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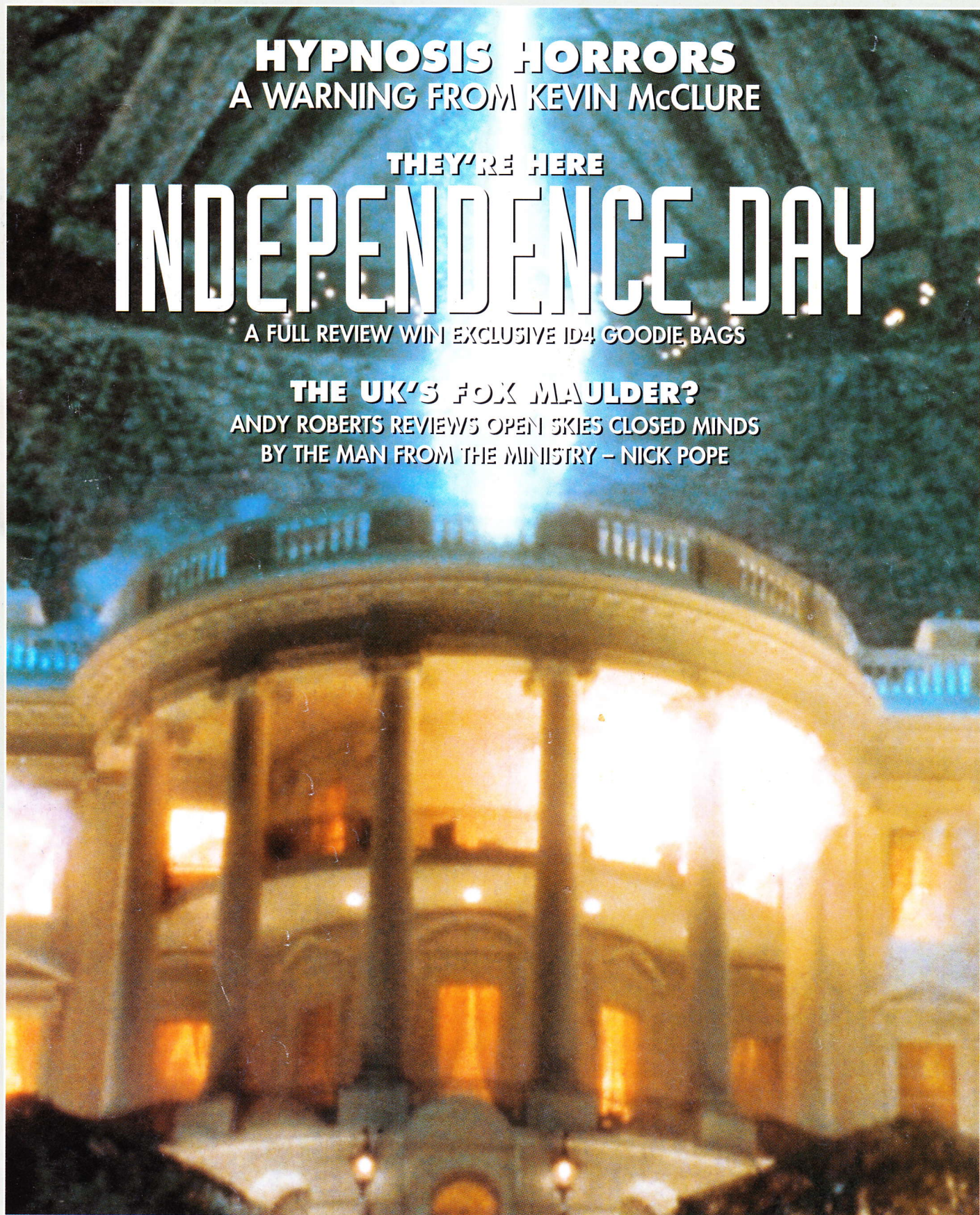
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# OBITUARY

## KEN PHILLIPS

*The mark of a true ufologist is not measured by how many TV appearances can be made or how many books are written. It is dedication, pure and simple. Not just self-gratifying dedication, but absolute dedication to the subject. A real search for answers.*

Dedication to the subject was certainly something synonymous with Ken Phillips, who passed away from a heart attack in the early hours, on 19th July 1996.

Ken was not a 'famous' ufologist; he was not there for the high profile or the limelight. But his contribution to British ufology, which spanned many decades, was huge. His quiet but ground-breaking research and investigations were an inspiration.

Looking back to being a fledgling investigator in 1980, there were only a handful of people that shaped my views of UFOs and my approach to the subject. Ken was one of those few people. His objectivity and empathy for witnesses guided me in my own outlook.

Ken did his stint as a director of BUFORA and as Director of Investigations. However, administration was not to his liking. He much preferred to be at the pit face so to speak. Investigating cases and researching the background.

In fact, his tenacious appetite to investigate caused Paul Devereux some problems when he was researching his Earthlights hypothesis along with Paul McCartney back in the early eighties. On trying to correlate the propensity of UFO sightings with geological fault lines around the UK, Devereux found a major 'window area' around Milton Keynes (a place not known for tectonic activity). Checking through the BUFORA archive again, Devereux found the reason (Ken Phillips). Ken was living in Milton Keynes around that time and because he had carefully catalogued every report in the area and passed them onto BUFORA, 'creating' his very own window area.

But, what Ken will always be known for was his unique study of witnesses and their backgrounds. He developed a major BUFORA study along with the University of Salzburg. The Anamnesis Project involved taking detailed life histories using a questionnaire along with a Rorschach test of close encounter witnesses. Each set of responses were examined in Saltzberg and analysed. The study gleaned some very interesting results. No one in this country has ever undertaken such a study. With limited resources, Ken pulled it off.

However, Ken did have a problem with the study. He needed a control. A set of people who did not claim to have had a UFO experience. To ensure that he got truly 'unexposed' members of the public, Ken took his questionnaires to Regents Park and basically asked people in the street to complete his questionnaires. I can tell you that I would not have had the courage to do that. But Ken did, because he wanted to get the job done.

To say that Ken's association with BUFORA was always rosy would not be true. Over the last couple of years, regular readers of *UT* will know that Ken had



been vigorously debating with BUFORA over the Association's shortcomings with regard to access to its case files. To some degree, Ken was always right over this matter. But it took a lot of energy trying to convince him that things were not so bad, that things were improving and that the Association took his comments seriously.

Ken's vociferousness in his campaign was yet another indication that he cared deeply about ufology and the role BUFORA had in its investigation and research. At no time did Ken make it personal. He may have pointed the finger, but it was all done in a 'business like' manner.

I have had some humdingers of arguments with Ken. But they were never personal. They were about the subject and the subject only.

It is a nice feeling that in this issue's letters page there is a letter from Ken saying how pleased he was to hear that we are to deliver the BUFORA archive on the Internet for anyone to access. We got there in the end Ken!

The bottom line is that this subject needs more doers like Ken, rather than media personalities. I, for one, am proud to have known him, and for so long too. I think it is fitting that this issue of the magazine is dedicated to Ken Phillips.

**MIKE WOOTTEN**

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# UFO NEWS

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## UFO WAVE IN AUSTRALIA

### Reports Continue to Come In

The end does not seem to be in sight for a rash of UFO sightings reported from many parts of Eastern Australia. According to the news reports, UFOs were seen in Narre Warren and Pakenham, Victoria (Southeastern Australia), and in Emerald and Cockatoo, Queensland (Northeastern Australia).

From Monday, May 26, to Wednesday, May 28, UFOs were seen repeatedly in the Emerald and Cockatoo areas. According to Ross Dowe of Australia's National UFO Hotline, "Some people had seen it three nights in a row. They were a bit put out because they don't believe in UFOs."

Asked what the objects could be, Dowe said, "I have no idea." On Monday night, May 26, a brightly glowing saucer, red in colour, appeared over Pakenham. The police in nearby Narre Warren sent a cruiser to investigate.

The following night, Tuesday, May 27, the UFO visited Narre Warren, prompting a flurry of phone calls to police headquarters. Eleven people on Lantana Drive watched the UFO fly south from the Dandenong range, east of Melbourne.

One resident, brought out her camcorder and shot nine minutes of video footage, showing the glowing, yellowish-orange object flying east. Rough estimates were that the object was 300 feet above ground. It made no sound but was generally described as disc-shaped with three bright yellow-orange lights in triangular formation, flying below the low cloud.

At 11.40 pm on Wednesday, May 29, Ms Walkerton and her neighbours again saw the saucer. According to Barbara Schyler of the UFO Encounter and Support Line, the residents watched the object for 10 or 15 minutes before it vanished over the eastern horizon.

On Thursday night, May 30, police received six calls from the Warren Wood estate (housing development) in Narre Warren. Residents claimed to have seen "a brightly lit large object flying low and fast in the direction (east) of Pakenham at around 7.30 pm"

At 1:10 am on Friday, May 31, a saucer was reported hovering over Cranbourne Road near Narre Warren.

Although some sightings may be just aircraft lights, detailed descriptions of unusual objects are still being reported to UFO groups across Eastern Australia.

SOURCE: ISCNI NEWS

## INTELLIGENCE OFFICER NOT THAT INTELLIGENT? SHOCK!

US UFO researcher Robert Todd has put another dent in the allegedly indestructible material that is the Roswell case. After meticulously combing the 200-page military personnel file of Jesse Marcel (Intelligence Officer who alleged he had close contact with Roswell crash retrieval witnesses) Todd has unearthed some startling facts which cast doubt on Marcel's truthfulness.

Marcel's claims that he put in thousands of hours as a pilot and was given five Air Medals for combat successes, are quite simply lies. His record shows that whilst he did in fact fly it was only as an Intelligence Officer, not a pilot or gunner, therefore, he never shot anyone down. To thicken the plot it is now clear that whilst generations of impressionable saucer fanciers have been impressed by the exciting title of Lt. Colonel Marcel (and thus carrying the extra weight of perceived credibility). Marcel never rose above the rank of Major whilst active, the former title being bestowed on him when in the Air Force Reserve.

Marcel's claims to have a BSc degree from the eminent George Washington University appear unfounded too, his record showing only one year in college of any sort. It gets worse! In one interview Marcel laid claim to the fact that in 1949 he "wrote the very report that President Truman read on the air declaring that Russia had exploded an atomic device." Impressive stuff you may think, but the harsh light of reality shows that Truman did not read any statement, instead a written statement was prepared and Marcel's name does not feature in the list of those responsible.



This information is significant. If Marcel was prone to flights of fantasy about such mundane events as flying, university and official reports, just imagine what the chance to be at the centre of a crashed UFO event offered for whimsy. What if everything Marcel ever said about the Roswell crash was embellished or just downright made up? If Todd's research stands up, then doubt is cast on yet another key Roswell witness.

## NEW RECRUIT FOR UFO TIMES

We're pleased to welcome a new volunteer to the *UFO Times* team. Caroline Mayne, a recent new member to BUFORA has joined the team as a Sub Editor. Her main responsibilities will be to weed out stories from newclippings and take a look at some of the WWW sites for review. Glad to have you aboard Caroline!

Caroline can be contacted via email: Carolyn9.aol.com

*UT* will also have the help of a re-formed editorial board. John Spencer, Phil Walton and Stan Conway will work with Mike Wootten and Andy Roberts to ensure the magazine's content is up to scratch.



