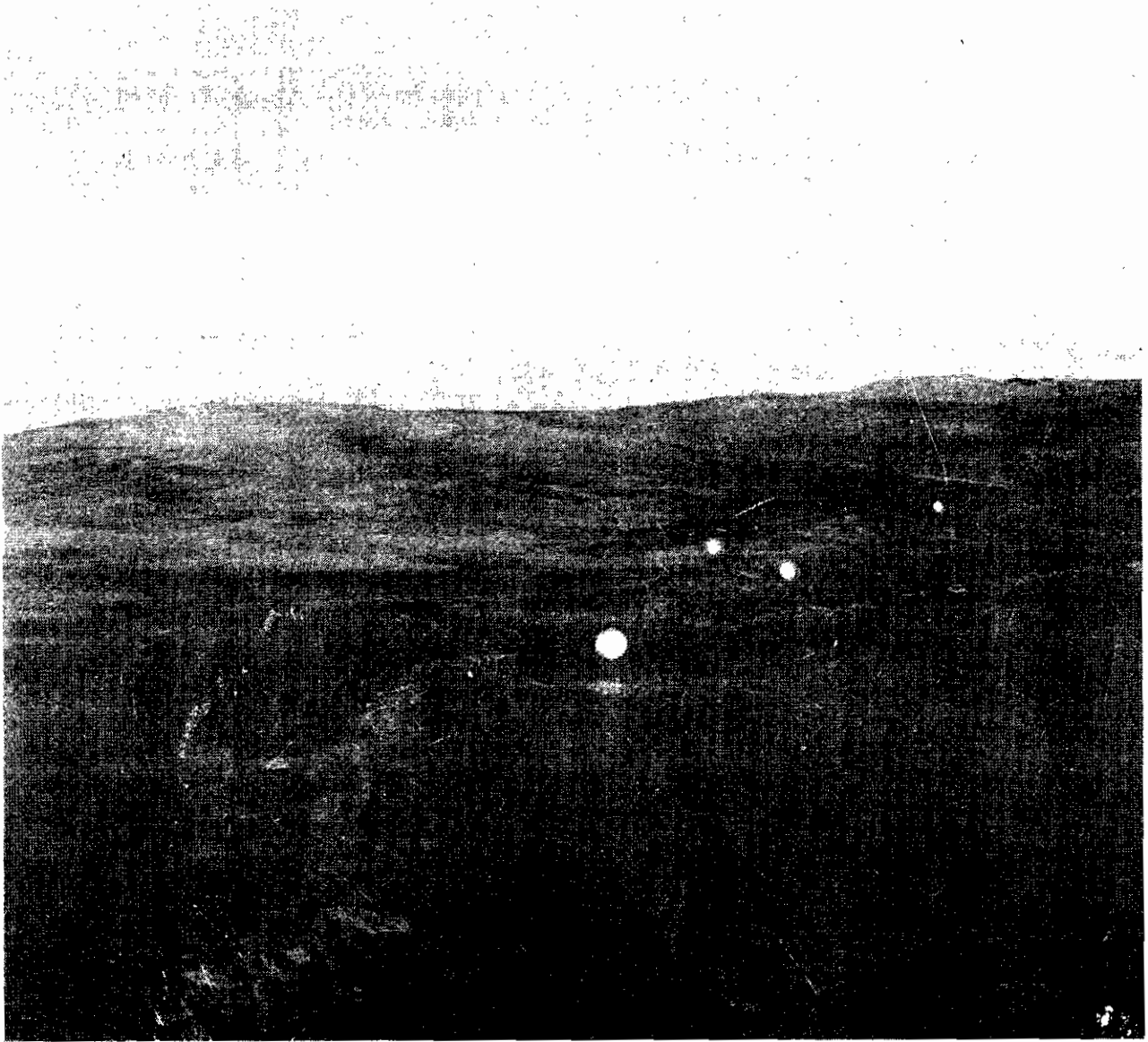

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Editorial

At present, all of Europe is gearing up for an event that will eventually affect every European. 1992 heralds the the beginning of the European open market, where current trade and travel barriers will be lifted between member countries. Some pundits have predicted that this is a giant leap towards the 'United States of Europe'.

With most industries and institutions driving head long, readying themselves to benefit from these unprecedented changes, one must ask the question; what is ufology doing to meet this challenge?

