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Editorial

Welcome to the first edition of UFO Times. It has taken over a year to plan and develop this new periodical, which will be produced six times a year.

UFO Times will include a mixture of regular features plus articles from investigators and researchers from the UK and abroad. There will be more UFO news, views and current affairs items included in each issue, which will hopefully reflect the wishes of BUFORA's ever growing membership. Although a letters page has not been included in this issue due to lack of space, we still warmly encourage correspondence which should be sent to the usual editorial address (see page 3).

But more importantly, UFO Times will be an open forum for any UFO group (or individual) to present and publicise their work. It will be uppermost in the minds of the editorial board to encourage co-operation between groups in this country and overseas (with the help of ICUR).

I hope you will enjoy reading this and the following editions of UFO Times.

Chequebook Ufology

For some years now there have been instances where money has changed hands between newspaper giants and UFO researches, in return for sensational UFO stories. There are of course arguments for and against these practices. Personally I disapprove of money changing hands in this way, simply because there are usually witnesses caught in the middle and their wishes are not always respected.

But, over the past few months, a completely different kind of money changing practice has surfaced, a practice that is more underhanded and totally unjustifiable.

It is alleged that a small group of researchers have been either asking witnesses to keep their cases secret or are being offered money to keep quiet. Of course it is desirable to keep certain cases confidential for a period of time while evaluations take place. However, the real reason for this offering of money to witnesses is so these 'researchers' can reproduce cases exclusively in their publishing efforts and thus personally gaining financially.

A further development occurred recently which added weight to these allegations. I was personally approached by these people and offered money to gain access to BUFORA's unedited case archive 'through the back door.' This would have meant a complete breach of witness confidentiality (which is something I and BUFORA take very seriously) and would have been a fraud; not only to BUFORA but ufology in general and those involved with it. This nefarious practice is abhorrent, but unfortunately is not surprising.

I will not name names at present, but if these kinds of tactics are continued by these people, I will name names. You have been warned!

Donald Keyhoe Dies

Finally, it my sad duty to report the death of the veteran US ufologist, Donald Keyhoe aged 91. Keyhoe wrote the first ever UFO best seller in 1950.

President's Address

Major Sir Patrick Wall, MC VRD RM (Retd)

Major Sir Patrick Wall is a former member of Parliament and has spent 30 years in the quest for answers to the UFO phenomenon. This address was given to the recent BUFORA AGM.

BUFORA's recent past has been most interesting. It continues its research and investigation programs which deservedly allow it to enjoy the privilege of being Britain's number one UFO research organisation. Of specific interest, BUFORA is to be congratulated for its publication nearly two years ago of the book 'UFOs 1947-1987' which is widely recognised as an authoritative reference work, in advance of anything similarly published anywhere else in the world.

More recently followed the publication of BUFORA's second book; 'Phenomenon' to a wider general audience and I understand from John Spencer that current sales of this book in the U.K. and overseas have now exceeded approximately 35000 copies with the hardback copy now out of print (having sold out in its second printing). An American edition of the book is due out later this year, which will no doubt be a considerable success on that continent [the American edition has now been released, Ed]. I was pleased to be part of this; writing the foreword for that publication.

I think, therefore, that BUFORA is to be congratulated for these excellent efforts in bringing the 'state of the art' of the subject to a wider audience and of again demonstrating its dominance in the field of UFO research. Congratulations and thanks to the many contributors to those publications, who are too many to mention, but mostly whose

names will be familiar to you all.

For the future, I am certain that BUFORA has a most interesting year to come.

I recently sat in on a research committee planning meeting; discussing the direction of the organisation for the future and its role in the ever changing world of UFO research. It was clear to me, as it has always been clear, that the subject of UFO research is a complex one and I feel certain from my observations at that meeting that BUFORA is ready to meet the challenge of that complexity. BUFORA is proposing structural changes within the research department to meet these challenges even more effectively and I wish it well in its endeavours.

BUFORA is a major participant in the **International UFO Congress** to be held in London in July this year. This I understand will be organised by the International Committee for UFO Research (ICUR) with sponsorship from BUFORA and MUFON (but with BUFORA providing most of the personnel, equipment and effort). Previously, such conferences have been successful and I am confident that this coming event will be equally so. I understand that several important speakers are already committed to the event such as, Walt Andrus, the international director of MUFON, Bertil Kuhlemann, former chairman of ICUR and head of

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Co-operation; Swedish Style

by John Spencer

John Spencer is currently BUFORA's Secretary and financial adviser and co-edited 'Phenomenon' and 'UFOs 1947-1987' with Hilary Evans.

As so often happens it was a chance remark which led to my introduction to an abduction case which may in many ways - and not the expected ways - be one of the most significant cases to have come to light. This article, however, is not specifically about that case, the details and implications of which I shall be examining in my forthcoming book on the UFO abduction phenomenon - Perspectives - due to be released in the autumn.

The case occurred in Sweden and the purpose of this article is to explain the circumstances of my introduction to the case, my investigation of the case and the exceptional, possibly unprecedented co-operation given to me by the Swedish investigation team. The degree of this co-operation was such that not only did it enrich the value of the investigation, and I think therefore of ufology itself, but was of considerable value to me personally. If this can be the future of international co-operation in the field of UFO study, then we shall be the better for it.

Cornerstone

I would like to see such involvement become a cornerstone of the work of the ICUR, the International Committee for UFO Research, of which I am an officer (along with BUFORA's current director of research Steve Gamble and our former chairman Bob Digby). It might also be said that even a fraction of this degree of

co-operation within the United Kingdom would considerably advance British ufology and would be a welcome replacement for the childish, destructive and unnecessary bickering which seems to characterize our national efforts.

For many years I had greatly respected the work of the prominent Swedish ufologist Bertil Kuhleman. No less importantly, I had respected his approach to the work and the meaning that he gave to the work and drew from it. When, in a conversation with him, he indicated to me that he would be in London during the summer of 1988, I felt that it would be pleasant to spend an evening with him and his family and invited them to my home. In fact, always on the look out for an excuse for a barbecue, I ended up inviting 20 or so other people, many of whom were from the field of UFO study, and so the evening became something of a pleasant informal discussion time. At one point in the evening we strolled together in the garden talking lightly of many aspects of the subject and I mentioned that I was presently working on a book on UFO abductions, for release the following year. Bertil suggested to me that I would be interested in the details of a case that had occurred some years previously in Sweden but which had not received much - or accurate - exposure.

Occasionally a mischievous twinkle comes into the eyes of this very charming man and he said to the effect "You will find that

this case will involve aspects you have not before considered and I think you will find it interesting". He did not give me any details of the case and I realise now that, given the nature of the complexities of the case, he could not have done so.

I am presently dictating this article in the middle of the night on my aircraft flight back to the United Kingdom from Sweden and the three days I have spent in Sweden have exhausted and inspired me because of the nature of the material I have been absorbing. Bertil could never have explained adequately what I was getting into but I knew that he understood me well so I had no hesitation in taking his word for it. Bertil made the appropriate arrangements with the various people involved in the case in Sweden, obtained for me permission to work on their case and as soon as this was done, I made immediate arrangements to go to Sweden to conduct some research and personal investigation.

On 27th October 1988 I left for Sweden, arriving there in the late evening. Bertil met me in the centre of Stockholm and took me to his home. When we had initially discussed this investigation he had suggested that to make the maximum use of the available time I should not spend my evenings alone in a hotel but rather we would benefit by spending as much time as possible together to discuss the implications of the case. This I thought was not only an extremely generous gesture on his part but also the application of a good deal of common sense and I was very grateful for the suggestion.

Bertil and his family made my stay in Sweden one of the most pleasant periods of work I have ever undertaken. He, his wife and his daughter are three of the most pleasant, intelligent and friendly people whose company I have been privileged to enjoy.

On the morning of Friday, 28th October the current principal Swedish investigator of the case, Arne Groth, came to the house, arranged by Bertil, and gave me the preliminary file notes on his investigation work. Bertil had previously sent me the summaries of the case together with publications on the case to date and now I was able to work on the details of the unusual and profound implications the case was raising. As I said earlier, it is not the province of this article to review that case but rather the degree and tenor of international co-operation involved.

