over 3 billion miles away. That man's name is Zacharia Sitchin, and for the past forty years, as an archaeologist, biblical scholar and author, he has studied in great depth the recordss left behind by the Sumerians, Earth's first civilisation. Many thousands of those recordss, in the form of clay tablets, were unearthed during the last century, although regrettably placed to one side until recently when, due to the upsurge and interest in Egyptology brought about by the famous Flinders Petrie and Carter's excavations of the tomb of Tut-Ankh-Amon, interest in the tablets was revived.

The photo attached to this article is an example of one such tablet. It depicts our sun and all of the planets that Sumerian cosmology knew of. Here we can count a system of 12 members, including the Sun and our Moon, which were recorded in this 4,500-year-old tablet. The tablet was dis-

covered 100 years ago when we only knew of 8 planets. In fact, it has only been through the advancements in technology that it has been possible to discover Uranus in 1781, Neptune in 1846 and Pluto in 1930; in total, this only gives us a solar system of 11 planets.

NASA has realised that deviations in the movements of Uranus and Neptune indicate the existence of an outer planetary body of 4 to 8 Earth masses, lying beyond 7 billion miles from the Sun. So sure is NASA of this planet, it now only has to name it, and having done so, we will then find that our solar system has 12 members and we will have caught up with our

such as law and administration, and as evidence of their knowledge of medicine we have only to examine the symbol they used of two snakes entwined; a symbol that is still used today by medical science. Yet, as a pictorial symbol, it is the most simplest and exact description of the microscopic, double-helix structure of the DNA. For those seeking physical evidence to ancient science, there exists a battery cell in a German museum which is 3,500 years old!

In great factual detail and scientific presentation, Zacharia Sitchin has wonderfully brought alive in five exciting books and an incredible video film 'ARE WE ALONE?' the writings of the Sumerians and the legacy left to mankind by those people from a planet NASA is today actively seeking.

In the space of this article, I would like to refer to Mr. Sitchin's revelation of the Sumerian cosmology which allows them

first civilisation's knowledge of cosmology.

The Sumerians called this planet NIBIRU, and it is upon the writings they made about this planet, and the people who came to Earth 450,000 years ago from Nibiru, that the Sumerians gained their knowledge; a knowledge that presented alternative explanations to our own understanding of cosmology. Amongst other things, the Sumerians learned that Earth was formed from the break-up of a much larger planet, the evidence for this being the scar-cracks on the Pacific Ocean floor. The space visitors also explained how Pluto, as a moon of Saturn, was broken from its orbit to form its own peculiar orbit around the Sun as a solitary planet (Remember Pluto was not discovered by modern man until 1930. They also explained the retrograde motion of Neptune's largest moon, Triton - which was invisible to us until 1846 - as well as explaining precisely five stages of the development of our solar system. They also introduced the 12 signs of the Zodiac, based upon the 12 members of the solar

The people of Nibiru exhibited all the characteristics of an advanced society,

to tell their own story:-

PLUTO, they called US. MI, which meant 'He Who Shows the Way', and since Pluto was not discovered until 5,000 years after this record, it can only show that Pluto was a guide for someone entering our solar system from deep space. Earth they called KI, 'The Seventh Planet', and was represented by seven balls and a crescent-shaped moon; again, the Earth is the seventh planet when you count inwards from Pluto.

NEPTUNE was EA, or 'He Whose House is Water', as we described at the beginning of this article.

SATURN was ANSHAR, 'Foremost of the Heavens'. It could only have been in the knowledge that the rings of Saturn extend some 670,000 miles.

JUPITER was KISHAR, 'Foremost of the Firmlands', a planet so huge in its single body that it represents over « of the mass of our solar system.

MARS was LAHMU, VENUS - LAHAMU, and MUMMU was MERCURY.

The video, 'ARE WE ALONE?' is available from: Philip Mantle, 1, Woodhall Drive, Batley, W. Yorks. WF17-7SW, price £16-99 + 89p p&p for UK orders only.

## **Book Reviews**

FLIGHT INTO THE AGES, Llewelyn K. - Felspin.

If you are one of those who are interested in the UFO/paranormal amalgam then this is the book for you.

Part of the book concerns itself mostly with anecdotes of aircraft crews who have experienced UFO and paranormal events whilst serving with the armed forces or civilian companies. Moreover, because the accounts emanate from highlytrained airmen who are not usually given over to making statements about themselves which would put their careers in jeopardy, the book's general theme makes very interesting reading. The anecdotes have been compiled by the author, Ken Llewelyn, whilst he was a serving RAAF officer on tour in various countries all over the world. Indeed, the author has experienced events himself whilst training as a fighter pilot in the 1970s, the nature of which, he claims, concern a "past life" as a Luftwaffe pilot in the last war. Thus, much of the book is given over to his search for the grave of that now "long-dead" pilot who, so it was said by a Melbourne medium, Monica Hamers, was shot down over South-east England in the early part of the war. Of course, verification of these sort

Of course, verification of these sort of claims is far from easy, as is outlined by Llewelyn's frustrated search for the "real" Luftwaffe pilot named by Hamers, but the true merit of this book is its fascinating revelation of the world of spirit and reincarnation as perceived by this responsible and committed airforce officer through the good offices of his medium and her spirit guides. Notwithstanding the anecdotal nature of Llewelyn's accounts, the book is concise and magnetic and,

retailing at £8 (soft cover) from Lionel Beer, it is a must for all those readers seeking inspiration beyond the facade of today's world. Ken.

THE UFO MYSTERY-SOLVED, Campbell Steuart - Explicit.

I believe I am the wrong person to review this book because one of Uncle Ken's pet hates in ufology is scientific reductionism - and this is exactly what this book is about; the reductionistic explanation of formerly inexplicable UFO cases.

Notwithstanding my bias against reductionism, I'll try to be as objective as I can by firstly outlining the book's qualities then raising my fundamental misgivings concerning the rationale behind the author's approach in 'solving' the UFO question

As many readers will know, the author, Steuart Campbell, is a former BUFORA R. I. C. for scotland and has competently investigated a number of UFO reports on the Association's behalf. During his early career as an investigator. Steuart applied the reductionistic method by equating report characteristics to those of ball-lightning. However, and to be absolute fair to Steuart, when the ball-lightning hypothesis began mis-match with certain reports, he largely gave up the hypothesis. As the years passed, he began to look for an astronomical answer to most UFO reports and began to study the mirage effects of bright stars and planets at low elevation to the horizon - or a few degrees below it -particularly when seen through the refractive layers of temperature inversions.