## GLORIA DIXON IS TO BE NEW BUFORA DIRECTOR OF INVESTIGATIONS

It is a pleasure to announce that Gloria Dixon has been elected to head BUFORA's growing team of investigators.

Gloria was elected unanimously by the BUFORA Council after the resignation of the current DoFI, Philip Mantle. Philip, has over recent years, worked hard to administer a very large investigation team along with the huge responsibility of organising two very successful conferences and helping his wife Sue to manage the BUFORA office including all the media requests for information.

To quell some of the rumours, Philip resigned voluntarily to be able to spend more time with his family. He still holds a full director's position on Council, but would like to take a back seat from a high profile and very active



appointment. Officially, Gloria will take over in April 1997. In the meantime, both Phil and Gloria will work together to ensure a smooth handover.

All of Council wish to thank Phil for all his hard work.



**THE AUTOPSY CAMERAMAN FINALLY TALKS... NOT!**

Rumors circulated at the speed of light last week that the alleged and legendary cameraman behind the "alien autopsy" film footage had at last been interviewed by Bob Kiviat, producer of last year's FOX TV special "Alien Autopsy: Fact or Fiction?"

"It's TRUE!" an inside source told *ISCNI\*Flash*. But then, scant hours later, the story was reversed. "It's NOT true!" the source said.

Instead, it is claimed that Ray Santilli had decided to test a few of his confidants to see if any of them were leaking confidential information. Santilli reportedly told them that the cameraman interview had set off a bidding war and had attracted talkshow heavyweight Larry King. Sure enough, the bogus tale got loose almost immediately. The talkative culprit

was identified as German researcher Michael Hesemann.

Bob Kiviat was reportedly miffed that false hopes had been raised at his expense, and asked that the story be squelched. Low-brow shenanigans aside, *ISCNI\*Flash* remains unconvinced that any such cameraman even exists; unless, of course, he works for some special effects studio.

Will you ever see the "real" cameraman tell all on TV? More important, will his identity, military pedigree and "inside knowledge" finally establish some level of legitimacy for the beleaguered autopsy footage? *ISCNI\*Flash* says: Don't hold your breath.

REPORT COURTESY OF **ISCNI NEWS**

**STRANGE SIGHTING OVER TEWKESBURY**

At approximately 0100hrs on Tuesday 11th June, 1996 a West Mercia motorway Police Officer was driving his Police motor vehicle along the M50. The Officer saw a bright white light which at first he thought was the light from a motor cycle headlamp travelling across a bridge in front of his vehicle.

However there was no bridge!

A report later appeared in a local Tewkesbury newspaper which stated that another person around the same time witnessed a ball of light collide with the wall of a Tewkesbury factory. The newspaper apparently mentioned ball lightning as a probable cause.

It was later learned that during Saturday 8th June, workers at the factory (a small printing firm) observed a white ball of light float through one of the buildings windows. It rose to the ceiling and began to move around following the lines of the buildings iron girders. It then dissipated in a large flash.

Thanks to the UK UFO Network for supplying the above information.

If you would like to be added to their mailing list contact Dave via email [ufo@holodeck.demon.co.uk](mailto:ufo@holodeck.demon.co.uk) and typing SUBSCRIBE in the subject box.

The UK UFO Network send an updated UK UFO news bulletin ever two weeks. Check out their WWW site on <http://www.netlink.co.uk/users/ddpweb/ufo/>.

*UT* has been reliably informed that they also run a very lively Internet Relay Chat every Saturday night at 11pm (2200 hrs GMT). They use the channel #UK-UFO-NW. Point your IRC program to an EFNET server.

**IT COULD ONLY HAPPEN IN THE U.S.A.**

*Dateline Riverhead, N.Y. UFO group in assassination plot*

A third suspect was arrested on Friday, 14th June, in an alleged bizarre plot to kill several local Republican politicians by exposing them to radioactive material, officials said. This followed the arrest of two other men, one of them the president of the Long Island "UFO Network". Both men were charged with conspiracy to commit murder. Officials said further arrests were expected.

Police found a small quantity of radium and weapons in the Medford home of Edward Zabo, who was taken into custody. District Attorney, James Catterson, said the alleged plot was, "something out of a novel." The plotters were, "so obsessed with hatred" that they planned to spread radioactive material in their targets' cars

or food in hopes they would contract incurable diseases and die, he said.

Catterson added that one suspect, John Ford, had solicited people to use radium isotope against Suffolk County Republican Party leader John Powell when an informant alerted the authorities. Ford was then recorded on tape allegedly outlining the plot.

The targets included two other Republicans (county legislator Fred Towle and Brookhaven public safety director Anthony Gazzola).

Catterson described Ford as a former court officer and president of the Long Island "UFO Network." Also arrested on Thursday was Joseph Mazzachelli, 42, of Manorville.

SOURCE: **REUTERS**

**DEATH SENTENCE**

*For doing the Grey's bidding*

The dangers of accepting an alien-based belief system were more than adequately made clear in the USA recently when Robert Joe Moody was given the death sentence. Moody, who slaughtered two young women in 1993, alleged that space aliens forced him to commit the murder. He welcomed the death sentence as he believes that the "extrasensory biological entities" will resurrect him and prove their existence.

OK, so we know he's two implants short of an abduction, but probably at some time he was a normal well-balanced American with a penchant for mom's apple pie until he got hold of some abduction literature, believed it and before you know it he's out a slaughtering in the name of the greys. Beware!

**SHUTTLE SIGHTING**

*Did STS-73 crew see UFO*

After mistakenly publishing an erroneous story about crew aboard the Shuttle STS-69 mission in UT40, your editor was rather cautious over a new claim that female crew aboard the October 95 STS-73 mission saw a UFO.

The story first appeared in the November issue of *The UFO Enigma* the magazine of a St Louis, USA based UFO group. Running on almost exactly the same lines at the earlier bogus Shuttle story, it is alleged that an amateur radio operator recorded a message at 2.06am on October 22 1995 from one of the female Columbia astronauts. She apparently said, "We have an unidentified flying object." For 10 to 15 minutes nothing else was heard.

The silence was broken with a conversation that was not about the earlier message.

Was it a joke? Was it a hoax? Or did the crew really see a UFO, switch to secret channels to discuss it and then switch back again to 'public' channels when the incident was over? We'll keep you posted.



*The STS-73 crew from left to right Kathryn Thornton, Albert Sacco, Ken Bowersox (Commander), Michael E. Lopez-Alegria, Kent Rominger and Catherine Coleman.*



# THE HYPNOSIS DEBATE WHY DO ABDUCTEES HAVE SUCH BAD MEMORIES?

BY KEVIN McCLURE

A brief report from the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer* for 21 May 1996 –

“A Washington State hypnotherapist will pay a \$700,000 settlement to a former patient who caused a fatal car accident after becoming convinced that members of a satanic cult were pursuing her.”



release soul tags and implants...” “felt high for a week after discovering my alien identity...” “Greys want us t

Patricia Rice, 51, went to hypnotherapist Gina Gamage in 1992, seeking help to lose weight and stop smoking. Instead, memories of sexual abuse by Satanists were implanted through hypnosis, say her Seattle attorneys. Rice said she came to believe the cult was targeting her because she had “remembered” what it had done. In June 1992 she drove around Oregon for two days believing that the cult members were closing in on her. She caused a head-on collision when she drove across the center line into oncoming traffic, all the while believing that a “good witch” was “telepathically directing her to safety.” Rice was tried for first-degree manslaughter of the man who died in the accident and was found “guilty but insane.”

The settlement with her former therapist was reached in a day-long mediation session about six weeks before Gamage was to have gone to trial to face Rice’s allegations of negligent and harmful therapy. Under the terms of the settlement, Rice will receive from Gamage’s insurance company \$425,000, plus \$1570 a month for the rest of her life. Gamage continues to practice in Vancouver, Washington. Rice’s attorneys note that there is no licensing process in Washington for hypnotherapists. They need only register with the state.”

## CONFUSED?

BUFORA presents a confusing attitude to the use of hypnosis to “recover” memories of abductions. Though the Association’s policy is to discourage its use, Philip Mantle, BUFORA’s Director of Investigations, has co-authored a book heavily dependent on cases constructed through regression, and he is currently using a presentation at conferences on both sides of the Atlantic which would be very brief indeed without dramatic material (including a ‘999’ type of video reconstruction – taken from cases which would be nothing without recall under hypnosis).

At the Sheffield Conference this year, chaired by Philip Mantle, one of the speakers was Paulinne Delcour-Min, a bright and communicative lady with what appears to be a fragile grasp on consensus reality. She was, apparently, a good person to go to if you believe you may be an abductee but, for some reason, you cannot

remember what happened to you. Though she has suggested that she uses safe methods to assist recall, rather than regression hypnosis, she described herself as a past-life regressionist, and the regressionist for *Encounters* magazine.

Like John Mack, who she described as, “absolutely indisputable and academically sound,” she believes that the contact between abductees and aliens was often made in past lives, that she “planned this life while in Nirvana.” She explained that “They will have planned your incarnation with you...” She presents a pseudo-Theosophical system of different levels of existence. Rectal probes are used in “the astral,” implants are lodged “in the etheric body.” People can be abducted “physically” or “astrally.” We humans are, it seems, “Third Density (3D)” beings, but are “moving into 4D with the Aquarian Age.” The “Greys are 4D” beings that have limited access to neighbouring dimensions, and “the craft cross dimensions and act as a bridge.”

Not surprisingly, Paulinne is herself an abductee who said she had, “felt high for a week after discovering my alien identity.” She has a scar on her calf which she identified with one in Budd Hopkins’ book *Missing Time*, lost three hours at the age of seven and had a “tremendous reaction to the cover of Communion.” Despite all her earlier experience, she only realised that she was a long-time abductee four years ago, when she had an out-of-body experience in which she “snooped on a saucer.”

She has met a number of different kinds of aliens, including the Greys, who are “pale and reptilian”, the Nordics, the black ones with orange eyes, and the ones with smoke bodies. At Sheffield, she explained that she has her own “Grey Keeper” (her mentor), and had been “healed by happy cricket-like things from the Fifth Density on Venus”, her “home team.”

I’ve recently written a book about apocalyptic beliefs, and Paulinne had something to offer here, too. She explained that the Greys want us to have a “negativity overload, producing a pole-shift, so they can populate the empty earth with their hybrids. They cannot go on cloning any longer, and we are their next evolutionary step.” “If we don’t shift, the earth will.”

I wouldn’t be amazed if Paulinne’s appearance at Sheffield brought her some business. She advertises in Quest’s *UFO Magazine* as “an experienced therapist with personal abduction experience.” Anybody who goes to her will find that she not only has clear ideas about the aliens themselves, and how they make contact and take control. She is also certain about the use of regression hypnosis. She said, “Most abductees only recover their memories through regression and altered states of consciousness”, but, “A regression in the right hands should bring a very positive change.” She is sure that, “Regressees cannot be led.” She claimed to be able to, “release soul tags and implants”, and to “explore and release contracts with aliens”, contracts which were, “made in another life, in another world, that you would help with genetic engineering.”

Explaining why her services, or those of somebody like her, were necessary, Paulinne stated that, “To avoid detection we are very carefully given screen memories and commands to forget ...that’s why abductions don’t happen in Central Manchester.”