After we had spent the morning reviewing the case in some intense detail, Arne and Bertil drove me to the abduction site where I was able to make the appropriate observations, and the appropriate photographs and go over, several times, in great detail the events of the abduction on site. An extraordinary factor of the international co-operation manifested itself at this point.

Arne had brought with him a video camera and proceeded to record some hours worth of video of the site, and principle points of interest in the investigation. Later he was to use a specially purchased macro lens to film the documents and maps to make the video a complete summary. I noticed at the time that all the commentaries were being made by Bertil in English and where necessary Arne was briefing Bertil in Swedish in order that he could make the appropriate English commentary. I assumed that this was because it would give the video tape a more international flavour and be more useful in the international field. not so! In fact, the whole video tape and all their joint efforts that day were designed to provide me with the tape. Rather than make me a copy they simply gave me the tape; the effort had been entirely for my benefit!

Earth Mysteries

When we completed our work we returned to Bertil's home to review that day's efforts. Aspects of the case involved some 'Earth Mysteries' situations including dowsing and Arne felt that I could not appreciate fully the implications of this unless I had experienced it. He therefore arranged to come back the following morning to give me instruction in dowsing and in fact made me the subject of many experiments which were highly fascinating. As a personal gesture he also made me a present of his own dowsing rod, which he had been using for some considerable time.

welcome, their openness, their help and efforts, are the very reason for this article.

There were two particular aspects of my visit which were important to my understanding of the case which resolved themselves entirely because of this co-operation that must be recorded here.

Firstly there were several minor points in the investigation which were significant only because of facts of Swedish life. One of these points was the hesitation of one official to return home when he was told that the oil for his central heating



The ICUR team: Steve Gamble, Bob Digby, Walt Andrus & John Spencer

I don't know if I am making clear the open hearted welcome that these people were giving me; all I can say is that I was made to feel so welcome by them and others that I have personally gained much from my short visit to their country. If the reader feels I am sidetracking remember that the purpose of this article is not to describe the case as such, but to consider the efforts of International Co-operation. This

was to be delivered and he was needed to sign for the delivery; in England this might not have been a mystery, but in that part of Sweden I discovered that oil deliveries are normally made without 'consent' and the invoice just posted to the recipient. This came out in my discussions with Bertil later; it is not a crucial point but every point adds to an understanding of individual actions and motives and so I was

pleased to resolve it. It is unlikely that I would have challenged the point during my interview, given the many points to be clarified, nor would I have come to understand it if I had not been in informal discussion with the family. There were many such points, Bertil understood that these would be easiest addressed in the home environment.

Home Guard

The second point was the very intense involvement of the Home Guard. This body is official, and regarded with considerable respect in the country. yet despite the usual attitude of Governments to the subject they had been a major part of a skywatch shortly after the abduction had occurred, with three sites manned by fifteen ufologists and no less than fifty Home Guard personnel. Clearly such an attitude was relevant to an understanding to the background of the case.

It was by very lengthy discussions with the family and others in Sweden, again a result of the environment I was in, that I understood this. I came to understand much of the local politics of the parishes; the fact that centralising the police force and closing many of the local police stations had resulted in the Home Guard becoming the new local representatives of law and order that were 'close' to the people.

I had explained to me, the social environment that makes officialdom in Sweden admired and respected by the nationals, rather than somewhat resented and rejected as tends to be the case in the UK. In the UK there is a tendency to see officials as 'snoopers' or somewhat suppressive; in Sweden the people expect the local officials to deal with their problems, and they assist in this. For this reason the Home Guard regarded the UFO wave of the time (there were a great many

independent sightings within just a few hours of the abduction case including a witness to part of the abduction itself, for example) as a local matter that they would be expected to attend to. National characteristics played a part on this decision also; Sweden is well aware of it's position should the Soviet forces decide to invade Europe through Scandinavia and any aerial activity is regarded as - if not a threat - then worthy of consideration.

Again, while non of this would have been vital to the actual case in hand, all of it helped me to paint a fuller picture of the events of the time. To have investigated the case without this would have been less satisfying, less productive.

Language Barrier

Another obvious point was the language barrier. I do not speak Swedish and although English is spoken in some part by almost everyone in Sweden, it would have been difficult for me to conduct proper interviews without Bertil and others acting as interpreters. The principle witness for example had to be interviewed entirely through Bertil, and Arne Groth though quite able to converse in English none the less could often most easily express difficult concepts by first explaining them in Swedish to Bertil and then the two of them talking to me in English. Even the fact that everyone I met in Sweden sought 'acceptance' from me before speaking their own language in front of me was, I thought, a politeness that made me feel even more welcome.

There were also times when having interpreters was crucial; some questions asked of witnesses and investigators can seem to be impolite or aggressive if not expressed correctly. For example, I wanted to know if the witness had considered the possibility of a psychological answer to his

abduction, even though I knew he favoured a 'nuts and bolts' answer after consideration. To ask that question across a language barrier could seem to be challenging, which I did not want to be. As it was I was able to ask the question, in English, of Bertil and at the same time ask him not to translate until I had explained precisely what I meant and why I needed to know the answer. He had to understand my reasoning, every nuance, before he could translate that appropriately. Because of his efforts overall I was never disappointed in my studies of the case.

Conclusion

If the reader thinks that my description is of nothing more than normal politeness, then I have failed to express the care and attention they gave to my visit, the time they spent not on the case but on me. I have been well received in many other countries, but this was a case of

a deliberate effort at International Co-operation of a very pleasing nature.

I know of several people in the UK who would extend similar courtesy to visitors, but I know of many situations that are to our discredit, and nationally let alone internationally. One of ICUR's aims must be to make this need understood if a more unified effort in Ufology is to be developed.

On an amusing note; there was only one 'disappointment' to me in Sweden. When I arrived it was not very different from the cold wet weather I had left behind in England, I told Bertil that I had a 'story book' image of Sweden covered in snow and was sorry that I had arrived too early for this. We both laughed at the deliberately false image of Sweden I painted. The next morning the whole area was covered in snow - the first of the year. I thanked Bertil for his extraordinary attention to detail!

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Aspects of New Physics Within Ufology

A Philosophical and Personal View by Bill Dillon

Bill Dillon is a long standing member of BUFORA.

Ever since civilian ufology became an organized undertaking its most serious handicap has been its inability to qualify the effects contained in UFO events with the existing scientific paradigm (pattern of rules) prevailing at the time. Unable to apply themselves to the UFO situation, many scientists have dismissed the subject as incapable of objective study and have labelled it, at best, as being psychological in nature.

It would also be true to state that many academics have pronounced egos which become easily bruised in the face of lack of success! With the arrival of the **new physics**, however, the removal of familiar parameters such as distance (on account of universal 'inter-connectedness') and the introduction of the prospect of 'instantaneous transfer', the 'Newtonian Universe' is crumbling and is being replaced by a massively beautiful and utterly astounding natural realm in which is contained the essential parameters with which to explain recognized effects manifest in ufology; effects which have mystified us for generations and, on occasions, have caused established science such appalling discomfort.

In this paper I am attempting to provide us with a working hypothesis since, without one, we shall never obtain the prospect of a cultured and trustworthy advance in our understanding of the UFO enigma. On countless occasions

this requirement has been highlighted by various persons operating within the ufological ranks but, at last, we might have a new physics available to us with which to achieve our vital aim.

Intermediate exercise

Since the early years of this decade I have been offering the view that the UFO delivery represents what is essentially an intimidatory exercise: rather in the fashion of an experienced tutor it is attempting to make the pupils (ourselves) fall victim to its inference, in the hope that we invariably find most things out - **for ourselves**. Thus, in order to be able to achieve the same standard of performance as that of the UFO stimulus, we simply have to prove that we deserve to have the necessary understandings by being intelligent enough to note very carefully the lessons being propagated by the UFO stimulus!

