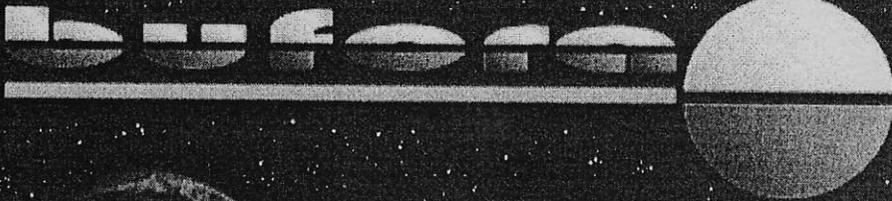


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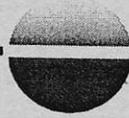
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Editorial

Welcome to the latest BUFORA Bulletin. Thanks to those of you who commented (largely favourably) on my first Bulletin as Editor, but I do have to apologize for the print quality of the last Bulletin. We had a late change of printers, who had problems with their main copier, with the results that you saw – but with both me making slight changes to my masters, and a restored main copier, we should have the quality we all desire.

This Bulletin perhaps features sightings more heavily than recently, but after all these are providing the raw data for our investigations and research. The two skywatch reports show the sort of things that can be seen, given patience – all too often skywatches are abandoned before midnight. As Malcolm Robinson often remarks, skywatching is a bit like the lottery – you have to get out there to be in with a chance of seeing something strange.

In Heather Dixon's Investigations Diary, we can also see the results of Bill Roses's analysis of the Virgin Atlantic UFO photograph, from January of this year, and we also see how investigation and analysis do not always suit the beliefs of the witnesses.

Thanks to those of you who expressed ideas and opinions for the Strategy & Planning conference on 24th June, although in the end, no-one outside of the 'central core' of officers and members were able to attend on the day. Nevertheless, it was a very productive meeting, which examined BUFORA's original aims and objectives, and how these have evolved along with both the subject matter, and the membership, down the years. A summary report of the meeting will soon be available on the member's area of the BUFORA website, and a report will appear in the next Bulletin.

Next time we will have more articles from Brian Allen. Also, I hope to have written a preliminary report into my own experiments with the 'solar

obscurator' technique for observing and videoing 'UFOs' (I use that term advisedly), which has tended to be favoured by some researchers and magazines lately, and is frequently featured in video compilations – most of the results confirmed my suspicions, but there have been a few curiosities!

Brian P James

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UFOs, Behind the Veil

A re-examination

By Brian Allen

The conclusion of Brian Allen's appraisal of the UFO phenomena to date...

20th Century Sightings

So the sightings continued, each wave becoming successively more and more technically advanced, sleeker, smoother, capable of increasingly accomplished aerial manoeuvres. As we progress into the 20th century, so the scale of the reports and sightings steadily increases. 1946, after the end of the 2nd World War, ushers in reports of so called 'ghost rockets' from northern Europe. Official recognition of the phenomena originated in Finland, when radio Helsinki announced 'inordinate meteor activity' over northern Finland in close proximity to the Arctic Circle. The reports mention an object 'spewing a trail of smoke' and leaving a luminous afterglow as it shot through the sky at an altitude estimated at 1000ft. Other sightings reported on the radio include 'an unidentified luminous body giving off glowing vapour that had approached the Finnish coast from the direction of the Baltic, only to abruptly turn and retrace its course'. Other objects were reportedly seen flying horizontally, climbing, diving, barrel rolling, and backtracking, sometimes crossing the sky at great speed, sometimes moving slowly, almost in a leisurely fashion. The descriptions of the objects varied, but still fell within the parameters of what has been observed: 'round and elongated', 'luminous bodies', 'shining ball', 'huge soap bubble' and 'rotating object emitting sparks'. Likewise: 'football shaped', 'cigar shaped', 'missilelike', 'elliptical' and 'like a squash racket'

The phenomenon spread south to Sweden where hundreds of similar sightings were reported. The southern drift continued during 1946, and by September of that year, sightings were reported from Tangier, Italy and Greece, even as far south

as India. Of all these countries, Sweden was the worst affected, resulting in the Swedish government, suspecting Russian military involvement, putting its armed forces on alert. In spite of repeated searches for tangible traces of 'rockets', that in some cases had apparently exploded, nothing except the occasional find of barely identifiable dark slag was recovered, but usually nothing at all was found. Of all the sightings recorded in Sweden, the government declared that a surprisingly high 20% were 'unidentified', therefore by definition, UFOs. [*The Encyclopaedia of UFOs*, Ronald D. Storey, ed., pp147-149; Jacques Vallee, *UFOs in Space: Anatomy of a Phenomenon*, p.47]

The year 1947 was in many ways a watershed for UFOs and UFOlogy. The occurrences of that year reset the parameters of what was possible. The comments of pilot and part time fire fighter Kenneth Arnold, when he sighted flying discs that 'skipped like a saucer on water' over the Cascade Mountain range in the US, were seized on by the press who then introduced the term 'Flying Saucer' to the lexicon. The now almost infamous, so-called 'alien crash and retrieval' at Roswell, New Mexico also occurred in this year, although at the time any worthwhile information was, for obvious security reasons, suppressed. Perhaps, in recent years, this single incident has done more to sensitise the public consciousness to the possibility of contact with interstellar beings.

Unfortunately, several attendant side-shows attached themselves to the money making 'Roswell Express'. One of the more infamous was of course the so-called 'Alien Autopsy', produced by Ray Santilli, which featured a grainy, monochrome, supposedly documentary account of an autopsy being performed on the remains of an occupant of the downed UFO. I have no wish to

dwell on this already well travelled route, save to say that the subject took on a life and identity of its own, becoming a virtual 'cash cow', and an entire, probably undeserved, culture and mythos has developed around it.

As far as recent sightings in the UK are concerned, perhaps one of the best on record concerns an occurrence at Rendlesham Forest, on Dec 27, 1980. I have deliberately included an extended report on this particular encounter because firstly, it contains all the ingredients of a true encounter, secondly there is a wealth of apparently corroborating detail, and finally it has not yet been swamped with a mythology designed to bolster personal reputations. There is also however, the dead hand of MOD disinformation and denial designed to fudge the issue. Nevertheless, the available information has the feel of truth and we will examine this at the end of the article.

The main source of information relating to the incident is American airman Larry Warren who was stationed at RAF Bentwaters during this period. Warren relates that following a brilliant light being seen in the forest... "along with other military personnel, we were driven in Jeeps to the edge of the forest. We were ordered to hand in our weapons and issued with flashlights then headed into the forest. We approached a clearing and I could see some really bright lights. I noticed one of our security guards being cared for by a medical orderly - the guard was crying. The clearing was swarming with RAF and USAF police, (he estimates the number at 200). Some film cameras had been set up and there were helicopters overhead. We saw the object, it was shaped like a huge aspirin and it was transparent". Warren continues, "We heard a noise and we looked up, and saw a red light coming towards us over the trees. From our viewpoint, it looked to be about 100ft high. It looked like it was setting itself up to land. It slowly descended over the 'transparent aspirin' until it enveloped it. There was no sound at all, we were almost hypnotised. Suddenly, the red light 'exploded'. The place was filled with all sorts of colours. I was blinded, then the colours died down and my eyesight returned. There was a

machine there, right in front of us. The aspirin shape had gone, there was a triangular shape there now, covered with pipes and valves, stuff like that. It was around 20ft across the bottom with sloping sides up to the top, 12 or 15 feet high. It looked big enough to take people.

A captain indicated that we should approach the ship / vehicle. We walked right up to it, close enough to touch. It gave off a bluish light, almost metallic. There were three groups of four security men circling the thing. I could see our shadows on the craft. As we walked our shadows moved too, but when we stopped, our shadows seemed to take an extra pace, really weird.

Abruptly a green light came on at the top of the spaceship. It moved down the side of the craft until it reached our heads then bounced from one to the other along the side, just like the ball bounces on a video game. Then I realised that there were people, things, on board the machine. I couldn't see clearly because I was on the wrong side, but others did. They said there were three, they were wearing silver suits. I felt strange, sick, and blacked out.

The next thing I knew, it was 5am. and I was lying across my bunk. I was still wearing my uniform and had mud up to my knees. I have no idea how I got back to the barracks or what happened after I saw the green light bounce off our shadows. My roommate told me that I'd been brought in by some people - he didn't know who - and dumped on my bed. Later on that day some other guys and me were checked over with a Geiger counter, but were never given the results. Later, we were called to the base security office at Bentwaters and told that what we'd seen was classified 'Top Secret'.

Our own guys didn't do any of the talking, it was civilians, we assumed they were CIA. They told us that if we ever told the story, no one would believe us. One guy added that if we did talk, "bullets are cheap". They actually threatened our lives, it looked like he meant it. Looking back on it, I get the impression that our own officers and the civilians knew all about it, they didn't seem all that surprised'. [Nicholas Redfern, 'A Covert

Agenda 1979 pp141-143]

This then is the account of Larry Warren. Fortunately there is corroboration from other sources that 'something' happened in the forest that night. The Deputy Base Commander at RAF Woodbridge issued a statement on January the 13th 1981 which was sent to the MOD for their inspection. A copy of this report was released under the American FOIA to American researcher Robert Todd. Curiously, in a letter to Todd, Col Peter Bent, Commander of the 513th Combat Support Group admitted that, " *It might interest you to know that the US Air Force no longer has a copy of the 13th January 1981 letter written by Lt. Col. Charles I. Halt. The Air Force file copy has been properly disposed of in accordance with Air Force regulations. Fortunately, through diligent inquiry and the gracious consent of Her Majesty's government, the British Ministry of Defence and the Royal Air Force, the US Air Force was provided with a copy for you.*" [Nicholas Redfern 'A Covert Agenda' 1997 pp143-144]

Among details of the memorandum issued by Col. Halt was a report of physical traces left by the 'object' in the forest. "*The next day, three depressions one and one half inches deep and seven inches in diameter were found where the object had been sighted on the ground. The following night, Dec 29th, the area was checked for radiation. Beta/gamma readings of 0.1 milliroentgens (millirads) were found, with peak readings in the three depressions and near the centre of the shape formed by the depressions. A nearby tree had a moderate (.05-.07 millirads) reading on the side of the tree facing the depressions.*" [Nicholas Redfern 'A Covert Agenda' 1997 p145]

British researcher Jenny Randles carried out an extensive in-depth investigation into this particular case and as a result of this tenacious enquiry, a grudging admission was forced from MOD spokeswoman Pam Titchmarsh, that her department (DS8) still had a copy of Col. Halt's report, but "*the events of December 1980 have no defence significance*". Later, an audiotape,

allegedly made within Rendlesham Forest, emerged and corroborated much of Col. Halt's original report. The tape, which is available commercially, appears to contain a conversation between Col. Halt and an unidentified eyewitness in the forest.

