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## Editorial

The concept of active co-operation between UFO research organisations on a global scale has been a talking point amongst commentators for many years, but has, in reality been a non starter. Many attempts have been made in the past with little success.

It must be said that it seems to be an uphill struggle for UFO groups and researchers to co-operate with one another within national boundaries, let alone on a worldwide basis. The politics and the personality clashes of individual researchers and groups certainly guarantees non co-operation and duplication of effort, weighing down the drive for coherent and meaningful answers.

In 1979, during BUFORA's First International UFO Congress, a meeting of thirty representatives of UFO organisations from around the world discussed these problems and indicated that international co-operation was necessary. The Provisional International Research Committee for UFO Research was conceived (PICUR). By the third BUFORA Congress, a constitution had been drawn up and the word provisional was dropped from the title.

The main task of ICUR was to oversee the standardisation of terms, the collection and dissemination of research material and a general 'clearing house' for ideas between member organisations on a global basis. This was indeed an ambitious brief, but a necessary one.

The first problem that ICUR tackled was the standardising

of the term UFO. This may seem a very basic requirement that should have been accomplished years ago. At face value this should have been an easy task, but with so many polarising views and interpretations of what a UFO was showed that there was a definite need for such standardisation and that it was almost impossible.

After much heated discussion an agreed standard explanation of the term UFO was drawn up.

It is a shame that to date that this is the only positive action that has come out of ICUR.

ICUR was dogged from the start with communication problems. With the Chairman in Sweden, the Secretary in Canada and the Treasurer in Britain, it is not hard to understand that decision making was slow and difficult. A new approach was desperately needed for ICUR to survive.

On July 9th 1987, the day before the start of Congress '87, a meeting of ICUR members and representatives of BUFORA and MUFON discussed new strategies to revitalise ICUR to produce meaningful results.

It was decided that a single research organisation would host the central management of ICUR to minimise the communications problem. BUFORA was chosen to be that host organisation, with Bob Digby as Chairman of ICUR. MUFON has pledged its full support of this initiative with Walt Andrus being voted as Vice Chairman of the Committee.

Meaningful dialogue between UFO research organisations, with the exchange of research material and the

phenomenon. There is a lack of understanding and an inability to understand. One well known UFO investigator has attacked my book because it is not 'nuts and bolts' enough. It doesn't fit his preconceived ideas of these encounters. He wants it to be about strange little scientists coming down from a far away place to teach our scientists how to get to the stars.

They should be asking encounter witnesses how it feels. That's the important thing. I don't think the source of the experience is properly known at this time. Even if the stories of crashed discs were true, I cannot believe that the source of my experiences is nothing more startling than visitors from another planet, quite frankly."

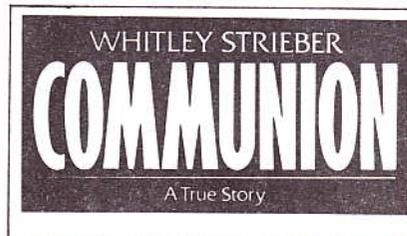
Q. So could it be the Earth - nature itself that you are communing with? Some have suggested that the Earth would have more reason to save itself than beings from another planet would?

"I think that's one of the leading contenders and something we are working quite hard on at the moment. That idea could be part or all of what's going on. Of course, it would imply that the planet is not just the piece of rock the scientists would have us believe. It could not only be living, but conscious. More even than the scientific version of the Gaia hypothesis.

Recently in my place in Upstate New York, Astronaut, Brian O'Leary (3) was staying as a guest. Late that night I noticed a throbbing, the whole place was pulsating very rapidly, as if the air and the

building were alive. I felt strongly something changing me, and I could see both inside and outside the room, electrical flickers of light. It looked like distant lightning does, but there were no storms in the area, and nothing around the house that could have caused it. It's a very quiet area.

Dr O'Leary, meanwhile, was trying to meditate, he meditates every night. He felt as if a low voltage charge was going through him, causing him to tremble. He lost his ability to think. Afterwards, he said it was a very strange experience, and that nothing like it has ever happened to him in his life before. Now that suggests to me some electromagnetic phenomenon was occurring, somehow connected with the Earth. It doesn't suggest extraterrestrials to me."



Q. Why did you brother buy you a copy of such a specialist book as 'Science and the UFOs' if you had no interest in UFOs at the time?

"It was a joke. I had given him a stuffed piranha for his birthday, so that was his equivalent. I took it as such and didn't read it and planned to take to the Strand Book Exchange. After my experience, I was grasping at straws and when someone suggested a UFO abduction I picked the book up. When I read the abduction story I was shocked and embarrassed.

This kind of thing happens to lonely, bored, uneducated folk in the woods. It didn't happen to me!



We tend to place anthropomorphic structures on something extremely strange. Now it's entities from UFOs. Whatever the culture could believe lies at the edge of the real is what emerges from this experience. As we have grown older as a species, we have been steadily losing touch with our mythological underpinnings. I can't conjure up Jesus Christ coming down on a cloud, and I really won't be able to see space brothers or flying saucers because I do not think that this is fundamentally what it is about. There may be beings from other planets or

dimensions involved in some way, but I think what is happening is primarily a human experience, and it is to do with the species' awareness that it is dying, and the planet's awareness that it is dying.

The group of scientists that I am working with are very interested in the idea that there may be a connection with the planet. There is some research going on right now, but I have to keep the location quiet as there are only about fifty families in this place, and we don't want to be invaded by hoards of space brother fanatics in our little town. There have been a spate of micro-quakes, little earth tremours. One of the things we are working on is a geological study of the area, which is riddled with small faults, and the towns historians are looking into the legends connected with the place. The older people seem to think that the area near my house was of particular interest to native Americans, but it is an old settlement as far as the United States goes. They were driven out so long ago, that it may be impossible to locate any records.

My primary interest in life is the preservation of the planet and all the creatures on it. I also feel that gaining a higher level of consciousness and a greater understanding of the nature of life and death is as much what the visitor encounter is about than anything. In the rat stress tests that were carried out in the seventies, the rats were electrically shocked for an hour a day. They could not remember what had happened, so did not live in fear. Instead their brains became larger, ie

their neurons became more densely packed, they became cleverer, cunning beings, better at being rats than those that hadn't been stressed. We're animals too, and I wonder if somewhere in the synergy of our relationship of our inner world, the planet and the cosmos, something is happening to us. Perhaps we are drawing into ourselves in an effort to evolve to a level that enables us to save ourselves from the situation we are in. What we may be looking at is the way the mechanism of evolution appears to the mind on which it is acting, while the action is going on.

We've got all kinds of hypotheses. We've thrown the hypotheses store open. One is that low frequency sound may effect certain minds that are sensitive to them. It could be that the outburst of alien abduction cases is related to the increase of low frequency sound in the environment, along with a decline in the amount of mythological access people have. As we do not really understand what magnetism does to the mind, nor do we understand low frequencies."

Q. In the book, the experiences appear to be illogical and nonsensical. Have they developed since then?

"Oh yes. It was like that first, but it has definitely progressed in its meaning. What it is about my life now is to do with the health of the body, growth and expansion of consciousness, and the reduction of fear. I also feel that this is the most extensively witnessed experience of the paranormal in the whole of history. Its a

big thing to say, but the scope is vast. People in Australia have become involved in this through telepathic communication with me. There is a long chain of witnesses involved."

Q. How does your family feel about you making such controversial claims, sometimes of a very personal nature, so publically?

"No one is really surprised. My sister has had plenty of experiences - some are in the book. There are others she hasn't told me yet as we want to get an impartial interviewer to talk to us both separately. My brother has had things happen to him - recently and in the seventies. My mother thinks it is a wonderful and brave book, and that if it was going to happen to anyone, it may as well be us. We are a big and extended family, and some of the more ultra-conservative ones have been appalled. But it's a minority. The man in my family who is politically orientated and was close to the centre when Johnson was president, has been very supportive and believes strongly that there is something in it. Generally my friends and family have been very supportive."

Q. How will you cope if your character is attacked because of 'Communion'?

"I will fight with everything I have to stop the shabby treatment of witnesses, and it has to stop. It is no business of UFO investigators to print accounts of witnesses character. This experience did happen to me and no ones going to tell me otherwise. I don't need the torment of all this just for the money. My books

had already made me wealthy. But there is an important issue here. This experience happens to a lot of people and they deserve to be treated with dignity. Its terribly important. My blood and my guts tell me it is so important that we've got to take a clear headed and intelligent look at what's going on. We have to use the best scientific minds, and I will go everywhere I have to and present my story as credible as I can. And we are reaching good minds in the States."