Really this is just a straight forward emulation of the natural process: when we 'learn' something from nature we do not receive verbal instructions, instead, we have to correctly interpret the reasons for causes and effects as we go through life and to be perceptive and anticipatory in order that we may penetrate nature's secrets. With this idea firmly in mind, I will now present my first UFO case for review; an interpretation of the parameters composing the case follows:-

CASE 1: The Interaction with Mind

In 1973 a professor of physics, Harley Rutledge, decided to investigate LITS (lights in the sky) which had been appearing, in numbers, near the town of Piedmont, USA. He therefore assembled a team of specialists and set off for Piedmont confident that a few weekends with his team, utilizing scientific measuring instruments, would be sufficient to resolve the mystery. He was wrong! It was not until seven years later that his report on the incidents experienced by him and his team was published. The events in themselves were trivial, but one certain aspect of the ufos' behaviour puzzled everyone: whenever the ufos came within the range of measurement they would either move, change course or halt. It was almost as if the objects were detecting the investigators' intentions, voices or thoughts.

The work achieved on this case by Rutledge and his team must rate as the most thorough and objective study of ufos to date - but what of the 'subjective' component; the apparent 'detection of the investigators' intended aims'?

An Interpretation:-

While it is quite possible that the investigators' voices could be detected, even from a distance of several miles (which in itself would be an astounding achievement for an 'unspecified meteorological condition'), by these lights which promptly did the opposite of what was expected of them (which is even more astounding), I am inclined towards the view that the 'inference of a psychic component' is really, and exactly, the deduction hoped for by the stimulus that the investigators would make.

The 'psychic component' is well known in ufology and its strongly inferred presence in this case provides us with an interesting

assertion: the ufos must have 'known' that they were being monitored: that they (the stimulus) were in just as good a position to monitor the endeavours of their human investigators. I suggest, therefore, that the inclusion of a psychic component in the display was a purposeful indication to the effect that we require an understanding of the 'subjective' (mental) as well as the 'objective' (physical) processes if we are to succeed in a comprehensive understanding of the events which we are experiencing.

In passing, I should point out that the term 'physical' is a paradox. When something physical is examined at the sub-atomic level, the object under study is invariably found to consist - of nothing! It is no longer satisfactory to state that we should concentrate on the material aspects of the subject simply because we are more familiar with the required methods of research. Psychic elements, many of which are now entirely compatible with current thinking in physics, should be researched and applied wherever possible. Many psychic events occur beyond the range of our present measuring instruments, but this should not prevent us from piecing together an intellectual framework so vital to our desired advance into the true nature of ufos.

Relativity existed as a theory for many years before it could be tested in practice. I therefore urge all UFO/paranormal researchers to track developments in theoretical physics and, hence, constantly be alert for connections between these new insights and the reported UFO/paranormal characteristics. After all, what is 'new physics' to us might easily be another species 'established science'.

[Editors note: Part two of Bill Dillons Paper will appear in the next edition of **UFO Times**.]

Investigations DIARY

The Regular UFO report update of cases investigated by the NIC and associate groups

Edited by Dave Clarke

This is the first in a series of regular feature articles aimed at keeping UFO TIMES readers informed of the most recent cases under investigation by the BUFORA NIC team throughout Britain. The BUFORA NIC currently consists of over 20 accredited investigators and provisional investigators who provide an efficient response to sightings reported in the local and national press. A number of regional groups such as the Independent UFO Network (IUN) and SKYSCAN also co-operate with the BUFORA NIC. Coverage is, however, lacking in the southwest, Wales, the northeast and Scotland.

The lack of any official UFO investigative body means that the sources by which accounts of sightings come to the attention of civilian UFO investigators like myself are many and varied. Some witnesses, not knowing who to tell, keep their experiences to themselves or share it only with close family and friends. Others report their sightings to the local police, the RAF and occasionally, to the Ministry of Defence in London. Still other sightings make their way into the local and national newspapers where they are often sensationalised or distorted into tongue-in-cheek newspaper accounts of "little green men in flying saucers" visiting Rotherham, etc.

I have been actively investigating UFO reports in the north of England for ten years, six of these as a BUFORA AI. Many of the sightings which come to my attention in this time are of the "lights in the sky" variety, a large percentage of which turn out to be misinterpretations of aircraft lights, bright stars and planets. Observers often see stars and planets under unusual atmospheric conditions, and often add to and embellish their sightings as time passes. One witness to a light in the sky in Rotherham, South Yorkshire, recently gave the game away when I asked him if he had ever seen the

planet Venus. "I do not know whether I have," he replied, "I might have done and not known what it was."

During my investigations I have found that extracting minute details from witnesses as to how big or small an object they saw had been, at what altitude, speed, etc., is pretty useless as few witnesses are qualified or alert enough to make such judgements. A grounding in basic interview techniques and investigation methods used by journalists is essential for UFO investigators in the field - forget the geiger counters and theodolites; budding investigators should arm themselves with a copy of "Journalism made Simple".

Between the months of January and May, 1988, literally hundreds of people throughout the north of England reported seeing Unidentified Flying Objects in the night skies. At the same time concentrations of sightings were also reported in several areas of the Midlands. In some cases explanations such as prominent bright stars and planets have been conclusively pin-pointed as the explanation for particular sighting reports, but there are others which apparently describe unusual low-flying aircraft for which we have been unable to trace to origin of the said craft.

Usually the UFO investigator is able to expend a considerable amount of time on a particular report in an effort to trace every possible explanation - including much letter-writing to airports, weather stations, relevant military contacts, etc. In the first three months of 1988, so many sightings were reported in my region that such a thorough investigation into each individual sighting report has proved impossible through lack of time, and I have concentrated on the more interesting cases. A comprehensive 160 page report detailing sightings in South Yorkshire investigated by myself

is available from the Independent UFO Network, 84 Elland Road, Brighouse, West Yorkshire HD6 2QR (SAE for details).

It becomes quite obvious that the major upsurge of sighting reports appear to follow periods of national media publicity. The 1987-88 UFO wave also represents one of the few occasions in recent times that UFO investigators have been actively involved on the spot while the sightings were still taking place, and consequently many more witnesses have been traced and many clues towards an explanation have been unearthed than is usually the case.

RECENT CASE INVESTIGATIONS.

December 18, 1987. SILKSTONE, South Yorkshire. Three witnesses returning home from Manchester Airport in early hours saw very large structured object with multi-coloured lights hovering at ground level near colliery. No sound, passed within 100 feet of object in car. Investigation: Dave Clarke (IUN).

January 23, 1988. NORTH WINGFIELD, Derbyshire. Witness observed large "footprint" shaped UFO low in the sky at 12.45 a.m. which apparently caused reaction in pet dog. Object revolved with coloured lights and disappeared at high speed. Investigation terminated due to actions of YUFOS member who told witness not to co-operate with BUFORA or IUN. Investigation: Dave Kelly (IUN).

February 10, 1988. SOUTH YORKSHIRE. 15+ witnesses independently report observing movements of very large, diamond-shaped object with multi-coloured lights moving at low altitude from Barnsley area towards Penistone Moors. At one point object observed at close range hovering above electricity pylons at Hoyland near Barnsley. Investigation by Dave Clarke.

April 11, 1988. YARDLY GOBION, Northants. Witness saw orange/red pyramid-shaped object stationary in sky at 10.30 a.m. "huge" in size. Investigators: Ernie Still and Ray Shaw.

