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EDITORIAL

UFO researchers everywhere will have learned with regret and dismay of the untimely death of Dr. James E. MacDonald of the University of Arizona's Institute of Atmospheric Physics, one of the few prominent U.S. scientists to profess publicly his deep interest in the problem of the Unidentified Flying Objects. Dr. MacDonald, after an unsuccessful attempt at suicide on April 9th of this year, shot himself with a 38 revolver on June 13th, in the desert near the town of Tucson.

When I was told this tragic piece of news my mind flew back to April 29th, 1959, when astrophysicist Morris K. Jessup was found dead in his carbon-monoxide filled station wagon, in Dade County Park, Florida.

Not many leading American men of science are students of UFOs. It is certainly strange that two such should have died by their own hands in circumstances affording a number of parallels.

The most probable explanation is, of course, coincidence. Scientists are no more immune from the strains and stresses of everyday life than are other men. It might even be argued that the mental streak of originality and unorthodoxy which brought these men to the scientifically taboo field of UFO study, carried with it a corresponding sensitivity, which, when personal affairs became unsettled, pushed them over the brink of sanity into the act of self-destruction.

It may be, of course, that there is another and more sinister interpretation to be placed upon the data. We cannot be certain that this is the case and I trust that the uncertainty will deter writers on UFO topics from indulging in a wild barrage of speculation which could hardly be other than painful to Dr. MacDonald's surviving relatives and friends.

It is becoming impossible for any UFO personality under the age of 100 to die an ordinary death. There are always MIB in the offing, ready to meet out mayhem and murder to the UFO-oriented, or hovering saucers beaming down malignant rays upon them!

I do not wish to go on record as denying the possibility that extraneous agencies may, on occasion, bring about injury or death to persons who become involved with them. I simply state that allegations are valueless in the absence of proof and serve only to bring pain to some without carrying conviction to any.

In the early days of UFO-research the emphasis among students was generally upon benevolent space brothers, who were alleged to float about in the stratosphere awaiting a favourable opportunity to transform Earth into Utopia. Nowadays the pendulum has swung to the other extreme and we are beset by hordes of sleazy monsters ravening for our blood.

The fact would seem to be—accepting the reality of alien visitation and twenty years of UFO study have left me in little doubt on that score—that some UFO denizens are well-disposed towards humanity and others less so. I doubt whether the former are as angelic as the cultists claim or the latter as diabolic as the alarmists fear. Ufonauts of all kinds seem to be indigenous to the material universe as we are ourselves. Extremes of good and evil pertain to more subtle realms of consciousness.

Generally speaking, I do not believe that UFO investigators of mature age and balanced mind are likely to encounter anything with which they will be unable to cope. It is the unbalanced and the immature who come to grief.

THE CASE OF THE FROZEN POND—AN EXPLANATION

In their book *UFOs The Whole Story* (Signet Books) Coral and Jim Lorenzen describe the Vashon Island case of February 18th, 1968.

Briefly the important central fact was that a pond in a gravel pit was found to be frozen over in association with the sighting of a UFO close to the gravel pit. The original witnesses—three young men between 18 and 19 years old—on witnessing the object which 'rested on a hill to the east of the gravel pit' left the area in their car to get witnesses from the local town of Vashon (Washington). They then returned to find the object now on the opposite side of the pit, i.e. west. Here was a period of time when the object was not being observed. It was now described as lens-shaped about the size of a shooting wagon, and made of shiny metal. The diameter was estimated at about 30ft., but this could have been an underestimate.

One of the original observers panicked on seeing the object again and the whole trio once again drove back to Vashon to find more witnesses. Thus during two periods of time which must have been of about an hour's duration they were no witnesses of the objects possible movements in the gravel pit.

The important facts are in this case meteorological. The 100ft. diameter pond in the pit was found after the second return to the pit to be frozen over.—the object had by now gone. The thickness of the ice was up to three inches in some places but this must have been edge thickness when the ice was subsequently broken. We do not know how thick it was in the middle.

- Fact 2. The ice was full of bubbles and sediment was enclosed in them.
- Fact 3. The ice was layered in several layers.
- Fact 4. It was raining at the time of the sighting (1-2 a.m.).
- Fact 5. The ice was described as remarkably dry despite the rain.
- Fact 6. Local meteorological enquiries established that at no time in recent days had the temperature been below freezing. Small puddles adjacent to the pond were not frozen and these would have frozen first if the air temperature had been responsible.

It seems likely that the UFO and the icing of the pond could be connected. An experiment which often astounds the un-initiated is one where a small quantity of water out of the tap is put in a test tube and placed under the receiver of a vacuum pump-table. Under the reduced pressure the water boils using its own internal heat energy to do so. For every cubic centimetre of water which boils away the water has to supply 540 calories of heat. Such a great output of heat quickly lowers the temperature of the water to freezing point and as only 80 calories are required to convert 1 cc. of water into ice (once the freezing point is reached) so an ice layer forms on the surface of the water and thickens with time. Typical thickness in surroundings at room temperature is $\frac{1}{2}$ —1 inch thick in 20 minutes. With surroundings at say only 5°C (41°F) rather than 20°C (68°F) the thickening would be quicker. Note that the ice thickens even though a solid ice sheet has already formed above the water. The ice when looked at has a surface layer absolutely opaque with air bubbles. The surface of the ice is very dry because it is evaporating water molecules.

The similarities between the results of this experiment and the Vashon Island pond are close enough to make it a feasibility that the UFO caused the pond to boil by hovering closely over it and forming a vacuum above its surface. The time the witnesses were away from the scene gives adequate time for this to have happened.

To form the vacuum would require the continuous removal of the air and vapour produced. However if the UFO ionises the air below it—as there is good evidence that it often does—and its own magnetic field entrains this electrified air then it could act as a radial vacuum pump. The air and water-vapour ions would be evolved around the rim and the electrons are unimportant as they can be contained in a vacuum without it losing its vacuum properties (e.g. the thermionic valve of the cathode ray tube).

The effect created here over a small body of water is fairly unique. Over a large body of water while local boiling would occur the chances are that no ice would be created because of the heat input from the surrounding water. The Vashon Island pond was small enough for the boiling to use up a great deal of the stored heat in the pond. Calculations show that the observed thickness was quite reasonable and could have been produced by this process. The pond need only have been of the order of 2ft. 6in. deep on average over its 100ft. diameter and the ice layer could have been 3in. thick in places. It was probably more nearly 2in. thick or perhaps less over its whole surface.

This is perhaps the result over water while the result of being over recently turned and therefore air-filled fields (Charlton. Wiltshire, hole case) could be the removal of the surface soil as has been observed several times.

ALAN WATTS.

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U.F.O's AND E.M. RADIATION

There have been so many allusions to electro-magnetic radiations and 'force fields' in association with UFO sightings and so much loose talk concerning the strange effects which occur in the vicinity of UFO manifestations that perhaps it is time to try to clarify our thoughts on these subjects a little.

Many persons researching into the nature of UFOs do not possess a Scientific background and are at times bewildered when discussions take a turn towards the more fundamental aspects of atomic and electrical theory.

Almost everyone will have heard of the electro-magnetic spectrum and realise that visible light forms a part of this spectrum. They probably know that light ranges from darkest red through the colours of the rainbow to brilliant violet and on into the invisible ultra-violet range. But they may not know the reasons for these variations or the scope and significance of the electro-magnetic spectrum. So let us go back to fundamentals and try to explain a few of the simple facts of electro-magnetic life!

The E.M. pulse or cycle. Energy which changes regularly from an electrical to a magnetic state and back again is called one wave or cycle. A number of such pulses in sequence will occur in one second. This number is quoted as the cycles per second of that particular E.M. radiation. (One cycle per second is called a Hertz).

This fact may be checked by referring to almost any radio set. Radiations of any frequency of pulsation from slowest we know (long radio waves) to the fastest we have yet measured (Cosmic rays), are all the same in basic make up and once generated are obliged to proceed away from point of origin at the speed of light. This peculiar fact which is independent of the speed of the point of origin started Albert Einstein off on his Relativity theories.

UFOs and the E.M. Spectrum. It is clear from many reports that UFOs frequently emit visible light which varies throughout the light spectrum.

It is also known that UFO 'fields' interfere with T.V., Radio and Radar. Heat near UFOs has been severe enough to cause Air Crews to 'bale out,' and the illumination of ground objects by invisible rays from UFOs can be simulated by terrestrial Ultra-violet rays. The frequent observation that a UFO may accelerate from a standstill and pass from orange red to a bright violet hue at high velocity does suggest that the rising power used for propulsion is producing a proportional side effect which it may not be able to avoid.

Radiations of the X-ray type. As part of the general disturbance of the E.M. spectrum one would expect that the pulses of higher frequencies than light might be given off by UFOs and these would include X-rays and the faster gamma rays which are also encountered as a product of radioactive materials. Exposure of the body to high concentrations of these rays give changes varying from reddening of the skin to frank burning of tissues and death. Latent effects due to slowly developing blood changes produce anaemia and death if severe. (Hiroshima). Such radiation could only be demonstrated by instruments (Geiger Counters) in vicinity of the UFO as there is no persistence of the radiation when the source is removed unless of course radioactive material is jettisoned.

A person can only give off radioactivity when actually carrying radiocative material in or on his body. This can occur in certain medical treatments but the patient is then kept isolated and nurses are suitably protected.

There are still quite wide bands of frequencies along the E.M. spectrum, the properties of which remain unknown, and if my hunch that the whole of the E.M. Spectrum is 'twanged' by a UFO at peak power is correct, these frequencies also would be involved. We don't know what the result might be.

John Keel has referred to the interference by UFO fields on the operation of battery operated equipment without affecting the delicate motors or wiring and we all know of cases where cars have been halted by proximity to UFOs. In these cases although lights have been doused and batteries apparently dead everything has recovered after the disappearance of the UFO. On one occasion three cars were so affected 'line astern' which is pretty strong evidence for some external cause for the temporary failures. Efforts to saturate ignition coils by heavy magnetic fields show that only unheard of intensities could knock them out and in the case of flashlights such fields would not work.

A few years ago a member of BUFORA was driving his car towards Brentwood in expectation of delivering a talk on some subject Ufological.

The night was dry but overcast and all was well, car—an Alfa-Romeo—going splendidly the battery new and well charged. The driver, uncertain of his whereabouts drew up in a lay-by at the top of a hill under a lamp and walked to a house to ask his way and returned after a few minutes to the car. To his consternation everything was dead, lights would not operate, starter would not turn and radio would not play. He tested all circuits carefully all fuses were intact, nothing hot

or burnt. The battery hadn't a vestige of charge left and he noted the strange fact that the battery was ice cold with condensation bedewing it. If it had been shorted it would have been very hot indeed and the evening was not cold. From the house he summoned help and obtained the services of a car electrical expert. This expert again tested all circuits, control units, etc., etc., and confessed himself at a loss. An internal lesion in the battery seemed the only possibility but *all* the cells were dead. So towing was resorted to. At first the dynamo failed to charge but eventually current appeared the lights returned and the engine fired. By keeping up the revs I managed to get home safely early in the morning hours. Now no UFO was seen . . . but . . . ? The final shock occurred when on testing the battery the next day full charge had returned. Nothing to account for the episode ever came to light, the battery is still operating normally as far as I know. (Yes it was the author but I have not thought the incident worth recording until now).

