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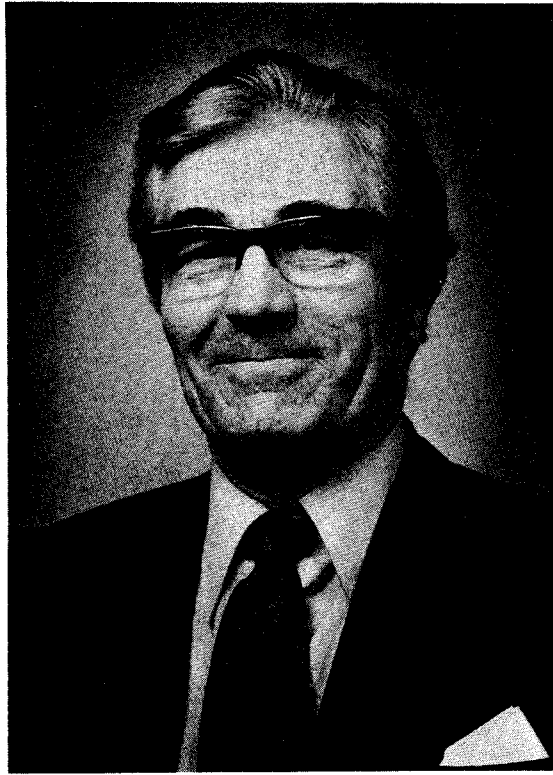
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## Editorial

### The Resurrection of ETH—2

In the last issue, I concluded with the question: "What active steps can be taken (*assuming that at least part of the UFO mystery is physical*) that have not already been attempted?

The short answer is probably 'none,' for such steps as national and local skywatches: close examination of CE11 and CE111 areas: possible projections of future UFO visitations, etc., have already been attempted. But, could

we not improve the scope of such activities and try concentrated 'assaults' on areas where CE11 and CE111 experiences have been reported: where UFOs have been stated to emerge from or enter the sea not far offshore: where under-river, undersea UFOs have been 'trailed': 'assaults' on 'flap' areas whilst the 'flap' is still on—and so on? By 'assault,' I mean round-the-clock observation and terrain examination by teams of experienced personnel, well-equipped instrumentally.

The main objections are obvious—Time and Money, but are they insuperable? Properly presented, and maybe, for example, coupled with 'follow-up' enquiries of those in the area reporting experiences in earlier years, suitable sponsorship might be forthcoming. To the third objection—"What a waste of time!"—the answer too, is obvious: more time cannot possibly be wasted than has been wasted already! Isn't it worth a try? Going off at a tangent, am I setting a fashion by introducing serialised editorials!?

Norman Oliver.

## Kensington Lecture Meetings

### 1980

Sat, 7 June: 7 pm: 'Earth Force'—Its implications for Ufology.  
Speaker: Paul Devereux, BA.

Sat, 6 September: 7 pm: Commencement of 1980/81 Lecture Series.  
Details to be announced.

Meetings are held in the Lecture Theatre of Kensington Central Library, Campden Hill Road, London W8—opposite High Street Kensington Underground Station.

## Introducing—the Chairman (Cover Photo)

Leslie Bayer, *Bufora's* new Chairman, is also a new name in UFO circles. Interested in UFO phenomena for many years, hitherto he has maintained a low profile, confining himself to making extensive inroads into the literature and attending London Lectures.

It was at the *First London International UFO Congress* that Leslie decided he would like to play a more active role in *Bufora's* affairs, approaching NIC Larry Dale to see if he could assist in Investigative areas. Council, however, considered Leslie's background would be of far greater benefit to *Bufora* in a more executive capacity, and in view of the retirement of Lionel Beer from the position, he was invited to become *Bufora's* Chairman following his election to Council at the December 1979 AGM.

Born in London in 1919, Leslie received his education at Ruckholt Central School, Leyton and South West Essex Technical College. When just 20 years of age, the 2nd World War broke out and in 1941 he volunteered for an overseas draft. Posted to the Middle East, he served in the Western Desert, from Alamein to Tunisia as a Troop Sergeant of the 102nd Anti-Tank Regt, and also took part in the landing in Sicily in July 1943. After six months back in the UK, his regiment took part in the 'D' Day landings in Normandy, and he was off again on 5/6 June 1944, serving, like many others, right through the European campaign, remaining in Germany at the end of the war as part of the occupation forces and eventually arriving home in April 1946.

His old Company had been totally destroyed during the war, but production now recommenced and Leslie

rejoined them as their London representative and nine years later, was appointed General Manager. In 1959, he joined a Dunstable, Beds Company, which manufactured disposable products for the Catering and Stationery trades, becoming Sales Director in 1962 and Marketing Director three years later.

With the aid of hard-working colleagues, Leslie led his Company into new markets, both home and overseas, his firm now being well-known internationally and a brand leader in certain markets. In developing foreign business he has travelled extensively in Europe, the Middle East and the Far East, and when in Australia heard over the phone from his wife that a letter had arrived from the Prime Minister's PPS. Subsequently, Leslie Bayer received the MBE from HM The Queen for services rendered to Export.

A past Chairman of the *British Disposables Association*, he is present Chairman of the Executive Board of the *British Office and Stationery Products Federation*. Also a *Fellow of the Institute of Marketing*, he lives at Berkhamsted, Herts, with his wife and son. So far as leisure activities are concerned he says, "*I've never had much time for them outside holidays!*" However, he enjoys swimming, plays a decent game of table tennis, reads whenever he can and is a competent pianist.

His recognition of the need for training in any role: his energy and organising ability and his business expertise will be of great benefit to *Bufora* in its day-to-day activities and future planning. A popular figure with his colleagues, we wish Leslie every success and trust he will be able to remain as Chairman for some time to come.

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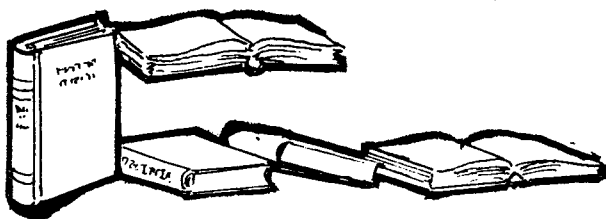
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## Book Reviews

### Secrets of our Space-ship Moon

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Described as "*A stunning sequel to Our Mysterious Spaceship Moon*," this paperback from Don Wilson suggests that: "*All evidence points in one direction—The Moon harbours Intelligent Life and has done so for many thousands of years.*"

Certainly it makes interesting reading and contains much detailed source material to prove the theme:—Strange structures and mysterious lights on the Moon: "*Artificial Maria*": The Moon's age and origin: Its '*hollow ringing*' and '*metal hull*': the extent of "*NASA's cover up*," and a multiplicity of other selenic and selenic associated mysteries are discussed—in some cases repetitively. One also has the feeling that one or two of the sources quoted—though many are beyond reproach—may not always be solely interested in a completely accurate presentation of scientific information. This is, perhaps, particularly evident where '*Astronaut UFOs*' are brought up—indeed, the author himself uses the word '*unauthenticated*' in several instances.

From time to time the text tends to repeat itself—one example is on pp 19 and 22 where there are almost identical quotes from Dr Farouk El Baz. In places too, the statements can sometimes be a little misleading: on p 80 we are told that we are the only planet to have eclipses when one feels what is meant is 'exact eclipses'—where sun and satellite appear almost exactly the same size. One most irksome point is that constant reference is made to

seemingly non-existent photographs! Nevertheless, this is a book to buy, though very probably its main effect will be to make the 'pros' more 'pro' and the 'antis' more 'anti'!

Norman Oliver.

### The House of Lords UFO Debate Open Head Press/Pentacle Books 1979. £2.95.

Copies of *Hansard* costing 40p containing the official transcript of the House of Lords debate on 18 January 1979 sold out very quickly. Initiated by the Earl of Clancarty (Brinsley Le Poer Trench), the debate attracted world-wide interest, and writer John Michell has pasted up the respective pages of *Hansard*, adding bibliographical notes, annotations and illustrations. Whilst some of the notes are of an extraneous nature: "*Several notorious fakes continue to do the rounds in UFO publications . . .*" there are useful references to dates and events. Also of interest is the inclusion of the dubious 'official' list of alleged UFO contacts referred to by Lord Kimberley, one of the abler contributors to the debate. Altogether some 14 members of the Lords contributed, including two scientists, Lord Kings Norton and Lord Halsbury. The most entertaining speech came from Labour Peer Lord Davies of Leek. Tory spokesman Lord Trefgarne made such an inane opening reply to Lord Clancarty from the Despatch Box that a fellow Tory, the Earl of Cork and

Orrery strongly dissociated himself: "If this represents all that the Conservative Party can produce in the way of thinking on what is undoubtedly a serious subject, whatever your opinion about it may be, then this is deplorable."

Personally I found the overall level of awareness shown by their Lordships in the debate lasting nearly three hours, to be both dated and disappointing, and the divergence of the Bishop of Norwich into religious philosophy did little to help.

Lord Clancarty has contributed both an introductory preface and an 'afterword' in which he notes the establishment on 19 June 1979 of "The House of Lords All Party UFO Study Group." This book is a solidly produced paperback of over 110 pages, and forms a useful record of the Lords Parliamentary Debate.

Lionel Beer.

### **UFOs: Interplanetary Visitors (Paperback).**

**Raymond E Fowler**

**Prentice-Hall International**

**£3.20.**

First appearing in 1974 in the US, this interesting exposition of the "*Facts, Fables and Fantasies of the Flying Saucer Conspiracy*" is presented in a way different from most, inasmuch as it involves the author as a person—as a "*private citizen who decided to conduct his own detailed enquiry into the UFO mystery.*" With a foreword from Dr Hynek, it includes full details of numerous UFO events, both well known and comparatively obscure, often presented from a new angle and frequently containing snippets of information I have not seen mentioned elsewhere.