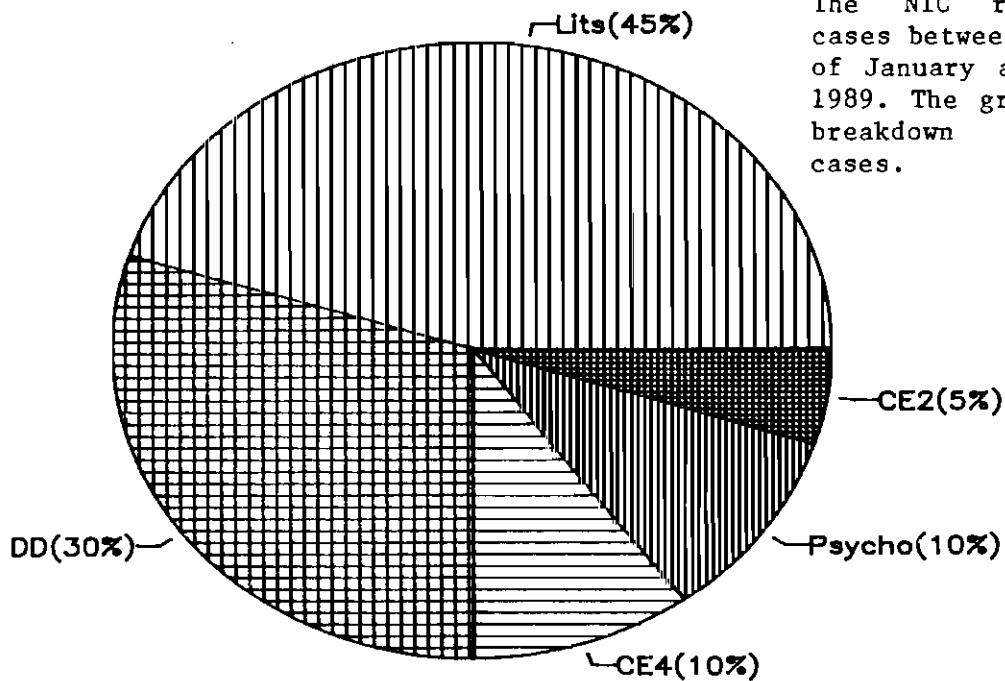
April 20, 1988. BARNSELY, South Yorkshire. Over twenty witnesses in villages surrounding Barnsley report movement of large elongated object with coloured lights and brilliant spotlights. Two women report "close encounter" with this object at Wombwell, where a searchlight beam is projected upon them from the sky. Investigation by Dave Clarke.

July 27, 1988. HATHERSAGE MOOR, Derbyshire. Peak Cavern guide saw brilliant orange-red object moving across moors above Hope Valley. Two independent witnesses reported low-level lights in the area same week. Investigation: Dave Clarke.

CASE REPORT BREAKDOWN

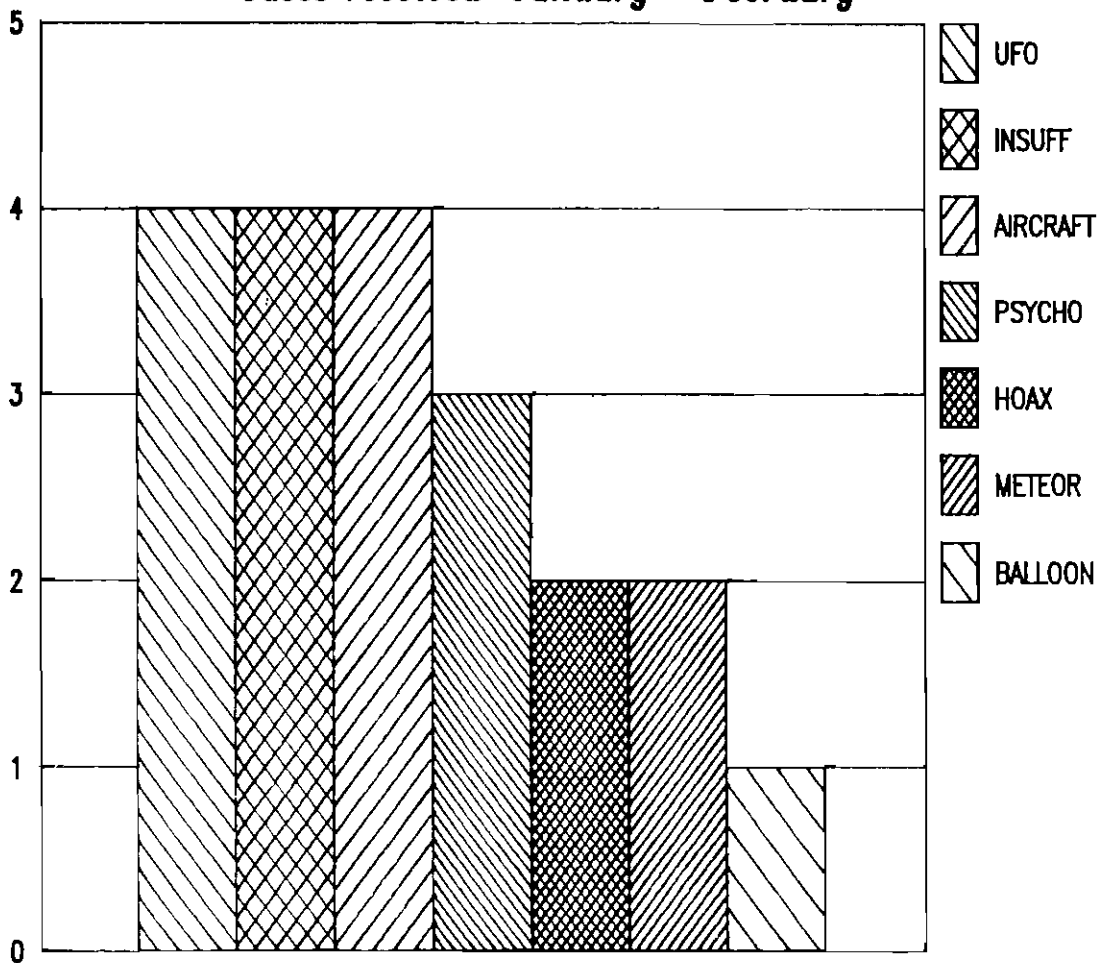
Cases received January - February

The NIC received 20 cases between the months of January and February 1989. The graphs show a breakdown of these cases.



EVALUATION BREAKDOWN

Cases received January - February



August 14, 1988. LITTLE HAYWARD, Staffordshire. Two witnesses driving on edge of Cannock Chase saw glowing red light surrounded by cloud at low level which disappeared in NW. Following day traces of damage to roadside bush were found; samples obtained by BUFORA were analysed by Dr. Michele Clare and TORRO. Excellent case investigation by Clive Potter.

September 6, 1988. YARDLY GOBION, Northants. Witness saw rectangular mass of orange lights, moving east to west, 15 minutes duration. Investigation: Ernie Still and Ray Shaw.

September 12, 1988. KNARESBOROUGH, North Yorkshire. Two women observed a large object, seen as round from underneath but saucer-shaped from the side. Object moving east to west, coloured red with an orange top. Local police and air-bases aware & passed report to AS2 in Whitehall. Local police confirmed in phone call to investigator that case was "unidentified". According to RAF West Drayton this was not "related to an aircraft accident or incident". Under investigation by Andy Roberts (IUN).

November 14, 1988. YORK, North Yorkshire. TV engineer travelling on A64 reported seeing brilliant light in the sky. Info on sighting received from MOD, RAF West Drayton, RAF Bulmer. Possible re-entry. Investigation: Barry Bellamy, Gary Anthony (IUN).

December 21, 1988. NORTH OF ENGLAND. Many reports of "blinding light with a blue vapour trail" moving rapidly across central north of England; many witnesses in Rivelin Valley area of Sheffield. Almost definitely a re-entry of space debris or a bright bolide. Investigation: Gary Anthony, Dave Clarke.

January 6, 1989. ASKERN, West Yorkshire. Family travelling in a car observed a "bell-shaped" object at close range, as well as possible "OZ factor" effects. Under investigation: Chris Gibson (IUN).

January 12, 1989. STACKSTEADS, Lancashire. Man walking dog saw light on skyline near quarry top, inside "cloud". Lights inside cloud lit up multi-coloured for about five seconds, moved to right and vanished over the hill. Reported in local press as a "UFO landing". Under investigation; Rodney Howarth (IUN).