It seems therefore that there is an effect due to some type of UFO radiation which will halt the flow of ions in battery fluids. To support this theory a case is on record where two vehicles were confronted by a UFO. The petrol driven car suffered the effects just described but the truck, a diesel, only lost his lights, the engine being independent of electrical ignition went on running. Possibly E.M. radiations on frequencies which we have not yet investigated are to blame, at any rate this might be a line of research worth following.

DR. G. G. DOEL.

"A GLOWING THOUGHT"

The discovery below of a range of phosphors prompted a thought on the glowing effect of UFOs.

New Scientist—*Phosphors change colour for lamps.*

"A range of phosphors that convert infra-red radiation to visible light have been discovered at Bell Telephone Laboratories. Infra-red-emitting diodes are painted with the phosphors, which can be varied to emit a whole range of colours.

Ytterbium, a rare-earth element, absorbs the infra-red radiation from a silicon-doped gallium arsenide diode and passes it to other rare-earth ions in the phosphor. Red, green and blue light can be produced by using various combinations of holmium, erbium and thulium. The new phosphor compounds make more efficient use of the infra-red radiation of the gallium arsenide diodes; they are up to four times brighter than an ordinary fluorescent light.

A lamp has also been developed that changes colour as the electric power supplied to it is varied. The phosphor, which uses oxychlorides host crystals containing ytterbium, erbium and holmium, produces light that varies from red to green as the power is reduced."

It seems beyond doubt, from numerous reports of this, that UFOs are seen to glow brightly, a fact which is mainly responsible for their observation, especially during darkness hours. An object may begin to glow or cease glowing or vary in the intensity of brightness. The colours observed encompass the whole range of the spectrum, and have been seen to change from one to another on occasions. Changes in intensity of light and colour changes seems to be associated to some extent with changes in the speed of UFOs, for example, when "taking off" or "landing." The glow *may* therefore be directly or indirectly related to the UFO power and propulsion system.

Perhaps some UFOs become "red hot," the colour and intensity resulting from the variations in temperature. Again UFOs may have an "ionising effect" on the air around them causing this to become luminous. There are other theories. Does this new discovery (a range of phosphors that convert infra-red radiation to visible light) give an insight into the mechanism responsible for the Blowing effect.

Is it possible that the excess energy in the form of heat from the UFO power source is radiated through some exotic material from which the hull is constructed—a compound of elements which have the ability to "convert infra-red radiation to visible light?" Could it follow also that changes in intensity and colour of light emitted are produced by an increase or decrease in energy radiated? Perhaps the glowing is merely a by-product effect.

The luminosity may be stimulated by some other form of electro-magnetic radiation associated with the so called "E.M. effect." It is stated, in the article that "a lamp has also been developed that changes colour as the electric power supplied to it is varied."

A. R. PACE.

NOTES & QUOTES

Take note who should.

"Science is a first-rate piece of furniture for a man's upper chamber if he has common sense on the ground floor."

—OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES.

The Chairman resigns.

It is with the utmost regret that I have to announce the resignation of Captain E. I. A. Mackay from the post of Chairman of

BUFORA. Ivar Mackay has given marathon service to the Association. The ostensible reasons for his resignation will be embodied in a letter to be read at the forthcoming A.G.M.

New Editorial status.

Pursuant to a decision of the National Executive Committee, framed at my own instigation, I shall, following the A.G.M.,

become a member of the Committee *ex officio*, thus freeing an elective seat for another candidate.

'UFOs—Key to the new age.'

This is the title of a new book by Britain's leading contactee, Arthur Shuttlewood, which is published by Regency Press. It is a

stimulating and thought-provoking work, which all who are interested in Warminster and its 'Thing' will read.

A Norfolk mystery.

BUFORA, through a Resolution at the 1970 A.G.M., affirmed its interest in 'Fortean' and parapsychical events which might have a

bearing on the solution of the UFO mystery. Might this apply to the intriguing affair of the Royal progress of the (usurping) Emperor of the Western Roman Empire, Carausius, which has for several centuries been reported to pass through the Norfolk village of Wroxham on certain dates in the year, complete with lions, chariots and chained prisoners? It sounds like a tall tale, I admit, but there is a surprising amount of evidence in its favour. There have been many UFO sightings in the region of the Norfolk Broads, too, so maybe the affair is worth an investigation. I have long toyed with the notion that peculiar quirks of the space-time continuum may generate strange happenings in certain localities.

So think before you scoff.

“Matters of fact well proved ought not to be denied because we cannot conceive how they can be performed. Nor is it a reasonable method of inference, first to presume the thing impossible and thence to conclude that the fact cannot be proved. On the contrary, we should judge of the action by the evidence and not of the evidence by the measures of our fancies about the action.”

—JOSEPH GLANVILL, F.R.S.,
'*Saducismus Triumphatus*,' London, 1681.
J. C-B.

ESP AND THE BADDIES—A WARNING TO WATCHERS

During the coming Summer, when 'sky-watching' really gets under way, may I draw attention to the questionable and highly dangerous practices which an increasing number of participants appear to be employing, and what I am referring to is this business of 'meditating' on the so-called 'space people' and trying to make telepathic contact with 'them.' Whether 'they' are ETIs, extra-dimensional projections, fairies, holograms or what have you, the fact of the matter is that many of the 'contacts' made with them in this manner have resulted in after effects such as hallucinations, mental illness, nervous disorders and general mental and physical decline—even excessive pre-occupation in ufology in general can bring one unconsciously en rapport with these energies and so cause a lot of trouble as many of you may already know.

I have, from time to time, tried to point out these dangers to various people, but they have only assumed a somewhat sad, pained expression and turned away, as much as to say: "Poor fellow! He means well, I'm sure—but I know better. Oblivious, in their inexperience, profound ignorance and lack of discrimination and training in such techniques, *they just do not realise, nor do they appear to wish to know about, the very great dangers and risk of mental infection to which they are opening themselves.*

I can do no more than 'plug' these warnings, no more than a Medic can in his warnings of the deadly effects of hard drugs, and take leave to quote a short extract, entitled 'The ESPs and Consciousness,' published in the Dec. 1970 issue of the Journal of the British Society of Dowsers, in which the author, J. Lemuel, says: "However, it must be clearly realised that deliberate use of ESPs . . . of the telepathic kind . . . puts one en rapport with whatever is being investigated, and if a rapport is established with what St. Paul calls 'Principalities and Powers,' that is to say forces of evil (of which there are many believe me), they are apt to 'jump' the investigator, and the consequences will be of a diabolic invasion, which is most unpleasant and unless dealt with promptly and knowledgeably is likely to be disastrous. I am writing of what I know from other people's experience as well as my own. On the other hand, a rapport with the forces of goodness, of which there are plenty, as well, is very pleasant and profitable."

It is a regrettable fact that mankind, generally speaking, is largely negative in moral fibre; consequently the negative energies are those that he is more prone to encounter. The fact that there are positive energies is unquestioned, but man's ability to distinguish between the two is elementary and unreliable. So if some of you are stupid enough to wish to run the risk of becoming Zombies under the direction of some alien influence, that must be your own responsibility entirely—and if you get into difficulties please don't complain that you haven't been warned!

E.A.I.M.

JOHN A. KEEL—RESEARCHER EXTRAORDINARY

At long last, after many intriguing and often tantalising articles in 'Flying Saucer Review,' and elsewhere, John Keel has given us the essence of his findings on the subject of UFOs, in two books which no sincere investigator can afford not to read.

I shall not say much about, 'Strange Creatures from Time & Space,' except that, as a long-time connoisseur of monsters and monster-stories, I enjoyed every chapter of it. It is rather to, 'Operation Trojan Horse,' that one must turn in order to ascertain exactly what Keel's conclusions are on the nature and purposes of the elusive UFOs.

There can be no question that Keel has concentrated a vast amount of investigation and research into the last five years. He has, if rumour is to be believed, risked his hard-won journalistic reputation and sacrificed his financial security in the course of his quest for the UFO. It would be pleasant to record that he had at least reached a degree of certainty in his conclusions on these aerial enigmas.

Unfortunately, that is what one cannot report. He advances a definite thesis on the nature of the ufonauts, then proceeds to qualify and water down his findings, until the reader is left wondering exactly how much confidence he has in them. I can understand Keel's reluctance to imprison himself in a rigid frame of reference UFO-wise. He points out, correctly, that there are drawbacks and even dangers in such a proceeding. Need a frame of reference become a cage, however? Surely it can be flexible and subject to continual modification in the light of fresh evidence?

For the 'extra-terrestrials' beloved of most UFO-researchers Keel substitutes the 'ultraterrestrials,' who, apparently, reside in another space-time, continuum parallel with our own. This idea of a parallel universe is becoming popular among researchers of late. It presumably devolves from a realisation of the ubiquity of the UFOs. Could another planet, remote from the Earth in space, send its spacecraft here in such numbers and variety as the ever-increasing corpus of UFO reports suggests? Obviously not, if space travel for a UFO is a matter of taking off from home and travelling through interstellar space to the solar system, much as an omnibus travels from point A to point B on its route.

If, however, our hypothetical UFO can teleport itself through hyperspace from its base to Earth, thus sidetracking the vast abyss of interstellar space altogether, the picture alters. I would refer readers to an article in FSR for Nov./Dec. 1969, by a Paris physicist who uses the pseudonym, 'Dr. Jacques Lemaitre,' for an exposition of this idea, which strikingly confirms my Modified Extra-terrestrial Hypothesis of UFO origin. It is really superfluous to postulate a parallel universe as the home of the UFO-denizens, when they may more plausibly be assumed to emanate from our own universe and to be capable of reaching us via an hyperspatial link. It is, incidentally, in flagrant disregard of 'Occam's Razor,' the one philosophical principle which certain UFO students seem to have heard of and to be fond of referring-to as proof of the profundity of their thinking, but which, it seems, they do not really understand.

Keel cites the wide variety of UFO shapes and types reported as evidence that UFOs are temporary manipulations of matter and energy and not actual machines. I suggest that he fails to take into account, (a) the limitations of many persons as

observers, (b) the almost infinitely diverse conditions of light, distance, angle, etc., under which UFOs may be observed and (c) the possibility of deliberate deception practised by the pilots of the craft. As regards (c), it would probably not be beyond the resources of an advanced technology to create around a UFO the illusion of a 1930 aeroplane or an 1897 dirigible. Furthermore, many accounts of UFOs are similar. How many times does one hear about, "an object looking like two soup-plates, one inverted on top of the other?"