Within the framework of what he calls the "Mirage Hypothesis", or "Astronomical Mirage Hypoth-

esis", Steuart carefully constructs a powerful argument through the medium of optics and atmospheric physics and applies it as a universal explanation to all those inexplicable reports which have been documented over the past 45 years or so. In this respect, the book is excellently written in the truly scientific style, giving astronomical, meteorological and optical theory as well as attendant mathematical equations, maps and diagrams for the more tutored reader. However, those possessing gaps in their scientific knowledge need not worry since Steuart explains all the scientific theory with meticulous care and clarity such that even a 'dumbo' like myself could easily follow his line of thinking. Moreover, I have to admit that his mirage hypothesis adequately explains a certain number of cases which have hitherto puzzled scientists and investigators alike. A good example is the Japan Airlines (Alaska 1986) Case. Another is the 1979 New Zealand (Fogarty) Film Case. Everything about these nocturnal events appears consistent with Steuart's mirage hypothesis: the weather, the near-horizon aspect of certain bright stellar/planetary objects which were in the direction of the sighting at the time, as well as the refractive nature of the prevailing atmosphere. Unfortunately though, I have to part company with Steuart when he tries to dovetail his theory to certain daytime sightings - and a few night time ones I might add!

You see, the fundamental flaw with reductionism is manifested when rigorous theory fails to fit the reported characteristics. When that happens, one is forced to 'bend' the data in order to get a perfect fit, and this is exactly what Steuart has to do in most of the daytime, high-strange-

ness-probability reports (Don't worry Steuart, you're not the first reductionist to do that, and you certainly won't be the last either - see the works of Menzel, Klass, Ridpath and Lawson et al). For example, in the Soccoro and Livingston Cases (into which he goes in fine detail), you will find many phrases such as: "It is likely that...", or: "It is probable that...", when the mirage hypothesis experiences difficulty in describing every parameter of the case. Whereas, in fact, the honest situation is that we just don't know! Notwithstanding these minor reservations, I am particularly disturbed over the physics of mirages concerning stars. With the best will in the world I cannot see how a distant star can be magnified into something with shape and form when even the most powerful telescopes in the world (including Hubble) cannot resolve anything more than a point source - i. E. no elipses or discs, no sunspots and no flares (although there are a few exceptions)- because all we shall ever see of these remote suns is the pointsource of light being emitted by them! Indeed, when I used to live in Milton Keynes, I was once summoned from the comfort of my living room by a witness living in Bletchley who was watching a UFO emitting such powerful beams of light s that they were causing shadows to fall on the ground. When I arrived at the scene, the witness enthusiastically pointed to the emitter of these beams: it was Sirius - no doubt about it! But that's all I saw: just a bright, point-source of light that would certainly not have been visible in daylight!

With planets though, we are in a different ball game. Certainly, when these objects are magnified a disc can be seen, sometimes with surface features visible. Nevertheless, would these objects, magnified under mirage conditions, and thus suffering from light attenuation, give rise to daylight reports? I think not, but if Steuart disagrees with me on this point, I would be willing to

feature in the U.T. any paper treating astronomical mirages and let the readership decide for itself.

On another tack, and concerning something thing which struck me as rather odd about Steuart's endeavours, I noted the peculiar way the sceptics have eschewed his mirage hypothesis. Some sceptics, such as Klass, have even resorted to sarcasm when corresponding with him over intractable cases, whereas, I would have thought the sceptics would have embraced Steuart with open arms in their struggle to explain these cases, but the sceptics appear to dismiss him without a fair hearing.

Of course, what is sadly lacking in the book is the failure to profile the witness adequately; the profiling carried out is mostly restricted to character references (unlike most sceptics, Steuart does not resort to character assassination). There is no mention at all of the extra-sensory phenomena which seems to accompany the close encounter reports universally (ESP is real - it exists, as shown by rigorous testing [see the CIA report on Soviet parapsychology experiments and the work of Professor Jahn of Princeton University - also Bell's Theorem]). You see, whilst Steuart is gazing at stars and planets on the horizon he is neglecting the tangible evidence situated right under his nose: the human witness.

Despite the shortcomings I have outlined above (but which might be deemed irrelevant by others) the book gives an excellent insight into the difficulties and pitfalls of investigating UFO reports and demonstrates how investigators might overcome these problems by a 'little appliance of science'. Thus I would urge everyone to have this book on their shelf as a counterbalance to the more sensationalist tomes that have appeared over the years.

Ken

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## WILL THE REAL LIONEL BEER STAND UP!

Dear Sir.

Seeing the name of your Vice-President, Mr. Lionel Beer, listed in the UFO TIMES as a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society, one of our correspondents in Spain, Mr. Peter Landor Keays Treadgold, filled in an RAS membership application form in May of this year and asked us to secure supporting signatures for his candidacy and we duly forwarded our request to Mr. Beer hoping he would perhaps agree to support same.

To our astonishment, Mr. Beer has now replied that he is not a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society [Quite! Ed.] This situation might be a source of some embarrassment to Mr. Beer, so I thought it wise to refer the matter back to you as you will no doubt wish to correct the record in your journal.

Yours sincerely.

N. P. Wood

(for F. S. R. Publications Ltd.)

Ed's comment: I've heard it said that Lionel obtained his fellowship from Arthur Daley Enterprises for a certain sum of cash, but the Society finally caught up with him and he was unceremoniously stripped of his title. However, we still don't know whether the Society concerned was the Astronomical Society or the Geographical! Be that as it may, Mr. Wood, you will always find that BUFORA loves to add confusion to misunderstanding.

## FRANCE A NOCTURNAL RAPTURE

### by Bertrand M-heust

At Christmas 1992, my brother and my sister-in-law, who were invited to dine at the home of their two friends, asked me to accompany them. Thus I found myself at the home of these people, whom I don't know very well but with whom I quickly got to like. To be more precise, I had already crossed the path of the husband, Philip (pseudonym), many times, notably at jazz concerts, but it was the first time I had met Francoise (also a pseudonym).

During the meal, the conversation veered towards UFOs and books committed to the subject. Suddenly, and without warning, the hostess confessed to me that 12 years ago she had had a nocturnal encounter with "beings from outer space" and that she had never told anyone about her experience.

