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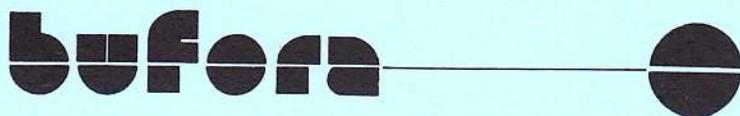
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Founded 1964. Registered office, 16 Southway, Burgess Hill, Sussex, RH15 9ST. Registered in London; 1234 924. Incorporating the London UFO Research Association (founded 1959) and the British UFO Association (founded 1962).

AIMS

1. To encourage, promote and conduct unbiased scientific research of unidentified flying object (UFO) phenomena throughout the United Kingdom.
2. To collect and disseminate evidence and data relating to unidentified flying objects (UFOs).
3. To co-ordinate UFO research throughout the United Kingdom and to co-operate with others engaged in such research throughout the world.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to all who support the aims of the association and whose application is approved by the executive committee. Applications, forms and general information can be obtained from the information officer.

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Due to the need to publish the AGM notices on time and with the reorganisation of the Publishing Department ready for the new magazine in May, this, the final edition of the Bulletin has been reduced in content and quality. Apologies to all.

Mike Wootten,
Director of Publications.

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British UFO Research Association

Editorial

As many of you may know, BUFORA has been planning to reorganise our regular publishing efforts. Now, the planning has stopped and the wheels of change have been set into motion.

This means that this will be the last BUFORA Bulletin that you will be receiving. In its place a new **regular** bi-monthly magazine with some new innovations will keep you fully briefed on the latest Investigations and research in this country and abroad.

The design and layout of the new magazine will hopefully be clearer and easier to read. We are also determined to produce and distribute future editions of this new periodical on time.

Of course, magazines (especially good magazines) do not write themselves. Although we have a wide and varied list of contributors willing to submit material on a regular basis, We would like to encourage new names (with hopefully new perspectives) to contribute. So, if you have never written for the Bulletin (or any other UFO journal) and have some ideas or personal research that you would like to share with a wider audience then get writing and submit your paper to me at the editorial address on page 3.

I have watched with considerable interest the unfolding of the Gulf Breeze case. The case is in fact a compendium of cases that started with the primary witness "Mr Ed" (no, he is not a talking horse!) submitting five detailed polaroid photographs of UFOs he has observed in Gulf Breeze, Florida during November 1987. Since this "Mr Ed" has become a contact repeater witness, with other residents of Gulf Breeze independently reporting similar events.

The Mutual UFO Network has undertaken detailed investigations of the case and deemed it genuine. CUFOS on the other hand have evaluated the cases as an elaborate hoax.

Despite these opposing (and sometimes heated) conflicts of opinion the two organisations, to their credit, have conducted themselves in a professional and dignified manner. Let us hope that UFO groups in this country can take a leaf out of their books and work together with the same professionalism and decorum.

WITNESS CONFIDENTIALITY

It is the policy of BUFORA Bulletin not to publish the names or addresses of witnesses who are not in the 'public domain'. The material of witnesses whose names have been published in the media will be treated with the utmost care by the editorship.

ALL THE PPPs

At the New Year it is normal to present a brief review of the past year, and an inspiring look towards the future, the more so as this is to be the final issue of the BUFORA Bulletin. Spring is also the run-up to the Company's Annual General Meeting in March. Here I should remind you here that BUFORA is a Registered Company, aspiring to the status of a professional body, not merely a club for skywatchers and UFO buffs. The rationale of my title will soon become evident.

Progress - the Postal Library is fully operational, and substantial progress has been made on both the Correspondence Course and the Junior UFO News. Cataloguing of UFO case files is making satisfactory progress.

Planning - a meeting arranged for early spring will discuss improvements in BUFORA operational procedures, and ways to streamline the administration.

Presentation - the Corporate Image of the Association, so ably designed by Dick Beet has become rather tarnished of late, consistent layout and use of the Company Logo will become a feature of all BUFORA stationary and future publications.

Publications - the BUFORA Bulletin - inaugurated in Sept 1981 will cease publication with this issue, to be succeeded by the new publication in May of this year. The Journal of Transient Aerial Phenomenon ceases with the March issue, but its best features will be incorporated in the new magazine.

Press - certain sections of both the daily and Sunday press continue and publish wildly speculative and facetious UFO related stories, steps have been taken to reduce this abuse, and BUFORA co-operation has been withdrawn from some sections of the media.

Promises - I can promise that you will receive a new lively magazine, and be members of a more efficient organisation during the forthcoming year.

Predictions - I have no crystal ball, nor do I believe that there is any magic in passing a particular point in time. I therefore think dramatic changes in the phenomena are most unlikely, but whatever the future holds, we shall face it together with confidence.

A West.

Dec 1988

THE ASTRONCMICAL REFERENCE POINT PROJECT

by Gary Anthony

BUFORA Accredited Investigator, Gary Anthony, developer of the Astronomical Reference Point Project, describes the working structure of BUFORA's latest service to investigators.

