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COMMENT

BUFORA's Council met in London on Saturday, September 4th, 1982 and paid tribute to the work of the late Mrs Anne Harcourt and also to Miss Betty Wood, who has retired after 15 years as the Association's Secretary.

Leslie Bayer Chaired the meeting and the afternoon discussion involved the publication date and price of the Livingston case history report; 1983 subscription rates; Council nominations; publicity; new members and the reorganisation of the research department. Detailed reports on their work came from John Spencer (Treasurer); John Shaw (1983 Congress organiser); Arnold West, (Publications); Jenny Randles (Investigations); Pam Kennedy (Membership) and Peter Hill (Research). Council meetings are informal, lively affairs at which the Association's interests and those of its members are keenly debated and discussed.

In the evening at Kensington Central Library, Peter Warrington spoke on "There is More to UFOs Than Meets The Eye."

There was a gratifying attendance for this, the first of the 1982-83 lectures and some of Peter's controversial statements demanded that his audience answer back - always the sign of a good meeting! He did not believe that UFOs represented an alien intelligence; witnesses too often accepted what they saw (or thought they saw) without question. Physical traces he thought were fairly flimsy evidence, even in well-documented cases such as Socorro and Livingston. He went on to mention USA investigations by Lawson and McCall linking the birth trauma (natural or Caesarian) to supposed abduction by space craft. Some 60 witnesses had fallen into the two distinct categories which correlated with abduction via sudden propulsion or a floating action. This is a fascinating theory although some of the audience found its premise incredible and therefore well worth a verbal challenge.

Jenny Randles chaired this lecture which got the session off to a stimulating start. JB.

Obituary

It was with a great sense of sorrow that Council learned of the death on August 20th, 1982 after a short illness of Mrs Sylvia Anne Harcourt. Anne served on BUFORA Council (formerly Committee) for many years, both as Membership Secretary and, latterly, organising the lecture programme.

Her enthusiasm, wise counsel and down-to-earth advice was appreciated by all her friends and colleagues and she will be sadly missed.

AW.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Council regrets that it is again necessary to raise the subscription to BUFORA. Despite a fall in the general rate of inflation, it is a sad fact that inflation in printing and postage - the main costs incurred by BUFORA - is not falling. The increase of £2.50 (from £10 to £12.50 pa) only just allows Council to fulfil its obligations to members.

Council has agreed with the editor of Probe Report to send this excellent magazine to BUFORA members four times a year. Members will in future, therefore, receive two issues of J-TAP, four BUFORA Bulletins and four Probe Reports - 10 publications a year in total, commencing on January 1st, 1983.

The subscription increase becomes effective from November 1st, 1982 for new members and for renewals falling due on and after December 31st, 1982.

The increase has been delayed for as long as possible and BUFORA is confident of the continued loyalty of its members as the Association looks forward to a brighter future.

CONFERENCE

BUFORA will hold its Third International Congress at the Lorch Foundation Conference Centre, Lane End, near High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire during the Bank Holiday weekend Saturday, August 27th-Monday, August 29th, 1983. The venue is approximately midway between London and Oxford close to M40 Motorway.

An excellent line-up of speakers has been arranged, and will include Allen Hynek giving an overview of the UFO scene, Bertil Kuhlemann on Swedish UFOs, Sue Blackmore on hallucinations, Alex Keul on psychology and Stanton F. Friedman on the Extra-Terrestrial Hypothesis (ETH). Further details will be published in the Bulletin as they become available. The Congress is being organised by John Shaw, 5 Vardens Road, London SW11 1RQ.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

BUFORA Lectures. 7.00pm Kensington
Central Library, Campden Hill Road
entrance, London, W8.

Saturday, November 6th, 1982:

UFOs. A Scientific Enigma Or a Modern Myth? Robert Morrell
The evening will also feature a raffle with a 35mm slide projector as first prize

Saturday, December 4th, 1982:

The OZ Factor Jenny Randles
The evening will begin at 7.00pm with BUFORA's AGM. Miss Randles' talk will be given at 8.30pm. Do come along to your AGM, introduce yourself at the reception desk and get to know your Council members and your Association. We should like to meet and talk to you, especially those out-of-town members who might be in London for some pre-Christmas shopping.

Saturday, February 5th, 1983:

To Ride Pegasus Richard Beet

The Sign Of The Cross

CASE 75-501 December 22nd, 1975
Luton, Bedfordshire.

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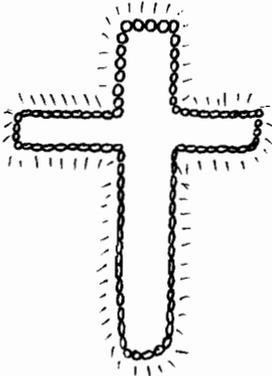
PHYSIC

Mrs S. and her daughter were witnesses to this interesting case. Anonymity is given to them in view of the sensitive background situation.

Mrs S had psychological traumas (which have been successfully removed after treatment) although there is no suggestion of a link between these and the UFO encounters. She has also suffered the physical shock of being flung through her car windscreen, suffering severe facial injuries. Just prior to the encounters she became a divorcee, and thus a one-parent mother. The daughter also is alleged to possess a degree of psychokientic ability, which may or may not be relevant. Certainly, around the time of these experiences, several other UFO encounters took place in the immediate vicinity of their home.

On the day in question Mrs S was awoken at approximately 01.30 am by her daughter, who was sleeping in the bed beside her. The daughter was holding her ears, saying "The noise! The noise!" In an agitated state she ascribed a penetrating, droning sound to an object shining through the window beside them. Mrs S could hear nothing but could see the object. It was stationary, cross-shaped and composed of very bright white light. After watching in awe Mrs S reassured her daughter and then turned over and fell asleep, with the UFO still present.

The following night exactly the same thing occurred. This time Mrs S stared at the cross for some minutes, unable to pull herself away (the hypnotic trance effect noted in so many other close encounters) It then vanished. Again Mrs S could not hear the severely disturbing "physiological" noise.



Several points might be made:

- (a) Would this angelic cross have been interpreted as a religious vision (protecting the family from its troubles) in pre-UFO days?
- (b) Does the fact that Mrs S has a perforated eardrum have relevance to her inability to detect the sound? Or is this due to the enhanced audio range of a child as compared to an adult?

- (c) Superficially this seems rather like an observation of a bright star or planet (e.g. Venus) Seen through a frost December window the planet can easily take on a cross shape. But is the nature of the stimulus more important than the result? Perhaps close encounter experiences can be generated by Venus if so, how and why? This was certainly a classic close encounter.

Investigator: Ken Phillips with Bill Dillon and Dr. Malcolm Scott.