Q. Researcher, Ken Phillips in this country, is concerned with the counselling of witnesses and putting them in touch with others if they wish. How important is this work to you?

"The counselling of witnesses is vitally important. You have to get them comfortable with their uncertainty, otherwise you get belief systems and thats how it ends up as some kind of Religion. Dr Klein finally helped me alot by saying that, "It may be terrible, it may be bad. How do you live with that? How does one cope with being alive anyway!" Nothing has changed, its just that the dangers you face are more unusual than others.

I suspect that the alien spacecraft imagy is a screen between the individual and the actual experience, which may at this time be impossible, or too awesome to comprehend. Coming back to mythology, in the States, native American imagy is associated with the experiences - not during the confrontation, but afterwards. In this country, I suspect that there is no Indian

material but Celtic. What does this mean, d'you suppose? Its easy to jump to conclusions, but its fascinating. I have always been drawn to ancient sites, and have visited Stonehenge many times in the last twenty years. I'm interested in other sites of that nature.

Another possibility that interests me is that suppose not only is the old religion true - suppose it is all true. what if every single God and goddess is beginning to tap their feet in concern that me might wake up?

If we are alone on this little boat in the dark, things are desperate. We cannot die for ever without knowing if we are alone in the universe or not. If we destroy ourselves and we're not alone, then it is a humble disaster. If we destroy ourselves and we are alone, then it is the eternal catastrophe. It is the greatest catastrophe that could ever be."

Q. How do you feel about the cults that are springing up around UFOs, telling us that the mothership is going to come and save the chosen just before the apocalypse of WW3, or whatever, thus praying on peoples deepest fears and also encouraging them to renounce their responsibility for their own and their planets future?

"I hope that 'Communion' doesn't add to that kind of passivity. Its meant to open minds, and help those who have had te experience see it in a new way. The religious cult trappings that are attaching themselves to this phenomenon I see as a symptom of an illness, and a laziness to do what the phenomena is asking us to do,

which is to save ourselves. The cults are a negative side of it.

If a cult or group did attach itself to 'Communion' and say it was part of its teachings, well, I have much more powerful access to the media in the States than they do, to tell you the truth. They can squeak. I can roar. I would hate to have to do this, but if someone tried to make it a religion, I would."

Q. Can you tell us the aims and objectives of the TRIAD group that you are setting up in the States?

"Its just a name at the moment. There is a miasma of federal regulations about forming a non-profit organisation which has a single donor. I've just hired a secretary and started answering letters. I want to start a network and provide people who have had the experience with the best mental health professionals who have been exposed to the phenomenon and understand enough to help people live at a high level of uncertainty. The trouble comes from those who tell witnesses that it is either, 'all in the mind' or that 'it's visitors from elsewhere'. The inner man knows that's not the answer, and we don't have it, so they have to learn to be comfortable with knowing that.

I've had more than one experience where I was literally thought I was going to be spirited away. I knew that in fairy and UFO lore that people just disappeared. But I can also walk in the woods at night, facing this fear. One has to be surrendered to a degree in the face of an experience so

powerful and enigmatic. You have to accept that there may well be things about it that you don't like - that you could be spirited away. You have to live with that."

Q. Will the TRIAD group be liaising with any UFO organisations?

"No. It will have nothing to do with the UFO community. I'm in the process of withdrawing myself from the UFO community. The people that have had the abduction experience do not need to be exposed to the UFO investigators, who would probably swim in like sharks, feeding..."



Whitley Strieber with Gaynor Sunderland.

Q. What about the government cover-up ideas of the Conspiracy theorists?

"I've not much interest in that. If there is a cover-up, I'm sure its to do with covering up that they don't undrstand what's going on. The direction of it goes like this: There was a visitation by non human beings some years ago. They made contact with the U S Air Force, and the U S Air

Force, of course, screwed up! Maybe this is true. There is growing evidence that it did, but that may not be what's happening to us now. It maybe relevant in only one sense: that because it did happen, the human mind chooses to attach the abduction to this new mythology.

The relationship between mind and universe is a complete unknown to our surface consciousness, but it is a functioning reality at some level. We may know very well who was in those craft, and be drawing them out of the collective unconscious in building this experience for ourselves. But I don't think that proving that flying saucers were physically here at one point would necessarily also prove that so-called abductions are taking place as a direct result of the presence of those beings.

As for the cover-ups, I discovered that most of the UFO community in the States have edited the reports of the so-called abductees to weed out the spiritual, paranormal and parapsychological content, even to the point of coaching them before they appear on television not to talk about that part of it. But from the letters I have got, mainly from those who have been untouched by UFO researchers, that is practically all they talk about - the impact and the explosive growth of consciousness; also an amazing gentling of males takes place. It seems the whole underpinnings of males aggression is altered. The overwhelming power of the experience is such that the unconscious posturing that our very patriarchal society

promotes, just disappears. Its fascinating. What we are dealing with is an unidentified human experience. Lets have UHE investigators!"

Q. How have the press treated you over here?

"I had a wonderful interview with a lady from the 'Guardian'. She asked some good questions. She knew what she was talking about. I had an idiotic interview with a man from the 'Express'. I don't stand on ceremony. I told him he was a fool. I fully intend to immortalise the fools in a big best seller!"

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Whatever you feel about Whitley Strieber or the credibility of the content of his book, it is clear that he has been able to show plainly that the CE4 experience is extremely complex and confusing and that great care should be shown towards the witnesses of such experiences.

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## Feature

### UFOs OVER GERMANY - A SERIOUS PROBLEM

By Werner Walter

Werner Walter is an organiser within the CENAP organisation and discusses the work carried out by CENAP in Germany.

Since 1947, more and more reports of phenomena in the sky have come from America, and since the mid-fifties, West Germany has also been visited by UFOs; people talk and debate about these enigmas. Or do they?

There has been organised 'Ufology' in Germany since 1956. The artist Karl L. Viet formed the organisation "German UFO/IFO Studies Society" with his wife, Anny (a medium) in Wiesbaden, and the society now publishes the magazine 'UFO News'. About 1200 people have joined up to form a 'Free Academy of Ufology'. But in actual fact this society is just a pseudo-religious association, which has no idea about investigations, research and analysis of UFO events. The society just perpetuates nonsense and futile speculation about the contact with George Adamski, about the doctrines of salvation of an Austrian prophet called Jacob Lorber and about 'evacuation into space' by 'angels in starships'. Thousands of reports of sightings and stories of contacts are printed here. Subsequently, a dozen smaller groups formed out of the society and now there is an indiscriminate muddle of opinions and orientations. Some groups are devoted followers of the Swiss UFO contact, Billy (Eduard Meier) and the others tell each other the latest occult fairy-tales and myths. You just can't take these organisations seriously, their

work is trivial!

Then a mid-European off-shoot of the American UFO society, MUFON was formed by the gentlemen, Ilo Brand Von Ludwiger and Adolf Schneider. This group is concerned with promoting the ideas of an unknown genius, called B. Heim, who thought up a revolutionary theory about the origin of the universe (and also other planes of existence). This group simply puts together, at random, a catalogue of international cases, to prove the existence of UFOs. Again, there is also no research into individual cases, whilst the idea of this organisation is basically worthwhile and offers good accounts, it unfortunately does not work at the sharp end of Ufology.

That only leaves the Central Research Network for Extraordinary Aerial Phenomena (CENAP), which has been run by Hansjurgen Kohler, Rudolf Hanke and myself since 1976. Our self-proclaimed duty is to try to investigate each individual UFO case and look for alternative explanations, before we form a theory about possibly inexplicable phenomena. We have replaced the former term (UFO) with the phrase 'Unidentified Moving Atmospheric Phenomena' (UAP).