In recent history, it has been widely noted that European ufologist do have common ground and worthwhile research links, can and have been forged. We only have to look at the relatively recent SOBEPS conference, held in Belgium, which was considered by all to be a great success. Project Hessdalen was partly funded by rallying European organisations; which was more than reciprocated by the open presentation of the project's findings.

Differences

In an excellent paper that was presented at the SOBEPS conference (1), Edoarado Russo underlined that despite the exchange of material between European groups, few ufologists were aware of the sometimes vast differences in the kinds of UFO phenomena reported in individual European countries. Although this problem has reduced the contamination of such differences, (differences which probably reflect the cultural diverseness within Europe) it is of obvious importance that we view

the UFO subject in a complete European (and ultimately global) wholeness wherever possible.

Such research is rarely conducted by individual researchers; who often become selective of the genre of material that they view: if it doesn't fit their jig-saw it's irrelevant. So we must accept that it will be very difficult to conduct the above mentioned work on a collective basis.

Commitment

Personally, I feel that collective 'Euro-research' should be a priority and could be made possible, if the commitment is there. Especially with organisations such as ICUR who are preparing to meet and fund these needs.

There are only three years to go before Open Europe is 'ready for business'. I hope that we can meet this challenge simply because ufology will be all the better and wiser for it.

(1) The SOBEPS "Italian Papers" are available from the Italian Centre for UFO Studies (CISU) - Corso Vittorio Emanuele 108, 10121 Torino, Italy.

It is interesting to note that an advertising company working for Singapore Airlines have been able to do something to the infamous Barnsley hoax photos that Peter Beard could not; they have made them move, along with the Alex Birch and the Stephen Pratt hoax pictures.

Keep an eye out on current ITV commercials and see for yourself.

Project Pennine

A Landscape UFO Study in the North of England

Part 1

by David Clarke

In this paper, BUFORA Director, Dave Clarke takes an in depth look the very successful and original Project Pennine.

In a thinly-populated valley in the High Peak of Derbyshire, the local farming community have observed the coming and goings of strange light phenomena for hundreds of years. Despite the apparent regularity of these appearances, the local residents are very reluctant to speak to outsiders about what they believe the lights to be. One Peak Park ranger who spoke to the local farmers in Longdendale valley shortly after the appearance of "The Light" - which lit up the whole valley from mountain-top to mountain-top - told me that:

"they wouldn't admit seeing it, and did not even want to discuss the matter. Their attitude was that it was something best left alone.

Someone did say that they had known it to freeze young lambs when it came early in the year. Also one farmer said that The Light had been coming for generations but never so close together, usually about thirty or even fifty years in between."

In the Pennines it is fair to say that the majority of UFO sightings come from the moorland regions, and there are very few observations of "structured craft", the majority of observations being of multi-coloured "ball of light" phenomena. These phenomena are

rooted in local folklore and are often inseparable from ancient belief in ghosts, spirits and nature spirits.

In UFO Brigantia 20 (June 1986) Martin Dagless wrote that "[the West Yorkshire group's] interest in ball of light phenomena stems from a few years ago when it was noted by Nigel Mortimer that the Pennine region had a predominance of orange BOL type sightings..it was thus evident that a research project should centre on the activity of BOLs in the region..looking for correlations, patterns and peak periods of activity, etc. In particular this project will test the Earthlights theory in particular amongst many others..." Thus "Project Pennine" was born.

Dissatisfied

The project was the conception of a small group of active UFO investigators who were dissatisfied with "conventional" UFology. It was felt that UFology did very little actual research into the areas in which UFOs were seen, particularly over long periods of time. In addition we realised that what are termed "UFOs" comprise largely of purely light-based phenomena and not of structured craft - this fact was also being ignored by the UFological community who tended to stress the minuscule number of 'high strangeness' cases at the

expense of the more consistent 'ball of light' phenomena.

Since the autumn of 1986 Andy Roberts and myself have gathered documentary and eyewitness material relating to landscape-related light phenomena for use in the Project files.

Aims and Objectives

Our aims are to collect and collate data relating to anomalous lights, both of contemporary 'UFO' reports and from traditional folklore, ghostlore and historical records. This data will then be correlated in the search for significant common elements, and specifically made available to researchers in the geophysical field. Stage One is near completion as a comprehensive data base with over one thousand entries stored on Amstrad PCW 9000 computer discs is now in existence. Stage Two will work on correlating and statistically analysing the raw material.