I wonder if Gina Gamage, the Washington State hypnotherapist whose client first killed somebody, and then ended up being pronounced legally insane, was as sure of herself as Paulinne Delcour-Min? Or as David Jacobs, history professor and best-selling author of *Secret Life*, who has recently made some very plain statements about the need to use regression hypnosis to obtain accurate recollection of abduction events?

## PUSHY POSITIVISTS

In the Summer 1996 issue of *International UFO Reporter*, Jacobs asks, “Are Abductions Positive?” This article effectively sets Jacobs apart from John Mack, Richard Boylan, Joseph Nyman, Dr John Hunter Gray and others in his approach to the abduction problem. Jacobs describes them as Positivists, links them critically with New Age spiritual beliefs, and accuses them of encouraging the abductees they deal with to believe if they “push past the trauma” of the physical and psychological unpleasantness of abduction, they will encounter “spirit guides” or “guardian angels”, who “will



outwit and defeat the aliens, ruining their cunning plan to prevent the abductees recalling what really happened? Or is there another explanation?

## FALSE MEMORIES

The medical professions do not share the faith in hypnosis and regression that the abduction researchers display. The parallels between what the abduction researchers have done, and are still doing, and what therapists in the US, and elsewhere, did with regard to Satanic Ritual Abuse are very close. Of course, the physical and sexual abuse of children takes place. It is horribly common, and I get furious when UFO researchers confuse abuse by humans with abuse by aliens, and give real, human abusers a way out that they mightn't otherwise have had. But it is now beyond doubt that many serious allegations of ritual abuse, originally accepted by courts in the US on the word of individuals who had been through prolonged hypnosis,

to have "negativity overload, producing a pole shift so they can populate the empty earth with their hybrids"...

steer them safely through abduction events, protect them in ordinary life, and guide them towards enlightenment."

Jacobs himself has no doubt that the abduction experience is mercilessly negative, writing that, "Most abductees say the phenomenon has had a devastating effect on their personal lives. Many have phobias, scars, bruises and physical problems, especially gynecologic and urologic dysfunction. Many live in fear that it will happen again and feel guilty that they cannot protect their children."

We have often been told that hypnosis isn't necessary to produce detailed recall of abductions, though I've never really believed that was true. Jacobs lays the matter to rest with his argument that the only reason that the abductees who work with Mack, Boylan and the rest come up with 'Positivist' attitudes is that Mack and the others, but Mack in particular, do not use "competent hypnosis." Jacobs says,

"Abductees who have had no hypnosis rely upon conscious recollections which are often tainted with screen memories, false memories, fragmented memories, the remnants of visualisation procedures, and wishful thinking.

Though certain conscious memories of abduction events can be quite accurate, it is just as likely that they are not. Hypnotically derived memories of a competent hypnotist are usually more reliable than conscious memories... Questionable techniques coupled with the hypnotist's lack of knowledge of the abduction phenomenon results in false memories, inserted memories, confabulation, and disocciative states."

Jacobs does recognise that problems can occur in hypnosis, "The inadequate hypnotist and the abductee engage in a mutual confirmational fantasy. The abductee reports the fantasy; the hypnotist assumes that the abductee's narrative is objective reality; and then by asking questions about the details of the pseudo-event, the hypnotist validates its reality."

None of this, of course, happens when 'competent hypnosis' is used. To use 'competent hypnosis' the hypnotist should apparently have, "established knowledge of the abduction phenomenon ...to filter out erroneous

memories." "When unskilled hypnotists regress an abductee, they fail to situate him in the event's minute-by-minute chronology. Without links to a temporal sequence, the abductee can interpret the events without the facts necessary to guide his thoughts and this leads to confabulation and other memory problems."

I might paraphrase that by saying that because the hypnotist knows what happens in 'real' abductions, he can sort out the "erroneous memories" and provide the (hypnotised and substantially less than conscious – abductee with "the facts necessary to guide his thoughts." Is it any surprise that Jacobs concludes that, "With competent hypnosis, the phenomenon becomes mainstream (the same clinical procedures and other activities (that) are so characteristic of mainstream abduction research emerge." At a conference in Charlottesville, on 23rd May 1996, he explained that abductees may be puzzled to recall finding themselves inside an enormous room because from the outside the UFO seemed much smaller. He had a way of sorting out this problem.

"In the course of investigating this case, if you ask the right questions, ultimately the room becomes small, as they realise themselves that maybe the room wasn't as big as they thought it was originally."

This certainty of the characteristics of "mainstream abduction research" would be worrying enough if hypnosis and regression had any of the qualities of dependability and factual accuracy that Jacobs claims for it. Jacobs is far from alone in making those claims, but there is little support for them outside the UFO field. Not one of the leading abduction researchers has attempted to argue the validity of the use of hypnosis on scientific or medical grounds. Their reasoning is usually along the lines that because the aliens have blocked or screened the real abduction memories, those memories can only be unlocked through hypnosis. What do these people think they are? Magicians? Miracle-workers? Priests? Exorcists? Gods? Can we really accept that the stories of abduction reported by Jacobs, and Mack, and Hopkins, and Boylan, and many others less famous and less educated, have only been produced by the witnesses because the researcher has the skills to

regression, and therapy, were no more than falsehoods. False memories, memories of events that had never happened, memories that arose from the interaction between a therapist who was convinced of the reality of certain sequences of events, and a vulnerable, hypnotised person who had gone to the therapist for help for a different reason entirely, but fell prey to the needs and beliefs of the therapist. Case after case is going through the American courts, recognising that the allegations made through recovered memory were false and, in many cases, ordering massive payments of damages by the guilty therapists.

These therapists should have known about the unreliability of hypnosis. A statement by the Research Council of the American Medical Association in 1985 had said that, "memories obtained under hypnotic interventions contain confabulations, pseudomemories and inaccuracies. Self-report, alone, cannot be used to determine the reliability of true from false memories. *The Comprehensive Textbook of Psychiatry*, (Kaplan & Sadlock 1985) said, "Hypnosis not only fails to produce more accurate memories but also increases the patient's willingness to report unclear memories as facts. Confabulations, distortions, fantasies and cued responses all add to the potential unreliability of such memories."

Even experimental hypnotists themselves, commenting in *The International Journal of Clinical and Experimental Hypnosis* (January 1996) on the use of hypnotically elicited recall as legal testimony, list a number of problems with hypnotically induced memory. These include the likelihood that suggestibility increases; confabulation increases; confidence in the memory increases; critical review of the memory decreases; sources of the memory are confused; reconstruction increases as a result of new in-puts; fantasy development may increase; practitioner's beliefs may influence the patient.

Not only is recall under hypnosis widely recognised as unreliable, and has been repeatedly proved to be so, but it is unusual for people not to remember, consciously and often repeatedly, a severely traumatic event that happened to them many years ago. Memory blocks are very rare: that isn't generally how



# THE HYPNOSIS DEBATE: CONTINUED

memory works. I don't know of a single case where hypnosis has elicited accounts of abduction events during childhood as well as adulthood, and the childhood experiences had been recalled – as involving distinctive alien beings – prior to the hypnosis. Those 'memories' have all the characteristics of false memories.

## FIGHTING BACK

So, what separates those who 'recalled' being victims of Satanic Ritual Abuse from those who recall being the victims of complex abductions and medical procedures at the hands of aliens? Only one factor, in my opinion. That the 'experiencers' of alien abductions have not yet questioned the validity of the experiences they have said they have had. They have not yet started fighting back.

With SRA, the accusations were made against human beings, who could in some cases start their own legal actions, provide their own information about what had been recalled. They could prove that they didn't chop the heads off babies, didn't perform sacrifices to Satan. They could prove that they were in another state, another country, at a time when their son or daughter said they were at home abusing them. They could show that the accusations of abuse, the supposed memories, had never existed before the therapist became involved. They were able to prove that the hypnosis, the regression, the therapy, were all deeply flawed.

The aliens – should they actually exist – have no such opportunities. They can't take David Jacobs, or Budd Hopkins, or Paulinne Delcour-Min to court for leading people into having false memories, or being persuaded of horrible abuses they never really suffered. The aliens are compliant, silent, ideal bad guys who can never say anything to defend themselves. They can do nothing to thank John Mack, or Richard Boylan, or to criticise the rest.

Which means that it will, in the long run, be down to the abductees to begin to realise that they've been led into making reports for which there is no substance, through the use of recall techniques that are known to be inaccurate and unreliable, if not actually dangerous. Ten years from now, I doubt that new abductees will be coming forward, and many current abductees will, by then, be deeply embarrassed by what they have reported. Even now, I'm sure that some of those who have reported extraordinary events to their repressors must, sometimes, wonder why on earth they ever did so. But they must be afraid of looking foolish, or gullible, or just plain ill. It's not like SRA, where your family can forgive you and welcome you back. There is little for an abductee to gain by recanting, saying it never happened, saying they were wrong.

Because the methods by which 'recall' of abduction events has been recovered are so deeply flawed, my own conviction is that they are wrong. Many have been misled, and

confused, and sometimes exploited. And I think that we should dare to say so, and support and respect any abductee brave enough to speak out about their doubts as to what they have said. Anyone who has made money from asserting the reality of abduction events recalled under hypnosis may well, in due course, be fairly accused of exploitation, or worse. I rather hope they will be.

David Jacobs himself has said that for most abductees, "the phenomenon has had a devastating effect on their personal lives... Many live in fear that it will happen again and feel guilty that they cannot protect their children." If "the phenomenon" actually results from the input of the researchers and regressors, and not from real experiences with aliens, the responsibility for all that suffering and devastation rests firmly with those researchers, and with anyone who knows this is happening, but does nothing about it.

BUFORA should think long and hard. Do we really want to protect our members, and others, from the dangers of hypnosis and the recollection of traumatic events that never occurred? Or do we just want to go for yet more cheap, short-term publicity, and risk serious accusations like those made by the non-victims of Satanic Ritual Abuse, together with the personal and financial consequences that will inevitably follow when those accusations are proved?

## KEN PHILLIPS OBITUARY BY JOHN SPENCER, CHAIR OF BUFORA

Readers of UFO Times, and those associated with BUFORA over a number of years, will be saddened to learn of the news of the death of Ken Phillips. During a trip to Wales with his wife, where he was due to give a presentation to a UFO conference, he suffered a massive heart attack. Ken Phillips had been a long-time investigator of UFOs and paranormal and an active investigator and researcher for both ASSAP and BUFORA. When I was writing a recent book on the witness experience I found several letters from witnesses stating that while they had been discouraged from reporting to some organisations, some individuals and the media there were a high number of those people who felt confident and relaxed in reporting to Ken Phillips because of the admirable way in which he had listened open-mindedly and intelligently to their reports and their needs.

I regard witness driven investigation as one of the most important aspects of dealing with the close encounter witnesses and I have always acknowledged that this was partly inspired by my conversations with, and work with, Ken who first sponsored the idea of witness centred investigation, i.e. putting the witnesses first. It was only a small and logical step to extend that to putting the witness report first in getting as close to an objective truth as possible in an area bound by so much uncertainty. Even as I was drawn to re-read my chapter on working with close encounter witnesses when I heard of Ken's death, I recognised – as I had recognised when I wrote the book – just how much I had valued Ken's input. On a completely personal note,

quite simply, I shall miss Ken both professionally and personally. I know that within the subject alone there are many, many people who will share that loss.