Finding the moment inappropriate, I suggested to her that she tell me about the encounter some other time and under more favourable circumstances; notably in the absence of an audience. We made arrangements, and some days later, with my tape recorder at the ready, I met Francoise who then gave me the following candid account.

"It's true that I lived through a relatively disturbing experience, even though I expressed all sorts of reservations due to the unconscious mind's capacity to produce wondrous things, but what happened to me 12 years ago is always in my thoughts.

The incident took place around June 1980 when I was living in Vaucluse, a small village we used to call 'the village of the grottoes', which is situated above Vacqueyras near Dentilles de Montmirail on the slopes of Mt. Ventoux. It's a completely isolated spot of small stone huts, the lower of which were in the grottoes running under some houses. Our house was very old, dating I believe from 1703, and there was quite a crowd of us living there at the time. I was a student then doing a course in tourism in the rural environment and had already lived down there for some years.

The time of year must have been around June or July because the weather was very warm and I was sleeping with my bedroom windown wide open. Be-

fore going to sleep, I used to sit beside the window with the lights out in order to cool off in the evening air. Well, on the evening in question, I had sat down by the window when something very strange happened. I had an impression which was difficult to define: it was though the celestial vault had descended upon me. I remember at that moment I was looking at Arcturus, then suddenly I had the sensation of terrible vertigo. I could not determine whether it was me who was ascending towards the stars, or the stars descending upon me. All I knew was that there was a great light and I panicked. I wondered where I was and what I was doing; then came the voices.

It really was a brilliant flash of light followed by voices assuring me saying, 'Don't be afraid, we are communicating telepathically with you.' I remember pulling myself together and asking the question, 'How do you communicate with me in a telepathic way, since I don't practice telepathy?' The voice answered by saying, 'Don't worry, relax.' At that moment, peace and calm prevailed and I let myself go.

I was completely conscious, because I said to myself, 'You old woman, you are confused or dreaming.' Then I tried moving my eyes to see if they were closed or open, but on opening them I found myself still seated by the window. Then some silhouettes appeared to me saying they were from outside our solar system. They gave me a name that I no longer remember, and for that reason I cannot tell you what it was.

The beings were humanoid in shape and were very tall, but one thing I always remember was their facial profile because they had what looked like a huge beak and immense eyes. There were many of these beings, but two of them in particular who spoke with me had something on their head which resembled an Egyptian headdress. They explained to me that they had been making contact with Earth people many times and at the moment they were speaking to me they were simultaneously in contact with many other people on Earth. The beings said they had an important message for me to deliver in two years time.

When the event finished, I had the

impression of coming down again, but this time not so violent as had been the case of my departure. They said good bye to me and asked me to trust them a condition which still remains with me - and little by little the image receded and I found myself beside the window again, feeling rather stupid.

#### OTHER LIFE PHENOMENA

Some years later, I went to Sardinia where something very strange happened: I physically disappeared for 2 hours without being conscious of it, not knowing what had happened or where I had been.

I was with some friends on a stormy night, our party comprising 6 friends of both sexes when, for a little adventure and with few possesions, we slept under the stars. On the evening in question, the weather was very threatening so we took refuge in an abandoned farmhouse and settled ourselves down for the night. However, later that night, I found myself lying completely dishevelled undemeath my sleeping bag. It was this that had woken me up because when I had gone to sleep I was zipped up inside my bag in the usual way. My mate, who was beside me, said, 'Where have you been girl, we have been looking for you for 2 hours?' I was unable to answer him and the episode remains unexplained.

The following day, we went for a drink at a local cafe with some local Sardinians whom we had got to know and we explained to them what had happened at the farmhouse. One of the locals said, 'You are foolish going there because the farm has an unlucky reputation.' We all looked at each other in astonishment but laughed the matter off.

I am a very strongly sensitive person with respect to old places and there are some houses which attract me and others which completely repel me. We had a dog with us when we went to the farmhouse and its first reflex upon entering the house was to bury itself under its mistress' sleeping bag, trembling with fear. I too felt a tension and did not want to return to this house for all the gold in the world.

In Lozere something happened to me

there too whilst we were exploring some caves. We stopped off at a small village called Veyreau in order to have a coffee at a sort of inn. Now at the instant of entering this place, I was seized by trembling and a terrible tension, and I said to the others, 'Excuse me, but I can't go in there because something terrible happened in this house.' Later, the proprietor told me that some shepherds who had formerly lived there were all massacred during the religious wars.

On another occasion, whilst living in the Village of the Grottoes, I was sitting on the terrace reading when some pebbles started raining on me at a weak force. I looked up in order to find out where they were coming from and who was throwing them. They were coming from my bedroom window, so I went upstairs to my room straight away, but there was no-one in there.

The pebbles were about the usual size of gravel and about 20 in number. Only 2 or 3 of them actually hurt me and I don't know whether they were actually directed at me; they were not thrown aggressively or violently. Afterwards there was some electrical phenomena when lights would switch on and off without stopping for half-an-hour at a time. The house had recently been rewired.

We had conducted a number of seances both before and after my first experience. It was something we practiced as a matter of formand was not unusual for us, and truly believed in it. I hope that we are surrounded by living things and that we are not alone in the universe. I confess that for the past 3 or 4 years I have only one desire and that is to meet again the beings who spoke with me because I came away with such a feeling of happiness, peace and well-being that really all I want is this desire.

They told me the message would come in 15 years and it struck me to ask what corresponds in their time 15 terrestrial years. I know that they answered me, but I no longer remember what their answer was.

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Radio Sonde Balloon or UFO?

A balloon experiment launched in Italy caused the inhabitants of Huelva to believe they had seen a UFO. Many people called up the media in order to enquire about a brilliant object which they had seen in the sky; an object which, according to The National Institute of Aerospace Technology at Ar-

nosillios, was a balloon carrying out some tests.

This experimental balloon, which was seen in the sky over Huelva, has been seen over Cadiz and Seville, and according to the testimony of numerous persons, the balloon moved very slowly from east to west, taking a little under three quarters of an hour to cross the line of horizon.

This explanation at first seemed plausible. However, I prefer to be sure about such things by sifting through the subject matter more deeply, by interviewing the witnesses and studying their recollections given in the questionnaires in order that I can have at all the necessary information at my command to judge this case; be it to confirm the radio-sonde hypothesis or to the contrary.