Our final objective is to produce a comprehensive catalogue of anomalous light phenomena from the Pennine area which can be freely accessed by researchers and also made available to the scientific community. To this end, the Project report will eventually be presented to several university departments in the hope that further interest can be attracted and hopefully funding and equipment obtained for a full-time monitoring operation in the Pennines on the lines of Project Hessdalen.

Folklore

What appears to be the most fruitful avenue of study in the Pennine area is thorough research into the history and folklore of certain areas of the foothills which have long traditions of anomalous light phenomena. For instance, one of our ideas was to contact the numerous Mountain

Rescue Teams based throughout the Pennines whose job it is to relieve those stranded or lost on inhospitable mountains and moorland. These teams have often been called out in the night to investigate reports of unknown "lights" and "flares" observed over barren hillsides and moor, under the impression that climbers or ramblers were lost or in distress. But more often than not the lights remain unexplained and unaccountable as real distress flares, aircraft lights or other conventional luminosities.

The mystery of the "Longdendale Lights" of the High Peak of Derbyshire is a good example of an area of the Pennine landscape which has a long history of recurring UFO/light phenomena. We have received invaluable assistance from the Deputy Team Leader of Glossop Mountain Rescue Team, Philip Shaw, in our investigation of the remarkable light phenomena connected with Longdendale valley. Rumours of various mysterious happenings in this barren yet beautiful area situated between the busy Woodhead and Snake Pass roads in the High Peak of the southern Pennines, have been passed down by word-of-mouth over the centuries. Folklore and legends tell of ghostly Roman soldiers marching through the night with clanking armour and mysterious lights on the windswept moors.

Phantom of the Reservoirs

The most persistent stories in recent years have concerned the appearance of weird phantom lights on the remote area to the south side of the Woodhead Reservoirs on the western flanks of inhospitable Bleaklow. Several times since the 1960s mountain rescue teams and Peak Park rangers have been alerted to reports of hikers lost on the moors after sightings of "flares" have been reported to the local police - only to find that the lights vanish as they

approach, leaving no sign of any earthly cause.

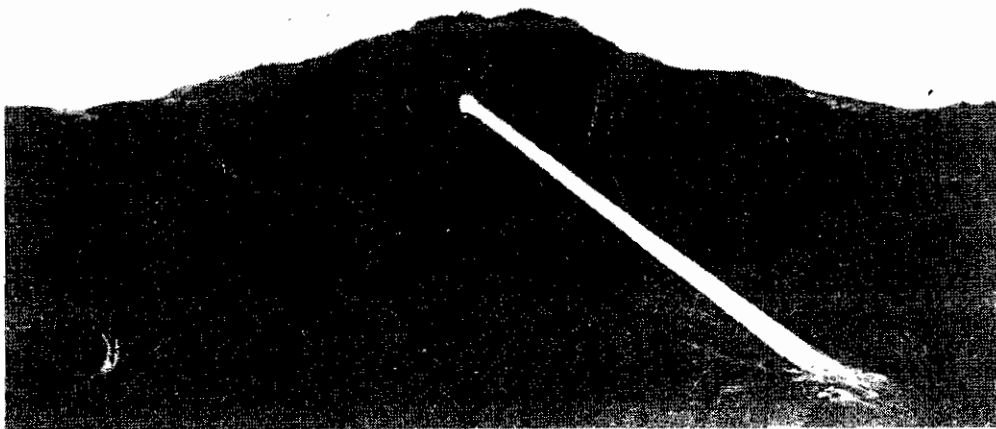
Late one night in February, 1982, for example, 25 members of Glossop Mountain Rescue Team, together with several National Park Rangers spent three hours searching the desolate moors on the northwestern edges of Bleaklow after a sighting of a "green flare" was reported to local police. Triangulation of sightings revealed that the light had been hovering in the vicinity of Torside Castle - a large prehistoric barrow, a place where many other sightings have taken place. Bleaklow - reaching its boggy summit at nearly 2,000 feet above sea level to the north of the trans-Pennine Snake Pass road - is the largest area of land in the country which is uncrossed by road, and is a difficult, rugged and inhospitable area with no artificial light sources.