The author examines the UFO problem closely from a number of view-

points: Military, Scientific, the UN, Sociological, etc, and as well as a source of interesting report material, it is also a valuable reference work. My main 'beef' is that it consists very largely of US items, for it can frequently be quite revealing to compare known details of a UK report with those given by an overseas author! This by no means detracts from the book, however, nor is it intended to suggest any departure from accuracy by Mr Fowler. We are only taken up to the summer of 1973, and I, for one, would certainly like to have seen an update from the original publication: however, one cannot really complain overmuch on this score, since in its 365 pages there are full notes at the end of each chapter: a comprehensive coverage of most ufo-logical facets plus a useful index.

Definitely for the serious UFO researcher. It should be on your bookshelf.

### **Sun, Moon and Standing Stones (Paperback)**

**John Edwin Wood**

**Oxford University Press 1980**

**£3.50.**

Well, is there a UFO connection with Stonehenge, Avebury, Carnac et al? Maybe, maybe not. This book by Dr Wood—a Deputy Director of the Admiralty Surface Weapons Establishment and member of the Royal Archaeological Institute—is not one designed to explore such possibilities. What it does, and does very well, is to give the layman a comprehensive insight into the historical facts and hypotheses surrounding these 'ancient monuments' and to examine suggested astronomical associations with stone circles and megaliths in various parts of Britain and north-west Europe.

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One very good point is that it takes the reader with little or no astronomical knowledge from scratch, by including a chapter—*The Sun and The Moon*—on elementary astronomy, so that later implications may be the more easily followed. The facts and their astronomical interpretation are lucidly presented: a certain degree of mathematical calculations and equations is involved, and whilst, as the back cover tells us, “*the approach is scientific but with a minimum of mathematics*,” these may still be sufficient to cause some readers to shake their heads in one or two places.

Nevertheless, the book is absorbing, the findings carefully balanced, with num-

erous tables, illustrations and photographs plus bibliography and index, and its 217 closely-packed pages provide excellent factual and scientifically speculative material on this ‘oft UFO-associated’ subject.

*Norman Oliver.*

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*My apologies to David Rees for omitting, because of space reasons, his detailed review of John G Fuller's The Airmen Who Would Not Die. Interested readers are invited to send to David for issue No 35 of Skywatch in which it appears. Address: 92 Hillcrest Road, Offerton, Stockport, Cheshire SK2 5SE. Skywatch=35p per copy—Ed.*

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## From here —and there

Norman Oliver



### Moore for your pocket

Patrick Moore has now come up with a new diary-size book *Pocket Guide to the Stars and Planets* which features moon maps and star charts not previously published. Available from February, the press release tells us 'every boy from seven to seventy will be captivated with the very latest shots from recent space probes . . . . .', Moore's *Pocket Guide* will hit your pocket to the tune of £3.95.

### In Istanbul . . . . .

Turkey's *Space Phenomena Research Group* has been established for some years. Formed with the intention of creating a central clearing house for Turkish UFO reports and study, their members have contacts with many researchers worldwide. A monthly news bulletin *Erende Zeki Hayat* (*Intelligent Life in the Universe*) is produced which includes conference summaries, case studies, feature articles etc. in its pages. The Group now offer a literary service and even an audio-visual presentation for public and scientific interest. Future publications are to include catalogues of Aviation Cases and Physical Trace Study. Address: *Space Phenomena Research Group, PO Box 1157, Istanbul, Turkey.*

### Oliver 'Twisted'?

*Bufora* was accorded considerable mention in the *TV Times* for March 1-7

1980. A four-page article *Close Encounters of the Weirdest Kind* was occasioned by the Wednesday play *Friends in Space* whose subject was UFO encounters. Roughly equal coverage was given to Warminster/Arthur Shuttlewood: *Bufora*/Norman Oliver and *The Dyfed Engima*/Randall Jones Pugh.

I must confess that to me the 'aliens' illustrated as appearing in the play appeared more likely to have come from the glass blower than from Outer Space! My only personal 'beef', though, was that the lower third of each page featured the story of Oliver Twist, the consequent dual nomenclature proving somewhat disconcerting! **NB.** Your editor was **not** involved in **any** way with the plot of the play!

### Meditating on Psi

The most recent ESP literature to fall through my letterbox comes from Psi Publications Ltd, of Waverley, Copse Close, Widley, Portsmouth, who offer Psi meditation and training cassettes under the guidance of 'the internationally renowned inventor of Psi meditation, Dr Milan Ryzl.' A free Matthew Manning cassette is stated to be included.

### The UFO Factor

The very active Worcester group *Skyscan* manage to obtain considerable press coverage in their own area. In November 1979, they organised the screening of a documentary film *The UFO Factor* produced by Chris Hardwick, a Worcester resident, who spent two years completing the film. *Skyscan* can be reached at 59, Rydal Close, Wardon, Worcester, Tel: 0905-24432.

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## World—please note!

Following Major von Keviczky's exhortations referred to in our last issue, we have two others to record—of a somewhat different nature.

**No. One** comes from Mr E J Clarke of Newport, Gwent, who tells us that *'we are going to clear up a great deal of confusion.'* *'There is not just one race type observing us, there are many. These observers are not aggressive, neither do they offer violence, and if any Earth person has been injured by them it has been pure accident. Their message is quite simple . . . Unless the people of Earth live as one people they will be quarantined until they do. They will allow us to explore our own universe, but no further . . .'* One cannot but help feeling that this last dispensation was on the generous side and should permit us considerable scope in the meantime!

Mr Clarke's announcement followed an intriguing 'contact' claim attested to in part by a family friend, Stephen Hillman who witnessed the 'light' referred to. Mr Clarke affirms that in the early hours of Sunday 25 November 1979, he went down from his third floor flat to the garages to check his car: he then became aware of *'a strange stillness and a glow'* and found he was in a small room with bare walls, a table being the only piece of furniture. In front of him stood a six-foot figure, hair cut short, wearing a tight coverall suit. Some kind of electrical device was on the table. The encounter lasted some eight minutes after which Mr Clarke returned to his flat, recollection of what transpired gradually coming back over a period of days.

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**No. Two** comes from Prince Adetokunboh Odunade who I visited last September not long after returning

from Nigeria. Nigerian born, the Prince proffered me a statement from a Harley Street specialist which confirmed that whilst he suffered from no known cardiac condition, the irregularity of heart function over a 24-hour taped period was outside the specialist's previous experience. The statement from the Prince (He is an Iku-Baba-Yeye Prince of Ijebu-Ode: Iku-Baba-Yeye meaning Death-Father-Mother-Earth, the Creator God) runs as follows:—*"It is 'Death for the 'West' if the 'East' commissions Spy Planes over its territories and it does nothing. It is 'Death' for the whole World if it does not get informed fully on the Source, Cause and Purpose of the Day's Universal Phenomena. It is in fact 'Eternal Death'. ('Universal Phenomena' includes Psychic and UFO activity—Ed).*

*"I have from birth—3 November 1939 been in a specially linked-up relationship with the other Arm of Life in the Universe—for certain reasons of 'Birth Location.' I am in this Linked-up state on behalf of all of the Human races at a 'Battle of the Olds.' Earth has Commanded that the Visible World be attacked to test its Oldness and Intellect. A victory by the Invisible World means The End of the World. I have been in an unimaginably harsh state over the past ten years holding off 'The Universal House of Death.' All conceivable resources are in use to achieve Victory on behalf of the Visible World. All matters have grave Eternal consequences. My condition bears on all World Affairs. I therefore appeal to all World Orders: Monarchical: Religious: Governmental and the People to be duly prompted on behalf of the Worlds they Head."*

For readers seeking clarification of the Prince's teachings on Psychic and UFO entities which ring somewhat oddly in Western ears, his London address is: 6, Romney Court, Shepherds

*Bush Green, London W12 8PY*, whilst his African home is at *1, Fidipote Street, Ijebu-Ode, Nigeria*. *Bufora* did not feel justified in acceding to the Prince's request that three hundred thousand additional copies of the *Journal* be printed for Nigerian distribution!

## Second Look

A new US monthly with the above title, devoted, inter alia, to Astronomy: Ancient Mysteries: Psychology and UFOs has now put in an appearance. *Second Look* ('*Separates Fact from Fantasy*') includes amongst its contributors Isaac Asimov, Ray Bradbury, Sir Fred Hoyle, Dr Allen Hynck, Sir Bernard Lovell and Jacques Vallee.

## Is he on record?

The name of Silas Newton, self-styled 'Texan oilman' frequently crops up when one delves back into Frank Scully's claims of crashed saucers and dead humanoids, recently again brought into prominence by Stringfield's 'Retrievals.' Newton, it would appear, was the source of some of the Scully material and, to say the least, it seems his *bona fides* were a little shaky. At one point he lectured to students

—and perhaps others—on the subject. Does anyone, anywhere, have a recording of him doing so? If they have, please would they write to me at the editorial address, since I've a strong hunch I can match the voice with another recording.

## Any offers?

The USSR National Public Library for Science and Technology of Moscow has offered to exchange publications with *Bufora*. Such an exchange would be of little use, though, unless we have someone to translate appropriate items. Can you help?

## Solent 'Viewpoint'

*Bufora* was represented by Ernie Sears on Southampton's *Radio Solent* (BBC) programme *Viewpoint* on 24 December 1979. A discussion and phone-in resulted in a large number of calls reporting sightings and experiences. Earlier, reports and UFO topics were debated though time cut short the proceedings. Also on the programme was 'Andy Farr,' whose pseudonym, to quote Mr Sears, "*covered the identity of a well-known Ufoin/Bufora etc investigator whose 'official' capacity prevented him from using his real name.*"

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# Report—Extra !

Presented by Norman Oliver

## The Cergy Investigation

*I am extremely grateful to Gérard Lebat of GEOS—Groupement d'Etudes des Objects Spatiaux de France, Saint-Denis-Les-Rebais 77510, Rebais, France for kindly forwarding me this most detailed account of the Franck Fontaine disappearance case which received considerable publicity in Britain. The following translation by M D Oliver gives a comprehensive background to the affair.—Ed.*

### A visit to the Gendarmerie

On arriving at Cergy Pontoise we proceeded to the *Brigade de Gendarmerie* where we were made very welcome by Commandant Courcoux who gave it as his frank opinion that something had certainly happened—the witnesses had related it in detail—but what it was he couldn't say. The Commandant considered the witnesses certainly sounded sincere: he didn't get the impression they were fabricating, and he proceeded to tell us how the enquiries had been conducted.