In more than ten years, about 350 reported UFO sightings have been investigated and assessed by us. Germany is not however a country in whose skies UFOs frequently appear, and we seldomly have UFO reports to

deal with. We are short of those spectacular cases in which people have taken photos or film of UFOs, there are as good as no landings or abduction reports, 'Men in Black' do not appear, electromagnetic phenomena are unknown. There are almost no daylight UFOs, everything happens in the darkness of night. Distant, unclear lights are what constitutes the UFO phenomena in West Germany. Policemen, pilots and astronomers have seen and reported supposed UFOs to us. Almost all of the phenomena have natural explanations. Investigators from CENAP - UFO - Network, co-operate with the authorities (ie airlines, observatories, police and military authorities) with no great problem. We receive friendly treatment and now and then independent UFO reports are sent to us from the authorities. CENAP mainly takes up UFO reports which were published by the newspapers. UFO witnesses do not get in touch with us directly, for we are not known enough. The media avoid CENAP, as we treat the subject too seriously and factually - the papers, publishers and TV people want to publish sensation and speculation, not the bare investigated facts. We also have a difficult time contending with a handful of naive and dreamy writers, who spread about frivolous stories, which have much consequence.

Members of CENAP were the only investigators to have been invited by the German Air Force, to visit the Ministry of Defence, in Bonn, where a confidential two hour long conversation about UFOs took place. We were proud that our objective work had been

recognised by such an authority.

Our monthly publication NIGHT LIGHTS has a circulation of 120, of which only 30 are bought - the rest are samples, swaps or a distributed for PR purposes. The subsidy for the publication of 'NIGHT LIGHTS' cost us DM 200 each month (1/369.00 approximately, Ed). We are therefore the only German UFO investigators, who are making a big loss through their publications alone. In addition, there are the expenditure for regular correspondence, a newspaper cutting service, telephone calls, travelling, office equipment (including a Mcintosh computer, photocopier, telephone answering machine etc). We haven't built up one of the biggest sets of photo, video tape, and material archives (70 files) for nothing and as a result we are able to give a qualitative statement about UFOs. And this is all financed by three highly active people, who have normal jobs and can only investigate UFOs in their spare time. The average age is thirty years.

CENAP belongs to a new generation of UFO organisations, who want to examine the UFO phenomenon critically and who would like to find out what actually happened in every single case. So we investigate German UFO reports from all over the country. We talk to the witnesses, work through our questions, look for alternative explanations within the range of natural phenomena (stars, planets, meteorites etc), or man-made artificial air-traffic (aeroplanes, satellites, satellite re-entries, helicopters, and balloons) as

well as psychological conditions that could induce perception of UFOs in witnesses. And in fact, we have identified as many as 99% of all UFO reports. It is important to recognise here, that all phenomena is known to us first as UFOs (with exotic explanations at times!) and only on the basis of research and past experience of UFO work is the proper explanation found (IFO). In Germany, relatively unrecognised small red-orange glowing structures appear more often than anything else. They are visible for upto twenty minutes and hover in the sky 'pulsating' or 'flickering' and can sometimes perform bizarre aerial manoeuvres. These turn out to be so called 'Party - gimmick - hot - air - balloons', which are made of red and white light paper, 2 metres high and 1.5 metres in diameter, which are allowed to be released by anyone without bothering about air traffic control. These balloons appear regularly in the summer months and on New Years Eve, and cause panic about UFOs. It took us three years to identify this childish toy, for some time we had the most fantastic theories about the origins of these balloons, and our UAP theories were mainly built upon them. More than 50% of all UFO sightings were of these balloons!

Surprising, it is our experience, that while weather balloons, meteorites and satellite re-entries lead to lengthy and much observed UFO sighting, even highly respected and knowledgeable personnel identify them in the silliest of ways. State astronomers do not recognise a toy balloon; an airline pilot follows a weather balloon at a

height of 35Km and cannot explain it; policemen in eight panda cars follow three planets in the sky for hours and report alleged radio interference and engine failure due to these planets; NATO is alarmed because of the star Sirius. Potent scientists explain away three stars in the sky as meteorites; a hot air balloon is explained as a high flying aeroplane! It's a mad world in Germany! Only CENAP can calmly keep its head in all this and quickly, precisely and correctly explain the UFO sightings. And we are only amateurs...

The main problem with UFOs is quickly outlined; it is the concept of visitors from the universe (flying saucers) that keeps the UFO idea alive. If the concept of saucers hadn't been introduced, there wouldn't be a 'UFO problem' today. The idea of UFOs doesn't thrive on reports, but on th speculation that occurs as a result of the reports! So UFOs are seen as a modern myth and have social - psychological effects on our society and presently this is the reason for the work of CENAP...

**Geheimnisvolle UFOs waren  
wahrscheinlich Party-Balloons**

LINZ. Für die unbekanntem Flugobjekte, die heuer schon mehrmals in Österreich - zuletzt Ende Oktober im Raum Steyr - gesichtet wurden, scheint es nun endlich eine plausible Erklärung zu geben. Meteorologen aus Salzburg und ein Mannheimer Vereinigung, die sich speziell mit UFOs beschäftigt, geben die Flugkörper identifiziert haben. Es handelte sich nicht um Außerirdische auf Besuch, sondern schlicht und einfach um kleine Heißluftballon-Partygag verkauft wurde. Diese Ballons erfreuen sich in allen Ländern großer Beliebtheit. Die Ballons sind aus einem leicht entzündlichen Material gefertigt und können bei Windstille bis zu einer Höhe von 1000 Metern steigen. Die Ballons sind aus einem leicht entzündlichen Material gefertigt und können bei Windstille bis zu einer Höhe von 1000 Metern steigen.

Vertriebsfirma. Allein in der Republik Österreich wurden 1280 Stück im Jahr 1986 verkauft.

**Erklärung  
nungen**

Thanks go to Julie Hancock for translating the article. Ed

## Feature

### TERROR IN THE HOUSE OF DOLLS PART 2

by Albert Budden.

The following night, Carol slept in the same bed as her mother. This night though, it would be her brother and father who would have an experience. At about 2am on the Wednesday morning, Carol's father felt th tingling sensation slightly. He felt it again at 4.15am but he fought it off. At 4.45am Carol's brother felt it very strongly. He also heard the mowing noise at deafening pitch. When it subsided he shouted out and his mother came running in to find him sweating and shaking. He said he felt as though he was 'burning up'. He later developed a slight rash on his neck.

The next night, still on September 5th, father and son slept in the same room and Carol slept with her mother. Around 11pm Carol heard the mower noise and asked her mother if she could too. She replied that she could, but only faintly, as if it were far away. Carol could hear it very loudly. Just after midnight, Carol started shaking and said, 'it's to get me under'. She managed to fight it off. This occurred twice more and finally subsided around 1.15am.

After this incident there was an interval of about two weeks when nothing happend. However, on Thursday, 20th September, Carol's father felt th sensation in his own room at 5.45am. The next incidents occurred on Sunday, 30th September at twenty five minutes past midnight. The sensation came upon Carol's brother. Later in the morning at 7am, Steve left the house

to go to work even though it was a Sunday. At 7.10am, Carol felt the sensation briefly, but then felt normal after a few moments. She then heard the mowing noise and got up to look out of the window. Seeing nothing, she turned to go back to bed and stopped dead in her tracks. There, beside the door was one of the beings she had seen a few weeks previously. She could see it clearly this time as she was wearing her glasses. It was the clocked being, and it seemed to be pressed against the closed door. Carol's Yorkshire terrier, laying on the bed, seemed totally unconcerned. The being lifted it's arm towards her. It had something white in it's hand but Carol could not see what it was. It then leaned towards her. It was then that Carol realised that she was not under the influence of the 'sensation'. Needless to say she began to scream hysterically. The entity vanished.

The next day (October 1st) Carol felt the sensation again but only mildly. A rapid series of events followed: 2.50am Tuesday 9th October, the sensation was felt by Carol's brother mildly when he was in his own room. 12.30am, Wednesday 10th, Carol feels the sensation in her own room. Also in the early hours of the morning, both Carol's father and brother feel the sensation. They all ended up sleep in the same room. Nicola was affect too, around the same time.

Monday, October 29th; Carol felt the sensation and heard the mowing noise which seemed to fill the whole house for

about ten minutes. The dog ran madly about the living-room, barking and yelping. This was the first time the dog had been affected.