Childhood Fantasy or Close Encounter?

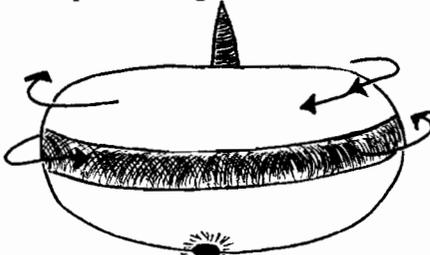
CASE 81-042 January 4th, 1981
Seafield, West Lothian, Scotland.

CE1 AN PSYCHO

This investigation follows a letter to the "Scottish Daily Express" by 14 year old Wendy Park. She has responded carefully and cheerfully to all enquiries by BUFORA.

She claims that whilst returning home from a fish and chip van at 21.15 GMT, she saw a strange object "as large as four family cars" hovering nearby "as if it was waiting for me." Two cats allegedly fled the scene as if terrified. Wendy was paralysed with fright for a minute or two.

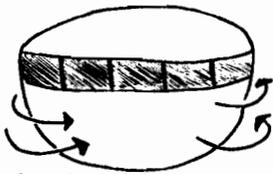
The object either rotated (different parts in different directions) or the lights on it gave this impression. It had a pulsing red light on the underside "like a fire engine light" and an orange band in the centre which pulsed light in a left-right sequence. (It vanished and then reappeared on the opposite side creating the clear impression that it was a three-dimensional, spherical object) The rest of the oval object was yellow and pulsed light around in the opposite direction.



The UFO seen by Wendy Park.

It is interesting that this description very closely matches that of an object seen by PC Alan Godfrey (FSR Vol.27 No.2). He also reported the middle of the object rotating but the top stationary. He saw the object in as close a proximity as Wendy, but some six weeks before she claimed she had her experience. At the time Wendy filled in her R1 form PC Godfrey's case had not been reported in the national press.

On top of the Scottish UFO says Wendy there was an "antennae" which also pulsed light in an up-and-down fashion. This too was orange.



The UFO seen by
PC Godfrey.

Wendy said the object was silent and after about three minutes she was able to run away. She glanced back once to see the object disappear into the clouds.

The question posed by Stuart Campbell is how accurate and acceptable is the unsupported testimony of a teenage girl? (Albeit an apparently sensible and intelligent one) Where does childish fantasy end and reality begin?

All that we can say is that this case shares many features to be found in other reports on BUFORA files. These suggest that it could be a reasonably accurate description of a consistent, rotating, unknown atmospheric phenomenon.

Investigator: Fraser Gordon with Stuart Campbell.

Another Traveller To The Land Of Oz

CASE 81-045 May 26th, 1981
Pitsea, Essex.

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PHYSCO

A couple in their 20s with the delightful name of Boosey may be the latest in a growing chain of contactees. We have no firm evidence to support such a contention, but the close encounter which they describe possesses many of the classic hallmarks.

It was 17.05 BST and the couple were walking to a bus stop. Mr Boosey looked back to see if he could see any of his homing pigeons. They were not in evidence. What he did see however was a weird object moving very low on a south-east to north-west course. He pointed it out to his wife.

The object was small (estimated at only about 10ft long) and like a squat, flattened bullet. On the front was a grill containing four bright spotlights. It wobbled as it moved, giving views of most of the object from different angles. It passed by very slowly, revealing a single, smaller red light on the underside. At no point was there any sound.

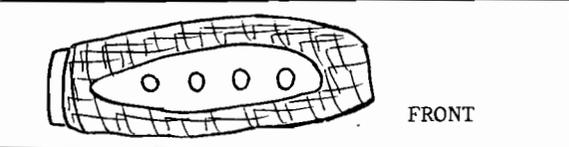
The shape again is remarkably consistent with one which has been observed on a number of occasions in the UK. See, for example, the remarkable multi-witness case over the Shell Oil refinery, Carrington (FSR Vol.24 No.4) Is it really a coincidence that Pitsea is right next to Canvey Island? At Carrington the object was described as unusually large, but otherwise it exhibited the same shape and attendant strange effects as seen in this new case!

I refer to these "strange effects" (which have been noted in many other cases) as the OZ FACTOR (for example the Essex repeater case FSR Vol.24 No.6) They can be summarised as:

- A strange feeling of calmness
- A peculiar lack of other people, or sensory input, from the immediate vicinity (only during the encounter)
- A time suspension or distortion effect.

It is as if the witness is taken out of our reality into the magic land of Oz.

NOTE THE FURTHER COINCIDENCES

SIDE		Pitsea, nr. Canvey Island by huge oil refinery.
		Two witnesses at a bus stop 17.05-17.30
		Both even moved SE-NW
		Carrington oil refinery. Four witnesses at a bus stop 17.45

The Boosey's noted the Oz Factor and felt subjectively that the experience had only lasted a few minutes (as logically it must have done since they were not in a rural country spot, nor out at the dead of night, but in an urban area at rush hour) They caught their bus but on arriving at their destination discovered from the timings that the encounter must have lasted a seemingly impossible 25 minutes. This certainly suggests the possibility of a time lapse.

Both Mr and Mrs Boosey have had psychic experiences. Mr Boosey once saw a ball of white light inside a house pass through the walls as if they did not exist. This is, yet again, a common pre-encounter experience (i.e. both Gaynor and Marion Sutherland, as recounted in "Alien Contact" by Paul Whetnall and myself)

Investigation into the Boosey's observations may yet have some surprises to offer.

Investigators: Andy Collins and Bob Easton.



CORRECTION:

It is regretted that in the insert circulated with the September issue of BUFORA Bulletin incorrect prices were shown for the cost to members and non-members of the newly-published CLOSE ENCOUNTER AT LIVINGSTON.

The correct prices are given on the back page of this issue.

- And Its Aftermath

This is the second part of an article by Mr Fogarty who was the reporter with a three man Australian television crew who encountered the UFOs in December, 1978 off the east coast of New Zealand.

The first part of this article, which was published in the Sept. 1982 issue of BUFORA Bulletin, looked at the events of December 31st, 1978 and the debunking exercise which followed. This concluding report continues with the remarks of Mr Fogarty's detractors and his own comments on them.