Ken Phillips headed up our training programme for many years, and led the BUFORA training days, seeking to both put extra quality into the standards of our investigations and also to bring qualitative value to the close encounter investigations, which are by their very nature much less easy to 'standardise' than 'light and disc sightings' which can start from fairly standard report form completion. For a time Ken also took over as editor of *UFO Times* for a period when our Director of Publications, Mike Wootten, was unable to deal with the work for personal reasons. Ken put a great deal of effort into the magazine and BUFORA owe him much thanks for his efforts.

BUFORA pioneered the anamnesis study at the inspiration of Ken Phillips. Ken teamed up with Alex Keul, the Austrian representative for MUFON, a researcher working in Vienna on Jungian psychology, and shamanism. The anamnesis is a culture-free, time invariant study applied to witnesses of UFO experiences and it for the first time moved research away from purely the UFO reports. Hynek had reminded us that we study UFO reports, not UFOs; Ken took that to its next logical stage. After the success of a pilot study in 1983 the anamnesis was modified and ran until 1992 during which time over 100 subjects were put through the 'life analysis'. The project was discontinued when

Alex Keul changed his work focus and there were plans for Ken to link up with CUFOS – the J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO studies – who were doing similar work; whether that will continue following Ken's death is now something that BUFORA must consider.

Ken proposed an anamnesis study of non-witnesses which would have been a very valuable comparison and control to the existing study but this has not yet taken place. Ken and I also discussed the idea of anamnesis-type studies being applied to UFO investigators and researchers as we both felt that there might be some mileage in studying their motivations and backgrounds. It would be a fitting memorial to Ken if BUFORA were to take up these useful studies in his name.

Of enormous significance was Ken's more recent co-ordination of The Witness Support Group, which is allied to BUFORA. Ken has always emphasised that he was the group's facilitator and not its leader. This was of great value to the members of the group who viewed his direction as enormously helpful, often referring to him in almost shamanistic terms. The difficulties of co-ordinating such a group are not small; to many 'outside' people UFO witnesses can look like a cohesive group but the reality is that UFO witnesses are different from each other and to address their individual needs as well as their common characteristics is a balancing act of enormous difficulty. Ken seems to have dealt with the challenge successfully and diplomatically.

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# INVESTIGATIONS DIARY

BY GLORIA DIXON

*Due to the increase in sightings reported to BUFORA there have been some changes implemented within the BUFORA NIC recently in order to run a smoother and more efficient investigations network. The major change to take place has been to incorporate the position of Regional Investigations Co-ordinators (RICs) around Britain.*

The names of these RICs will be included in the Diary below. Each RIC will be responsible for his area and will be expected to follow up any sighting reports and administer these to the investigators in his area. After investigation and with a sighting report form completed, the investigator concerned can then send the form and his evaluation of the sighting to his RIC. All sightings will be logged by RICs and eventually forwarded on to the Director of Research, Steve Gamble.

Mike Wootten is preparing an addition to the BUFORA Report Form which will give a computer summary and a written summary of the basic details of the case. This will be forwarded to all RICs after completion and will enable Steve Gamble, to enter case files on to a computer database with a Computer Summary Pro Forma and will therefore be less time consuming.

## INVESTIGATOR TRAINING

Some RICs have kindly agreed to administer the Postal Investigation Course to the investigators in their area. There are now fifty plus investigators who are working on this course, which Philip Mantle is administering and tutoring. Any other investigators who wish to take the postal training course will do this in conjunction with their RIC who will be tutoring the course for the particular investigators in their area. Any investigators wishing to complete the Postal Training Course should therefore contact their RIC, who will administer the course to them. There is a £5 fee for the postal course in order to cover the administration costs. This should be made payable to your RIC. A free NIC Guide and RIC list will be forwarded by Philip Mantle and myself to all RICs. The RIC will then be responsible for ensuring that all investigators in their area are forwarded a copy of the NIC Guide. New Consultants to BUFORA are also listed further on in the Diary.

A warm welcome to all the following RICs who have been placed into their new positions and I look forward to all investigators working together and establishing a network of investigation within BUFORA. This will highlight and focus on the real UFO phenomenon and possibly give some revealing insight into an understanding of what exactly this phenomenon is all about.

## REGIONAL INVESTIGATIONS CO-ORDINATORS

### NORTHUMBERLAND/TYNE & WEAR DURHAM/CLEVELAND/CUMBRIA

*Gloria Dixon*

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*John Hepstonall*

### NORTH YORKSHIRE

*Andrew Raynor*

### DERBY/NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

*Dominic Beglin*

### HUMBERSIDE

*John Watson*

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*George Niedzwiedz*

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## WARNING: CLOSE ENCOUNTERS

I would like to comment further on the increase in close encounter reports. Investigation of these reports must be handled with great care and diplomacy. I am sure that many investigators will understand that we could be entering a minefield of problems at times due to the very nature of these reports and the strange and complex incidents that are being experienced. Should you at any time feel out of your depth, please contact either Philip Mantle or myself regarding the particular Consultants who may be able to offer advice. There is much imagery available now due to the media coverage of the close encounter experience and the UFO subject

generally, so some witnesses may feel that the inexplicable events that they have experienced in the past may possibly be related to a UFO/alien encounter.

Witness-driven investigation instigated by John Spencer is therefore very important when conducting an investigation of the close encounter experience, as too much input by the investigator as to the nature of their encounter will only reinforce the imagery already available, and therefore vital research into this area will be more difficult.



# INVESTIGATION

I would now like to comment on other developments within the investigations department. The Daily Mail article of March 9th generated about 250 letters to BUFORA from a wide spectrum of people all over Britain.

These letters involved details of sightings from many years ago to very recently and within these were some impressive reports, which are now being followed up by BUFORA's RICs and distributed to our investigators for investigation where possible. Among these letters was a brief description of a sighting, from another witness relating to the British Airways pilots' report from January 1995. I quote from the letter, "My father saw an aircraft on approach to Manchester that was being 'buzzed' by a very fast moving, brightly lit object which flew around the aircraft and then vanished. "I followed this up with a letter to the gentleman concerned, but sadly, his father has recently died and therefore other details can not be obtained.

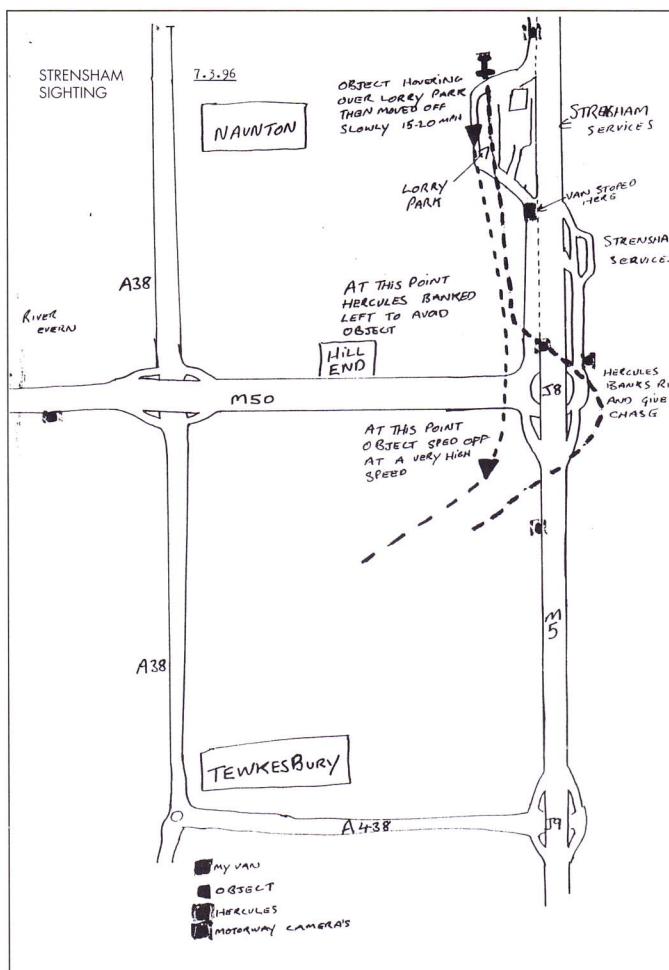
Once again, on behalf of the BUFORA NIC, I would like to extend our thanks to all investigators for the excellent investigative work you carry out for us. Your case files and reports provide invaluable insight into the nature of this phenomenon for our Research Department.

**GLORIA DIXON**

### CASE FILE

- DATE; 7th March 1996. 9.50pm
- Strensham Services, M5, Gloucs.
- Invs: Rob & Marilyn Aldworth (Birmingham UFO Society)

On Thursday, 7th March 1996 a report was received by Rob and Marilyn of a near collision of a Hercules Transporter and a black triangular object. The object had a red light on each corner and a red light underneath with a green strobe light on top. The triangular object hovered over the lorry park for thirty-five seconds before proceeding to run parallel with the motorway. (see map). The investigators would very much like to establish whether any reports have been received of a similar object on this night. Please write to them at 153 Holly Lane Erdington, Birmingham, B24 9LA.

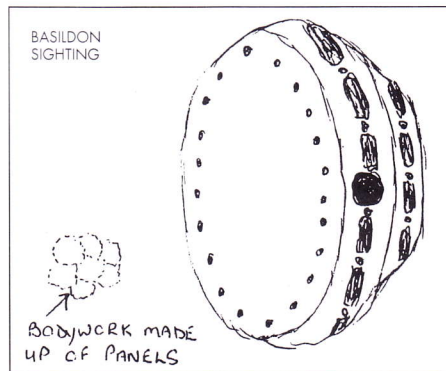


### CASE FILE

- DATE: 23rd JUNE 1995, 1.47 am
- Basildon, Essex
- Inv: Colin Elstob

JP awoke from a bad dream and glanced out of her bedroom window where she noticed a strange object which appeared to have red blue and green lights. (see drawing) She watched the object for approximately twelve minutes and then awoke her husband and daughter. After twenty-five minutes her husband phoned the police as they had no frame of reference as to the identity of the object they were observing. Two police officers arrived and stayed for ten minutes whilst observing the object and speaking to their station. They were then called away, but returned with two more police officers and stayed observing the object for about fifteen to twenty minutes. They were then called away again and JP states that her husband returned to bed and both she and her daughter went outside on to the patio and watched the object until it went out of sight at about 4.12.am.

The object was described by the police officers as being circular with a domed top. It was bright white with a mesh pattern and green and red around the base. It was spinning clockwise. They stated that although this object was visible to the naked eye it could only clearly be identified through binoculars. The object was observed in a North Easterly direction for a total of 2 hours and 24 minutes, which may give a possible explanation of something astronomical due to the length of observation time. It is claimed that one of the police officers contacted West Drayton to establish whether the object was radar visual. However, this cannot be clarified, and any response from them is unknown. Apparently BBC radio Essex presented an item on this sighting the following day with the couple involved and the police officers concerned. Colin has interviewed the family this year, and will give a more in depth report at a later date.



## UFO TIMES

### WRITE UP YOUR CASE HISTORIES

Hey investigators! Contribute to *UFO Times* with your case histories. This is your investigative work and Mike Wootten, Director

of Publications and editor of *UFO Times* would appreciate contributions from you. Please contact Mike about any case file you wish to have included in *UFO Times*.