Our author really comes into his own when he deals with the contactees and the victims of the sinister 'men in black.' On these matters I am in complete agreement with much of what he has to say. Unquestionably, a large number of persons have been deceived and hoodwinked by self-styled 'space brothers,' Many more have been threatened, blackmailed and intimidated by mysterious visitors, as a result of having experienced a UFO sighting. I do not maintain, any more than does Keel, that *all* UFO manifestations are of a negative type, but an uncomfortably large proportion of those presently experienced undoubtedly can be so classified. Ours is no subject for half-baked Utopian theorists and emotionally disturbed teenagers.

Keel is unquestionably correct in deducing a link between UFO visitations and certain varieties of psychical phenomena. I cannot agree with him, however, that spiritualistic manifestations are merely one more disguise beneath which the UFO-denizens play their games of deception upon us. It is worthy of note that almost all the scientific men of prominence who have undertaken impartial and exhaustive enquiries into Spiritualism have ended as champions of the idea of human survival. This fact may be painful to the silly little pseudo-scientific knowalls who resent any attempt at depriving them of their earnest hope, (which I share as far as they are concerned), of total annihilation *post mortem*. It remains a fact nevertheless. If UFOs reach us via an hyperspatial, i.e. fifth-dimensional, link, it is not surprising, assuming the four-dimensional space-time continuum to constitute the surface of a five-dimensional hypersphere the interior of which is the abode of psychic entities and forces, that the transit of space-ships should on occasion precipitate psychic disturbances at the point of their emergence into our environment. Furthermore, we have to reckon with a possible conscious control of psychic forces by the UFO-denizens, who, notwithstanding, their degree of scientific advancement or perhaps a consequence of it, may be assumed not to share the insidious materialistic outlook which is dragging our planet down the road to perdition.

If I have written critically of some of John Keel's ideas, it is not because I seek to disparage either the man or his writings. On the contrary, I have nothing but admiration for the single-minded determination with which he has thrown himself into UFO-research and brought to light many things which would otherwise never have come to light at all. One Keel is worth a score of pompous, self-important 'ufologists' who never really investigate anything, preferring to capitalise on the work of other and better men.

J. C-B.

'**Operation Trojan Horse**' is published by Souvenir Press Ltd., 95, Mortimer St., London, W.1. Price £2.00.

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A WELCOME TO 'UFOLOG'

'BUFORA JOURNAL' came into existence in the Summer of 1964. On August 8th of that year—by a strange coincidence seven years to the day before I write these lines—'UFOLOG' was born, under the auspices of the Isle of Wight UFO Investigation Society. In recent years, the continuing success of 'UFOLOG' owes everything to the unremitting efforts of Mrs. K. Smith, who has edited and produced it practically single-handed.

Now 'UFOLOG' is to be incorporated in the 'JOURNAL' as a regular feature of the latter. I am happy to welcome Mrs. Smith as Editorial Assistant. She will continue to compile 'UFOLOG' as before and reports of UFO sightings should be addressed to her, as follows:

MRS. K. SMITH,
"Ringlemere," Colwell Road,
Colwell Bay, Isle of Wight.

Many have expressed the opinion that the 'JOURNAL' ought to feature a chronological list of UFO sighting reports in each issue. This was too heavy a chore for me to undertake alone. Now, with Mrs. Smith's assistance, the long felt want will be supplied.

I am sure that 'JOURNAL' readers will benefit by this amalgamation.

EDITOR.

UFOLOG

From : January 1971

Compiled by Mrs. K. Smith

(Note : A large percentage of all UFO reports relate to misidentified man-made artifacts or natural phenomena. 'Journal' readers must decide for themselves whether or not a given sighting ought to be assigned a conventional explanation or retained in the 'Unknown' category).

Ref. : 44/7.

Date : Wednesday, February 24th, 1971.

Time : 0615 hrs.

Location : Nuneaton, Warks.

(Report in the "Evening Tribune," Wed., Feb. 24th, 1971)

An unidentified flying object was seen in the sky over Nuneaton early today by four Coventry policemen.

P.C. Brian Hewitt of Foleshill Police Station said: "We were attending a job in Lythalls Lane at 6.15 a.m., when we all saw a strange thing in the sky. It was not a meteorite or anything like that.

There were three single white lights in the sky over Nuneaton area and moving at a great speed in a westerly direction towards Birmingham. Then they turned northwards.

"They were at a height of about two miles and the lights did not belong to the same object because they were so far apart. They appeared to be in formation."

P.C. Hewitt said they were also travelling at a tremendous speed.

"I don't know what they could have been. I don't believe in flying saucers or anything like that and I tried to look at it in a reasoned way. I checked with air traffic control at Birmingham Airport and the first aircraft to land there was 45 minutes later than the time we saw the lights. I cannot explain it."

Report in the "Evening Tribune," Friday, Feb. 26th, 1971.

More on the UFOs from amateur astronomer, Steve Melvin of Nuneaton.

Steve, a worker at Coventry Power Station was on top of a tower at the same time as the three policemen reported seeing a mysterious object in the sky.

"I have been interested in astronomy since 1944 and have been 'skywatching' since then but I have never seen anything like these objects.

"They made no noise and I can confirm that they were flying at about 30° in a North Westerly direction. I have no answer for it," said Steve.

From MR. G. COXON.

Ref. : 33/26.

Time : Just before dawn.

Date : November 13th, 1970

Location : Northamptonshire.

Just before dawn at the Ear, Nose and Throat Ward of a Northamptonshire hospital, eight-year-old Robert Lewis got out of bed to watch an odd-looking yellow light in the sky.

The ward window faces south and Robert said the object "looked as if it was spinning. It came from the left (east) and then went down, then up, then down, then up again. It zig-zagged for a while then turned and went away (to the South). It got smaller and smaller, then vanished."

"PARASITE" NORTHANTS CHRONICLE AND ECHO."

Ref. : 33/27.

Time : 1710 hrs.

Date : 15th November, 1970.

Location : Burgess Hill, Sussex.

Quote from a letter in the "Mid-Sussex Times"—"At about 5.10 p.m. we were walking along Mill Road, when my husband pointed out a red line in the sky to the west of Burgess Hill. Both being interested in UFOs we stood and watched it for about five minutes.

For a while it was stationary. It then seemed to roll over and a second object dropped from it. This had a red light on it, which soon faded out and the object flew off to the south. Almost at once the first object flew off at an angle of about 60° and at an incredible speed. All this time there was no sound coming from either object.

We had an opportunity to compare it with an aircraft flying over at the same time. There was no similarity between the two. As this object was in the sky for at least five minutes, surely someone else must have seen it."

"PARASITE."

Ref. 33/28.

Time : 2335 hrs.

Date : 21st November, 1970.

Location : London.

A freelance journalist, Mr. Douglas Lockhart, of Clapton, London, reported to the Ministry of Defence and spoke on television, about an object he and two friends observed at 2335, on 21st November.

Mr. Lockhart said, "... it glided across an almost clear sky at a height of not more than three thousand feet," and further claimed that the object—"clearly visible and seemingly large"—had a yellow-orange nucleus, a black oval outline, was surrounded by a corona of red light which looked like flame and was totally silent.

The object then stopped, changed direction and headed back towards the watchers, until eventually, appeared as an orange ball of light which slowly zig-zagged its way off and disappeared.

"PARASITE"/"HACKNEY GAZETTE."

OVERSEAS REPORTS

Maraenui, New Zealand.

7th May, 1970.

Headmaster W. Billing and several of the teachers at Richmond School, Maraenui, as well as about 400 children watched a strange sky object for about 20 minutes from about 2.03 to 2.23 p.m. Billing's attention was first drawn to the object by the unusual quiet of the usually noisy children. Billing said the children had stopped playing and were watching in awe and fascination.

The day was warm and sunny, Mr. A. Coveny, a teacher, told Mr. Alford. The object appeared in the south as an opaque "hole" in the blue sky, low on the horizon and presented an elongated or oval appearance. Then it appeared to "gather itself together" and moved toward the school (which is located near Napier) and stopped when "just below the sun." At this time it appeared as a "huge wingless plane" with the sun glistening on it. Billing and Coveny thought that the object was hovering between Westshore and Tongaio, and they said they watched a plane landing at Napier Aerodrome while the object was in clear view. "There was definitely no comparison between the two," said Billing.

After hovering for a period of about 10 minutes, the strange object began to move away toward the northeast. It then presented the appearance of a round ball, the centre of which had a "transparent-like sheen." As it moved away it flattened out again and moved in a straight line until it appeared as a bright star. Then it appeared to light again, "like a bright blue planet," Billing said, and faded away before it moved straight away at high speed.

Billing ruled out a balloon as a possibility because of the object's change of shape from round to oval and vice versa, which indicated a round flat configuration. He also said that the object definitely impressed him as being solid and metallic.

Coveny, when interviewed, expressed his surprise that comparatively few people had seen it. He felt that at least half of Napier should have seen and reported the object. He said that at the school everyone stood with their mouths open trying to work out a logical explanation. When a pupil asked him if it was a flying saucer he answered in the affirmative because he could give no other answer.

Coveny admitted his scepticism about UFOs prior to his experience. When asked to compare its apparent size in the sky with an object at arm's length he said it was huge—like a basketball as it changed from oval to round. Coveny's own words were that it appeared to be "something out of this worldly concept, something from another dimension."

A.P.R.O. BULLETIN, TUCSON, ARIZONA. Sent by PAUL WILSON.

Hamilton, Ill., U.S.A.

On the 4th of September, near Hamilton, Mrs. Otto Dennison stepped out of her farm home to see why the dog was barking. Almost immediately she saw an object in the southwest sky which she thought, on first glance, to be the moon. Quickly, however, she noticed it was moving toward a farmhouse less than one eighth of a mile west. There it stopped just above some trees and began making erratic movements which resembled a kite which had no tail, jerking and shifting in every direction. The light being emitted from this round configuration was basically yellow to yellow-orange.

Mrs. Dennison wondered what this thing was and what she should do about it. Her husband was asleep and the neighbours had no light, so she assumed they were not at home. She went indoors for a few minutes while pondering the situation. After a while she returned to her yard but did not see anything until she turned to the east. Now the light was bouncing above her farmhouse to the east, mentioned above. She learned later the owners were away at the time. She went indoors again and when she looked out later the light could not be seen. It had been in the area for at least half an hour.

About 3.00 a.m. on Monday, October 5th, 1970, near Kanoka, Mo., Robert Benjamin and Jackie Jones stopped their auto when they saw a "blue moon." Not only the colour caught their attention, but on further observation, they could see that it was moving slowly. They got out of the car, sensing something unusual. The night was clear and sky dark except for stars and this pale blue circle, which looked like "a piece of plain blue paper cut into a circle and placed in the sky." After two or three minutes a tail, or streak of yellowish light streaked skyward from the blue ball. The ball faded away, but the streak remained for another three minutes or more until it also faded away.

"SKYLOOK," STOVER, MO., U.S.A.

Brazil.

On the first of March 1970 a family in Porto Alegre, Rio Grande do Sulstate, Brazil, observed a roundish light of the brightness of the star Sirius which went through a series of complicated manoeuvres over the city for a period of 40 minutes. The principal witness and the head of the family is an amateur astronomer of 20 years standing.