An aspect of the Rendlesham incident that is frequently overlooked was a series of (at the time) highly classified projects taking place in the area. The projects were under the auspices of the American NSA, (*National Security Agency*), aided and abetted by the British government, and involved the development of 'over the horizon' radar systems, initially code named 'Cobra Mist'. When this project was officially terminated, it was re-activated as 'Cold Witness'. It is possible that these experiments were a precursor to the 'Star Wars' anti-missile programme inaugurated by the Ronald Regan administration. There were several reports at the time of aircraft experiencing instrument malfunction as they overflew the area. Another report suggests that the experiments may have caused the premature re-entry of a Russian satellite, and this may not have been accidental. The entire project may have its origins rooted in the 1930s and in the claims of scientific visionary pioneer and genius Nikola Tesla, mentioned earlier in this article.

Tesla claimed that he could destroy "10,000 aircraft 250 miles away" by means of a mysterious 'Death Ray'. While the terms of his claim may, on reflection, appear to be nonsensical, grandiose and bombastic, there is little doubt that they may have been solidly founded in his research. It is a matter of fact that the US government took his claims seriously, seriously enough to use his talents in various classified projects. Even now there is ongoing research into pulsed microwave devices that are designed to neutralise or destroy the electronic engine control systems associated with aircraft and vehicles. On Tesla's death in 1943, his laboratory notes and experiments were promptly impounded by the US 'Custodian of Alien Property', this in itself making little sense as Tesla had been a naturalised US citizen for decades. There was no official reason for the

seizure of these documents, but it is practically certain that they were scrutinised by government scientists for any possible military use. They were eventually returned, perhaps incomplete, there is no way to tell, to a nephew who gifted them to the Tesla museum in Belgrade.

Another possibility is that during the experiments with these immensely powerful microwave beams, there was an accident, somehow the fabric of space/time was breached and 'something' fell through. It is interesting to note that Tesla implied as much, based on his own research into resonance and frequency fifty years earlier.

Recent Encounters

Of the more recent British UFO encounters there are four which are of particular interest; *The A70 Abduction*, *The Craigluscar Reservoir Sighting*, *The Fife Incident* and finally, the bizarre encounter of forestry worker Bob Taylor in *Dechmont Forest*. We will start by looking at:

The Fife Incident

This case has been a source of much dissent within the ranks of various paranormal researchers throughout Britain. Several groups investigated the incident and because of this there were differences of opinion as to its authenticity. What follows is an overview of these accounts.

Towards the end of September in 1996, Mary (*pseudonym*), her son aged ten and a family friend Ann (*pseudonym*), set out by car from their home in Fife to purchase some groceries from a nearby village. Shortly after setting out, they were alarmed to see a large, silently hovering triangular aircraft appear in front of their car. The craft proceeded to emit three beams of light from its underside onto the surface of the road. The lights were of a particularly searing, white intensity causing everything illuminated by them to look stark and unreal. This phenomenon lasted for a few seconds, then as quickly as it had appeared, the lights vanished and the craft sped off leaving them startled and not a little afraid.

Although still shaken, they completed their errand and incredibly, on their return journey, they saw the same or at least similar craft again. When they arrived home, Mary told her daughter (then aged

15) what she and the others had witnessed. Not surprisingly, she was extremely sceptical of her mother's claims, asking her if they could try to find the craft again. The four of them got back into the car and set off in the direction in which the craft was first spotted. As they approached the spot, they saw fingers of brilliant white light coming from a stand of trees, spearing into the night sky like lasers. They stopped the car by the roadside and climbed out, gazing with a mixture of fear and fascination at the scene before them. As well as the 'laser' lights, there appeared to be a dozens of brilliant starlike objects hanging low in the sky. As they watched, a haze or mist developed in front of the trees, and within this haze were of 'hundreds' small grey creatures apparently lifting and carrying boxes and cylinders.

Abruptly, part of this haze containing some of these beings detached itself from the main body and drifted towards them across a ploughed field. By this time, the group had seen quite enough and quickly climbed into their car, not quickly enough however. Just as they were on the point of moving off, the daughter screamed out that there was a creature standing next to the car 'grinning' at them. As the vehicle moved off, an intense burst of blue light emanated from the field behind them throwing everything into sharp relief. Incredibly, when they arrived at the sanctuary of their home, although alarmed by what they had seen, displaying either great courage or astonishing foolhardiness, they decided to go back for another look. This they did and again claim to have seen more small creatures moving around in the woods. Some points to consider are;

- 1) Certain witnesses claim to have returned from the sighting bearing marks and abrasions on their bodies.
- 2) One of the witnesses alleges that she has seen UFOs hovering around her home.
- 3) The son states that (a) he has seen a small grey creature floating outside his bedroom window, and also in their bathroom and (b) that a small, grey creature followed him to school and assisted

him with his schoolwork (entirely unseen, it has to be said, by any classmates or teachers).

There are many puzzling aspects to this case not least the fact that checks with the M.o.D, the Met Office, police and airports shed no light on the accounts. All the evidence we have is either entirely anecdotal, or totally apocryphal. Whatever, it is not the best foundation for a solid case. Other points to note are,

1) Mary subscribed to a number of UFO periodicals prior to her sighting. These included 'Flying Saucer Review' and 'Alien Encounters'. She also avidly read accounts of alleged sightings and encounters in the press. One should remember that around this time there was a considerable amount of high profile coverage of the alleged sightings at the Scottish village of Bonnybridge. Although this in itself does not preclude a UFO aficionado from experiencing an encounter, it does nevertheless tend to do one of two things. Either, because the witness is familiar with UFO lore, then they would make an excellent subject, or, because of this very familiarity they could concoct an excellent fabrication. I do not say that this is the case, but it does fuel doubt.

2) Mary on her own admission bought a UFO magazine on the night of the alleged encounter. Again this is in itself meaningless, but it is interesting to note.

The points raised do not, as I noted, mean that the alleged events did not occur, but they do create a need to tread carefully and view the evidence (such as it is) with detachment. There is a feeling about the case that maybe, just maybe, it exemplifies a hoax that got out of hand and the instigators had in effect 'painted themselves into a corner'. They were in a position, where, because of the attention they were receiving unable subsequently to deny it. If on the other hand it is true, then the witnesses were extremely fortunate to have experienced an encounter of this kind. For myself, I have to state categorically that I have deep reservations about the case.

The A70 Report.

This particular encounter is, next to the Rendlesham Forest incident, perhaps one of the most important and spectacular cases in British UFOlogy. This is a really fascinating study of perhaps the most unnerving type of encounter, CE4, *Alien Abduction*.

The witnesses involved were two men, Gary Wood and Colin Wright, both ordinary family men and neither given to flights of fancy. On the fateful night of the 27th of August 1992, the two friends set out from the south of Edinburgh to travel to the village of Tarbrax, a journey of some 15 miles. The purpose of the journey, which normally takes around 30 minutes, was to have an a Sky satellite TV dish repaired by a friend. As they drove through the clear summer's night at about 40 mph, they were chatting about their respective families and other matters of common interest. Rounding a blind bend, Colin abruptly leaned towards the windscreen exclaiming "*What the hell's that!*"?. Gary peered through the windscreen, and there ahead of the car, floating about 20ft above the road, was a UFO. Gary remembers it as being about 30ft wide, wider than the road, smooth, black and shiny with no windows. Wanting to get away as quickly as possible, he floored the accelerator urging the Vauxhall Astra up to almost 70 mph. As they passed below the hovering craft, a shimmering curtain of light descended on the car. Gary describes it as like looking at a TV that is detuned. Instantly, they were enveloped in total, complete darkness. They could see nothing, not even one another, and Gary thought briefly that he was dead.

They blacked out for what, subjectively, felt like around 15 seconds, then, abruptly, they were awake and the car was swerving all over the road. Gary could hear Colin shouting at him to watch out, then thankfully, he was able to bring the car to a stop. They looked at each other in disbelief, what had happened to them?. The cool night air was a relief as they gathered their wits. Setting off again, they arrived in Tarbrax still discussing their bizarre encounter. Assuming the time to be around 10.40pm they unloaded the dish from the car and took it to their friend's house. They

knocked on the door, several minutes went by, and they heard an upstairs window open and their friend's head emerged. He enquired none too politely just what they were doing and informed them that it was 12.45am. Naturally they thought he was pulling their legs, but no, he was not, they had 'lost' two hours.

Neither Gary nor Colin reported the incident to the police in case they were not believed, but they did however inform BUFORA (the British UFO Research Association). Gary's reaction to the event was to start studying books on UFOlogy in an attempt at understanding what he had seen. Eventually, Gary got to hear of S.P.I in the form of Malcolm Robinson who arranged a meeting. After the two met, Malcolm suggested using the controversial technique of hypnotic regression in an attempt to discover what had transpired during this 'missing time'. This was arranged using hypnotherapist and psychic Helen Walters.

During the first session, Gary became very emotional and burst into tears, but in this initial session, the images he recalled were only vague shapes. Later regression sessions were to prove much more revealing. He vividly remembers lying on a table of some kind and a long arm extending over his chest towards his head. He found this memory particularly alarming. On another occasion, he remembers a hole in the floor which seemed to be filled with a viscous liquid of some kind, like a gel. From this liquid a long, incredibly thin, frail looking creature was emerging. It was for all the world like a skeleton covered in skin. He remembers that the skin over its ribs looked discoloured and bruised. In all, Wood remembers there being around 20 or 30 creatures present, the majority tall, a pallid grey colour and frail looking. One notable variation from this was a smaller, rather bizarre looking being with an odd heart-shaped face. On its face were some strangely familiar markings, three coloured, facial stripes set diagonally on each cheek. These were reminiscent of the tribal markings normally associated with native Americans. Perhaps Gary's most worrying memory was seeing a young woman. She was seated naked on the floor, facing the wall, one of the tall creatures was standing

beside her. As Gary looked at her, she turned her head towards him - she had been crying, and was clearly in the same predicament as he. He is convinced that he would recognise her if they were to meet again. Colin who was also regressed had similar recollections.

Following on from this, Gary and Colin appeared to deal with their ordeal in different ways, Gary becoming deeply involved in the study of UFOs and the paranormal. He went to the extent of setting up his own research group and on occasions has collaborated with another Scottish researcher, Ron Halliday. On the other hand, Colin went in the other direction entirely and has in effect rejected it, refusing to discuss the matter.

The Dechmont Forest Case

On the fateful day of November 9, 1979, Bob Taylor aged 61, an employee of Livingston Development Corporation, was to experience a bizarre encounter in the woods on Dechmont Law. These events were to enter the annals of Scottish and world UFOlogy.

Bob, accompanied by his dog Lara, was as part of his duties, checking the area for stray cows and sheep, when he encountered what he later described as a 'spaceship'. The strange object was hovering just above the grass in a clearing amongst the trees. Bob stopped in his tracks and gazed in disbelief. His dog Lara froze and wouldn't move from his side. The object was spherical, with a narrow flange running around its circumference. It was a metallic grey colour and partially translucent. He was not aware of any noise at this time. The object is normally depicted as resting on three or four spindly legs, but this was not confirmed. As he watched, two objects dropped from the underside of the device. According to Bob's account, the two objects resembled mines used during the last war, except that the 'prongs' were longer. Bob remembers the small pronged spheres rolling quickly towards him accompanied by a strong smell which caused him to experience a choking sensation. The small spheres extended the prongs into his trousers and dragged him towards the sphere. Understandably, Bob blacked out at this point, but as he did so, he

remembers hearing a loud, clear 'swishing' sound reminiscent of a cane being swung vigorously through the air.