# NEWS CASEFILES

**CASE FILE**

- DATE: 1982 (Month Unknown)
- Littleover, Derby

**CASE FILE**

- DATE; May 1994
- Newcastle Upon Tyne
- Inv. Gloria Dixon

**CASE FILE**

- DATE; 1965 (Possibly July/August)
- Near Milnthorpe, Cumbria
- Inv: David Sankey

BUFORA received a letter from DS now serving in Bosnia. He recalls a sighting, when he was ten years of age and living in Littleover Derby. It was about 2am in the morning and he was awoken by a very loud buzzing noise. Curious, he got out of bed and looked out of his window and saw an object hovering over the fields near his house. He describes it as having flashing lights on each corner and colours that appeared to be red, yellow and green. He could see a definitive shape as it was so low, and emphasised that this was not a plane or helicopter. He then became scared and ran into his parents bedroom in shock. He states that he could not get back to sleep and in the morning drew a picture for his parents. He describes it as being in a Northerly direction and that it was larger than the full moon (See drawing).

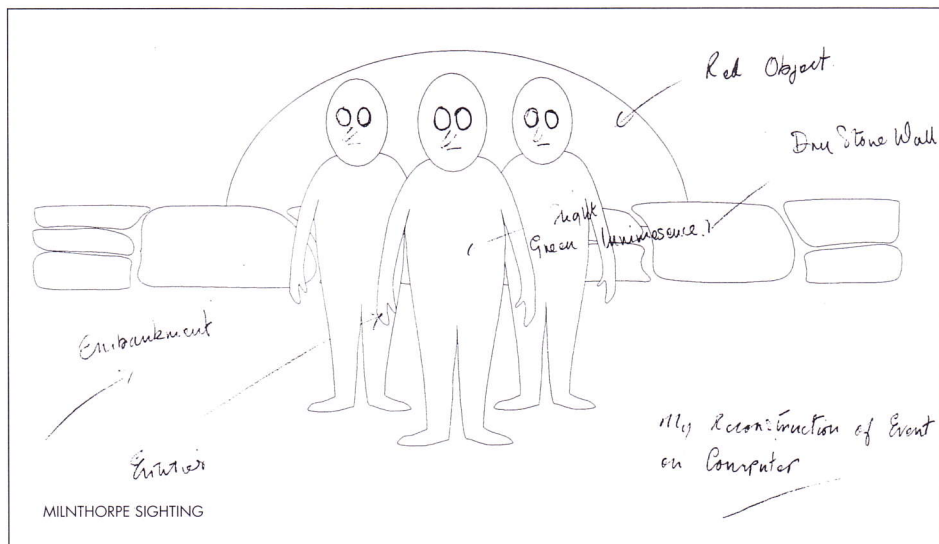
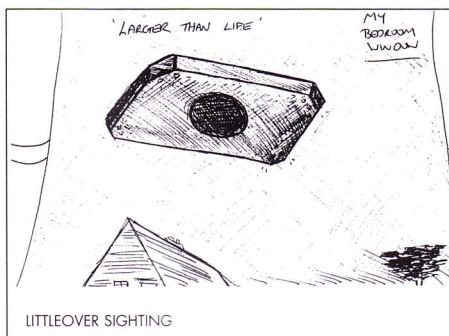
CW was unable to sleep due to the outside security light flashing on and off (passive infra red) continually. The detector was set specifically to warn of multiple minimum movement in his back garden, as it was easily accessible to a storage area. He felt slightly uneasy and did not understand why it had been activated. He then had the impression of a presence and when he looked around the room, he noticed a small childlike creature about two feet from the bottom of his bed. Feeling in a state of shock and disbelief he checked himself to make sure he was not dreaming. He describes the creature as small with large black oval shaped eyes. These seemed to be the main feature of the face and the head appeared to be too heavy for the body. CW then describes the realisation that this being knew that CW was aware that this was not a dream. He then tried to wake his wife asleep by his side, but no matter how much he touched her and called her name he could not awaken her. He then looked away from the creature to try once again to awaken his wife, but then noticed the creature disappear in that it moved from one side of the room and disappeared through the bedroom window wall area. He then managed to awaken his wife, who said she had been aware of her husband trying to waken her but felt she could not respond. He explained what had happened and checked the window, but saw nothing. I have spoken with both CW and his wife several times by phone, and will follow up this report with a visit in the near future.

David has recently joined us from Quest International, and I would like to welcome him to the BUFORA Investigations network. He has submitted an interesting case file, which although over thirty years old now is rather an intriguing incident.

Mr. & Mrs. C. and their baby son were driving overnight from Doncaster, South Yorkshire to Millom in Cumbria. Their journey started at approximately midnight. During their journey they pulled in for a cigarette and a rest in the area between the A6 before Beetham and about three miles from the M6 Junction 35A. Shortly after pulling in, both witnesses suddenly noticed an intense red light which appeared dome or lens shaped. Within this light were three small creatures who seemed to give off a slight green luminescence. The entities were described as having large round staring eyes and a long nose that looked like a "small trunk" with a mouth that appeared as just a line or a slit. Their heads were large and almost turnip shaped, and their bodies were round with hands that were visible but digits that were not defined. Two of the three entities had their arms held out in front of them as if gesturing. No definitive muscle tone or bone structure was seen, and both witnesses stated that the entities did not appear to be wearing any clothing. No genitalia was noticed. (see drawing). The object was estimated to be approx 25 yards from both witnesses and part of its shape was obscured because of the position behind a dry stone wall. The entities appeared about fifteen feet from the car in front of the wall when the object's brilliance was noticed.

Both witnesses drove off in a hurry after their strange encounter and did not talk about what they had just witnessed until they reached the lights of the next village, Milnthorpe, where they both agreed to draw, independently, the scene they had both observed. They arrived at their destination of Millom as dawn was breaking.

When David interviewed Mrs C. she stated that after the incident she somehow knew that the creatures felt nice to the touch and that her initial fear was not warranted. In fact, she said that she felt silly for reacting in a frightened manner towards the creatures, because she had the impression they meant no harm. Mr. C. stated that he thought the creatures could be described as feeling like rubber to the touch! Their baby son who was in the car at the time experienced an unusual event at age fourteen while playing with friends. They observed a small silver ball shaped object which glided towards them, floated away and then returned as if observing them. It suddenly shot off into the distance. David learned of this case through a family acquaintance and emphasises they wish no publicity whatsoever.





# INDEPENDENCE

*"It is an ordinary summer day.*

*But then, without warning, something very extraordinary happens.*

Enormous shadows fall across the land. Strange atmospheric phenomena, ominous and mesmerizing, surface around the globe. All eyes turn upwards.

The question of whether we're alone in the universe has finally been answered. And, in a matter of minutes, the lives of every person across the globe are changed forever.

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The day all of us on planet Earth celebrated our Independence Day."

So says the release blurb for what looks to be the latest blockbuster movie. *Independence Day* is the creation of Dean Devlin and Roland Emmerich who are the team who created the 1994 hit science-fiction adventure "Stargate." Devlin and Emmerich have merged two well known and influential genres of early Spielberg and 1970's disaster movies to create this multi-character disaster film.

The genesis of *Independence Day* can be directly traced to "Stargate." According to Devlin, when Emmerich and he were promoting that film, a reporter asked Emmerich if he believed in space aliens. Emmerich answered that he did not and as Devlin recalls, "...the reporter became indignant and said, 'How can you make a movie like 'Stargate' and not believe in aliens?'" Roland replied, "I believe in fantasy. I believe in the great 'What if?' What if aliens showed up, what if tomorrow you walked out of your door and these enormous spaceships hovered over every single city in the world? Wouldn't that be the most exciting thing that could happen?" Of course, he then walked over to me and said 'I think I've got our next movie.'

The cast boasts stars such as Jeff Goldblum (*The Fly*, *Jurassic Park*), Will Smith (*Bad Boys*) and Bill Pullman (*While You Were Sleeping*, *Sleepless In Seattle*) and a host of other stars such as Mary McDonnell (*Dances with Wolves*), Judd Hirsch (*Taxi*) and Randy Quaid (*Bye Bye Love*, *Kingpin*) to name but a few, as well as a number of 'cast of thousands scenes.'

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# INDEPENDENCE DAY

20TH CENTURY FOX

## A REVIEW

BY GAYNOR WOOTTEN

*Today, myself and the editor of this illustrious journal were lucky to attend the press preview of the highly publicized **Independence Day**. Was all the pre-publicity only going to be so much hot air about a film whose occasional dynamic special effects meant that it would soon be confined to the 'whatever happened to ...' bin?*

The answer to this is simple. No. The editor quite justifiably almost wet his pants with excitement. The special effects are, if you'll pardon the pun, out of this world. 15 mile wide UFO's very convincingly portrayed on cellulose tend to answer the question of, "What would happen if a UFO appeared over the White House?" Well, it does, with knobs on! Remember the blurb for *Jurassic Park*, "Dinosaurs are real." Well, so are UFO's.

It is very easy to see the Spielberg influence in this film with the archetypal 'Spielberg clouds', but when you first see the craft emerge from these clouds, well as I said before, it's time to change the underwear. Funnily enough, although the publicity packs mention the influence of Spielberg and 1970's action films, it does not mention the fact that the film is heavily influenced by H.G.Wells *War of the Worlds*. Because it is. Amazingly so in fact, as anyone who knows the story will be able to see as soon as they watch this film. In fact, I would go so far as to say that if H.G.Wells were writing his book for the first time today the result would not be too far removed from *Independence Day*. Without wanting to give too much away, I would say that the solution to the worlds invasion problem is a modern day direct plagiarism from Wells.

The film contains all the necessary components of good family entertainment. It has the incredible special effects, it has the 'boo factor',

it has moments that make the old tear ducts quiver, it has some absolutely hilarious moments of humor, and the Yankee-doodle flag waving Americans save the world again pass me the bucket type stuff is reasonably minimal and confined to the end. For all us UFO enthusiasts there are the more obscure references to government cover-ups, crashed saucer retrievals, Area 51 and the like. Although as far as government cover-ups are concerned, I think that most reasonable minded people will recognise the ironic potential truth that is conveyed about this. For the enthusiasts of 'Greys', I'm afraid your going to be somewhat disappointed. These bear more of a resemblance to Sigourney Weaver's worst nightmare than anything Budd Hopkins has heard about.

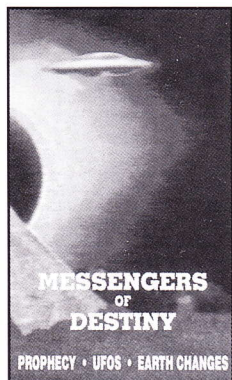
This film is good all-round family entertainment. Certificate 12 means that most people will get to take the kids. There have been rumors circulating that this is part of the government conspiracy to educate the masses that the world has been, and still is, in contact with beings from another planet. If that is the aim of this film then be afraid, be very afraid. If anyone is trying to sublimely tell us anything through this film, it is that if similar forces exist outside of this planet/reality then we are up a certain creek without a certain instrument, because I can't see Bill Clinton turning out to be quite the guy that this film presents as the President. Take it as it is meant to be seen. A really good film.





