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# Editorial

## Manhattan by Night

**Generally speaking, abductions present a paradox to us. On one hand these experiences have a very personal, subjective overtone but there are also threads of evidence that run through them all that makes you think that a physically objective event takes place.**

However, what has always troubled me with this whole abduction explosion on both sides of the Atlantic, is the fact that not one abduction has been witnessed by a third party - an independent spectator who could confirm most if not all of the abductee's experiences. Usually all that is recounted by third parties are the report of lights seen before or after and maybe vivid accounts of witnessing the post-abduction trauma of the abductee.

This was true until, 30th November 1989, when Linda Napolitano was allegedly abducted from her 12th floor apartment in Lower Manhattan. On its own, this kind of abduction report is not unusual, especially in New York. But what turns the whole apple cart over is that several witnesses saw the event who were apparently completely independent.

This is mind blowing enough but there's more. Not only were the independent witness to the event but it is purported that one of these bystanders was very important indeed. The then Secretary General of the United Nations, Javier Perez de Cuellar and his two security guards, 'Richard' and 'Dan' also saw the event.

George Hansen's cover story for this issue of UFO Times, presents an overview of the case and all its problems from his perspective. He highlights some very serious implications for abduction research which should be heeded.

The whole case has caused great controversy in the US. Lines have been firmly drawn between several camps of thinking and is almost a rerun of the acrimonious debate generated after Gulf Breeze.

In a future issue of UT, we hope to bring you the story from the view of other protagonists involved in the research of the case. So watch this space.

**Mike Wootten**

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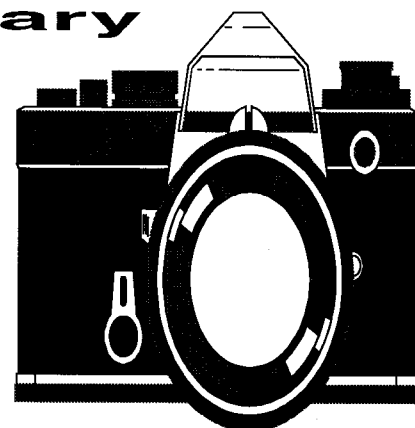
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# News

By Mike Wootten

## British Government Thirty Year Rule Guarantees Secrecy

The rules governing the public release of archived government documents after 30 years can be delayed at any time, according to a Whitehall source.

The rules state that documents can be released for general disclosure after 30 years from the date that that document was last active. This means that any files that are deemed too sensitive to release can be reopened, closed, and we would have to wait another 30 years.

This also relates to material regarding UFO reports hidden behind closed doors at the MOD. Ufologists waiting for any particular records may need to play a very long cat and mouse game to ever see that information.

This highlights the real need for a British Freedom of Information Act. For too long, faceless Whitehall mandarins have been able to keep far too much material secret for too long - from the amount of pencils the MOD order per year, to alleged alien craft landing in Rendlesham Forest.

Postscript: The MoD has released its official number of reports received by them for 1994 - 250 which is very similar to previous years.

## Strange but True? is a TV Hit

The LWT networked programme *Strange but True?*, which delved into the realms of the paranormal, has proved to be a resounding success.

Researched by Jenny Randles and Peter Hough, the programme attracted 12.5 million viewers when its final episode of the series was screened. This featured an in-depth reconstruction of the Rendlesham Forest events of December 1980.

Jenny said, "The viewing figures have shown the high level of interest in the paranormal and UFOs and we are pretty sure that a second series will be commissioned."

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## BUFORA Doing Ufology

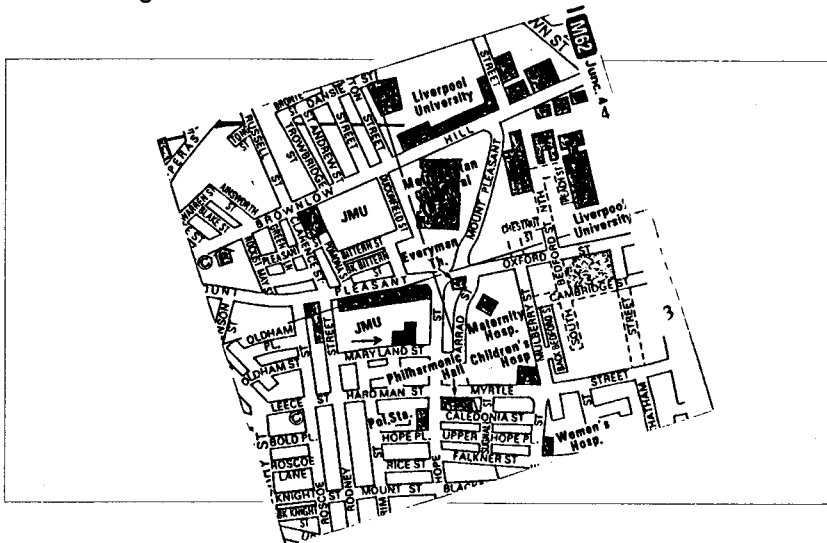
### BUFORA Lectures for the North

It is hoped that by September 1995, BUFORA will be organising local lectures in Liverpool, Leeds and Newcastle on a quarterly basis. This will compliment a revitalised London lecture programme that will also start in September.

The northern lectures will have a similar price structure as their London counterpart, £1.00 for members and £2.00 for non-members and will be timetabled not to clash with the London programme. However, the continuance of the lectures will depend on the support of members in those areas to attend and possibly help with publicity as the events must be self-financing.

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As a pilot to this new programme, Anthony Eccles has organised a lecture in Liverpool in May 1995 at the Haigh Building, Maryland Street, Liverpool. Jenny Randles, Anthony Eccles and Mark Glover will be giving presentations. Date confirmation will be on UFOCALL and by direct mailing of all members in the North of England.



To continue the growth of BUFORA's lecture programme and base them where our members are, we need organisers in Glasgow/Edinburgh, Birmingham and the South West of England. If you think you can do it or would like to help with local publicity, telephone Mike Wootten on 0352-732473.

## Co-operate to Accumulate

**BUFORA has appointed an inter-group co-ordinator to develop closer co-operation with other UFO groups around the UK.**

Phil Walton, who has played a significant role in the expansion of ASSAP, has been co-opted onto the BUFORA Council. His has been actioned to identify and contact every UFO group in the UK to offer support and co-operation with our Research and Investigation departments. Phil will also co-ordinate the loan of specialist equipment to BUFORA investigators and local groups.

In the past BUFORA has encouraged local groups to affiliate to the association. This policy has now changed as it is now felt that local independent groups are important and should remain independent. Co-operation, however is vital in the field of ufology and BUFORA wants to take an active role in getting groups to work together.

You can contact Phil at the following address: **34 Mossley Road, Bromley, Kent, BR5 9BS. Tel 0181-313 1556**

## New BUFORA Consultants

**During the past several months BUFORA has actively sought out a number of new consultants to the association. Details of these consultants are to follow. What has become quite clear is that BUFORA is in need of more consultants in a whole variety of different disciplines.**

**Jonathan D. Inman** is a hypnotherapist, writer and broadcaster on the paranormal.

Studying the paranormal and hypnosis for a number of years, Johnathan is actively involved in paranormal research. A practising hypnotherapist he has used hypnosis as part of past life regressions, plus curing stress, pain and phobias.

He is currently writing for various magazines and broadcasting a monthly paranormal slot on Yorkshire Coast Radio as well as working on a book of personal paranormal experiences.

**Carl Nagaitis** runs a small PR and Publicity company.

He has a client list that has included a publishing house, a health products company, a TV production company, a National Trust country park and Lady

Elizabeth Anson, cousin to the Queen. He continues to write feature articles on a freelance basis for Fleet Street publications and the provincial press. He is currently co-author with Philip Mantle of the abduction book 'Without Consent' published by Ringpull Press Ltd in September 1994.

Carl started his career in journalism with the Salford City Reporter in Greater Manchester. During his time with the provincial, press he held the posts of Industrial Correspondent, Chief Reporter and Deputy News Editor before moving onto Mirror Group Newspapers in Manchester.

Appointed General News Reporter for The People in Manchester he won the Cudlip Award in 1984 and was subsequently offered the position of Northern News Editor. Moving to London with The People he became the Deputy Features Editor. For a three month period in 1990 he worked on the staff of The European to assist its launch. During that time he helped conduct exclusive interviews with major political figures including Boris Yeltsin and Dan Quale. Carl left the Mirror Group in 1993 to set up his own PR and publicity company.

Carl will advise on BUFORA PR and publicity activity.

**Tony Lawrence B.Sc.** University College London 1989-1992. Obtained a Bachelor of Science degree: Second Class (Upper Division). Currently at the University of Edinburgh he has successfully completed his second year of postgraduate study and has been accepted as a Ph.D. candidate.

Tony has presented and published many papers relating to the paranormal.

If you have a particular skill or are knowledgeable in a particular field, and would like to offer your services as a consultant to BUFORA, please let us know via the BUFORA OFFICE address:

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## Sky's the Limit for Arthur C. Clarke

**If you're a Sky subscriber then tune into the Discovery Channel on Monday 3rd April at 8.00pm, when the first of 13 episodes of Arthur C. Clarke's Mysterious Universe hits the screens. According to the promoters, Arthur will, '...demonstrate once more that there is no end to mankind's fascination with the fantastic.'**

The Discovery Channel schedule is as follows:-

1. Snake Charmers, Wolf Children and Holy Men - *Monday 3 April, 8.00pm*
2. On the Trail of the Big Cats - *Tuesday 4 April, 8.00pm*
3. Spontaneous Human Combustion - *Wednesday 5 April, 8.00pm*
4. Relics of the Saints - *Thursday 6 April, 8.00pm*
5. **UFO Abductions** - *Friday 7 April, 8.00pm*
6. Where Giants Walk - *Wednesday 12 April, 8.00pm*
7. The Puzzle of the Pyramids - *Wednesday 19 April, 8.00pm*
8. **Crop Circles** - *Wednesday 26 April, 8.00pm*
9. Prehistoric Puzzles - *Wednesday 3 May, 8.00pm*
10. Mysteries of the Sea - *Wednesday 10 May, 8.00pm*
11. Near Death and Out of Body Experiences - *Wednesday 17 May, 8.00pm*
12. Curses - *Wednesday 24 May, 8.00pm*
13. Psychic Detectives - *Wednesday 31 May, 8.00pm*

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The **Twentieth** Annual General Meeting of BUFORA Ltd. will be held at the **University of Westminster, Marylebone Road, London, NW1** at 6.30pm on **Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> April 1995** to receive the Chairman's Report, the report of the Council of Management, the Accounts of the Treasurer and to appoint the Auditor according to the Articles of Association.