John Watson then writes, "This is as far as my present notes go, but when I last visited Carol (with other investigators) on November 11th 1979, she said there had been a couple or more incidents where members of the family had felt the sensation. But nothing spectacular." John then reflects on the possible significance of an incident that occurred earlier in September. He writes, "An interesting thing which came to light on one of the last visits was that Carol's grand-father claimed to have seen four creatures like Carol's in his living-room, but kept it quiet." John continues, exercising investigator's privilege of putting forward his own theories, "Having studied this it appears that the people most affected are of Carol's grand-father's blood line (that is; the grand-father, his son, his grandson and his grand-daughter, Carol and also (less conclusively due to her age), Carol's daughter, Nicola). The others have merely seen lights or heard noises." John then asks rhetorically, "Could this suggest latent psychic ability in Carol's line?" Summerising, John continues, "The family is now on the verge of collapse and only wishes the bizzare series of events would stop. They have looked everywhere for guidance and help. On one occasion they even invited some spiritualists in to help. In one breath they told her it was her imagination, in

another they told her (somewhat predictably) to pray to the Lord and it would go away. She did, and it didn't.

Investigator John Watson's last report on the 'Dolls' case reads as follows: "My last visit to Carol's family was in late December, 1979. I learned that since the incidents of the 29th October, little had happened. Carol and her brother had felt the sensation mildly, from time to time, but nothing else. There was one exception to this uneventful period. On the night of December 1st, Carol was in Nicola's bed comforting her as she was restless. She heard a noise from her own room and went to investigate. She peered round the door and saw the disc moving across the width of her bed as if looking for her. After a few minutes, it disappeared."

John continues, " Since this incident, again, only the sensation had been felt mildly on a few occasions. I phoned Carol in early January, 1980, and was told that all traces of the incidents had gone. I gave her a contact number should anything further occur, but she never called. In late February, I phoned her again and she confirmed that the thing had appeared to have gone completely, as mysteriously as it had first appeared."

The similarities between the events in the case and a typical case of 'haunting' are striking. In hauntings, apparitional figures and objects appear and disappear and the percipients often experience inexplicable feelings and psychological effects. So it was in the 'Dolls' case. However, hauntings are usually regarded as being 'place-centred' in

whereas, the family in this situation tried moving to a relatives house and the phenomena continued. This is more like a poltergeist outbreak where there seems to be an individual 'causing' (albeit consciously) the effects who is identified as the 'focus person'. Interestingly, the family in this case responded in the same way as those in the well known poltergeist-afflicted household in Enfield in 1977 in the terms of moving residence and resorting, out of fear, to keeping each other company at night. So here we appear to have haunting/poltergeist - like phenomena with a UFO theme. Could UFOs and poltergeists be variations of the same phenomenon? This is certainly a suspicion that I have been unable to dismiss for some time now and I have found myself regarding certain close encounters as a kind of 'super-poltergeist'. They certainly seem to overlap. After all, many UFO witnesses have a history of apparitions and other psychic events throughout their lives, sometimes reaching back in childhood. And further, those witnesses that have not had poltergeist experiences in the past often begin to have them after their encounter, as if it has altered them in some way. Also, the Keul/Phillips findings using the Anamesis tests have found a strong tendency for UFO witnesses to have such potentials for psi phenomena in their make up. This suggests to me that they are all aspects of essentially the same thing or variations on a theme.

If the Society for Psychical Research's literature (such as Hauntings and Apparitions by

Andrew Mackenzie) is examined, it can be seen that a number of working hypotheses have been established which are quite rigorous in their approach. These refer to something they call a telepathic impulse being unconsciously (and in experimental work-consciously) to specific individuals or locations which result in the appearance or perception of apparitional forms. And further, if we look at the experimental work of parapsychologists (such as Honorton, Tart and Braud at the Mind Science Foundation at San Antonio) it will be found that psycho-kinesis (PK) and ESP (telepathy) are regarded as different levels of the SAME process by these scientists. I found the implications of this quite stunning, for here there is a chance to allow a physical aspect into our understanding of apparitions and UFOs and their entities whilst still retaining a mind-originating theory to explain them. That is to say, that as PK is essentially the same process as telepathy, and some sort of telepathic process is involved in apparitions and certain UFO entity types, and as PK refers to the manipulation of physical objects, then the mind/physical paradox that we are faces with in UFO encounters becomes less apparent. In other words, a physical reality created by the mind is not so outlandish as it may first appear. After all, in the 'Dolls' case, Carol stated that she could not see the entities clearly without her glasses, which I would argue, is an important clue in deciding if they were hallucinations of some sort or had some kind of external reality.

Comments are requested on the points raised. Ed

# Thesis

## IN SEARCH OF THE OZ FACTOR

by Jenny Randles

Jenny discusses the possible need for a questionnaire that covers the effects that are regularly reported by Close Encounter witnesses. These effects are known as the Oz Factor.

Garry Taft, a paranormal researcher from South Yorkshire, recently suggested that I come up with a witness questionnaire to seek out the Oz Factor. It was not something which I had considered before. But it seems a reasonable idea, so here is my 'mark one' version. Perhaps you would like to think it through, suggest improvements, or use it in your case work.

If you are utterly bemused by this term 'Oz Factor', and of course the questions carefully avoid telling you very much because leading of the witness must be kept to a minimum, then the simplest way to illustrate it is simple.

One of the most common manifestations of the Oz Factor comes in the case such as the following. The witness is travelling in a car down the M53 motorway when he notices an absence of traffic. This road is normally very busy. Suddenly nobody else is around. He now observes a peculiar object beside him and has what might be called a 'Close Encounter'. Nobody else in the area reports this object, although there are houses nearby. It is as if the witness has been isolated out from the rest of humanity to be sole percipient in this experience.

Loss of sensory or environmental activity can take different forms. For example, one woman who had a daylight

encounter in Kent said that the sounds of the traffic on a nearby road suddenly became muted, as if she had been encased in a kind of glass dome that blocked them out. This lasted only during the UFO experience. Another witness, a man in Essex, likened the effect to being inside a room. When the UFO was gone it was like opening the door and stepping into an adjacent room where a party was going on.

There is little doubt in my view that this is a REAL phenomenon, which is of importance to our understanding of the close encounter. I will not talk theory here, since it is better that you discover for yourself whether the Oz Factor exists, or does not. Exactly as I had to discover it gradually. Standard UFO report forms or modes of questioning, do not facilitate the emergence of such subtle information. This is why the effect has been so long unrecognised. My ten questions which you could put to a witness in a close encounter case are designed to cover other areas of subtle witness description which also seem to form part of the Oz Factor symptoms. These include time distortion, memory disruption, strange feelings, humming/buzzing sounds and (occasionally) peculiar odours. The Oz Factor is a syndrome, or a collection of effects.

Why not try it out on witnesses and see if it jogs any memories. You might be surprised. As Garry Taft's

requests suggests, the Oz ideas as to why it should be Factor seems to occur in other so. You might like to ascertain paranormal events also ( such whether the Oz Factor occurs in as apperitions or out - of - low level (LITS) experiences, the - body - experiences). I as well as close encounters. I am sure that this very doubt that it will. But try it important, and have my own and see.

OZ FACTOR QUESTIONNAIRE

A: Describe the enviroment in which the the witness was situated during the experience.....

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Q. 1 During the experience how aware of your surroundings were you?

Q. 2 What was the level of traffic/people/activity in the area around you before, during and after the experience? Did it alter?

Q. 3 Did you notice anything about the passage of time during the experience?

Q. 4 Subjectively, how long did the experience seem to last?

Q. 5 Was this checked objectively by reference to any clock or other factor?

Q. 6 Circle the term which MOST describes your feelings during the experience (ie not before of afterwards)

TERRIFIED UN-NERVED EXCITED ORDINARY COOL VERY CALM

Q. 7 Did you notice any unusual odours during the experience? (What of?)

Q. 8 Did any of the following sounds appear during the experience, without obvious source. (Circle as appropriate)

BEEPING WHISTLING RINGING EXPLOSION BUZZING HUMMING

Q. 9 Did you notice any effects on your memory either during or immediately after the experience?

Q.10 Was there any aspect of yourself, your feelings, your physical condition or the surrounding area which seemed different during or after the experience and which you have not otherwise mentioned?

I would be grateful if you could send me copies of your results after using this questionnaire for a future update. Ed.

# Feature

## THE SCOTTISH UFO PHENOMENON PART 1

by Malcolm Robinston.