Even now, after all this time, I continue to reap new testimonies from numerous witnesses. Following the receipt of all this data, my doubts were dissipated... The glib official explanation, as on so many other occasions, had been launched in order to divert public attention from the event; especially so that the official organisations would not have to have the responsibility, when it came to it, of explaining away an unidentified phenomenon.

From the testimonies I possess, I am setting out here those of them which are very important in terms of their explanations:-

One of the witnesses, with whom I have been on friendly terms for a very long time, is Juan Fernandez, a civil servant in the parish of Huelva, and who and has a great passion for astronomy and ufology.

"It was about 21.35 and, up to 22.00, when I saw a luminous object in an easterly direction and at an elevation of 45+ above the horizon; this object was of a bluish-white colour and larger than any star."

This time, he told me, he was lucky in having his telescope set up at his home at Punta Umbria in order to observe the skies during his holidays.

"I observed it with a telescope of 60mm aperture. I determined that the object had the shape of an electric-light bulb, the bulbous end being at the top and the neck at the bottom; the neck was short and there were three protuberances in the shape of a tripod. Two of these protuberances were situated at the side of the neck and there was an orange-coloured, pulsating light situated at their extremities. The third protuberance was

in the middle and measured twice the length of the two others and had a steady green light. After ten minutes of observation [and in this all the reports are identical], there appeared by the lower part an object of smaller size and of lenticular shape with a pulsating orange coloured light. From the sides, there were two luminous rays which met in a point. From this point, there appeared a third ray which unified into an intermittent white light. The lenticular object turned and fell from the principle object, then stopped for some seconds, went back up rapidly, and before reaching the principle object, revolved about itself and descended again. At this same instant, the principle object started to distort, taking the shape of a folded sail, and at this same spot, without budging, started to shrink, then it disappeared. The other lenticular object continued its descent slowly in the direction of Mazagone."

For our witness, it was evidently not a question of a radio-sonde balloon, but one of a UFO.

Two weeks after this incident, I was able to interview another witness, Father Enrique Lopez Guerrero, parish priest from the province of Seville and known for his interest in paranormal phenomena. "I started to see it at 21.15 and continued to see it for about fifteen minutes."

"The luminosity of the object was very intense; a brilliant bluish-white light. I realised straight away that it could not have been a matter of a solar reflection because the light was emanating from a source and this illuminated the whole of the object. I also perceived it was neither a radio-sonde balloon nor an artifact, but a UFO. What concerned me at first was to be absolutely certain of the object's complete immobility. I watched the apparent movement of the Moon with respect to the clouds passing slowly underneath it, and that confirmed for me the absolute immobility of the object. Suddenly, whilst I was watching the spectacle, a vertical, rectilinear ray surged forth from the lower part of the object and in which materialised a small object of the same luminous intensity of the other object.

I then perceived that I found myself in front of an 'aisle' followed by a 'small mound'. As the 'aisle' descended, it inverted its position with the mound and the latter started to accelerate away rapidly until it was lost in the sky. The small aisle remained in place for some moments [+/- 2"] and then

started to recede slowly in the same direction as the larger object...".

Interested by the apparent dimension of the first object. I asked the witness if he made any approximate calculations. He answered by saying that half the province of Seville had perceived the object and this led one to believe it had an altitude of 80,000 -90,000 m. Its apparent size corresponded to one quarter that of the full Moon, thus, giving a diameter ranging between 300 and 400 metres. "I do not believe", he continued to state, "that radio-sonde balloons were of this order of dimension, or could remain immobile for 10 -12 minutes, then proceed to 'give birth to a little baby', withdraw rapidly in the opposite direction to the wind, and following all this, the 'small baby' displaces itself behind the wing of its mother. If all this is clearly explained by aradio-sondethen I really don't know..." The beginning of the investigation:

On the day following the event, when I obtained both information published in the press and the first witness reports, my colleague, Franscisco Bayo, tried to get in touch with the regional centre of TVE in Seville in order to arrange a meeting with Roberto Laquidain, editor of Telesur, because he had prepared information regarding this affair at midday during a discussion feature. He very kindly cooperated with us as we gave him certain information on the subject that caused us to express our suspicions regarding the official explanation.

He told us of two versions of the subject that he had received: one coming from the Meteorological Institute of Madrid which defended the radio-sonde balloon hypothesis, the other from an astrophysics specialist who had had the occasion to observe the object with a telescope, and whose account tallied with the idea that it was something, which was non-identifiable, and at variance with the radio-sonde explanation.

The same Roberto Laquidain, after having seen the images on a video tape, expressed an opinion to us saying: "According to my convictions, it is all a matter of a UFO because I think the object cannot be identified, although we cannot subscribe to the Martian mythology..."

Many months later, after a full enquiry, I received an interesting letter from a witness in Seville, M. Rafael Cabello, who had been able to photograph the perceived object many times. In his letter, he attached a wonderful 25 by 20 cm colour photo in which one could clearly detect the principal object, under which could be seen the secondary object.

We corresponded for some time in order that he could send me the series of negatives he had succeeded in taking which amounted to about a dozen colour slides. The negatives were taken through a telephoto-lens of 200 mm with a 'Kodak 64 ASA' film and at a shutter speed of between one and one-half a second.

At the time of the first meeting of Andalucian ufologists, which took place in Granada during the month of October, I had the occasion to see one of the video films of this unsolved apparition; the film being located at the home of the investigator, M. Franscisco Banera. This film had been taken by a person from Granada, who, whilst filming some family scenes near the swimming pool at his house, noted that many members of his family had perceived this static object in the sky, and for some minutes they were able to detect the extraordinary phenomenon in its diverse stages.

#### Conclusions

Some thousands of people clearly swear by the truth of this incident. It even created a traffic jam on the San Thelmo Bridge at Seville. The reports are supported by photographic proof [photos and films] which have been analysed, and compared with one another. The films are in total accord with the reports documenting the object's observed characteristics. I have only been able to ascertain some slight variations in these reports, which I believe are due in the main to factors of perception and emotions, etc... of the witnesses at the time of the encounter.

The radio-sonde hypothesis is without any foundation and breaks down when one compares the characteristics of radio-sondes with those of the object concerned. In order to have been seen at the same time in towns like Huelva. Seville, Cadiz, Malaga and Granada, the UFO would have had to have been of colossal dimensions. We know that all radio-sondes, when they are at a certain height, may attain a diameter of 20 metres; too small a volume to be seen within the radius reported. Furthermore when seen to rise up vertically at a high speed of more than 300 m per minute, the object would not have been able to have been seen for very long, whereas this unusual phenomenon's duration lasted an hour and a half [between 20.30

and 22.00].