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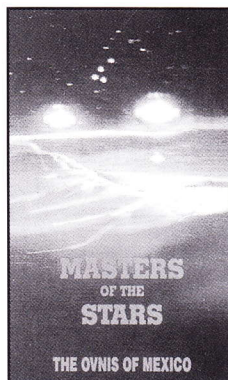
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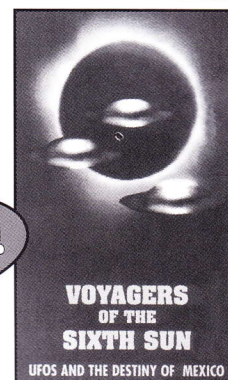


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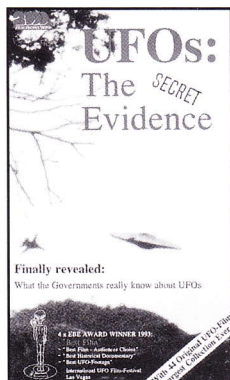
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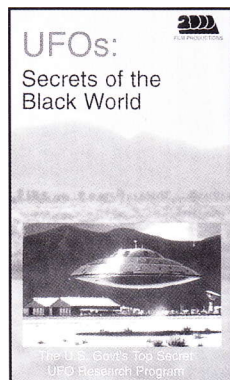
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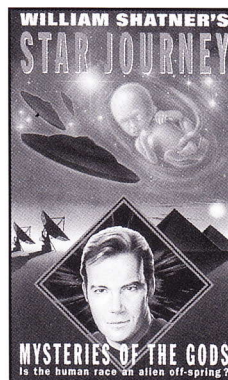
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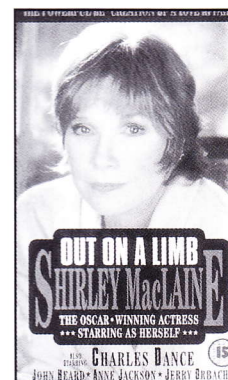
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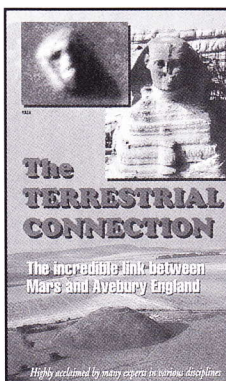
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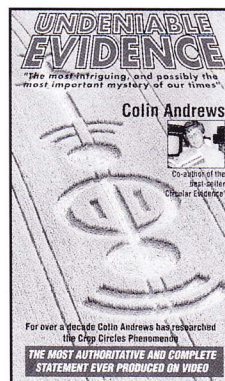
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# RESEARCH UPDATE

**STEVE GAMBLE,  
DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH**

Last year BUFORA Chairman John Spencer made a commitment that we would make BUFORA's archives more accessible. As part of this process, during November 1995 the first part of BUFORA's case report index was placed on the World-Wide-Web site (BUFORA On-Line). There were initial difficulties getting the database to run on BUFORA On-Line, but these have now been overcome. Work continues on this project and the database on BUFORA On-Line will be regularly updated.

It has become clear in the course of extracting the information for the database that a number of potentially very interesting reports in the past have been inadequately investigated, sometimes by very senior investigators. We will be working with our colleagues in the Investigations team on ways to improve this and hope to agree minimum content for case reports.

Work is continuing on a number of other projects. Mention must be made here of the work that Robert Moore has put into the BOLIDE project. Robert has spent a great deal of time and effort organising the information on Ball-of-Light UFOs. Originally he built a database on an Amstrad PCW computer. In more recent months he has converted the database to run on an IBM style personal computer using the Zephyr database program. Robert has been able to extract the data in various forms and we are sure this will be a valuable research tool. The research team hope to publish a report about the BOLIDE project in the near future.

Mention should also be made of the work currently being undertaken by the head of our translators team, Richard Conway. Richard is currently working in Spain for a year. During this time not only has he been able to forge links with Spanish Ufologists, but he has been able to work on UFO report files that the Spanish Airforce have made available to researchers. On his return to the UK, Richard will write up what he has learned from the files. This data will also provide lots of useful information for the Pilot's Project headed by Nabil Shaban. In addition Matthew Williams is carrying out a trawl for UFO information at the Public Records Office. This may provide useful input to a number of projects.

# NEW PROJECTS

*BUFORA has a wide ranging research programme looking at many different aspects of UFO phenomena. We are always interested in hearing ideas for new projects or ways of expanding existing projects.*

Readers would have seen the write up of a possible UFO sighting made by astronauts aboard a space shuttle ("Shuttle Near Miss with UFO?", *UT* 40, p.5). As I write this update that particular report is being followed up, but initial findings indicate that it is probably unreliable. Over the years there have been a number of reports that UFOs have been allegedly sighted by astronauts. On investigation these have turned out to either have mundane explanations or are inaccurate or otherwise unreliable.

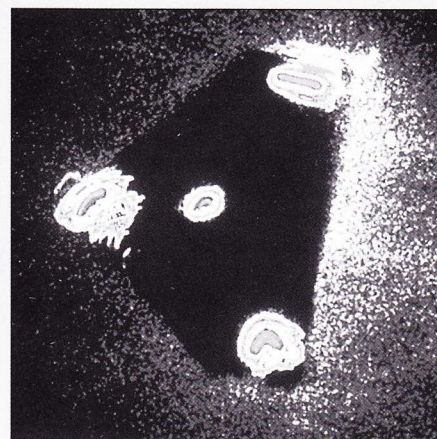
In *The UFO Encyclopaedia* (Headline Books, 1991) John Spencer states that several of the astronauts from the Gemini missions in the 1960s admit to making reports of things they saw in space which they could not identify. He goes on to state that they "have never claimed that they believed them to be of exotic or anomalous origin." However, even though there appears to be no sound exotic basis for these stories, the same old stories resurface again and again.

This side show detracts from serious study of the undeniable phenomena we call UFOs. Robert Moore has suggested, and offered to head, a project to collect and analyse all the astronaut UFO reports. The idea is that this would become a definitive databank of this material. Once the original collection is complete Robert would keep a permanent watching brief adding new reports as they occur.

A second new project has been suggested by vice-president Lionel Beer. He has suggested that BUFORA collect data on what he calls "wedged shaped platforms", large triangular objects often reported as stationary or very slow moving. A number of these have been reported in recent years. At the time of writing this report I am seeking somebody to head up this project, so offers of help are invited.

In many people's minds triangular objects will be linked to the Belgian UFO wave from the early 1990s. However there are many earlier (and some later) reports. Whilst researching Northamptonshire UFO reports, Ernie Still discovered a number of reports of what he called "Silent Vulcans", as the majority of these made no sound.

As an example, the following is an extract of one of the cases Ernie found in the *Corby Evening Telegraph* (10th October 1978). The article started describing an object seen by two girls the previous Saturday, then continued with a report by Mr. Martin Batley. "It was delta shaped (like a 'V'). It was enormous and had two huge white searchlights at the front with a green light behind. The object was making a thin whining noise. It was stationary for about five minutes and then zoomed off." It was also seen by several other people. The following week, the *Evening Telegraph* letter pages carried further confirmatory reports.



There were many more reports of these triangular objects throughout that month. *The Leicester Mercury* for 26th October 1978 under the heading 'Delta' UFO Sighting Sets Lines Buzzing", reports that the local group had received over 20 reports of the delta shaped object. Then the following day the *Mercury* reports that their previous article had sparked off over 100 phone calls to local investigator Trevor Thornton. On 23rd October 78 at just after 8pm a triangular object and lights was reported over North London (report 78-151).

It would be wrong to think that 1978 was the start of the triangular objects. There are many earlier reports. For example, the BUFORA Journal for January 1977 reports that N. Maloret investigated a report of a delta shaped object over Catterick, Yorkshire from December 1972.

## RESEARCH MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Research Committee will be held on Saturday 5th October 1996 at the University of Westminster, 35 Marylebone Road, London NW1. The meeting will start at 2:30pm and will last until approximately 6pm. That evening (6:30pm start) a BUFORA Research Evening will be held in Lecture Theatre 1 at the same address, where various members of the Research team will make short

presentation about current projects. Future research meetings will provisionally be held at the same venue on 4th January 1997, 3rd May 1997 and 4th October 1997. Any member interested in attending the meetings or helping with research in any way, is invited to contact me at the address on the inside front cover of *UFO Times* or email me – [el82@dial.pipex.com](mailto:el82@dial.pipex.com).



# REVIEW: LORD OF THE FILES

REVIEW BY ANDY ROBERTS

*"If, as the evidence suggests, structured craft of unknown origin routinely penetrate the UK Air Defence Region, then it seems to me that, at the very least, this must constitute a potential threat."*

## Nick Pope

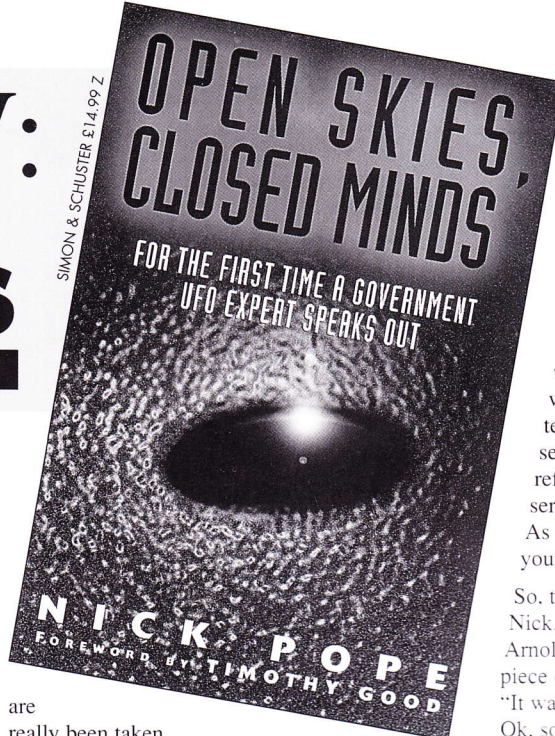
People see UFOs. All kinds of people apparently. And some of them, like dutiful citizens should, report their experiences to the MoD. Nick Pope, most recent desk officer at Secretariat (Air Staff) 2a, a man theoretically privy to what the government really knows and thinks about UFOs, has written a book.

Oh dear.

For a start we must try to forgive Nick the inexcusable sin of having his book ghost written. It shows, resulting in prose of the purple variety and fresh from the school of, er, 'journalistic' writing. Which basically means it's fast paced, pseudo-exciting and essential vacuous. Which is a great pity because with *Open Skies...* Pope had a fantastic chance to spill the beans, Official Secrets Act notwithstanding, on some of the more exciting cases we all presume the MoD gets. Sadly he doesn't, and the result is a mish-mash, which only the most immature ufologist will consider to be of any use.

The sole piece of interest in the book is the section that will appeal least to its intended readership. Pope clearly describes the way the MoD investigate UFOs, the channels, the departments and the whys and hows of the responses given. He also points out that he was the first incumbent of his post to enter into active discussion with ufologists and to steer witnesses in the direction of UFO groups such as BUFORA and YUFOS by giving out their addresses. All highly commendable stuff which should have been used to kick off an expose of the MoD, or at least to give pointers as to where we should look for *the truth about UFOs*.