Malcolm is the BUFORA RIC for Scotland and also co-ordinates the work of Strange Phenomena Investigations, a group involved with research of general anomolous phenomena.

"The thing glinted in the sunlight, giving the impression that it was made of metal and about the size of a bomber. It was about 5000 feet up and tilted at an angle which revealed an upper dome and spherical landing gear. I dropped my binoculars and took three photographs." (1) An impressive account of a flying saucer? Or the start of an impressive deception? (2) Many British ufologists now believe that the above account given by Scotsman, Cederic Allingham, who was describing his alleged UFO sighting near Lossiemouth back in 1954, is most certainly a hoax of the highest degree, perpetrated, it is said, by none other than a family household name, that of astronomer, Patrick Moore. Whilst this is not the article to go into this famous hoax, which incidentally Patrick Moore still refutes (3). Why should Mr Moore perpetrate such a hoax? One can only reason that it may be to monitor the way Ufologists carry out research and if they are gullible enough to believe such a tale.

Up until the Livingston incident in 1979, it was widely believed that the Allingham account, if true, was most certainly the most classic Scottish UFO case. Scotland has seen its fair share of UFO sightings down the years and a consensus of opinion would now be that the Livingston case strongly merits 'top of th bill' in Scotland as a classic case.

However, all said and done, we are still left to ponder in indeed a UFO landed in Dechmont woods near Livingston in November 1979, or again, could there be a natural explanation, only this time not having the overtones of a clever hoax (which I am sure we can rule out).

Briefly, for those who may be unbelievably unfamiliar with the case. Bob Taylor, a forestry worker for th Livingston Development Corperation, was out one Noverber morning with his Irish red setter dog, patrolling Dechmont woods. As he was unable to drive his Jeep any further through the woods, he parked it and walked a distance where he came upon a clearing in the woods.

he testified later that he had observed a 'flying saucer' just above the grass. A domed shaped object with a flange around its perimeter, in which, (Bob called them propellers) cross like projections were standing up from the flange. After some moments, Bob observed what resembled two World War Two sea mines approaching him. One of these objects extended one of its rods and attached itself to Bob's trousers. At this point, Bob lapsed into unconsciousness whilst his dog was furiously barking beside him.

Many Ufologists may not need reminding of the events which followed, suffice it to say that Scottish researcher,

Stewart Campbell, after researching the case, at first concluded that Bob Taylor had observed 'Ball Lightning', which interacted with Bob in some way to render him unconscious and somehow gave him a dream like vision which he felt was real. This was the conclusion in 1979/80. Now in 1987, Stewart Campbell believes that what Bob Taylor encountered in the woods on that November morning, was not Ball Lightning but, I quote, (4) "It is proposed that the Livingston UFO report was due to the sight of a mirage of the planet Venus, and that this unexpected stimulus resulted in the witness experiencing an epileptic seizure". Mr Campbell further relates that the many marks found at the location of the incident, were previously there. Stewart established that the Water and Drainage Department of the Lothian Regional Council had conducted work in the area up until October 9th that year. Whilst Stewart could not uncover or answer for the track like marks found at the site, he firmly believes that the marks on the ground have a natural explanation.

For myself, having attended the site, spoken to Bob Taylor and his wife, conducted research myself and interviewed the police that dealt with the case, can honestly say that as yet I cannot give a rational explanation to account for what Bob Taylor saw. This does not necessarily imply that I find it unexplainable, only that as yet I personally cannot uncover the exact reasons why this came about in the manner that it did. Perhaps, Bob Taylor did see a mirage of Venus as Stewart

Campbell has indicated, but I would like to see more proof of this. Proof that we as Ufologists could accept. Finding solutions to UFO cases can sometimes be a hard task, but not to look for a solution in no matter how strange a department, be it mirages or whatever, would not be in keeping with Ufology as a study.

Answers must be sought, lets look for them in any way we can. Hopefully, the Livingston incident will have a 'case closed' stamp on it in the not too distant future, be it natural or unnatural.

The Livingston case was the only case that I worked on that involved an alleged landing. Lights in the sky, whilst to some may seem not worth bothering about, should still be documented and researched if early research shows them not to be of natural design. Luckily, I have researched a couple of multi-witness cases and repeater witness sightings over the years.

Philip Mantle recently made a statement at Congress '87, in London, that he believes Yorkshire holds the most UFO activity in Britain. Joyce Byres, a shy middle aged lady from the village of Moffat in Dumfriesshire, would probably say otherwise. For Joyce, a repeater witness, also a psychic, claimed over a hundred sightings of UFOs over the hills near Moffat in the late 1970's and early 80's. A fellow researcher and I documented her claims and found that she had seen a variety of objects. Research also showed that Joyce saw more UFOs on a Wednesday than any other day of the week. Whether this was due to a particular reason was,

unfortunately never made clear. But it is significant that American UFO author, John Keel also found this same similarity concerning the Wednesday factor.

Joyce firmly believed that these UFOs had a base in the galloway hills, but for what purpose she could not say. Unfortunately, some years ago, Joyce abandoned her own UFO skywatches and indeed, burned everything relating to her research. She informed me that she now has nothing at all to do with the subject as it began to seriously affect her life. She now coaches majorettes in Moffat.



Joyce Byres was not the only person from the village of Moffat or surrounding districts to witness UFOs. I have in my own files, quite substantial amounts of UFO cases from the Dumfries and Galloway region and owe a debt of gratitude to fellow researcher, Billy Gibbons who has informed, and given me material relating to sightings in Dumfriesshire. The following account however, is a case I uncovered concerning the observation of a strange object by the Potts family.

In the early hours of Thursday, 15th January 1981, John Potts 23, the son of Margaret and Bill Potts of Parksfoot, near the town of Lochmaben Dumfriesshire, was awakened by an intense yellow/golden coloured light which filled his bedroom. Puzzled by this he then went to the bedroom window, whereupon he noticed an intense illuminated round object. It appeared quite low in the sky. As it approached nearer, he noticed three distinct white lights clustered together. His first reaction was to call out to his mother, whereupon after hearing her son's shouts, Mrs Potts rushed into her son's bedroom. She was in time to witness exactly what her son had shouted her through to look at.

Mrs Potts described the object more like a clenched fist shape. They were both amazed at the intense brightness of the object. No sound could be heard from this object, which was another puzzling factor owing to the closeness of the object. The object then went over their house and headed in the direction of Moffat. This incident made front page news in the 'Moffat News', as did the other various UFO sightings which then flooded in.

This incident however, is not the only incident the Potts family have to tell. Bill Potts had always doubted the existence of UFOs. He thought they were the figments of people's imagination, until one day in 1980, when his views were dramatically changed. He explained, "I was driving along the back road at Heathhall air field Dumfries, when I saw a glowing red and white light going round in a circle. I was

amazed at what I saw. I stopped the car and went outside for a closer look, it was definitely not anything recognisable as a manmade object." Mr Potts also saw a similar object in November 1980 when he was driving his wife home from the hotel where she works in Locharbriggs. Since 1980, the Potts family have witnessed many strange sights in the night sky, they have no explanation for them whatsoever, other than the commonly used phrase, UFOs.

Bill Potts pointed out to me that his family are not alone in witnessing UFOs, his own immediate family and a number of friends have also witnessed many strange sights which they cannot account for. Margaret Potts thinks that embarrassment is a major factor why UFO percipients do not come forward with their UFO sightings, (as she stated to the 'Moffat News'). "Although I was always very sceptical about such things", she continued, "I can think of no other explanation. We have witnessed a number of UFOs, to be honest, I've remained silent about them up until now because I did not want people to laugh at us, which so often happens when people claim to have seen flying saucers."

The family agrees that what they have been witnessing is certainly not a conventional type of aircraft that they know of. Margaret herself, states that for fifteen years she had lived close to Prestwick Airport in Ayrshire and like John, her husband, was convinced that what they had witnessed were not air-bourne objects that they had ever seen before.