The mystery lights observed from Longdendale include a single, powerful beam, like that of a searchlight, which has been seen in the area of Clough Edge and Bramah Edge, above the Torside Reservoir. Another kind is a

string of wandering, elusive and eventually fading lights that appear on the craggy gritstone heights of Shining Clough, further along the valley to the east. Is it possible that Shining Clough was so named many years ago because of these mystery lights?

David Frith of Hollingworth, a member of Glossop Mountain Rescue Team, told a newspaper reporter in 1980 that "there have been frequent calls about them to the rescue team..the last sighting was in October last year, when they looked like a string of walkers carrying torches. They drifted about and then faded away. Other times it's been like a searchlight coming out of the hillside. Last autumn wardens working for the National Park met someone coming down off the hill who said they'd seen two or three Roman soldiers. And there's always been a history of people seeing Roman soldiers around here."

Another area of the Pennines which consistently generates a large number of UFO/low-level light phenomena are the Craven hills, centred on the north, mid and south Craven faultlines. Low-



The 'search light' that is still a mystery

level moving lights are a commonplace occurrence in this area, particularly over the Carleton and Elslack Moors, near a large microwave repeater station; and to the north of the market town of Skipton, the moors and undulating hills surrounding the Dales villages of Grassington, Burnsall and Appletreewick are all regular hotbeds of UFO activity. Local CB-radio enthusiasts, when asked by UFO investigators about local sightings, replied "Oh, you mean the flying oranges?", implying once again that light phenomena in this area is regarded "as if it were no more than a cow run wild after calving-time, or any other usual phenomenon of their times.." (Halliwell Sutcliffe, "From Moor and Fell").

Local UFO investigator Tony Dodd, a police officer for over twenty years in Wharfedale, has observed numerous examples of anomalous light phenomena, sometimes at close-range and always in the presence of other observers, over the moors to the

south of Skipton. He believes that real structured flying objects are involved, and has obtained impressive photographic evidence depicting blobs of unexplained light manoeuvring above the Carleton and Addingham Moors, the latter being described by Ground Saucer Watch after computer analysis, as "Britain's first confirmed UFO photographs".

Other areas of the Southern Pennines where rescue teams have pursued mystery lights across mountains and moorland are the Kinder Scout plateau, the Roaches of northern Staffordshire, and the Axe Edge Moors near Buxton. The area of moor and hill immediately surrounding the spa-town of Buxton has generated a number of interesting low-level UFO sightings since the late 1960s; indeed, it was in this very area that became the genesis of the "phantom helicopter" mystery in the early 1970s.

Part two of Dave's paper will appear in **UFO Times** number 3

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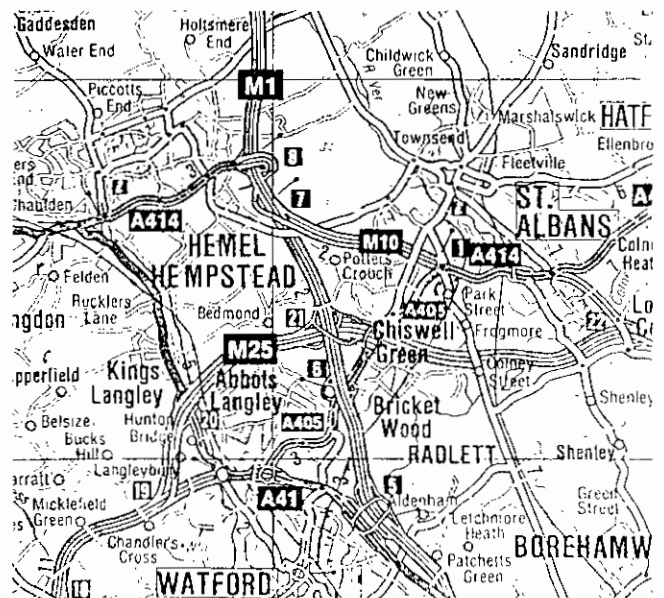
A preliminary report by Ken Phillips

The following report was initiated by a multiply-witnessed event which took place on Friday, March 4th 1988 and, as the title suggests, was seen from varying locations in the NW London area and that part of SW Hertfordshire ranging from Junction 6 of the M1 at Garston to Rickmansworth [in fact, there was even a report from Wimbledon in SW London]. The report constitutes an extract from the main report file but will, no doubt, undergo some revisional editing as further information is obtained from the investigations which are still continuing as this report goes into print:-