### Note

Please note that a Member entitled to attend and vote at this meeting is entitled to appoint a proxy who need not be a member of the Company to attend and vote in his, or her stead. Instruments of proxy must be lodged at the Company's registered address, 16 Southway, Burgess Hill, Sussex, RH15 9ST., not less than forty-eight hours before the time appointed for the meeting. Members wishing to nominate persons for election to the Council of Management shall give the Secretary such nominations in writing, signed by the person proposed, stating his or her willingness to be elected, not less than four, nor more than twenty-eight clear days before the time appointed for the meeting in accordance with Section 52 of the Articles of Association.

Only members of the Association in good standing and accredited proxies may attend and vote at the AGM, although guests will be welcomed to the following lecture. Please bring membership cards as this will speed checking against the current membership list.

## Twentieth Annual General Meeting of BUFORA Ltd., 1<sup>st</sup> April 1995

### Agenda

1. Notice Convening the Meeting
2. Minutes of the **Nineteenth Annual General Meeting**
3. Presidents Address
4. Chairman's Report
5. Treasurers Report
6. Director of Research Report
7. Director of Investigations Report
8. Director of Publications Report
9. Adoption of the Report of Council of Management, of the Report of the Auditor and of the Accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> August 1994.
10. Appointment of the Auditor, and leave for the Council to fix his remuneration,
11. Appointment of Members of Council. Under Sections 49 and 50 of the Articles of Association, the following Members of Council are retiring by rotation: **John Spencer, Steve Gamble & Philip Mantle**.  
Under Section 37 of the Articles of Association the following Members of Council stand for re-election: **Gloria Dixon & Phil Walton**
12. Any Other Business

5.30 - 5.45 pm: Closing Address by Our Guest of Honour, Walt Andrus, International Director of the Mutual UFO Network.

Close:

The organisers reserve the right to alter the program without prior notification. All times are approximations.

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presents

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We feel it is time for the public to be made aware of the overwhelming amount of information available on these subjects. We also feel that it is time that we all investigate the world in which we live. we no longer want to be sheep, we want to wake up to all of the information we are receiving.

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Please send cheques payable to K. Blower, 10 Glaslyn Court, Croesyceiliog, Cwmbran, Gwent, S. Wales NP44 2JE.

Speakers subject to change.

*All tickets to be sold by 1st July '95, no sales after that date.*

Please send S.A.E. for tickets/map and please quote if accommodation is required.

The conference may run over time on either day, please make yourself aware of this so you can make arrangements.

Meals available, side stalls etc.

*Please reserve tickets as soon as possible due to massive demand.*

## 8th International UFO Congress Provisional Programme

Just before going to press, our congress organiser, Philip Mantle has supplied us with a provisional programme for the two day event.

### Saturday 18th August 1995

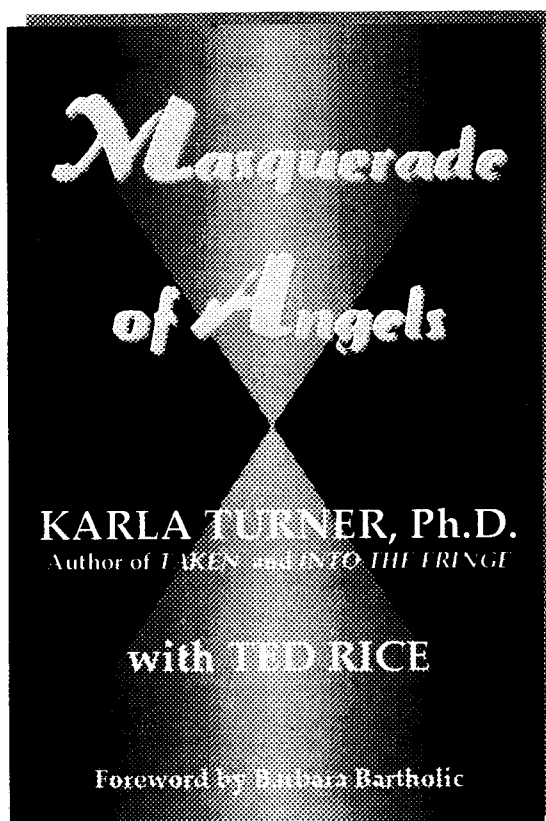
9.45 - 10.00 am: Opening address by our guest of honour, Walt Andrus, International Director of the Mutual UFO Network.  
 10.00 - 11.00 am: Malcolm Robinson (Scotland) : Scottish Ufology, "What's Going On".  
 11.00 - 12.00 noon: Maurizio Verga (Italy): The Evidence Through Management of UFO-Related Data: The Italian Example.  
 12.00 - 1.00 pm: Lunch.  
 1.00 - 2.00 pm: John Carpenter (USA): Multiple Participant Abductions.  
 2.00 - 3.00 pm: Per Andersen (Denmark) : Double Moons - And Other Recent Phenomena Over Denmark.  
 3.00 - 3.30 pm: Break.  
 3:30 - 4.30 pm: Dr Sergey Chernouss (Russia): Examining The Evidence of the UFO/IFO "Petrozavodsk Phenomenon" And Similar Events in Northern Russia By The Network of Optical All Sky Camera.  
 4.30 - 5.30 pm: Dr Leo Sprinkle (USA): UFOs; Examining The Evidence And Evaluating The Experience.

### SUNDAY 20th AUGUST, 1995.

9.45 - 10.45 am: Cynthia Hind (Zimbabwe): TBA.  
 10.45 - 11.45 am: Jiles Hamilton (USA): TBA.  
 11.45 - 1.00 pm: Lunch.  
 1.00 - 2.00 pm: Dr Helmut Lammer (Austria): Atmospheric Evolution on Mars And The Consequence For The Cydonian Hypothesis.  
 2.00 - 3.00 pm: Peter Robbins (USA): The Bentwaters-Woodbridge Incidents: An American Perspective.  
 3.00 - 3.30 pm: Break.  
 3.30 - 4.30 pm: Dr Yulii Platov (Russia): The Results of Research of The Physical Nature of Anomalous Phenomena Received by The Academy of Sciences in Russia.  
 4.30 - 5.30 pm: Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos (Spain): Declassification of The UFO Archives of The Spanish Air Force.  
 5.30 - 5.45 pm: Closing Address by Our Guest of Honour, Walt Andrus, International Director of the Mutual UFO Network.

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## Attempted Murder vs. The Politics of Ufology: A Question of Priorities in the Linda Napolitano Case

George P. Hansen

### Abstract

**UFO abductee Linda Napolitano claims that she was kidnapped, assaulted, battered, harassed and nearly drowned by two agents of the U.S. government. Prominent ufologists Budd Hopkins, John E. Mack, David M. Jacobs, Jerome Clark and Walter H. Andrus Jr. accept these claims. Hopkins has collected extensive materials that could be used to help apprehend and convict the agents. Yet Hopkins, Clark and Andrus have argued that these crimes should not be reported to law enforcement authorities, they indicate that such could be "politically damaging" to UFO research. These ufologists are asked to defend their decision and priorities.**

Budd Hopkins' case involving the abduction of Linda Napolitano by a UFO has been discussed in the Wall Street Journal, Omni, Paris Match, and the New York Times. The MUFON UFO Journal labelled it, "The Abduction Case of the Century." By virtue of the intense interest, it will become an exemplar for the study of UFO abductions.

Briefly, it is asserted that at about 3.15am on November 30 1989, Linda Napolitano floated out of her 12th floor apartment in lower Manhattan. Allegedly three witnesses in a car about two blocks away observed Linda and three humanoid figures emerge from a window and ascend into a craft hovering over her building. Two of the witnesses, Richard and Dan were government security officers who were guarding the third witness, a dignitary. More than a year after the case, Richard and Dan wrote to Hopkins describing what they saw, and a few weeks later they visited Linda in her apartment. Hopkins has never met these two but has over 80 pages of letters from them, and he has accumulated a great deal of other material pertinent to the case.

The affair is quite complex and the

story is beginning to be told. Hopkins presented a few detail at the MUFON convention in Albuquerque and then in the September 1992 issue of the MUFON UFO Journal. One of the most disturbing elements of the case is that felonies were allegedly committed by the government agents; these include assault, battery, kidnapping and attempted murder.

Hopkins' published account of this aspect is so sketchy that some might consider it deliberately misleading. His entire written summary is only one sentence long: "In April and again in October 1991, Linda would suffer hours-long forced confinements and interrogations at the hands of these confused frightened 'law-enforcement' officers; she would be struck by a car during a chase through the streets of lower Manhattan." Hopkins' brief statement hardly conveys the gravity of the situation. It suggests that he may have taken these matters much too lightly.

### The Kidnappings and Attempted Murder

On January 28th 1992, Linda Napolitano contacted Richard Butler and requested a meeting because she was concerned about her personal safety. She was also worried that Hopkins might not be able to adequately protect her. Linda had earlier become friends with Butler at meetings in the home of Budd Hopkins. On February 1st 1992, Linda met with Butler along with Joseph Stefula, a former Special Agent with the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command who has extensive contacts in law enforcement.

During the meeting, Linda stated that in April 1991 she encountered security agent Richard on the street near her apartment. She was asked to get into a car that Dan was driving, but she refused. Richard then picked her up and with some struggle, forced her into the automobile. Linda reported that she was driven around for 3 1/2 hours and interrogated about the aliens.

At the MUFON symposium in July 1992, Linda was asked if she had reported the kidnapping to the police. She said that she had not and went on to say that the

kidnapping was legal because it had to do with national security; she later commented that she did not want to go head to head with a government agency because she might be killed and pieces of her might be found in the East River (Hopkins did not dispute these statements). Linda did remember another car being involved with the kidnapping, and under hypnotic regression she recalled the license plate number of that automobile, as well as part of the number of the car she was in. Hopkins reports that the numbers have been traced to particular agencies.