The abnormal manoeuvres of the principal object, by its long immobility and then its rapid flight, as well as the descent and ascent carried out by the secondary object, again contradicts the radio-sonde idea, which in itself has to accord with vertical movements as well as lateral ones, the nature of which are dependent on the direction of the wind. On the contrary, according to the accounts, when the object attempted its flight, it moved against the wind with a completely autonomous movement. Another contradiction is that radio-sondes. as we know them, do not have their own lights and only reflect the light of the sun from the parts on which the sunlight impinges. Why then did this radio-sonde carry such lights of great luminosity over the whole of its surface area?

We said at the time that the event had little relationship with the launching parameters of balloons used in our country. According to the Spanish Institute of Meteorology, radio-sonde balloons are launched at 24.00, after the release of which, approximately half an hour's operation time is allowed from the point of inflation to the one of disintegration.

After analysing the facts, we ascertained that we had tried to deceive ourselves, or rather we tried to betray ourselves, by accepting a radio-sonde as a UFO for an explanation. This situation arose from disinformation - which is always the way in the UFO phenomenon - that caused investigators on our side to accept these pseudo-explanations, the sole aim of which is to manipulate the truth when it does not suit certain sectors of the community.

According to my opinion, what was seen on the evening in question does not correspond in any way to a conventional machine. It remains, therefore, labelled as an unidentified flying object in as much as we have not been able to prove otherwise.

Translated from Spanish by Liliane Kretz. Moises Garrido Vazquez.

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# KIDNAPPED BY ALIENS! ABDUCTEES CHANNEL 4 COMMISSION FOR SPEEDY FILMS

London, 20th July 1994: London based animation studio Speedy Films are in the last production stages of Abductees - an 11 minute animated film for Channel 4 Television's Animation Editor Clare Kitson.

Abductees is based on the experiences of 5 American members of abductee researcher Budd Hopkins' Abductee Support Group, all of whom believe that they have been kidnapped (abducted) by aliens.

Explains director Paul Vester: "I first met Budd when I was in New York working on a TV commercial. His work with abductees is well documented in the American press and makes fascinating reading. However, it was only after Budd showed me their hypnosis induced drawings that I decided to animate them and make a film.

"I originally wanted to make a longer documentary to do justice to the huge wealth of material I found but I finally decided to concentrate on the experiences of just five abductees and make a shorter 'mood piece'."

Paul's film deliberately steers clear of passing judgement on the authenticity and mental state of the five abductees. Their bizarre experiences are told in their own words in a series of fragmented dream-like memories in five different animated styles, each inspired by their own drawings.

Abductees is due for completion by the end of the year, and will be screened on Channel 4's Four-Mations. For further information contact: CLAIREWILFORD on 071-490-3987.

## PRESS RELEASE

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A new research report on the alien abduction experience entitled 'ALLER-GIES AND ALIENS - THE VISITATION EXPERIENCE: AN ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ISSUE' by Albert

Budden (081-560-9497).

This publication represents a synopsis of a research initiative that has taken place over the past fifteen months. Basically, the approach developed states that the experiences of visitation by a variety of other-worldly beings, which have been documented and researched by so many over the past decades, are the mental and physiological products of a range of environmental illnesses, shared by and coped with in their commonest form, by about 20% of the population.

These conditions develop as a result of the failure of the bodily system to adapt to a range of environmental influences which impinge upon the individual over prolonged periods.

They can be broadly described as allergies, although this term of convenience, used because it has a ring of familiarity to so many, could be classified under the label of environmental sensitivities.

This adaptive breakdown does not show itself in any two people in exactly the same way, and comes about due to the cumulative response to pollution. This ecological issue has a modern ring to it, and rightly so, as the twentieth century has produced environments that contain many forms of such contamination on a scale not seen before in man's history.

The methods of clinical ecology, electromagnetics and medicine show that there is a physiological basis for the bizarre perceptions currently featuring so regularly in the media, known as the alien contact or alien abduction experience.

This report outlines the evidence for these conclusions and describes a completely novel approach to the understanding of not only these alien experiences, but of apparitions, visions and the physical effects that can broadly be called poltergeist phenomena. The report present evidence in conventional scientific terms that anyone can check up on.

Also, this practical method of investigation can make regular predictions about the location, lifestyle and health of the people who undergo such experiences, as well as their preoccupations, creative activities and, even, to some extent, their physical appearance. It can also predict where such cases are to be found, and the illnesses that not only they are likely to be suffering from, but also those of their neighbours. It can also predict the type of treatment they may need to cure them.

In short, it identifies the stimulus responsible for the experiences referred to as 'visitations', or in more modern language, close encounters, and shows that they are intrinsically linked to environmentally produced illnesses.

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ALLERGIES AND ALIENS can be obtained by mail order only from:-

Discovery Times Press, St. Lukes House, 270, Sandycombe Rd., Kew, Surrey, TW9-3NP.

## BUFORA's 1995 INTERNA-TIONAL UFO CONGRESS,

entitled:

'UFOs - EXAMINING THE EVIDENCE',

will take place over the weekend of August 26 & 27 1995. A full list of speakers and prices will be included in a future issue of UFO TIMES. Anyone requiring further details before then, or anyone (especially from overseas) wishing to present a paper should write (enclosing a SAE) to:

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# Wales and West Country Sightings

**Final Part** 

By Doug Cooper

## EVENT 'E' - ST. IVES & PENZANCE, CORNWALL

At just before 01.30 on Wednesdays 31st March 1993, two men living in St. Ives, Cornwall, observed two very bright objects flying on a NNW to SSE course over the town. Their height was estimated to be about 2,000' and were described as rockets with light trails. They were moving very fast and were only in sight for 5 to 10 seconds. At one stage, one of the sighters (David Sheldon) thought that the two lights seemed to dim and come on brightly again. The other observer (Victor Simmons) did not see this particular effect. He, however, only had the objects in sight for a couple of seconds.

