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EDITORIAL

After a number of years doing other jobs for BUFORA, I unexpectedly find myself, albeit temporarily, back in the editorial hotseat. Over the past few months BUFORA has had its problems. John Spencer outlines a plan for the way forward in the following paper.

Essentially BUFORA entered this financial year with no reserves and with a number of forward commitments. All those commitments have been met but whilst BUFORA has dealt with these problems services have been restricted. Now BUFORA is in a position to start rebuilding its services to members and this Bulletin is a step on that road. BUFORA's own problems have been exaggerated by what appears to be a massive collapse in interest in UFOs and the paranormal - many of the magazines that were available on the bookstalls a few months ago are now history. The Council has taken steps to reduce the expenditure of the Association and get things back on track.

Dave Newton took over our publications last Summer and, together with Robert Moore, made great efforts to restart the *UFO TIMES*. This resulted in the double issue of *UFO TIMES* which was distributed at the end of October. At that point it looked as if BUFORA was starting to turn the corner, but a number of unexpected bills dented the recovery. Dave produced the first edition of the BUFORA Bulletin at the end of January as a means of keeping in contact with members. Dave and his team have also did a great deal of work towards another issue of *UFO TIMES*.

As John's paper outlines, a ambitious publication schedule for the Bulletin is anticipated. Dave had hoped (as the rest of the Council) that the system would be up and running by now and he would be able to delegate some of the work. With the change in publishing schedule Dave felt he should hand over to somebody else. The Council and I am sure the members, thank Dave for all his hard work and wish him well in his future ventures. Hopefully Dave will be a regular contributor to these pages.

Future editions of the Bulletin will carry letters, investigation and research updates and full reports on individual cases.

Steve Gamble

BUFORA - Getting ready for 2000 and beyond.

John Spencer

Things are changing in BUFORA, and, we are confident, to the Members' advantage. I want to set out below how we see those changes happening.

It will not have missed your attention that BUFORA has been going through some difficulties over the past few months. There have been a variety of reasons but primarily attacks on BUFORA Council members have caused a great deal of despair and lack of motivation among them. That is now over. Although I am sure that the attacks will continue - they come from a small coterie of people for whom telling other people what they should be doing in ufology is more important to them than actually doing anything themselves - the Council is determined not to waste time on them but to spend its energies as it should do in working for the Associations' Members.

The magazine is your primary instrument for reading about BUFORA's research and investigation. It is also where contributors can bring to you the wider field of ufology which is, after all, what you signed up membership for. Furthermore, it is the primary area of contact between the Council and the members. For that reason we are redesigning the structure so that you will now receive more frequent, smaller magazines. Initially we hope to mail out to members every six weeks; the longer term plan is a monthly mailing. That will ensure that you can keep up to date with BUFORA and ufology generally. It will also mean we can communicate with you more frequently, keeping you up to date with what's going on in ufology. To make the best use of our time and resources we are exchanging gloss for quality. Out will go the colour and the glossy pages which were designed to make it a 'high street' marketable publication; in will come simplicity of production. We think you want quality of words, not newsprint. (The high street in any case became dominated by 'tabloid' writing which is not the area that BUFORA wanted to enter. In any case that market is now having difficulties anyway.)

We can also promise you that the magazine, and any other outlets for BUFORA, will carry ufology, not politics and back-biting and personality-demolition.

Having introduced 'other outlets', the main area will be our website. That is being brought fully up to date and will be available to members probably at the same time as you are reading this now. It will contain information about BUFORA's current research and investigation activity and we shall use it as an addition to the magazine to bring to those who have internet access a further range of material from around the world. The website will not be fully interactive as it has been in the past; unfortunately the same small band of aggressive personalities that have sought to damage BUFORA are permanently disrupting the interactive areas of the website. Once we have instigated controls that will allow genuinely committed members to use the website for legitimate ufology, we shall open up those interactive areas.

Furthermore we shall be more pro-active in posting to the world's 'bulletin areas' such as 'UFO UPDATE'. Anyone reading those areas will be finding unprincipled attacks on BUFORA and its members; we shall not rise to argue with those attacks which we believe adds nothing to ufology but we shall use the site to let readers know of the genuine work that is being done by BUFORA's researchers and investigators.

Over the next few issues of this magazine we shall be setting out areas of the subject where we would value your input: witness support groups; the use of hypnosis in memory retrieval, and so on. The information we put together will be making a contribution to world-wide debates on these various subjects. Please let us have your views.