On Monday 26 November 1979 at 8 o'clock in the morning, he was notified by the local constabulary who didn't really know how to deal with a case of this sort—it was a source of considerable embarrassment to them, and they considered the gendarmerie would be proficient in such matters since they had specialists in the field at their disposal. It was about 6 am when the two witnesses actually arrived at the *Commissariat*: we noted that they waited two hours before communicating the events to the Public Authorities.

As soon as the gendarmerie were informed, they called in the two witnesses to take down their statements and conduct a routine investigation. We will relate the facts in more detail later. The witnesses' car was checked out for radio-activity with a D O M 410 but with a negative result. Informed by UFO investigators of the 'compass

test' they checked for any deviations but there was no change. Finally, they went on to a third test: a fine German Shepherd dog belonging to the police was brought and ordered to get into the car. There was no reaction. The animal stayed still: it didn't go mad: it showed no out-of-the-ordinary reaction or sign of abnormality. Yet another negative test. Certainly it is difficult to account for the absence of corroborative evidence which occurs repeatedly in the story of the two Pontoise witnesses.

The Commandant volunteered fresh information that hadn't been made available to the press. A mechanic from Menucourt had witnessed a strange event at the same time in the direction of Pontoise. This, too, we will go into full detail later. Through the Commandant we obtained the opinion of Commandant Cochereux of the *Gendarmerie Nationale*, with whom he had regularly been in touch by phone, who didn't consider the matter was one for inclusion with UFO files. We are of the same opinion, for as things stand at present, there does not seem to be a sufficiently positive UFO element. (*Some readers may disagree with this and in any case the affair makes intriguing reading—Ed*).

So far as *GEPAN* (The French Governmental Investigation Group) was concerned, Toulouse (where they are based) contented itself with telephoning the brigade to ask if it needed

personnel specialised in psychology, psychiatry and physical sciences.

After our visit to the *gendarmerie* we went on to see the witnesses themselves. Though we had learned from the *gendarmerie* that the press had not uncovered all the facts, we were surprised to find they were busier than the public authorities! In fact, when we entered Jean Pierre Provost's apartment (Prevost is one of the witnesses), we wondered whether we were entering a theatre! Some fifteen people were present, settling down in chairs, sofas or simply standing! Everyone listened to the witnesses' fantastic account, which tended to be added to and embellished. Amongst those present were some journalists, but also a number of investigators working for their own group or individually. In the light of this we understood perfectly why the *GEPAN* wished to work in peace, far from the noise and the press! Also, we considered that some of the private investigators had no very profound knowledge of the UFO problem. We even met an 'investigator,' provided with an ornate card, who was making his first investigation after only six month's interest in the subject: he was alone and knew comparatively little about UFOs. We were content, therefore, at first just to listen. When our turn arrived we asked the witnesses the standard questions, retracing the observation and events in detail in such a way as to obtain confirmation of the concise account given us by Commandant Courcoux.

### The Witnesses

Jean-Pierre Prevost, 25 years old, officially a stallkeeper, was bearded and a dynamic and presentable young man. He was the one who seemed most eager to describe the phenomenon and the events which followed.

Salomon N'Diaye, black, aged 25,

traded as a commercial agent and sold second-hand clothes from time to time. When we called he seemed tired, and from what he said, the thing he found most overwhelming was the disappearance of his friend.

It was the 1st of December when we actually made this investigation. The event had taken place on Monday 26 November 1979. At this time, Franck had still not returned, and in spite of his description being broadcast on television: being published in the newspapers: the moving pleas by his mother on the radio, he gave no indication of still being alive.

Franck Fontaine, 19 years old, unemployed, had met his two friends to make 100F pocket money to augment the meagre State benefits. He lived at a friend's place at Saint-Ouen-L'Aumone. His mother, whom he often visited and confided in, is divorced and lives in a lodge with four of her children, the youngest only a few months old.

### The Event

The three friends agreed to meet on the Monday morning at 4 o'clock to go to Gisor Market, where they hoped to sell second-hand clothes under Jean-Pierre's supervision. Once they had met they set off in the car. In fact, this red and obviously old Ford Taunus had no starter (it belonged to none of the three, but had been borrowed from a fourth friend). Even so, starting up wasn't hard, for in front of the building at 11, *Rue de la Justice Mauve*, there was a short slope which helped them greatly. With Franck at the wheel, Jean-Pierre and Salomon pushing, the Taunus started up 'at a quarter turn.' They then parked it right in front of the door of Jean-Pierre's apartment and started to load up.

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According to Jean-Pierre, someone else living there was annoyed by the noise of the car, but enquiries made of all the residents failed to locate this mysterious witness. Jean-Pierre was getting ready to go back into the apartment to find an umbrella and a few pairs of jeans that had been left behind, when Franck observed a luminous phenomenon coming very slowly towards them from the North.

This appeared to be elongated, white and slightly luminous. It seemed to the witnesses to be coming down rather like a plane about to crash. Salomon hurried back into the apartment to find a camera. Jean-Pierre continued to load up. At that moment Jean-Pierre went back to find the umbrella: upon reaching the apartment he automatically looked out of the window, which faced the back of the

block in the direction the object was descending, and he saw, some 200 metres away, that the car had stopped. He thought, *'That's it, the motor's stalled, there's nothing for it but for us to push-start the Ford again!'* He then continued what he was doing, getting the jeans and umbrella.

During that time Salomon was cursing, for his camera was without a film and he couldn't find another anywhere. In his turn he looked out of the window and saw a *'sort of whitish mist'* around the car. He went down to rejoin Jean-Pierre, and watched this mysterious mist which surrounded the vehicle. They then saw four balls of the same colour, a little bigger than a car's tyre, detaching themselves from the *'cloud'* surrounding the car. The outline of this sheet of mist was well-defined and very dense, for one could not see



Witnesses Salomon N'Diaye (L) and Jean-Pierre Prevost (R) with the Ford Taunus. Pontoise Electricity complex in the background.

Photo: Gerard Lebat, GEOS

through it. It was slightly luminous, though not excessively so, but the car was surrounded to a depth of 20 to 30 centimetres. In a few seconds the balls disappeared as though merging with the mass: then, the body of dense mist entered a luminous tube which was forming from the progressively elongating mass as the ball around the car decreased.

Once this 'tube' had formed—still of a similar colour to the 'sort of mist'—it rose up and disappeared at bewildering speed. The two witnesses went towards the car 200 metres away, walking quickly and running a little. On reaching the car they found that Franck was no longer there. The left door was open: the ignition was on: the headlights were on and a high gear engaged. The car was in the middle of the road, slightly at an angle. Panic-stricken, Salomon returned to the apartment and telephoned the police. Not seeing the police arriving, Jean-Pierre phoned the *gendarmerie*, who told him this wasn't a matter that concerned them. The police arrived in force with an R12 van—a lot of fuss over something that was going to end up with the *gendarmerie* anyway. In fact, the *Commissariat*, not knowing what to do about the matter, passed it purely and simply to the *gendarmerie* about 8 am. The appearance of the first object took place about 4.20 am. Franck's disappearance happened about 4.30 am. We would point out that the witnesses could clearly distinguish the back of the car: thus, the mass, similar to a thick fog, came lightly to rest at the front of it, as a drawing by one of the witnesses showed. (*Does this conflict with the earlier description?* —Ed).

### What happened?

We are faced with some precise facts. The witnesses definitely appeared sin-

cere, and it was difficult for us to find any reason to contradict them. There was no reason for Franck to disappear from circulation. His approaching call up for National Service? Contrary to what the press reported it is not a sufficient reason. In fact, Franck could easily have got himself exempted—supporting a family, divorced parents etc. We truly don't understand: we are forced to concede these facts . . .

. . . Finally, the suggestion of foul play was put forward. There's nothing which leads us to support this theory. The three young men were perfectly sober: no history of drugs. We were faced with a tragic event—the disappearance of Franck.

### Reappraisal of the affair

Roland Varin, 38 years old, a motor mechanic living in a small village near Pontoise, Menucourt, employed by a service station, Route de Saint-Leu in Ermont, upset many preconceived ideas. On the Monday, at around 4 am, he was awakened by a strange noise which he thought was coming from the ground floor. 'I must have forgotten to switch off my stereo,' he said to himself. He therefore got up and went downstairs. The radio was off, and the noise seemed to be coming from outside, possibly behind the garden. Going out, he thought that the noise must be coming from the Pontoise direction of the RN 14. The sound lasted for about 10 minutes. It seemed unusual and he was unable to define it. Something like the noise made by a plane, maybe even more oppressive. He got ready to take his car, but the noise progressively faded away and disappeared in the night. M Varin didn't know about the Cergy Pontoise story. He went to work the next day and his friends commented on his unusual appearance,

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whereupon he told them what he had heard in the night. It wasn't until the afternoon that he learned over the radio about the Pontoise occurrence. His friends encouraged him to go to the *gendarmerie*, where he was asked to give an exact account of the facts. One more story for the files? Or simply a coincidence? A story in any case which lends support to the theory of a mysterious phenomenon in Pontoise about the same time that Monday.

The *gendarmerie* were still searching in the region for Franck, patrolling the area of the disappearance. The Conflans-Sainte Honorine river police were also scouring the river banks, etc, without success.

### **The Cergy Affair Part 2** **The Reappearance**

Franck disappeared—yes, but not for ever. In fact, on Monday 3 December 1979, Franck reappeared. This is the second part of the affair, which we will recount for you as we heard it at our second investigation.

Once again we returned to Cergy Pontoise. Once more Commandant Courcoux, of the *Gendarmerie Nationale* gave us the official version. Franck had confirmed that he left with the Ford Taunus in order to get a closer look at the object, which seemed to be falling in the direction of the Central Electricity complex at Cergy. Arriving at the complex, Franck saw a round object approaching, an object similar to a tennis ball. This landed at the left hand side of his bonnet. At that moment the car was completely engulfed by mist: the whitish ball grew and he then felt his eyes stinging. He must therefore then have lost consciousness for as from that time he remembers nothing.