Vince Ford, Research School of Physical Sciences, Australian National University. Ford works as a research officer for this body which runs Mount Stromlo Observatory outside Canberra and the Siding Spring Observatory in north-west New South Wales. In Bulletin magazine of January 16th, 1979, under the headline "Why UFOs Are Just Pie In The Sky" Ford put himself forward as an open-minded, but sceptical astronomer. The article mentioned the claim by a group of Mount Stromlo scientists that the published photographs from the film were definitely planets magnified by "atmospheric shimmer." Ford talked of how "lens effects" and "image shimmer" gave a distant sphere an "oblate" or slightly squashed appearance as seen in the photographs. Ford was also quick to reply to my letter:

"A year later I remain as sceptical as ever. There is no doubt whatever as to the identity of your main object. It is a typical image of the planet Jupiter taken through a small (less than 6 in.) lens. So much so, that when first seeing it on the news, my two sons identified it! On the sequences shown on TV, even with the movement and de-focusing (excited cameraman, or deliberate attempt at confusion, I won't speculate which), the cloud belts are obvious."

Ford then mentions the video-analysis of a copy of the film. This, he said, confirmed the Jupiter sighting and he queried why the channel had never publicly acknowledged Lanigan-O'Keefe's findings.

"I suspect," he wrote, "Channel 10's silence was a result of receiving a copy of this report (Lanigan-O'Keefe's report) as it presents their actions in rather a poor light. Your fast moving streaks with tails are typical meteor sightings. So, in summary you have photographed Jupiter and observed meteors and have probably allowed a bit of panic to ruin a nice night flight."

COMMENTS: This is one of those amazing instances where a person without access to all the information, or the film, can still make categorical statements about what we saw and filmed. It is worth bearing in mind that the object he says is Jupiter is also Ireland's hypothetical fishing boat. Ford also hints darkly at some sort of cover-up by the channel and a deliberate attempt at "confusion" by the cameraman. I am not exactly sure

what he means, but I gather he is suggesting some sort of hoax. The reason for the Channel's failure to publicly acknowledge Lanigan-O'Keefe's findings is quite simple - they did not hold up to scientific scrutiny and relied for their credence on a hoax film. Perhaps the most interesting aspect of Ford's letter is his claim that we filmed meteors! That is incredible. The fast moving streaks with tails were the results of camera movement, nothing more. I, and the others on the aircraft, saw nothing that remotely resembled a meteor.

Robert Lanigan-O'Keefe got into the act very early. He rang the Channel on January 2nd, 1979, the day after the news item was broadcast, to say that our UFO was in fact Jupiter and its "moons." He had taken a videotape copy of the news item from his own television set and subjected it to line scan analysis. This, he claimed, revealed Jupiter's moon in all their glory. Feeling decidedly philanthropic he offered the Channel his help in producing a documentary; the result of which would be that "Fogerty (sic) will come up looking like the George Adamski of the 1980s while the network will be praised for its honest and unique quality of reporting the factual truth." In that letter, and others, he said that the film was a hoax, that it was shot on three separate dates and possibly from a ground mount. In his reply to my letter he was unrepentant, stating categorically that he could prove the film was "not a genuine account" and suggesting that I might have been "an innocent bystander caught up in someone else's fun times."

COMMENTS: When he first discovered the "moons" of Jupiter Lanigan-O'Keefe was faced with a dilemma for, unfortunately, the "moons" were not in the correct position for the early morning of December 31st. So, what was he to do? He could always admit his mistake or he could accuse the witnesses of a hoax. He chose the latter course. However, the film is not a hoax. Therefore his Jupiter theory is insupportable.

Geoff Harrow an ornithologist, Christchurch, New Zealand. Early in January, 1979 Mr Harrow was quoted as saying that the light sources could have been up to half a million mutton birds (Hutton's Shearwaters) flying inland to mate. The birds, which have shiny underparts, could have been reflecting light from the Japanese squid fleet off the Kaikoura coast. He had been told by Christchurch airport's radar operators that it was quite possible the birds were the objects on the screen. In his reply to me Harrow said that sightings still lacked a satisfactory explanation and he had no reason for changing his earlier comment.

"Upwards of 500,000 Hutton's shearwaters are flying at night from the sea up to 5,000-6000 ft above sea level to their breeding burrows high in the seaward Kaikoura Range and the times of UFO sightings correspond with the times of greatest flight activity of Hutton's shearwaters. The white underparts of the birds might reflect moonlight sufficient to be visible to an observer."

COMMENTS: Mr Harrow appears unaware that one of the lights filmed may have had a luminous intensity comparable to more than two million candelas. At the most conservative estimate, it was pumping out about 260,000 candelas. The mutton birds were heading inland, but I doubt if they were generating that sort of heat.

First Mr Harrow claimed that the birds were reflecting light from the squid fleet (which, incidentally, was 260km off the coast) Later he said it was moonlight. In his letter he stated that the birds fly up to 6,000ft above sea level. Our plane, however, was cruising at between 13,000-14,000ft on both legs of the journey. How were the birds' undersides able to reflect moonlight to observers in an aircraft above them? Unless, of course, they were flying upside down?

So, the experts have spoken. It is a pity that I did not receive replies from Sir Bernard Lovell, the noted British radio astronomer or Mr David Mabin, Superintendent of New Zealand's Mount John Observatory. Sir Bernard put forward the theory that the UFOs were meteors that had failed to burn up in the atmosphere; Mabin said initially that he was 99 per cent sure we had filmed Venus, after seeing the news item he said we had filmed Jupiter under very poor viewing conditions.

Where does all this leave us? We could have a chuckle at the obvious clutching-at-straws mentality. However, as Maccabee says the stakes in this game are high. Many people believe that various governments, through their military scientific agencies, have been debunking and belittling UFO sightings and those who report them. Although I am not heavily into the conspiracy theory, I firmly believe that New Zealand government scientists stand so accused. To anyone aware of the facts surrounding these sightings Ireland's report is the most amazing concoction of error, omission and selective reporting. The question is why?

Maybe, as some suggest, the authorities know the true nature of UFOs and are afraid that a public announcement would cause widespread panic, or maybe it is simply that they, like us, do not know what UFOs are, but haven't the courage to admit it. Whatever the reason, one thing is sure, no amount of debunking in the past has made the phenomenon disappear and it is hardly likely to do so in the future.

One final point remains. The critics have attributed the lights to a variety of sources, both terrestrial and astronomical. However, nearly all the lights started as pin-points and then pulsed into huge, hypnotic balls of fire. Where are the city lights, beacons, squid boats, mutton birds and planets that do that?

Those who were not there will never know the unbelievable beauty of that light show. I can flick a mental switch and be back in an instant on board the lumbering Argosy, sweat trickling down my back, the noise of the engines suffocating me and watching the lights outside the window. That, my scientific and sceptical friends is a fact - like it or not!