The manoeuvres were so many and varied that they are difficult and space-consuming to describe. However, the following light changes were noted. At the beginning of each horizontal movement the object brightened momentarily and as the speed increased the object turned red. During vertical movements the light became an intense, brilliant red (like a jewel) and a tiny pinpoint of green light became visible. The object besides its vertical and horizontal movements was also observed to execute a "pendulum" movement several times. Starts and stops were sudden without transitional speeds and there was no sound.

A second sighting took place over Cabo Frio, State of Rio de Janeiro at 9.05 p.m. on the 28th March, 1970. There were 14 witnesses.

The object was first thought to be a satellite until it began to manoeuvre. The yellowish light came out of the west, stopped, went west again, hesitated, stopped again, started back toward the east, then headed north in the direction of the observers. As it proceeded toward them its speed increased, it became larger and changed colour to a bright red. It went out of sight into the north over the heads of the observers and was soon out of sight behind a nearby building. The witnesses kept quiet as the object passed overhead and noted that no sound accompanied it. It was a clear, windless night and the witnesses were all "UFO skeptics" prior to their experience.

A.P.R.O. BULLETIN, U.S.A. Sent by PAUL WILSON.

September 3rd, 1970.

Almiro Martins became paralysed after having fired on a strange object and was taken to a hospital in the state of Guanabara.

The object emitted flashes of multicoloured lights. Witness had an unusual sensation of heat and heard a deafening noise. The authorities wished to investigate the incident. The doctors say the blindness of the witness was due to psychological causes. A motorist and one other passer-by were the first to give aid.

Seventy-two hours had passed and Almiro Martins, of the security service, married, 31 years old and father of 3 children was still practically blind. His story is the subject of a serious investigation not only by doctors, psychiatrists and ophthalmists, but also by the authorities.

Almiro was in the special service of Interior Security and all his tests, particularly the psychological test are normal. On the Sunday about 2.30 he was engaged in servicing the Funil Dam in Itatiaia. There had been heavy rain and Almiro was inspecting the sector. Looking towards a near ramp he saw at a certain height a row of orange, blue and other coloured lights. His first reaction was to remove himself immediately, but on second thoughts, after hesitation, he decided to approach the object.

He reached a point about 15 metres from where the object was emitting little multicoloured lights. He does not know the exact shape of the object. At this moment he heard a strange sound, similar to that of the turbine of a reactor and became almost deaf. Resolving to examine that which seemed to present an imminent danger he drew his revolver and fired several times. Almiro barely remembers that between the second and third shot a violent flash came from the ramp or bank (where he had seen the line of little lights) in his direction. He was immediately blinded. He recalls that his body became paralysed by an abnormal heat guessed at more than 40°. This inhibited all his movements. On the other hand it is certain a third shot was fired although he was hardly aware of what was happening around him.

A motorist and another security officer, who were the first to help Almiro declare that he was standing upright his weapon still turned towards the ramp and hardly articulate. He cried, "Don't look, take care the light has blinded me." The same witnesses declare that when they reached Almiro he held himself stiffly as if he were incapable of movement and seemed paralysed. It was only when he was put in the vehicle that he appeared to recover his power to move. There had been heavy rain but at the spot where Almiro declared he had seen the row of lights there was a gentle cement slope. A part of the slope was suddenly dried and in the centre of a little circle there was no vestige of the torrential rain that had fallen.

The first ophthalmic tests indicate that Almiro's blindness is temporary and of a psychological nature, perhaps caused by shock. The affair is being investigated with many precautions and with secrecy. When Almiro speaks of the incident he is obviously troubled but otherwise gives proof of mental stability. He has now been further removed to a hospital in the state of Guanabara. The affair has been brought to the notice of the security authorities and to the bureau charged with the study of UFOs.

PHONOMENES SPATIAUX. Translated by MRS. IVY THOMPSON.

Ref. : 8/144.

Time : Afternoon.

Date : 3rd November, 1970.

Location : Northampton.

Report in the "Chronicle and Echo"

Another Unidentified Flying Object has been seen in the sky over Northampton it was reported today.

Last Wednesday afternoon Mr. Ronald Dartnell, of 92 Southampton Road, Far Cotton, together with several of his workmates, saw three shining circular or spherical objects moving across the sky to the south of the town. They appeared, one at a time, travelling from approximately south west to east, and vanished out of sight behind buildings in the direction of Hardingstone. They were moving quite rapidly, and "on a definite course."

Now a resident of Wootton, Mr. S. G. Lilford, reported seeing an object in the sky the previous day. "I just happened to glance out of my window to see if it was raining," he said, "it was about a quarter past three."

"I saw a large circular object, flying low over the village. I watched it for almost a minute, and saw a puff of blue smoke, come from the edge. The object changed course, and dropped down vertically." It was travelling rapidly, in roughly a south-west to east direction. The size of the object was difficult to judge, but its apparent size was that of a "football."

"It had on it, in the shape of a square, four pale circular lights—'the colour of a night-light,' between the lights," he said, "apparently connecting them, was a distinct cross shape."

"The object had been moving without a sound, and it looked as if it was just above or beyond a row of houses. I thought it must be a balloon, but it wasn't drifting or bobbing about," said Mr. Lilford. "It was on a definite course."

Although distance was hard to judge without knowing the size of the object, he thought, that if it landed, it must have come down in the area of Danes Camp or Rothersthorpe. "Or it could have gone back up into the clouds."

Mr. Lilford is positive that what he saw was not an aircraft or a balloon—"I saw plenty of these in the war. And it seems strange," he said, "that the thing I saw was almost exactly the same, and travelling in the same direction and in the same place as the three that were seen the next day."

"At the same time, I didn't think it could be much," he explained, "That's why I haven't said anything about it before, I just dismissed it—I suppose most people would."

The object seen by Mr. Lilford over Wootton on Tuesday must have been seen by other people as well. He said—"it was quite low, and very big. Someone in the village, or driving along the dual carriageway, must have caught sight of it."

B.I.S.T.R.A. INFORMATION SERVICE. Sent by Mr. F. MORTON.

Ref. : 8/145

Time : Not given.

Date : 9th October, 1970.

Location : Ilkeston.

Report in the "Ilkeston Advertiser"

A mysterious white shining object was claimed to have been seen over Ilkeston in clear night sky on Wednesday. The strange object was spotted by Mr. and Mrs. Brocklesby, of Queens Avenue, Ilkeston. Mrs. Brocklesby said she looked out of her bedroom window towards Trowell and saw a white shining disc. It was stationary at first but suddenly moved in a horizontal plane to the left, and then to the right and back again, before disappearing a few minutes later.

When told of the sighting, a Ministry of Defence spokesman in London told the "Advertiser" yesterday that on a clear night it was possible to see satellites which were used for weather and observation purposes.

B.I.S.T.R.A. INFORMATION SERVICE. Sent by Mr. F. MORTON.

Ref. : 33/29.

Time : 0900 hrs.

Date : December 6th, 1970.

Location : Bray Head, Ireland.

Report in the "Dublin Evening Press"

"At about 9 o'clock on Sunday morning I saw over Bray Head east, what I thought to be a star. When I looked again I noticed that the thing was moving. I stood watching it until 1.45 and then I saw wings coming out and going back again. It stayed in the same place.

"The sun began to come out and the light of the thing grew fainter. Soon it was gone." . . . signed Gladys Kingsworth, Bray.

"PARASITE."

Ref. : 33/30.

Time : Morning.

Date : 8th December, 1970.

Location : Wightwick, Staffordshire.

Report in the "Express and Star"

Shopkeeper Mr. Brian Banks, of Windmill Lane, Whitewick, claims he saw a strange reddish-yellow object hovering high above Molineux football ground during the morning. He said it disappeared and reappeared on a number of occasions.

"PARASITE."

OVERSEAS REPORTS

Apopka, Florida, U.S.A.

On the night of June 29th, 1970, at approximately 9.32 p.m., Mr. and Mrs. R. and their two sons of Apopka, Florida were returning home from Orlando, by car. Mrs. R. spotted a glowing green oval object with a smaller blue inner ring about a thousand feet to the right of their car and approximately 100 feet off the ground. She called it to the attention of her husband who was driving and when Mr. R. sighted it, it was descending at about a 45 degree angle toward their car. They estimated the blue ring to be about 20ft. in diameter and Mrs. R. got the impression the ring was depressed into the object. Both witnesses noted that the object had a hazy edge and that the bottom was convex.

The R. car was travelling at about 45 miles per hour when the object was first sighted but after it moved in and over the car he accelerated to about 90 miles per hour. Mr. R. felt the object was higher than the nearby service power lines and Mrs. R. thought it was lower. It paced the car for about a mile but as the car passed under a street light it was temporarily lost from sight.

Mr. R. slowed the car to turn into the driveway of his home which is located in the orange groves surrounding Apopka, and the UFO moved slightly ahead. As the Rs ran from their car to their house the object made a level close (100ft. diameter) sweep of the area and moved off leaving a trail of mist about 20ft. wide which gave off a very pale green light. The mist hung in the air a few minutes before dissipating. Mrs. R's father, who lives next door, also observed the mist. It spread out evenly and lost its glow but did not fall to the ground. The path of the mist left by the UFO was thick on the outside of the turn and thin on the inside. The Rs at first could not see stars through the thick part of the mist.

The Rs dog that was in the car during the incident did not react to the object's presence whereas a second dog, belonging to Mrs. R's mother, ran off howling just before the Rs and the UFO arrived at the house.

The Rs experienced no difficulties with their cars during the sighting. Because of the trees which surround their house, they were unable to observe the UFO after it made the sweep and moved off. No sound was heard by the witnesses. The night was clear and moonless with no wind. Visibility was unlimited and the entire sighting lasted only a couple of minutes. Mr. R. asked his neighbours if they had seen the object and found that several had seen similar objects in the past year but none had seen this particular one. The two young R. boys were in the car at the time of the sighting and confirmed their parents' reports. At no time did the Rs get a look at the top of the object. Until June 29th the Rs had never thought seriously about UFOs and were skeptical of what they had read or heard about them.

A.P.R.O. BULLETIN. Sent by PAUL WILSON.

Danvers, Illinois, U.S.A.

By 1.30 p.m. on the evening of July 1st, 1970, Mr. F. had gone to bed. The bed stands against the window on the north wall of the bedroom. Mrs. F. came into the bedroom and I noticed a light through the window and after looking at it for a few seconds called it to her husband's attention and asked what it could be. He opened his eyes and took note of the fact that the light was bright enough to be visible on the bedroom walls. He first thought it was a fire but there were only weeds in the area where the light was located, and they were green and would not burn. He then got out of bed and joined his wife at the window. The couple watched the light for about 30 seconds during which time it appeared to be approaching them through a dip in the trees. Mrs. F. thought it was a light on a helicopter but it was much too large and made no sound. Mr. F. mentioned that the light seemed to enlarge as they watched and deduced that it was approaching the house. Mrs. F. felt the light was about one third of the dip in the trees in size (or 20ft. in diameter) while Mr. F. thought it was the size of between a dime and a nickel held at arm's length. (or 50ft. in diameter at that distance). Mr. F's impression was that the light was yellowish-white and Mrs. F. said it was reddish-orange. However, both agreed that it was much brighter than any car headlight at that distance, though not as bright nor the right colour to be an arc light.