The witness stated that he then woke

up in the same area where he had disappeared. He was standing up, saying, '*Our car has been stolen.*' In fact, 8 days later, the car was no longer there, following the events we have already set out. It was 4.30 am. Franck stated that his memory returned suddenly, but at the time he didn't know where he was. He went to his friend, Jean-Pierre, but he wasn't in. He therefore called on Salomon, the second witness: the door opened and he found Salomon in pyjamas. Franck was astonished at this for (to him) only five minutes previously he had been dressed and they were to have gone to Gisor market! He announced that the car had disappeared and thought that it had been stolen. Totally taken aback by the turn of events, Salomon had to tell Franck the whole story. His disappearance: the UFO: the search lasting 8 days: in brief, what Jean-Pierre and Salomon went through during his absence. After a number of explanations, Jean-Pierre Prevost, Monique Fontaine, Franck's mother, Manina Bancod, Franck's fiancée, were all told, and all these people met at 11, *Rue de la Justice Mauve* at Cergy Pontoise. The discussion continued, and it wasn't until around 7.30 that they thought of letting the *gendarmerie* know. They came straight away and began a preliminary investigation. Afterwards, this investigation, which was interrupted by interviews given to the press, was followed up at the local police station.

Towards the end of the Monday afternoon, the Deputy Public Procurator of Pontoise began a 2½ hour investigation of the three friends. It was evident that the object of this investigation was to try to establish whether there had been an infringement of the law. Nothing differed in the three witnesses' depositions. Then they left for home.



Little has been done regarding an in-depth study of the case. This omission has nothing to do with the judicial authorities; the witnesses themselves have refused any attempts to probe more deeply into Franck's experience.

Commander Courcoux, however, was able to take a blood sample, although the result of the analysis is still not available at the time of writing this report. On the other hand, two scientists from *GEPAN*, a biologist and a physicist (Mm Teyssandier and Rospars) came to see the witnesses, but they refused to permit any scientific study of themselves: the two specialists came up against an unfailing negative response. It was impossible to overcome this barrier and so, after half an hour's work, they resigned themselves to letting the matter drop. We were not surprised by the witnesses' reaction: they were unused to being in the public eye, and uniforms, ties and suits were 'not their scene' at all. As for the press, it made haste to exploit the witnesses' negative reaction to *GEPAN* in order to ridicule them. Daniel Huguet, a well known hypnotist from Marseilles began an experiment on Jean-Pierre, for Franck had categorically refused to submit to this type of psychiatry. And it was Franck who hurriedly had this experiment stopped in the middle on the pretext that Jean-Pierre might disclose 'confidential things' on what he had seen. Some psychiatrists, doctors, whom he usually consulted, came to see him, but the 'atmosphere' wasn't really there and they all went away empty-handed.

### What can one conclude?

It is true that the second part of the investigation hadn't enabled us to prove the authenticity of this affair. Equally, we couldn't deny it or treat it as a hoax.

All is contained in the witnesses statements. Nevertheless, we are somewhat concerned that—

- The *gendarmerie* officials weren't informed quickly enough, which allowed the witnesses time to agree on a fantastic climax to the second part of the scenario.
- At 5.30 am, *RTL* had been informed by an anonymous caller that Franck had been seen to reappear surrounded by a cloud of mist: this person was later claimed to be Salomon N'Diaye.
- The witnesses were persuaded to allow the future publication of a book.
- The witnesses were given money by *Paris Match*: money intended for a good cause. (*The meaning of the next two lines is not entirely clear and their translation is omitted in case it is unfair to the witnesses—Ed.*)
- The witnesses avoided going into description details.
- Franck, little by little, started to remember what he had seen during his absence, but made a great mystery out of it.
- The trio accept no scientific experiment on themselves, however small.

We must admit that we are faced with a well constructed story if it is a hoax and must equally admit that it came over very well as it unfolded. However, the Cergy Affair cannot be presented as a serious scientific study for UFO files. It serves no useful purpose and will in no way advance our study of the phenomenon. Smoke without fire, one might say . . .

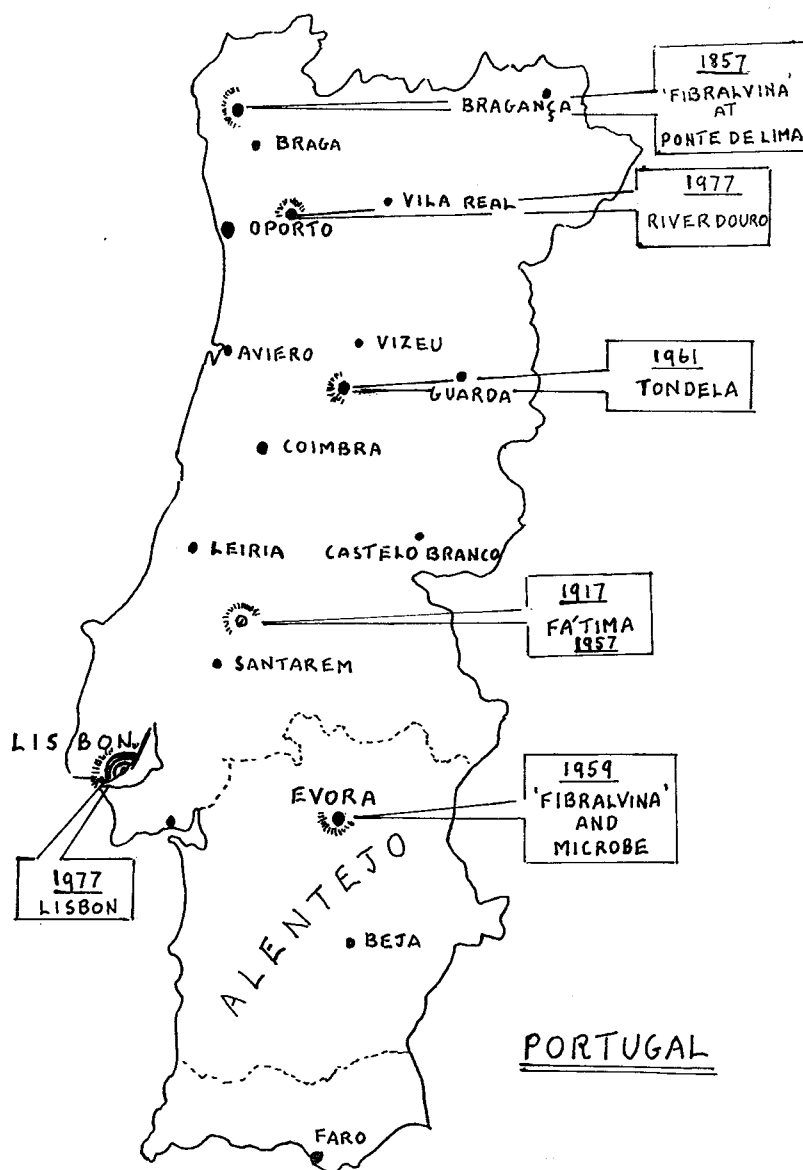
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### Unknown organism from 'Angel Hair'

Mr J M Andrade, UK representative of *CEAFI*—the *Centre for Astronomical Studies and Unexplained Phenomena* of Oporto, Portugal—has recently passed full details to *Bufora* of the extraordinary 'Evora' case of 1959, which

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#### Falls of 'Fibrilvina' in Portugal

1857: Ponte de Lima, 12 & 13 October.

First known case in Portugal.

1917: Fatima, 13 September

1957: Fatima, 17 October

1959: EVORA, 2 November.  
(Also 1960, 26 June)

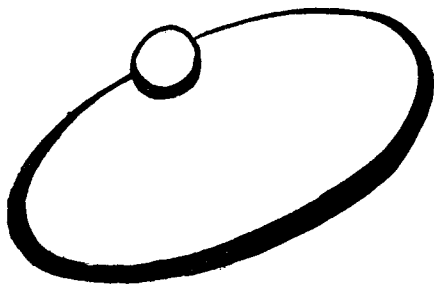
1961: Tondela, 9 October

1977: Lisbon, 10 February

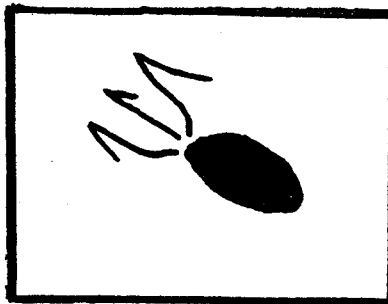
1977: River Douro, September

was recorded by Raul Berenguel, author of *UFOs—Door to the year Zero* (an English edition is expected to be published later this year), and also Director of *CEAFI's* Special Studies Dept, in issue No 28 May 1979 of *CEAFI's* magazine *Insolito*.

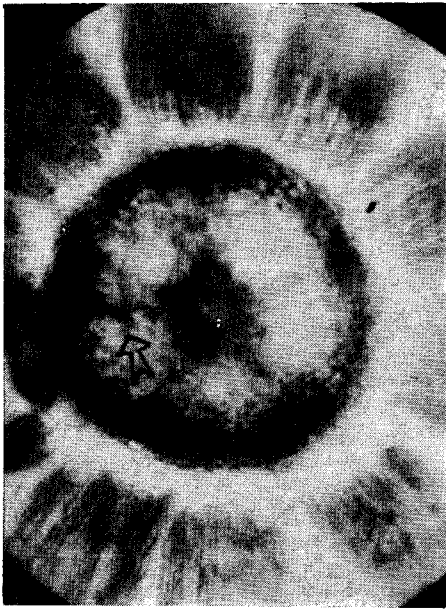
Briefly, on 2 November 1959, an extraordinary event occurred in the city of Evora, Southern Portugal—an event which only came to light in recent years. Mr Andrade tells me that for a long time this event was only known to a handful of people—partly because of the Portuguese political situation, partly because of general scepticism on the subject of UFOs at that time. However, in mid-1976, *CEAFI* first came across details of the occurrence, a UFO report that also included the discovery of an unknown organism—a living unknown organism. Immediately *CEAFI* commenced further investigations to try to discover the people involved: after two years they succeeded, and at the *First Iberic Congress of Ufology*, which took place in Oporto on 7-8 October 1978, they came to light via papers from Raul Berenguel and Joaquim Fernandes (Editor of *Insolito*), full details of the event, together with the names of Doctors, Professors and Biologists finally being presented. (These are on file with *Bufo*, but for the moment we will continue to preserve their anonymity).