During the February 1 meeting with Stefula and Butler, Linda reported that on the morning of October 15th 1991, Dan pulled her into a red Jaguar sports car, Linda happened to be carrying a tape recorder and was able to surreptitiously record a small part of Dan's questioning, but within a few minutes he discovered and confiscated it. Dan drove to a beach house on the shore of Long Island. There he demanded that Linda remove her clothes and put on a white night-gown, similar to the one she wore the night of the UFO abduction. He said he wanted to have sex with her. She refused but then agreed to put on the night-gown over her clothes. Once she did, Dan dropped to his knees and started to talk incoherently about her being the "lady of the Sands." She fled from the beach house, but Dan caught her on the beach and bent her arm behind her. He placed two fingers on the back of her neck, leading Linda to believe that it was a gun. He then forced her into the water and pushed her head under twice. He continued to rave incoherently, and as her head was being pushed under for the third time, she believed that she would not come up again. Then, a "force" hit Dan and knocked him back onto the beach. Linda started to run but heard a sound like a gun being cocked. She looked back and saw Dan taking a picture of her (the pictures were eventually sent to Hopkins. She continued to move, but Richard came running, seemingly out of nowhere. He stopped her and convinced her to return to the Beach house and he told her that he would control Dan by



giving him a Mickey Finn. She agreed to the plan. Once inside, Richard put Dan in the shower to wash off the mud from the beach. This gave Linda a chance to search the premises; she recovered her cassette tape and discovered stationary bearing a Central Intelligence Agency letterhead.

In a brief conversation on October 3rd 1992, Hopkins told me that Linda came to him shortly after she arrived back in Manhattan after the kidnapping. She was dishevelled, had sand in her hair, and was traumatised by the experience.

Linda also reported to Stefula and Butler that on December 16th 1991, one of the men had tried to make contact with her near the shopping area of the South Street Seaport. He was driving a large black Fleetwood Sedan with Saudi Arabian United Nations license plates. To avoid him, Linda said that she went into a shop during the first incident. The second day a similar thing happened, and she stood next to some businessmen until he left the area.

### Evidence Accumulated by Hopkins

Hopkins reports accumulating much information about the identities of Richard and Dan and this would be extremely helpful in a criminal investigation. He has approximately 80 pages of letters from the two men. These might potentially be used to identify typewriters on which they were produced. They may also contain fingerprints. Hopkins has tape recordings of Richard and Dan; perhaps these could be used to help identify them by voiceprints. Hopkins claims to know which government agency employs the two. He says that he knows the identity of the dignitary they were guarding, and this person should be in a position to help locate and identify Richard and Dan. (Linda told Stefula and Butler that the dignitary was Javier Perez de Quella then Secretary General of the United Nations.)

### The Counsel of Ufology's Leaders

The reader maybe tempted to dismiss Linda's account as a preposterous script for a grade B movie, and I personally do not believe her claims. However, several notable figures in ufology have expressed the conviction that Linda is telling the truth. On October 6th 1992, I spoke with Dr John E. Mack, former head of the psychiatry department at Harvard Medical

School, and he confirmed that he had met Linda and concluded that she was not the type of person to make up this kind of story. That same day I also spoke with David Jacobs, a professor of history at Temple University, an abduction research colleague of Budd Hopkins and author of the book *Secret Life*. He too believes that Linda was telling the truth.

Hopkins presented additional secret evidence to Walter Andrus and Jerome Clark who are now both persuaded of Linda's honesty. Andrus and Clark are arguably the two most influential figures in U.S. ufology. Andrus is International Director of the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) and he organises the largest annual conference on UFOs in the country and regularly writes for MUFON's monthly magazine. Clark is a columnist for *fate* magazine, editor of *International UFO Reporter* and vice president of the Center for UFO Studies.

At a meeting in New York City on October 3rd 1992, Linda said that she is willing to testify against Richard and Dan (though she had previously indicated that she was afraid of filing charges herself). I informed those at the meeting that I was prepared to make a formal request for federal investigation of the attempted murder of Linda. Hopkins, Andrus and Clark all vigorously objected to this and they strongly urged me not to do so. They said that such action would be "politically damaging" to ufology. I was extremely puzzled by their reasoning and their apparent priorities. On October 5th 1992, two days later, I called Andrus to make certain that I understood his position. I asked him to join with me and request a formal investigation of these allegations by the proper law enforcement agencies. I explained to him that UFO researchers were generally not qualified to investigate attempted murder. I was taken aback when Andrus asked me what right I had to raise these issues. He again urged that the crimes not be reported. The following day I spoke with Clark. He told me that he accepted Linda's statements, and he reaffirmed his opposition to reporting the crimes.

I have not been given a satisfactory explanation for their views. At risk is not only the safety of Linda but that of the general public. If federal agents have engaged in kidnapping and attempted murder, they should be brought to justice. The matter is of great concern for the

general citizenry and for the conduct of UFO abduction research.

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### LETTER

Dear Sirs

We would like to inform you that we have recently launched our foundation in order to study the parapsychological phenomena and UFO activities in our region. This is a result of an increased interest shown lately in this regard, several people deal with parapsychology as a hobby, and could observe increased UFO activity in this area.

Several people claim that they have contacted extraterrestrial powers, and we have people claiming interesting inventions utilising new sources of energy.

We have launched our foundation intending to collect this information and subject it to scientific analysis.

We have qualified specialists in this field and well defined plans for the future regarding the development of our laboratory, procuring the necessary research instruments, working out a UFO database, organising conferences and so on.

We would like to establish international relations as broadly as possible, in order to have a large flow of information and good professional contacts.

We are happy to get any kind of help considering the poor informational and financial possibilities of our country.

Thank you in advance, very truly yours.

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# Billy Meier: Finally Shot Down

by Jon Erik Beckjord

**For years I sat back and in semi-horror, watched a fanatical belief in Meier grow among perfectly sane ufologists (is there such a thing?). I avoided the subject, suspecting something, but not quite sure to speak out. I watched Guido Moosbrugger, a Meier relative, lecture incredible rubbish regarding "Semjase" and her revelations, second hand, to Billy. I saw slides of casts of "Little People" footprints made in the nearby Swiss woods and the cast of a giant's sandal, found there also. I saw Guido show the worst UFO photos I had ever seen to an oohing and ahing audience. I watched an alluring young woman almost drag Billy's son to the nearest hotel room to offer herself, but alas she was rejected because of his fear of 'American AIDS'. The first Meier groupie?**

I watched videos of Meier's super 8mm films of a UFO dancing and wobbling about as if on the end of a string (original film conveniently 'lost') and Billy's rationalisations given to a Japanese film crew. I looked over at very slick still photos of UFOs caressing trees (negatives conveniently 'lost') and moving around trees (negatives conveniently 'lost'). I also saw stills of UFOs in bunches of seven or more in various styles, on the other side of a bare bush (negatives 'lost') and pictures of three swirls in the grass that represented landing marks of "Semjase's" 'ship' (yes, you've guessed it, negatives conveniently 'lost').

Tales are told of the tree that was affected by the UFO caressing it, which died and then removed - roots and all by "Semjase". In defiance of her own dictum that the past must not be tampered with least it affect the present, she removed it in the past so the roots would not be there.

I also heard that Billy was, "...a simple Swiss farmer with one arm, who wanted not one cent from his photos."

Then, at UFO Expo West, Nathan Daniels and Kal Korff presented some very damning evidence. It seems that these guys went undercover in Switzerland and using fake names, went among the faithful of Billy's cult. They pretended to worship Billy and learn all about his experiences. Daniels and Korff bought

\$1000 of photographs as part of their infiltration.

They also got to meet the neighbours. The neighbours don't like Billy and they don't buy any of his stories. They also don't buy his photographs. Why? One of them found a sack of doctored photos at Billy's house that had prints of Swiss scenery with cut-outs of UFOs pasted onto them. It seems that as part of his effort to impress a para-psychological club that he had started in the area, he would glue plates together upside down, glue (excuse me) saucers on these and put a salad bowl on that. He would then take still photographs of these cut them out, glue them on 8x10's of the valleys and then re-photograph the doctored prints.

The final prints from these negatives (conveniently 'lost') looked pretty good,



Billy Meier

got his club excited and the rest is UFO history. He then gave a bag of first generation prints to his neighbour in an effort to win him over. This neighbour later died, left the prints to his wife, who then gave them to Kal Korff. Korff used these to conduct various computer enhancement tests. Billy's photos failed.

## Endorsements

Billy Meier's famous photo books have many endorsements from credible sources, stating that the photographs are

genuine. Unfortunately, I discovered from Korff's undercover work that these endorsements are false. The authors borrowed or hired company facilities, then quoted the companies as having completed tests independently with positive results when they in fact completed or approved nothing.

A catalogue of errors and misrepresentations appear in these books. Various tests are mislabelled and do not apply to photographs over the captions. Tests of metals were not in fact done and experts are often misquoted or misrepresented. One famous computer expert is alleged to have added a 'reflection' of a road on to the bottom of one UFO, using computer assistance. Most of these books fall apart when the facts and claims are challenged.

## Photo Faking

I saw on the computer screen, an edge enhancement test done on one famed Meier photo that was supposed to be partly obscured by a tree - proof that it was real. The test showed conclusively that the object was small and in front of the tree. A model?

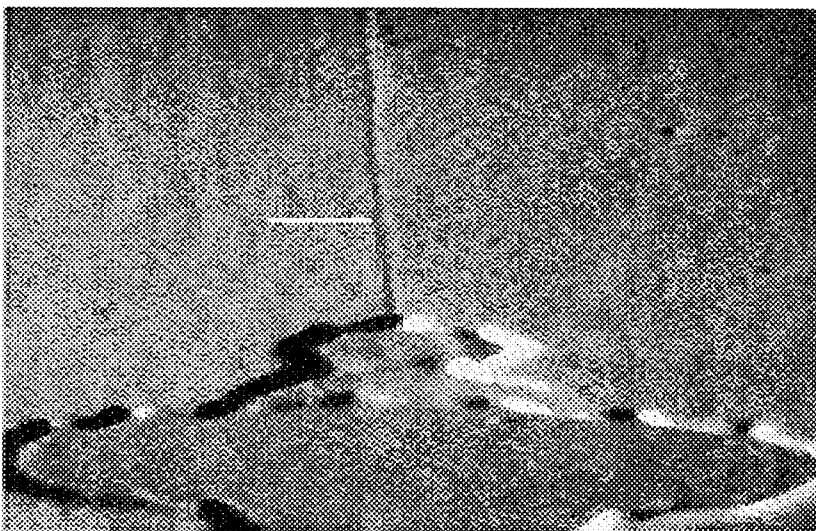
Other tests and analyses showed that Meier had used a small miniature tree in places where, according to neighbours, trees had never been before. The tree would be placed alone in a field, small UFO models would then be placed in the shot and suspended from poles or helium balloons using thin wires. With the stage set, the cameras would roll. Once the photographs were taken the tree props would be whisked away. The photographs then give the impression that the object is next to a mature tree and thus making it look larger.