Another unusual report which reached me through Joyce Byres, concerned some unusual ring marks which were discovered on a patch of grass near the Dumcrief estate of the Van Der Poel family a couple of miles away from Upper Annandale Town. According to the Moffat News on 5th June 1980, while out walking alongside the Moffat water which flows through the grounds of the estate, worker Bob Herdsman and his wife Jean noticed some rings of what appeared to be burned grass. They both walked across to view them more closely. They found that the outer circle was about fifteen feet in diameter, whilst the inner one was about four feet in diameter. Mr Herdsman went on to say in the newspaper article that he had never been a believer in flying saucers and the like, but this had certainly puzzled him. Dumcrief Estate, which belongs to Dutch barrister, Mr Marius Van Der Poel, had never seen the likes of this before, I was told. Marius Van Der Poel said that the mysterious part to him was that there was no evidence of tracks leading to the rings and away from them. "The grass is obviously burned", he continued, "and there are indentations in the ground which would seem to indicate that some heavy object landed there. It is certainly a strange occurrence. If we have had some strange visitors, I do not mind as long as they don't take anything away with them!" Indeed.

I interviewed Mark Van Der Poel, son of Marius, concerning these rings and he informed me that I should also talk with Bob Herdsman, the grounds estate worker. This I did, or should I say, tried to do. For upon asking about these rings

after introducing myself, Bob Herdsman replied, "I don't know nothing about them, don't know nothing about them." He was still muttering this statement as I was a good fifty yards away from him after realising that I was getting no further with him.

There is much more I could write concerning the Dumfries and Galloway sightings, but for the moment I shall move on and give the reader some more unusual cases from my files.

Moving on to Fifeshire. Security Officer, Robert Miller (pseudonym) was inside his gatehouse near the Longannet Power Station Near Kincardine-on-Forth, on a warm July evening back in 1969. Having heard the arrival of a truck pulling up at the gatehouse, Robert moved out to meet the driver, whereupon the driver excitedly motioned with his finger to a point in the clear blue sky. Robert was amazed to observe with the driver an egg shaped object which had the colour of aluminium. Amazed by this spectacle, and accepting that this was no aeroplane, helicopter or weather balloon, they decided to wave at the object, whereupon, as told to me by Mr Millar himself, the object started to oscillate in its own air space, seemingly/possibly, to the waving arms below. Indeed when both men stopped waving their arms at the object, the object ceased to oscillate.

The following part of this observation may sound to some quite incredible, incredible in the sense that, the two men at this point decided to go into the gatehouse to collect Robert's chips, Robert had

been eating them at the point when the truck pulled up outside (it seems that the Scots think more of their stomachs than they do perhaps of strange aerial objects in the sky). Anyhow, both Robert and the driver were only in the gatehouse for some seconds, for whilst returning once more outside and upon looking up at the sky, they found that the object had gone. The object was nowhere to be seen in the vast expanse of clear blue sky. Mr Millar, whom I found to be a sound and reliable observer, maintains to this day that the object that both he and the truck driver witnessed on that warm July evening, was to him personally not of this world. The truck driver it appears, had this object in view as he was approaching the gatehouse.

Back in 1982, I was snowed under by a wealth of UFO reports which reached me from the town of Denny in Stirlingshire. Denny is roughly five miles from the town of Falkirk in Central Scotland. Such was the wealth of reports from Denny, that Stuart Lamont, a previous reporter with BBC Scotland, and who also had a television series on BBC Scotland entitled, 'Is Anybody There?', arranged to have myself and a repeater witness, a Mrs Elsie Beveridge, to discuss her sightings on Radio Scotland.

For the moment however, I shall shed some light on the other sightings which I researched in and around the Denny Area.

This will be in the second part of Malcolm Robinson's article which will appear in the next issue of the Bulletin. Ed.

# REPORTS UPDATE

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UFO CASEBOOK

by Paul Fuller

Paul reports on some of his investigations in the south of England.

Portsmouth, Hants. Various dates.

The witness, Mrs BD, reports a series of OOBES, premonitions, and a single close encounter over a prolonged period. Her first experience, a classic crisis OOBES, occurred when she was just 3 years old. The witness was awoken by her mother and step-father arguing and remembers sitting on the stairway and then simultaneously she was standing next to her parents looking at herself at the top of the stairs.

A second OOBES occurred in the late 1940s when she was stationed with the army in Germany and sharing a room at the top of the house. During the night she suddenly felt an icy cold throughout the room and at the same time she felt herself being lifted out of her own body so that she could look down and see herself lying asleep in bed. Terrified, the witness screamed, awakening her room-mate and finding herself back inside her physical body in bed.

Sometime during 1971 or 1972 the witness was walking to work along a street thronging with noisy children. Suddenly and without warning the witness felt a migraine headache coming on and almost at once the street became quiet and unfamiliar. Where there had been children only moments before there now appeared a cloud which grew in

size and slowly revealed a dazzling opening through which a cloaked figure appeared. The entity appeared to be aged between 30 & 40, was male and had shoulder length dark hair. The figure motioned towards the witness as if he wanted her to step into the cloud with him but before BD could react he changed his mind and turning sideways he held his hand up as if to say, "No, your time has not come." Then he vanished inside the cloud which shrank away and the street returned to its ordinary boisterous character, leaving the witness in a state of unhappiness and with a sense of rejection.

Several further events involving precognition of death, time loss (for five days!) and vivid symbolic dreams makes this a fascinating case which cries out for further in-depth study. The witness has a history of psoriasis, which is sometimes stress related, so it may be that there is a psychological explanation (or indeed a drug related explanation) for some of the reported events.

21st May 1986. Brockenhurst, Hants. 21.30 hrs.

The witness, KR, a 34 year old housewife, was hanging washing in her garden when she suddenly noticed a brilliant white light appear above her house. Further to the left (S.E.) was a smaller 'tail light' which blinked on and off. The large light 'hopped' to the right (S.W.) and

disappeared whilst the smaller light turned off. The excited witness contacted Lyminster police (who had no idea what she might have seen!) and Southampton Airport.

In response to the witness' obvious concern about her sighting I made strenuous efforts to track down the guilty aircraft and discovered that Bournemouth (Hurn) Airport reported the departure of a herald aircraft to the north west at 21.18 hrs. This course would have taken the aircraft in the opposite direction to the sighting location. Neither Southampton Airport, Airship Industries or the British Astronomical Society's Fireball expert could help me solve the sighting, even though I received replies from the two local airports within eleven weeks of the sighting. Evaluation :- Probable Aircraft.

12th November 1986.  
Haslemere, Surrey. 05.58 hrs.

A Builder, Mr SH, aged 30, walked into his back garden before going to work. Suddenly, he saw a large formation of lights which he first thought were a number of aircraft flying in close formation towards him, with two very bright rectangular lights in front followed by a series of red, circular lights... in a banana shape. The lights flashed on and off whilst a smaller red light appeared and joined up with the main formation.

The witness unsuccessfully contacted Gatwick and RAF Brize Norton in an attempt to find an explanation for the sighting. I have not had the opportunity to make exhaustive

checks on this report, but it sound like a refuelling exercise.

May and June 1986. Bournemouth area.

Mr PC, a coach driver, and several other witnesses at independent locations, observed a bright light emitting sparks and moving slowly across the sky overhead. Other witnesses observed a stationary bright light low in the northern sky for long durations. Another report was received following an appeal in the Bournemouth Echo. Evaluation:- Venus and Aircraft.

23rd May 1987. Trowbridge, Wiltshire. Sometime during the afternoon.

BT aged 15, was driving a small garden mower on his employer's lawn when he suddenly felt as if he was in a dream, the clouds began to part and he heard a loud ringing in his ears. A multicoloured flash of light materialised only yards away and hung there in the air. The witness began walking towards the phenomenon when he heard his employer calling him. Together they examined the mower and discovered that the battery and wiring had been burnt out!

Subsequent investigation produced a very different account. The witness had been in the habit of 'racing up and down the drive as if the mower was a go-cart'. BT had simply overturned the mower and damaged the front of it, knocking the battery out of position. The employer had no recollection of any unusual aerial phenomena at the time. Evaluation:- Vivid imagination.

# Research

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## POSSIBLE CHARACTERISTICS OF TRUE 'UFO' REPORTS. Part One

by Robert Moore.

Robert, a regular contributor to the Bulletin, outlines his research of common UFO parameters and discusses common factors between these parameters.