FOOTNOTE Since stating that we filmed Jupiter and observed meteors Vice Ford has had a change of heart. He was forced to abandon his Jupiter theory after receiving a letter from Dr. Maccabee in August, 1981, in which it was explained that the large beach-ball shaped image featured on television and in press photographs was simply an out-of-focus image of the bright object filmed near Christchurch. In a letter to me Ford stated, in part, "...it appears that I may have to give much lower weight to Jupiter as a possible

identification... I concede that things are not always what they appear, even to the trained eyeball." He finished with the comment: "If you are absolutely sure that Jupiter can be dismissed (and you obviously are, and Maccabee appears certain) then I'd say you have a real puzzle on your hands and wish you luck in untangling it."

Sir Bernard Lovell I know has also had second thoughts. A copy of the film and Maccabee's paper were sent to him at Jodrell Bank and after studying both the unit discarded Sir Bernard's earlier claim that the objects seen and filmed were meteorites that had failed to ignite in the earth's atmosphere.

Recommended reading on this case - one of the classic UFO encounters - is "The Kaikoura UFOs" by Capt. Bill Startup and Neil Illingworth. Hodder & Stoughton. 209 pp. 1980. £7.50.

HUMAN SCIENCES AND UFO PHENOMENA

HILARY EVANS

- UPIAR Colloquium at Salzburg - July 26th-29th, 1982.

Ufologists from France, Belgium, Italy, Canada, the USA, UK and Austria itself met at a picturesque mountain hotel for this immensely stimulating and successful conference. Numbers had been kept deliberately low so that it would be more of a conversation than a succession of speeches - and that is exactly how it turned out. Although formal papers were given they were not so much one-off lectures as individual contributions to a continuous discussion.

Many of the delegates are already widely-known in ufology circles: Roberto Farabone, who organised the conference together with compatriot Francesco Izzo and Alex Keul of Austria who was honoured at BUFORA's 1980 London Congress. Several authors of ufological books attended including Bertrand Meheust, author of "Science Fiction et Soucoupes Volantes"; Thierry Pinvidic (France) and Jacques Scornaux (Belgium).

The continuing theme was the interaction between psychology, sociology and the investigation of the UFO phenomenon. Alex Keul reported on his and Ken Phillips work in Milton Keynes on witness evaluation. On the same theme, Paolo Toselli showed just how many distorting factors can intervene between initial input - the alleged UFO sighting - and ultimate output - the investigator's report. Apart from difficulties of accurate perception and reporting, all kinds of subjective elements must be watched for, including what kind of image the investigator wants to present!

Ways were offered in which UFO witnesses can be scientifically evaluated. Professor Don Donderi, McGill University, Montreal, suggested signal detection theory as an objective method. A simple 15 minute test based on cards rapidly projected by a tachistoscope offers a measurable index of witness reliability; moreover, any investigator can quickly learn to administer the test.

Professor Alvin Lawson (USA) has elaborated a birth-trauma hypothesis for alleged abduction cases which, he claims, gives an opportunity for objective testing of reports in this field. His controversial but compelling thesis provoked much discussion; with general agreement that this could be a rewarding new approach to a baffling phenomenon.

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I have always found the writings of H.G. Wells hugely entertaining, as well as thought-provoking. Such a verdict can be given to his novel "The War In The Air." (Penguin pub. Harmsworth, 1979. orig.pub.1908) Several themes are explored, and so the work can be regarded on several different levels. On an individual level it reveals how members of the Smallways family adapt to the brisk changes wrought by the ingenuity of science and technology. But as Wells wrote: "No one troubled over the real dangers of mankind" (p.229). Imperialistic designs, nationalism, and the build-up of arms threatened the stability of the world, whilst people like the Smallways lived and loved with no regard to the perils surrounding them. The "evil-spirited press, mercenary and unscrupulous, incapable of good and powerful for evil" brooded over the poor state of the world's affairs like hungry vultures (p.230). According to Wells the development of aerial navigation would have a profound impact on human society, and the Smallways and their like would find their lifestyles irrevocably changed, for the worse. Indeed, "For a time it had seemed that by virtue of machines and scientific civilisation, Europe was to be lifted out of this perpetual round of animal drudgery, and that America was to evade it very largely from the outset. And with the smash of the high and dangerous and splendid edifice of mechanical civilisation that had arisen so marvellously, back to the land came the common man, back to the manure." (p.244) The catastrophe inflicted on humanity began when aerial machines were secretly built and tested by the majority of countries who were searching for a new military weapon. Early in the novel a character states how pioneers of aviation soon went missing, with the implication that the government or agents of other countries abducted them in the interests of security, world peace etc. Then one day Mr Alfred Butteridge emerged with his heavier than air vehicle, which "wasn't one felt, a fresh step forward in the matter so much as a giant stride, a leap" (p.21) I wonder if Neil Armstrong arrived at his "One small step for man one giant leap for mankind" declaration from Wells? Anyway, the Germans attack America with a massive fleet of airships and single pilot Drachenflieger aircraft, before the Butteridge invention can be exploited. Wells portrays the novelty and power of aerial warfare magnificently. The Germans use their craft to attack and bomb American shipping, with devastating results. For instance, Wells describes how "one behind the other, a string of a dozen airships dropped with unhurrying swiftness down the air in pursuit of the American fleet. They kept at a height of two thousand feet or more until they were over and a little in advance of the rearmost ironclad, and then stooped swiftly down into a fountain of bullets, and going just a little faster than the ship below, pelted her thinly protected decks with bombs until they became sheets of detonating flame" (p. 113-114) Later the same craft bomb New York with the same grotesque impact. However, Wells shows how the bombardment of New York is a hollow victory because the Germans cannot control the activities of the people who had surrendered to them. Without the back-up of occupying troops there is nothing more than an uneasy stalemate. Secondly, he shows how hard it is for aerial craft to fight each other (though he does depict an aerial dog-

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

BUFORA LIMITED

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Seventh Annual General Meeting of BUFORA Limited will be held at the KENSINGTON CENTRAL LIBRARY, CAMPDEN HILL entrance, in the LECTURE THEATRE, at 7pm on SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4th, 1982, to receive the President's Address, the Chairman's Report, the Report of the Council of Management for the year ended August 31st, 1982, the Report of the Auditor, the Accounts of the Treasurer, and to elect the Members of the Council for the following year and appoint the Auditor, according to the Articles of Association.

Signed on behalf of the Council of Management

L.W. BAYER - CHAIRMAN

OCTOBER 6th, 1982.

Please note that a Member entitled to attend and vote at this meeting is entitled to appoint a proxy, who need not be a Member of the Company to attend and vote in his or her stead. Instruments of proxy must be lodged at the Company's Registered Office, 30 Vermont Road, London, SE19 3SR, not less than forty-eight hours before the time appointed for the Meeting.