Slowly regaining consciousness, he heard his dog barking frantically. He was alone, the mysterious sphere had gone. He noticed that there were marks in the ground where the object had been. Struggling to his feet, he saw that his trousers were torn and he realised that he had a thumping headache. Fortunately, he was eventually and with difficulty able to make his way back to his home, much to the consternation of his wife who thought that he had been in an accident, such was his appearance. S.P.I was able to take possession of the trousers worn by Bob on that day and had them examined by forensic experts. They are of heavy, robust, serge material, similar to those worn by police forces. The tests revealed that the tears on the fabric was consistent with considerable force having been applied in a upwards direction. This is in itself not conclusive, but it does serve to add credence to the story. It should be stressed that Bob is a down-to-earth man and not given to flights of fancy and was regarded by his workmates as a reliable and stable character.

Bob currently lives out his retirement in Blairgowrie and has resigned himself to never finding out what had occurred that November day. He is just pleased to be left alone, away from the circus that surrounded the original event. He remembers what happened with total clarity but is still at a loss to explain what it was that he saw.

Craigluscar Reservoir

This event, which took place in Fife beside the still waters of Craigluscar Reservoir, concerned a sighting by Mr. Ian McPherson. Ian, 44, from Rosyth was out walking, enjoying the fresh air and taking the opportunity to photograph the pleasant scenery. As he strolled along the banks of the reservoir he gradually became aware of a humming sound that slowly built in intensity. He turned to look over the water and there it was, a disc shaped craft hovering two or three hundred feet above the surface of the water. It was just hanging there, motionless. Ian, although holding

his camera, felt almost powerless to use it, as if he was witnessing something that should not be seen, something utterly alien. Ian estimated the time he spent looking at the object to be around 15 minutes. He could see that it was metallic and had several areas of light on its underside inside a darker metallic rim. By this time he realised what an opportunity he was missing and raised his camera to take a photograph. As he did this, the craft started to move away, as if somehow sensing what he was about to do.

Quickly, he succeeded in taking two frames of film, but by the time he had wound on again, the craft had accelerated away at an incredible speed, rapidly shrinking to a dot in the sky. On returning home, Ian contacted a national newspaper that processed the film. Ian, who is a good amateur artist, was also able to make some sketches of what he had seen. The authorities were informed and as is usual in most cases of this kind, denied everything. Nick Pope, who at that time manned the UFO desk for the Ministry of Defence examined the photos, and stated that they would be evaluated using image enhancement techniques. They may well have been, but sadly, that was the end of it and we heard no more of it. No doubt it is buried in some government 'X' file'. While Mr. Pope may have, as he claimed, seen all the reports that were filed with the MOD, there is good reason to doubt his impartiality. I find it difficult to accept that he was the 'final arbiter' regarding the ultimate disposition of the many reports filed. Surely it is more reasonable to wonder just who was watching him, in other words, *who was he fronting for?* It is my opinion that it is much more likely he was in effect, a mouthpiece for 'the establishment'. The British government, whose reputation for obsessive secrecy is well known, would not hesitate to spread dis-information, mis-information and downright lies by whatever means necessary to obscure the truth. It is therefore likely that all information released through Mr. Pope, is, by nature of its source, highly suspect.

Interpretation

Although these important cases make fascinating reading, there is always room for doubt. In the case of the Fife Incident, there is not one shred of

material evidence, nothing other than the witness statements. No photographs, not even indentations on the ground. The alleged scratches and marks on their bodies could easily have been sustained in their haste to get away from the area. As far as the son and his alleged 'invisible friend' are concerned, this seems to be a typical demonstration of a youngster basking in the limelight. At best this entire encounter is a case of mistaken identity, at worst, a glaring example attention seeking, manipulation and deliberate deception.

The A70 case is rather different. Although I am not totally convinced about the effectiveness of regressive hypnotherapy, I think on the whole that Gary and Colin did see *something*. From their descriptions of the craft, there are more than a few similarities to the triangular vehicles seen from time to time. Could this have been an example of a *MILAB*, or military abduction being perpetrated? There is increasing evidence that these events have, and still do, take place under the auspices of so called 'Black Projects'. Experiments so covert that they are literally above top secret. Before embarking on an alternative, entirely natural explanation for UFO sightings, it would be only fair to consider one of the longest-running and best known British UFO waves: Bonnybridge.

The Bonnybridge Equation

Many pages have been written and opinions expressed regarding what happened to a village in Stirlingshire over a period of about four years from approximately 1993 until 1997. What occurred caused media and TV teams from all over the world to descend on this small, unremarkable village, turning it into an international UFO hotspot. There was a continuous stream of sightings of UFOs both in the air and on the ground, during the day and at night. The witnesses were from all walks of life and age groups, the one thing they had in common was that they had all seen something that they could not explain. Just what was it that were they seeing and why Bonnybridge? Also interesting is the apparent upswing in paranormal incidents, ghostly sightings and the like that were reported in the area during this time. In retrospect, there are

now explanations based on current thinking that would present a credible explanation for some of these sightings

One such sighting was by the Slogget family who witnessed what they are convinced was a UFO whilst out walking on the moorland above Bonnybridge. They claim to have seen what daughter Carole then aged 26 described as a huge 'Tonka Toy' emerge from behind some trees. An intense blue light that illuminated the road around them heralded the sighting, and then the object appeared emitting a loud whirring noise. A door was heard opening accompanied by a 'howling' sound. A brilliant white flash emanated from the object, rather like a photographic flashgun, then it disappeared behind the trees again. Another local man accompanied by his twin daughters observed an odd, glowing shape in the sky above the village.

During one of the regular skywatches held by various groups whilst the activity was at its height, the police visited one of the researchers. In an attempt to confirm a sighting the researcher had stopped a passing car. He asked the occupants of the car if they had seen a ball of light in the sky, they said that they had not and drove away. The following day, he was visited by the police who asked him what he had been doing in the area at that time. How had they obtained his name and address, and perhaps what is more important, why? In spite of repeated requests for some sort of Government assistance in attempting to find an explanation for the happenings, there has been continual 'stonewalling' by the authorities. The official answer most often received is, "There is nothing here to investigate." This response begs the question, "If that's the case, then why are the security services here?" Without wishing to go too far down the road of the conspiracy theorists, just how much official interest is there in the UFO question? It is quite frankly insulting to the intelligence of the public as a whole to be confronted with continual denials by the government agencies responsible.

There were literally hundreds of sighting reports from the village and the surrounding area. Denny,

Falkirk, Grangemouth and Shieldhill all experienced a wave of sightings at this time, so much so that this area of central Scotland became known as the 'Bonnybridge Triangle.' Just about every conceivable type of craft known to UFOlogy has been sighted in the area. Balls of light, the more conventional inverted saucer, the cigar shaped 'mother ship.' Even the rather more sinister black, triangular variety has been reported. Perhaps the strangest of all the sightings was a 'Toblerone'- shaped craft, strange, but still triangular!

One sighting made in the Grangemouth area was particularly spectacular. The witness Robert Muir (*pseudonym*) managed to take a photograph of what he is certain is a UFO. While on high ground overlooking the brightly-lit BP AMOCO petrochemical complex intent on taking some photographs of the lightshow below, he had a 'close encounter.' Sensing that something was above him he glanced up and was shocked to observe a glowing disc apparently rapidly descending upon him.

Displaying remarkable presence of mind, he leaned back, raised his camera and released the shutter. The resulting photograph revealed a slightly blurred circular object, light grey in colour at the middle and darker at the edges. The grey area has what seems to be a slight blister at its centre that leads to out to the darker perimeter. Where this slightly raised section terminates, there is a brightly-lit area that looks rather like a window illuminated from the inside. On either side of this brightly illuminated area, there are two smaller grey 'tubes' that are also illuminated. There is another larger illuminated section at the edge where the light and darker areas meet. At the perimeter of the dark outer circumference there is a slight 'corona,' as if it was backlit. The object then sped off, flying over the complex. The witness, although astonished by what he had seen, was none the worse for his experience and had the film developed at the first opportunity. It has been examined and does not appear to be a hoax.

Some of the more bizarre theories expressed concerning the reason for these reports of aerial

phenomena have included; 'dimensional windows,' 'parallel universes' and 'alien breeding programmes.' One thing that is worth noting is that there is a geological fault beneath the village, a belt of an ultra hard quartz material. This fault created major problems with mining operations in the area and caused the tunnels to be re-routed to avoid this layer of almost impenetrable material. It is feasible that this substance is prone to the 'piezzo crystal' effect and generates electrical charges when subject to the mechanical stress of tectonic movement. This phenomenon helps lend credence to a current theory that many UFO sightings have their origin in highly unusual, natural, geo-magnetic anomalies creating an electromagnetic field which in turn affects the temporal lobes in certain sensitive people. On a skywatch held one clear, cold night in October 1998, I witnessed a brief flash of bright blue light that seemed to emanate from the ground. The light appeared as a single ball, then flashed outwards from the ball in two opposing arms. While this sighting only lasted for a fraction of a second, eight or nine people saw it but unfortunately this was all that did occur that night.

This '*piezzo crystal*' effect may also create the so called '*plasma balls*' seen from time to time during crop circle formation and is also almost certainly a contributing factor to the parallel phenomena of 'earth lights.' However, it does not explain why in many cases these balls of light appear to have a definite sense of purpose about them, to the point of being under intelligent control. The large number of electrical pylons that march across the hills and moorland around Bonnybridge may also be a contributing element in this enigma. There are numerous reports of balls of light being seen clustered around the insulators mounted on top of the pylons. Again there is a plausible explanation for this; is this another example of electromagnetic phenomena, are these glowing spheres the result of a previously unexpected facet of high voltage physics? Or, could it be that the impressions of intelligent control are the subjective opinions of witnesses adversely affected by localised electro magnetic fields and their attempts to rationalise what they're seeing? It will be for future

generations to decide whether the electromagnetic soup that surrounds us is, in the long term, causing harmful effects on human beings. To be sure, EM (*electromagnetic*) experimentation continues to be carried out by all governments, particularly the US authorities in Alaska under the title of HAARP, or High Altitude Auroral Research Project. This Pentagon funded project involves bombarding the ionosphere with high-energy microwaves with the purpose of creating an artificial lens. Why?

There is every possibility that a large part of the Bonnybridge mystery is electromagnetic in nature and that the occurrences are the result of a unique set of circumstances. On the other hand, if we can accept that the village was actually being visited by extraterrestrial craft during this period, then a tentative explanation can be offered for the bizarre events.