As the light approached the house its edges took on the appearance of a star, with points. It did not pulsate. The couple differed in their opinion of how the thing left. Mrs. F. said that just before it disappeared it had the appearance of a car headlight turning to its left (her right), while Mr. F. said he did not notice this but thought that it disappeared as if being shut off. Both agreed that the light was at the height of the top of the trees on either side of the dip in the woods, or about 50ft. above the ground. They also agreed that the light moved fairly slowly at all times. No object was seen behind the light although Mrs. F. mentioned something of a reddish glow or a short vapour trail. It was the conclusion of the investigators, after checking light sources in the area, that the Fs observed an unidentified flying object.

A.P.R.O. BULLETIN. Sent by PAUL WILSON.

Michigan, U.S.A.

It was about 2.15 a.m. on the morning of Sunday, October 11th, 1970, and Roger Jayo was on his way home to Bay City from Caro, where he plays in a band at weekends. The sky was cloudy and it had just stopped raining when Jayo drove his car on to the M15.

Suddenly two brightly lighted round discs flashed up ahead of his car and whisked overhead, travelling southward. The radio buzzed with static.

Jayo stepped on the accelerator. "It lasted for only four to six seconds," said Jayo, "but it seemed like a day. When I saw the first object it appeared to be about 25ft. in diameter and about 50ft. up."

His radio made a sound similar to that made when a car travels near or under high tension wires, Jayo reported. The first object left him bewildered. The second convinced him, he said, that it was something more than just lights.

He made a report to the Bay County Sheriff's Department, where he said they took him seriously. A deputy at the department called the radar installation at Port Austin and was told they could neither deny nor confirm the sighting. Later an official said that equipment had not picked up anything unusual, but added that they would not have picked up objects flying low because of ground clutter and the long distance to the M15.

Jayo said the two objects he saw were travelling between 100 and 150 miles an hour and were intensely bright with light emanating from the centre towards the discs' edges, where there was a greenish-blue haze. He heard no sound from them.

Mr. C. Williams of Rochester, and Fred Varner, made the trip to Bay City to interview Jayo. They called at the sheriff's office where Deputy Prybylski reviewed the report with them, then they went to Jayo's home. He was apparently still nervous from his encounter, but talked about his experience.

He said that the first object nearly hit the car, and the second was a lot higher and they both scared him. Asked if he looked back to see where they went, he said he looked in the mirror but didn't see anything. He said he had no curiosity to stop, and got away as quickly as he could. Jayo gave his opinion that "they" were using the road as a guide and didn't see him, but he had his lights on and thought they should have. The objects were the same shape and moving at the same rate of speed, only the undersides were illuminated.

Williams and Varner retraced Jayo's route down the M15, and from the witness's information established the site as the junction of the M15 and Kinney Road. The intersection is crossed, from southwest to northeast, by a high tension line, six conductors, two neutrals, of 1e8 kv. Neither the power lines nor anything else in Bay County appeared to be damaged by the UFO.

The lay of the land is flat and is fertile farm country, scarcely populated.

On passing under the power lines, no static was received on the radio in the Williams car. Mr. Williams does not believe that either meteors or ball lightning can account for the object seen by Jayo, and he concludes his report by writing, "We believe Jayo when he reports an encounter with two unidentified flying objects, we do not know what they were."

"SKYLOOK," STOVER, MO., U.S.A.

Champaign, Ill., U.S.A.

(Champaign-Urbana Courier 1/9/70).

A mysterious light in the sky, that was, "clearly not an aircraft" was reported to the Campaign police on Monday night by Robert Paterson of Lynwood Drive.

Paterson, an assistant professor of psychology at the University of Illinois, gave this report of the unidentified flying object.

"My wife and youngster and I were riding bicycles Monday night. We were stopped at the corner of Mattis and Kirby Avenues, facing south, after wakling our bikes across the intersection.

"We just happened to look off to the left, when we saw a very bright white light. It was easily the brightest light in the sky. As we watched, the light split into two lights, a red one and a white one. The red light floated slowly down until it disappeared, and the white light continued to hover for a short time. It was dimmed somewhat after the red light split away.

"Then the white light began moving away in a southwesterly direction, slowly enough so that we could follow it easily. The whole thing lasted perhaps two or three minutes."

Paterson said he and his family watched the lights, but did not immediately tell anyone else, so he does not know if anyone saw them.

"SKYLOOK."

Bushnell, Ill., U.S.A.

September 5th, 1970. Allen Robinson, 22 and Steve St. Clair, 20, both of Bushnell, sighted an unidentified flying object hovering over the McDonough F-S grain bins in the south west part Bushnell at about 9 p.m. on Thursday, while en route home from Macomb.

Robinson said the object, which he estimated was about the size of an average automobile, was hovering over the bin site at approximately 300ft. He said this object was giving off a blinding white light which made it impossible to describe the shape of the object. It was first sighted over Bushnell as they approached the town from the west on Route 9. Robinson said the object was still hovering over the grain bins when they arrived in town and they drove toward the farm elevator property to investigate.

When they were about two blocks away, he stated, the object started to move away. Robinson said the light appeared to dim somewhat for a second or two, then turned bright again and headed in a westerly direction at a high rate of speed. He estimated that it was out of sight in about 30 seconds.

"SKYLOOK."

Rolla, Mo., U.S.A.

(Kansas City Times, October 6th, 1970).

A Shawnee man yesterday reported sighting a mysterious moon-shaped object about 4.30 in the morning, on U.S. 63 about 12 miles north of Rolla.

Garth Morris, of West Seventy-first street, said he and his wife, Mrs. Louola Morris, and another couple, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Willie, saw the object as they were returning from Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo. He said that the object resembled a huge moon and had a phosphorescent glow about it. It was first seen about 11 o'clock high, east of U.S. 63.

"The object came to about 7 o'clock high," he said, "then it turned sideways. The descent was very rapid, about 2,000ft. per minute. The bottom edge had a saw-tooth shape and seemed to be dripping some kind of liquid."

Morris said the area where the object was sighted was rural in nature and fairly deserted. He said that the object was about three-quarters of a mile from where they stopped to watch it and it appeared to approach to within 50ft. of the ground.

Morris said that moments later the object took off at a very high rate of speed at a 70-degree angle, leaving in its wake a glow resembling a light or vapour trail.

It was definitely not a weather balloon, he said, and he wondered if the army or any of the other services were conducting some kind of experiment in the area.

A check with officials at the Vichy airport just north of Rolla revealed there were no balloons of any type aloft at that time of the morning.

"SKYLOOK," Box 129, STOVER, MO., 65078.

Ref. : 47/1.

Time : 1950 hrs.

Date : 15th March, 1971.

Location : Dorking.

During the early evening of 15th March, 1971, several unconnected witnesses reported an unidentified object in the sky. The first report came from a lady who had been driving along the Dorking by-pass at 1950 hrs., with a friend. She said that it was just getting dark when they saw the object. She writes: "I was travelling along the Dorking by-pass from the Reigate Road roundabout towards Leatherhead. I was driving a Volkswagon 1200 saloon at about 30-40 m.p.h., when we saw the object in the sky ahead as we passed the Pippbrook Garage. My friend was able to observe it more fully as she was the passenger. There were three lights in a slight banana curve. The object was still visible as we passed under the railway bridge. As we were almost level with the Friends Provident Building offices, the object appeared to quiver, the lights turned out suddenly, and there was a faint grey shape which disappeared from sight immediately. It was a very clear night, and the road was empty of other traffic."

I have always been sceptical about flying saucers and UFOs but seeing this has left a weird uncanny feeling that it was no known aeroplane. It had a definite shape to it, but it disappeared as if into thin air. It did not become smaller, as a plane going into the distance does, and the lights were larger than a plane's and they were all white. There was nothing to reflect such lights, and we saw the object long enough to talk about it and discern a dark grey mass between the lights. My friend thought she saw four lights on looking more closely through the windscreen. We were conscious that the lights were not stars as it was just twilight, and when we saw the first stars they looked extremely small after the object and so very high in the sky. As we neared the Burford Bridge roundabout we could only see the odd star as it grew darker."

The passenger in the car writes: "It was about 200-250ft. in the air and stationary, a hovering, banana shape with four very close-together lights. Large as car headlights not quite joined up. The object stayed quivering for some time, about one and a half minutes, and then it banked away towards Dorking North Station. Then the lights were extinguished leaving a near black silhouette in the sky. This then just disappeared. Expecting it to have tail port and starboard lights on turning, I peered close up to the car windscreen, but it was just gone! Only a queer feeling remained. The stars were then out and there were no clouds."

Another report of an unidentified object seen at 1950 hrs., at Dorking, was received. This witness says that there were rain clouds, and she could see no stars. She described the object as dome-shaped. It appeared solid and smooth. There were brilliant lights on the object which went out suddenly. The object was not visible after the lights went out. She writes: "My friend and I first noticed the object coming over St. Martin's Church, at first we thought it might be a weather balloon, but decided it was too low. It was travelling fairly quickly and it seemed to light up the area around it. We did not hear any noise from it. I could not say how big it was."

"A most unusual thing happened just as the object was over the council estate by St. Paul's school. The object's lights went out and all I could see were two little red lights on the top of the object. It moved off to the east."

A later sighting was made near Dorking on the same evening. The time was approximately 2010 hrs. A man travelling with his wife and small daughter reported seeing an object he could not identify when he was driving through a village called Buckland, which is between Reigate and Dorking. He said that it was dark, the sky was clear and he could see many stars. He writes: "While I was travelling on the A25 between Reigate and Dorking on March 15th at approximately 8.10 p.m., my wife noticed a bright light in the sky. I could not stop because I was travelling on a twisting stretch of road. However, I did eventually stop and I got out of the car. My wife asked me what it was but I could not tell her. The object was very bright and it was moving. It made a noise similar to an aircraft but quiet. It travelled some distance when it went upwards at an angle of about 45°. At that stage we could see a definite shape. It was the shape of a Vulcan Bomber. It was all bright, then about 30 seconds later it disappeared. The lights went out as normal lights in a room are switched off, the two lights in the tail went off last. It was not an aeroplane. My wife saw the same as I did, but my daughter was upset by the whole thing. We watched it for five or six minutes. I am surprised no one else stopped to see what it was, there was plenty of traffic about.

From DORKING INVESTIGATORS OF UFOs. MR. F. A. WOODCOCK.

Ref. : 46/4.
Time : Night.

Date : Not given.
Location : Linton, Herefordshire.

Report in the Hereford Times, 12/3/71

A Herefordshire farmer is wondering whether a greenish-yellow light he saw hovering and then speeding over the countryside was a flying saucer.

Mr. Ronald Sterry of Little Woodend Farm, was driving into his farmyard just before eight one night when he saw the mysterious unidentified flying object coming over the horizon.

He explained: "The light seemed to hover for a short time above the ground and then sped over and behind the house and disappeared from my sight."