Members wishing to nominate persons for election to the Council of Management, shall give to the Secretary such nominations in writing, signed by the person proposed, of his willingness to be elected, not less than four, nor more than twenty-eight clear days before the time appointed for the Meeting, in accordance with section 52 of the Articles of Association.

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SEVENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

on December 4th, 1982

A G E N D A

1. Notice convening the Meeting
2. Minutes of Sixth Annual General Meeting
3. President's Address
4. Chairman's Report.
5. Treasurer's Report.
6. Director of Research's Report.
7. Adoption of the Report of the Council of Management, of the Report of the Auditor, and of the Accounts for the year ended August 31st, 1982.
8. Appointment of the Auditor and leave for Council to fix his remuneration
9. Election of Directors to the Council of Management for the ensuing year.
 - (a) Under Article 37 the election of John Barrett, Ian Myrzglod and Hans Streuli
 - (b) Under Articles 49 and 50 the re-election of Lionel Beer and Stephen Gamble.

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT

For The Twelve Months Ended August 31st, 1982.

1. This Report and the attached set of Accounts and Report of the Auditor cover the period from September 1st, 1981 to August 31st, 1982.
2. The attached balance sheet shows the state of the Company's affairs at August 31st, 1982. Please refer to the Treasurer's report.
3. The principal activities of the Company during the Financial Year have been to encourage, promote and conduct unbiased scientific research of unidentified flying objects (UFOs) phenomena throughout the UK to collect and disseminate evidence relating to UFOs and to co-ordinate UFO research throughout the UK and to co-operate with others engaged on such work throughout the world.
4. The Membership of the Company at 31st August, 1982 was 392 (1981 - 572). The Registered membership of the Company is 550. Council express their thanks to the Membership Secretary, Miss Pam Kennedy, MBE, for her continued valued services during the year.
5. OBITUARIES. During the year the Association lost two of its most esteemed Members with the death of Mrs Anne Harcourt and Dr. Geoffrey Doel. Anne made a long struggle against an insidious and weakening illness which the doctors could not identify. For many years Membership Secretary of the Association, one of her current responsibilities was planning and implementing the lecture programme. Its continued success is largely due to her judgement and ability to create such a programme for the Association. She will be sadly missed, not only by her colleagues on Council, but all those who knew her and appreciated what she did for BUFORA.
Dr. G.C.Doel, MRCS.,LRCP, was a Past President of BUFORA and highly respected for his contribution to the Association. At the time of his death Dr. Doel was a Vice-President. He was a Founder Member of the Association and no task was too menial for him to undertake.
6. LECTURES. During the year BUFORA scheduled nine lectures at the Kensington Central Library, London on the first Saturday of each month from September to May. Unfortunately the lecture on February 6th, 1982 to be given by Dr. Bob Morrell, BSc, had to be cancelled because of the terrible weather conditions. To the handful of determined regulars who braved the elements and turned up Council apologise for their inability to teleport Dr. Morrell from Nottingham. The talk will now be given on November 6th, 1982.
Council record their gratitude to Mr. R. Lindsay who tapes all the lectures for the benefit of Members unable to attend.
7. BUFORA Publications. During the past year improvement has been made in the regularity of our periodicals - four issues of the BULLETIN and two J-TAPs have been produced and mailed to members. Economy measures forced on the publications directorate in 1981 resulted in the cessation of BUFORA Journal and its replacement by the more modest Bulletin. The appointment of John Barrett, a professional journalist, to the post of Editor, has resulted in the emergence of a respectable magazine, as will be seen during the coming year.

J-TAP reports, with regret, that owing to domestic commit-

ments, Richard Beet is unable to continue as Editor-in-Chief but is happy to be available in a consultative capacity. J-TAP will now be produced by the editorial board under the guidance of Bob Digby.

Our thanks to the many members who have contributed directly or indirectly to our pages and apologies to those whose submissions for space or other reasons, we have been unable to include.

BUFORA Case History No.1. "CLOSE ENCOUNTER AT LIVINGSTON", a lengthy report by Steaurt Campbell, has been published, after editing by Chairman, Les Bayer and ex-Research Officer, Charles P. Lockwood. Credit must also go to Betty Wood for undertaking the monumental task of typing the manuscript.

Sales of BUFORA publications at the Edinburgh Conference were healthy, but otherwise have been hit by the recession. A concentrated sales effort is expected to improve this shortly.

Unfortunately financial restraints have retarded new productions but the RADAR Report compiled by G. Falla and A.R.Pace is well under way and will be published in due course.

Responsibility for distribution of our publications has again been in the hands of Arnold West, Vice-Chairman, who also arranges the printing of BUFORA publications. His services are invaluable to BUFORA and much appreciated by the Council.

8. CONFERENCES. During March, 1982 a Conference was held at the George Hotel, Edinburgh, attended by 60 delegates, despite blizzards making travelling difficult. Delegates assembled on the Friday morning and the Conference opened on Saturday with a Paper from Jenny Randles on "Towards An Ideal Investigation Network." This was followed by Harry Harris speaking on hypnotic regression. He introduced to the Conference Mrs Linda Jones who had been hypnotically regressed after a time lapse experience, following a sighting. This part of the programme produced a lively and interesting discussion.

After lunch delegates took part in a symposium on the CE case at Livingston. This proved to be truly fascinating since the supporting speakers, Mr M. Drummond (Forestry Manager), Sgt. I. Wark (Livingston police), Mr. L. Knib (Forensic Science Department, Edinburgh police headquarters) and Steaurt Campbell, who originally investigated the case, were such lively presenters that this unique event came alive all over again.

Unfortunately the main participant, Mr Robert Taylor, who had the sighting was not present, those visiting the site on the following day had the opportunity to meet him.

The final paper of the day, given by Hilary Evans, was "UFOs - in the Sky or in the Mind?" On Sunday morning many delegates endured the weather to visit the site of the Livingston event and meet and talk to Bob Taylor, the witness.

The Conference was well covered by the Scottish newspapers and the proceedings seriously reported.

Planning is underway for the 3rd International Congress of BUFORA to be held over three days - August 27th-29th, 1983, at the Lorch Foundation Conference Centre, High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire. Members wishing to submit a Paper to the Congress should contact the Congress Chairman John Shaw.

9. RESEARCH. Peter Hill became Director of Research at the beginning of 1982.

A factor which in the past has inhibited BUFORA research is the small number of persons in the Research Department. Much effort has gone into research already published by BUFORA but much still remains to be done.

Peter Hill has recruited several more members to support him in undertaking the work. The reports which investigators do, with great effort and expense on their part, must be used and investigators are entitled to feedback of their work.