Given the unusual geological conditions beneath the area, the concentration of power lines criss-crossing it and the relatively uninhabited areas of hill and moorland, it would make an ideal 'Window' area. Many of the sightings were, I am convinced, attributable to 'earthlights' and associated phenomena. An oddity to be sure, but a naturally occurring one created by the unusual geology of the area. Some are the product of the mis-interpretation of aircraft and satellites. The rest could well have a rather more unearthly source. The sheer variety of craft observed fuels speculation that each type has a specific use. From the so called 'scout craft' to the 'mother ships.' Perhaps they originate from different races, different galaxies, and even from different times. Whatever their function, for a four year period, Bonnybridge allegedly became an interplanetary 'Central Station'. It is possible that this village, because of an utterly unique set of circumstances, provided an interface between two space-time continua, in effect a 'portal' or gateway into our continuum. This interface provided a way station for these craft to recharge or refuel, then apparently, this set of circumstances dramatically altered and the 'portal' closed. Whether this was a natural occurrence or a deliberate act on the part of the visitors no one can tell. Irrespective, the

outcome was no more sightings, no more 'visitors'. Perhaps they had accomplished their task and we were no longer required in their grand scheme. There is however, no reason to assume that this could not once again alter and the 'portal' reopen. Perhaps, this time, we would be better prepared.

The Main Players.

Many of the credibility problems faced by UFO research and researchers has resulted from the antics and ridiculous pronouncements of mid 20th century so called 'contactees'. Perhaps, amongst the worst offenders, were two of the highest profile 'UFO Messiahs', George Adamski and his friend and collaborator George Hunt Williamson. It is difficult to be really annoyed, because in many ways it is impossible not to feel a degree of affection for them.

George Adamski was born of Polish and Egyptian parents in 1891, emigrating from Poland to America with his parents at the age of two where they settled in New York state. He joined the US Cavalry regiment in 1913 and was stationed in Columbus, New Mexico. In 1916 he was working in Yellowstone National Park as a painter and decorator, and in 1918 he joined the National Guard and was stationed at Portland, Oregon. Although details of his education are unclear, he was evidently qualified to begin lecturing in philosophy in California. This continued in fits and starts, until in 1934 he founded a monastery, 'The Royal Order of Tibet' at Laguna Beach. At this so-called monastery he proceeded to teach 'Universal Laws, and 'Universal Progressive Christianity'. This turn of events conjures up the prospect of a cult in the making. At around this time, he donned the mantle of 'Professor', and upon occasion 'Reverend'. These were certainly honorary awards, but doubtless served to enhance his reputation.

Around 1940, he moved with his family and some followers to Palomar Gardens, on the southern slopes of Mt. Palomar in California. It is at this stage that a great deal of confusion sets in. Adamski possessed a 15in reflector telescope, which was housed under a dome at Palomar Gardens. This was often confused with the 200in Hale telescope sited at the Mt. Palomar

Observatory, which suited 'the Professor' very well indeed. He also initially claimed to be employed at the observatory and have free access to the telescope, although he later retracted this.

From 1952, following his first alleged encounter with 'Orthon' the 'space person', sometimes referred to as a 'space brother', his career and the cult of Adamski really took off, literally. According to 'the professor', he formed a friendly relationship with 'Orthon' and a number of his friends which culminated in trips into outer space and visits to the moon and 'Orthon's' home planet, Venus. There are of course the photographs of the 'Flying Saucers', all classic 'belljar' shapes with the three hemispheres of the 'anti-gravity engines' below. Although his ego driven claims became ever wilder, Adamski continued to be influential in the more wide-eyed fringes of cult UFOlogy until his death in the mid 1960s.

Another of the larger than life characters sucked into the 50s UFO frenzy was the enigmatic Dr. George Hunt Williamson, sometime channeller, mystic and maverick archaeologist. Williamson was a prolific writer, mainly on the subject of direct contact with extraterrestrials. Although little is known of his early life, which of course adds to his mystique, according to French UFO and occult researcher Jacques Vallee, he also claimed to be named Michael d' Obrenovic and of Yugoslavian descent. The facts point to something else, however. Williamson was born to George and Bernice Williamson in Cook County, Chicago, Illinois. Evidently his decision to use the title dates to 1961 when he attended a wedding claiming to be HRH Prince Michael d' Obrenovic van Lazar, Duke of Samadya. According to existing accounts, he had a taste for adopting grandiose titles and aliases to suit his own ends. Rather like his associate Adamski, if he required an academic qualification, he would award himself one as this saved a considerable amount of time and trouble. Until his death in 1986, at the age of sixty, Williamson formed part of Adamski's coterie of enthusiastic followers. Even following 'the Professor's' death, Williamson, always with his eye on the main chance, continued to promote

the cult of the 'Space Brothers' - the world is a poorer place without him and his like.

The modern 'gurus' Tim Good, Bob Lazar *et al*, although much more technically accomplished, somehow lack the 'chutzpah' of the pioneers of the '50s. Although they are all more polished and knowledgeable, we should remember one thing: UFOlogy is a broad church and always has been a mixture of the genuine researcher and the charlatan, the gullible and the huxter, and this is what continues to make it such a fascinating subject.

Alternative Viewpoints

There were and still are schools of thought that UFOs are not solid nuts and bolts machines. It can be argued that a UFO is nothing more than a figment of the imagination elevated to subjective reality by the 'common wiring' inherent in our brains. In other words, the images are common to all people regardless of nationality or race and only require the correct set of circumstances to appear. The eminent pioneering psychiatrist Carl Jung referred to the images as 'archetypes', quote, "The UFO phenomenon may be a manifestation of man's 'collective unconscious', a repository of archetypal images and impressions that surface in symbols, dreams and myths, predisposing man to produce very similar images, regardless of time or place." He cites the parallels between ancient religious symbols he calls mandalas, circular patterns representing - "the ideas of the universal" - and the shape of most UFOs. Obviously, Jung regarded UFOs as a "purely psychological manifestation of man's hopes and fears in an uncertain world". In this manner he separates them from physical reality. This description and explanation is fine as far as it goes, but it does not explain other sightings of 'craft' that do not conform to circular or elliptical shapes. It is however interesting to note that the circular shape is also the main feature, the 'archetype' if you like, of the crop circle.

Likewise, Jacques Vallee holds similar views, but differs from Jung in that he accepts that UFOs are a reality, in that witnesses have been exposed to a real event, and it is the nature of the event that is

the crux of the matter. He suggests that the witnesses experience some type of change in localised electromagnetic energy, which may be produced spontaneously by the witnesses themselves, quote, "*What the, [the witnesses] tell us, is that they've seen a flying saucer, [or had an encounter with aliens]. Now, they may have seen that or...the image of a flying saucer, or they may have hallucinated it under the influence of microwave radiation, or any number of things may have happened. The fact is that the witnesses were exposed to an event and as a result they experienced a highly complex alteration of perception which caused them to describe the object or objects that feature in their testimony*". This approach is, I feel, closer to the answer than the entirely non-physical. There is a growing groundswell of research into the electromagnetic approach as an explanation for UFO sightings. Researcher and author Albert Budden has produced an impressive body of corroborative evidence for this explanation. I believe that the comment from Jacques Vallee that the witnesses '*were exposed to an event and as a result they experienced a highly complex alteration of perception which caused them to describe the object or objects that feature in their testimony*' is as close to the truth as anything else. The key factor here is determining what caused the alteration of perception.

I think the really fascinating thing about all this is that, in the case of hypnotic regression, in spite of all the arguments pro and con, the reports of persons who claim to have been abducted are amazingly similar to the accounts of people who have **not** been abducted but have been told to imagine that they have. This is why I argue that the images we have of 'greys' *et al* may owe more to the wiring in the neural net of our brains than anything else.

Consider that similar stories have been attributed to people from various races and cultures, who have experienced 'NDE': going through a tunnel towards a powerful white light, the guide / abductor leading them, being given a message etc. It suggests a common framework, a neural matrix where the imagery is contained. I also

accept that various governments are capable of anything to protect their latest toys. They will use disinformation, misinformation and outright lies. The technologies are likewise probably in place and available. I am not so foolish that I would dismiss the possibility of us having ever been visited at some time by ET beings, but there is precious little solid evidence to support it.

Conclusion

Where then does this leave us? We have looked at some of the seminal cases and players, we have seen alternative explanations for some of them. We have not yet considered what is perhaps the most important ingredient, the classified and 'black' projects of the military/industrial complex. These monoliths are not only exclusive to the USA. Every country has, to some degree, its own version of this especially the Russian Federation, which, contrary to popular belief is not the toothless dragon it's made out to be. On the contrary, there is some really fancy technology tucked away in there, safe from prying eyes.

In this instance I will concentrate on the USA, because in spite of almost obsessive security, information does leak out in bits and pieces. At first there do not appear to be links, but there most certainly are. Let's look at Groom Lake and what has been developed there in recent years. It is safe to say that everything observed by the dedicated band of Area 51 watchers at 'Freedom Ridge', has been terrestrial in its entirety; lights 'jinking' around in the sky, incredible high-speed manoeuvres that would destroy a pilot, strange triangular craft. None of this was due to any otherworldly influence. It is virtually certain that what was being observed were two or three separate, distinct, 'black' projects.

The high-speed aerobatics were and are part of a research project using unmanned drones. While we possess the technical ability and materials to produce aircraft capable of carrying out these manoeuvres, regrettably the pilots cannot do the same. A perfect example of this can be found under a former black project called 'Low Flight'. The aircraft is a beautiful, sleek, tailless drone

capable of breathtaking aerobatics using a still classified type of vectored thrust. It is also unmanned, flown remotely using virtual reality. This machine, and its siblings, has been test flown and evaluated for years at Area 51, usually at night. Bear in mind one important fact that this is what they, the US Airforce, Lockheed-Martin and NASA-AMES etc. permit you to see, so, obviously, what is still under wraps? Let's have a peek.

A propulsion system termed '*Magneto Hydro-Dynamics*' has been around for nearly *thirty years*, and is only now being publicly acknowledged. The remarkable technology originated as project *AJAX* in the former USSR, but following the end of the cold war it was shelved. An American aircraft designer happened on it and decided it was worth pursuing. To this end, he sought out and unearthed all the available related documents and information. He then contacted technicians and engineers who had worked on the project and effectively resurrected the project. The outcome was that the US military have now classified the entire subject and are spending vast sums of money on it.

What this technology does is remove, or attempt to remove, one of the main limiting factors on aircraft design: friction or the '*drag factor*'. No matter how smooth the surface of the fuselage, after a certain speed, heat related problems start. In order to attain hypersonic flight, in excess of mach 17 and 18, friction must be kept to an absolute minimum. What *Magneto Hydro Dynamics* or MHD does is to induce an electromagnetic (*EM*) field that effectively surrounds the aircraft in an 'energy bubble' deflecting the atmosphere away from the fuselage. This is a similar concept to the Teflon coating on a frying pan which prevents an item of food sticking to the metal of the pan. In the case of the EM field, this is built up at the nose of the aircraft by means of a 'plasma torch' and tapers back over the fuselage. There is a separate, equally powerful EM field generated approximately half way along the aircraft body, which serves to accelerate the deflected air past the fuselage, effectively increasing the speed of the aircraft. This then is a

thirty-year-old technology only surfacing now, probably as a taster for the announcement of a 'new' concept in military aircraft. Incidentally, these aircraft are, surprise surprise, tri-angular and tailless. Could advanced projects be carried out in total secrecy? The answer is yes!! The incredibly beautiful Lockheed SR 71 Blackbird spyplane (which dates from the late 1950s) was built almost like a kit by dozens of different manufacturers who had not a clue what the individual items were for. It was not until the aircraft was finally revealed to the public that it became obvious.