REPORT SUMMARY:-

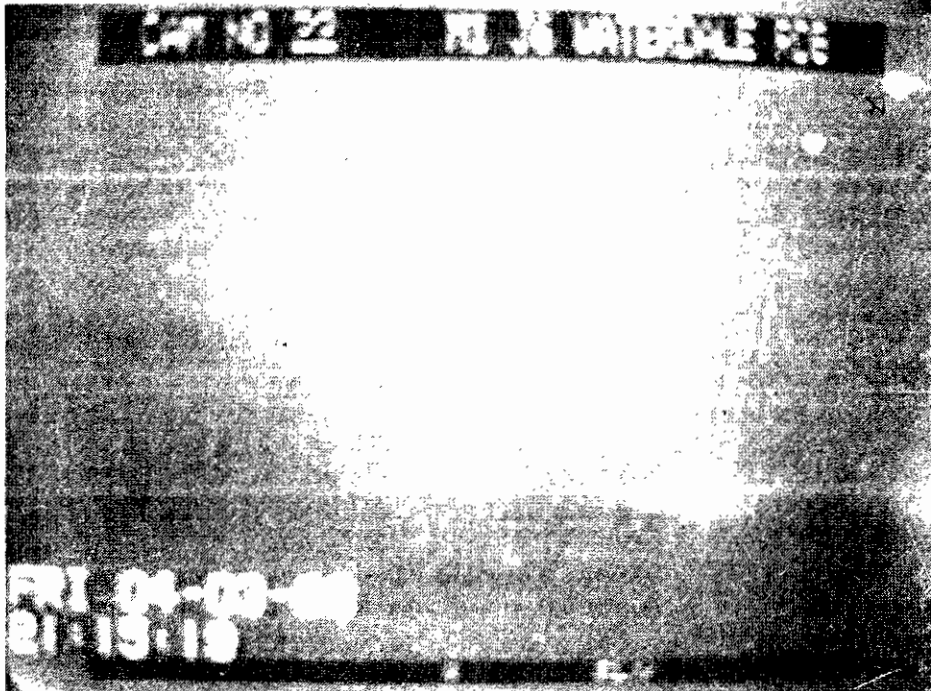
On the evening of March 4th 1988, various police stations throughout NW London and SW Hertfordshire began to receive phone calls from the general public giving reports of strange objects/lights being seen in the early-to-mid-evening sky. The descriptions of the objects allegedly seen range from "barrage balloons" to point sources of "lights"; one report claimed that an object seen was emitting beams of light. In response to some of these calls coming through to the Hertfordshire Constabulary, two patrol-car officers were despatched to the respective scenes: namely to Watford and Rickmansworth. The former officer was sent to Watford, the latter to Rickmansworth and both officers confirmed the sighting of bright lights. However, it must be stated here straight away, in order to dispel any initially misleading

factors, that the former officer probably observed the planets Venus and Jupiter; both of which were very prominent in the western sky on the evening in question. The observations made by the latter in nearby Rickmansworth, on the other hand, cannot be attributed to such phenomena since that officer quite clearly states he observed two bright lights descend towards the horizon, dim in brilliance, then brighten again, only for one of the lights to disappear altogether. The remaining light, though, suddenly accelerated at very high speed over the officer's head and disappeared in the direction of London.



A little later, and in response to both the public calls and those reports made by the officers despatched to the scene, Hertfordshire Police Headquarters at Welwyn Garden City decided to re-direct their traffic-monitoring video camera based at junction 6 of the M1 [the closest monitoring

unit to the events] in the general direction of the scene of the sightings. What in fact was seen by the Herts. Headquarters and, of course, recorded on video as a result of the re-direction, was the appearance, on four separate occasions, of a very bright torroidally-shaped light [provisional 3-dimensional source assumed].



The light(s) on the first three occasions are seen to traverse the screen in roughly diagonal paths from the upper-right side to the top-right of the screen. On the last occasion, however, the light is seen to describe a semicircular loop from the upper-right of the screen back to the upper-right. All the trajectories are smooth and, with the exception of the the second light remaining static for about 10 seconds and fading momentarily for about 1 second, the shape and brilliance of the

light(s) remained fairly constant.