The Research Department is being enlarged and those joining have much to contribute. Each is hand-picked for specific expertise in one or more of the many disciplines which are of potential relevance to the UFO enigma. It is intended, eventually, to have a team of active researchers to work in small groups on projects allocated, with relevant specialists available for consultation. Such a team would include members with special knowledge and skills in aeronautics, archaeology, astronomy, astrophysics, chemistry, data processing, exobiology, geography, history, mathematics, metallurgy, meteorology, photography, physics, psychiatry, psychology, and statistics.

Enquiries have been received and answered from a number of overseas researchers in Chile, Switzerland, the USA and USSR. Information is being supplied, at their request, to Television South on West Sussex reports.

10. INVESTIGATIONS. Jenny Randles became Director of Investigations in November, 1981, when very few RICs were left, there were frequent complaints from long suffering investigators and sightings were at an all-time low (60 cases compared to a figure for previous years of about 400). There has been much to do to rectify the situation; hopefully with the dedicated help of some devoted members, we are making steps in this direction.

1981 saw important strides forward. BUFORA now puts first the standard and quality of its investigation work. The RIC system has been re-worked, with some old members re-joining. All RICs now have a greater say in the development of investigation policy with the creation of a National Investigation Committee with a brief to meet three times a year. Meetings have been held in Edinburgh and Manchester. All interested BUFORA investigators are invited to attend these meetings and shape policy, although the final vote is the province of the present 10 RICs. Work so far has included the re-design of BUFORA report forms bringing them into line with modern thinking and a much more formalised report format. This is necessary to ensure higher standards.

The most important move has been to commence a degree of filtration in the process of appointing investigators. Trainee work can be done by any interested individual, under the auspices of the local RIC., a postal training scheme is under development. However all CE work will be assigned to Accredited Investigators (AIs). They must prove their standard and are then issued with a card accrediting them for a limited period. In return for the extra work they put into BUFORA, often producing very detailed case reports, they receive a 50 per cent reduction in membership dues.

Another change of emphasis has been to move away from investigating each and every report, beyond initial logging of the data on RI forms. Selection of detailed appraisals for CE events has been agreed by NIC. A new and more available system for case files is being adopted by Robin Lindsay. Case files should be used not left to gather dust.

The adoption of the Code of Practice is now firm BUFORA policy. ALL AIs will shortly sign declaration forms cementing their bond to this Code which governs the investigator's ethical and moral responsibilities, in particular to the witness.

Case investigation remains at a low-level; 1982 shows little sign of improving over 1981 (although reports have begun to climb slightly in the second half of 1982). However, it is important to see the quality of those reports that are coming in. A dozen of

those per year are probably more valuable than a hundred consisting of nothing more than RI forms. To this end investigator education is a key issue. A joint tuition day with ASSAP in London proved successful. A meeting on perception and witness interviewing was held in Manchester with local group MUFORA. Council thanks all those who have investigated reports during 1981. Their contribution is invaluable.

Council thanks Pam Kennedy, MBE, Membership Secretary and Robin Lindsay who records BUFORA lectures and maintains the tape/book library. He has also provided accommodation for BUFORA files.

BUFORA supplies information to the EASTEL/PRESTEL data system which can be accessed on page 50801.

11. A raffle was held during the last of the 1981-82 lectures. Council thanks Miss F. Farquason for donating a prize and all those who supported the event.

12. During June a Training in Communication was held in London under the joint auspices of BUFORA/ASSAP. Entitled "Exchanging Information Effectively" it attracted 40 delegates.

13. In mid-August Miss Betty Wood resigned from Council and as BUFORA's Secretary. The Association is greatly in her debt for the countless ways she has furthered the Association's interests during 15 years as Secretary. She will still attend BUFORA meetings.

14. The following members constituted the Council of Management at August 31st, 1982: L.W. BAYER, L.E. BEER, R. DIGBY; S.J. GAMBLE, P. HILL, J. RANGLES, J. SHAW, J.L. SPENCER, A. WEST.

In addition Robin Lindsay and John Barrett assisted Council during the year. At the September Council meeting the following members were elected to Council under Article 37:

JOHN BARRETT IAN MYRZGLOD

John Barrett has edited BUFORA Bulletin since May, 1982 and it is proper that he should have a seat on Council. Ian Myrzglod, a highly-regarded ufologist and BUFORA's RIC in the south-west, joins Council in order to improve its balance of experienced ufologists.

John Spencer's resignation necessitates the election of a new Treasurer at the AGM. Council has been fortunate in obtaining the services of a member, Mr Hans Streuli, a Company Director, who is well-qualified to handle our finances. John Spencer materially saved the Association from financial disaster by prudent budgetting and clearly defining our cash limits. We owe him a great debt of gratitude.

15. No Member of Council received any remuneration during the year.

16. Under Section 37 of the Articles of Association the following Council Members are eligible for re-election:

JOHN BARRETT IAN MYRZGLOD HANS STREULI

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

LIONEL BEER STEPHEN GAMBLE

who, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

18. The following Member retires by rotation but is not seeking re-election: LESLIE BAYER

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT



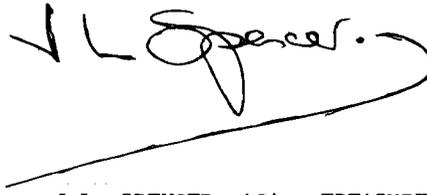
L.W. BAYER - CHAIRMAN

TREASURER'S REPORT

Members will see that their efforts of the past year have largely reversed the nearly fatal situation I inherited some two years ago. Although certain cost saving must continue for a large part of this year, I am sure that Hans Streuli, the new Treasurer, will be able to begin to expand the output to members in the not too distant future. I thank all those members who have stood by us in these lean times.

The Council of Management have asked me to record another change; the Chairman for the past three years, Mr Leslie Bayer, MBE, has decided not to offer himself for re-election in order that he can pursue other interests and devote more time to his family. The furor to try and get him to change his mind says more about our feelings towards him than this short paragraph can. Members will be aware of the sweeping improvements to our organisational structure that Les has made and we shall continue to benefit from his work.

Good luck to you Les, and thank you from us all.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J.L. Spencer', with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.

J.L. SPENCER, ACA. TREASURER

REPORT OF THE AUDITOR TO THE MEMBERS OF BUFORA LIMITED

I have audited the annexed accounts. My audit was conducted in accordance with approved auditing standards having regard to the matters referred to in the following paragraph.

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

Subject to the foregoing, in my opinion the accounts which have been prepared under the historical cost convention give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs at August 31st, 1982 and of its excess of income over expenditure for the year then ended and comply with the Companies Acts 1948 to 1981.