### INTRODUCTION

One of the aims of UFO researchers, should be the determination of whether or not unexplainable UFO reports have common and well defined characteristics, which differ clearly from the mass of man-made and natural stimuli, which are responsible for explainable 'UFO' sightings. The author of this article attempted such a study, using almost 300 reports from books and magazines. Only alleged 'true UFO' reports, which seemed inexplicable from its description given by the relevant source, were used in this study. The author is well aware that the data used in this project is far from perfect. It is flawed in two main ways:

(A) SELECTIVITY. The author found more reports of objects with clearly defined shapes than those which referred to simple light forms or poorly defined shapes. This is due to selectivity, ie, the relevant source only printing the more interesting reports, or is it due to these forms being the actual characteristics of true UFO reports? There are reasons for considering these possibilities with equal weight, but the former reason stated above should be considered the more likely. For instance, the Hendry study (1) discovered more reports describing 'cigar' rather than 'disc' forms in his sample of daylight disc reports. If this result is typical, the

dominance of disc forms in the sample presented below is an indication only of the preferences of UFO writers!

(B) VALIDITY: Although most sources were good ones (ie Hynek, Fowler, Hendry etc), this data had to be supplemented by other sources which were a little less reliable than the above. Thus, it is not beyond the bounds of possibility that a number of reports are spurious (in all meanings of the word). Thus, any pattern 'discovered' could be false.

This study used 298 reports, which involved the observation of 'UFOs' only (a small number of car-stopping' UFOs were, however, included). This project involved the division of this data into a number of categories:

(a) shape of UFO, (b) time of observation, (c) colour of UFO, (d) colour of UFO's 'body lights, (e) sound of UFO, (f) manner of appearance, (g) manner of disappearance.

Other factors, such as duration, manner of motion etc are not accounted for, in this study, because of the modest aims of the project and the dissatisfaction the author felt about the actual quality of the data used.

### SECTION ONE MAIN UFO FORMS

This study discovered that around 10 basic forms could

account for the data used in this project. These are presented in table one, in numerical order. They have been divided into two classes, those of nighttime reports, and those of daylight reports.

(b) Most common colour of form:

(i) Daylight reports

Most reports refer to a form coloured white, 'metallic' (silver or aluminium) or

TABLE ONE: Main UFO forms

Name of form	Night reports	Day reports	Total
Discoid	65	34	99
Ovoid	45	13	58
Elongated	40	16	56
Spheroid	30	03	33
LITS	30	00	30
Triangular	10	00	10
Hemispherical	08	00	08
Conical	03	01	04
Totals	231	67	298

This table seems to indicate that a discoid form is the most common 'true UFO' shape. It also indicates that all forms are most often alleged to be observed at night.

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(ii) Nighttime reports:

The most commonly alleged colours are reported to be white, blue, red/orange or silver. 3 in 4 reports refer to self-luminous, 'glowing' object. Most of the remainder are of objects apparently luminated by lights on the UFO's body.

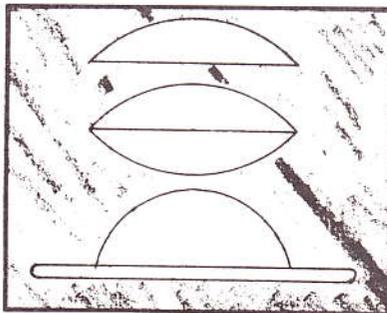
SECTION TWO  
EXAMINATION OF ALLEGED UFO  
FORMS

(1) DISCOID 'UFOs'

The basic configurations of a discoid object are; a horizontally orientated disc (akin to a coin or inverted 'tea-cup' saucer) with or without a hemispherical "turret" on the upper section or like a convex lens (with or without a horizontal protruding central rim). Fig 1

(a) Ratio of occurrence:

Approximately two nighttime reports to every one daylight report.



(c) Colour of body lights:

Where the account reports that the object was illuminated by 'body lights', the most common colours are claimed to be blue, white, red, orange or a combination of these colours. usually, more than one (and often more than two or three) lights are claimed to be visible.

(d) Sounds emitted by UFO:

About two in every three reports refer to a silent object. when a sound is reported, the UFO is often claimed to emit a humming, whirring or buzzing sound.

(e) Manner of appearance and disappearance:

Actual appearance of an object is hardly ever observed. In eight out of ten reports, a witness observes a UFO just by glancing up in the sky, and observing an object by chance alone (hereafter, such an initial observation of a UFO is described as chance). When a witness' attention is attracted to the UFO (this occurs in two out of ten reports), it is often due to sound and luminosity apparently emitted by the object. When the actual disappearance of the object is actually seen, the UFO is alleged to move rapidly away from the observer (horizontally or vertically).

(2) OVOID UFOs

An 'egg-shaped' object, often horizontally orientated, with a surface that is usually featureless.

(a) Ratio of occurrence:

there are about three nighttime reports to every one daylight report.

(b) Most common colour of form:

(i) Daylight reports.

Colours usually metallic (silver or aluminium) or non metallic (usually white or whitish).

(ii) Nighttime reports.

Colours often white, yellow, Orange, green or silver. Around five in ten refer to a self-luminous (glowing) form. Most other reports refer to an object apparently illuminated by body lights.

(c) Colour of body lights:

Possibly white, red or blue or combination (no clear pattern).

(d) Sounds emitted by UFO:

Four in every five reports describe a silent object. When a sound is reported, this form of UFO is alleged to emit whirring, roaring, buzzing or whinning sounds (no clear pattern).

(e) Manner of appearance and disappearance:

Three in every four objects where seen by chance alone. Sighting often ends with UFO moving away at rapid speed (horizontally or vertically).

Part two of Robert's article will appear in the next BUFORA Bulletin.

## MEMBERS DIRECTORY

by Arnold West

The last issue of a members directory was published several years ago. This is now obviously out of date a totally useless.

A new directory will be made available shortly (hopefully by the beginning of 1988). the use of the computerised membership records will facilitate the production and frequent updating of th new directory.

It is intended that members shall be listed alphabetically in each of our mailing areas, as shown on the accompanying map.

The areas are:

- (a). London and South East.
- (b). South West. (c). Midlands.
- (d). North. (e). Scotland.
- (f). Wales. (g). Ireland.
- (h). Overseas.

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This correspondance course will cover the basics of the craft of UFO investigation and will be available shortly.

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# Booklook..... Reviews

UFOs 1947-1987 - The 40 year Search for an Explanation. Edited by Hilary Evans and John Spencer. 383pp, Large format soft cover. £12.50

It is going to be very hard for me to write an unbiased review of a book commissioned by BUFORA, but I shall try.

Most books published that have a UFO theme are usually written by a single author or co-authored, UFOs 1947-1987 has no less than thirty nine contributors (shame they could not reach the magic forty to round things off!), covering every aspect of the phenomenon.

The book is split into seven parts, discussing the phenomena reported from all four corners of the world, assessing the data collated, explanations from the ETH to psycho - physical or parapsychological theories, the effects UFOs have had on society and skeptical responses.

UFOs 1947-1987 gives the reader a very good idea of the kind of work that is being carried out and shows the complexity of the phenomenon as a whole.

I particularly enjoyed Andy Roberts' contribution 'A Saucer Full of Secrets' which brings down to earth the stories of crashed saucers and the examination of the dead occupants to mere folklore or 'friend of a friend' stories.

The international line up of contributors is indeed impressive with Jacques Vallee, VJ Ballester Olmos, Willy Smith, Richard Haines and Cynthia Hind to name but a few.

There are not many criticisms that I can make (thats if I want to keep my position as editor and on Council!!). But there are a few points that should be made. There is no index which is unfortunate but to compensate there are references after each contribution. Some of the photographs of some of the authors (I will not name names) are not very flattering. It is also a shame that Paul Devereux's Book did not get a recommended reading (or indeed essential reading) symbol in the list of UFO related books in the appendix.

Despite these minor grumbles the contents of this book is very important reading for anyone interested in Ufology. The ability of one book to show so many view points from so many researchers is the most important feature of UFOs 1947 - 1987. Buy it, you will not regret it.