At the very cutting edge of available technology is a type of craft powered by light. Still in the early stages of development, this system termed '*Airspike*' uses a precisely shaped mirror-finished cone and a powerful laser. Basically, the laser is fired in pulses into the hollow of the cone creating a burst of energy at the perimeter, which pushes the cone forward. Once the system is scaled up, it will be interesting to see where it leads.

NASA is at present trialing a successor to the current shuttle which will be a much more flexible vehicle. Indeed the Mark III version is already on the drawing board and will no doubt feature some exotic new propulsion system. Already proposed are variations on '*Scram Jet*' and '*Pulse Jet*' technology. Indeed, when representatives of NASA and the Lockheed-Martin '*Skunk Works*' casually raise an eyebrow and mention '*gravity modification*' as being in there somewhere, then one experiences a faint *frisson* of *deja vu*. Curiously, and perhaps significantly, both of these shuttle designs are basically triangular lifting bodies, almost like a caricature of the current shuttle. Reports of low flying, slow flying, triangular craft have abounded recently, being heralded as examples of alien technology. I do not believe this to be the case; what has been seen is almost certainly 'black technology' in action. As I have already stated here, the clues surround us, all that is required is to make the connections. What is still hidden from us? Well, again the clues are there for those with eyes to see and ears to hear. Gravity displacement, worm holes, invisibility... even time travel? I believe so. Quantum mechanics and theoretical research is showing the

way as man strives for mastery over his environment and the laws of physics. We may yet live to see the day when we reach for the stars. Will mankind finally attain its final destiny and become true *Masters of the Universe* instead of

wrecking and fouling his own planet? I hope so, but not I fear in my lifetime.

Brian Allan
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Book Review

The Complete Visitor's Guide To Loch Ness,
Inverness, and the, Loch
Ness Monster.
by Andy Owens.

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Visitor guide books are 'ten a penny' with many local councils and authorities having glossy books to try and entice the wayward tourist to come and visit their area and sample their hospitality. Nothing wrong with that, but what author Andy Owens has done, is he has gone a step further and introduced not only a guide to where to eat, stay, and be entertained, but because of the geographical area in which he is covering, (Inverness) he has also takes a look at what some would call, Scotland's most famous and best loved tourist spot, 'Loch Ness'. I remember well my young and youthful travels to Loch Ness hoping to catch a glimpse of the famous 'monster' and although there were many bed and breakfast houses available to me the prices between them all varied enormously. This is where this book helps out. Andy has done a commendable job is bringing to the attention of the reader a plethora of places to stay, not only that, but he gives arts, crafts and gift shops to visit, visitor-centres, caravan and camping parks, all of which is beneficial to someone not familiar to the area.

I found this book an enjoyable read, more so for the information on the towns and villages and also

about places of interest, which can be found around them. For instance the reader is informed all about the Caledonian canal which feeds into Loch Ness, and also about the 'Great Glen'. The information doesn't just stop at Guesthouses and hotels, Andy even informs the reader where to hire bicycles, he gives a wide selection of café's to visit, shops and stores to stock up on provisions, indeed I don't think he has left any stone uncovered when it comes to given the traveller the information he wants.

The book also contains a sequence of coloured photographs of places mentioned in the book and provides a helpful map to the town centre of Inverness itself. But of course it's the information on 'our Nessie' that sparks the mind and Andy presents some background data on what has happened over the years. All in all then I found this a very enjoyable read and I would strongly recommend this book for anyone who intends to travel to Scotland. The only thing that we can't guarantee you however, is the weather, so do take a mac and an umbrella. Mind you, for all the times that I've been to Loch Ness in my life, it never rained once!!!

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Investigations Diary

By Gloria Heather Dixon – BUFORA DoI

To begin this issue of the 'Diary' I would like to give details of the forthcoming NIC meeting, which is to be held in Doncaster, South Yorkshire on Saturday afternoon 30th September 2000. I would like to emphasise that this will be an important NIC meeting for all investigators including those who are enrolled on the PTC and I do hope that everyone invited will do their utmost to attend. The meeting will be an informal one and an opportunity for investigators to get together socially, therefore I do hope that as many of you as possible will wing their way to Doncaster on the 30th September. The details are as follows:

Venue: The Railway Pub, West Street, Doncaster, South Yorkshire. (A map will be emailed or snail mailed to those who are able to attend)

Date: Saturday, 30th September 2000.

Time: 1:00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.

A selection of sandwiches and coffee will be provided.

I would also appreciate all investigators contact me as soon as possible to let me know if they will be attending so that the appropriate number of refreshments can be ordered. I would also appreciate investigators letting me know whether there is any particular item they would like on the Agenda for discussion.

An Agenda for this meeting will be forwarded at a later date, but there will be discussion on some significant aspects of the issues involved with reports to BUFORA, which in some instances encompass all manner of extraordinary human experiences. Judith Jaafar will be giving an informal talk on the nature of some of these reports and what these ultimately mean for the NIC particularly in the climate of ufology today.

POSTAL TRAINING COURSE

*I would like to welcome two newly accredited investigators to the NIC. They are **Mick Broad** of Sheffield, South Yorkshire and very recently **Nicholas Kern** from Mid Glamorgan. On behalf of the NIC, my congratulations to you both and welcome aboard. I do hope we may see you both at the forthcoming NIC meeting.*

There are three members enrolled on the training course at the present time in various stages of the course with several new enquiries.

Before documenting a short synopsis of sightings coming into BUFORA, I would like to give our members an update to the photograph taken from a Virgin Atlantic aircraft in January of this year, which I referred to very briefly in the last Investigations Diary.

Virgin Atlantic Photograph – 3rd January 2000

Background Information

In May of this year Michael Hudson at Central Office received a telephone call from a lady in Kent regarding a photograph that her husband had taken from a Virgin Atlantic flight on 3rd January 2000. Michael passed details to me in order to follow this up.

JS and DS are from Florida in the United States but JS has family here in England and they had been over to see her family in Kent. Their flight back to Orlando on 3rd January 2000 departed late from Gatwick at around 2.00–2.30 p.m. and DS states that between the takeoff and around 4pm he took about ten photographs from the window of the plane as he wanted photographs of clouds to use as backgrounds for his web pages. He comments that after taking a few of these photographs he noticed a brilliant

light that seemed to be absorbed in the clouds that they were flying over. He immediately pointed this out to his wife and discussed how beautiful this looked, but thought no more about it feeling that this must have been the Sun. Readers please keep this in mind.

Upon returning to the States they did not have the rolls of film developed until March and then quickly looked through these for the family shots. However, several weeks later DS collated his 'cloud photographs' and it was then he saw an image that the camera had captured beyond and just over the wing of the plane. In DS' words this was an image, which appeared to be 'bursting through the clouds, captured by the camera and missed in the blink of an eye'.

He stated that he had the flash covered due to taking photographs through glass, which creates, glare and felt that he could come up with nothing that could explain what it was that appeared in the photograph. He made preparations to send a package to MUFON (Mutual UFO Network) in the US, when due to an unfortunate family bereavement he and his wife had to return to England, which is where enquiries led them to BUFORA.

Due to his request that this photograph is not shown in any publication, I am afraid that it cannot be shown in the Bulletin, but the essence of the photograph shows the wing of the aircraft and above this is the proverbial 'flying saucer' shaped image with rays of light appearing to emanate from this onto the blanket of cloud beneath. It is a good picture, which illustrates the problems that are prevalent in many other images presented to BUFORA and other UFO organisations.

A BUFORA questionnaire was completed by both husband and wife and returned to me. Bill Rose kindly agree to analyse this photograph and the text of his appraisal follows:

VIRGIN ATLANTIC PHOTOGRAPH: 03-01-2000

An appraisal by Bill Rose, July 2000-08-13

The 10 x 8" colour prints provided to me for evaluation are of good quality and they show how well the average "off-the-shelf" 35mm compact AF camera can perform.

The image is reasonable sharp considering it was made through an aircraft's window and the exposure is acceptable bearing in mind the tricky lighting. The field of view suggests that the lens had a focal length of about 35-40mm which also ties in with information provided.

No details have been given about the film stock used, so I am guessing it was an ISO-100-200 colour negative material. I also note that the flash was sensibly covered. One print shows (faintly) the name and UK address of JS etched into the surface (from an overlay) and there is some creasing. However, these features have no bearing on the pictures or their content.

My initial feeling is that the lower and bright area below the aircraft's wing is caused by reflected sunlight, probably from an area of sea, exposed by a break in the clouds. The information provided by the photographer would indicate the aircraft had reached the Atlantic and at that time of day and on that date, the Sun would be low in the west. This leads me to believe that the smaller and brighter (upper) light source shows the Sun just on the horizon, perhaps slightly obscured by cloud.

I have scanned this picture into TIF format and examined the object's appearance carefully looking at contrast levels, but nothing leads me to change my initial assessment.

The "flying saucer" hovering above the wingtip is undoubtedly an optical ghost directly related to the extremely bright light source below the wing. In fact, after manipulating the image and adding some further enhancement, I believe the ghost image actually shows part of the Sun spread along the horizon in a band.

This (ghost image) phenomenon is quite common in difficult photographic situations and often occurs with time exposures at night, being gener-

ated by street lights and even the Moon when big differences in exposure values occur between a bright object and the surrounding area. More often than not, these secondary images and 'off-axis' flare are not visible at the time pictures are taken and only become apparent when the film has been processed. From a professional viewpoint, this effect can be a real nuisance and often requires retouching.

The faint wispy smudges above the UFO appear to be flare picked up by the aircraft's window (or perhaps a secondary window shield?).

Nevertheless this is a very interesting picture, which could easily find its way into a quality book like the UFO Encyclopaedia as a good example of this effect.

In some further comments Bill Rose states that after running an astronomy programme on the date this photograph was taken, with several appropriate locations, altitude and time variations, even with an hour each way, the Sun shows up in just the right place. One of the difficulties with assessment of this image was that it was stated that the photograph was taken between 3-4 p.m and therefore there was no definitive time. However JS was convinced that the photograph was taken at 3pm or very shortly afterwards.