BUFORA ON THE WORLD WIDE WEB

After a short break, caused by the previous supplier taking down the website earlier than expected, the BUFORA website is back up on a different server. The address to access it is still the same which is :

www.bufora.org.uk

RESEARCH UPDATE

Steve Gamble, Director of Research

The Research section have a number of ongoing projects. This is an update on some of the work being carried out.

HYPNOSIS STUDY

The review into the use of hypnosis in UFO investigations is continuing under the joint leadership of Gloria Dixon, John Spencer and myself. A separate update report on this project is being written for publication in a forthcoming Bulletin. Thanks are due to both Kevin McClure and Mick Jones for their input.

BALL OF LIGHT UFOs

Whilst Close Encounter Experiencers (CEE) make up about between a third and half of all UFO reports for which there appears to be no rational explanation, a majority of the rest fall into the category of Ball Of Light UFOs (or BOLs). Robert Moore has been running a project called BOLIDE looking at BOL reports. As he has been working on this, updates on the project have appeared in various BUFORA publications. Robert has now published a preliminary report on the BOLIDE project talking about the history of the project, looking at some case reports and looking at some possible explanations. The report also describes the work he has been doing on the BOLIDE database to support this project. Copies are available from BUFORA Publications, 16 Southway, Burgess Hill, Sussex, RH15 9ST for £4-50 including post and packing.

As part of our ongoing work we have identified a couple of locations where there are many BOL reports over a number of years. These would be prime candidates for some form of proactive study which could involve skywatching and/or setting up automated test equipment. This issue contains a separate item about skywatch activities.

PRE-1985 CATALOGUE

Around 90% of raw UFO reports can be explained after investigation as

being either natural phenomena or man-made events. The strength of the explanation varies from being a definite explanation, through highly probable explanations down to those cases where the explanation offered is only a remote possibility. Of the reports where an explanation can be offered, around 40% are explained as being aircraft. The object of this project is to look at reports from before the time of aircraft on the basis that if you eliminate a major source of misidentifications are you getting a purer sample of the genuine UFO reports.

The date of 1895 was chosen as the cut-off date because although the Wright brothers did not fly until 1904 the era of the airships started earlier. Originally we thought that the airships started around 1897, but in practice we have found references to airships well before that. Unpowered gliders start in the mid-1800s and of course balloons start even earlier, so we are having to revise our ideas as we go. The project was headed up for a while by Richard Conway, but is now being run by me. This project would also tie in with the work Lionel Beer has done on "Flight before Wright". Our cover picture for this issue is taken from a woodcut of a famous incident from 1561.

MEN-IN-BLACK

Robert Bull has been heading up the project to collect data about Men-In-Black reports. Robert is still collecting material and is following up a number of interesting leads. The Men-In-Black phenomenon first came to light with the sudden withdrawal from active research of Albert Bender way back in the 1950s. Amongst the continuing work Robert is doing he is trying to track down Bender or even to find out if he is still alive.

Over the summer Robert wrote a preliminary report on his investigations into the Men-In-Black. This is now in its second printing, copies are available from BUFORA Publications, 16 Southway, Burgess Hill, Sussex, RH15 9ST for £4.50 including post and packing. If you have information about any cases involving Men-In-Black please write to Robert at the BUFORA address.

RESEARCH GRANTS

For a number of years BUFORA has run a scheme where individual

members can request financial assistance with a project of their own, subject to them writing progress reports which BUFORA could publish. It is likely that in the near future the research section will not have funds to be able to do this, but we hope to be able to reintroduce the scheme as soon as possible.

Further updates on the work of BUFORA's Research section will be carried in future editions of the Bulletin.

BRIEF ITEMS

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Thanks to all those people who have sent in snippets of information and newscuttings.

SKYWATCHING and PROACTIVE RESEARCH

Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) are one of the great mysteries of the late twentieth century. There are three broad ways of researching these phenomena. These are 1) Historical studies, 2) Reactive research (i.e. somebody sees something, then an investigator follows up the case) and finally 3) Proactive research (literally going out looking for UFOs). BUFORA is trying to operate in all three areas of research.

The most common form of data researchers have to work with consists of reports of random observations made by members of the general public (the Reactive component of research). Whilst this data in itself is very important much more detailed information can be obtained by groups of trained observers working in a structured way, especially if this can be backed up by instrumentation. BUFORA, in association with other groups, is promoting skywatches as support to its programme of proactive research of UFO phenomena. Apart from the possibility of seeing your own UFO (which might be very rare on a watch) the skywatch gives people the chance to learn and see for themselves all the strange things which normally go on in our skies.