The Astronomical Reference Point Project (ARP for short) has been initiated for all BUFORA investigators to use in their investigations of UFO observations. ARP is prepared to assist any UK UFO investigator with their investigative process, by providing information on current events in astronomy and spaceflight (hereafter AS).

ARP OBJECTIVES

The main objective of the project is to collate UFO reports with AS events to see what conclusions, if any, may be drawn. A large number of AS sources will be called upon in order to accomplish concise comparisons between UFO reports and AS events: with a view to better UFO report evaluations. Sources include:-

The British Astronomical Association, The British Astronomical Society, The British Meteor Society, The European Space Agency and NASA.

to name but a few in a long and impressive list.

ARP is in communication with many different organisations who are willing to assist with information in various technical fields. ARP may possibly find positive identification for UFO reports by providing alternative explanations in AS.

The Astronomical Reference Point Project is established to provide UFO investigators with the following:

1. A list of current AS events.
2. A list of astronomical societies and clubs in the investigator's area or in the locale of a UFO observation.
3. A simple assessment and possible explanation for a particular UFO report, obtained by extensive checks with AS sources and by comparison of the UFO report with AS events.
4. Detailed information of astronomical references and technical data on spacecraft and satellites. By request and subject to availability.

Only if we improve our investigative techniques shall we come closer to the answers we seek. ARP is a small part of UFO investigation improvement, approved and funded by BUFORA it is a service which aims to offer UK investigators another channel of research.

THE ARP STRUCTURE

Two computers will be used for the ARP project: A BBC micro and a Sharp MZ 711. One computer will be used to deal with storing a series of AS reference programs along with merits evaluation programs.

The other computer will be used to keep a diary of the project's progress.

After ARP has received a report of a UFO observation the process will take place. Firstly, descriptive portions of the UFO report are entered into a simple computer program which is designed to output a list of possible AS candidates. When the computer has supplied the list, enquiries will be made with the relevant AS sources and organisations to obtain a detailed picture of AS events.

Another computer program containing AS references and concise description will be accessed to examine and compare both the UFO model and AS models. If an AS event occurred on the same date and at the same time as the UFO observation ARP will endeavour to forward all the details to the investigator dealing with the report. In fact, the 'comparative model study' could mean positive id's for several UFO sightings.

A large number of AS references are available each one is detailed - examples of references are listed below:-

Artificial satellites, Rocket launches, Weather Balloons, Re-entries/spacecraft debris, Meteoroids, Bolides, Fireballs, Meteorites, Solar eclipses, Sundogs, sunrise/sunset effects, Lunar eclipses, moondogs, Stars, s cintillation, occultation, Planets, Noctilucent clouds, Aurorae, Temperature inversions, Lenticular clouds.

Any relevant information will be sent back to the investigator along with an assessment of the findings. ARP will endeavour to process

your reports and provide a speedy response, a time limit of **6 weeks** is allocated to any given report, which will be adhered to whenever possible.

THE REQUIRED REPORT

Investigators wishing to use the service should send a copy of the BUFORA UFO Sighting Account Form (R1) containing their reported UFO observation (enclosing an sae) to:-

ARP,
Gary Anthony,
141 Newington Street,
Hull,
North Humberside,
HU3 5LF.

In the absence of a completed R1 form copy, please send a descriptive report containing the following information:-

1. Witness details
2. Date and time of UFO observation
3. Location of UFO observation
4. Description of UFO, ie: Appearance, Motion, Compass directions of UFO observation (as in R1 form section B, No 6), Angles of elevation, Duration of observation, witness sketches of UFO
5. Light conditions
6. Weather conditions

CONCLUSION

The ARP comparative model study will gain more facts and figures for UFO researchers to work with. However, the success of the study depends upon the number of reports submitted to the project, Also ARP must be in receipt of much technical information. Please use this service and benefit in your investigations of the UFO phenomena.

BUFORA POSTAL LIBRARY

The newly organised and comprehensively stocked (with many rare titles) lending library is open and ready for business.

All books are available against a returnable deposit (less postage costs).

Any member interested in this service write to:

BUFORA (PL), 16 Southway,
Burgess Hill, Sussex, RH15 9ST

ANOTHER SATISFIED CUSTOMER!

Dear Sir,

Regarding your editorial in the BUFORA Bulletin, November 1988, No 30. I agree with your comments regarding 'The Sunday Sport' being an 'adult' comic, and doing the subject of UFOs and ufology no good whatsoever.

The article by Bob Digby on the Majestic 12 I found most interesting. Also the photo of the new Stealth bomber asks more questions than answers.

Having recently rejoined BUFORA, keep up the good work on the Bulletin.

John Copsey,
Dereham, Norfolk

Editor's comment

Thanks John for your encouraging words. Hope you will equally enjoy our new periodical that is due in May.

LECTURE IN THE

NORTH

It has been said many times that BUFORA is a London based organisation; with most of its activities occurring in London, especially its lectures.

In addition to the scheduled London lecture programme, BUFORA is planning several lectures that will take place outside the London area. It is hoped that these lectures will be organised jointly with local UFO groups.