Both JS and DS did not agree with the assessment on this photograph, as they both genuinely felt they had captured a 'UFO' on camera and after returning the photographs and evaluation to them on 6th July 2000, I have heard nothing further. I believe that they will have the photograph analysed by MUFON (Mutual UFO Network) in the United States, as DS had indicated that they were originally preparing to do this after showing it to a representative of MUFON, where DS commented that MUFON were very excited about the photograph. If they do proceed with this I do hope that BUFORA hears of the results of this analysis and whether they mirror those conducted by Bill Rose. MUFON should probably also have access to the original negative, which BUFORA did not, due to the fact this was with DS, who was in the United States at the time.

There is no doubt that there are many problems in trying to identify visual images of what people perceive to be 'UFO' images they have captured on camera or camcorders. Unfortunately, as BUFORA have discovered, it is very difficult to take away people's beliefs that they have captured an image of an 'alien spaceship' even after photographic analysis has been carried out. Furthermore, the media continues to show video footage and photographs of alleged UFOs with very little scientific or convincing analysis to back up their claims, but which convinces some of the general public that there are many photographs of extra-terrestrial spacecraft in our skies. This of course makes ever more sensational television programmes and muddies the waters of the real issues even further notwithstanding those, who wish to make money from people who do not understand the whole picture (pun intended). There are a great deal of problems with 'UFO' photographs including hoaxes in some photographic cases perpetrated by people for many different reasons including attention and financial gain.

To conclude and on behalf of the BUFORA NIC, I would like to extend my thanks and appreciation to Bill Rose for his time and effort in identifying the image in this photograph.

Location: Rotherham, South Yorkshire

Date: 15th March 2000

Inv. Dave Sankey

At about 7.15 p.m. JH was driving her daughter to a friend's home when they observed a light in the sky moving erratically and in a westerly direction. Her observation time was about thirty minutes and it then shot off at great speed. The weather was clear and dry with a breeze and no cloud cover. The BUFORA Questionnaire shows a drawing of a cylinder shaped object with a red and orange light at each end and notes that the lights/object was silent.

Dave makes the following comments in his follow up to this report:

There appears to be some confusion with the ex-

act date and time given in both the initial letter to BUFORA dated 18/3/00 and the completed questionnaire. According to the initial letter the witness stated that the incident took place on Wednesday 15th March. Unfortunately no year was given. I took this to mean that the incident had transpired on 15th March 2000. This of course would be correct for Wednesday as documented in the initial letter. Unfortunately after receiving the completed questionnaire, I found that the sighting now occurred on a Tuesday with no date or month given, but the year was given as 1999. If we assume that the first date given as 15th in the initial letter is correct, then the 15th March 1999 would be a Monday? Further discrepancies are found with the time of the sighting between letter and questionnaire, and both drawings of the object's angle of alignment viewed at the time of the sighting, this being an important factor. I personally don't feel a need to contact the witness in connection with these discrepancies as after careful analysis, I feel the incident was a result of a misidentification, most probably a Police 'air Support Unit'. I have checked with the South Yorkshire Air Support Unit for the date, time, location given in the initial letter, but unfortunately, nothing matches. The area and location of the sighting could also be covered by a support unit from another county (The sighting appears to be in the vicinity of the M1 Motorway.)

The high degree of discrepancies in both letter and questionnaire hinder any further positive investigation taking place. It was also noted that the witness appears to already have a particular interest in this phenomenon and may already be influenced towards a more biased judgement of the object's true identity. My only option is to contact further witnesses and establish the correct date time of the sighting.

Case Evaluation 'possible misidentification' of known source, i.e. Police surveillance helicopter. Case on-going until further corroborative evidence is found to support this evaluation.

Location: Wakefield, West Yorkshire
Date: 17th June 2000.

On Saturday 17th June 2000 at 9.45 p.m., GD was saying goodbye to his parents, when he observed a fast moving bright green light with a trail, which described as egg/ball shaped and moving east to west just below the few clouds around. He described the light as travelling very quickly on a horizontal path with a misty green trail. This disappeared from sight and his observation time was between ten and fifteen seconds.

From his description, it was highly likely that GH had observed a bolide/fireball, which would be consistent with his observation time and also the colour green with a trail emanating from behind it. Green is a fairly common colour reported for bolides, although they can be observed in many colours usually with trails as GH had observed. An important point to remember here is that because we are only viewing the trajectory along our line of vision, meteors appear to adopt any direction or angle.

Location: Sheffield, South Yorkshire
Date: 17th November 1998
Inv. Dave Sankey

In a residential suburb of Sheffield called 'Hunter's Bar' there is a strip of greenery about 300 yards wide by half a mile long, Endcliffe Park.

It was approximately 8.45 p.m. when ER was taking a walk in a southwesterly direction, when he noticed an object travelling towards him from the direction of the Peak District. He describes the light/object as a silvery white core of light travelling rapidly across the sky under patches of cloud cover. He goes on to explain that *it seemed as if the light was inside a glass or crystal globe, almost as if the outer transparent shell was holding the inner light inside. Both aspects had a sharp distinctive silver blue glow.* ER gauged the height of the object as about 600-800 feet, but this would be difficult to judge, as he had no frame of reference. He goes on to say, *as it traversed from the hills in front of me I had the impression that it was losing altitude gradually. As it was passing overhead it made a 'dogleg' turn of about fifteen degrees. No arc, curved turn or banking occurred,*

just a simple geometric angle.

ER goes on to describe the angle of turn as being vertical as well as horizontal. He admits that this manoeuvre was very difficult to explain. He then had a brief glimpse of something more substantial, *a definite pewter coloured 'machine', thirty to forty feet long with a tubular body with two tubular stumpy wings.* He uses a frame of reference of a sophisticated plumber's T-Joint, or three smooth oil drums connected together. He also felt that it rose vertically very fast. The observation time was about five seconds, a short time for such a vivid description, in addition to the one and half years before this was reported.

Dave makes the follows comments about this report received in a letter to BUFORA.

An interesting documented account, unfortunately the witness never completed the standard BUFORA Questionnaire. The brief description given in the initial letter to BUFORA goes into great detail explaining the sighting, and the witness' recollection of the events are remarkably fresh, particularly as the event took place in November 1998. Nevertheless the brief description given by the witness of the object's shape appears to be vaguely familiar with the U.S. SR 71 Blackbird. Unfortunately the reported flight characteristics and performed manoeuvre do not conform to the standard flight patterns of 'know aircraft signatures'. In particular the extremely low altitude and complete silence would be a pre-requisite for a stealth type defence suppression or reconnaissance vehicle. The safety aspect should also be taken into consideration considering the final over-flight was reportedly over a busy built up area and for a known aircraft to perform such manoeuvres would be against official policy, unless deemed necessary. Of course it has been known in the past for military aircraft to breach these regulations, one good case in particular is the Howden Moor incident. Unfortunately in this case the witness reports that the object was 'silent' throughout the duration of the sighting, a feature I find extremely hard to comprehend, unless we are dealing with a completely new propulsion system or the witness may have experienced

some form of illusionary event.

In retrospect the case as it presently stands is only based on supposition and is only worth pursuing if either contact is made with the witness or further corroborative evidence is found from a completely different source.

Case evaluation: Insufficient data to form an evaluation. Case closed until further data is produced.

It may also be a remote possibility that this report is a hoax, as ER has not bothered to return a completed questionnaire to David and neither have we access to a telephone number. In addition, and as David has pointed out we have the length of time before he reported this sighting and the intricate detail in his letter to an event that occurred eighteen months prior to him writing to BUFORA so therefore it is possible that his memory of this observation has been somewhat contaminated with the subject imagery surrounding us.

Close Encounter Experiences and Study

As I reported in the previous Investigations Diary there has been an increase in high strangeness sightings and experiences being reported to BUFORA. So far this year there have been eighty-one sightings reported to BUFORA eleven of which have been logged in the more exotic framework of perceptions of alien encounters and abductions. Several of these were reported via BUFORA enquiries at Central Office. Three people would not give their details, but just wished to talk, others are very disturbed about memories of what they perceive to be alien abductions. One witness emailed BUFORA to discuss strange experiences that had occurred throughout his life and commented that he had had operations on his nasal cavities confirmed by doctors, but which his mother said he had never had. A lady from the Suffolk area is convinced that she has had many extraordinary experiences and is presently very disturbed by them. Another long letter and diary was sent to BUFORA by a seventeen year old teenager, who in his words 'feels he is going crazy'. He describes a catalogue of what he perceives to be strange and disturbing experiences in

the form of dreams and images. He admits to being obsessed with the UFO subject with his room decorated with all manner of visual images of aliens as well as reading all the usual magazines and books on the subject, in particular *Communion* by Whitley Streiber, which he then began to relate to in a big way. I have sent him an appropriate letter explaining about the powerful imagery and to try to put his mind at rest with the option to call and talk with me, but with permission needed from his parents or guardians, as he is under eighteen years of age.

This is an area that all investigators now need to address as soon as possible, to decide whether support can or should be offered by BUFORA investigators, remembering that some of these reports may fall outside of our remit as UFO investigators. There are major problems with these reports, not least of which may encompass mental health problems in some cases. We need to tread very carefully here. Tony Eccles has followed up

on one of these reports where there is a high probability that this case needs to be assessed within the mental health field of study and therefore we remain in uncharted waters with these areas of investigation and research and we are limited with the support we are able to offer. There is also the possibility that in a few cases there are people perpetrating a hoax for various reasons. All investigators must be extremely cautious with their approach to these reports for many reasons, including the possible legal implications should we have problems with a close encounter witness. This is why it is essential that as many investigators as possible should try to attend the NIC meeting in Doncaster, where discussion and debate on these issues will be on the Agenda.

Comments from investigators and members would be appreciated with regard to the above issues.

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Thoughts On The Roswell 'Alien Autopsy' by Malcolm Robinson, SPI (England)

The UFO phenomena has been with us now for many years and in all this time there have been numerous incredible (and not so incredible!) UFO sightings. We have had low-level close proximity UFO sightings, sightings that have been so close that one could almost throw at stone at the object. Witnesses to these sightings are abundantly clear that what they saw was not the product of mankind, that what they saw came from 'elsewhere'. As far as main stream scientists go, the UFO phenomenon is anything but solved. The UFO phenomenon is a potpourri of weird and wonderful events. That we have a UFO phenomenon is a fact that no one can deny. *There is no smoke without fire* is the oft-quoted saying, and that is certainly true in regards to this puzzling enigma. However, we have to bear in mind that within all the weird and wonderful sightings that we have, there are people 'out there' who enjoy pulling the wool over one's eyes. We have people out to create disinformation and spread half-truths and false hoods to discredit the good work of others - that's not just specific to UFOlogy, it's sadly a facet of other things as well, it's human nature to be the person who fooled others, it could be to gain notoriety or just plainly to see how gullible we UFOlogists can be.

1947 heralded in the modern era of the Flying Saucer phenomenon, the crash at Roswell made headline news around the world creating an intense reaction amongst the public of various countries who began to think seriously about the possibility of life 'elsewhere', that maybe, just maybe, mankind wasn't alone in the vastness of the cosmos. The controversy that surrounds the alleged UFO crash at Roswell New Mexico, still abounds today. Over 50 years later, people are still undecided as to what really came down from the skies that day was a weather balloon, or a mogul balloon with crash test dummies (!) or some of the other often quoted possibilities.