The Proactive research initiative is being co-ordinated by Philip Walton. As well as co-ordinating the skywatches Philip is working on instrumented detection of UFOs on behalf of BUFORA. The watches normally take place starting early Saturday evening and continue through to Sunday morning. People may take part in as many watches as they wish. It is not necessary for everybody to be there for the whole period of the watch. Indeed in event of poor weather conditions it may be necessary to cancel or cut short a particular watch.

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Please contact the skywatch co-ordinator, Philip Walton, at least two weeks before the date you wish to take part, or if you wish to organise your own local site. Philip will be able to inform you of the nearest groups to you who will be going out on any particular watch and will be able to give you advice. His contact details are:

Email: Skywatch@assap.org
Phone: 0181 313 1556

If you contact Philip please remember to include your full postal address and phone number and if you have one your email address. Apart from the National watches local groups may also be arranging additional watches in your area.

All watches are organised by local groups and individuals as a voluntary effort. Watches are generally held in open areas with good views of the sky. This means that shelter and other facilities are often minimal or non-existent and may involve standing or walking across muddy or rough ground in the dark. Local organisers will be able to advise you of the conditions at their site. BUFORA, its officers and local organisers cannot be held responsible for any loss or injury to any party taking part in these events. The right is reserved to cancel, alter the length or change the date or venue of any watch either nationally or at a local site. Whilst it is hoped this will not be necessary, efforts will be made to inform people who have pre-registered their interest as far in advance as possible. In certain circumstances, especially adverse weather, it may not be possible to make a decision until the day.

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Contact With Extra-Terrestrials? The Story of George Adamski

Steve Gamble

Many people become interested in UFOs because of the popular view that UFOs are extraterrestrial spacecraft. Only time will tell whether this view will ultimately turn out to be correct. There are something like forty different theories that have been proposed to explain UFO reports. The Extra-Terrestrial Hypothesis or ETH is but one of these. Given that there is little hard evidence to support any of these theories, the ETH should at least be given equal consideration with the others.

The real evidence that would prove the ETH would be the recovery of part or a whole Spacecraft or the recovery of an Extra-Terrestrial being for study. Unfortunately the reports that either of these events has occurred either turn out to be hoaxes or it is stated that the evidence has been taken away by government agencies. So the bottom line is that no evidence of this nature is available for civilian researchers to study.

There is a second potential line of evidence which could be considered. That evidence is the statements of the contactees. These are a small group of people who say that they have not only seen the operators of strange machines which they believe may be spacecraft, but they have actually spoken to these operators. In many cases the contactees report that they have been shown around these craft and in some cases they report that they have been taken on trips aboard these craft. Perhaps the most famous of these contactees was George Adamski. My interest in contactee reports was reawakened when I recently saw a new documentary video about contactees produced by Michael Hesemann. This included long segments of interview with Desmond Leslie who was an early collaborator of Adamski's

Adamski was born in Poland on 17th April 1891. He moved to the United States with his parents when he was aged two. Adamski often used the title Professor, although there is no evidence that he held any academic qualification which would entitle him to use such a designation. He joined the US Army in 1919 where he stayed for several years. In the early 1940s Adamski was living on the slopes of Mount Palomar and working at a local

hamburger stall. In around 1946 he wrote a science fiction novel called *Pioneers of Space*.

Adamski had a number of UFO sightings, which he said started in 1946, and later a number of contactee experiences. He also took a number of photographs of UFOs over several years. These photographs included small disk shaped craft said to be about 30 feet in diameter (the classic Flying Saucer, sometimes referred to as a Scout craft) and larger cigar shaped mothercraft from which the disks operated.

On Thursday 20th November 1952 Adamski went to the desert near Blythe, California accompanied by several friends: George Hunt Williamson, Betty Williamson, Mr & Mrs Al Bailey, Lucy McGinnis and Alice K. Wells. (Following Adamski's death on 23rd April 1965 Alice Wells formed the George Adamski Foundation, a world-wide organisation to distribute information about Adamski and his work.) The object of the trip was to observe UFOs. After they had spotted a cigar shaped object Adamski left the rest of the group to investigate a small canyon.