Mr. Sterry was so astonished and mystified that he decided to report his sighting to Ross Police.

Chief Police-Inspector Glyn Morris afterwards confirmed that they had received a report of an unidentified flying object, but their inquiries had been inconclusive.

Mr. Sterry said: "I was just driving into the yard when I saw this thing coming across the horizon not very high off the ground."

"It seemed to be spinning and was giving off a dull greenish-yellow light. It looked at one time as though it was coming down to land. It was in sight for about half a minute. I switched off the car engine, but couldn't hear anything," he said.

"I've seen falling stars and things before, but it definitely wasn't one of these. It had some motive power of its own. I definitely wasn't seeing imaginary things and only wish someone else could have been there to see it," Mr. Sterry added.

From MR. J. B. DELAIR.

Ref. : 33/31.
Time : Dusk.

Date : Not given.
Location : Immingham.

Two Immingham men have witnessed the flight of what they believe to be an unidentified flying object, while working on a local industrial site works.

The men are twenty-five year old Allan McGregor and Malcolm Dunwell, who were working at the Immingham Imperial Chemical Industries works on the docks. The UFO was first seen by Malcolm Dunwell at dusk when he and Allan were working on a pipeline at the ICI plant. Allan was called to come and look at the spherical shaped light which hung motionless until it flew at an angle of about 45° from right to left.

"It was static for a good while," explained Allan. "As for its size and approximate height, well, it would be very difficult to say. Five hundred feet is not particularly high, but as the sun disappeared, it is hard to say how close we were to it."

The two decided that they would not be believed by anyone and so while Malcolm Dunwell stayed to keep an eye on the shape, Allan ran off to fetch other nearby workmates.

"When they saw it they just laughed. Some of them tried to make out that it was a conventional aircraft and someone else said that it was a firefly or something. I can't agree with them. To my mind a conventional aircraft couldn't have behaved like this light did. It hung in the air without moving and when it did start to move across the sky it was so slow that I know of nothing that could have copied it. It was almost unbelievable," said Allan.

The sphere was being viewed from about twenty feet up a stairway and though it is possible that the vision could have been a reflection of the sun going down behind the horizon, this does not alter the views of Malcolm and Allan.

During the few seconds before the UFO finally disappeared, it appeared to have given off a small vapour trail which burned itself out almost immediately. An arc accelerated off skyward at a great speed.

" PARASITE."

Ref. : 33/32.

Time : 1615 hrs.

Date : 2nd January, 1971.

Location : Corfton.

Report in the " Bridgnorth Journal," 8/1/71

An air of mystery surrounds a strange, fiery object which plunged from the sky over Corfton on Saturday.

The " unidentified flying object " as such phenomena are known, was spotted by two independant eyewitnesses. First to see it was Mr. Gerald Redman, a farm worker. Mr. Redman said: " It was 4.15 p.m. exactly when I saw a bright light in the sky over Corfton, on the opposite side of the valley. It was a bright orangy-red, with a black smoke trail, and it fluttered from side to side as it fell, rather like a lighted newspaper.

" Knowing the distance from Great Sutton to Corfton, I would say it must have been about the size of a car. The object stopped burning just before it hit the ground," he added.

The second witness was Mr. Ken Edwards, a farmer. His description was identical with M. Redman's and he confirmed that it fell over Corfton. He said, " It came straight down from the heavens."

His son Colin, went to the place the object was thought to have landed the following morning, but was unable to find any trace of it, or any marks which might have been made by it landing.

Officials at Royal Air Force Stations at Shawbury, Cosford and Tern Hill could offer no explanations for the sighting. None reported having any aircraft or weather balloons in the vicinity at the relevant time, nor had they received any reports of UFOs in the area.

" PARASITE."

OVERSEAS REPORTS

Beckemeyer, Illinois.

An unidentified flying object was sighted over Beckemeyer, Monday night, November 16th, 1970, by a group of teenagers and one adult. They saw the object low in the sky to the south of the Beckemeyer public school following a basketball game.

It was described as triangular, with orange and white lights, and a second object appeared to emerge from it. The objects were observed by the group for about ten minutes. They report it definitely was not a plane or a star, and that it moved in an erratic manner.

" SKYLOOK," Box 129, Stover, Mo. 65078, U.S.A.

Sedalia, Mo., U.S.A.

Two witnesses reported seeing a strange object while riding their bicycles about one mile south of Sedalia, on July 15th, 1967. They claim to have seen a grey, metallic disc rising from behind a cloud in the northern sky. The object moved with a smooth, vertical motion and seemed to have a dull, non-reflective surface. It was seen at dusk; the sky was still well illuminated and scattered clouds were easily seen.

The disc was flattened at its base, domed at the top and appeared about the size of a dime held at arm's length. It descended into, or behind a cloud, reappeared some 30 seconds later, rising to about the same height as before. After 30 seconds it again moved into the cloud and was not seen again. The entire incident lasted some 3 minutes. No lights were seen on the object and no sound was heard.

" SKYLOOK."

Cortez, Colorado, U.S.A.

October, 14th 1970.

Some southwestern Colorado residents are reporting that they saw an unidentified flying object last night.

Dale Kell says he saw the object, shaped like a large jelly bean with three lights on it, rise out of the sagebrush in front of Ute Mountain. Kell was riding a motorcycle with a girl friend, and says the object followed him for a short time.

Kell says he went home and returned with his family, who also reported seeing the object do about the same thing on the second visit. A brother stayed at home and he says he saw the object through a rifle scope.

Radio station KVSC in Cortez reports that many people in the area called in and reported seeing the object. All described the same thing, a large bean-shaped object with three lights and a bright orange one in the centre.

" SKYLOOK."

Centralia, Illinois, U.S.A.

Mr. Sam Alli, was on his way home from the Miller Lumber Co., where he is employed in the sales department, on November 24th, 1970. It was a cloudy night, no stars were visible, and there was no wind. At 5.45 Mr. Alli rolled down his car window and saw a round object, its outline was at first fuzzy, then it became clear and it appeared to be perfectly round. It was moving towards him at the speed of a jet plane, slowed to a complete stop as he turned into his drive, then moved due west much faster than a jet. He observed the object for less than five minutes.

On entering his home, he was called to the telephone, then was summoned to the door by a knock and found his neighbour, Larry Patterson standing outside. Mr. Patterson asked him if he had seen anything peculiar on his way home. Instead of replying directly, Mr. Alli asked if Mr. Patterson had, and was told that he had.

Mr. Larry Patterson left the firm of R. K. Holt, where he is employed as an accountant, and stopped at a nursery school to pick up his little daughter. He sighted the round object in the sky as he was driving through Foundation(?) Park and he kept the object in sight the rest of the way home. He said that it appeared to be solid with a brilliant glow of white and yellow. It was hovering when he first saw it, then it began to move in a circular fashion and in rapid spurts. He stopped his car at Bragg Street to watch the object, then he went on and stopped in front of Mr. Alli's home. He said he turned to "see if Sammy were home" and when he turned around to look at the object again, it had disappeared. He then knocked on the door to ask Mr. Alli if he had seen the object.

Mr. Alli thought the object was the size of a dime held at arm's length, while Mr. Patterson estimated the size to be that of a pea held at arm's length. Both agreed on the weather conditions, the description of the object and its movement, and both wrote that they first thought it might be a plane, but realized that it was moving too fast. Mr. Patterson watched the object for about 15 minutes, and saw the object before his neighbour saw it.

"SKYLOOK."

Japan.

Saturday, March 6th, 1971.

An orange-coloured fireball was extensively seen in east Japan Friday morning tracing a parabola across the morning sky and trailing white smoke.

Observers said that the fireball travelled much faster than a supersonic jet and suddenly vanished before reaching the horizon.

After it vanished, a contrail remained, which gradually melted away in the sky.

The mysterious flying object, believed by astronomers to be a large meteor, was seen not only by ordinary citizens but also by Self-Defense Force officers on a control tower, officers on duty at the Tokyo Astronomical Observatory and an Air Self-Defense Force (ASDF) jet pilot who was on a training flight.

Chikei Hirayama, 33, assistant of the Tokyo Astronomical Observatory in Mitaka, western Tokyo, jotted down as soon as he saw the object:

"A fireball appeared at 8.56 a.m. in the direction west by southwest from the Tokyo Astronomical Observatory. The apparent altitude 20 degrees from the horizon. The size (diameter) 3 degrees. Trailing a tail of three or four times its own length. Both the fireball and the tail shining with an orange colour and flying at a considerable speed from northeast to southwest. A white streak like a contrail was floating in the sky for 90 seconds."

From Y. J. MATSUMURA.

Ref.: 33/33.

Report in the "Bucks Standard"

Date: Not given

Time: Near midnight.

Location: Wolverton.

A motorist walked into Wolverton Police Station just before midnight last week—and reported a grounded UFO.

He explained to the police constable on duty that he saw it in a field beside the Grafton Regis to Old Statford Road a few minutes earlier.

His description: a large round object surrounded by red lights with an amber flashing light on top.

A message was quickly flashed to the nearest police car patrolling the area and the crew was sent to investigate. Their report in the log book at Towcester Police Station today told what happened: "Orbited A5 area in Apollo 15. Found nothing. Smooth re-entry."

A senior police spokesman explained later: "Apparently, the motorist who reported the sighting seemed very reasonable and sensible. He said he saw the object stationary for a time. Then it made off at speed across the fields." He added: "Anyway, our Apollo 15 couldn't find anything to explain what the motorist saw."

From GERALD LOVELL.

Ref. : 33/34.
Time : 2130 hrs.

Date : November 3rd, 1970.
Location : Manor Park.

From a letter in the "Barking and Dagenham Express," 13/11/70

I live on the fourth floor of a small block of flats in Manor Park and on November 3rd, at roughly 9.30 p.m. I observed from my window a low white light in the sky which appeared to be a star, until it started to move very slowly across the sky.

While watching this, what I took to be a huge rocket appeared over the area of Canning Town, throwing out a cascade of white lights which hung in the sky for maybe 30 seconds. They then disappeared leaving just a huge white light in the centre, which instead of disappearing hung in the sky for about a minute, then started to move off in the direction of the other light. They then altered course together and moved out of sight.

From GERALD LOVELL.

Ref. : 44/8.
Time : Between 1915 and 1930 hrs.

Date : Thursday, February 18th, 1971.
Location : Leicestershire and Warwickshire.

Many people throughout Leicestershire and Warwickshire reported seeing a "fiery object" at between 7.15 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. on the evening of Thursday, February 18th, 1971. The official explanation given was a meteorite despite a previous report that the object was probably a satellite decaying on re-entering the earth's atmosphere. Here are a few of the sighting reports in brief:—

At 7.15 p.m. a witness at Nanpanton, Loughborough, saw what he described as a "ball of fire with a tail." It was white at the front, red at the back and was descending at an angle of about 20° to the ground towards Leicester (S.W.). He noticed that the head and tail were separated by a thin, dark line.