Exactly where does Nick Pope fit into ufology? Note the individuals he checks as having done ground-breaking work in the subject; Jenny Randles, yeah, John Spencer, hmm, ok, Ralph Noyes, yesindeedy, but Tim Good?, Tony Dodd? Graham Birdsall? Budd Hopkins and Colin Andrews? I think not. Ufologists, certainly and they've all written a lot but respectively, they've, been responsible for believing that a) He met aliens in a restaurant, b) Underground UFO bases exist in the Yorkshire Dales, c) That a piece of shiny rock was a 'structured craft of unknown origin', d) That the Gulf Breeze case was for real and that thousands of US citizens



are really been taken by aliens and e) That well known faked crop circles were made by some mysterious force. And that's just off the top of my head. I paint this picture, dear reader, because scenes have to be set, contexts illuminated, Pope's place on the matrix of ufology referenced and identified. Being a Man From The Ministry isn't enough on its own and if Pope wants to be taken seriously then his peer group has to reflect that claim. By and large it doesn't.

Ok, so he's failed the personality test. How does he fare on the history of ufology (your starter for ten, Nick). Hot on the buzzer he opens with...(you wouldn't have guessed it) the bloody wheel of Ezekiel, that most hoary of ufological chestnuts. Not only is it a crap report but he quotes it from the King James Bible of 1611, several thousand years after it allegedly happened, and the Bible scribes weren't noted for their UFO report gathering skills at the best of times. C'mon, Nick, keep up. A few Dark Age 'fiery dragons' later he even mentions Von Daniken. Perhaps he's trying to be objective, inclusive even. We all got past this nonsense when we were eleven. On to Mystery Airships then. He skims the late 19th century 'waves' in a long paragraph and misses the point entirely that the waves there mirrored today's ufology almost exactly – and that there was no real substance to the reports. Ghost Aircraft get a look in – but he only mentions the Norway and Swedish cases, forgetting completely (we hope it's forgetfulness and not ignorance Nick) the huge British waves prior to WW1, which generated thousands of government documents with claims of spies, German bases in the Lake District, etc. Only the names were changed to protect the aliens.

Still, he can't know everything can he?

Apparently not, because then we get to WW11 and the foo-fighter saga. A subject worthy of a whole book is condensed into half a page. We are told unequivocally that foo-fighters got their name from the Smokey Stover cartoon strip. Only a theory Nick, only a theory. He then makes the ludicrous assertion that "Most airmen who saw foo-fighters complained that they damaged their aircraft's ignition system". Complete and utter nonsense! In the study of foo-fighter reports I did (1987-90) in which I

gathered all available sources and indeed tracked down several new ones via speaking to aircrew, I can't think of one instance where that was alleged to have happened (not even when they were seen inside the fuselage of an aircraft. He also states that after 1945 "no more was seen of the foo-fighters." Again, nonsense. They (whatever they were – and some kind of atmospheric phenomenon is favourite) were seen up to and throughout the Korean war, after which they faded into the general terminology of 'UFO'. People are *still* seeing them! Of course, the lack of references to any 'facts' mentioned only serves to help the book on its downhill slide. As my old maths teacher used to say, "show your working, boy".

So, that's a fail on your classical UFO history Nick. Give us your best shot on Kenneth Arnold. Standard fare quickly followed with a piece on Roswell. But it's all just story telling. "It was a dark and stormy night" sort of thing. Ok, so it was a dark and stormy night when the Roswell event took place! But even fledgling ufologists deserve more than this perfunctory treatment. Pope should have given the arguments for and against in a more measured way, brought in some parallels with, perhaps, some alleged UK crashes or some of the other US ones. He could have even told us that there are some doubts about Jesse Marcel's credibility following a recent exposé of his war record. He doesn't though, and his treatment of Arnold, Roswell and then Adamski – the primal soup from whence all today's ufology stems – is truncated, rounded off with the triteness of "From Ezekiel to the four child-sized coffin's ordered from Roswell's undertaker, we have travelled through twenty-five centuries of development and progress. But we have also brought with us a fascination and a fear of the unknown." Yeah, sure Nick, I was more scared of what was coming next.

The Barney and Betty Hill case is similarly skipped over. He mentions that Betty Hill still, "continues to witness strange lights over New Hampshire". She does, but independent witnesses to these lights also know them as street lights, aircraft lights and astronomical objects. Nick doesn't tell us that. Does he just not know? Or is he simply protecting us from the shattering of ufological dreams? Or would he just rather not mention it in case it undermines the brand of ufology he is peddling? Who knows.

Pope's whole approach to the subject worries me. He tells us he wanted to do his job to the best of his ability and so "read voraciously, familiarising myself with cases both celebrated and obscure." Perhaps he forgets quick because the book just doesn't demonstrate this.

On the subject of the 'cover-up' he is clear. Pope doesn't believe there is one. Obviously, even if he knew about it the Official Secrets Act would prevent him from spilling the beans – thus making the book a nonsense in the first place. But to dwell on the cover-up for a while, since this book will inevitably spawn discussion about it, I would ask all you UFO investigators out there, how many witnesses have you spoken to who have also been spoken to by 'official' investigators? Men from the Ministry? Not many, I'll wager. Which rather begs the question



of not only *what* is being investigated but *how* – and by *whom*. Of course in the Pandora's box of ufology it is easy to claim – as Good does in the Foreword – that, well, yeah but there must be even more secret departments than Pope's, a deeper cover-up. Maybe, but even if these other levels existed these people still have to go out and talk to Johnny Witness about what they saw – just like UFO investigators do. Which brings me back to my original question, How many witnesses...? Oh, I know, they all get silenced by death threats to keep them quiet. Silly me.

Mutilations raise their ugly head – even though technically we don't have them in the UK despite certain ufologists' best efforts to put square pegs in round holes – with some twaddle about Linda Moulton Howe's theories. It gets sadder. In a desperate attempt to prove that the UK does have some mutes he ropes in the 1993 outbreak of attacks on horses saying, "I find it rather disturbing that so many people are prepared to believe a human being capable of this sort of crime and yet do not even consider the possibility that something else – something alien – might be responsible". What are you trying to say Nick? Fortunately he qualifies this bonkers statement by saying the culprit is likely to be human; in which case why the hyperbole then? Of course it is Nick, as with all these types of attacks on animals (not just confined to 1993 or the south of England either, if you follow the matter in mags like Fortean Times). Animal slashing and mutilation is a well recognised symptom of psychological disturbance which, if Nick had worked with people instead of paper, he may have known more about. Animals feature again when Pope digs up some exotic reports from South America which feature black dogs – and misses completely the salient British case which mentions one (The Alan Godfrey case). So much for his voracious reading.

I thought that the chapter entitled The Real X-Files should deliver the *real* stuff about aliens. I could almost forgive what had gone before, because surely this is what we'd waited for, what Nick knows about best, what's really going on. Nick had obviously been toying with us for the preceding 120 pages. This was gonna be it. I strapped in tight, ready for the shock.

Case 1:- A letter detailing aliens on a housing estate with a picture of some crows. Case 2:- A telepathic poltergeist. Case 3:- A letter from an alien. Case 4:- A man sleeping rough while aliens mend broken craft at night in railway sidings. Case 5:- A 'missing time' experience followed by alien dreams. That's it kids. You and me have better files in our possession. I unstrapped. Believe him and you must accept that is the sum total of his knowledge on the subject as an insider. Disbelieve him and you're in cover-up territory.

It's about now that Pope begins to tell us how other MoD staff began to call him 'spooky' after Mulder's nickname in the X-Files. Boy, we're impressed. Two pages later he's well into character – "And yet, in moments of doubt, I began to identify more and more with my alter-ego, Fox Mulder." We can only hope this was just a publicity device dreamed up to flog the book. If Pope really believes that he is like an anal retentive fictional TV character then he's got big problems.

Onwards then. The Belgian sightings are trotted out to impress us. We aren't. Rendlesham is flirted with. Not enough flesh is exposed to

excite us. MJ-12 is hauled out of retirement. Been there, hoaxed that, Nick. A chapter on the USAF doings in and around Area 51 only covers what UFO Magazine do so well but he, like them, misses the opportunity to do justice to the Federal Hypothesis. The Mantell incident (pilot sees Venus, pilot follows Venus, pilot runs out of oxygen, pilot dies, rumour spreads that he was chasing a UFO), formerly thought to have been sold on an episode of the UFO antiques roadshow, stares balefully from pages 191-192. We stare back. We are not amused. It goes on. Every UFO 'legend' you can think of is exhumed, 'gee whizzed' about a bit and wheeled off again.

We're three-quarters through now and desperately hoping Nick can pull something out of the bag. He makes a bid with a chapter on SETI. Same old tired arguments about why there is no reason life shouldn't exist elsewhere. Tedious but acceptable. No arguments about why the hell it should want to come here if it does though (and crash in high numbers!). Insight finally arrives on page 223 when Nick comes up with the statement "Either we are alone in the universe or we are not" – meditate on that one and truly, enlightenment will be yours (but pay your £14.99 first!

The Santilli footage has its own chapter, the first time its been discussed in a book I think, with some interesting comments on the initial showing in London. Who wasn't invited said more about the nature of UFO politics and who was trying to pull the wool over whose eyes than any amount of subsequent theorising. Sensibly, Pope thinks it's a clever hoax.

We're almost at the end. Pope is telling us how much he's enjoyed being the "real Fox Mulder", but of course his "joy at being promoted to pastures new" has been "tinged with sadness". Of course it has. No doubt the royalties will help the anguish though.

Perhaps there is a cover-up after all because a conversation I had with Jenny Randles during the writing of this review adds intrigue. Apparently the proofs of the book had some drivel in which Nick tried to claim he'd been abducted by citing some event which took place with his girlfriend during a visit to Florida. Why didn't that make it into the finished product? I wonder. I hear whispers already from those among you who say that he knows much more (maybe even the TRUTH) and was stopped from saying it. Conspiracy theories will abound. The pages of *UT* will be filled with them [no they won't! – Ed].

Little birds tell me that his next book (eek!) will be about last years British Airways sighting and how the aliens were involved in that. You heard it here first remember.

My apologies for being so long-winded with this book. But when someone holding Nick Pope's position writes we should expect top quality fresh material, facts that check out and a sound knowledge of ufological history. We get none of this in *Open Skies*. Very little of it is new, hardly any of it advances ufological thinking beyond Janet and John level. The ufological wheel has been re-invented yet

again and the only result will be that Nick Pope will have made a lot of money. I'm sorry, but it has to be said, this book represents Mickey Mouse ufology for Micky Mouse ufologists. Worst of all it's been perpetrated by someone who not only should have known, but he should have known better. The gorgeous central mystery of ufology is misrepresented and dulled by in this book, which is essentially just a long and uncritical list of ufological events with little attempt at analysis. If it had been written someone other than Pope it would have barely merited a rejection slip.

Recently, in a lapse in real news, Pope appeared on BBC2's *Newsnight*. There, caught in the spotlight of Peter Snow's withering intellect he looked small and frightened. Snow pushed him again and again, requesting some evidence that might sway the *Newsnight* viewers into hailing the alien presence. Lesser TV programmes would have let Pope off with flaunting his waffle-tinged status, but Peter was having none of it. He homed in. Almost sweating and visibly fidgeting, all Pope could come up with was the Cosford sighting. Proof? Of nothing. Evidence? Of something, certainly. A UFO, and that's back to where we started. People see UFOs. Spooky, or what, Nick?