The first of these will be in Bradford and has been jointly organised with the Independent UFO Network.

THE DETAILS

The Lecture will take place at Bradford Central Library (Room 1), Princes Way, Bradford, West Yorkshire.

Date: 22nd April 1989

Time: 2.00 - 4.30pm

Entrance fee £2.00 (BUFORA/IUN members £1.50, must show membership card).

Speakers: Peter Hough, The Ilkley Entity Photograph. Philip Mantle, The Barnsley Photographs. (speakers subject to change).

Bradford Central Library lies just a short walk from both the railway/bus station in the heart of Bradford city centre.

All are welcome

Further details contact: Philip Mantle, 1 Woodhall Drive, Healey Lane, Batley, West Yorkshire, WF17 7SW. Telephone 0924 444049.

AGM Notice

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF BUFORA LTD.

The FOURTEENTH Annual General Meeting of BUFORA Ltd will be held at THE LONDON BUSINESS SCHOOL, REGENTS PARK, LONDON NW1. in the LECTURE THEATRE at 6-30pm on SATURDAY 4th MARCH 1989 to receive the Chairman's Report, the Report of the Council of Management, the Accounts of the Treasurer, and to appoint the Auditor according to the Articles of the Association.

Signed on behalf of the Council of Management



Chairman

13th December 1988

NOTE:

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

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 4th March 1989

AGENDA

1. Notice convening the Meeting
2. Minutes of the THIRTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
3. Presidents Address
4. Chairmans Report
5. Treasurers Report
6. Director of Research Report
7. Director of Investigations Report
8. Adoption of the Report of the Council of Management, of the Report of the Auditor, and of the Accounts for the year ended 31st August 1988.

9. Appointment of the Auditor, and leave for the Council to fix his remuneration.
10. Under Sections 49 and 50 of the Articles of Association, the following Members of Council are retiring by rotation

**Manfred Cassirer, John Spencer, Mike Wootten
and Miss Jenny Randles.**
11. Proposal of amendment to paragraph 8 of the Articles of Association; so the said paragraph shall read,

"Every member shall be bound to further to the best of his ability the objects and interests of the association and shall observe all regulations and bye-laws of the association (including the current Code of Practice for UFO investigators)..."
12. Proposal to rename paragraph 11 to 11A and include a new paragraph namely paragraph 11B that will read as follows,

"Acceptance of renewal of membership is at the discretion of the Council of Management."

MINUTES OF THE THIRTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, held in the Lecture Theatre of The London Business School on Saturday 5 March 1988

- 1/ At 18:32 in the presence of twenty five members the chairman Mr Arnold West opened the meeting. Mr West read the notice convening the Meeting. He stated that no proxy votes had been received and that he had three nominations for the election to Council.

Apologies were received from James Danby, Robert Digby, Hilary Evans, Simon Rose and Peter Wain.
- 2/ **Minutes of the Previous meeting**

As the minutes of the twelfth Annual General Meeting had been previously circulated Mr West asked if these could be taken as read. This was proposed by Mr Manfred Cassirer, seconded by Mr Frank Wood, and passed unanimously.
- 3/ **The President**

Mr West announced that Major Sir Patrick Wall MC VRD RM had recently accepted the position of President of BUFORA. He sent his apologies for not being able to be present at the meeting as he was on a previously arranged trip abroad. Mr West stated that during his many years as a member of Parliament Sir Patrick had asked numerous questions about UFO reports, he had a long term interest

in the subject and had written the foreword to the forthcoming BUFORA book "Phenomenon".

In reply to a question about how the President was elected, Mr West replied that the appointment of the President was made by the Council.

4/ Chairmans Report

Mr West's report had been previously circulated, so he would confine his comments to updating the situation since it was written.

Since that time Ken Phillips had decided to stand as a member of Council. We would also be losing Robin Lindsey and Lionel Beer from Council, although he was pleased to inform the meeting that Lionel Beer had accepted a position as vice-President. He thanked them for all the work they had done for the Association.

Mr West reported that the reference library was now up and running.

It was his unfortunate duty to inform the meeting of the recent death of Mr Charles Bowen, a former editor of the "Flying Saucer Review". Mr Bowen was well known to many members of the Association and had given several lectures to our meetings.

In closing, Mr West said he would like to record his appreciation to all the investigators, researchers and supporters of the Association, but would particularly like to not the contributions of Bob Holland in running the information service and Bob Digby for organising the Congress.

5/ Treasurers Report

In the absence of Simon Rose, the treasurer, John Spencer offered to deal with any questions on the accounts.

6/ Director of Research Report

As his report had been previously published, there was little to add. Since the report had been written Paul Fuller had been working hard on a survey of farmers in Hampshire and Wiltshire to establish the extent and possible causes of cereal damage.

Mr Gamble wished to add his thanks to all the people who had helped the research department over the previous year

7/ Director of Investigations Report

This had been previously published. There were no further questions

8/ **Director of Publications**

Mike Wootten reported that it had been a good year for BUFORA publications. Two books ("UFOs 1947-87" and "Phenomenon") had been published as well as the BUFORA Bulletin and other publications.