Korff and Daniels were able to prove that local dealers had sold Billy helium around the time the photographs were taken.

In one dramatic night-time shot, a car is seen close to a landed UFO. But the car has no wheels! It appears to be fuzzy and is probably a model. Yet, according to Billy, his camera is stuck on 30ft-∞. But to get the car into shot, he would have had

to back off 60ft, but the car is not in focus. The camera is obviously not stuck and the poor focus hides the model aspects of the car (or another camera was used.)

I had been puzzled by the seven plus UFOs on the other side of the bare bush sticks. D & K showed, by video testing examples, that one or two balloons can suspend 'UFO-lets' to dangle and make small objects look as if they are larger and



**GSW enhancement techniques uncover a supporting wire on a Meier photograph.**

further away.

Michael Hesemann, a Meier supporter and a seller of Meier books and videos, grew increasingly agitated with D and K and many non-sequiturs were posed. Eventually he left, probably wondering how this news and the video to follow would affect his German sales.

Sean Morton offered a number of neutral observations about 'Semjase's' rationalisations for various weird events and things that did not happen when they were supposed to happen. Soon, he too left. Semjase was also used to rejuvenate Billy's flagging cult following. Billy claimed to have killed her 'mentally'. She was obviously made of stronger stuff, reincarnated after three days and visited the cult again [I've heard this story from somewhere else! MW]. True to form the cults numbers swelled again.

Later we saw how the super 8mm had been stop framed to show a faked UFO jump, how one tree had been used in three shots in three places and using the same front of the tree (tree was moved, of course.)

## Conclusion

Billy regularly buys books on photography, art, history and technology and reads them too. He reads so much, he

has an account with his local book shop. Do not be fooled, Billy's arm is strong and he is proud at how he can do things nobody thinks he can do (such as faking UFO pictures). I suspect he uses the UFO cult to compensate for the loss of his arm in the past.

As cult leader, he has several mates beside his wife and has several children

by them. Visitors give him worshipped the cult has bought him land and houses for him - life is good.

I've been called a downer and a wet blanket for discovering that some ufologists possess false PhDs (soon to be a crime to claim this in California), for debunking bad UFO cases and for exposing Bigfoot and crop circle hoaxes. Tsk, Tsk! Bad vibes. But if the work of genuine researchers is to retain any credibility, the worms have to be rooted out of the collective log of research. Billy Meier is a classic example of this.

If you feel the same way, reflect that James Randi, of CSICOP, (or formally of CSICOP) the "Amazing Randi" once lectured to a local magic club. There, he told them that to be a successful magician, one had to learn to, "...Lie, cheat and steal." Well that's OK for magic. We allow David Copperfield to tell us that he never met the 'volunteer' from the audience who comes on stage. We don't care, we've paid to be fooled.

But Meier types also use these techniques. If you analyse this case you will see that 75% of the 'facts' alleged we are expected to take on faith (Semjase, trips inside UFOs, the dead tree, the channelling etc.), all sprang from alleged photos which we are also expected to take on faith. A house of cards.

If you wish to be a real ufologist in respect to checking out the stories of other people, take nothing on faith. Check, check and double check. The film, the video and the stills may look good, but were you there? Who was there, neighbours other witnesses? Are there negatives? Are they 'lost' or 'in a vault', "Kept by my lawyer", 'unavailable'. If so, smell a rat.

## Meier Moments

Billy Meier's alleged experiences started in January 1975 where he made his first contact with the Pleiadeans. This was the first of over 100 claimed meetings and sightings that produced hundreds of photographs and 8mm film footage.

\*A photograph of Semjase and her sister that Guido Moosbrugger shows to audiences was found by anti-Meier researchers to have actually come from a Swedish modelling directory of models available for hire in Stockholm.



**The Swiss-German speaking Semjase, a Pleiadean Cosmonaut.**

\*Prior to his contacts with the Pleiadeans, Meier had a colourful life. He spent time in prison, the French Foreign Legion and in an Indian ashram. In a previous life, Meier was told he was a Pleiadean.

\*The Pleiades star cluster is 430 light years from Earth. It started to form approximately 60 million years ago. Compared to the Sun, this star cluster is still very much in its infancy and the stars that make up the cluster are not old enough to develop or sustain life. The Sun is 5000 million years old.

# INVESTIGATIONS DIARY

By Philip Mantle

## ROSWELL - A YEAR OF MYTH, MAYHEM AND MOVIES.

### MYTH:

"SPACED OUT" was the headline on page 19 of the Daily Mirror dated December 22, 1993. The story went on to detail how movie director Steven Spielberg was to make a £50 million movie version of the Roswell story (for those that don't know this is the supposed crash and recovery of an alien spaceship near Roswell, New Mexico in 1947). Apparently Spielberg had got hold of actual footage taken of the crash site in 1947 as he was to expose all in his movie which was to be called 'Project X'. Not to be outdone the Daily Star reported much the same on the 1st of February, 1994. The Daily Star even had a quote from Spielberg "I'm a UFO enthusiast and I've known about this secret for years". Again the Daily Star told the story of the £50 million movie of Roswell using actual footage taken at the time which was to show once and for all the Roswell event was fact, and that alien bodies and a crashed alien spaceship were recovered.

If true, then this was going to end the arguments about Roswell once and for all. My first port of call was with Michael Hellicar, the assistant editor of the Daily Star. According to his letter dated 3rd February 1994, the Daily Star article was indeed true. Michael Hellicar stated "Our story about Steven Spielberg acquiring footage of the UFO crash at Roswell in one hundred per cent accurate. It comes from a source who is involved with the projected movie about the crash. The working title, the meaning of which will be known to you, is Majestic-12".

In between these two newspaper articles appearing, I contacted Spielberg's production company AMBLIN ENTERTAINMENT, to see what they had to say. According to AMBLIN's London office "I would like to confirm that there is no truth in the rumours that Steven Spielberg is involved in a project related to UFOs". And AMBLIN's office in the USA "There are no plans in our development department to make a film about the Roswell incident. We do not know where this rumor started other than a small article in an English newspaper".

Who are we to believe? I even checked with Roswell researcher Kevin in the USA to see if he could check the Spielberg story. According to him, the story was nonsense and Steven

Spielberg was not making any such movie and no such

footage was to be used. Another UFO myth bit the dust.

### MAYHEM:

Whilst all this was on-going it seemed that

indicated any 'cover-up' by the USAF or any indication of such a recovery. Consequently, efforts were intensified by Air Force researchers at numerous locations where records for the period in question were stored. The records reviewed did not reveal any increase in operations, security, or any other activity

in July, 1947, that indicated any such unusual event may have occurred. Records were located and thoroughly explored



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Photo of live alien taken from the Movie ROSWELL.

serious UFO research was progressing with the Roswell case in the USA. US researchers had persuaded an official government body, the General Accounting Office, to search for any and all official records relating to the Roswell story. At the request of Congressman Steven H. Schiff, the General Accounting Office (GAO) in February of 1994, initiated an audit to locate all records related to the Roswell incident. The GAO audit involved a number of government agencies but focused on the Air Force. In support of the GAO effort, the US Air Force initiated a systematic search of their own. Cutting a long story short the USAF released their findings in the summer of 1947. Researchers around the world were divided on what might be the outcome, but the 22 page USAF report was to add yet more mayhem to an already confusing event. The conclusion of the report was "The research located no records at existing Air Force offices that

concerning a then TOP-SECRET balloon project, designed to attempt to monitor Soviet nuclear tests, known as Project Mogul. Additionally, several surviving project personnel were located and interviewed, as was the only surviving person who recovered debris from the original site in 1947, and the

former officer who initially identified the wreckage as a balloon. Comparison of all information developed or obtained indicated that the material recovered near Roswell was consistent with a balloon device and most likely from one of the Mogul balloons that had not been previously recovered. Air Force research efforts did not disclose any records of the recovery of any 'alien' bodies of extraterrestrial materials".

This is only an extract of the 22 page report and some would argue that this is the end of the Roswell story. The report was widely covered

in various newspapers in the UK, 'Yes, we have no dead extraterrestrials' read the *New Scientist* (1 October, 1994) 'Crashed UFO was spying device, says US Air Force' wrote *The Times* (19 September, 1994) 'Most famous UFO shot down in flames by US spy balloon tale' echoed *The Guardian* (10 September, 1994). It is not surprising that a great many US researchers have rubbished this report, and I don't have room here to go into detail of who, what and why, but needless to say the Roswell story is one that is not going to go away despite, or should it be in spite of the latest report from the USAF. The GAO is to continue its search for further documentation and such agencies as the FBI and the CIA are to be targeted before their report is published.

#### MOVIE:

Out of all this something finally concrete did emerge. No it is not a movie by Spielberg, and it certainly was not an admission by the USAF that they really did recover a crashed saucer and its alien occupants, but a movie version of Kevin Randle and Don Schmitt's book 'The Truth about the UFO Crash at Roswell' (Published by M Evans & Co. in New York).

Produced by Showtime Networks inc., 'ROSWELL' the movie was premiered on TV in the USA on July 31, 1994. Starring Kyle MacLachlan and Martin Sheen. ROSWELL will be released here on video rental around April of 1995. ROSWELL is the dramatic story of Intelligence Officer Jesse Marcel's attempt to learn the whole truth. The movie begins in 1977. A reunion is in

progress for the 509th Bomb Group, a unit that around 1947 was the only military unit in the world equipped with atom-bomb carrying airplanes. At the reunion, amongst the group of ex-aviators, bombardiers and navigators is Jesse Marcel played by Kyle MacLachlan. He arrives with his wife and is immediately given the cold shoulder by the other participants. They remember him and the story he told in July of 1947 - a story of UFOs and aliens that brought a lot of unwanted attention. Jesse's mind wanders back to 1947 and he re-lives the events.