Evora, about eighty miles east of Lisbon, is a main county town of Alentejo, and, at about midday on 2 November 1959, two unidentified aerial objects flew over the town, one of them being observed telescopically by the Director of the Technical School. Then, on the town and its environs there fell a rain of a white gelatinous substance 'Angel Hair' or, in Portuguese, 'Fibravina.' In all, this 'rain' continued over a period of about four hours. At the Technical School they managed to gather up a few of these filaments and put them under microscopic examination and through a number of tests. During one of these examinations an apparently unknown microbe was discovered and a series of microphotos taken. The news was not released to the press, but the case aroused considerable scientific interest, since the opinion of the Professor-in-Charge inclined to this microbe being something completely new to the world of Biology.



Those involved included respected names both at *Evora Industrial and Commercial College* and the *University of Lisbon*, and one of the main personnel 'Dr A,' stated that 'the most extraordinary and enigmatic fact is the circumstance of the tentacles not appearing to come directly from the central body, but being located at a certain distance from it, apparently attracted to the body by a form of electro-magnetic phenomena.'



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(3)



(2)



(4)

Diameter of the central body.....	0.375	microns
Width of the tentacles .....	0.225	"
Length of the tentacles .....	2.000	"
Total Length .....	4.375	"

During the ensuing months the 'tentacles' of the microbe (possibly a closer translation would be 'antennae') tended to become more and more shredded, and some two years after its discovery, the organism was no more.

Full details of the case are being examined by *Bufo* Research Personnel and *Bufo* is keeping in touch with *CEAFI*, also, in view of the nature of the event and the status of those involved, supporting *CEAFI*'s application that their researches should be assisted by governmental action in granting them use of laboratory facilities.

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Mr J M Andrade has now also been appointed as UK representative for *CEI*—*Centro de Estudios Interplanetarios*, Barcelona, Spain, who publish the magazine *Stendek* and accordingly is the official representative both of *CEI*, Spain and *CEAFI*, Portugal in the UK. Should any *Bufo* member require further information about these organisations, please write to Mr Andrade at 21, Grena Road, Richmond, Surrey TW9 1XU. He is also a member of *Contact UK* and *Sigap*.



Magnification of the photographs in the original report was x120 for photo (3) and x240 for (1), (2), (4).

- (1) Aspect of central nucleus. Arrow at left indicates the small corpuscle body.
- (2) Detail of the trifurcation of the tentacles.
- (3) Aspect of tentacle extremities taken six months after 'capture.' Note 'shredding' of extremities.
- (4) Aspect of bubble against the microscope preparation by the mysterious life form six months after 'capture.'

*For our next two reports I am indebted to Suomen Ufotutkijat ry., the UFO Research of Finland, who are to be congratulated, not only on their painstaking examination of the incidents concerned, but also for the excellent English of their publication, from which the following accounts are condensed. Firstly:—*

## Mini-UFOs at Suonenjoki

Mr Jarmo Nykanen, aged 24, an electrician, had his first UFO experience on 30 June 1973. He was visiting his lakeside summer cottage and had gone to sleep around 2 am, when suddenly he woke up, hearing a buzzing sound: a strong, blue light was entering the cottage from the direction of the door. Going outside, he walked down to the row-boat jetty, from where he saw a blue light 'twice as big as a row-boat' approaching: this then stopped and hovered above the shallow water. The light seemed to radiate from a jelly of some sort and glowed in an unusual way. Jarmo thought he could see a strange being inside the light. The next thing he remembered was lying on the porch of the cottage, it now being 6 am. Very sleepy, he returned to bed and slept till dawn.

Unusual events in the form of strange nocturnal knockings occurred two years later in 1975, when in June of that year Jarmo heard them three times at two monthly intervals. Nothing, however, was seen.

## Landing traces

In February 1979, Mr Reijo Kolehmainen, a friend of Jarmo Nykanen, found three 'landing trace areas' around his home:—

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At 6.50 am on the morning of 2 February 1979, a 2.5 meter crater was found in the snow at a distance of 5 meters from the house. The snow had melted all the way to the ground in the center of the crater. A strange, red liquid, pieces of metal and later a metallic cup were found within the crater: the red liquid smelled of vinegar. The police arrived at 8 am and took samples.

Late in the evening of 5 February 1979, the Kolehmainen family heard a shooting sound. One constable later revealed he had seen a strange light phenomenon at the same time. The following morning a larger crater was found in the snow 10 meters from the house: again similar things were discovered. Later, the police again looked at the area and suggested that perhaps someone had thrown a home-made bomb at the Kolehmainen yard. However, the Kolehmainens stated that no-one had any reason to throw bombs at them. On the morning of 21 February 1979, a third landing trace area was found. This time there were three holes in the yard. Red liquid and pieces of metal were found once more, but no metallic cup. There was no snow on the electric wires above the holes, but much snow on similar wires elsewhere. The Kolehmainens wanted no publicity, but the news leaked to the press from acquaintances and some ten articles were published about the events.

### **Photograph attempt**

On 8 March 1979, Mr Reijo Kolehmainen travelled to Helsinki and asked Mr Jarmo Nykanen to guard the house. During the evening of 10 March 1979, Jarmo started to make rounds around the house. Suddenly he saw a flash of light in the forest and thought someone was watching him. Soon after midnight a bell-shaped mini-UFO appeared near the house. This had a diameter

of half a meter: the upper part radiated blue light and the lower part radiated red light. First he thought he was watching the lights of a car, but then realised he had encountered a UFO. Having a camera with him, he took a couple of shots of the Phenomenon: the flash, however, didn't work.

Jarmo walked closer to the UFO and flashed his torch towards it. The UFO ascended to an altitude of three meters, making the whole snow-covered area look red and then disappeared skywards. The photos did not come out.

### **12 Mini-UFO photos**

A few days later Jarmo Nykanen made a map of the Kolehmainen house and surroundings. He realised that the three landing trace areas formed a triangle and noticed that if one side of the triangle was prolonged it led to the cottage.

On 16 March 1979, at around noon, he walked to the cottage through the forest. He took binoculars, a camera and some snacks. After 80 minutes he arrived, ate his snacks and walked around the cottage.

Suddenly, Jarmo heard a humming sound obliquely from behind and turned around. At an altitude of about two meters he saw a bell-shaped mini-UFO. It seemed to be similar to the one he had seen near the Kolehmainen house. He now took photos of the UFO, which radiated blue light and moved forward ascending and descending. After taking five photos he started walking towards the UFO, which then disappeared.

Jarmo continued to research the area. After about half an hour he was walking on the frozen lake when he heard a humming sound from the shore and saw the same UFO in the bushes.



One of the 12 "Mini-UFO" photos.

Again he walked closer, taking more photos, then climbed up the cliff. He tried to sneak to the other side of the encounter area, but on his way he stumbled and the UFO directed a red beam of light towards his face: this was so bright that it blinded him for a while.

Jarmo then hid behind a fir tree and took his last photo—the twelfth. After a while the UFO flew a bit further away. Suddenly there was a flash of light on top of it: red smoke puffed out of the UFO and a cylinder-shaped object zoomed up in the sky. Pieces of metal and some red liquid were left on the ground. Jarmo now became extremely tired and sleepy: he only took a quick look at the red spot, then left for home. When he reached the road (this time he didn't take the short cut through the forest), he met Mr Reijo Kolehmainen who was on his way to the gas station.

Reijo noticed blood on top of Jarmo's nose as well as two tiny holes: these, however, disappeared later. The weather was fairly good: the sun was shining behind thin cloud cover and the temperature was a few degrees below freezing. Later, Jarmo told his story to Reijo.

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The police were unable to explain the strange events. It is highly unlikely that the young men would have made up the story. In fact they seem to be just as anxious to learn more about the events as the research people are. The camera used by Mr Jarmo Nykanen was a *Yaschica Junior* and the film was *Sakura*, in colour. Research work on the 'retrievals' is still to be completed.

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Twelve photos from one case is a national record and the four landing trace areas coupled with the interesting metal retrievals gave the local research people a lot to think about.

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### **Metal fragment from UFO**

This is the most significant case in the history of the *UFO Research of Finland*. It involves a strange fragment that fell from a UFO into Kallavesi Lake in August 1964: the event was witnessed by Mr Raimo Blomqvist (43) of Kuopio. The fragment has been studied both in Finland and in Sweden, at two universities and four metallurgical laboratories. A huge number of documents have accumulated as well as about a hundred photographs, electron-microscope analyses, interview tapes, X-ray analysis papers, personality ratings, etc. So far, every piece of information has supported Mr Blomqvist's story. We know of no natural objects or machines from which the fragment could have originated.

It was the last, or second to last Saturday in August 1964 that Mr Blomqvist and his family drove to their summer house: it was cloudy but warm. There were no winds over Kallavesi Lake. After having chopped wood for the sauna, Mr Blomqvist went for a walk on the shores of the lake: he had a strange feeling that something special was about to happen, but couldn't figure out what it might be. He stood on the cliff for a while and at about 7 pm he saw a light in the NE. This grew in size and Mr Blomqvist realised it was approaching him.

The silent UFO halted at a distance of 10 meters from the witness, hovering a couple of meters above the water. Mr Blomqvist was surprised and excited, but not afraid. He felt a

'force field' around himself. The UFO was multi-coloured, oval in shape and surrounded by a hazy light. The left edge of the object was bent upwards as if the UFO had collided with something. The light was relatively bright, but no reflections were seen on the water, though there was a vibrating movement on the water directly below the UFO. The object was three or four meters in diameter and a couple of meters high.

After hovering for about 20 seconds, a fragment fell from the UFO into the shallow water. A hissing sound was heard as it hit, but before it landed, the fragment looked as bright as a welding light. At this point the yellow, green and orange colour stripes on the UFO began to glow brightly and it zoomed to the clouds within a second. Its speed was enormous since the clouds were at an altitude of 300 meters.



"UFO" Fragment from Kallavesi Lake.