Clearly some of the witness testimony certainly appears to suggest that what did crash on Mac Brazel's ranch was nothing of mankind's design, that it bore all the hallmarks of being made from 'elsewhere', that's as maybe, but the major facet of the Roswell incident is of course the alleged 'aliens' that were found there. Can there be any truth in these reports. Did American soldiers really use the butt of their rifles to strike the heads of these poor unfortunate travellers? What were the boxes that these travellers held so closely to their chests? Where are those boxes today? There are so many unanswered questions that surround the crash at Roswell that it may well be that we will never know for sure what is true and what is not true. Disinformation abounds within our subject to the extent that it muddies the UFOlogical waters very badly. Researchers have to be on their toes in order to determine what is true and what is false, it can be a taxing job but at the end of the day honesty must surface. The clarity of the Roswell issue has to be decided once and for all.

The major issue that surrounds the crash at Roswell, is of course the bodies. We know from witness reports, that several 'alien' bodies were retrieved from the crash site and spirited away for examination. A few years back some grainy black and white film footage surfaced which allegedly showed one of the bodies that was found at the scene of the Roswell crash. It was being operated on by some men in white coats, with surgical masks covering their faces. The controversy that surrounded that film footage was felt from all corners of the globe. Heated discussions raged from skeptics to believers alike all convinced that what the film showed was real, or in the skeptics case, most certainly not real. I remember being invited by the British UFO Research Association to speak at one of their UFO International Conferences which was held in the town of

Sheffield England back in 1995 where this film was shown to a very large audience. Ray Santilli, (the person who uncovered the footage), took the stage and informed the delegates very briefly on how he came to secure this film. Santilli also said, that as yet no one had categorically proved that this film was a fake. His final words were, *"If anyone has managed to bring in a camera and takes a photograph, that will spoil it for everyone, for the film will immediately be stopped"*. I sat back in my chair hoping, nay praying that no one would take a picture. The auditorium lights were turned down, a hush came over the audience, you could have heard a pin drop, then 'bang', there it was, as large as life, the Roswell 'alien' lying lifeless on a raised table. The atmosphere in the auditorium was pensive and expectant, the hopes and expectations of some of the delegates that what they were seeing could be an 'alien' from a different star system could be felt all around. Was this to be the evidence that we were all waiting on! If it was, wasn't it fantastic that we in the audience were amongst the first in the world to view such footage. All these thoughts were going through my mind and needless to say, those of others.

We then saw two surgeons (*I think it was a surgeon and female nurse - Ed*) walking around the table prodding and peering over this lifeless body which appeared more human than 'alien' I sat in my seat transfixed, I couldn't take my eyes off the screen. I had wanted to look all around me and gaze into the faces of the other delegates to see what their expressions were but I couldn't, I just couldn't take my eyes off the screen. The atmosphere in the room was incredible. Faint sighs from some of the female delegates could be heard coming from different parts of the auditorium. A lady sat next to me reached down into her handbag and pulled out a handkerchief and applied it to her mouth as the grizzly scenes of the cutting of the chest area of this poor and unfortunate 'creature' was being shown. Although this was black and white soundless film, it's captivating appeal was apparent. Once the chest cavity was opened, there didn't appear to be any sign of ribs as the surgeon prodded around inside the body cutting and lifting parts out of it,

after which he put onto trays and wrote into a log book on presumably the details of the parts he took out. A short while later we saw the surgeon saw into the top part of the head and remove what presumably was the brain, although if it was such, then it certainly did not resemble a normal human brain.

Most people now know what this film footage contained so I won't go into it here, suffice it to say, when the film came to a close I felt as if I had come out of what researcher Jenny Randles calls *"The Oz Factor"* a strange state in which some witnesses claim to have during UFO encounters. Ray Santilli then took the stage and proceeded to answer a few questions concerning the film. Nearly everyone in the hall had their hands up to ask a question, but sadly someone decreed that no more questions would be answered, and that was that. Walking up the stairwell at the side of the auditorium, one disgruntled chap turned round to me and said, *"Can you believe that, the biggest event in human history and they only take 'three' questions, the whole conference could have been devoted to questions"*. And with that he quickly turned round and started muttering to himself I agree with this guy, this film 'was' important. One of the members of my research society Strange Phenomena Investigations, purchased an anagram computer disc in which he fed the name Ray Santilli into, and guess what? The 95% best anagram of Ray Santilli was 'Saintly Liar'. This laughable staggering aspect was something that we all found amusing.

The American TV show *Sightings* saw me come out of the auditorium and asked me for my thoughts on the Roswell Alien Autopsy, 'What did I think'? 'As a researcher did I think that it was real, or did I think that it was a fake'? I remember at the time telling them that we had to be very careful with this film for it could be a contrived hoax, a 'fly in the ointment' set out to test how gullible we UFOlogists really are. I continued by saying that my overall impressions of the film, (only having viewed it the once), was that it was a latex dummy filled with animal parts, or in plain English, it just wasn't real

Having studied five photographs of the Roswell 'alien' body sent to me by Philip Mantle (well before the film footage was openly shown,) it looks to me, (and that of some of the SPI members) that perhaps the bloated stomach of this 'alien' (if it truly was a being of some description!) could be due to the gas release from within the body itself! Back in May 1995, I read an interesting article that which was published in the MUFON Journal, (The Mutual UFO Network) a UFO organisation based in Seguin in Texas. The article was written by one Miss Dale Robin Blumenthal - who is the MUFON research specialist in biology. Her article concerned the possibility, 'and that's all it is' that the 'aliens' commonly known as the 'greys', may be infected with the rare disease Progeria. She also theorises that it might explain why hybridization is occurring between homo-sapiens and 'aliens'. Progeria, also known as Hutchinson-Gilford syndrome, occurs in humans only about once in every four or eight million births. Not much is known as to what causes Progeria, but current thinking is that it is perhaps caused by spontaneous mutation in the sperm or egg. There is no effective treatment or cure. Death occurs in the early teens (usually) due to the hardening of the arteries which results in coronary disease or strokes. Progeria by the way, means 'before old age' and was first identified in 1886. Reading the article in the MUFON Journal and then looking at the five Roswell 'alien' photographs sent to me by Philip, I could not help but notice the similarities between the photograph of a patient suffering from Progeria (featured in the MUFON Journal) and the photographs of the alleged Roswell 'alien'. They looked fairly similar. The strong neck muscles, lack of hair, very dark eyes, mottled chest, certainly presents an interesting case and a strong possibility for the answer behind what was seen on the Roswell 'alien' autopsy video. But of course this is only speculation. Is the Roswell 'alien' a rare case of Progeria? Or is the Roswell 'alien' a latex dummy manufactured by people out to muddy the waters of UFOlogy? At the end of the day, no matter if the film appears to be 110% genuine and no matter how impeccable the evidence, not only for the Roswell 'alien' autopsy but for UFO photographs and video film as well,

UFOlogists cannot prove something to people who are not ready to accept it. 'Real aliens' will only ever be accepted if one is led by the hand into a major TV studio where the world's top professional people in their own field of study are there to inspect it. That will be your proof, not 'dodgy' black and white soundless film. So bear that in mind. And if anyone needs a reminder on the art of believing suspect photographs, then you won't have to cast your mind too far back to remember that the famous Loch Ness Monster photograph commonly known as 'The Surgeon's Photograph' taken on April the 1st (yes April the 1st!) back in the early 1930's and which was thought by many to be the genuine article, was proved as a fake in 1994 when a gentleman on his death bed confessed to someone of faking it. Is the Roswell 'Alien' Autopsy footage in the same league?

Recent events have shown that various people have come forward to confess that they faked the Roswell alien autopsy footage. A latex dummy alien head was shown in that popular magazine Fortean Times and a story was given of how it came about. As I mentioned earlier, there is no denying that in this crazy mixed up world various individuals just love to pull the wool over one's eyes. It's a game, it's a thrill, they get a great kick out of it. In some way's it's just like the crop circle hoaxers who tread the wheat in various fields all over southern England knowing that if done properly, 'their' circle or pictogram or whatever finished design they create, will be believed by certain segments of the community, and to them, that gives them a great kick. I'm totally convinced that the Roswell crash happened, and although I personally never had any 'hands on' research in any of it, reading the accounts of others, qualified Military and Air Force personnel, I'm convinced that something not of this world crashed there. As for the Roswell Alien Autopsy footage, well you can bet your bottom dollar that the whole thing is a fake and the sad thing about it is, is that 'YOU' have been duped by Ray Santilli. The whole thing's a sham, deceit of the highest order. But for all that, this researcher still believes that mankind has been visited by 'beings' from elsewhere, the

evidence to suggest this is overwhelming and growing each day. Of course there is a lot of disinformation and faked photographs and testimony going around, but sweep that aside and one is still left looking at a phenomenon that

simply won't go away. UFOs are real, but sadly the Roswell Alien Autopsy Footage is not...

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Press releases sent to BUFORA...

The following have been sent to BUFORA recently.

Soviets Smart On UFO's Over U.S.?

ST. LOUIS, MO - August 17, 2000 (DMSLLC) -- *Dream Masters Studios, LLC.*, of St. Louis, Missouri has made available to the "streamers" of the world a free, RealPlayer presentation by nuclear physicist *Stanton T. Friedman* on what Russia may have over the United States in terms of UFO investigation and research. This is the first part of a double presentation titled *Soviet Ufology/The Starchild Project*.

The second part, *The Starchild Project*, gives us *Lloyd Pye* (who was seen on the television program "Extra" in the fall of 1999 about the skull) presenting the *full story* of the anomalous skull that has gotten mixed reviews as to its origin. "The anomalous skull stands out so much because it would appear to be a complete redesign of a human skull. The question of 'how did it happen?' has resulted in one theory of extraterrestrial causation." says Dream Masters Studios executive producer and program producer *Joseph L. Palermo*.

Soviet Ufology/The Starchild Project follows the Dream Masters Studios streaming media program *Chupacabras! The Legend Begins* both found at StreamSearch.Com. The biggest difference this time is that *Soviet Ufology/The Starchild Project* is offered for free instead of pay-per-view.

Palermo arranged for this and sites his reasoning. "Yes, there is a lot of money being dumped into e-commerce with an expected world wide return of billions of dollars. And, yes, it has cost money to produce the programs we're offering 'streamers' but there has to be other considerations. I want to make our programs available to the world population for free at least once. Television used

to be that way. If a viewer likes it, they can choose to buy the video."

To view "Soviet Ufology/The Starchild Project", go to www.ss.com, and search for "Dream Masters Studios" on screen right, which will take you to the Dream Masters Studios page.

The presentation will look better if viewed with a high speed connection.

Chupacabras Research

We open a new web page that represents the first step to a serious study of what is known as the "chupacabras", an unfortunate misnomer. It is an orderly collection of data, photographs, sketches and interviews with witnesses, some obtained first hand.