World War II is over. The cold war is heating up. B-29 Superfortresses of the 509th Bomb Group are on the ready-line at Roswell Army Air Force base. The base intelligence officer, Major Jesse Marcel, is unwittingly thrown into the middle of one of the century's

greatest mysteries.



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shown to the press as examples of the Roswell debris. The 8th Air Force Headquarters denies the recovery of a flying saucer and states that Major Marcel made a mistake in his investigation. Marcel is stunned.

Did Marcel make a mistake? Or did the United States Army Air Force get orders from the highest echelon to change Marcel's story? And what exactly did happen out there in the New Mexico desert? The answers become clearer as Marcel begins to ask the right questions. Flashing back and forth between 1977 and 1947, the film unfolds eyewitness accounts of the Roswell crash story. What is revealed is quite extraordinary. It wasn't only wreckage that was found. Reconnaissance aircraft flying out of Roswell apparently found something else - the flight crew from the flying saucer. What exactly it was they found and what

eventually happened to the bodies are Roswell's greatest mysteries.

A TV movie it may be, but ROSWELL is a good one. Good acting, good photography, and watch out for the very convincing live alien. Released in April of 1995, ROSWELL is a must for all those interested in the case and the ETH in general. If we uncover any more on the above we will endeavour to bring it to you via the pages of *UFO Times*.

The mystery begins about 70 miles northwest of town with Mac Brazel (played by Dwight Yoakam), a rancher who finds strange debris spread over three quarters of a mile of the sheep ranch he manages. Brazel has contacted the sheriff who in turn has called Marcel. Could the wreckage be from one of those top secret Air Force projects? Or maybe a flying saucer? While Brazel goes to a local radio station to spread his story, Major Marcel, Colonel Blanchard, and counter-intelligence specialist Sherman Carson, head to the sheriff's office to get a first-hand look at the debris. Marcel and Carson then travel to the crash site, and upon his return, Marcel takes several pieces home to show his wife and son.

At the base, Colonel Blanchard orders the unit's public information officer, Walter Haut, to write up a press release announcing the Army's capture of a flying saucer. The press release becomes a front page headline in the July 8, 1947 issue of *The Roswell Daily Record*.

The whole flying saucer story is suddenly silenced by the Pentagon. Blanchard's superior, General Ramey, orders Marcel to report to his office in Fort Worth. There, common weather balloon wreckage is being

*Beyond the Fringe.....***A Minor Case of Alien Soul Infection**

Part 1

*by Miles Johnston*

**This is an account of bumping into a few people at a UFO meeting, and the discoveries that ensued. It is possible that this may be extremely dangerous, and may require a complete reappraisal of what we term reality. It could be that we as a species, are as blind as worms, and nothing but mere root, for our hyper dimensional farmers. The names of the main people involved in this story have been changed to protect the innocent.**

It started, at the BUFORA 30th Anniversary Lecture in September 1992. There was nothing that special about the packed lecture. The only odd thing being my friend, from Portadown and long time pirate radio DJ, John Chamberlin, was visiting London to pick up a car.

John has had a series of severe mental and exhaustive collapses. He was known in the station, KISS FM 103.7, as "Depressed Tractor", after he made a good imitation of one, in a commercial on the station.

John had a huge UFO hover over his house, in Craigavon, only days before that station closed, in December 88. He has also had at least one OOBE, when he died temporarily on the operating table, when he was very young.

**Video Show**

After the lecture, while chatting to Judith Jaafar, who was to investigate the Quantock Horror (a case involving alleged reptile alien, possession, and greys), we noticed that someone was showing videos, on a small portable TV, to people having coffee. The guy was Roy Evens. He was showing his NTSC videos, of strange craft making unusual manoeuvres over Las Vegas, in the direction of Area 51. These pictures have since appeared on SKY News and SKY One, and a number of US TV, and US UFO home videos, and Australian TV specials.

Roy was also involved in a UFO event at an RAF base in the 50's. This is mentioned in Timothy Good's book, *Above Top Secret*. Before Roy left for the US, he, Vicky Wickfield, and I had a good session with Timothy Good, in Hastings, where he was giving a lecture.

I asked Roy if I could contact him, and

get hold of the videos, for SKY. He was very co-operative. Later John and I went down to Roy's parents house in Cheam, where we stayed until the early hours of the morning, watching, and taping lots of videos, until 3am.

Roy was giving me a vast amount of information. This ranged from the data on the Council for Foreign Relations, and Hoagland's Mars, and the various cover ups, and conspiracies that are happening. This data was dynamite, and enthralling.

Shortly afterwards, Roy was invited to show his videos at Vicky Wickfield's plush apartment, near Chelsea and Battersea Park, in central London. As I had all the US TV gear, I lent Roy my videos and multi-standard TV, so that the gathered throng at Vicky's could see Roy's videos, in colour. After this meeting broke up we met, as Roy says, Mary from the Dairy, i.e. Mary Seal, who was organising the Global Deception Conference, in January 93. When leaving, Roy mentioned that Vicky's place seemed to be connected with witchcraft, and felt uneasy.

This meant little at the time, I was learning a great deal, and just took as much in as possible.

Over the next year, I met Roy many times, and when he went back to Las Vegas, after his cancer operation, which was not malignant, we kept in constant contact by phone and fax. We exchanged videos, and audio tapes. All in all Roy was supplying me with invaluable audio, and video data.

While Roy was in London, I was able to get Sky to do a major UFO special, which he featured in. I was able to get the first UK screening of the Mars data, with Richard Hoagland, and get Roy's Area 51/Las Vegas video on air. This was very successful, and has led to four Sky UFO specials.

**Depression**

Roy had been very keen to get me out to Las Vegas, and I had planned to go in December of 1992. This was just when the first UFO Special was aired. As things turned out, just when the first show went

to air, both John and I had a fit of severe depression. My conduct was so bad at Sky, that I was almost fired. I was gripped with a severe, depressive and bad tempered state. As it happened, both the line managers at Sky, who threatened me with a warning, were BOTH fired, a year later.

John had had Roy on Belfast Community Radio, during his rock show, shortly after we first met him. That night, on the same day I had felt so bad, John was doing his show, and he was virtually paralysed, and could not operate the controls in the studio. This was when I should have been on my way to see Roy, to organise our trip to Las Vegas, but I was kept over at Sky, as they could not organise themselves. This meant my December 1992 trip was aborted.

Due to the success of this first show, Sky wanted more. So I got more data on air, and the latest show, the Roswell Incident really got people thinking.

By this time, I was also seeing a lot of Vicky Wickfield, who was very forthcoming with data as well. Vicky maintained her meetings, which were among the best in the TEMS group.

Roy, by this time was getting me acquainted with such UFO icons, as John Lear, and Bob Lazar, and filling me in with talk shows from the Las Vegas radio station KDWN (K-Dawn).

At the January 93 Global Deception Conference, where I am sure we were all logged into an M15 computer, or even worse an Illuminatee file, or whatever. I was interviewed by what looked like a man from the ministry, who claimed to be a member of the press! The conference was advertised in a Lucifer 2000 video tape, in the US, featuring Anthony J Hitter.

I got better acquainted with Mary Seal, and ended up editing the tapes of the conference. Later, both the machines I used for this, failed very badly, and cost over £300 to repair.

Shortly before going to Las Vegas, in about Sept. 93, Mary phoned, and frantically told me not to listen to anymore

tapes from Roy, as they were full of subliminals. Mary is constantly changing her position on things, for whatever reason.

Later in September, Roy had been out in the desert, at Red Rock Canyon, doing his normal taping of the sky, and mountain area, when he videoed a silent 2 prop engine plane fly low, near by. There was no sound. Roy implied that this was not a plane, but some kind of hologram. He is convinced that many of the so called normal craft in the area, are really something else, projecting an image of a normal craft, as a disguise. This applies to many of the security police in the area. This is because, when you confront these heavily armed men in black they do not appear to react as individual human beings, but as centrally controlled, as Mary says, Automans.

On his video, Roy showed a small police helicopter fly into the canyon. You can hear this distant chopper, fly into the canyon. Whereas not long after, the "silent" plane flew from around the same area. Later this helicopter returns, to buzz Roy's truck, and then shoot at him. Roy shows quickly, where the shot hit his truck. However, when I inspected his truck, in Las Vegas, it did not appear to me to be a bullet hole. It simply looked to me like a normal dent in the rear bumper.

Roy then faxed me, in urgent alarm, with a statement of the event, and stills from his video. He was convinced he was about to be shot, and killed. He was very alarmed about these events. His statement to local police, was taken up by the police, until the man who shot at him, turned up a Samstown Casino. WITH THE POLICE Sergeant, who had taken Roy's statement. The helicopter had been traced as one operated by the Police. No further action was to be taken.

In yet another Alien/UFO event about two years previously, a number of white skinned, white haired "aliens" paralysed Roy while he was in bed in his Vegas home. They systematically searched his home and eventually found a film which they took away. He claims to have two laser scars across his left upper arm, after this event. These thin albino, black leotarded aliens, with an insignia on their upper left breast, were led by a female, who Roy calls 'that anaemic bitch'. It is apparently this type of alien, who control the Greys.

Then in October, about a month before

going to Las Vegas, I awoke in the middle of the night, and exclaimed "Christ, Roy is a reptile!" What, or who, or why I did this, or who was telling me this, or whatever, I did wake up, and say to myself out loud, "Roy is a reptile."

During a TEMS meeting in Kingston, Lionel Beer gave Vicky data on the 3rd International UFO Congress. I decided that I would make this event, and see Roy at the same time, as both were in Las Vegas. So, its November 26th, and its off to Las Vegas we, go.....

### Vegas

I was met by Roy at the airport. I had already booked into a hotel for the day prior to the Congress block booking in the Showboat Hotel. Roy was very insistent that I do not go to MY hotel room, and cancelled the booking. I ended up in his arranged room, at Circus Circus.

For whatever reason, I went to Las Vegas, expecting something, I didn't know what, but I was waiting for something to happen. I was not to be disappointed. I suspected something, was afoot. Roy kept on asking about every detail of my movements, how long, when, what, etc., of what I was doing. He really wasn't that fussed if I saw any of the congress, at all. In any event the breakfast at Circus was terrible, and the waitresses, god bless them, were the fattest I have ever seen in living memory!