Meanwhile, David Wistern, who lives at Crowles, near Penzance, was himself watching two very bright objects, with trails, heading S. E. at a very low altitude of 2,000' to 3,000'. He also observed a third object behind the other two, but was less bright. None of the objects made any noise and the light trails "were," he said, "thin and straight like a light tube." At the rear of the 2 large objects, he also notice a pink and blue light source but was unable to say if they were attached to the objects or the smaller one flying close by. From his southerly position the objects were to the north and not moving very fast. In fact, he had them in sight for at least 2 minutes. This, of course, is at variance with the other two sighters at St. Ives, who said their objects were very fast! This maybe because they saw the objects overhead whilst Mr. Wistern was looking at them from a distance. It's my belief that this sighting was of the same 2 objects seen over St. Ives from a different location and, therefore, different line of sight.

## EVENT 'F' - M. O. D. REPORTS 30th/31st MARCH 1993

During the course of this investigation, I received a non-UFO report from a gentleman (name on file) who is a recently retired airline pilot. He had phoned me in response to one of the local newspaper articles and thought he had the answer to this case. He told me that at 01.30 on Wednesday 31st march 1993, he had observed two jet fighter aircraft travelling at 30,000' in a westerly direction and at a very fast speed about 1,500 mph. They still had their 'after-burners' on which indicated they may still have been climbing. As an airline pilot, he was well qualified to identify these 'jets' and was also certain that they were of a single-engine type. Once I explained our sightings (at this time I only had a number of 01.10 sightings), it was fairly obvious that his sighting was not connected to my reports - or was

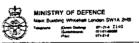
Thanking him for his information, I resolved to contact the M. O. D. to try and ascertain if they had any knowledge of these aircraft. The next day I phoned Nick Pope at the M. O. D. (Sec. Air)2a Office and relayed my information to him. He was most helpful and promised to look into it for me, and would ring back. About an hour later he did, but what he had to tell me was nothing short of amazing. He had been unable to discover any details regarding these aircraft and was at a loss to explain their presence over E. Devon at the time. To his knowledge there had not been any flyovers by the RAF, NATO or other aircraft and stated that all known flights would most certainly have been logged and there was no way that aircraft of this type could fly over Britain without the M. O. D.'s knowledge.

However, having explained to him why I was making this enquiry he did tell me that 'they' also had received a number of calls and letters reporting the same kind of 'objects': i. E. two very bright lights traversing the sky during the evening of 30th and early morning of 31st March 1993. Upon request, he later sent me a list of these sightings, giving locations, times and directions of travel. A study of these locations and times was most informative and I have to say, also somewhat puzzling. Because I had sent Nick a summary of my reports, some of the M. O. D. listing were my own cases and were in accordance with them. There were, however, a number that were not. Briefly, his reports covered the period 22.10 on the 30th to 02.40 on the 31st, and indicated that these objects had been seen as far north as S. Yorkshire and Shropshire to the counties of Cornwall, Devon and Hampshire in the S. West - all at different times, and in many cases, flying in different directions!

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This, as you can imagine, was very confusing. For example, there were 3 sightings from S. Yorkshire, all at different times - i. E. 21.10, 23.40 & 01.17. The 21.10 sighting had the objects travelling S. E., and the 23.40 ones travelling north, whilst the 01.17 ones were unknown. In addition, there was a sighting from Bristol at 01.10, but these objects were travelling westwards - and so it went on. (See copy of M. O. D.'s letter)

From: H G Pope, Secretariat(Air Staff)Zn, Ross 8245,



Dear Mr Cooper,

Thank you for sending me a copy of your interim Repert on the wave of UFO nightings that occurred in the early hours of Vednezday 31 March.

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I hope this will be useful to you in your investigation: I will keep you inturmed of developments.

laur sincerely la<u>lige</u> What all this means is anybody's guess. Was the information correct (and I see no reason why it shouldn't be), or was it incorrect and a deliberate ploy to confuse the issue and try to put me off the scent? I really don't know.

If correct - and let's suppose it is then this surely means that not only were there 'unknown' objects flying and hovering over the West Country between 20.00 and 02.00 that night, but they were also tracking across the Midlands, S. Yorkshire and Hampshire - what were they doing?

### **CONCLUSIONS**

As a UFO researcher, it's my job to try and evaluate all reports and information received in an objective and, hopefully, methodical way. This case has, to date, shown all the hallmarks of a typical UFO event, with evidence swaying the urgently sought answers one way and then the other. Were the events of this night nothing more or less than the re-entry of a man-made space vehicle, or was it a UFO phenomenon related to that event? I think it may well be the latter. My reasons for thinking this are twofold.

Firstly, there is no doubt that the reentry took place and that this occurred at approximately 01.05 on the 31st. From the evidence collected and collated, it is almost certainly a fact that the reports describing the events at 01.10 indicate that what these people witnessed was the re-entry of this missile. The heights given are synonymous with a reentry of this kind and the length of 'sighting time' likewise. All the 'sighters' give the object's direction of flight as NW. to S. E., or N. to S., giving some margin of error; this would certainly have been the rocket's course. This, I believe, is evidence enough to suggest that this is exactly what these people saw - a rocket re-entry.

What is also evident is that on the evening before, between 20.00 and 23.00, objects were seen traversing the N. Devon sky and, indeed, hov-

ering NW. of the same area. In addition, it is fairly certain that at 02.00 on 31st, an object of some considerable size flew over the River Parrot at Bridgewater, disturbing not only local fishermen but also the cattle in the adjacent fields. Also at this time, we have the mystery of the 3 helicopters seen. They were almost certainly of a military type, but as with the 2 fighter aircraft over E. Devon earlier, their presence has been denied by the M. O. D. - why?

In association with this, we have the 01.30 sightings at St. Ives and Penzance and the other numerous sightings over Cornwall, Devon, Shropshire, S. Yorkshire and Hampshire, starting at 22.10 on the 30th and ending at 02.40 on the 31st.

If these reports are correct, and as I said earlier, I have no reason to doubt them, and my reports are also correct, then it must be the case that at least one, if not more, UFO were active over these areas on the night in question - but what was their purpose? Were they/it here on a specific mission, or just carrying out a night time surveillance operation? The latter scenario is, of course, quite feasible given what we already know from their well documented past, but what about the first proposition? Well, if we examine the evidence and what we already know about this alleged mode of operation, there is clearly a case for this line of thinking.