9/ **Report of Council**

This had been previously published, so Mr West would confine his comments to updating the published report. Since the report had been written, as he had already indicated, three members of Council would be standing down.

Since writing the report, a very successful training day on Basic Investigation techniques had been held in Northampton. The course tutor was Ken Phillips.

10/ **Adoption of the Report of the Council of Management, of the Report of the Auditor, and of the Accounts for the year ended 31st August 1987.**

As there were no further questions, the Chairman asked the meeting to approve the reports of the Council and Auditor and the Accounts.

This was proposed by Mike Wootten and seconded by Robin Lindsey. Motion was carried unanimously.

11/ **Amendment of Article 35 of the Articles of Association.**

Mr West introduced this motion stating that it was designed to allow the Council to co-opt specialist advisors to Council to deal with specific projects. This was a power that had existed prior to BUFORA being formed into a company.

The article presently read : "Until otherwise determined by a General Meeting, the number of elected Members of Council shall not be less than six, nor more than twelve." It was proposed to add : "The Council may co-opt up to three additional members, reserving the right to terminate such co-option at discretion."

Mr Beer pointed out that Council already had the right to appoint any advisors they wished, but these would be non-voting advisors.

There being no further questions, Mr West proposed the motion, seconded by Robin Lindsey and passed unanimously.

12/ **Appointment of the Auditor, and leave for the Council to fix his remuneration.**

As a point of information, the current auditor, Mr O'Brien had indicated his willingness to continue.

Arnold West proposed and John Spencer seconded that Council be given leave to appoint the auditor and fix his remuneration. Passed unanimously.

13/ Election of Council

Mr West reported that it was necessary to appoint seven members of Council. The following Members of Council were retiring by rotation :Stephen Gamble and Arnold West. During the year the following two members had been appointed by Council :Philip Mantle and Simon Rose. As all were eligible for re-election they had been proposed by Council. This was passed unanimously.

There were three further nominations, all had been properly presented and seconded. These were Robert Holland (proposed by Lionel Beer), David Clarke (proposed by Andy Roberts) and Andy Roberts (proposed by Philip Mantle). These were placed to the vote and all accepted.

14/ Close of Meeting

There being no further business the Chairman thanked the members for attending and closed the meeting at 19:10.

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT FOR TWELVE MONTHS

ENDED 31st AUGUST 1988

1. This report and the attached set of documents cover the period from 1st September 1987 to 31st August 1988
2. The attached set of accounts show the state of the Companys affairs at 31st August 1988. Please refer to the Treasurers Report for details.
3. The principal activities of the Company during the financial year have been to encourage, promote and conduct unbiased scientific research of unidentified flying object (UFO) phenomena throughout the United Kingdom, and to co-operate with others engaged on such work throughout the world.
4. The membership of the Company at 31st August 1988 was 288 (278 at 31st August 1987). The registered membership of the Company is 550.
5. **PUBLIC MEETINGS** - Public lectures are presented at the LONDON BUSINESS SCHOOL from September to June, our gratitude to Manfred Cassirer for his continued efforts to organise these interesting and well attended events.

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BUFORA LIMITED
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST AUGUST 1988

31st August

1987

	£	£		£	£
		60	FIXED ASSETS - Equipment		710
			CURRENT ASSETS		
1093			Bank	254	
3321			Deposit Account	985	
500			Debtors	1175	
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		4914			2414
			CURRENT LIABILITIES		
2127			Sundry creditors	516	
-			Subscriptions in advance	623	
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		(2127)			(1139)
		£ 2847			£ 1985
		<u>£ 2847</u>			<u>£ 1985</u>

represented by:

			GENERAL FUND		
2833			Balance brought forward	2847	
14			Excess of Income/(Expenditure) for the year	(862)	
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		£ 2847			£ 1985
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Approved by the Council of Management:

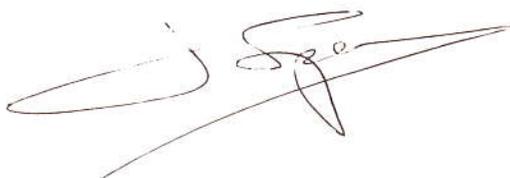
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Chairman.

J L Spencer A.C.A.
BUFORA LIMITED

Director.



BUFORA LIMITED

INCOME & EXPENDATURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st AUGUST 1988

31st August

1987

	£	£		£	£
			INCOME:		
3232			Subscriptions	2720	
296			Donations	247	
705			Publications	673	
214			Sundry Sales	280	
-			Conference	45	
235			Building Society Interest (net)	164	
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		4682			4129
			EXPENDITURE:		
3534			Publications	3278	
508			Stationery and administration	724	
396			Research and investigation	956	
624			Lecture costs	504	
(551)			Lecture income	(606)	(102)

20			Registration	20	
57			Audit fee	115	
55			Conference	-	
25			Training	-	
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		4668			4991
		----			----
	£ 14		EXCESS OF INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		
	====		FOR THE YEAR		£(862)
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Note:

The Company is limited by guarantee and in the event of winding up the liability of each member would be limited to £1.