At 7.15 p.m., two witnesses driving along Enerby Road, Leicester, saw a green, flare-like object falling to the earth in the Leicester Forest area. At about the same time, a Leicester Mercury reporter, Mr. John Allen, was driving along Aylestone Road when he saw something, "bright green" falling from the sky to the south-west of the City.

A witness at Ashby Parva, Leics., described what she saw as a "long, oblong object," the front of which was "pointed" and consisted of the colours yellow and white, while the back was "sparkling." It came from the direction of Leicester (N.W.) and appeared to come down in the Pailton area (S.W.).

While walking his dog, Mr. Reginald Dexter of Baddesly Ensor, saw what he first assumed to be a plane on fire. However, he realized that this was not so as closer inspection revealed a round, black object surrounded by flames. It descended on a curved course and was eventually lost to sight.

A witness motoring south along the B4102 towards Meriden, observed through his windscreen, a bluey-green object descending in the direction of Knowle (S.W.). It was surrounded by a reddish glow and was in view for approximately 30 seconds.

Mrs. Kathleen Squires of Ansley Road, Nuneaton, looked out of a bedroom window to see a "fluorescent white ball with a tail." It crossed the sky from north-east to south-west on a straight course. As it moved further away the tail gradually disappeared until it assumed the appearance of a ball of fire. It then seemed to drop to the ground behind some trees.

Two witnesses driving along Station Road, Arley, at about 7.20 p.m. saw a round object falling from the sky towards the south-west. It was fluorescent blue, and when just above the tree tops it suddenly disintegrated.

At about the same time a witness was driving a vehicle along the Birmingham-Ansley Road. On approaching the turn for Arley, he saw an object which he described as a vivid blue ball the size of a dinner plate. It was falling from the sky and when a few feet above the tree-tops, or what the witness estimated to be about 100ft. above the ground, it went out leaving only a puff of smoke, where the object had been.

At 7.20 p.m. two witnesses at Rugby independently observed an object shaped like an egg. It was silvery in colour and was surrounded by a green haze. As it descended a short jet of flame could be seen coming from the rear. When it was a few feet above the roof-tops it suddenly disappeared, as if a light had gone out.

A witness at Bilton, Rugby, saw a silvery object which she described as similar in shape and size as a cricket ball. It travelled in a low arc from north-east to south-west.

At 7.30 p.m. while driving along the Alcester-Stratford Road, two police officers on patrol observed a round object, "as big as a coffee table" travelling from the direction of Stratford on Avon (N.E.). Initially white, the object gradually changed colour to "bluey-red" as it got lower in the sky.

An amateur astronomer who was studying the constellation of Orion through binoculars saw what he believed to be a large meteor falling from the sky. It was round with a tail about four times as long as the diameter of the object. The front was white, and the tail orange and sparkling. It was travelling quite slowly and there was no noise.

This witness reported his sighting to Mr. M. D. Jones (asst. keeper of geology at the City of Leicester Museum) and to Dr. H. G. Miles (director of the artificial satellite section of the B.A.A.) who appealed in the Leicester Mercury and other newspapers for witnesses who may have seen where the object landed. A number of people around Arley claimed to have seen a fiery object disintegrate, but because of discrepancies in sighting times, it was suggested that the area may have been "bombarded" by a meteor-shower. Some people thought they saw a meteor early on Thursday morning at 7.00 a.m. Mr. G. Hill heard a "whizzing" noise then a thud, which was followed by a temporary dimming of the house lights. When he went outside "there was a smell of sulphur."

It was later established by Dr. Miles that the residents had not seen a meteorite on the Thursday morning, but had seen a brilliant flash, followed by an explosion, which were caused by a breaking power cable.

Dr. Miles received reports from Blackpool down to Kent, and from his analysis, he concluded that an object crossed the central regions of England, passed over the Bristol Channel and may have fallen into the Irish Sea. The same newspaper report stated that there were two other fire ball events at about 7.30 p.m. on Thursday, February 23rd, and another at about the same time on Tuesday, March 2nd.

Investigator's comments. The official explanation given for the sightings was that it was a meteorite. Most of the witnesses I interviewed saw the object for three to four seconds, while some for periods of seven, ten, and even thirty seconds.

The object was a large one and most of the witnesses had no idea what the object was, but afterwards were willing to accept the meteorite explanation.

Although most of the sightings are characteristic of a meteor, each of the descriptions appears to be different. This could indicate more than one object, or it could also indicate how unreliable sighting reports can be. All these reports are of an object travelling from north-east to south-west.

On contacting Mr. Jones, he had no knowledge of these reports, and said that the sightings he had received were of an object travelling from south-east to north-west. This discrepancy could again indicate the presence of more than one object.

It does seem that a minor fire-ball flap occurred during the later part of February and the beginning of March.

Investigated by MR. G. COXON.

Ref. : 33/35.

Time : Not given.

Date : Not given.

Location : Dorking.

From a report in the "Dorking Advertiser," 2nd April, 1971

Strange things are still being seen in the sky over Dorking. Two more UFOs have been reported in the last few weeks.

Mr. Patrick O'Brien of Goodwyns, watched a turnip-shaped, white object, hover for 60 seconds and then start to move towards Gatwick, slowly at first, then faster and faster, until it disappeared into the sun.

From GERALD LOVELL.

Ref. : 25/18.

Time : 0200 hrs.

Date : 13th November, 1970.

Location : Saxilby, Lincoln.

On the night of the 13th November, 1970, a British Rail signalman of Saxilby, Lincoln, was working a twelve hour shift duty at the Kesteven signal box, which is situated approximately a halfmile S.E. of Saxilby village. At about 0200 hrs. he noticed, upon looking out of the window on the westerly side of the signal box, a round sphere, which was illuminated by a pale, lemon-coloured light, bright but not glaring. The object appeared to be at a low altitude, about 50ft. above the ground, as far as could be estimated. The witness first thought the object was caused by the reflection of a signal light upon the window, as the signal is situated a short distance from the box, but he rejected this idea when another, identical object, came into focus.

The two objects now appeared side by side, stationary. The witness then considered the possibility of the objects being aircraft, but decided that this explanation did not fit, because the lights were too large—described as the size of footballs—and also because they remained in the same position and were noiseless. He could think of no explanation for the objects he was observing and went outside for a better view. He continued watching from the top of the steps. The witness estimated the lights to be at least a half a mile away, and he stood watching the object perform for about a minute, as they moved about in a leisurely, floating manner.

The witness then decided to ring the next signal box down the line, to see if the object could be seen from there, and also to verify what he himself was observing. However, before he had time to do so, both objects suddenly disappeared. One second they were there and the next, nothing remained. He described this disappearance as like an electric light switch being turned off.

Although he remained watching for a considerable time, he saw nothing else to satisfy himself as to what he had observed, but he was certain, that they were not aircraft, balloons, planets, stars reflections, or any known phenomenon.

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OVERSEAS REPORTS

Perth, Australia.

Report in the "Sydney Daily Telegraph," 14/4/71

A Perth motorist and his wife described today how two unidentified flying objects attacked their car as they were driving down the South-Western highway.

Geoff Richards, 28, and wife Toni, 26, of Laurel Road, in the Perth suburb of Woodlands, said the attack came on a long straight stretch of highway leading out of Brunswick Junction.

It lasted for 10 minutes from 4.45 a.m. today. "We had not seen another car for about 60 miles," said Mr. Richards. "When we passed through Brunswick it was deserted. Shortly afterwards I noticed a light in the rear vision mirror.

"I thought that any car which just appeared like that would have had to be going really fast. Suddenly the light came racing up to the car; it appeared to be going about 500 miles an hour. My wife screamed that it was going to hit us, but it just stopped.

"The light stayed behind, about 20 yards away, for a few seconds, then shot back on to the horizon behind us. It began to glow red, like a fire but then turned white again and came at us a second time.

"I thought it was going to go right through us. This happened about four times then I looked in front and there was another light there. It shot forward at us, about head height, at the same time as the one from the back was coming forward again. The one in front came at us three times and each time pulled up just short and darted back, sometimes disappearing."

Mrs. Richards added, "What was so frightening was that when the one at the back turned from red to white on the horizon we knew it was coming again. It was not the kind of light of a car beam gives and I could look right at it without it hurting my eyes."

From MR. W. MOSER, F.R.A.S.

Elvaston, Stover, U.S.A.

On December 31st, 1970, at about 2230 hrs., six young adults saw, what they described as a flying flame. They saw this bright object in the south-east, moving north-west in their direction. As it came closer, they saw another light drop from the first, which continued on its course to the north-west.

The falling light fell to the ground to their right, just off the highway. They stopped their car and backed to a point not more than 15ft. from the flame which was burning upward in the ditch. It was yellowish-orange, about 10 inches tall, and 1½ inches around. They described it as like a flame from a blow torch or welder. There was no smoke or sound.

At first the observers worried about a grass fire, but decided it would be too hot to handle, continued on their way.

On January 2nd two of the observers returned to the spot, but found the ditch full of ice and saw no trace of a flare or burned grass.

"SKYLOOK," STOVER, MO., 65078.

Ref. : 47/2.
Time : 1950 hrs.

Date : 2nd March, 1971.
Location : Dorking.

Witness, Mr. Lecluse, was sitting at home in front of the fire. The lights were not turned on and the curtains had not been drawn. His attention was drawn to a blue/green light outside and as he looked towards the window an object came into view. He described it as the shape of a large carrot and it was surrounded by a glowing aura. Inside was a large, blood-red ball which twisted and turned and shot off sparks at a terrific rate. The object narrowed at the back and its tail feathered out like a blow lamp. It appeared to be burning fiercely.

Mr. Lecluse called to his wife and they both saw the object move in a straight path across the sky, due west, but did not reach the western horizon because it suddenly disappeared completely. The light from it had lit up the whole area.

It appears that the same object was seen at about the same time by two other witnesses, Mr. H. Smith and Mr. Coulton, who were about to get into a car. They described and sketched a similar object.

Another witness saw it from her home and described it as a yellowish ball of fire with a long tail.

About two miles away Mr. Terry Rowe of Cholsey was sitting with his family in their home, when they saw what looked like a glowing white tennis ball, travelling westward in a slight arc. It disappeared while still in view. It was described as round in shape with no tail.

At the same time a Mr. Clark of Southsea saw a white light in the form of a cross, travelling very fast from east to west.

From DORKING INVESTIGATORS OF UFO AND "PARASITE."

Ref. : 47/3.
Time : 1900 hrs.

Date : 13th March, 1971.
Location : Norbury Park, Dorking.

Witness, Miss R. Cousins, saw from her bathroom window, a large, squarish blob of yellow light hanging in the sky. It was quite motionless and its outline was blurred. The light was brighter in a beam towards the centre.

She called to her friend but before the friend could reach the bathroom the light suddenly disappeared. The object was in sight for about a minute. The sky was very clear and there were no clouds.

D.I.U.F.O.

Ref. : 33/36.
Time : Afternoon.

Date : January 12th, 1971.
Location : North Chingford.

A number of children enjoying afternoon playtime at Yardley Primary School, North Chingford spotted a round, brightly coloured object in the sky.