In this canyon Adamski said he came across a being near to a landed Flying Saucer. Adamski said that this being communicated with him using a mixture of telepathy and sign language. He described the being as a sun tanned Caucasian man about 5 feet 6 inches tall with shoulder length sandy coloured hair. Adamski estimated the age of the man to be 28 years old. The being told Adamski that he had come from Venus. During their meeting the being asked Adamski if he could take away one of his photographic plates. Several weeks later Adamski saw a saucer hovering near his home at Palomar Gardens. He said a hand came out and dropped the film holder to him. When the plate was developed it contained an image with a number of hieroglyphs. (Immediately springs to mind that some of the wreckage associated with the Roswell incident is also described as bearing strange hieroglyphs.)

After the being and the spacecraft had left, Adamski noticed that the being had left footprints in the sand. When he was rejoined by his colleagues, one of their number George Hunt Williamson was able to make a plaster cast of the footprints. (This was remarkable forward planning to bring plaster of Paris - just think of the large number of UFO witnesses who say 'I had a camera in my bag or in my car and I just didn't think to use it!')

Following the first encounter Adamski had a number of later meetings with extraterrestrials who he said included visitors from Mars, Jupiter and Saturn. He also later told of being taken for trips on board these flying saucers. Adamski described cities on the far side of the Moon as well as lakes and forests.

John Spencer (1991) states about Adamski "The most obvious problem is that science has overtaken many of his claims, in the way that we know Venus will not support humanoid life; so we now know that Adamski could not have stepped on to the surface of the gas giant planets - if they have surfaces".

Adamski said that he saw snow capped mountains on the far side of the Moon. But the conventional wisdom for many years was that there was no water on the moon, and if there is no water how could you have snow. Well a few months ago NASA announced that the Clementine spacecraft had found traces of water on the moon. Only traces of water, not great lakes or snow as described by Adamski, but none the less water. I am not saying Adamski was right, much of what he said goes against what we currently take as fact, but as our knowledge increases some of the new thinking seems to fit better with his work than the ideas they replaced.

The BUFORA Journal for Spring 1969 (Vol 2, No 8, page 12) carries a news item about the Adamski photographs. "According to a letter from the U.S. Department of Air Force, addressed to the Hon. Lloyd Meeds and dated 26th January 1968, photo analysts at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, have determined that the Adamski prints contain stimuli caused by a tobacco humidor and three ping pong balls." It is followed by a comment by John Cleary-Baker, the editor of the Journal, "I would myself have supposed that the controversial photographs were of a larger object, perhaps a marine mooring buoy. One more puzzle amongst the many which confront us in connection with the late George Adamski".

Margaret Sachs (1981) states that researcher Frank Edwards came to the conclusion that Adamski's photograph of the disk shaped Scout Craft was nothing more than the top of a canister type vacuum cleaner made in 1937. But astronomer Donald Menzel had already identified it as a chicken brooder which had three infrared bulbs on the underside. I am often accused by people of being too sceptical, that may be true. But the mark of the true sceptic is that they distrust all claims equally.

I would love to believe these claims that Adamski's photographs have been identified, but for each claim to identify the thing Adamski photographed as being a different and widely available object just doesn't hold water. Adamski's pictures are not some distant fuzzy object but relatively sharp fairly close objects. If researchers are going to identify them as fakes then surely, these above any other pictures, they should all be able to identify as the same object.

Shortly before his death Adamski was visiting Madeline Rodeffer at her home in Silver Spring, Maryland. Between 3pm and 4pm on the afternoon of 26th February 1965 Adamski took 8mm movie film using Rodeffer's camera of a classic scout craft flying in front of Rodeffer's house. There were also other witnesses present. Adamski had told a number of friends that he expected to be reincarnated after his death. On 24th April 1965 (the day after Adamski died) Ernest Bryant had a contactee experience at Scoriton in Devon. One of the beings he encountered said his name was Yamski, which was taken by some of the supporters of Adamski to be him reincarnated. But the Scoriton affair is a whole complex story in its own right.

Adamski has been classed as a fraud by many researchers. As the sceptics are quick to remind us - people making extra-ordinary claims should produce extra-ordinary evidence. So is there any evidence to support Adamski's claims? Well if we ignore the testimony of the people who went to the desert with him in November 1952 and the witnesses to the filming at Rodeffer's house (in both cases they were associates of Adamski so cannot be considered independent), I can think of two things.