# DISSECTION TABLE

## SUPPORT FOR AUTOPSY?

I am an otolaryngolog head-and-neck surgery resident at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, Tennessee, USA. Recently, one of my patients gave me the Roswell Autopsy tape as released by Vidamark (spelling?) to review. I found it rather interesting as the subjected dissected displays many neuro and thoracic anatomy corelates with human anatomy.

In the dissection of the head, you see the incision made to reflect the pericranium which the dissector lateralises followed by a scoring incision in the periosteum. He then uses his finger to free the periosteum prior to the use of the bone saw to open the skull cap. When the cap is removed, you see the structure believed to be the brain. This is smaller than the exposed cranial cavity as would be expected in a post-mortem examination as the volume of the brain decreases with the loss of cerebral perfusion. The dissector then uses Metzenbaum scissors to incise a adherent layer of tissue over the brain. This resembles the arachnoid layer of the meninges. After this layer is removed, he uses blunt dissection too remove the mass which he places on the dissection pan. This structure immediately collapses.

Human cerebrums do exactly the same thing as they are unable to support their own weight outside of the fluid environment. The surgeon then uses sharp dissection to reach further into the cranium to remove other structures which he places in the same pan. These structures resemble the midbrain and medulla. These would be placed in the same pan if one were trying to determine total neural mass.

Also, at the start of the film you see the subject lying on a table. This is not a dissection table which is normally metal with a central gutter to allow for the collection of escaping

fluids. Instead the subject is lying on what appears to be a standard examination table.

In the dissection of the thorax, first is seen the reflection of the skin and soft tissues overlying the thorax. Clearly seen are what appears to be a sternocleidomastiod muscles inserting into the clavicle and the sternum. The next view shows the thorax opened, the hazy outline of sectioned ribs can be seen laterally. The dissector focuses on the midline structure in the mediastinum which he opens with the metz. He then removes a structure from the left anterior mass which he then sticks his finger through. This has the appearance of a cardiac valve. Next, a large tubular structure is cut in the right chest and a large mass is handed of which appears to be lung. The structure cut most likely is the right mainstem bronchus. He then cuts a larger tubular structure which resembles the trachea and eventually hands off the remaining mediastinal structured enblock.

As to the character of the blood seeping from the incisions, etc. this all resembles what I have seen in my post-mortem dissections.

From this film it would appear that what we are seeing dissected shares a great resemblance to human anatomy, however the relative size of the various organs and structures do not conform to any known syndromic morphology that I am aware of.

**CHRIS RATHFOOT** M.D., NASHVILLE, USA

**Editor's comment:** *It would seem that from your professional opinion we don't have a creature FX on our hands, but something that was actually alive. Are we still talking alien or human? The waters are indeed deep and murky when it comes to that footage.*

## MIRAGES APLENTY?

Billie Devlin can hardly have begun investigation of the Firth of Forth (note spelling) report of 9 October 1995. Granton Road, Edinburgh is aligned almost due north (actually 353°). From there, Inchkeith Island lies to the north-east, on a bearing of about 50°. Obviously it cannot be the island in question. Inchmickery and Inchcolm Islands lie to the north-west (about 325°). No island lies in the direction indicated. The sketch of a building on the island indicates that it is Inchcolm, on which there is a ruined abbey. Inchcolm is 5 miles away from the point of observation.

The fact that the object appeared to be clear of the water, and that there was 'haziness' below it, indicates that it was a mirage, possibly an inverted image. What the source was is another matter. I would not rule out an oil exploration rig; several are parked in that area for repairs. They generally have an inverted U-shaped outline.

**STEUART CAMPBELL**, EDINBURGH

**Editor's comment:** *No comment!*

## KEN PHILLIPS OBITUARY BY JOHN SPENCER, CHAIR OF BUFORA

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Some years ago Ken, his wife Anne, myself and also Steve Gamble and Bob Digby, as a BUFORA delegation, travelled to Brussels for a conference held by SOBEPS and as is always the case when travelling together, a certain additional closeness was formed. Ken of course offered valuable contributions to that conference and to many of the people we met there but as much as anything it was an opportunity away from the constraints of every day UFO investigation to get to know each other more personally. That was where I first learned he had a sense of humour I have always found infectious and which I am sure made his serious work with witnesses all the more pleasant for himself then and others. Perhaps it was at its most useful when The Witness Support

Group, for a time, became considerably involved with the media (it seemed at one point as if all Witness Support Group meetings were being media-covered). That was a difficult, not always successful, experiment and I believe Ken steered the group through those challenges as positively and constructively as anybody could have done.

As the above shows, BUFORA – and our subject – owe Ken a significant debt of gratitude. I would like that debt to be our lasting memory of him. I will not deny that there were difficulties between BUFORA and Ken in recent months. But even though I found I disagreed strongly with him on a number of occasions, I have always understood and accepted that Ken was acting from sincerity and conscience. I believe my colleagues recognised that also.

I was delighted to know, however, that Ken had recently resolved his difficulties with BUFORA. He and Judith Ja'afar, who I have also regarded for some time as a natural inspiration for witnesses, between them recently resolved many problems for *The Witness* magazine, The Witness Support Group and its relationship with BUFORA. Ken's very positive letter to BUFORA which came out of that meeting, his last communication to us, was proof to me that had Ken lived we would have been working much more closely together in the future, and I would have welcomed that.

It is for his dedication to the subject and to witnesses, for his balance of humour and seriousness, and for his determination to progress this field of study, that he will be remembered by many, including myself.

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## THE MORGANA PICTURES

### *A Message from Morgana*

Following communications made to John Spencer regarding the Morgana Project which have recently made their way to us, we enclose a copy of our statement regarding our activities.

Morgana are a little saddened by the fact that its photos do not seem to have had the effect that was hoped, and remain such an item of interest for researchers. The focus should always be on the credibility of the autopsy footage itself.

The Morgana photos were designed to be a tool with which serious ufologists could dissect the footage, and armed with the knowledge that such footage could easily be faked, enable them to investigate with their minds rather than their hearts. Regrettably only a few individuals seem to have taken the message to heart, and whilst there is absolutely no evidence to support the theory that the footage is genuine, no one has yet confessed to faking it. Morgana believes that with each passing day that ufology fails to get to grips with this, its cause suffers more. There are dozens of avenues that have not even been approached yet, let alone explored.

As regards to the many questions relating to the manufacture of the head, and this is presupposing that Morgana were the creators of the model, which is a rash assumption.

However...

1. The head was constructed using a commercially available urethane rubber.
2. The cost of any product is the sum of the material costs and the labour costs. The artisans on The Morgana Project worked for free. Therefore the cost was negligible. About £250.00. It has been suggested that the models used in the autopsy footage would cost tens of thousands of pounds. This presupposes that the artists were paid up-front. It is possible however that they might have deferred their wages in favour of a percentage of the film's profits. Assuming the footage had a small budget, this approach would not be unreasonable.
3. The construction time on the head was four days.
4. A number of colour photos were taken, but Morgana did not feel they showed the model in its best light.
5. Morgana's aim was to show how simple it would be for an alien similar to the one in Santilli's film to be constructed. Morgana never claimed that its alien and Santilli's were one and the same, just that they came from the same planet. They never claimed to be of an alien, or a girl with Turner's disease. They were just photos of a faked 'alien'.

The phantom company was designed to protect the identities of those persons involved with Morgana. The reasons for this are numerous, but it's fair to say that there remains a number of agencies with a vested interest in the exploitation of the autopsy footage, some no doubt have invested heavily in the product and might object to anything which they perceive could damage their interests or adversely affect their financial prospects. Again, Morgana's aim was not to discredit the film, (the catalogue of inaccuracies and false claims did a fine job on its own) but to encourage people to look with open eyes as well as open minds.

For the record, Morgana firmly believes there was an incident at Roswell in 1947. They also believe that the Roswell alien autopsy footage has nothing to do with this event. We are not in the business of killing the sacred cow of ufology, merely in pointing out the dangers of false idolatry.

Morgana have of course been much criticised within ufological circles for daring to suggest that ufologists and the UFO press should perhaps investigate a little more thoroughly, examine all the possibilities and approach their subject with a more healthy degree of skepticism, and, perhaps as a result have become the subject of many a myth and conspiracy theory themselves. So, as we seem to be setting things straight here, Morgana would like to CATEGORICALLY DENY that there is any truth in any of the current rumours surrounding it and its activities; namely that:

1. Morgana are a group of model makers with a past history of crop circle hoaxes.
2. Morgana were instrumental in the creation of the Roswell autopsy footage.
3. The Morgana photos were mock-up test shots designed to stimulate and secure financial backing for the autopsy film.
4. The Morgana Project was designed as a smoke screen to hide Morgana's involvement in the autopsy footage.
5. Morgana are currently involved in the creation of additional footage using moneys raised from the sale of rights to the original autopsy film, for release during 1996.

It's a seductive theory, but it's also fabrication of the highest order. Much like the autopsy film itself.

**MORGANA PRODUCTIONS UK 96**

## PARTING SHOTS

Dear Mike,

You telephoned me to object in the strongest terms about some of the articles featured in RAPPORT X. In particular, you referred to a couple of comments I made about BUFORA losing the Dave Phillips (no relation) case and the Ros Reynolds case. I have to put the record straight here, in that, I had no proof that these two cases were missing and, as far as I know, BUFORA is entirely blameless in this matter. Therefore, I apologise unreservedly to BUFORA for my pretending that these two cases were missing. Indeed, you even went on to convince me that BUFORA has put 1,500 cases onto the Internet and that the remaining 6,000 cases will all be on file within the next couple of years. Of course, this is good news and is something that I, as a BUFORA member, have been personally campaigning for during the past 15 years.

The other point you mentioned was the tone and content of certain articles made by some of the witnesses. I am afraid there is little I can do about this issue as RAPPORT exists as a forum for witnesses' viewpoints and feelings. How can I, as the editor, censor views and feelings? I could, of course, ask the witnesses not to feel in the way that they do, but I don't think I would get very far, do you? But seeing as you have mentioned this controversial point, some of the witnesses themselves have complained about what other witnesses have written (see RAPPORT XI). So what am I to do: print only those articles that are politically, religiously and philosophically acceptable to me, or to you, or to BUFORA? They are the views of the witnesses alone and not those of others.

In conclusion, you, as well as other members of BUFORA, are always welcome to express the counter viewpoint in the WITPEN column. I promise not to censor anything and I don't even mind if you attack me personally (just so long, as everyone gets it off their chests).

Trusting this letter goes some way in restoring BUFORA's honour in the matters stated above.

### **KEN PHILLIPS**

WITNESS SUPPORT GROUP, LONDON

*Editor's comment: I'm pleased that at the end we came to some form of resolution with Ken over the case files.*

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### UFO'S - A PERSONAL VIEW LYNN PICKNETT

Former editor of *The Unexplained*, radio and television celebrity will update us on her views of the subject.

University of Westminster, 35 Marylebone Road, London, NW1.

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#### PHILIP MANTLE & GLORIA DIXON

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### 25TH SEPTEMBER

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