Mr Blomqvist wanted to find out what had fallen into the water; this was only 20 centimeters deep at the site of the incident and so it was quite easy for the witness to locate the fragment. He picked it up and put it in his pocket, but said nothing about the incident to his family. In February 1975, Mr. Blomqvist met some UFO research people at Turku, and so the case was finally made public.



One of the UFO researchers, Mr Mikko Toivola, took the fragment to *Abo Akademi University* where an X-ray analysis was performed. Professor Edelman stated that material of this sort could be found close to active volcanoes, but only at a couple of locations in the world. The fragment was definitely not a geological entity, continued professor Edelman. An expert on meteorities, Professor Pappunen at *Turku University* stated that the fragment was not a meteorite. So far as iron was concerned it could be an iron meteoroid, but the amount of other substances did not support the meteoroid theory. The fragment contained some substances never found on meteors.

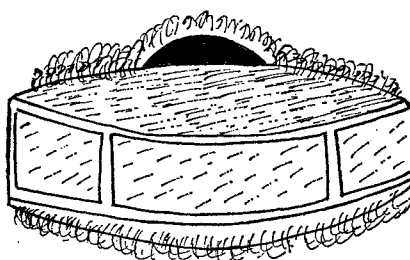
The fragment was 36 millimeters long before it was cut up for study. It was 6 millimeters thick, weighed 15 grams and had a density of 4 kg/dm<sup>3</sup>. The fragment was not radioactive, but was magnetic. There were five layers of material. In the middle there was a 2.5 millimeter thick layer of light-coloured metallic iron. On both sides of the middle layer there were dark grey layers and 0.5 millimeter thick grey layers. The thickness of the layers varied. According to an expert on metal studies, engineer Olavi Kiviniemi, the contents of the fragment were as follows:—

The middle layer:	Other layers:
Mostly Fe and O	Mostly Fe and O
1.0% Mn	0.8% Zr
0.4% Cu	0.6% Mn
0.3% Si, V, Ti	0.3% Si, P, K
0.1% P, Na	0.2% Cu, Zn
0.06% Sn	0.1% Mg, Na
0.03% Cr, W, K.	0.04% Rb
0.008% Ca	0.03% Ca, La, Ce, Nd
0.006% Ta	0.01% Sm
	0.009% Pr
	0.006% Pb
	0.004% Sr
	0.003% Ba

Apparatus such as a mass spectrometer and scanning electron microscope were used in the studies. The fragment was not a piece of ore, not of volcanic origin, not a meteoroid and not a piece of any known machine. However, nothing 'supernormal' was found either. The fragment had probably been affected by a very high temperature—around 650 degrees Celsius. Substances like carbon and sulphur had practically disappeared, if, indeed, they ever existed. The high temperature had radically reduced the number of clues to the fragment's origin. However, the *UFO Research of Finland* is continuing to study the case.

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### Guildford 1957



Mrs Bennett was alone in the coach of a train halted a few hundred yards outside Guildford station in August 1957 at about 3.30 pm, when she saw an 'airship': but—the 'airship' was circular and appeared to be shimmering or revolving both on top and on the underside. The central section seemed to consist of one large window with two others visible around the curves on either side. Silver-grey in colour, it was noiseless and had no undercarriage. Visible for up to three minutes, suddenly it disappeared vertically in a flash.

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## **Blyth, Northumberland 1966**

*Inv Anne West/W Smurthwaite  
Contact UK*

Mrs Nesbitt and her daughter were walking along around 5 pm one Sunday in September 1966, when two large 'headlights' were seen just above the housetops. They then realised that these were on a round greyish 'saucer-shaped' object. No sound came from this object, which hovered motionless. Witnesses stopped and watched the object for some five minutes before it 'just vanished': there was no flight path.

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## **Colne, Lancs 1968**

*Inv B Hartley*

Sheila Alton was at a bus stop with her mother and baby daughter at about 7 pm in the early autumn of 1968 when there was a strange sound like a child's humming top. They turned to see a greenish glowing object 'like a Mexican hat,' humming and hovering just a few feet above the ground in a nearby field. It was not very large, but was quite close and 'porthole-type things' could be seen around its base, while on the top there was a small dome. Then, slowly, it rose up and over the witnesses, disappearing from view over houses on a council estate.

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## **Reading 1972**

*Inv M Keatman*

Mr Alan Shepherd and his wife, who also lay claim to other UFO sightings, were outside their home in Hartland Road, Reading one Thursday evening in July 1972, when they saw an object coming down at about 50 degrees. At first its shape could not be made out, but 'jets of flame' came from its rear. As it came down they could see it had a black rocket shape with two grey

bands around the middle. First moving 'at a fantastic speed,' it then slowed down rapidly: as it levelled off at about 600-700 feet, the 'flames' disappeared. Completely silent, it glided for about 200 yards, then executed a sharp left turn and glided out of sight, apparently gradually gaining height. Its length appeared to be around 80 feet: no lights or windows were to be seen. (*The original letter to the Daily Express estimates height as 600-700 feet, but a figure of 200-300 feet was given later: all other details remained substantially the same—Ed*).

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## **Sheffield 1973**

*Inv M Keatman*

One evening in November 1973 at 10.30 pm, Mrs Marguerite Storer noticed a loud humming or whirring sound which also seemed to throb. Opening the door of her kitchen she could see nothing, but going over to the side window by the cooker, she could see two bright lights, one red, one white above the house opposite. She watched for over five minutes, then the higher light flashed dim and bright twice and suddenly shot upwards at great speed and vanished, the lower light then following suit. The noises then ceased.

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## **Tanzania 1976**

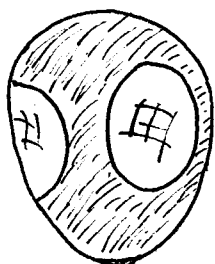
On a clear, warm evening around dusk (6.30 pm) in early 1976, Mrs Riddle was at her house in a bird reserve facing the higher peaks of the Umsambara Mountain range in Lushoto, Tanzania, when from behind trees 'out of nowhere,' there came a large, soundless, sharply-defined cigar-shaped object which, though grey in front, was very bright and appeared to have 'vivid flames' coming from the rear.

This object flew between the ridge of the Umsambara Mountains, between 4,500 and 6,000 feet. The incident was repeated at the same time and place on the following two days and the object was reported by dozens of people in various places including Dar-es-Salaam. Accounts were also printed in the *Standard*, the National paper.

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### Thurton, Norfolk 1976

*Inv K Williamson*



Mr Byron Scott, a design engineer, was driving towards Norwich with his wife and daughters on 28 December 1976, when they saw what at first appeared to be a helicopter about two miles away, coming head on. The time was 11.15 am. On stopping and getting out of the car, however, the object was seen to be oval in shape without any rotor blades. Red, blue and white reflections came from it and witness refers to it as appearing '*like a dark balloon with bright coloured reflecting mirrors round the horizontal circumference.*' About 100 feet up, it was soundless. Mr Scott did not wait to see the object disappear, but re-entered the car and drove on to Norwich where he reported the incident to the police. Witness is a member of the Royal Observer Corps and familiar with 'Met' balloons. Indeed, enquiries were made at various Met Offices, and these showed it to be unlikely that any such balloons could be in the area.

### Billingford, Norfolk, 1978

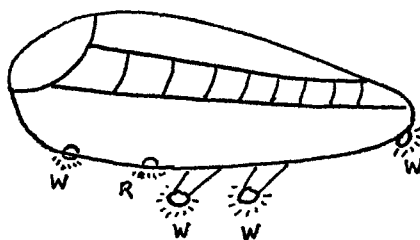
*Inv P Johnson*

On Sunday, 29 May 1978, Judith Derry and her husband were returning home at 10.30 pm. As they drove past a road leading to Billingford Airdrome, a bright sharply-defined circle, '*the colour of a headlight*' drifted slowly out of a wood into the sky. This seemed to keep up with the car, then at Brockdish, the bright circle shot an oblong light skywards. This light was smaller and not so bright, but stayed in the air for quite a while. Witness' account concludes: '*When it disappeared, my husband's exhaust fell off.*'

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### Halifax 1978

*Inv T Whitaker*



At 6.15 pm Lorraine Heron went outside the back door on 8 November 1978: about 125 feet above her was a very large, silent grey/black object travelling slowly. At its front was a big '*picture window*,' whilst underneath were five lights, one red, four white. The UFO continued its soundless course from south-east to north-west across the sky for some minutes before being lost to view.

The same evening at 5.10 pm, a soundless, slow-moving object with red and green lights and two pulsating white lights was reported by Elaine Dews, whilst a third Halifax witness also saw a similar noiseless, gliding object at 6 pm.

## North Cray, Kent 1979

*Inv M Hall*

A number of people claimed to have heard strange noises in the north-east of Kent in March 1979, and in this case a sighting report was subsequently received.

Witness stated that she heard the sound at her home on 5 March 1979 at 9.25 pm. This oscillated between two high-pitched even and fairly steady notes and at first seemed to be right outside the window. The sound—witness had the impression it came from about five feet above the ground—seemed to go right away, return, then go right away again as though something was circling the area: this was repeated four or five times.

Witness was extremely disturbed, as also was a neighbour's dog, and the investigator comments that this was the third time during the 'noise flap' that this had occurred. Deciding to pull back the curtains, fully expecting to see something, witness noticed a 'band of mist' rising evenly, slightly illuminated. It was a clear night, but stars were blotted out as the band of mist rose up.

On a later date in March 1979, the same witness was leaving for work at 8.30 am, and was driving down a slip road when something in the sky caught her eye. She pulled the car over, wound down the window, but left the engine running. The object was like a cylinder, silver in colour, with a 'very vivid flame' coming from the back. It was on a straight course and moved slowly: the witness watched it for a couple of minutes, then drove away.