Learn about the detailed investigation of the events in Miami (1995-1996) and Chile (2000), where hundreds of domestic animals were attacked by unidentified blood predators and its relation with the UFO phenomenon.

We hope this material, presented here in one place for the first time, will be a useful reference to other investigators.

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Dr. Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo

- ♦ Miami UFO Center (Español) <http://ufomiami.nodos.com>
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Skywatch Report

24th June 2000

Avebury and Rendlesham

By Brian P James & Jac Solomon

After last year's successful joint skywatch at Avebury, the date of 24th June was chosen for this year's joint APRA, SUFOG and BUFORA skywatch - I hope I don't have to remind anyone of the significance of the date? This date was also when BUFORA council and other officers had been meeting in Oxfordshire, so not all of us could get to the Avebury area as early as we would have liked - so we didn't get to see round many of the crop formations in the area.

I arrived at Avebury at 9.30pm, when the large intrepid contingent from SUFOG and APRA (too many names, some unknown, to list here) were heading for the henge's northeast bank - where we made camp last year. As I was getting dressed in my warm and waterproof clobber, I narrowly avoided being dragged off to join a night-time ramble that was starting from the Red Lion (three coachloads of night-hikers) - and some question our sanity in doing skywatches!

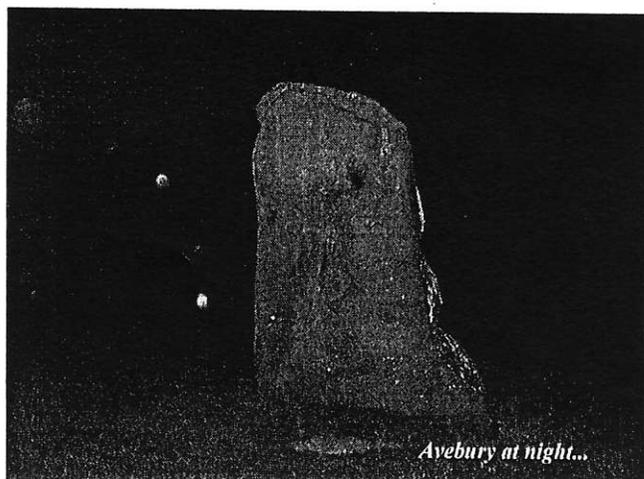
We had all taken up our position on the henge by 10.00pm, though we were still waiting for some of the BUFORA party to arrive. At this stage, we were able to get to know new people, and chat with old friends about matters ufological, and beyond...

The five remaining BUFORA people arrived later, and made the most of exploring the henge monument, but some found that the rooms they'd booked at the Red Lion were not exactly useful, as the pub shuts its doors to guests at 11.00pm.

Shortly after this time the nighthikers filed past on the track leading up to the Downs and Marlborough. With a vehicle up on top of the downs with flashing beacons, and the hikers carrying torches as they made their way up the slopes, I was reminded of the reports of the Berywn mountains incident...

Some more friends and acquaintances had also come down to Avebury for the nightwatch, so we numbered somewhere around 20-25 people as midnight approached.

On Midsummer night, the night sky doesn't get really dark, as the sun skims below the northern horizon, so we were not going to see that many stars in the clear sky. Did I say Midsummer - the way the temperature dropped, I doubt if it could have been much colder in Midwinter! I think Steve Gerrard clocked a



reading as low as 4°C during the night, and it was very damp with it, so chairs, groundsheets, clothes etc were at times literally dripping with moisture.

At 12.45am, a group of four, lead by Ernie Sears, decided it was time for 'contact meditation', as this had been successful before. The four moved to one side of the main group, and began their meditation. Two were getting clear images 'coming through', while another was trying to use his Third Eye. One person began to get repetitive images/visualizations of a brightly-lit object coming down through some cloud. This object was hemispherical, with very clearly hexagonal sections, each hexagon marked with a black 'border'. In each of these hexagonal cells there were lights, varying from white through to pale green and yellow, and of varying brightness. Some of the lights were so bright that they emitted a beam which played through the cloud itself. This whole 'object' was turning, and the viewer then changed his perspective, almost 'zooming out' for a wider view. From this wider viewpoint, the hemisphere was the end of a much larger object, though it was still emitting beams as it turned. The rest of the object was a long cone, and had two dazzling white 'fins' top and bottom (see the illustrations for more detail).

After five minutes, the meditation was concluded, with comments like "Let's see what that does, then."

A few seconds later a number of people urged everyone else to look at a large bright yellow/white light in the north. Some thought they could see a cell-structure (remember the visualization). I was looking for tell-tale navigation lights, but my binoculars dewed up, and were useless just when I needed them. No one else could see characteristic flashing green and red lights of an aircraft. This light was traversing slowly to our northwest, and faded slowly, not in the manner of an aircraft turning, causing its main lights to fade-out quickly as the narrow beams turn from the observer.

Logically this object was a conventional aircraft, but it was silent (RAF C-130 Hercules flying out of Lyneham in the early hours of Sunday were quite audible as they climbed out to the north), and no conventional lighting could be seen - and

the timing of its 'arrival' was uncanny given the meditation seconds earlier.

A number of satellites were seen during the night, including Mir, and numerous aircraft traversed the sky. Unfortunately, we were not to get a repeat of the earlier mystery light, although there were some curious cloud formations, and some people thought they could see very faint moving lights in the sky at times. Overall, there was a feeling that the atmosphere wasn't quite right, perhaps mainly down to the loud music from some party over at ??? - the music lasted until 3.00am on the Sunday, and must have really pleased the local residents! Curiously, the music was much louder and more irritating actually in the centre of the stone circle than it was up on the bank, which gives a clue as to the stone's properties.

Although we were skywatching on one of the shortest nights of the year, the sheer cold forced us to abandon our watch before we could enjoy the dawn, and a cloudbank to our northeast was always going to be troublesome. All of the assembled skywatchers returned to our cars at 4.20am on the Sunday morning, to seek drier and warmer conditions, helped by hot drinks. On my way home I was scanning the fields for any new crop formations, but none were seen on my route.

A couple of days later, I received an email from Jac Solomon, Chairman of the Norwich UFO Society, relating the very interesting events of the skywatch that was going on at Rendlesham Forest on the same night:

Three members of the Norwich UFO Society joined the usual Saturday night skywatch crew of the Ipswich and Colchester UFO groups, and their usual monthly prowl through the trees-ground zero (Holt) across to GZ (Larry Warren) versions. Nothing seemed odd until we hit the section of forest directly adjacent to the Warren version of the story (by the oak tree), where a farm sprinkler beat out a steady swishing in the darkening forest. All of us felt it-like walking into a black hole where the trees obscured all remaining light and the atmosphere felt unnaturally heavy. Several of

us felt a distinct tightness around the abdomen accompanied by a mild nausea. One member of the party informed us that in this exact same spot she and a colleague had recently experienced significant time loss.

My own feeling was that she could not be more correct...there was something in this forest that possessed a timeless quality in something far beyond the poetic definition...certainly it would explain a great deal -whoever's story one chose to believe about the events of December 1980. But also, the presence of some kind of temporal anomaly here might help us understand some of the even more bizarre encounters people had reported here in much more recent times, such as entities emerging from trees, and balls of intelligent light and even an encounter with the cappy-whats-his-name goat-sucking critta ,whose name I could never pronounce [chupacabras Ed]

Due to commitments impending early on the Sunday morning we three from Norwich left shortly before Midnight.-it was a mistake... The following day I received a call from one of the original Rendlesham researchers, to inform us that things got serious about 12.40am, and the following is an account in her own words of the events which followed on the night of June 24th/25th :

17 People attended the sky watch - but only 5-'G', 'CA', 'A', 'D' and 'DK' - and Mason (the dog) remained present when objects were first seen

At 1.40 a.m we were all sitting at forestry commission track 10 by the bar in front of the cars - the bar is across the gate way to stop cars going up the track - 'D' had gone to the car to have a sleep so he missed the first ones. 'G' suddenly jumped up from her chair and shouted - "What on earth is that?" - we all saw 3 stages of an orange orb - 1st it was the size of a tennis ball 2nd the size of a large football 3rd it grew very large. It looked as though it was hidden one side behind a cloud - but it wasn't as it was well down under the clouds. It came up from the bottom of track 10, and literally shot up the track as a small orb then when it changed to a big orb. It stopped and very slowly went into the trees to the right - before this there was a big white flash of light

from behind and one in front of the orb, and a little round light came away from it and went into the trees on the left hand side of the forest. Then a bright beam of light came up the track - it was difficult to tell how far up the orb came towards us - as it came up so fast then suddenly stopped - it was as though it had been projected from something very fast.

We got to ground zero, it was beginning to rain but not too hard. We left there after about 15 minutes to go back to the cars - on track 12 we cut through the woods to go past the deer pits but missed the turning - 'G', 'CA' and 'A' were walking ahead - 'DK' and 'D' were a bit behind. When we came out on track 10 again - in front of us 'DK' saw 2 silver orbs about the size of a large football going in between the tree branches - they were beautiful. 'DK' told 'D' but didn't know if he saw them - this was then 2.55 am. We got back to the cars at 3.05 am. At 3.15 am there was a beam of light coming down the track - it just faded out after about a minute - at 3.30 am we saw red lights in the trees - a orange light and a white light on the tree branches. At 4.00 am it was a lovely morning, several of us went through a tunnel of trees off track 12 - this is where two people lost 4 hours 2 years ago - everyone found it to be very heavy going and a job to breath. It is quiet in there and very warm - there is something about that place that is not quite right, Mason also refused to go through there last year.

'G' and 'CA' turned left towards Woodbridge when going home. Normally 'DK' would have went that way but she turned right to go through the back way home - at 4.05 am 'DK' looked towards the forest and saw a ball of orange light hanging over the trees - even though it was daylight it was quite distinctive. 'DK' said to Mason as it started to move across the fields "What now?" 'DK' kept driving and the light just disappeared. About 2 miles up the road, 4 deer jumped the bank and landed right in front of 'DK's car - she did an emergency stop and nearly went into the bank, the deer just stood there really still. 'DK' looked across the field and saw this orange ball beaming down lights and chasing 2 more deer.

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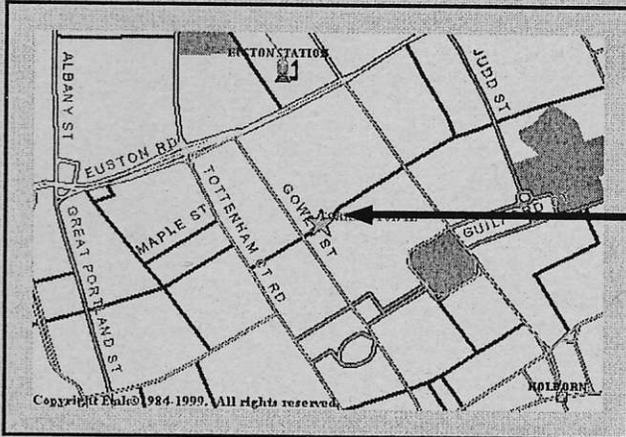
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