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6. CONFERENCE - The Association will sponsor an INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE to be held at the LONDON BUSINESS SCHOOL on 14-15-16 JULY 1989, Agenda and further Information T.B.A.
7. INVESTIGATIONS - see separate report
8. RESEARCH - see separate report
9. PUBLICATIONS - see separate report
10. TRAINING - the Investigations Department has produced an excellent booklet entitled 'INVESTIGATION, the N.I.C. Guide' particularly aimed at assisting new or inexperienced investigators to achieve consistently high standards in their work. Development of the long hoped for Correspondence Course has been delayed by a tragic computer disaster. Our thanks to Jenny Randles and Bob Holland for their efforts on this work.
11. COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT - The following members constituted the COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT at 31st August 1987:

David Clarke, Manfred Cassirer, Hilary Evans,
Stephen Gamble, Bob Holland, Philip Mantle, Jenny
Randles, Andy Roberts, Simon Rose, John Spencer,
Arnold West and Mike Wootten.

No member of Council received any remuneration for services rendered during the year.

Council wishes to express it's appreciation of the help, advice and assistance given by James Danby (Membership Secretary) during the year.

Under Sections 49 and 50 of the Articles of Association, the following Council Members are retiring by rotation:

Manfred Cassirer, John Spencer, Mike Wootten
and Miss Jenny Randles.

who being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

Due to pressure of his professional commitments Hilary Evans is retiring from Council, we are honoured that he will continue to assist Council in the role of CONSULTANT to the Association.

A West

.....Chairman

CHAIRMANS REPORT

The past year has been a significant period of progress and problems for the Association.

I am pleased to say that membership shows a small increase over (10) last years figures and that the trend is continuing. At present some thirty or forty enquiries are dealt with monthly, approximately sixteen percent joining the Association.

Future plans to incorporate the BUFORA Bulletin and Journal of Transient Aerial Phenomenon into a new high grade magazine are well advanced (sec note - intended inaugural issue MAY 1989). I must express my regret concerning the irregular magazine issues during the past twelve months, this was due in part to the Post Office industrial dispute and changes in the personal circumstances of the respective Editors.

BUFORA took part in the ITV Telethon, the Investigations Directorate mounting an exhibition in the prestigious Jodrell Bank Visitor Centre. Several thousands of visitors viewed the exhibition, and attended lectures given by Jenny Randles and other speakers

The new book PHENOMENON edited by John Spencer and Hilary Evans has become a best seller, this together with Communion (Strieber) and Intruders (Budd Hopkins) have raised public awareness of the UFO phenomena to an almost all time high. This is reflected by the ever increasing number of news clips received from our cutting agency.

Higher than usual news-clip bills, together with continuing expenses incurred in the production of PHENOMENON are largely responsible for the large excess of expenditure over income shown in the accounts, this latter expense will be offset by royalties due to be paid in the next accounting period.

I would thank all members of Council for their help and support during the past year, Jim Danby the membership Secretary, Michael Hudson who maintains the Postal Library, and all researchers and investigators for their dedicated work and support. Due to his professional commitments, Hilary Evans will retire from Council at this AGM, we are pleased that he will continue with BUFORA in a consultative capacity.

**Arnold West,
Chairman.**

TREASURERS REPORT 1988

As Honorary Treasurer I duly present to you the Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts for the past twelve months. You will note that our expenditure has exceeded income. This is a misleading picture which has occurred due to our financial end of year falling at a time when we have paid all the contributors to the publication 'Phenomenon', whereas the second payment now received from the publishers will also appear in next years accounts.

However, our expenses have been very high, notably the cost of the Newsclipping service which has risen to just under £800. The reason for this is due to the dramatic increase in interest over the last year in our subject.

To further exacerbate matters subscriptions have fallen, although this has not impacted on the income received from the lecture programme, which has remained healthy.

We regrettably finish this financial year with a much reduced balance at both the building society and the bank, although we are still solvent.

Despite my last comment being on an optimistic note I close with a plea to members, that we must all strive to increase our membership base upon which the organisation depends.

Simon Rose Hon Treas.

REPORT OF THE AUDITOR TO THE MEMBERS

YEAR ENDED 31st August 1988

I have audited the financial statements as published in the Official BUFORA Annual Report 1988. The audit was conducted in accordance with approved Auditing Standards having regard to the matters referred to in the following paragraph.

In common with many businesses of similar size and organisation the company's system of control is dependant upon the close involvement of the directors. Where independent confirmation of the completeness of the accounting records was not available I have accepted assurances from the directors that all the company's transactions have been reflected in the records.

Subject to the foregoing, in my opinion the financial statements, which have been prepared under the historical cost convention give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs at 31st August 1988 and of the results for the year then ended and comply with the Company's Act 1985.

N O'Brien, FCA, Chartered Accountant

Director of Publications Report.