When he travelled into space on board the flying saucer he described the craft being followed through space by lots of little tiny glinting particles like fireflies. When John Glenn went into space in 1962 he described these little fireflies following his spacecraft - just as Adamski had done ten years before! These particles have subsequently been identified as ice crystals and paint flakes shed by Glenn's spacecraft. But how could Adamski have known about them nine years before Gagarin's historic first flight?

The second thing I believe supports Adamski's claim are the photographs taken by Stephen Darbshire. In February 1954 Stephen and his cousin Adrian Myers were out near Coniston when they saw and took two photographs of an object similar to one of Adamski's scout craft. At

the time Stephen was aged 6. Leonard Cramp took both Adamski's and Darbshire's photographs of scout craft and used orthographic projection to produce views of the objects from the same angle. The proportions of the two craft seemed to match. Later Darbshire issued a statement saying he faked the photos, then later saying that he had not faked them, but had issued the earlier statement to get people off his back. If Darbshire had faked his photographs then that in itself would have been a good feat for a six year old, but to match the proportions of Adamski's craft so well would have been remarkable. Of course, by now Adamski and Desmond Leslie's book had been published in the UK, so that could have been the inspiration if Darbshire's pictures really are faked.

Following the release of photographs taken by one of the early Russian space probes of the far side of the Moon, Adamski was asked how come the did not show the cities and lakes he had described. He is supposed to have replied that the Russians had doctored the pictures to mislead the Americans! Given the recent claims in some of the UFOlogical press that the pictures of the manned Moon landings are faked - maybe Adamski will be proved right after all.

If we have to have a bottom line I guess it would be that much of what Adamski said could be faked or there is just not supporting evidence, however there parts where there are unanswered questions or there are other witnesses. The case against Adamski is not proven beyond doubt.

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WHAT'S ON

This is a section we hope to expand in future issues of the Bulletin.

Saturday 6th June 1998 BUFORA

Speaker : Malcolm Robinson (see page 20 for details)

Saturday 20th to Sunday 21st June 1998

National Skywatch (see page 9 for details)

Saturday 8th August 1998 NUFORC

The Northampton UFO Research Centre will be holding it's
"Summer Seminar". To be held at The Friend's Meeting House,
Wellington Street, Northampton. Start 10am, finish approx 5pm.

Saturday 5th September 1998 BUFORA

Start of new lecture season (see page 20)

The A47 Window

Robert Bull

5 February 1994. Andy is travelling home from his night shift at a plastics factory. It is 06:20, and he has just joined the A47 as it becomes the Castor and Ailsworth bypass, 2 miles west of his home in Peterborough.

Looking out of his right-hand window, he sees two orange lights, close to each other, seemingly some distance away, and moving at his speed. After two or three minutes, the lights change direction, moving north across the A47 in front of him. The object (if that is what it is) then slows down, allowing Andy almost to catch up with it. The object changes direction, moving south back across the A47, and then changing direction again to move eastwards, paralleling the road.

At this point Andy was very close to the lights, and he stops his car in a lay-by, switches the engine off and gets out. The orange lights are now white, and a third, sparkling light appears between them, the three lights lying on a straight line. There is no sound, and the lights are absolutely stationary.

The object then slowly moves directly overhead, and Andy sees a fourth white light, the four lights forming a diamond shape. He hears a humming noise, not unlike that heard from a mains transformer. Andy gets back in his car and gives chase, but loses the object behind some woodland in North Bretton.

4 March 1994. Norman is driving his HGV eastbound on the A47 near Allexton, midway between Leicester and Peterborough, at about 04:00. He sees a pair of large, bright, stationary white lights in the sky to his right (southwards), with a smaller, dimmer light in between them. The lights are stationary, and he loses sight of them as he climbs Wardley hill.

Having got to the top of the hill he sees the lights again, which are now moving, southwards towards Market Harborough. He loses sight of the lights as he draws level with Uppingham.

Meanwhile, Mrs M., of Harringworth, Northamptonshire, is awake at about 04:15 and happens to look out of her bedroom window, which faces west.

She sees, through her binoculars, what appear to be four or five white lights forming a circle.

Both Norman and Mrs M are convinced they have seen something unusual, and report their sightings to RAF Wittering. A glance at the map, and an appreciation of the times, the probable speed of the lights and their direction of flight, makes it almost certain that we have independent witnesses of the same phenomenon.