G. H. CONNOR, BA, ACA.
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT.

BUFORA LIMITED

(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT - YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 1982

	1982		1981	
	£	£	£	£
<u>INCOME</u>				
Subscriptions: Annual	3247		3322	
Life	230		165	
	<u>3477</u>		<u>3487</u>	
Publications sold	209		778	
less printing, postage	(27)		(349)	
	182		429	
Enrolment fees	90		60	
Donations	587		919	
less CE111K Special Research fund	-		(100)	
	587		819	
Training fees	-		60	
less training costs	-		(21)	
	-		39	
Bank interest	13		37	
Sundry income	32		180	
	<u>4381</u>		<u>5051</u>	
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>				
Membership publications printing and distribution	1893		3645	
Research and investigation	454		454	
less Research fund grant	(25)		(157)	
less CE111K fund grant	(36)		(64)	
	393		233	
Edinburgh conference costs	2102		-	
less receipts	(1616)		-	
	486		-	
Administration expenses	418		1272	
Sundry expenditure	96		4	
London lecture costs	650		683	
less receipts	(640)		(519)	
	10		164	
Honorarium to Auditor	50		40	
	<u>3346</u>		<u>5358</u>	
		1035	(307)	
Less: Corporation tax @ 40% on				
Bank interest	(5)		(15)	
Adjustment to previous years	15		(15)	
	<u>10</u>		<u>(30)</u>	
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE		<u>1045</u>	<u>(337)</u>	

NOTES

1. The Company is limited by Guarantee and in the event of winding up the liability of each member would be limited to £1.
2. Life subscriptions are credited to income at a rate equivalent to the current Annual Subscription.
3. Annual subscriptions are credited to income at a percentage equivalent to the balance of the year to August 31st. The remainder is carried forward.
4. Stocks are valued at estimated Net Realisable value
5. The accounts have been prepared to comply with Section 149A and Schedule 8A to the Companies Act 1948.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report shows that costs were so drastically curtailed in the year ending August 31st, 1982 that surplus income has virtually eliminated the deficit of earlier years. This has been done without reducing the number of publications issued, and what is more, we have mailed them on time.

This hard financial course has meant we are in the black (almost) and thanks are due to John Spencer for his hard work. He is resigning as Treasurer, but we are pleased to retain him on Council.

Inflation is still with us however and after 15 months we must raise the Association's subscription. These were last increased from September 1st, 1981. Council agreed that, commencing January, 1983, current members will be asked, as their subscription falls due, to renew at an increase of £2.50 pa (i.e. 21p per month). New members will pay the subscription of £12.50 pa from November 1st.

Council is anxious to improve members' benefits and to compensate for the increase members will receive four times a year "Probe Report" published by the Bristol Group PROBE. Members will certainly be impressed by its content and quality. Its editor, Ian Myrzglod, whose co-operation is appreciated by BUFORA's Council is now a member of Council.

Early in 1982 BUFORA appointed a new Director of Investigations - Jenny Randles. Much has been achieved since in restoring a credible network of experienced investigators to operate nation-wide. For the first time for some years, standards are being raised, clear policies defined and important cases quickly and objectively handled. Jenny deserves the thanks of all for her many hours of work on BUFORA's behalf and her efforts to re-establish a professional investigator network.

BUFORA Bulletin is now produced by a professional journalist - John Barrett - and will improve in format and content as funds allow. Thanks are extended to our "stop-gap" editor, Arnold West, who, in addition to his many responsibilities, produced the Bulletin with little notice and enabled us to keep faith with members. Arnold is a tower of strength.

The most important publication this year has been Steuart Campbell's CLOSE ENCOUNTER AT LIVINGSTON. This describes the actual incident in great detail and contains the author's theory as to its cause, together with photographs, maps, police reports, witness statements and records of the press coverage. Council's appreciation to Steuart Campbell and to Betty Wood in generously financing, as a gift to BUFORA, the largest part of the publication costs, has been recorded.

Plans for 1983's Congress are well advanced and will depart from the previous format. The programme will cover three full days - August 27th-29th, 1983 - with emphasis placed upon quality of papers and presentation. There will be a seminar on a UK UFO film, the UFO having been seen by many witnesses in various locations. Our thanks to John Shaw, Chairman of the Congress Committee, who is planning, organising and executing this major event.

Peter Hill, Research Director, has begun sorting BUFORA's files. As soon as they are indexed Council will make them available to investigators. Volunteers to help with the indexing are eagerly sought.

So, much has been done over the last year to improve:

- (a) The Association's financial affairs
- (b) The efficiency of our organisation
- (c) Production of publications for members.

My thanks to my Council colleagues for their support over three difficult years. I am not seeking re-election at the AGM.

I firmly believe the current Council members will serve BUFORA well and I commend them to you.



D O N A T I O N S

The Council of Management wish to thank the undermentioned for their generous donations to BUFORA Ltd during the year ended August 31st, 1981.

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J. GRANGER	S. POURNETT	F.B. WOOD
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A. HAUFMAN	C.E.S. REVATT	

MINUTES OF THE SIXTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF BUFORA LIMITED

Held on Saturday, December 5th, 1981 at Kensington Central Library, Campden Hill Road, London, W8 at 7.00pm

The meeting opened with approximately 30 members present

1. The Secretary read the Notice convening the meeting.
2. Apologies for absence had been received from the President, Lord Kings Norton, and two members.
3. The Minutes of the previous Meeting, having already been circulated, were approved by the members and signed by the Chairman.
4. Mr Beer said it was his sad duty to announce the death of Dr. Geoffrey Doel, Past President of the Association. Dr. Doel was Chairman in 1964 and later became President of BUFORA. He did much to maintain and advance the interests of the Association and besides being a medical doctor, was a man of many talents who would be greatly missed.
5. The Chairman, Mr L.W. Bayer, then read a short message from the President, sending apologies for being unable to attend and best wishes to all members.
6. The Chairman enlarged on his Report, which had already been published and circulated. He stressed that it was very necessary to improve the standards of research and investigation but as we were a voluntary organisation we had to rely on the loyalty and goodwill of active members, whose own resources of finance and spare time were often strained. Due to this there had been several resignations within the Council; it also accounted for the occasional late arrival of BUFORA publications. In order to overcome these various problems it was intended to (a) instigate training courses for all Investigators and (b) improve selection methods. Subject to her being elected, it was planned to appoint Miss Jenny Randles as Director of Investigations. Miss Randles was well known to most members and it was anticipated that a great improvement would result from this appointment.
Mr Bayer said that the Council was also actively looking for an Editor for BUFORA Journal/Bulletin and it was hoped that the former would be reissued as soon as the financial situation permitted.
The merits of a Code of Practice have also been under discussion and various meetings have been held with a view to clarifying this. It is now in the hands of solicitors for "vetting" but it is not anticipated that there will be any difficulties. It will be obligatory on all Investigators to adhere to the Code of Practice after publication.
7. THE TREASURER'S REPORT had already been circulated to members. Mr Spencer explained that the loss has been cut to £500 and hopefully if we kept on course, matters should improve greatly in the next 18 months. The Chairman said, in reply to a query from the floor, that if each member brought in one new member there would be no need to raise subscriptions in 1982. In reply to another query Mr Bayer reassured the enquirer that all efforts were being made to ensure maximum publicity for BUFORA.
8. RESEARCH DIRECTOR'S REPORT. Mr Bayer announced that Mr Pace had resigned from his post as Director of Research. He had done sterling work for the Association for many years but difficulties had arisen due to pressures of his business and the fact that he now lived such a distance away. Mr Peter