In Timothy Good's latest book 'Alien Update', he edits a whole chapter on this very subject. He cites a number of cases from Russia where UFOs have been observed tracking rocket launches, space flights and, more importantly, their re-entry procedures. It seems that this activity has been monitored for some years and that the Soviet Authorities are fully aware that their space programme has been subject to some very intense scrutiny by unidentified objects, which appear disc-like and are able to traverse their airspace at will, and in some extraordinary

Additionally, it seems that Britain has also been the victim of such activity. In her new book, 'From Out

of the Blue', Jenny Randles also explores this possibility. This book is the follow-up to another entitled, 'Sky Crash', which she co-authored with Dot Street and Brenda Butler and is more than just a spectacular account of a UFO landing in Rendlesham Forest, Suffolk, near the Bentwaters Air Base jointly manned by the RAF and USAF. Around the time of the alleged landing, it is known that a similar reentry of a Russian space rocket occurred over the area. Following this, and in addition to the events at the Bentwaters Base, a number of UFO sightings were received. Some of the sightings were known before the known re-entry time and, indeed, after. This strongly implies that some unknown craft was present over the area and, as suggested by Jenny, may have been interested in the reentry.

The events at Bentwaters are in themselves quite remarkable and suggest that a space vehicle of unknown origin actually landed in Rendlesham Forest and that a possible 'alien liaison' took place. The evidence presented does seem to substantiate this, but as with most, if not all of these cases, will we ever learn the truth?

Unlike the Bentwaters case, this one has not to date thrown up any evidence of a UFO landing, but there is certainly enough evidence to imply a UFO presence over the West Country, and possibly other parts of the country, on the evening before and after the known re-entry of a Russian space rocket at 01.10. My gut feeling is that this is exactly what occurred, and until the present 'unknown' object(s) reported upon are identified, then they should without question be classified for what they are - UFOs.

D. Cooper Devon UFO Research Organisation

Ed's comment: thank you for these fascinating reports of the period in question Doug. I feel sure that we haven't heard the last of this yet.

# The Great Socorro Mystery

By Manfred Cassirer

In a recent lecture to BUFORA (1) we have attempted to pierce the enveloping mists of concealment and confusion obscuring the classic Socorro UFO incident (2),(3). Although the raw data is well-known and has often been set forth, the basic problem is still one of penetrating the core of the enigma. Much water has flown under the bridge, but we seem to be no closer to a final assessment. One of the most celebrated "Close Encounters". Socorro has been called "the most clearly" suggestive example in the literature of a "nuts-and-bolts" physical craft. As such it is "out of fashion" in this country, where Ufology has now assumed the status of space-age folklore (4).

Back in 1964 Dr. J. Allen Hynek (that great pioneer of the nascent - or would-be- science of ufology) was still "unconvinced" about the reality of UFO sightings. Unable to come up with a satisfactory answer, Hynek called the case "Unidentified"; and so it was listed in the official files and has remained to the present day. Classified as a CE III, it was rated as "basically a single witness sighting" (which was at any rate misleading). This marked the beginning of a false trail that was to run its course through the whole epic in its various aspects.

No one has ever seriously doubted the credentials of Lonnie Zamora, the officer who made the original report. This supposed landing by an extraterrestrial craft (or whatever) dates back some time, more precisely to 24th April, 1964. In the early evening of that momentous day a speeding car was being chased when there was a sudden roar and what looked like a distant fire. Exemplifying the process known as "escalation of hypothesis" typical of anomalies (5), Zamora suspected that a dynamite shack in the vicinity had blown up. A smokeless flame, blue and orange, ascending slowly persuaded the patrolman to depart from his daily routines of chasing traffic offenders.

What he saw seemed to require a more than cursory report when a "shiny type object" appeared at a distance of 150-200 yards. Zamora (under the influence of the above-mentioned psychological process) rationalised his experience as presenting a car upside down attended by a couple of "kids", or at any rate two small figures in overalls. He had only the chance of a brief glance at them. While he was trying to contact the Sheriff's Office he hearda sudden loud roar and he noticed a flame underneath the vehicle that rose slowly into the air to disappear over the distant mountains.

Dr. Hynek meanwhile still looked for a "simple,natural explanation", but was at a loose end to think of one that covered all the facts. He rejected in this process certain "contrived" solutions that had been proposed from time to time. Still, the case was intriguing enough to attract a fair amount of discussion and comment, naturally including the usual quota of debunking and armchair critics (6). Professor Hartmann, a contributor to the AAAS symposium on UFOs in 1969, referred to the physical aspects, describing them as exceptional in tending to perpetuate the popular image of "Flying Saucers" as disc-shaped, metallic and possessing landing-gear (7). Elsewhere, T. W. Powers concluded that "everything argues in favour of the hypothesis that a vehicle landed.... On four pads"(8). The question once more arose whether it had been a lunar module or similar device. This suggestion could not be ignored in view of the proximity of the White Sands Proving Ground, and extensive enquires were made. Taking Hynek's advice, every aircraft plant in the USA was contacted - with negative results. After all those years nothing relevant has come to light. In any event, it seems improbable that such a machine could have been constructed with the technology then avail-

There are plenty of problems in connection with the Socorro sighting. As Vallee so well puts it, UFOs "take a sadistic pleasure in sending us confusing signals". Looking through an engineering journal, Vallee found a logo

used by Astropower, a subsidiary of Douglas Aircraft Corporation. It resembles that seen and drawn by Zamora. Does this prove that this UFO was made in the USA? Bear in mind the fact that the same scholar in 1977 identified the same "peculiar red sign" as the Arabic symbol for Venus! Clearly the Socorro contraption (whatever it may have been) cannot both be explained as extraterrestrial and terrestrial. Is someone playing games with us?

No such problem arises in the minds of the adherents of ETH, although even there is the puzzle of the logo to be resolved. According to this hypothesis, we have once more been visited by our Space Brothers. Many people would agree that this scenario with its many facets has been considerably eroded, so that one is now caught up on the horns of a dilemma of a kind all too familiar to students of the paranormal; where ambiguous pieces of evidence confuse more than enlighten in pointing now in one. now in another direction. The chief witness himself was unsure as if what he had seen was, or was not, "of this world" and was seeking spiritual guidance. An additional cause of confusion was the logo which could be variously interpreted.