February 10, 1989. RAWTENSTALL, Lancashire. Taxi-driver saw a "domed disc" flying low over valley, NW to SE, estimated height about 200ft "big as three jumbo-jets". Drew typical "Flying saucer". Investigators: Rodney Howarth, Andy Roberts (IUN).

It is hoped that this **Investigation Diary** will evolve to become an invaluable catalogue of UFO cases that occur in the British Isles that is an informative, reliable and accurate source for research.

Therefore, the NIC and the UFO Times editorial board invite any investigator or group to submit material for inclusion in the diary. Full acknowledgement will be given to contributors. All submissions should be sent to the Diary's editor, Dave Clarke, 6 Old Retford Road, Handsworth, Sheffield, South Yorks, S13 9QZ.

Next NIC meeting May 6th 1989 at the London Business School. starts 2pm

Reviews

What You Need to Know, by John Paul Oswald, 59pp booklet, privately published in the USA.

[**Editors note:** this tome was published in 1983 but is not readily known about in the UK and is thus worthy of discussion.]

The workings of this author's mind is truly astonishing - and dismaying too, since he has two university degrees in chemistry, therefore he must be highly intelligent, and has made a comprehensive study of ufology.

Santa Claus

He relates that, as a child, on observing more than one Santa Claus in the town of Peora, he reasoned with his older sister that only one could be genuine. In later years he realised that this conclusion was arrived at "without questioning the basis received from my mother - that there really was a Santa Claus" (p.7).

Of course, small children in Christian countries are taught, with equal seriousness, that a) there is a Santa Claus, and also that b) Christianity and the Bible are an intrinsic part of truth. When Santa Claus becomes suspect, the parents confirm that this has been a hoax. But no suspicion is allowed to fall on the indoctrinated religious concepts. This myth-enshrouded dogma sits. And in the brain of John Paul Oswald it sits very tight. On page 8 he reveals that right from the start, in assessing what is the truth about UFO phenomena, he (without questioning) has linked the essentials of reported UFO observation with "the essentials of valid Christianity".

He accuses Federal agencies in

the US of deliberately indoctrinating the public to regard reports of UFO sightings and encounters with ridicule - blithely unaware that the widespread obsession with Christian theology in the States is also due to indoctrination. Not that he agrees with Fundamentalism. In fact, on page 27 he states: "The notion that God inspired the writing of the Bible in such a way that it is all true, at essentially face value, is manifestly and completely unwarranted."

Scholastic Interpretations

So he laudably goes along with scholastic interpretations and even goes along with evolution. But when it comes to the apocalyptic end of the world, or rather it's metamorphosis as predicted in Revelation, he becomes a ranting evangelist with ufological leanings and thunders that the "purpose" of the UFO-Aliens is linked with the Second Coming of Christ!

Concededly, the possibility exists (as pointed out by Eric von Daniken) that some wondrous events depicted in the Bible might be colourful attempts to describe UFO encounters - for example the fiery chariot (and horses?) of Elijah (2 Kings 2.11) and the "spaceship" of Ezekiel (1. 15-21). But John Paul Oswald considers even the "pillar thing" that preceded Moses and the Israelites during the Exodus as a "classical cloud-cigar type Ufo" and attaches great importance to this vertical phenomenon. He also attaches special importance to the Book of Amos, possibly because of the words (4. 12): "prepare to meet your God" - though the book is in essence a recital of gruesome atrocities committed, or to be

committed, by the Lord - with a piece of sugar hypocritically offered at the end.

Second Coming

What one "needs to know" is that UFO activity in recent decades is a forerunner of the now-imminent Second Coming, and that UFO-Aliens are to be identified with the angels who assist the Messiah, Jesus, when he returns "to take overt control of the planet Earth and to judge who will be granted the status of eternal life" (p. 34). The author then sheds the scholastic mask and becomes the ecstatic hot-gospeller to an even more dramatic degree, declaiming: "Jesus comes on straight. He comes on straight and HEAVY: right at you!" At the Second Coming the worthy and the unworthy are to be sorted out. The worthy will receive another sort of body (p. 42) "when we become 'equal to Angels'; after the resurrection" (i.e. the Second Coming), "we will obviously resemble the present UFO-Aliens greatly." He has already made it clear that "...the Alien presence of our time is the Angelic Force of the Second Coming of Christ."

Uforia

Oswald is most definitely against the "popular, mistaken perception that Devils can reasonably be thought to be guiding the UFO's" (p. 42). The culmination of his religious "uforia" is perhaps his damning indictment of Uncle Sam's heads of state (p. 50): "The recent Presidents of the United States are accountable for deliberately opposing and suppressing the truth about the Alien presence. By this action the Presidents become guilty of persecuting Christ" (p. 50).

Whew!

I suggest that when another flap of UFO sightings occurs, we all

prepare for the Umpteenth Coming of Santa Claus!

Review by Alex Gardner, (Sankt Augustin 1, F.R.G.)

In the January issue of **The Journal of Meteorology** (Vol 14, number 135) there is a rather interesting report by Terrence Meaden that uncovers the possible links between circular crop damage to barley fields in Thruxton, Hants and the close proximity of an airport.

It is postulated that 'wake turbulences' from aircraft produce vortices that have enough power to damage crops in perfect circular patterns. Paul Fuller please note!

Mike Wootten.

Parapsychology and the UFO, by Manfred Cassirer, 62pp booklet, privately published. Available from Manfred Cassirer 38 Christchurch Avenue, London, NW6 7BE.

The author is somewhat of an authority of things parapsychological, Manfred Cassirer was once chairman of Psychical Phenomenon Committee of the prestigious Society for Psychical Research and has been involved for many years with the sinuous connections between parapsychology and ufology.

When one reads **Parapsychology and the UFO** you begin to realise the amount of work that has gone into this 62 page booklet. Manfred has tried to cover every popular aspect of the UFO phenomenon and compared these aspects with similar aspects of parapsychology.

The undeniable feature of **Parapsychology and the UFO** is that every point raised is pains takenly referenced. Once you have read it you can go on studying

this side of the subject ad infinitum.

This is one work that must be bought and read. No ufologist should be without a copy.

Review by Mike Wootten.

- B O O K N E W S -

In 1982, A book was published that prodded and awoke the minds of ufologists to new thinking of the possible origin of the UFO. 'Earthlights', by Paul Devereux certainly made an indelible mark on the UFO subject. Paul has been working hard on several new titles lately, one being 'Earthlight Revelations' which is due for publication in September of this year. Some highly valuable research work has gone into this tome which takes the original theories and expands them to a much greater detail.

Watch this space for a full review.

Timothy Good, along with Mark and Graham Birdsall of the newly formed Quest Publishing Limited (YUFOS) are currently working on a UFO year book. Unfortunately they are not sure which year it will be. I am sure we will be informed in due course.

However, Jenny Randles is certain that BUFORA's year book: 'UFO World 89' will be published and will hopefully be released ready for the ICUR Congress in July.

'Phenomenon' BUFORA's highly successful book has now been published in the United States and Canada. Surprisingly, the American publishers have not changed the contents of the book; so the readership over the Atlantic will be able to read a more balanced UFO book instead of the usual abduction overkill. 'Phenomenon' is expected to exceed the 35,000 sales the book has made in the UK.

Lastly a little snippet of intrigue that I noticed in a recent issue of Quest magazine. It was part of letter from Shirley

Coyne, MUFON State Director for Michigan to Greg Long also of MUFON. And it reads,

"...Whitley Stieber was a friend of mine. We used to spend two and a half hours to three hour per week on the phone. Whitley had an experience but chose to blow it up and make money. He made a statement to us, 'When I can't make money from UFOs, I'll get into something else.'

"Well he is getting into something else. Whitley plans to use the letters those innocent people sent, he is going to plaster them in a new book. The man is the 'Whore of Babylon.' He make me ill and I'm sorry I ever called him friend."

Reports by Mike Wootten.

The Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence by Edward Ashpole. Blandford, 170 pages colour plates and illustrations. Hardback £14.95.