Hill had agreed to take on the post of Research Director. Mr Hill is already a member of the Council and Secretary of the Edinburgh Branch and is BUFORA's representative on the international committee, PICUR. Lack of funds has to some extent held back the publication of research material but Mr. Hill hopes to implement a new drive to improve matters in this area.

Mr R. Digby then gave a brief explanation of research work to date. As a member of the Research Committee involved in the production of JTAP he stated they were trying to ensure that this was issued twice a year and featured in-depth and scientifically-orientated UFO investigations. BUFORA was working with many overseas colleagues involving international standards and exchange of information. The Research Department also encompassed the physical data section e.g. traces, photographs etc. and also hoped to act as an interface with the scientific community. Mr Digby went on to explain various aspects of sighting reports and connecting procedures and stated that it was quality rather than quantity that was the aim.

9. Adoption of the Report of the Council of Management, Report of the Auditor and the Accounts for the year ended 1981, August 31.

Mr Beer queried the figure of 27 Sighting Reports for the year so far and it was explained that these would be reports received from our Investigators. Mr Beer also said he would like it mentioned that BUFORA had taken a stand at the exhibition at Alexandra Palace earlier in the year. This had been manned and set up by members of the Council and had been very successful.

It was proposed and seconded that the meeting should adopt the Report of the Council of Management, Report of the Auditor and the set of Accounts. The Resolution was carried unanimously.

10. Appointment of Auditor. It was proposed and seconded that Mr G.H. Connor having signified his willingness to be allowed to continue in office be appointed for a further year at a remuneration to be agreed by Council. The Resolution was carried unanimously.

11. Election of Officers:

Mr Lindsey, Mr Oliver and Mr Pace did not wish to stand for re-election to the Council of BUFORA Ltd. Mr Lindsey, although still working actively for BUFORA, felt he would like a rest from Council work, and Mr Oliver would like more time to pursue private research.

The Chairman explained that the replacements for these positions were as follows: Mr Hill was nominated as Director of Research; Mr R. Digby, who has done much valuable work behind the scenes, has been nominated for a place on the Council. The position of Director of Investigations became vacant when Mrs. Maureen Hall resigned due to such adverse pressures that she became unwilling to continue. Miss Jenny Randles had agreed, subject to election, to accept the post of Director of Investigations. Mr John Shaw, official photographer to BUFORA, had been nominated for another vacancy.

The Hon. Secretary, Miss B. Wood, due to retire in rotation this year, was willing to stand for re-election.

It was proposed and seconded, with all in favour, that the following members therefore be elected to Council

Miss B. Wood	- Honorary Secretary
Mr P. Hill	- Director of Research
Miss J. Randles	- Director of Investigations
Mr R. Digby	
Mr J. Shaw	

This left one vacancy on the Council.

12. Two items from previous AGM

- (a) Earlier commencement time for lectures: The membership were advised that they would be asked their opinions at the next few full meetings.
- (b) Raffles: At a suggestion from the floor it was agreed to ask the Library once again whether they would object to raffles being held during lectures. Another member suggested a dance.

13. Any Other Business. Another suggestion from the floor was that the Articles of Association be altered to include an amendment of 30 persons for a quorum. It was suggested that this figure be reduced as it was often difficult to find enough members to form a quorum at the AGM.

This concluded the company business; the Chairman thanked members for attending and closed the meeting.

fight on pages 175-182, thus causing attack and counter-attack on the hapless ground-based civilian populations of the protagonists. Thirdly, he points out how battle "fronts" are eliminated by aerial warfare techniques, making such combat "enormously destructive and entirely indecisive" (p.165). This combination of qualities made Wells conclude that aerial warfare was inevitably a catalyst for social disintegration and eventually, degeneration. The power of the aerial contraptions is clearly over-stated, and the role of aircraft in the 1st world war was minute compared to the gigantic worries of the pre-war consciousness fed by the writings of Wells and other less intellectual "panic" writers. Considering the fact that he wrote "The War In The Air" in 1907, Wells was correct in much of his analysis, but instead of the aircraft we might view the nuclear "deterrent" as the instrument for the creation of the ultimate disaster. Considering the date of publication of this work, and the eminence of its author and the world events which caused him to write it, we must be aware that it could well have prepared the ground for a spontaneous public reaction, such as the British 1909 phantom "airship" scare and similar panics during that period. Try to obtain a copy of "The War In The Air" and enjoy the revelation of the impending doom-laden worries of our present day UFO contactees.

Any comments to: N. Watson, Westfield Cottage, Crowle Bank Road, Althorpe, South Humberside DN17 3HZ.

Human Sciences and UFO Phenomena (continued from page 12).

Claude Mauge (France) asked whether people who claim to see UFOs fall into any special psychological group? Related to this was Malcolm Scott's paper (read on his behalf as he was unable to attend) which advocated a study of witness motivation, suggesting that "protection is the name of the game" and that a witness's personal circumstances could well give a clue to his experience.

My paper was also chiefly concerned with encounter reports. Citing researches of two fellow delegates, Meheust and Lawson, I offered an explanation for abduction reports in terms of mimetic projection - the subconscious mind (or, if you prefer, some external source) projects a simulated experience into the conscious perception process, in much the same way as a pre-recorded videotape substitutes for the real-time television programme, giving the witness the illusion of a genuine experience.

In a letter written after the conference Alvin Lawson described it as "the best I have attended" and the spoken comments of other delegates confirmed this. Naturally, the small, intimate character of such a gathering encourages a closely debated discussion; but even so, the sense of shared views and common grounding in the subject made this an astonishingly harmonious occasion, free from major disputes and misunderstandings.

The end result will be seen when the papers are published, but in a very real sense the colloquium was much more than a collection of set papers - it was a lively sharing of views, and a stimulating prospect of what lies ahead for ufology.

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