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## Cotonfields, Stafford 1979

*Inv S W Banks*

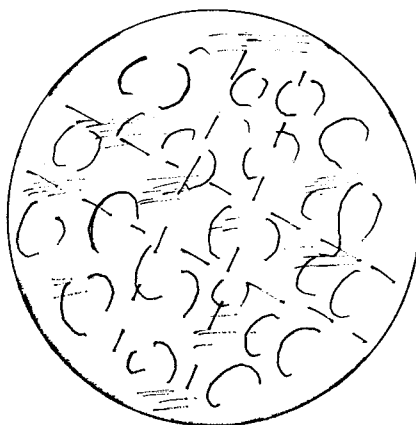
A young man of 22, the witness in this

case, stated that over a number of years he had had psychic experiences, including seeing 'black, amorphous coiled figures' about eight feet high, and a 'blue amorphous form shaped like a rag.' On Sunday 9 September 1979, he was walking back from his girl-friend's home when he saw a bright light 'like a planet' hovering in the east. It was nearing midnight and on reaching the road where he lives, witness stopped to watch the object which was discoid, orange in colour, with a red light at the front and a yellow one at the rear. This object was at 45° to the ground and its course was absolutely straight as it moved off and passed slowly above, travelling over the No 1 site RAF Stafford, to fade away northwards in the distance.

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## Peckham, London 1979

*Inv M Hall*



John Steward, 33, a roofing supervisor, was working in a Peckham depot on 14 November 1979, when, just after 5 pm, his foreman, Cornelius Egan, called out to him, 'Look, there's a Flying Saucer.'

According to Mr Steward, the object—‘*something like a pancake*’—was spinning slowly: it was dull silver in colour and had what looked like burnt scorch marks underneath which seemed to give a ‘*noughts and crosses*’ effect: the impression was one of ‘*hammered metal*.’ It seemed to bank, then dropped slightly, ‘*like a spinning top getting less of a spin*’: Then, it straightened up and, gathering speed went away in the direction of Lewisham.

Each side of the object seemed to have yellow, green and red lights: it moved very slowly and soundlessly, ‘*bouncing up and down*’ and was in view for about three minutes. Mr Egan estimated it to be only about 100 feet up and of a small size, giving a possible diameter of as little as 15 inches. Its speed was thought to be as slow as 5 mph. In all, there were four witnesses.

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#### Eastbourne 1979

*Inv A Fox*

A retired master-mariner was standing in the front garden of his Eastbourne, Sussex, home at 9.45 pm on 2 July 1979 looking towards Holywell, when a

rounded, flattish object, vividly illuminated—a metallic grey/blue, gold/yellow—skimmed low across the sky from the direction of the *Royal Sovereign* light tower: it was heading west-north-west and seemed to be losing height as it disappeared from sight behind and below the rooftop level of the house opposite.

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#### Newcastle, Staffs 1979

*Inv M Keatman, S Banks,  
R. Holland*

Two witnesses watched a black/silver oval shape from their back garden at 1.15 pm on Friday 1 June 1979 as it moved slowly downwards like a falling leaf, appearing to rotate and reflect the sun as it did so: it was silvery in colour. After floating down for about thirty seconds, it began to climb, still spinning, in a ‘*rising leaf*’ motion. The object seemed to be smaller and thinner than a rugby ball and at first witnesses had thought it might land. Finally, it disappeared from sight over adjacent housetops, having been in view for up to ten minutes.

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## Uforum

I have the greatest regard for Mr Jones Pugh as an investigator, and in a recent issue of *Alpha* was glad to review favourably his *Dyfed Enigma*; of the three ‘Welsh Triangle’ books that have come my way it is far and away the best. And of course his track record in the investigative field is well-known. It was precisely for this reason that I was dismayed when I found him presenting the meta-physical aspects of UFO contact as if they were no less factual than visual sightings.

Of course we of the *SPR UFO Study Group* recognise the fundamental importance of the psychic aspects of ufology: that is why our group exists. But they must be studied with the same scientific rigour as the physical aspects, and, for all my respect for Mr Pugh’s expertise and experience, I am as unconvinced by his entities ‘*whose sole purpose is to destroy belief in Christ*’ as by the celestial utopia-heralds reported by Messrs Menger, Puharich et al.

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As for my own report on the *UFO Guidebook*, I hold to my expressed opinions—matched, I may say, by other reviewers in other journals. Mr Pugh would like me to have been more charitable, but it is ill-bestowed charity to condone shoddy work. I reserve my praise for good workmanship—for Mr Pugh's own book, for the Randles/Warrington book, for Alan Hendry's splendid *UFO Handbook*, all of which maintain a decent standard. I hope very much that we shall have further books from Mr Pugh himself—and indeed, if he can present his entity theory in a convincing light, I shall be the first to applaud.

Hilary Evans  
SPR UFO Study Group  
Kensington

I have read R Jones Pugh's letter (*Vol 9 No 1*) with trepidation. Has *Bufora* been taken over by the Holy Inquisition? Your correspondent's crude fundamentalism in conjunction with his grossly unscientific attitude cast grave doubts on his competence as an unbiased investigator. (Perhaps he would care to explain how his assertions could possibly be falsified?) His claims to 'direct' experience—which he denies to others—seem to boil down to mere investigation.

His is the sort of nonsense which brings the whole subject into contempt with the scientific fraternity: I am surprised that such sulphurous lucubrations are considered worth printing.

M Cassirer  
(Formerly Chairman, Physical  
Phenomena Committee, SPR)

In *Uforum*, *Bufora Journal Vol 9 No 1*, Michael Lewis appears to have misunderstood or misinterpreted comments I made at the 1979 AGM.

Parapsychology as I understand it, means 'beyond psychology' and in-

cludes under this broad heading such phenomena as telepathy, precognition, telekinesis, poltergeists, ghosts ad infinitum!

The point which has obviously offended Mr Lewis is a *reference* I made to an incident at the April 1978 *Bufora Conference* when a highly critical member of the assembly, after listening to a series of bizarre CE 111 cases, stood up and asked the speaker if he had bothered to enquire whether the witnesses were mad!

Perhaps an unfortunate choice of words, but a jolting lesson in reality. Had the medical records of the witnesses been checked? The more extraordinary the claims, the more rigorous and detailed must be the investigations. Does this mean that Mr Lewis accepts all he hears from a lecturer, or all he reads in print on UFOs without question? Well-founded hypotheses are one thing, wild speculation is another. Do we, for example, have to accept the idea of 'holes at the poles' simply because someone claims this is a 'hypothesis,' or even fact?! An infant school geographer, let alone a qualified geologist would dismiss this notion as pure nonsense.

The policy of the *Journal of Transient Aerial Phenomena* is to publish the facts! Mr Lewis maintains this new Journal is 'ill-named,' and yet the title describes more accurately the phenomenon we are dealing with than the term 'UFO', where often only the word 'unidentified' is appropriate to the event in question.

With regard to 'furthering the cause of Ufology,' I would rather put it as establishing UFO research as a scientific discipline—something we shall not achieve unless we adopt a more critical attitude to the problem.

A R Pace  
Eccleshall Stafford

# Sighting Summaries

Presentation by Pauline Grego

Code No	Date	Time	Place	Report	Class	Investigator/ Credit
78-291	13.12.78	1905	Denny, Stirlingshire	Circular orange object	C3b	S CAMPBELL
78-292	23.12.78	1905	Skelmersdale, Lancs	Large flashing object	C4c	—
78-293	March	0740	Liverpool	Metallic cigar	C4c	B HARTLEY
78-297	Oct/Nov	1700-1730	Swanley, Kent	Banana shape with lights	C3c	M WEAVER I CLOKE
78-298	6.4.78	2245	Sandbach, Cheshire	Hazy orange oval	C4b	M A P CLARKE
78-299	31.12.78	1848	Crewe, Cheshire	Whitish light like tadpole	C4b	M TYRRELL FUFOR
78-300	15.4.78	0028	Crewe, Cheshire	Circular orange object	C4b	M A P CLARKE FUFOR
78-301	10.4.78	2045	Bostock, Cheshire	Semi-circular orange object	C4b	M A P CLARKE FUFOR
78-303	9.11.78	1705	Wheelock, Cheshire	Multicoloured sphere	C4b	S CLEAVER FUFOR
78-304	27.10.78	2030	Willenhall, West Midlands	2 bright orange ovals	C4c	M KEATMAN
78-305	5.11.78	2100	Dudley, W Midlands	Round red ball	C4b	T HORTON CONTACT UK
78-307	13.9.78	2030	Wednesfield, West Midlands	White light changing colour	C4b	M KEATMAN
78-308	14.12.78	1830	Whitstable, Kent	Semicircular object	C4b	V MARTIN
78-309	31.12.78	1925	Strathclyde	White light with tail	C4b	N STEPHENSON
78-310	18.8.78	2117	Grays, Essex	2 white-red round objects	C4b	J HAND
78-311	31.12.78	2030	Kirkbridge, Cumbria	White-green roundish object	C3b	R HALL
78-312	31.12.78	1903	Lincoln	Rectangular object	C4b	B TAYLOR
78-313	31.12.78	1915	Lincoln	Tapering oval object	C4a	
78-314	31.12.78	1904	Scunthorpe, Lincs	"Comet-like" object	C4c	
78-315	12.8.78	0115	Halifax, Yorks	Round varicoloured object	C3c	T WHITAKER
78-317	28.11.78	1650	Mirfield, Yorks	Manoeuvring Lits	C4b	
78-318	6.10.78	2210	Sheppey Way, Kent	'Triangle' with lights	C4b	V MARTIN
78-319	May/July /Sept	2000-2100	Strood, Kent	Red/yellow cigar shape	C3b	
78-320	30.8.78	0740	Sapcote, Leics	Two silver/grey objects	C3b	G HALL, HAPI
78-321	16.6.78	2315	Oulton, Staffs	'Voice' and light beams	C2c	M KEATMAN
78-322	1.11.78	1849	Walsall, W Midlands	Yellow LITS	C4a	
78-323	13.11.78	1715	Prittlewell, Essex	Hovering glowing object	C4b	A COLLINS
78-324	13.11.78	0625	Shoeburyness, Essex	Two white lights	B4b	
78-325	12.11.78	2015	Stambridge, Essex	Humming grey cigar	C3b	
78-326	26.10.78	0100	Epping, Essex	Red/orange cigar shape	C3b	
78-327	20.11.78	1700	Felixstowe, Suffolk	Stationary silver light	C4c	
78-328	10.10.78	2210	Southend, Essex	LITS	C4b	