This book deals with the biological, astronomical and philosophical background to the searches by radio astronomers for the evidence of life and intelligence beyond Earth - known as SETI (the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence).

This is certainly an interesting book, but unfortunately falls down on some philosophical aspects. UFOs are discussed, but the author shows a lacking of understanding of the subject (looking at the ETH of course).

In one breath he states that the universe is probably teeming with life, with some intelligences billions of years ahead of ours. But in the second breath he states that it is improbable that these intelligences have, or will ever, visit or contact us. This begs the question, why are we bothering with SETI if its all pointless anyway.

Review by Mike Wootten.

LATEST NEWS

NORTHERN LIGHTS SEEN DOWN SOUTH

Most parts of Britain were treated to a very rare, colourful showing of the Aurora Borealis on 14th and 15th March. The dazzling light show was seen as far south as Sussex and lasted for approximately two hours.

The Aurora Borealis, the effect of high levels of electrified particles emitted from the Sun (after the emission of a solar flare) and 'overloading' the Van Allen Belts surrounding the Earth, is rarely seen in the UK except for the northern tip of Scotland where the phenomenon is seen occasionally in the winter.

On this occasion the Solar wind reached such levels that it exceeded any levels recorded this century; causing magnetic north to change position by over 8°.

It is predicted by Solar experts that this rare event may be more common place over the next eighteen months as Sunspot activity will reach a peak in 1991; a peak that will be higher than normal. Global telecommunications will also be effected by the Sun's high activity.



A prominent Solar Flare

Some UFO researchers in the past have tried to connect UFO flaps with the eleven year sunspot

cycle. We will have to see whether 1991 will be a bumper year for UFO sightings.

Report by Mike Wootten

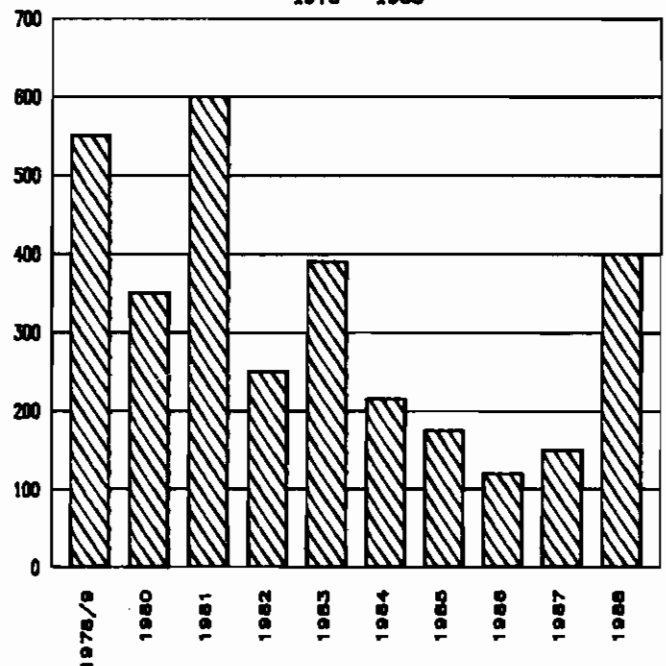
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE RELEASES

CASE REPORT FIGURES

Some interesting information has reached us from the Ministry of Defence, via Clive Neville. In an unprecedented move, the MOD have released the total numbers of UFO reports made to them for the past decade.

OFFICIAL MOD CASE REPORT FIGURES

1978 - 1988

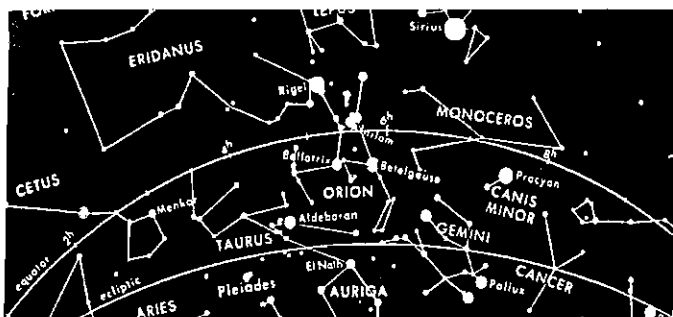


The above figures have been rounded to the nearest ten. With figures totalling 3200 for these ten years (approximately three times the BUFORA total), the MOD are doing nothing with them.

It is worth noting that the 1981 'flap' does not appear in our figures.

Report by Jenny Randles

[Editor's note. It is frustrating to know that the MOD have all these cases simply collecting dust. Lobby your MP!]



phases of the moon, meteor showers, and satellite re-entry information. We will endeavour to bring you relevant current events in astronomy and provide the latest news in space technology and research.

Skywatcher

Edited by Gary Anthony

Introduction

With the launch of this new BUFORA publication, 'UFO Times', we bring you a new feature, namely Skywatcher, which is designed to provide up to date news in astronomy and spaceflight.

Each edition will include details of planetary positions,

The Planets

VENUS - During May, Venus remains low in the evening sky after sunset at magnitude -3.9 and Mercury being near Venus on the 15th. The planet is between Gemini and Auriga on the 31st.

Like May, Venus is visible for a short time after sunset in the west during June. Venus passes south of Castor and Pollux (Gemini) around the 15th.

MARS - In May, Mars is visible in the western sky in the evenings at magnitude +1.7. The planet is moving eastwards through Gemini, setting around 23.00 and 24.00hrs during the month. At the end of May, Mars will be only 40° from the Sun. The moon is near the red

skydata

MAY		1989		JUNE	
5th	11 h 46 m	New Moon	3rd	19 h 53 m	
12th	14 h 19 m	First Quarter	11th	06 h 59 m	
20th	18 h 16 m	Full Moon	19th	06 h 57 m	
28th	04 h 01 m	Last Quarter	26th	09 h 09 m	
RA	Dec	Venus	RA	Dec	
05h > 06h	+20° > +30°		06h > 07h	+20° > +30°	
06h > 07h	+20° > +30°	Mars	08h > 09h	+20° > +30°	
05h > 06h	+20° > +30°	Jupiter	Unobservable (see text)		
18h > 19h	-20° > -30°	Saturn	18h > 19h	-20° > -30°	
Meteor Showers					
Name	Begins	Maximum	Ends	Max ZHR	Radiant Coordinates
Aquarids	May 2	May 4	May 20	20	22h 20m RA +00° Dec
Ophiuchids	Jun 17	Jun 20	Jun 26	20	17h 20m RA -20° Dec

Note: Sky co-ordinates are given using the equatorial system; in the case of 'Meteor Showers' exact radiant co-ordinates are stipulated, but for planetary positions, quadrant co-ordinates are stipulated and the planet's position is within the specified quadrant.

planet on the 8th-9th.

Mars is still visible in the western sky in the early evenings in June. The planet is passing from Gemini into Cancer at magnitude +1.8 and passes south of Castor and Pollux early in the month. By the end of the month, Mars sets by 22.00hrs. A crescent moon is near on the 6th and 7th.

JUPITER - On the 1st of May Jupiter sets at 22.00hrs at magnitude -2.0 and the planet is moving closer to the Sun. Jupiter will be considerable low in the evening twilight by the middle of May, setting in the west a few minutes after the Sun by the 31st. A thin crescent moon is near on the 6th and 7th and Venus is near on the 23rd.

During June, Jupiter is in conjunction with the Sun on the 9th and thereafter becomes a morning object - but will be too close to the sun for observation this month.

SATURN - The ringed planet rises in the southeast at midnight in early May and at 22.00hrs by the 31st. Saturn is at magnitude +0.3 and the moon is near on the 23rd.

In June, Saturn rises at 22.00hrs on the 1st and is above the southeastern horizon for the greater part of the night later in the month. The planet is at magnitude +0.1 and moving westwards; amongst some of the brighter stars in northern Sagittarius. The Moon is near Saturn on the 20th.

Space News

The First European Remote Sensing Satellite (ERS-1), due for launch in September 1990 by Ariane, will be part of a new generation of international missions, which could help to predict and understand some of world's most baffling and potentially threatening weather phenomena.