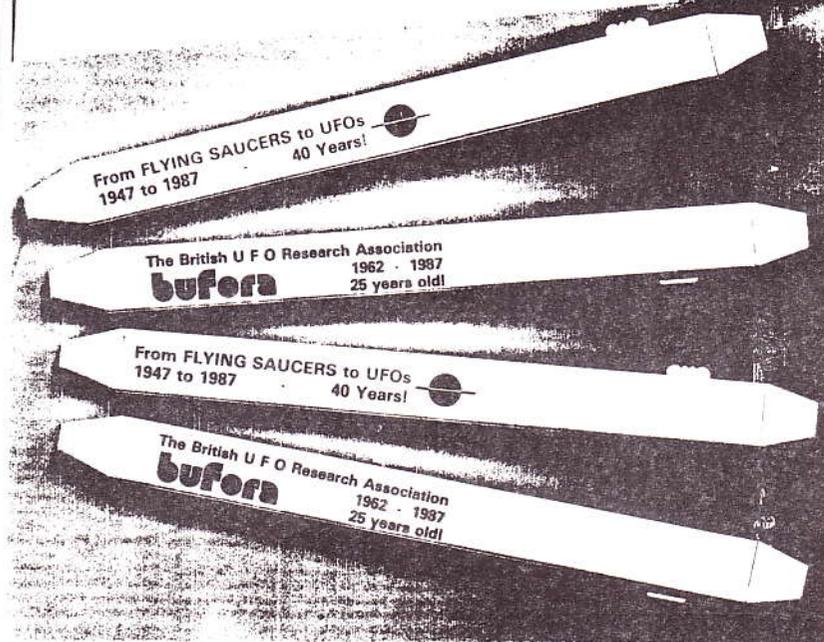
STRANGE SHEFFIELD - Legends, Folklore and Mysteries of hallamshire. By David Clarke and Rob Wilson. 114 pp. £2.50.

Another in the series of 'Strange' booklets which is part of the successful ASSAP Project Albion which sets out to catalogue, "...the Mysteries of Britain...in a 'Domesday Book' of the Paranormal". Clearly the project is doing very well and Strange Sheffield is the proof of that. Dave Clarke, BUFORA AI and Rob Wilson have clearly done their homework to produce such an anthology of unusual events in and around Sheffield.

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Sir,

Readers not well acquainted with the literature on witchcraft may like to know that the illustration for my article on 'Vehicle Interference' (BUFORA Bulletin Number 25) is taken from a woodcut on the title page of Witchcraft Apprehended, Examined and Executed, for Notable Villanies by them Committed both by Land and Water, London, Pauls Church-yard. 1613. It is partially reproduced, with the notable addition of an (upside-down) UFO in the sky which may cause some surprise.

The scene depicts the 'swimming' of a suspected witch (Mary Sutton) in 1612 in the mill dam. Omitted among other items is the large black sow responsible for the wheel of the cart breaking in transit and the loss of sacks of corn fallen off the cart.

It has often been reproduced before. The entire title page maybe seen in C. Hansen's 'Witchcraft at Salem' (Arrow Books, London 1971). There is a copy of this rare contemporary pamphlet in the Bodliien.

From Manfred Cassirer,  
London.

Thanks to Manfred for enlightening us on the background of the woodcut. It took me hours to find this specimen which fitted so nicely with the text (if I do say so myself). I do admit to adding the UFO myself to make the picture complete! Woodcuts are a penchant of mine and I apologise now if one or two do creep into the Bulletin from time to time. They are also copyright free. Ed.

Sir,

I write to modify the views I expressed on the Cash-Landrum case (as in my letter published in BUFORA Bulletin 23, and repeated in my address to Congress '87).

I am convinced that what the witnesses saw was a mirage of an astronomical object, but Canopus was not close enough to the horizon to create such a mirage either at 9.0pm (the time claimed by the investigators in Texas) or midnight (as suggested by me). However, if the event did occur about 9.0pm then there was a first magnitude star on the horizon to the south; Achernar was setting on the azimuth of 193 deg. A little earlier it was just above the horizon and was more nearly in line with the roadway. This may be the true source of the mirage but there remains the discrepancy regarding the moon (as I explained before). It was regrettable that Walt Andrus could not answer my question about the moon and that the local investigators have not firmly established the time of the event.

From Steuart Campbell,  
Edinburgh.

Despite the fact that on the previous page I defended Steuart's mirage research, the Cash-Landrum case is where my defence falls short.

The case occurred on the 29th December 1980. The witnesses are still suffering from hair loss and skin sores. These symptoms cannot be the psychosomatic effects of a possible mirage of a little known first magnitude star. You can push a theory so far. Ed.

Sir.

#### HOT NEWS FROM AUSTRALIA

Having attended the Congress '87 I thought I would write to thank all those within BUFORA who worked so hard and contributed to making it such an enjoyable event for myself and everyone else I have spoken to. In particular, I was impressed by the time keeping, organisation and smooth running of the event and the overall quality of the speakers, who made up a well balanced programme. It was well worth the £25.00 ticket price and I hope it will become an annual event.

From Andy Roberts,  
WYUFORG,  
Yorkshire.

Sir,

Just a few lines to thank you for all the hard work you put into making the Congress a success, it really was appreciated.

My colleagues and I, here at YUFON enjoyed the Congress a great deal and we all look forward to the next one.

From Philip Mantle,  
YUFON,  
Yorkshire.

Most of the thanks should go to the sirling work put in by Bob Digby which started months before the congress itself. I must add that the congress was also financially successful, showing a humble profit (which is a complete turnaround from previous congress' which have made large losses). A full round-up of the Congress proceedings will appear in a future Bulletin. Ed.

The Australian International UFO - Flying Saucer Research magazine reports that, "Glowing red rocks that explode, catch fire and disintegrate after being touched", are being found in many parts of the world.

Dr Harvey Buxtram, a UFO investigator is warning people not to touch the rocks as they are dangerous. Most of the rock have been discovered in Russia, China and Ethopia, and it has been stated by officials that these rocks are not of this earth.

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Dr Buxtram states, " In all locations where the rocks have been discovered, a UFO has been sighted several days before". It is claimed that once the rocks have disintegrated a green glow is eerily emitted. Dr Buxham continues, "It's more than just coincidence that each time a UFO is sighted, these rocks are discovered within several days. Our visitors from another world are trying to tell us something, but we have no idea what it could be."

After tests, the rocks showed no signs of radioactivity, toxic or bacterial infestation. Reports of the exploding rocks have now topped 100.

Will these out of this world space rocks come to Britain time will tell. Considering the original source of the report, ie the Australian Sun newspaper most of the story is probably hyped, so a mass invasion of exploding red rocks is not expected in the UK. Despite this remember you have been warned!



## UFO FLAP HITS BRITAIN IN AUGUST

by Mike Wootten

BUFORA's investigation department was put into full swing as many people reported unusual aerial phenomena on the weekend of August 16th. Cases include 3 photographic events

### EPICENTRES

Most of the cases are centred around London and Derbyshire/Yorkshire areas. WYUFORG and the New Yorkshire UFO Network, co-ordinated by Philip Mantle are working together and in co-operation with BUFORA to investigate all the cases reported.

The cases in London were highlighted by a unique photographic case in

Highgate, North London. Two neighbours took separate photos of a bright (reflective) object the event was being relayed to BUFORA as it was happening. We were also able to have the pictures analysed by Peter Suthurst of Kodak within 24 hours. A full report in th next Bulletin.

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### ERRATA

The biographical notes in UFOs 1947-1987 indicate that Jenny Randles is no longer Director of Investigations. This of course is not correct. Apologies to Jenny for the error and it is hoped that the error has not caused too much confusion.

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## Diary

- 7th Nov      BUFORA Lecture    Psychics and Saucers.  
Speaker Bob Couttie at the LBS, 6.30pm.
- 14th Nov     ASSAP 6th AGM, followed by lectures from  
Andrew Green and Ken Phillips. Hangleton  
Manor Hotel, Hangleton Manor Drive, Hove,  
Sussex. Prompt start 1.0pm.
- 5th Dec      BUFORA Lecture Cracoe: UFO into IFO.  
Speaker Andy Roberts (WYUFORG) at the LBS,  
6.30pm.
- 2nd Jan      BUFORA Lecture    Investigating Anomolies.  
Speaker Tony Cornell MA. at the LBS,  
6.30pm.

BUFORA Lectures are held every first Saturday of the month at the London Business School, Sussex Place, Outer Circle, Regents Park, London NW1. The LBS is only a five minute walk from Baker Street Tube. Lectures start at 6.30pm. All are welcome. Full Lecture Programmes are available from BUFORA (LP) 16 Southway, Burgess Hill, Sussex, RH15 9ST.

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