The 1987-88 period has been the most successful for BUFORA's publishing department. Which was highlighted by the release of two books namely 'UFOs: 1947 - 1987' and 'Phenomenon' both being edited by John Spencer and Hilary Evans. These two tomes have not only been valuable to the Association in financial terms but have re-underlined the importance of BUFORA within the structure of international ufology. Indeed, 'Phenomenon' has reached three paperback reprints and two hardback reprints (the hardbacks being a sell-out).

It is certain that these two projects would not have been so successful if it were not for the sterling efforts of the two editors, and this must be the ideal opportunity to warmly thank Hilary Evans and John Spencer for their work over the past eighteen months and the international array of contributors to the books.

Several hundred of 'The UFO World '87', edited by Jenny Randles was published in June 1987. Most of these have been sold which produced a profit for the Association. Thanks go to Jenny for the production of this important annual international research review.

During the 1987/88 period, two newsletters, two JTAPs and three Bulletins were produced and mailed to the membership (a total of over 2100 mailings). Although the layout and content quality increased (with spelling and typographic errors being reduced to 5%), there were still production problems which caused the late arrivals of BUFORA Bulletins and The Journal of Transient Aerial Phenomena. This was mainly due to personal commitments of the editors. Also a lack of production assistance for the editors is a key problem which must be resolved if we are to accomplish the ideal of publishing regular periodicals on time.

The purchase of a dedicated wordprocessor earlier in the year further help with the production of Association periodicals and leaflets.

Thanks go to the many researchers and readers who have submitted articles and letters for inclusion in JTAP and BUFORA Bulletin. Thanks also go to John Spencer, Gaynor Sunderland, Nigel Smith and Andy Roberts for helping with production over the past year.

Mike Wootten,
Director of Publications.

Director of Investigations Report.

During 1988, the BUFORA Investigations department has continued to operate with one primary responsibility; to follow up reports of UFO sightings and prepare detailed case histories for the research teams and the archives.

At the time of compiling this report (late 1988) 60 cases have been entered onto the records during the year; although many others were in process. Of these, seven were rated unexplained after investigation (many sightings were lights in the sky which would have increased that percentage). IFO sightings were not pursued.

Cases came to our attention in a variety of ways. Primary point of receipt remains the press cutting agency - which involved a record number of cuttings in 1988 (over 850 for the year!) Although some were case reports for follow up, many were spurious and ridiculous UFO articles published by the sensational tabloids - notably the Sunday Sport, whose tales ranged from the boy who was turned into an clive by an alien ray gun and then drunk with a martini, to the bomber plane placed on the moon by the aliens (some cynics allege with a bit of help from Airfix models or their ilk).

However, genuine interest was also reflected in the cuttings - with enormous attention in January to the Mundrabilla, Australia sighting, which in fact was not up to half the calibre the media implied (see UFO World Review 1988/1989). Some BUFORA reports achieved attention also - including the Peter Beard photographic case from Barnsley (rather poorly treated by the Daily Star).

Media Attention also focussed on books associated with BUFORA or members of the investigation team; including BUFORA's own 'Phenomenon' (extracted in the Weekly News). These brought in some case reports. As did our regular and amicable contacts with police and university departments in certain areas. In December, one witness was even recommended to us when he telephoned the Ministry of Defence, so things are certainly looking up!

Of the cases handled, perhaps the greatest effort was expanded upon the Barnsley photographs by Philip Mantle, Andy Roberts and Dave Clarke. An excellent preliminary analysis by BUFORA's photographic expert, Nigel Smith, was followed by extensive work on the USA under the Auspices of the professional expert, optical physicist, Dr Bruce Maccabee. The results were disappointing in terms of probable authenticity of the pictures - but it was an extremely thorough study of the case which you will no doubt read a lot more about in the coming months.

There were few impressive cases during the year; with the

lights in the sky predominating. But two video films of UFOs were taken (oddly close together in time and space) Both turned out to be disappointments, with probable natural explanations being found for each by Ken Phillips and Mike Lewis/David Pearson. Many investigators also uncovered evidence that low level (and secret) military aircraft operations have been escalating in recent months and creating a large number of misidentifications. MP for Stafford, Bill Cash has been working with BUFORA investigators pressing for enquiries into these activities.

Investigation is the province of the National Investigations Committee (NIC) - which is fully responsible to the BUFORA Council, but which has as its voting members all Accredited Investigators (AIs). We have gained and lost some members. The most sad being the tragic loss of our East Anglian Co-ordinator, Peter Johnson, who died in August 1988 after many years of first class service. There are currently 22 AIs (with three provisionals).

The NIC met five times during the year - in London in March and October 1988 and February 1989 and in Crewe, Cheshire in May 1988, and Brighouse, West Yorkshire in July 1988. Links were established with both SKYSCAN (a midlands based group) and ASSAP (the national paranormal investigation group) - with agreements for co-operation on cases and prevention of duplication or overlap. Michael Lewis, who is a BUFORA co-ordinator, took on the ASSAP national co-ordinator post to further cement this working relationship.