Nine-year-old Karen Tomlinson said the object looked as if it was spinning round on a spoke. Her friend, Jeanette Carpentier, also nine, said that a group of children watched the object for several minutes before it disappeared behind cloud.

"CHINGFORD GUARDIAN," 15/1/71/ "PARASITE."

Ref. : 33/37.
Time : Night.

Date : January 22nd, 1971.
Location : Between East Budleigh and Exmouth.

Three employees of Devon General Bus Company were towing a bus from East Budleigh to Exmouth during the night, when they saw three orange balls moving in a straight line across the sky.

Said one of the men, David Jeffery, "There was a lot of smoke around them and they disappeared after a few seconds."

"WESTERN MORNING NEWS"/"PARASITE."

Ref. : 33/38.
Time : 1830 hrs.

Date : January 28th, 1971.
Location : Sidcup, Kent,

As Mr. A. J. Abell, of St. Mary Cray, drew his curtains at 1830 hrs., he saw two steady bright, white lights fairly low on the horizon towards Sidcup, Kent. He described them as being like car headlights, but much larger, with clearly defined round edges. "I watched them for about five minutes," he said, "They seemed to be drifting slowly westwards, and then they suddenly disappeared."

"ORPINGTON & KENTISH TIMES," 12/2/71./"PARASITE."

Ref. : 33/39.
Time : 2010 hrs.

Date : March 25th, 1971.
Location : Denton.

Two girls were riding ponies in fields near Windmill Lane, Denton, when "bright, luminous, orange cross with sparks coming out of it," suddenly appeared in the sky. Thirteen-year-old Elizabeth Aigbogun, one of the girls, said: "The first time it seemed as far away as the stars, then it disappeared for a second. Then it reappeared, this time only about 100 feet up."

One of the ponies was on the verge of bolting, claimed Elizabeth, and a group of other horses in the field were disturbed. She said that, when the light reappeared, it circled round disappeared again, then followed them towards the road, there was a loud bang like a firework when it finally disappeared.

"DENTON REPORTER" / "PARASITE."

Ref. : 8/146.
Time : 0645 hrs.

Date : 25th November, 1970.
Location : Tunstead, Norfolk.

Mr. Olaf Davy, of Tunstead, has been converted. After seeing a strange object in the sky as he cycled to Wroxham railway station yesterday. He now believes in flying saucers.

Mr. Davy who has only one eye, said he later found out that three other people had seen the same object.

Today he recalled his experience as he was cycling along the dark, lonely road from his home at about 6.45 a.m. to catch the train to work.

"I saw a bright light above the clouds and it looked just like the moon rolling along on top of them. I was so flummoxed that I got off my bike. It stopped and then seemed to come down right through the clouds. As soon as it came through the bright light went out and there was just an ordinary light," he said.

Mr. Davy said that he stood behind a tree to see if the object would move but it kept hovering and did not move one way or the other. He watched it for seven minutes. "As I have only one eye I thought I must be seeing things but later other people said they had seen it." He said he did not believe in flying saucers before. Having seen this he was converted.

B.I.S.T.R.A. INFORMATION SERVICE.

Ref. : 8/147.
Time : 0630 hrs.

Date : 1st January, 1971.
Location : Newport and Pontypool, Monmouthshire.

A cigar-shaped flying object was reported to have been seen by a Newport woman this week. Travelling in the sky over Hafodryns and Griffithstown. The woman, Mrs. Pamela Morrison, said she was driving a mini-bus to Glengariff, when she first saw the object in the sky above the Pontypool-Crumlin road.

The object turned at an easy angle, and took on a cigar-shape, it travelled towards Newport, and Mrs. Morrison pursued it in the mini-bus as far as Griffithstown, where she lost sight of it. One of the passengers in the bus was also reported to have seen it.

Two Newport men also saw a strange round light in the sky as they drove on the M.4 to London on Thursday. They were Mr. K. Mitchell, and Mr. G. Dawson. No reports of UFOs have been received by the police. Mr. Mitchell said it was 6.30 a.m. when he and Mr. Dawson were travelling on the M.4 when they saw the light in the sky.

"It was round and white and appeared just above the clouds. It was ahead of us and grew larger as we approached, but then it jumped ahead of us again. We were going to report it when we had crossed the Severn Bridge but at that time it disappeared. When we continued our journey it appeared again," said Mr. Mitchell.

Mr. Mitchell said because they thought it might have been a reflection from the windows they wound these down, but the light was still there. Mr. Mitchell (ex. R.A.F.) said it was not an aircraft.

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OVERSEAS REPORTS

Helleland, Norway.

Reider Salvesen arrived home at 11.30 p.m. one evening, cold and shaking. He had driven for six hours with no windscreen. When his wife opened the door he went straight in and sat down without taking off his coat. "Synnove," he said, "I have had a strange experience, I cannot explain it, therefore I must draw it for you, it was a frightening and fantastic sight."

It appears that just after 5.30 p.m. that afternoon on Thursday, 29th of October 1970, Salvesen had passed Helleland in Rogaland and increased speed in his red, Hillman Sunbeam. He was on his way home from his job as a market adviser, after having been away for two weeks. He was driving with his parking lights on and, at a point east of Helleland he passed a transformer station by the mountain wall, close to the road. Suddenly he saw a dazzling light, as bright as a welding flame. It hurt his eyes and he stopped short. He glimpsed it or only a few seconds and he opened the car door and looked out. "What I saw I shall never forget," he said.

Ten meters up was a circular object as smooth and bright as if it were nickel-plated. It hung, noiseless and threatening and without lights. Mr. Salvesen stopped the motor and got out of the car and stood beside the door. The object glided forward for seven or eight meters in front of the car at the same height. It hung above his head, bright and shining. Salvesen said he was not really afraid, perhaps because there had not been enough time to think about it. The only thing he could think was, "I must make a sketch as I will never get the chance to see this again."

The object had neither doors, windows nor hatches. No joints or grooves were to be seen, or other distinguishing marks. The object was bright all over except for a gilt edge round it with vertical grooves, like those on a sheet of corrugated iron. After about 50 seconds the object rose, without any noise, straight up into the air at a violent speed. Salvesen was knocked backwards and fell into the road. At the same time there was a crash, like a rifle-shot. It was the windscreen of the car being smashed. Splinters of glass fell on to the seats and floor. The object changed into a fireball and a few seconds after that disappeared. The sky cover was not high owing to drizzling rain.

After driving on Salvesen saw he was bleeding from the hand, he assumed he had rubbed it when he fell. He also noticed a strange feeling in his tongue, similar to that caused by a dental injection. The next day the skin rubbed off the grazed hand as if it were sunburned. He also complained that his eyes were sore, and this lasted for two weeks and the light hurt them.

On Saturday, 31st October he reported the event at the police station in Kristiansand. The police chief, Eckhoff said, "I have known Reider Salvesen many years and have a good deal to do with him. He is sober and trustworthy."

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Lake Anten, Vastergotland, Sweden.

On the night of August 29th and 30th, 1970, at least 20 persons in the neighbourhood of Lake Anten, witnessed a brilliant colour-changing ball at treetop level. One witness described the object as oblong with indications of a cupola. The object changed from red to orange and vice versa as it moved around in the area. Trees were illuminated and a humming noise was heard.

The UFO appeared and disappeared several times between 11.30 p.m. and 2 a.m. The moon cannot account for the sighting as it was a new moon and the sky was cloudy.

Several of the witnesses saw the object directly above a farm-house at Enebakken. The house is owned by an 81-year-old man, Mr. Richard Johansson, who did not wake up during the night. He lives alone in the cottage, about 1 km from the nearest neighbour.

The following morning three crater-like depressions were found in the grass about 31m from the farm-house. Each depression was round, about 40cm. in diameter and 5-7cm. deep at the centre. The depressions were positioned in an equilateral triangle with a distance of 3m. between each hole.

Experts agree it would take a heavy weight to make these depressions. Mr. Lloyd Simu, engineer and member of UFO Sweden, estimates it at 500 kilos on each depression, while a member of UFO-Skaraborg, who is experienced with calculations of this kind, believes the necessary weight to be in the region of 5 tons.

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Kuusamo, North Finland.

There have been many reports from the Kuusamo area in northern Finland during the last few months. A government official reported to the Oulu UFO-Club that during the night of January 10th and 11th, between 0250 and 1310 hrs., he sighted 16 very bright glowing UFOs over the Kuusamo community. They flew in an echelon formation, the lower ones at a height of about 300-400m. The objects flying higher seemed to be ball-shaped while the lower ones appeared as elongated or flat balls. No sound was heard. The witness, who does not care to give his name because of his position, observed this phenomenon with three other members of his family.

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS FOR 1971/1972

NATIONAL SKY-WATCH DAY —and similar projects

Details of these will be announced at lectures, in the *BUFORA Journal* and *BUFORA Research Bulletin* in due course.

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Lecture by David Viewing of the Bedfordshire UFO Society whose progressive and constructive ideas in this field are always of particular value and interest to the rational and practical investigator.

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Agenda: Presidential Address; Chairman's Report; Treasurer's Report; Minutes of 1970 A.G.M.; Election of Officers; Other Business. The Refreshment Break will be followed by Research Reports and Discussions on a variety of topics.

The A.G.M. is for MEMBERS ONLY and admission will be granted only on production of current membership cards.

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NO TIME FOR SAUCERS?

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Lecture by Dr. G. G. Doel, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.M.R.E., a Vice-President of BUFORA and President of COS-MOS, in which he will explore the perplexing question as to whether UFOs are physical—or something else.

Saturday, January 8th, 1972, 7 p.m.
INTELLIGENCE IN THE UNIVERSE

Lecture by Andrew Tomas, former editor of *Australian Flying Saucer Review*, traveller and author—his latest book being 'We are *not* the First'—who will discuss a most debated and controversial hypothesis. *Illustrated by slides.*

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7 YEARS OF PHENOMENA

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Saturday, March 4th, 1972, 7 p.m.

UFOs AND DOCUMENTATION

Lecture by Charles H. Gibbs-Smith, M.A., F.M.A., F.R.S.A., Member of Executive Committee of the History Group of the Royal Aeronautical Society and author of many Science Museum books and articles on Aviation History, of which he is a world authority. His recent delving into early and ancient records and reports of aerial devices should prove to be of invaluable interest.

Saturday, April 8th, 1972, 7 p.m.

UFOs, COMMUNICATIONS AND SEMANTICS

Lecture by C. Maxwell Cade, M.I.E.E., M.I.E.R.E., A.F.R.Ae.S., F.R.A.S., consultant to the FSR, Psychical Researcher, inventor and author of many important scientific papers and books. The problem Mr. Cade will discuss is: 'Who is trying to communicate what to whom, and to what extent is the message garbled?'

Saturday, May 6th, 1972, 7 p.m.

INVESTIGATIONS OF 'LANDING CASES'

Lecture by Roger Stanway, a Solicitor and an amateur astronomer of some repute being a Director of the Newchapel Observatory and co-author of the 'FS REPORT' internationally acclaimed as a blue-print for efficient investigation.

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