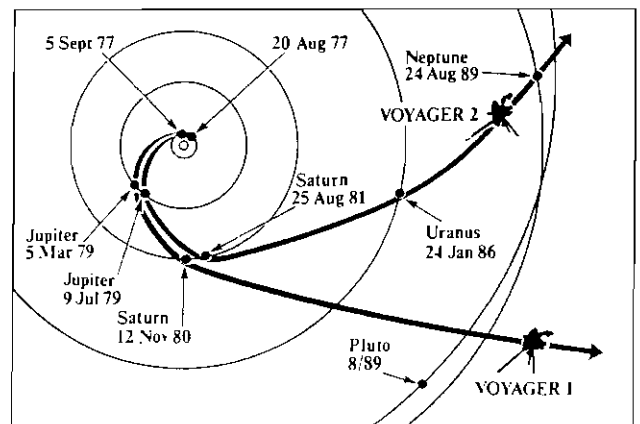
Studying the Earth from out in space has many obvious advantages - ERS-1 will give an overview of macro-features related to geology and oceanography and complement the American Landsat and French SPOT satellites. However, unlike these satellites, ERS-1 will pioneer a payload will hold a pioneering payload of high-tech radar gadgetry to monitor ocean, ice and land resources. Where other remote sensing satellites cannot see through cloud, ERS-1 will see. The satellite will be all seeing day and night for the duration of its operate life.

The Data from ERS-1 is to be processed by the Earth Observation Data Centre (EODC) for the British National Space Centre and is a mayor part of the UK's commitment to the European Space Agency. The Data centre which is implemented by Software Sciences, Thorn Software, is set to become one of the world's most advanced computing facilities for satellite derived data.

Voyager reaching Neptune

The final stage of the USA Voyager2 mission is due to take place in August 1989, when the space probe passes close to the planet Neptune.

Voyager was launched in 1977 and I am sure you'll remember those spectacular pictures it sent back



from Jupiter in 1979, from Saturn in 1981 and Uranus in 1986; which

received the attention of the world with extensive media coverage.

The Voyager mission is an incredible achievement when you consider that the probe has operated well, been in space for 12 years and all the marvellous information which has sent back will occupy astronomers minds for years to come. Projects like Voyager take many years in planning and operation and I feel it will be some years before we see another mission to the outer planets.

ARP News

ARP is presently looking at alleged 'airship' sightings of 1913, which were reported by numerous witnesses from various locations all over the United Kingdom. Astronomical data from that time has been obtained each separate report is being analysed against this information to see if any correlations exist.

A list of astronomical society addresses will soon be ready for distribution. Any interested investigators may send an sae to BUFORA's Astronomical Reference Point Project.

If any investigator requires astronomical information to help with the evaluation of case investigations please write to:

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

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The comprehensively stocked (with many rare titles) lending library is open an ready for business. All books are available against a returnable deposit (less postage costs).

Any member interested in this service write to: BUFORA (PL), 16 Southway, Burgess Hill, Sussex, RH15 9ST

ICUR

Fifth London International

UFO Congress

14th to 16th July 1989

The fifth London International UFO Congress will be held at the London Business School, Regents Park, London, NW1, on Friday 14th to Sunday 16th July 1989. The congress provides an ideal opportunity to meet researchers from many different countries.

Although it is too early to announce a full list of speakers, ICUR can confirm that:

Walt Andrus (USA)

Bertil Kuhlemann (Sweden)

Cynthia Hind (Africa)

will be presenting papers at the congress. A number of other well known speakers have been invited to give presentations. therefore, updated information will be issued as it becomes available.

The Congress will be organised by ICUR with assistance from its member organisations.

If you would like to reserve your place or would like further information write (enclosing s.a.e. please) to:

**ICUR Congress '89,
PO Box 314,
Penn,
High Wycombe,
Buckinghamshire,
HP10 8PB,
United Kingdom.**

Please note: This event is organised by ICUR and is entirely independent from the London Business School. All enquiries should be sent to the ICUR at the address above.

Cheshire Case History

by Eric Morris

Eric Morris, BUFORA Accredited Investigation Co-ordinator for Cheshire and runs the Cheshire UFO Study Centre, relates a recent case history.

On Friday, 16th September 1988, the Cheshire UFO Study Centre was alerted to a alleged UFO sighting, which had been reported to a local newspaper; the Crewe Chronicle.

A Journalist from the Crewe Chronicle was anxious for a story for the following Wednesday's edition of the paper. Unfortunately we were not prepared to give any statement at that time: we needed time to look into the case and our position with regards to the BUFORA Code of Practice had to be considered.

The Event

During an interview at the witness' home, Brian (pseudonym), the primary witness gave the following statement:

'At approximately 9.25pm on Tuesday 13th September 1988, myself and my cousin were travelling down Alton Street, Crewe. I looked to my right and saw an object in the sky. My cousin also saw the object (which was moving slowly and making no sound). We tried to follow it, but, as we moved along the road to get a better view, we lost it altogether.

We went along Middlewich Road, toward Nantwich to go home when we saw it again. It was travelling towards Crewe; so we turned around and went back to Crewe also. After approximately 15 minutes we lost it and my cousin decided to have something to eat. I parked my car along a street facing Nantwich Road.

Suddenly, I saw it again, but this time it was a lot higher in the sky. Also to my left (by this time I was out of my car) was a red ball in the sky. The Object mentioned 'flew' over the ball object where upon the ball object chased it. Then, after about five seconds they parted company and we didn't see them again.'

Case points

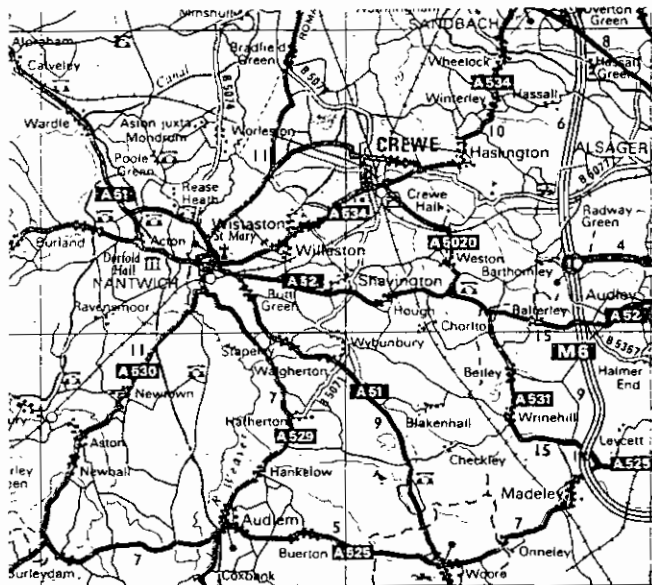
- * No photographs or measurements were taken by the witnesses.
- * Both objects were apparently silent.
- * No drawings were made by the witnesses, but a recorded conversation states the first object was a white light (possibly two, with a red light in the centre.
- * Brian did not state if either objects were sharply defined.
- * Both objects were bright in light intensity.
- * Local weather conditions were: clear sky, cool temperature, no wind, precipitation dry, stars were visible.

The Investigation

Questioned about the first sighting in Alton Street, Crewe, Brian was proceeding toward Crewe Town Centre. Billy was the passenger in the car and this enabled him to see the white light(s). Verbally described as

two white lights with either a red or orange light in between the two white lights, he stated it could have been 'flashing' consistently.

Because of their observation, they decided to drive towards Nanwich and Audlem, via the A534 and A529. Whilst travelling along the A534 road toward Nantwich,



Brian observed the white light again in the east going towards Crewe. During this journey they lost sight of the light and Darren decided he wanted something to eat and they found themselves outside a 'pizza parlour' in the south quarter of Crewe. They parked in a one way street off Nanwich Road. As Brian was getting out of the car, he observed the second object (the red ball), in a SWW direction of the sky. It appeared stationary at first until the first sighting of red lights 'flew over the red ball'. The red ball then 'chased' the white lights in a southerly direction towards Stoke-on-Trent and after about five seconds they parted company and rapidly disappeared. Neither objects made any noise. Brian stated that the white light appeared to be gaining height as it crossed or 'flew over' the red ball, before the chasing incident. Brian then stated that another person observed the 'red ball' object, but they failed to exchange names. despite pleas through the

Crewe Chronicle, this witness has failed to contact the Cheshire UFO Studies Centre.