The NIC released a booklet for AIs which outlines the format and requirements of a case report and offers useful guidelines to investigation procedures. Work also proceeded on the first 'Case History' (a detailed review of the Peter Day movie film case from Oxfordshire) and an updated and expanded report on the mystery circles in southern England - both of which will be hopefully released in 1989.

BUFORA's NIC was also well represented on Television, with investigators contributing serious input on behalf of UFO organisation in UFO debates on the "Kilroy" programme (BBC1) and "The Time, The Place" (ITV) - amongst others.

In addition, the NIC did its bit for charity by helping out the ITV "Telethon" in May. Sites were organised in the midlands, in Yorkshire and at the Jodrell Bank radio telescope in Cheshire (where BUFORA staged an exhibition, gave lectures in the Planetarium and ran competitions), all told these worthwhile and genuine efforts attracted thousands of visitors, produced a good deal of publicity and lead to several older cases being reported to the 'UFO Witness Surgery' set up in confidence in one of the offices at Jodrell Bank. This major co-operative effort between UFO investigators, the public and a scientific research centre also raised (at the various sites) over £1000 towards the appeal.

My thanks to all those who have investigated cases, attended NIC meetings and generally helped the cause of cautious and REAL ufology during the year and let us hope for an equally successful 1989

Jenny Randles,
Director of Investigations.

REPORT OF THE RESEARCH DEPARTMENT FOR PERIOD ENDED 31/8/88.

- 1) During this period S.Gamble has continued in the capacity of Director of Research.
- 2) The primary work of the department has been concerned with the dual objectives of research into UFO and associated phenomena, and the technical support of field investigations.
- 3) During the year two meetings of the research committee were held. In addition, representatives of the research department attended meetings of the national investigations committee.
- 4) Mike Wootten has continued work on the computerised indexing of case reports. Due to other commitments Mike indicated that he would not be able to continue with this project beyond the end of the (BUFORA) year. Mike Hudson has now taken over this work.

During the course of the year it was agreed that the case index should be transferred to work on computers using the CP/M operating system, particularly the Amstrad PCW range, of which a number are in use throughout BUFORA.

- 5) Paul Fuller has continued his work into circular damage to fields of cereal crops. Regular updates on the progress of this work have appeared in BUFORA publications. He has been assisted by several BUFORA members, for example Ernest Still, Clive Potter and Ray Shaw were involved in the investigations of crop damage in Leicestershire.
- 6) Nigel Smith has continued to head the photographic and traces group. He has been assisted in this by Roger Chinery and Steve Gamble.
- 7) The department has continued to monitor use of computers for UFO research. This is monitored by Paul Fuller using forms previously published in both BUFORA BULLETIN and JTAP.
- 8) Two issues of the Journal of Transient Aerial Phenomena have been issued during the year.
- 9) During the course of the year, Ken Phillips started work on establishing a translators panel. This will be helpful for

translating foreign journals for research purposes, for example Peter Harvey is working on the UMMO series of cases from Spain where most of the original documents are in Spanish.

- 10) Mike Wootten, assisted by Gaynor Sunderland, has continued work on refurbishing the case report files. A decision was taken to centralise reports held by all BUFORA officers. This will be at the registered office.
- 12) The following people have assisted Steve Gamble in the work of the research department : Roger Chinery, James Danby, Robert Digby, Paul Fuller, Peter Harvey, Mike Hudson, Robin Lindsey, Ken Phillips, Nigel Smith, Gaynor Sunderland, Mike Wootten and Arnold West.

Steve Gamble,
Director of Research

DONATIONS

The Following made donations during the year towards the work of the Association. Donations received between 1st September 1987 and 31st August 1988.

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Booklook..... Reviews

by John Spencer.

'Dimensions' by Jacques Vallee.
(Published by Souvenir Press).

There are certain pleasures in life: a good meal, a pleasant film, an engaging companion. A new book by Jacques Vallee is another welcome such pleasure.

'Dimensions' lives up to its pedigree, it is well thought out, refreshingly vital and challenges conventional thinking. Like his much earlier books 'Challenge to science' and 'Passport to Magonia', this book will give rise to radical thinking, and will no doubt be the stimulus for much debate in future years. Coming as he does from America this will be no bad thing, as UFOlogy in that country is in great danger of stagnating while its 'leading lights' treat the subject as solved, conduct their work as if it is merely confirming answers already known and treat the ETH as if it were a fact rather than a theory.

The book covers what has often been missed, the folklore connections, the spiritual dimensions, the associated phenomena of other peoples. It looks at the prosaic and the profound. I particularly liked his treatment of the elves and other 'little people', for which he uses the name 'Secret Commonwealth'.

I recently attended the International UFO congress in

Brussels, where Vallee was also a delegate. One speaker, I think it was Eduardo Russo, pointed out that there is not one Vallee, but several. We have seen Vallee the computer scientist, Vallee the folklorist, Vallee the philosopher, and all continue their work in 'Dimensions'.

His thinking is very flexible and not at all restrained; at Brussels I and the other British delegates also met Vallee the joker: over breakfast he proposed a new theory to explain the bizarre inconsistencies in UFO data - he suggested that there were two races in competition to see how many UFO books they could each get written about themselves!