Following investigation, all the objects are classified as 'unknown', although the then BUFORA Director of Investigations, in his wisdom, decides that Andy's humming diamond formation is a helicopter.

November 1996. A family claim they were 'Buzzed' by a UFO on the A47 between Peterborough and Wisbech. The terrified party were returning from a visit to the City along the dark and deserted road when suddenly their vehicle was bathed in a bright pink light. Looking up they saw a dark shape swoop above them and then pursue them down the Road.

The jet black object was triangular in shape with bright lights at each point. The British-based International UFO Research Network (IUFORN), which has branches in Northern Ireland, Belgium, four American states and Australia, says it is taking the report seriously. It is now appealing for further witnesses to the encounter, which the family did not report until July 1997.

IUFORN leader Russell Kellett said: 'This is the first report we have received from the skies of Peterborough, and we are taking it very seriously. Four witnesses have stepped forward, after quite a while, and reported the same thing. One of the things people always say with these things is that they are military aircraft, and there are bases around Peterborough but some things, like the pink glow, don't match up.' The four in the car, the driver, his girlfriend, her mother and a friend asked to have their identities kept secret.

(The first two reports from my own files, the last one from the Peterborough Evening Telegraph, 21 July 1997. All names changed.) This item originally appeared in the CUFOG News, newsletter of the Cambridge UFO Group, of which Robert is editor.

11th Annual International UFO Conference

The sixth man on the moon, Apollo 14 astronaut Edgar D. Mitchell, will be the featured speaker among a dozen UFO investigators discussing the latest developments in ufology at the 11th annual international conference on "The UFO Experience" on October 10-11, 1998 at the Holiday Inn in North Haven, Connecticut, USA.

Other speakers on the program are:

Dan Brookes and John Dorazio, Connecticut ufologists who will discuss "UFOs in Connecticut—A Grassroots Investigation." Brookes and Dorazio are cofounders of the UFO Research and Study Organization (UFORSO)

Michael Hesemann, a ufologist and cultural anthropologist from Germany, will speak on "UFOs—The Secret History." His presentation will discuss the government-military involvement with UFOs from the 1940s to the present.

Linda Moulton Howe, M.S., an Emmy-winning television producer who has investigated the phenomenon of animal mutilation and UFOs, will speak on "Glimpses of Other Realities—1998 Update."

Philip Imbrogno, M.S., a ufologist and coauthor of *Night Siege: The Hudson Valley UFO Mystery*, will report on "Contact of the Fifth Kind." He contends there is a silent alien invasion under way and the U.S. government knows of it. He will present evidence to demonstrate his claim.

Jack Kewaunee Lapseritis, M.S., author of the just-published book *The Psychic Sasquatch: A UFO Connection*, will discuss his research into the Sasquatch people, popularly known as Bigfoot, and their relation to UFOs.

Joe Lewels, Ph.D., will discuss "Aliens or Angels: The Controversy Over the God Hypothesis."

Michael Mannion, a New York City author, will discuss his just-published book, *Operation Mindshift*, which looks at how public opinion and public perception of the UFO phenomenon is influenced by direct and by stealthy means.

Derrel Sims, an "alien hunter" from Houston, Texas, will present "Medical and Scientific Evidence of Alien Contact" gathered by him over 34 years of research.

Daved Rubien, state director of the Mutual UFO Network for Rhode Island, will speak on "The ETs We Encounter Today."

Robert Wood, Ph.D., a retired aerospace engineer-scientist, will talk about "Cosmic Watergate: New Evidence of Crashed UFOs Recovered by the Government."

Admission is by registration only. The registration fee is \$125 until June 30, \$145 until August 30 and \$175 thereafter. The fee does not include lodging or meals. To register or for further information, write to Omega Communications, P. O. Box 2051, Cheshire, Connecticut 06410-5051, USA.

BUFORA LECTURES

Meetings are held at the University of Westminster, 35 Marylebone Road, London, NW1 5LS starting at 2pm and lasting until approximately 5pm.

Saturday 6th June 1998

Speaker : Malcolm Robinson

Title : to be announced

(Note: change to advertised speaker)

Malcolm Robinson is one of the leading investigators of UFO phenomena in Scotland. For several years he has investigated the huge wave of reports from the Bonnybridge area and will discuss his recent researches.

Please note : There are no London Lectures during July and August. The new lecture season will start on Saturday 5th September. Whilst it is not anticipated that meetings will have to be changed or cancelled without prior notice, the Association reserves the right to do so.

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