I took a taxi over to my Showboat Hotel room, which was in one of the small blocks, and my room was at the end of the block near the car park, on the second floor. So I only had one room below, and one next door. I took my video camera out, and tested it, in my silent hotel room. It was not until I got back home, that I found that in the silent room, my camera was picking up severe audio noise. This audio noise was a sweeping musing crackling noise, was also to appear on the interview I did with Roy, on the last day, on Sunday December 4, and was also heard, to a lesser extent, in Room 1402, where Roy had been interrogated, on the Saturday.

The congress had a lot of psychics, and channelers, and all kinds of UFO buffs. The lectures were excellent, and I bought a fortunes worth of VHS tapes, and books. I also fell asleep a lot! Possibly the air, which was quite stuffy, and the fact I

spent a few nights in the desert, at Red Rock, and Area 51, with Roy.

I do not recall seeing much, on those nights with Roy. There were two field trips to Area 51. On the first night, the Tuesday, Roy was our guide. Due to a sense of panic, from Peter Beard, just as craft began to appear, we had to leave. I did see one craft, a large orange classic UFO disc, fly from the base, and blink out, as it disappeared. This was one of at least two craft, which hovered just at the mountain edge, on the horizons looking down mailbox road. The next day, a second party went up to 51, and saw a runing display of dozens of craft. Clearly they do not care if you see these Hyper dimensional craft, they really do have something approaching "alien" technology in use in Area 51. Whether this is suppressed secret man made ante gravity craft, or alien, is another story, but the stuff is there.

At the Congress, TEMS members, Vicky Wickfield and Keith Saddleworth were there, so it was good to be in friendly company.....??? or NOT.

Vicky's room mate was a young psychic American lady. On the first night, she said that I had come into the hotel room, and visited. I had not seen her before (name forgotten). She was a very warm, friendly, smiling, open person. After the week, she had become very withdrawn, and not happy. frankly she looked terrified. Later in the week, around mid week, she said that GREYS had come into the hotel room. After that, things would appear to have got worse.

Michael Hesseman was, as usual, at this congress, in his usual ebullient, larger than life, good form. Earlier Roy had sussed him as being with G7, German Intelligence. This had shocked Michael. How Roy knew, I don't know.

Part two of Miles Jonnson's riviting feature will appear in UT35.

## From the Ukraine With Love

**The following article describes the aims and group-structure of RIAP; a major academic UFO/SETI organization recently established in the Commonwealth Of Independent States (CIS). The following text is adapted from various information leaflets distributed by the Institute. BUFORA Director of Investigations, Philip Mantle was made a RIAP honorary Fellow in December 1992.**

### RESEARCH INSTITUTE ON ANOMALOUS PHENOMENA (RIAP)

(Headquarters; Kharkov, Ukraine).

RIAP was established in 1992 by the VERTICAL Aerospace Company. It is an independent research body, dedicated to the scientific study of the UFO problem and non-classical SETI (Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence). The Institute makes its investigations in strict conformity to the scientific method, and in close collaboration with the CIS Academy of Cosmonautics and Russian Academy of Sciences. It is engaged in posing and solving specific problems, within assigned terms and under internal/external financing (from the Institute's own budget or via organizations interested in these investigations).

RIAP has been conceived as a kind of "crystallization centre" of problem-orientated teams of researchers and scientific trends. When carrying out its investigations, it also involves scientists of universities and research institutions in cooperation under contracts. All this provides a combination of flexibility with the ability to concentrate specialists in various disciplines along chosen directions of research.

#### UFO STUDIES

The UFO problem consists of two main sub-problems: that of the real existence of Genuine UFOs (objects and phenomena which do defy conventional explanation) and that of their origin. Some specific features of this problem essentially distinguish it from those usually dealt with by the sciences. The principal "tool"

here is man; detecting by his sense-organs anomalous and pseudo-anomalous objects. The individual characteristics of a witness (his/her quality of sight, attention, ability to remember the essential traits of a witnessed phenomenon, and to correctly and consciously relate them) certainly have a bearing on a report's quality and validity. In general, the whole body of reports on UFOs is highly heterogeneous in these respects.

Equally (if not more) heterogeneous is the UFO research community. Some UFO bodies (for example MUFON, CUFOS and BUFORA) are really professional organizations, deeply involved in serious research work in the field. But many amateur associations (both in the CIS and in the Western countries) have nothing to do with science; producing a permanent noise which provokes the scientific community to consider UFO studies a waste of time. This does not mean, of course, that science and scientists are always right in their reluctance to examine the data available, but that such attitudes are understandable. The "anomalous" studies are lacking in the "quality standards", and those currently existent do not conform (as a rule) to general scientific criteria.

In the past few decades an evident progress has been made in collecting and analysing raw data on UFO observations. There are good reasons to assume that genuine UFOs (GUFOS) really exist. However, their nature still remains an open question, which can hardly be solved in the present circumstances. The existing body of UFO reports simply does not allow specialists to come to any definite conclusion.

To open the way to a solution, the UFO problem should be posed as a normal scientific problem, conforming totally to the cognitive standards of science. However, the problem of unidentified flying objects is not wholly the scope of any of the established scientific disciplines. Therefore, it is to be divided into narrow mono-disciplinary problems, which would aim to provide - in a rigorous, methodical manner - efficient inter-disciplinary coordination. Elaboration of these problems can and will be of very

much use for science and technology even irrespective of whether or not GUFOS represent a fundamentally new phenomenon.

This is the propose for which RIAP has been set up. The founders of the Institute proceed from the concept of physical reality of genuine UFOs and our ability to investigate them with "normal" scientific methods and equipment. Detailed investigation of GUFOS by means of radio-location, atmospheric optics, etc, and that of supposed anomalous object landing sites (through the methods of geology, geophysics and geochemistry) is expected to yield data on various aspects of the phenomenon. It is very essential to organize efficient gathering and processing of instrumental information on UFO sightings. This information will provide the basis for a complete picture of the phenomenon and its theoretical models.

The principal trends of researches of the Institute in the UFO field are as follows:

- 1: Development of methods and strategies of active monitoring of UFOs by means of radar, optical, infra-red and other detection systems.
- 2: Instrumental studies of supposed landing sites, impacts on biological systems and UFO samples.
- 3: Creation of an efficient system of reconstructing a real anomalous event on the basis of eyewitness testimony.
- 4: Creation of a unified UFO database and a computer "expert system" to identify GUFOS.
- 5: Development of physical models of GUFOS.
- 6: Psycho-physiological investigations of contactees and abductees.
- 7: Studies in the history of Soviet ufology.

#### SETI STUDIES:

During the last 30 years scientific searches for ETI have been realized mainly in the field of radio astronomy. Certain theoretical models of supposed ETI-signals (as well as methods of detecting them) have been worked out, and some



experiments conducted - unfortunately without any positive results. It is widely believed, nonetheless, that we are to continue the search for repetitive sequences of narrow-band radio, or optical pulses transmitted from the outskirts of Solar-like stars. But is this "classical" approach the only possible way of the ETI quest? It is hardly so. In fact, we cannot consciously choose the optimal SETI strategy only on the basis of purely theoretical considerations. Some alternative approaches to this problem may have even a greater potential than the classical strategy. One can classify these approaches as follows;

1: Search for casual external manifestations of technological activities of advanced cosmic civilizations; such as broad-band and/or sporadic radio emissions, infra-red radiation, gamma rays, etc.

2: Search for alien artifacts (space-bases, interstellar probes, starships and various technical devices, etc, or their remnants) in the solar system - on the surface of planets and satellites or in outer space.

3: Search for similar artifacts, as well as for other possible traces of past and/or recent extraterrestrial visits, on the Earth.

RIAP contributes to all of these research directions. In particular, it's SETI department (headed by A.V. Arkhipov) is engaged in analysis of infrared and microwave sky maps, with the object of detecting highly evolved ETIs. Some interesting findings have already resulted from this work.

Besides this, the program "Search for Alien Artifacts on the Moon" (SAAM) is being carried out. This program includes;

a) Search for sunlight reflections from flat (mirror-like) surfaces of hypothetical ET objects (say, reconnaissance devices monitoring the Earth).

b) Search for other probable artificial extraterrestrial phenomena on the Lunar surface.

c) Examination of the possibility of interaction between the terrestrial and extraterrestrial civilizations on the Moon.

d) Simulation of probable ETI strategies for the Moon.

These investigations employ both the existing catalogues of Lunar Transient Phenomena (LTP), and the data obtained by a network of LTP observers recently established for this purpose (currently involving a group of competent observers in Ukraine, Russia and Byelaruss). The SAAM program appears to be especially topical in the light of new plans for Lunar missions which are being developed by the space agencies of the USA and Japan.

### RIAP STRUCTURE, PUBLICATIONS AND FINANCING

The Institute staff consists of RIAP fellows - the scientists and scholars permanently employed by the Institute - and RIAP Contributing Fellows, who are temporarily engaged under contracts. They are distinguished specialists in physics, astronomy, history, psychology and other disciplines.

"RIAP Honorary Fellow" is an honorary title, conferred by the Scientific Council of the Institute upon researchers who have made a valuable contribution to anomalistic studies. The "Honorary Fellows" are invited (if they wish) to express their opinions on RIAP plans and directions of research, to propose new problems worthy of examination, to participate in RIAP research work, etc.

Formally RIAP is divided into four departments; 1) Ufological Department, 2) SETI Department, 3) Historical Department, and 4) the Information Department. But the main research unit is a problem-orientated team especially created to work on a mono or inter-disciplinary problem. Such a team is headed by a leading specialist who is wholly responsible for the quality of it's work to the scientific Council and Director of the Institute.

The latter ones manage RIAP, make its plans, allocate its funds and supervise the work of the problem-oriented teams. When forming the working plans, they consult the Advisory Board (which comprise of a number of outstanding specialists in anomalistic fields from Ukraine, Russia and other CIS countries).

The Scientific and Advisory Board of the Institute include such well-known Russian and Ukrainian specialists in UFO's and SETI as A.V. Arkhipov (radio

astronomer who has discovered supposed ETI radio sources near some distant stars), A.V. Beletsky (historian studying pre-1917 UFO waves in Russia), Dr. E.A. Ermilov (specialist in radio detection of aerial anomalous phenomena), Dr. V.N. Fomenko (investigator of the famous Vashka find, as well as other supposed ET artifacts), Yu.A. Fomin (doyen of UFO studies in Russia), Dr. L.M. Gindilis (astronomer and SETI expert), Dr. Yu.V. Platov (vice-chairman of the Academic UFO Study Group), Dr. A.V. Zolotov (investigator of the Tunguska explosion), and others. Dr. V.V. Rubtsov has been appointed Institute Director.