I eagerly await not only the next book, but the next Vallee; I like having my thinking challenged and anyone not content to be told what the UFO phenomenon is, but wanting to discover it for themselves will learn from and enjoy this book also.

In an interview with Linda J Strand in the the MUFON journal of May 1988 Vallee is quoted as saying "My mind works best by soaking up data like a sponge and squeezing it every once in a while".

Buy 'Dimensions' and take a refreshing shower under that sponge

UFOLOGY: DIVIDED BY TWO NATIONS?

by Jenny Randles

Jenny continues her paper discussing the differences between American and British ufology.

These UFOs are undoubtedly objective phenomena of one sort or another. Or, as I would contend, several different sorts of objective phenomena. I believe it to be a mistake to instill the idea that these must be alien, hence my use of the term UAP, for these cases.

But, I can almost hear you shouting, what about the abductions? Quite right. This is indisputably the growth area of ufology and a genuine problem does exist. I am not in the least satisfied with any existent attempts to explain it all away, either in psychological or space kidnap terms. The evidence is supportive of both ideas, too. This is a worrying factor.

I agree that we may not yet know the full extent of the abduction phenomenon and there are bound to be complications now the event has become legitimised following the events of 1987.

For instance, less than six hours after transmission in the UK of the episode of Dynasty where Fallon first describes her own on-board abduction a "real" event occurred near Accrington, Lancashire. A hysterical woman claimed to be kidnapped from her bed by figures with leathery skins that smelt of cinnamon. This was obviously based on the TV show (which she admitted having seen)

since these unusual Strieber-type images were featured on that. Yet the woman believed otherwise and was deeply upset by her vivid encounter.

I have investigated a number of British abduction reports (see my book Abduction, Robert Hale). I do not believe from this first hand experience that they are 'just hallucinations' or 'products of the human psyche'; or some pseudo-Jungian claptrap. But I am aware, as all abduction researchers should be, of the way these cases differ from UAP type events.

Abductions are not filmed. Nor do they have radar support. There aren't even any credible pictures of aliens in non-abduction situations, let alone during the abductions themselves. The average number of witnesses per case is much closer to 1.0, which is of course total subjectivity. Only the percipient perceives. Abductions are far more isolated events than UAP encounters.

Indeed, UAPs are seen. **abductions are experienced.**

These do hint at abductions being separate from what we think of as UFOs. It may be that we have both an objective UAP phenomenon and an essentially subjective abduction phenomenon.

But, of course, I repeat that I am not suggesting that abductions are purely psychological events. Only that they seem to occur in a psychological form. I think that there are grounds to postulate an alien trigger factor in these experiences.

To close with an analogy. Think about a mythical scientist studying "things in the sky". To simplify matters he has just birds and radio waves to contend with. The birds he can record, classify, go to places where they congregate from time to time, track on radar and photograph. Doesn't that all sound rather familiar?

Radio waves are quite different. you can't go somewhere and expect to see one. You can't photograph them. Indeed you need a special decoding instrument to be in to be in the right place at the right time so as to tune into the signal and make it real. Of course, it always was real. But real in a very different way from birds.

I strongly suspect this is what we face right now. The trouble is the programme being broadcast through our receivers seems to be one about ornithology. This tempts us to make what may be a serious miscalculation.

— "Rencontres de Lyon" 29-30 Avril/1er Mai —

The third European "Rencontres de Lyon - 1989" Congress will be held once again in the city of Lyon on April 29th, 30th, and May 1st. The congress is open to all individuals and groups wishing to increase their knowledge or seriously debate the UFO phenomenon whatever their opinion or affiliation.

The congress met with great success both in 1987 and 1988. It is a french forum (with the official congress language being french) for ideas and thoughts where ufologists from around the world can publicise their research. The congress acts like a 'crossroad' where ufologists and scientists alike, interested in the UFO phenomenon can freely express and exchange their points of view. It is also a junctionpoint where authors seeking to publicize a recent book can secure a publisher or translation rights.

Being centrally situated on the continent, Lyon is easily accessible with good rail, plane and road links. The conference and boarding facilities are of good quality and reasonably priced.

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3. Which parts of BUFORA Bulletin do you prefer (score 1 - 10 with 1 being the highest)

Brief reports	__	Research articles	__
Letters	__	Editorials	__
UFO media News	__	Book & Magazine Reviews	__
Case Studies	__	Theoretical papers	__

4. What would you like to see more of in future BUFORA publications?

5. If you have any further comments or suggestions please write them below (or use a separate sheet of paper).

Remember: Feedback is very important to help us improve our publishing efforts and ultimately give you better value for money

4th February

BUFORA LECTURE **How to Investigate Spontaneous Cases**
Speaker Tony Cornell at the LBS

4th March

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BUFORA LECTURE **In Ken Arnold's Footsteps**
Speaker Pierre Lagrange at the LBS.

1st April

BUFORA LECTURE **Aliens a Natural History**
Speaker Ralph Noyes at the LBS.

22nd April

BUFORA/IUN LECTURE **Bradford Central Library (see page 8).**

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