To everyone's surprise the matter was taken seriously by the Air Force. perhaps because it had all happened more or less on their doorstep. There is a certain measure of uncertainty as to the precise nature of it's involvement. The apparent UFO was admitted to have been a "craft" of some kind. Major Jacks from the Office of the Air Force Secretary, while prepared to accept the report, suppressed the mention of the humanoids. It is difficult how he could have done so in good faith, except on the assumption that he feared ridicule in the light of the traditional image of "Little Green Men'' lampooned by the media. But why be surprised to find a crew associated with a flying object?

Zamora and his colleague had found the bushes charred and still smoking at the point of contact with the flame. In addition, there were circular impressions of four legs of the craft 3.5" deep. The official investigation had started on the same day and at this level its conclusions agreed with Zamora's statement.

Hynek, meanwhile, was unhappy about the omission of vital details, objecting to what he considered the cavalier attitude of officialdom, seeing that "no scientist should disregard data simply because he does not like them" - even the "most incredibly bizarre" (9).

Officer Chavez had arrived too late to make a close observation, but still saw the physical evidence that was significantly confined to the parameter of the landing. In his correspondence with Menzel, Hynek insisted that the Head of Project Blue Book (Quintanilla) had excluded the possibility of trickery and misperception. He himself would have been happy to accept the latter alternative; it seemed, however, precluded by his own investigation on site and Zamora's profile. How then avoid the conclusion that an unidentified flyingmachine had indeed been caught redhanded? Or was it on the contrary a staged performance; and if so, by whom and to what purpose?

The choice of the landing-site was also peculiar. It was a "rocky and uneven gully" next door to a conveniently flat Mesa. If an emergency landing, there had to be evidence of a serious malfunction; however, the object took off immediately after what seemed little more than a perfunctory inspection.

A hoax by high-school students was considered, but ruled out when people came forward to say that they had seen a "blue flame of light" Moreover, a Colorado couple with their sons has seen an egg-shaped object with a metallic surface silhouetted contre jour in the glare of a low evening sun. At a servicestation they commented on the perils of low-flying aircraft such as the one that had come close to scraping their carroof; the like of which they had never previously encountered (10). This accords with Zamora's puzzlement at what he at first thought to be a dangerous secret device about to blow up in his face, whose flight-pattern was as mysterious as it's chosen place of descent - or was someone testing the feasibility of a rough landing on the Moon?

A curious coincidence (if such it was) came to light. A mere ten hours earlier Gary T. Wilcox, a dairy-farmer, had a similar encounter (11). What he at first glance mistook to be a piece of

metal junk turned out to be - in the course of an "escalation of hypothesis" - an egg-shaped object. The traditional two humanoids identified themselves as Martians! The ensuing dialogue was equally ridiculous. At their request he left a bag of fertilizer for them which had gone by the following morning.

Credence is still given in some quarters to the outmoded idea that we are visited by aliens from somewhere in space who bridge fantastic distances, only to come to grief on the last leg of their journey and have to carry out humiliating emergency repairs. Fortunately for them the flaws in the construction of their spaceships are relatively trivial and can be instantly rectified. Sceptics may be forgiven for regarding this scenario as less than serious and suggesting more a charade. One also recalls the "shyness effect" of the paranormal which recedes on close inspection like the notoriously evasive ectoplasm of yesteryear's seance-room. Psychic phenomena can prove devastating to the observer. This was so in the case of poor Zamora, who found it hard to relate to his unusual experience. The man was "bewildered practically to the point of shock". He just could not believe that it had happened to him: a typical reaction to events that exceed the "boggle-threshold"; yet all the while the data showed that it had.

The speedy reaction of the FBI clinches the matter and measurements were taken on the spot. True, all was done in a furtive way, since the Agency always kept a low profile in these cases, not to accuse it outright of prevarication and duplicity. Even Hynek, that champion of ufology, found it expedient at that point to deny any involvement with the authorities (the AAF), although he was on their payroll. Less forgivable still was the suppression of the testimony of the secondary witnesses, and Stanford complained about the official report being either "deliberately distorted" or else "incompetently inaccurate" and making no mention whatsoever of the enigmatic logo.

As this rare epic unfolds it becomes more and more difficult to appreciate its full implications and puts one in
mind of the kind of confusion which
psychic phenomena in common with
ufology engenders on close inspection.
Professor Hynek overlooks vital clues
in his investigation; Stanford falls down
on his job when he makes a great discovery on site and finds fragments of metal
implanted in a rock. Potentially of the
greatest scientific value, these are lost as

a consequence of gross negligence. By a single master-stroke of clumsiness posterity is deprived of "all the larger metallic slivers" (12).

Worse is to follow in this jinxed tale. Following a consultation with a member of NICAP it was decided that the remaining specimens would be submitted to NASA at the Goddard Space Centre. It seemed as if nothing could now go wrong. Stanford had taken the prudent precaution of stipulating that 50% of the intrusive matter was to be retained by him for future independant analysis. Notwithstanding assurances his request was ultimately overridden. The excuse offered by NASA for the theft of the material in question was that it was of insufficient quantity for purpose of analysis. Needless to add there was no intention of sharing the information obtained by those who had "no need to know". Clearly information was being withheld; but why? It sounds like typical ufological paranoia, unless it is true that concealment of vital data is a fact of nature. Does someone somewhere know the well-hidden secret of our non-earthly visitors? Granted this unlikely scenario, why not come out into the open? Is it conceivable to keep it under wraps for any length of time? None of these questions admit an easy answer.

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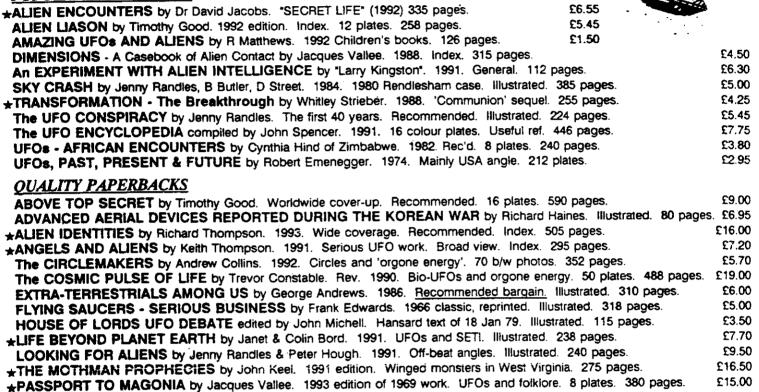
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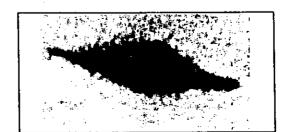
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