RIAP is starting two special periodicals: the "Anomalistics and Astronomy" journal (in Russian) and the "RIAP Bulletin" newsletter (in English).

The budget of the Institute is formed from the following sources: subsidies of VERTICAL, payments for research works performed by RIAP for other organizations, grants and donations. Thanks to the VERTICAL Aerospace Company the Institute has got a sufficient funding in Ukrainian currency (which enabled RIAP to commence research activities). However, some equipment, materials and services may be obtained here mainly or even exclusively for dollars or other hard currency, not for Russian roubles or Ukrainian kupons. The lack of these means (however small) impedes considerably the work of RIAP.

In this context, the Scientific Council of the Institute appeals to the anomalistic community of the United Kingdom and other foreign countries for any possible donations in a free convertible currency. Any financial help on your part will be most highly appreciated and will serve for the benefit of our common field of study, promoting its further development.

These donations may be sent here by money transfer through Credit Lyonnais Bank (P.O box 81, 84-94, Queen Victoria Street, London, EC4P 4LX), correspondents account 0114100100100 of Commercial Bank "Promin", payable to Vladimir V. Rubtsov, Chernishevskogo 88/66, Kharkov 310023, Ukraine.

The Scientific Council is also very much interested in establishing contacts and collaboration between RIAP and serious British anomalistic bodies, journals and researchers. For further details please write to RIAP, P.O Box 4684, 310022, Kharkov-22, Ukraine.

## Readers Write

Express your views by sending your correspondence to:  
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### CORRECTION

Dear Ken,

I would like to point out an error in the last issue of U.T.. I am not selling the video 'WE ARE NOT ALONE'. The correct address is: ANKIINTERNATIONAL, 13, Greenland Close, Timperley, Cheshire, CW6-0DA.

*Ed's comment: sorry about that oversight Philip but I was receiving much GBH of the ear from 'Er Indoors at the time I was making up the ad.*

### STUART CAMPBELL REPLIES TO THE EDITOR'S REVIEW OF 'THE UFO MYSTERY SOLVED'.

Dear Ken,

You balk at phrases like 'likely that' and 'probable that' (in *The UFO Mystery Solved*). But a scientist cannot be certain of anything; everything is more or less probable. Consequently, I have to suggest explanations; I cannot claim them. Readers must make their own estimate of how likely my explanation is to be correct and they must compare it with the alternatives (usually much more unlikely). In some cases, I compared the evidence for my hypothesis with alternatives, and in the Socorro Case, which Manfred Cassirer thinks is still a mystery, I asked what hypothesis other than mine so comprehensively explains the incident.

Your difficulty in understanding how images of distant stars can be magnified implies that you have not (as claimed) understood the theoretical sections of the book. The idea that stars are point sources is somewhat misleading (a mathematical point is actually invisible). Stars do have angular size, even from space, although it is very small. Nevertheless, because the light from a distant star arrives as a plane wavefront bigger than the Earth, telescopes can collect more light and increase this size, even though the result may not appear much larger. The atmospheric lens is bigger than any

telescope and can increase the angular size enormously, making it possible to see the image in daylight, but also distorting it. I do not believe that U.T. is the place for a technical discussion of the science of mirages.

Hardly anyone (and not you) has mentioned Donald Menzel's own UFO report, where he saw an enormously enlarged and distorted image of Saturn (which he thought was Sirius). If Professor Menzel accepted that the atmosphere can so magnify what he thought was a star, why should you doubt it?

My difficulty with other sceptics shows that most of them not only lack the imagination to see alternative explanations but have, as their prime directive, the intent to undermine the UFO report. Desperation drives most to accept the simplest explanation, even when it is clearly inadequate and often impugns the witness. Klass is a good example. Convinced that all UFO reports are hoaxes, he hardly sees any other explanation. I have come to the conclusion that most UFO sceptics are as dogmatic and incapable of logical thought as the most dedicated ufoist. The explanation may be that few of them are actually scientists (Klass is an engineer) and even those who are scientists are, because of their interest in the subject, suspect.

Your concern that I do not 'profile' witnesses is, given your espousal of the Anamnesis, understandable. However, I thought I had made it clear that the human instrument, via which all reports come, suffers several major inherent biases. The fact that everyone experiences perceptual distortion is more important than any one witness' life history. Nevertheless, I did draw attention to and explain the Livingston witness' background and medical history.

There is no evidence that ESP is real and I fail to see the relevance of Bell's Theorem to the matters here discussed.

Sincerely,

Steuart Campbell.

*Ed's comment: I must confess my ignorance of atmospheric physics/optics, but I confess I find it strange that atmospheric physicist and ufoist, James McDonald, did not contemplate the mirage concept when studying UFO reports in the USA. If there was any evidence for magnified stellar/planetary objects, he, surely, would have been the one to explain it. You see, in the vast majority of cases, the stars are virtual point sources in that we do not see them as objects at all but merely see the light being emitted from these vastly remote suns. Then there is the question of conscious reaction between UFO and observer. Indeed, this phenomenon was well documented by Dr. Harley Rutledge and his colleagues when monitoring a flap in Missouri (see *Earthlights Revelation* by Devereux). However, this phenomenon was often repeated during the Hessdalen business when the unidentified lights manifesting there responded to laser emissions from the observers on the ground. To my mind this is conclusive evidence of intelligent conscious response; there are no two ways about it. Yes, ESP is real, as demonstrated rigorously by Professor Jahn. Moreover, we all have our own personal 'signature' when operating through this medium - isn't that wonderful? - and there is 'connectedness' in the universe. These are just a couple of important reasons why I utterly reject scientific reductionism: it relegates the rich tapestry of human experience to insignificance and reduces Man to nothing more than a moronic machine.*

### IT'S THAT MAN BUDDEN AGAIN!

Dear Editor,

With reference to your recent review of ALLERGIES AND ALIENS in U.T., where you state that I have used 19 CE3/4 cases to test the electromagnetic pollution approach I have developed, I would like to mention that this is only the number I have personally had a hand in over the past two years. This primary data was supplemented with numerous case files from others, and represents a substantial amount of secondary data which runs into dozens of cases collected over the 14 years I have been involved with ufology. Investigators such as Philip Mantle, Joe Dormer, Jenny Randles, Stephen Banks, Andy Collins and Clive Potter et al have all contributed cases over the years, and perhaps it is remiss of me not to credit them until now.

Then there is what I call tertiary data from accounts in the literature. Cases like the Cynthia Appleton [Birmingham] event in the 1950s show all of the hallmarks of electrical hypersensitivity/epileptiform/hot-spot factors, and this sort of re-

evaluation of past cases has shown the broad application of the electromagnetic pollution approach. In fact, all of the cases I encounter display the factors I have described. All you have to do is look, which is exactly what many of you out there do not want to do. You wish to preserve the blind alley of the ETH; retain the status quo.

Also Ken, there are all of the cases that you have contributed, which are valuable ones to consider because you have tested them with your version of the 25 questions at the back of my book. Although these questions were meant to be used in interviews and not cold questionnaires through the post, I think you have been surprised at the results. For example, abductee, Linda Jones, has encountered a major electrical event, having been so close to a lightning strike which occurred close to her encounter site when she was younger. Similarly, many of the others whom I cannot mention conform to the predictions embodied in the 25 questions, as you have discovered. Even the Tony Burfield/'Quantock Horror' case featured so prominently by yourself in U.T. conforms. He lived close to pylons, his encounter took place between two rows of pylons, and he wrote to me telling of a major electrocution event he had earlier in his life.

Then there are the cases in the papers. Abductee, Maria Ward, appeared in the Sunday People earlier this year, and I had the chance to ask her the 25 questions before she appeared on Central TV in Birmingham. It was BUFORA's chairman, John Spencer, who looked on as she answered in the affirmative to all of them, and when I asked if she saw balls of light in her house, she pulled out photos of them! Anyone visiting her house cannot but be appalled at the tangle of high-tension cables so close to it, mounted on looming pylons.

To conclude Ken, I have considered far more than 19 cases, and it is probably my fault that you have thought this was the case, as I used to become more and more garbled under the heavy fire of question time at lectures, where you no doubt gleaned the information. I can only conclude by saying that I wish others would take the trouble to actually put my predictions to the test, as you have done,

true to the spirit of UFO investigation.

#### Albert Budden.

*Ed's comment: I don't mind in the least investigating our subject from another aspect, particularly if that aspect is as comprehensive as your hypothesis seems to be (i.e. non-reductionistic). Yes, I have been surprised at the conformity of the results I have obtained thus far and believe the research should be taken further. In any event, should your theory fail to offer a universal explanation of the UFO phenomenon, the fall-out from such a study might go a long way in describing how electrical fields cause certain phenomena which, hitherto, has remained inexplicable.*

#### HOUGH IN A HUFF OVER THE ILKLEY MOOR PHOTO

Dear Sir,

I can send you the Ilkley Moor photos computer-enhanced if you can assure me that these will not be passed onto others, will be kept in your private file and will not be given to Peter Hough nor anyone who knows him. If you can assure me that you would be willing to endure the bogus wrath of Hough, I can give you a write-up for an article concerning these, and you could print the photos in U.T. which would be, so far, a world exclusive.

However, I find editors waver when threatened with B.S. [sic] law suits by alleged copyright holders who may not in fact hold any copyright whatsoever. They bluster and threaten, but when it comes to offering proof, they really have none.

I have asked Hough to produce the name of the photographer, and a copy of the agreement, if any, between them, plus verification of the identification, (passport, etc.) of the person. He refuses. I doubt such a person would appear in court as a witness. I doubt Hough could afford a solicitor to go to court, and even if he did, I believe there are U.K. laws that permit non-profit use for publication such as yours [under] news gathering, fair comment, fair use, etc.. In the USA we have the Fair Use Copyright Law that permits such limited use, excluding commercial gain.

My computer-photo copies (photo prints) are copyright [to] Jon Erik Beckjord 1994; all rights reserved on the basis of major changes and improvement on existing PUBLIC DOMAIN photos of the alien. My position is that they are public domain

unless Hough comes up with real proof. (He could have had anyone in the pub sign the agreement, for example, saying that they were the photographer.)