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78-329	16.11.78	0720	Southend, Essex	LITS	C4b	A COLLINS
78-330	20.11.78	0710	Westerfield, Suffolk	LITS and red circle	C4b	
78-331	26.12.78	0620	Cranham, Essex	Hemispherical dome with skirt	C3c	
78-332*	31.12.78	2330	London, SE20	Bright 'cottage loaf'	C3b	
78-333	28.12.78	2100	Hornchurch, Essex	Round object with ball inside	C3b	
78-334	12.12.78	1740	Barking, Essex	Whitish grey oval	C4c	
78-335	20.11.78	1910	Tunstall, Suffolk	5 white lights in line	C4b	
78-336	12.9.78	1605	Stone, Staffs	Black oval with appendages	C3c	M KEATMAN
78-337	14.10.78	0630	Stafford	Spherical object and light beam	C3c	M KEATMAN A PACE
78-338	23.10.78	2300	Dudley	'Fluorescent oblong'	C3c	M KEATMAN
78-339	1.10.78	1725	Stafford	Red cigar	C3c	
78-340	15.11.78	2055	Tilbury, Essex	'Light circles' accompanied by helicopters	C4c	A COLLINS
78-341	14.11.78	1720	Wickford, Essex	4 silver/white lights	C4c	
78-342	15.11.78	2110	Church End	Gold tapered spiral shape	C3b	
78-343	16.11.78	0725	Nr Wickford, Essex	White 'exclamation mark'	C4c	
79-022	10.4.79	Midnight	Larksfield, Kent	White semi-circle	C3b	V MARTIN
79-038	January	2400	Rochester, Kent	Orange oval	C4c	M J UNDERWOOD
79-039	30.4.79	2100	Portslade, Sussex	Round golden shape	C4c	A FOX
79-040	March	2000	Welling, Kent	Varicoloured droning LITS	C4b	M WEAVER I CLOKE
79-041	February	2100	Crayford, Kent	'Neon light'	C4b	
79-042	10.4.79	2000-2200	Crayford, Kent	Stationary and flashing LITS	C4b	
79-043	11.4.79	2115	Crayford, Kent	Red and white flashing LITS	C4b	A HALL
79-044	23.1.79	0630	Folkestone, Kent	'White star & circle'	C4c	
79-045	23.1.79	0530	Folkestone Kent	Flashing yellow glow	C4c	C BORD
79-046	26.1.79	2045	Denbigh, Clwyd	Oval object with light	C3b	
79-047	4.3.79	0135	Aberdeen	Grey dome	C3c	S CAMPBELL
79-048	27.1.79	0130	Loch Ness, Scotland	Green/white oval	C4b	
79-049	25.1.79	2330	Havant, Hants	Pink humming object	C2c	SIGAP
79-050	9.4.79	2145	Shoreham, Sussex	Silver/white oval	C3c	A FOX
79-050	1.1.79	1900	Chadwell, Essex	White LITS	C4b	J HAND
79-051	11.4.79	2110	Birmingham	Two round lights	C4b	—
79-052	2.2.79	1845	Maidstone, Kent	Orange/white oval	C4c	V MARTIN
79-053	17.1.79	0830	Salterbeck, Cumbria	'Dish' with red rim	C3b	R HALL
79-054	17.1.79	0830	Workington, Cumbria	Roundish object, flat underside	C3b	



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79-056	March	1300-1500	Wilmington, Kent	Metallic 'sausage shape'	C3c	I CLOKE M WEAVEN
79-057	?	2330	London, SE2	Hazy white object	C3b	
79-058	Feb/Mar	1150	London, SE2	Silver rotating object	C3b	WCUFORA
79-058	20.1.79- 21.1.79	1800-1415	Bristol	2 round objects	C4b	
79-059	12.1.79	1600	Bilston, Staffs	2 orange elliptical objects	C3b	M KEATMAN
79-060	3.1.79	0500	Wolverhampton	White roundish object	C3b	
79-061	19.1.79	1450	London, SE15	7 white 'pinheads'	C3c	I CLOKE
79-062	6.4.79	0015	Brookmans Park, Herts	Pink elliptical object	C4b	M LEWIS
79-063	11.1.79	1730	Halifax, Yorks	Circular object with lights	C4b	T WHITAKER
79-064	4.3.79	2330	Stoke-on-Trent	Circular blue-white object	C4b	M KEATMAN
79-065	9.1.79	1605	Maybank, Staffs	Pinkish cigar	C3c	M KEATMAN A BEARD
79-066	11.1.79	1555	Maybank, Staffs	2 silver/pink objects	C3c	
79-067*	1.1.79	2340	London, SE20	Fluorescent 'cottage loaf'	C4b	See also 78-332  A COLLINS
79-068	1.1.79	0010	Basildon, Essex	Bright pink object	C4b	
79-069	1.1.79	1730	Stanford-le-Hope, Essex	Circular zig-zagging object	C4c	
79-070	2.1.79	1915	Nr Wickford, Essex	Flashing LIT	C4c	
79-071	2.1.79	2045	Woodham Ferrers, Essex	Humming circular object	C3b	A COLLINS
79-072	9.1.79	2300	Hornchurch, Essex	Buzzing saucer with lights	C3c	
79-073	1.1.79	1900	E Tilbury, Essex	Disc with dome and lights	C3b	
79-074	13.5.79	2240	Folkestone, Kent	Circular beige object	C4c	A HALL
79-075	1.1.79	0102	Leigh-on-Sea, Essex	Scarlet round object	C3b	K PHILLIPS
79-076	12.2.79	1845	Bangor, N Wales	'Huge orange moon'	C3b	C BORD
79-077	3.2.79	2055	London, SE28	Round fluorescent light	C3c	M WEAVEN
79-078	17.3.79	1900	Hertford	Rotating 'ball of white fire'	C2b	A FAULKNER
79-079	28.5.79	0015	Leagrave, Beds	Spherical white object	C4b	I COWLEY
79-080	18.6.79	2010	Fleetwood, Lancs	'Comet with tail'	C4b	—
79-083	11.1.79	1730	Stoke-on-Trent	2 white balls	C4b	M KEATMAN A BEARD
79-084	11.1.79	1922	Willenhall, West Midlands	Dull orange oval	C3c	M KEATMAN
79-085	11.1.79	1620	Silverdale, Staffs	Long slim bright orange object	C3c	A BEARD
79-086	9.1.79	1610	Hartshill, Staffs	Slow moving oblong	C3c	
79-088	21.1.79	1710	Hanley, Staffs	Yellow saucer-like object	C3c	
79-089	21.7.79	1855	Nr Maidstone, Kent	2 large silver ovals	C3c	V MARTIN

## Kensington Lectures

6 October 1979

### The Dyfed Enigma

Speaker: Randall Jones Pugh

Introduced by NIC Larry Dale in the absence of Tony Pace, this talk, with its combination of the strange events of the South Wales 'Flap' and a fluent and knowledgeable speaker in the person of Randall Jones Pugh was accorded an excellent reception by its 120-strong audience. The publication of his book *The Dyfed Enigma* (co-author F W Holiday had died the previous February) coincided closely with the date of the meeting and Randall had also been Bufora RIC for the South Wales area for several years, in which capacity he had had personal contact with most of the witnesses—many of his reports having appeared in past Journals.

Commencing with an Englishman-Scotsman-Welshman anecdote Randall illustrated how the '*calibre of people, with their foibles, prejudices and biases*' was equally as important in validating the authenticity or otherwise of reports of UFO experiences as were the experiences themselves. He felt it was within this context that '*subjective considerations of such unbelievable episodes*' should be given an airing, and also, for that matter, the '*intuitive instincts*' of the investigators themselves, citing his own predictions, one on 2 December 1976, the other on 13 January 1977, both reported in the press, which forecast a spate of sightings proving to be '*spot on*.' This had led him to '*read up*' on precognition generally and to realise that many people were open to a psychic or UFO experience on the unconscious level, and he asked: '*Is, therefore, on the conscious level, an apparently nuts and bolts event a psychic experience, or does*

*it become one only when it materialises and dematerialises?*'

'*Is there predestination? Can Time flow backwards?*' Randall considered the answer was 'Yes' and that it was bound up with the UFO Phenomenon, confiding that even when more materialistically inclined at the age of 19, he had discovered that he himself had some precognitive ability and telling us that '*such abilities indicate that amidst a miasma of conflicting facts lies a skein of perception, of awareness of each and every one of us, a skein arising in Man's primaeval past*' and he proceeded to give examples from his own experience.

The UFO Phenomenon, he continued, is a '*heterogenous conglomeration of contradictions, inconsistencies, anomalies, aberrations, mimicry and deceit*.' '*Can we ever rationalise the irrational? Temporalise the intemporal? Logicalise the illogical? Do we have to throw overboard current scientific criteria?*'—'*Too many questions—too few answers.*' Following quotes from Dr Hynek, Randall agreed that we do not know the cause of UFO Phenomena, but, in *The Dyfed Enigma*, he and Holiday '*had tried to find a thread of knowledge that would draw together the outrageous ufological events in the 1977 Flap and make some sort of sense out of them.*' After references to military and other '*departmental*' attitudes the speaker went on to say that he considered Mankind's future was determined by '*individual and collective thought*,' which was why he had emphasised subjective and intuitive implications.

In conclusion, Randall examined various events recounted in *The Dyfed Enigma*, comparing a number with reports from other areas and affirming that in some instances he considered it possible for researchers to come under psychic domination. '*The UFO*

*is not a new phenomenon, but a variation on an ancient theme—but, it has to have a meaning!'*

A lively question time ensued, centering largely on the events surrounding the Coombs family of Ripperston Farm and in particular the apparent cattle teleportations. Our thanks to Randall for an absorbing evening.

*T Huntington*

*(The Dyfed Enigma. Faber & Faber, October 1979. £5.95).*

## Personal Column

**Kings Lynn, Norfolk**—A competent, mature investigator living near Kings Lynn in Norfolk is needed to obtain additional information on a 1969 sighting. (See page 12 of the 1969/1970 issue of the *Bufora Journal*). Expenses paid. Reply via Air Mail to Jan Eric Herr, 6250 Stanley Avenue, San Diego, Calif 92115, USA.

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