Air traffic

Having been back in my 'home territory' (ie Winsford, Crewe, Northwich) for over three years, I have spent quite some time studying aircraft flight paths to and from Manchester Ringway Airport and also air traffic from local military establishments. This has given me a clear understanding of air movements in the area. It can be said that there are many 'optical illusions' when observing landing lights on aircraft, both when landing and taking off from nearby Manchester Airport. These 'illusions' can be observed from as far as 35 to 40 miles away from the airport.

When aircraft are departing from Manchester, they travel over Knutsford, Northwich, Whitegate and Winsford and depending upon their destination they then alter course towards Crewe and Stoke-on-Trent.

Our investigations began prior to visiting Brian, when on Saturday 17th September, I visited Manchester airport to direct my enquiries about Brian's sighting. I was able to speak to a member of the operations department who answered my questions about aircraft activity on the evening of 13th September. They confirmed that several aircraft were in the region around Manchester, Northwich, Winsford and Crewe and indeed they also made a very interesting remark which we believe is very significant to this case. I was told that there were aircraft 'surveying the area' because two Concorde aircraft were due to land at the airport on this particular day - in fact I was there to witness both these aircraft approaching and landing at the airport. The reason for the survey was in order to ensure safety to buildings in the vicinity because these aircraft

are noisily and cause vibration. My own personal opinion differs from that.

Based on all these factors of aircraft activity on September 13th around the time of Brian's sighting, CUFOSC have concluded that his first sighting was that of an aircraft departing from Manchester Airport. The local weather conditions would have made aircraft noiseless on this particular night.

Second sighting

Brian's second sighting must be viewed in a different context. The mysterious 'red ball', what could it have been? Again questions must be asked to ascertain exactly what it was. Yet CUFOSC have made very intense investigations in order to identify this phenomenon. Let us look at what Brian told us about this second incident.

Brian, when questioned further about this (recorded on tape) said that the 'red ball' could have been triangular shaped, and the colour might have been a deep red. The difference of this second sighting was that it was a transient sighting: rapidly deserting the sky, soon after being observed. The length of time this sighting was observed was much less than the first sighting. Again, I asked the Operations Department at Manchester Airport about aircraft in the vicinity, but they were unable to provide any information into the identity of this second sighting. Because of the difference of description of this sighting, I contacted the Royal Air Force at Stafford who were keen to know what had been observed. When I explained that a red triangular shaped object had been seen in the sky, they were extremely interested and took down several details. The following day RAF Stafford telephoned me again to state that the details of the sighting had been forwarded to the Ministry of Defence (Air) at Whitehall via a signal (a routine

operation, despite several controversial statements made by some less credible UFO groups).

Stealth?

On 21st September, I received a telephone call from an S.A.C. Davies at RAF West Drayton, Middlesex, who stated to me that, on 13th September 1988 several British, European and American military aircraft were conducting exercises in an area north of Stafford and also crossing the Welsh borders. This would also constitute passing over the southern aspects of Cheshire and small areas of Shropshire. When I stated to S.A.C. Davies that I was also under the same security classification as himself (the Official Secrets Act) I put the question to him whether the US secret Stealth aircraft had been operating in the area during the time of this sighting? Davies refused to answer this question directly, but did say, 'I could draw my own conclusions.' Because of recent reports of sightings similar to the stealth aircraft being recently observed in South Yorkshire, CUFOSC quite genuinely believe that what Brian observed on this second occasion was probably the US Stealth aircraft. Reports of it being seen in Stafford quite recently in the local press add to this conclusion.

Despite all the initial excitement about this case from the local media, and the way the investigators have handled this case and processed it correctly, we firmly believe that we have arrived at the right conclusion. Brian has been contacted and we have discussed our findings with him. But unfortunately, Brian does not agree with our evaluation. Despite this disagreement, he is still co-operating with us fully.

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ICUR and head of project URD in Sweden and Cynthia Hind, the most prominent UFO researcher on the African continent. In addition, notable names such as Jacques Vallee, Eduardo Rosso have tentatively agreed to give papers pending their own summer schedules. I understand that invitations have been extended across the globe to several speakers on the American continent, to the president of VUFORS in Australia, Judy McGee and to several European organisations and individuals. I look forward to the congress where I am pleased to confirm that I shall officiate at the opening ceremony and I wish this venture well.

Finally I would extend my personal thanks and congratulations to the management committee of the Association who have made all these events possible.

BRIEF REPORTS

IRELAND

Michael, is a farmers son from a village near Newry. The history of sightings in the area began toward the end of World War II when his father lived in a 200 year old country house. One day he heard a buzzing sound and went out to discover a strange craft 'like two birds overlapping' which flew at tree-top height across his view.

But since late 1987, things have really been humming. Michael was working late on the farm when a bright orange light appeared in the south. It stood out from all the helicopters he is used to seeing because it flew so erratically. After notifying his father, he was permitted to go into the fields and watch it for 20 minutes with binoculars. Then,

suddenly, two helicopters flew out of the sky behind him and swooped over towards it (about eight miles away). It was now seen to be far brighter than the choppers and moving at such a high speed to outpace them. It was never seen as anything but a bright light.

The Manchester UFO Research Association think there is a slim possibility that this was the planet Jupiter. Various other 'gliding' lights have also been seen, but these are probably either satellites or some of the very common aerial activity over this troubled part of the Kingdom.

MALAYSIA

The sighting took place on a sunny day in 1983 in Selangor. The witness (then aged 12) was flying kites with friends when they saw a classic 'saucer' high in the sky, which appeared to be descending towards them. Their immediate thought was a weather balloon, but, it was soon was most apparent that this was impossible. The object was very low now and rotating rapidly. It was silvery, like aluminium in colour and flashed periodically as it reflected the sun on rotation. At first it had been tilted, but at its lowest point it was retaining a more level pose.

The witness notes that the area of the sighting was surrounded by high tension cables and had a power station at its base. he believes that this was relevant to the manifestation of the UFO, according to the TV documentary (by Brad Steiger) that he saw **afterwards**. A request for further information brought no response; although the letter indicated a strong will to believe in extraterrestrials.

The case has been forwarded to to researcher, Ahmad Jamaludin.

Reports by Jenny Randles.

DIARY

6th May

BUFORA LECTURE **The Two American Conferences of 1988 and comparison of the UK and USA experience**

Speakers John Spencer and Bob Digby at the LBS

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BEARD PHOTOGRAPHS LATEST

After extensive analysis of the infamous Peter Beard Photographs by Ground Saucer Watch, in the United States, a final conclusion of the case has been ascertained.

It has been concluded that the object reported and photographed on August 5th 1987 is two dimensional and is very close to the camera.

BUFORA investigator, Philip Mantle has collated a highly detailed 130 page report on the case; the main bulk of which being the results of several computer enhancements of the photos.

It can now be concluded that the Beard Photographs are not worthy of further scientific evaluation and the case can now be closed. A full report will appear in a future issue of UFO Times.

TRISTAR'S UFO NEAR MISS

Reports are just coming in of an alleged near miss between a British Island Airways Tristar and a bright, multicoloured object.

The incident occurred on 21st March as the Tristar was passing over Sardinia at 7 O'clock, on a flight from Malta to Gatwick.

Startled passengers were apparently hitting their heads on the ceiling of the aircraft as the pilot made a diving action to miss the mysterious object. Several other aircraft in the vicinity also saw the object.

BUFORA investigators are currently looking at the evidence, but preliminary findings could prove that the object was a bright fireball meteor or remnants of a satellite re-entry that occurred on the previous Monday.