So are you, U.T. willing to endure the wrath of Hough? (He can't do much). He claims to have gotten money out of the Press Association for letting the Mail print my regular photos of the alien (not computer), but offers no proof. I think if you had these prints, you could show them to people who might buy me an air ticket to the U.K. for your convention. Let me know your decision.

The alien has, as news, a male organ, a navel, a child on its chest that has a dog-like head and some sort of breathing apparatus (maybe). Most of these things cannot be seen in the normal prints. I also have some favourable analysis quotes from Dr. Bruce Maccabee, the famed UFO photo analyst.

In the meantime, please locate Steve Balon, for Hough is refusing to send any data on the Ilkley Photo and I need to flesh out my knowledge of the events. Copies of what Jenny has written would be of help.

This is a major breakthrough and needs full attention. Hough was incomplete.

#### Erik Beckjord.

*Ed's comment: I wouldn't know where BUFORA stood on copyright issues except to say that copyright remains with the photographer unless there exists a document to the effect that copyright has been transferred to a third party. As for British justice: one can only obtain justice in this country if one can afford it: our courts are not courts of law but courts of figures (money). As for the photos themselves, I'm very surprised that BUFORA has done anything about them since most films/videos submitted to the Association never see the light of day again! Perhaps Mike Wooten's reorganisation is having the desired effects after all!*

#### HORIZON PROGRAMME ON ABDUCTIONS NOT PROVED

Dear Sir,

I believe Michael Persinger's work is very important to understanding how psychic phenomena works through the body in the form of temporal lobe activity, but I don't believe it has any relevance to abduction incidents. Likewise, Susan

Blackmore's assumption that sleep paralysis has a relationship to this phenomenon also wasn't proved (Horizon, BBC2, 28th Nov. '94).

In no way was any connection shown between abductions, temporal lobe activity and sleep paralysis, and yet we were expected to accept that a 'combination' of these two, plus other elements (see New Scientist article on the same subject: Nov. '94), like Celia Green's work on dreams, and a Canadian team's work on suggestibility and false memory syndrome, proved the former is all in the mind and easily dismissed as imagination. If this was so, then why didn't temporal lobe seizure victims mention abduction-like experiences? And again, why don't sleep paralysis victims and waking dream participants mention such experiences as a consistent part of their patterns? Likewise, why have abductees come up with matching details through different researchers, and why are they resistant to changing their stories to suit the beliefs of the said hypnotists and psychiatrists, etc. (see 'Abductions' by Dr. J. Mack), if they are suggestible?

As a correlation, a lot of new age groups claim to be contactees (channels), or even from other planets, as do some abductees, which shows a wider pattern to all this and makes the claims of the latter seem less isolated and out of the ordinary.

Yours sincerely,

**Tony Sandy.**

*Ed's comment: I can only speak for myself on the issue of abductions after having accumulated many years of experience talking to such experients in the WSG. My golden rule has always been never to employ the tool of hypnotism (I wouldn't know how to in any event!), but simply talking to witnesses about the abduction event, its aftermath and, most importantly of all, about the lives of the witnesses. You see, Tony, there is an embargo on all this and is applied by whatever it is that's 'pulling the strings'. In short, this means the witness will tell you about certain aspects of the experience as and when memory of it returns [if ever!] and as and when he/she feels it appropriate so to do. When one uses hypnosis to gain access to suppressed memories, one is attempting to by-pass the embargo and go straight for the source; i.e. whatever it is that's 'pulling the strings'. However, to what extent the hypnosis method accesses the truth, I'm not qualified to say. All I do know is that we are dealing with a most ancient, self-serving and hierarchical phenomenon which perceives something 'special' in Man.*

## BUFORA REFORMER, MIKE WOOTTEN, ENTERS THE CONFISCATED REPORT CONTROVERSY

Dear Ken,

I would like to respond to your editorial in UT32 where you state that BUFORA loses case files and photographic evidence. I will not try to gloss over the problem that we have. There have been instances where the case files have been fragmented and lost over a long period of time due to location changes and lack of 'file maintenance'.

However, back in 1982, I spent a weekend at Whittlesea where the BUFORA case files used to be housed. I reorganised and bound all the reports into new folders at my own expense.

This exercise was a prerequisite to the start of inputting cases onto my then newly designed BUFORA Case Report Database - the first BUFORA computerised archive. The encoding of cases onto this database continues to this day, so I am, as a Council member, concerned with the high level of lost cases indicated in your editorial. It should not happen, but in some instances it does, along with vital photographic and video material; so we must ask why?

The answer is simple. Over the years we have not instigated basic common sense practices to keep a logged, trail of where reports and other material circulates within the Association. Information gets passed from one person to another, in good faith without control, which results in information invariably getting lost. I must stress that there is no 'conspiracy', 'sabotage' or 'theft' involved.

As part of our 'Doing Ufology' reorganisation, I am demanding that we:-

- 1) Audit the current case report paper archives to assess what is missing.
- 2) House the case files in one location only - where they stay (distributing copies only).
- 3) Log the whereabouts of all material that is passed to and from both the Research and Investigations Departments.
- 4) Guarantee response timescales for research requests - like requests for copies of specific case reports, etc.

There is very little we can do with past failings. All we can do is improve what we do and how we do it. With the will to

change, much can be accomplished.

Yours sincerely,

**Mike Wootten.**  
BUFORA Council

*Ed's comment: I believe your ideas to be sound enough, Mike, and I wish you good luck with them. Moreover, the benefits to the readership would be considerable because, at last, readers will be able to inspect our investigators' best case histories. Let us hope and pray your good ideas are not sabotaged.*

## BRANTHAM MEMBER HAS THE LAST WORD

Dear Ken

In UT31, page 20, you made an editorial comment about the problems with sending films/photos to BUFORA. I found it quite a surprising comment to come from the editor of the house magazine!

With UT32 I was even more surprised at the lead editorial! You certainly seem to have stuck your neck out! I keep my fingers crossed that you keep your head! The main purpose of this letter is a gesture of support. You are doing a sterling job and I wish you well with your attempt to bring pressure to bear on the bureaucrats - not to mention the debunkers - in the higher echelons of BUFORA.

Best wishes for a long and fruitful stay as 'Ed.' of UT.

Yours sincerely,

**Peter Henden.**

*Ed's comment: I thank you for your support Peter. You see, any organisation is judged on the state of its archives. If those archives are badly managed, or are allowed to be confiscated, then their possessor - in this case, BUFORA - loses credibility and is not worthy of its membership. However, at least one BUFORA Councillor, Mike Wootten, is concerned enough to try and reform BUFORA's Research and Investigations procedures (see his letter above) - we shall see.*

# EUROPEAN DIMENSION: SPAIN

Radio Sonde Balloon or UFO?

Moises Garrido Vazquez

**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 ArÑnosillios, 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 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 a radio-sonde then I really don't know...'*

### The Investigation Begins

On the day following the event, when I obtained both information published in the press and the first witness reports, my colleague, Francisco 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, whose nature 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 he could send me the series of negatives he 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 Andalusian 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. Francisco 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 by 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 small 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, be 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 with 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.*

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The line-up of speakers at this years Congress is probably one of the most interesting for many years. As you will see, the Congress is indeed international in every sense of the word.

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We sincerely hope, after many years of trying, to have at this years Congress the first Russian scientists to lecture on the UFO subject anywhere in the UK. Dr Sergey Chernouss is a senior research assistant at the Polar Geophysical Institute in Murmansk. Dr Yulii Platov is a research scientist at the Institute of Terrestrial Magnetism, Ionosphere and Radio Wave propagation in Moscow. Both are members of the Russian Academy of Sciences. Both of our Russian colleagues are unable to definitely confirm their attendance at the Congress until the end of April.

### The Venue

The Pennine Theatre at the University of Hallam in Sheffield is a purpose built high-tech lecture auditorium that is ideal for our needs. Comfortable and fully air-conditioned, the complex is centrally located in the heart of Sheffield and only a short walk from both bus and rail terminals. Accommodation at a nearby hotel has also been arranged along with a special Congress buffet.

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# Diary

## BUFORA SPRING '95 LECTURES/MEETINGS PROGRAMME

After many problems, BUFORA has managed to print a full list of titles of lectures and the names of the speakers. Sincere apologies to all those readers who have been inconvenienced by this lack of information - Ed.

**April 1st. AGM Miles Johnston** Miles works for 'Sky TV' and will present an evening of video material (a popular feature).

**May 5th. Mike Wootten** Mike, a member of BUFORA for many years, Director of Publications and past editor of UFO TIMES, whose presentation will be called, *UFOs: A Matter of Perception?*

**June 3rd. John Spencer** John, the recently elected chairman of BUFORA, who has written a number of books on the subject, including, 'The UFO Encyclopedia', will talk about UFO flaps.

All BUFORA lectures are held at the University of Westminster on the Marylebone Rd. - opposite Baker St. Underground Station - and begin at 6.30 pm. and finish at 9.30 pm., with a 25 minute break for refreshments.

### PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME FOR THE TRAVEL AND EARTH MYSTERIES SOCIETY (TEMS)

**26th. March Marcus Allen** Marcus has an interest in conspiracies and suppressed knowledge. The title of his talk is A CONSPIRATORIAL VIEW OF HISTORY. The talk begins at 2.30 pm. Admission £2 inc. tea and biscuits.

**7th. May Peter Williams** Peter is an expert on military history, including the Romans & religious orders. He will speak on the HISTORY OF THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR (the Poor Knights of Christ). The talk begins at 2.30 pm. Admission £1-50 inc. tea & biscuits.

**10th June** All-day field trip to Herts. to see the Lunardi Stones, Wildboy Grave, Royston Cave and Puddingstone, etc. Ends with tea.

One Saturday or Sunday, Chris Doherty is interested in organising a small group to visit Chislehurst Caves near Bromley. The Caves, hewn out of chalk over 8,000 years ago, was associated with the Romans, Saxons and Druids. Adults £3-00.

For confirmation of this and other events in the TEMS calendar, please contact Lionel on 081-979-3148. Hampton is the venue for the above TEMS lectures.

### FORTEAN TIMES UNCONVENTION '95

This celebrated magazine is to hold its 2-day conference at the University of London Union, Malet St., London, W.C.1. on 22-23 April (see F.T. for details). Last year's event was good value.

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