As a backdrop to this scene, one can perceive the existence of two bright lights separated by a small angular distance. Fast-forward winding of the film shows these two lights to be setting towards the western horizon and thus can be determined to be the planets Jupiter and Venus. Other static and dynamic lights seen on the screen are: M1 illumination lights, distant traffic on the M1 and passing aircraft.

The first anomalous light appears at 21.14.08 and disappears at 21.15.48. The second light appears gradually at about 21.17.00 and disappears at 21.21.59. The third appears at 21.23.05 and vanishes at 21.23.33. The fourth appearing at 21.28.54 and vanishes at 21.29.43. The reason for the accuracy of the appearance and disappearance times is due to the fact that the film has a running time-counter. The video has no sound-track.

Erased

Due to standard MOD and police procedures, the names of the civilian witnesses to the event have been erased from their respective reports and so cannot be questioned over the incidents, thus leaving the two police officers mentioned above as the only two eye-witnesses on which to base this report.

At the time of printing this report, evaluators Mike Wootten and Nigel Smith are studying the film with the intent of eliminating [or demonstrating] prosaic causes. Should further information arise concerning this intriguing report then the readership will be informed in a later edition of UFO TIMES.

Ken Phillips,
London.

Bright Sky at Night
Spotters' Delight

Report by Steve Wilson

Bad news for all those investigators who spend most of their time chasing reports of strange lights at night - Noctilucent clouds are on the increase. On April 11, Tomorrows World reports that as a result of the Greenhouse effect there will be yet more Ice Crystals forming at high altitudes, and that they only came into being about 100 years ago. This is because either global warming at low altitudes pushes cold air higher, (though I thought that hot air rises while cold air sinks), or because of the increase in Methane.

Either way it looks like more time-wasters who don't know their ice from their UFOs, and debunking may well be Methane-fuelled in the future.

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UFO Audience Selected

Exclusive Report by Mike Wootten

On a crisp cold morning in March of this year, hundreds of reports were made of a large oval shaped object transversing the sky in southwest London. The police finally caught up with the alien visitor and his crew; Richard Branson (all smiles) complete with alien dressed sidekicks. Branson was practising for the next day's climatic stunt (Aprils Fools Day, of course) to be staged over central London.

Although, this stunt did cause the police problems on the day and could have been potentially dangerous (especially to distracted drivers), it could be

potentially rich in information for UFO research.

The British media grabbed hold of this story and projected it

widely (Branson being a favourite with the press, it was to be expected).

Survey

On the day of the Branson story, Audience Selection a national opinion poll agency conducted a nation telephone survey of of 1028 people across the UK. Their report is as follows.

Abstract

UFOs. Do people believe they really exist? Audience Selection asked the opinion of a nationally representative sample of 1028 adults aged 15+ resident in Britain between 31st March and 2nd April 1989.

Sample

Telephone households were selected at random from telephone directories covering the whole of Great Britain and set quota controls were imposed within region, by age with sex and social class within sex. Supervision of the interviews was carried out throughout the fieldwork period.

Data Processing

After clerical inspection and coding, data was keyed directly into the computer and in the course of tabulation, weights were used to allow for minor sampling variation.

The results

During the interviews, three questions were asked which will be looked at in turn. As there are many details within the full report we shall only look at a broad outline of the data that Audience Selection compiled. A full analysis of the data will be presented in a future edition of

UFO Times.

Question 1

"Firstly, thinking about unidentified flying objects, have you seen what you believe to be a UFO?"

BASE: All respondents (1028)

| | |
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| Yes | 7% |
| No | 93% |

Question 2

"When was the last time you saw a UFO?"

BASE: All having seen a UFO (67)

| | All % | Region | | |
|-------------------------|----------|------------|----------|------------|
| | | North % | Mid % | South % |
| Within the last year | 26 | 21 | 12 | 40 |
| Within the last 5 years | 20 | 27 | 31 | 6 |
| longer ago | 52 | 51 | 57 | 48 |

Question 3

"Do you believe that UFOs actually exist?"

BASE: All never having seen a UFO (961)

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|-----|-----|
| Yes | 40% |
| No | 60% |

Other interesting points to note that out of the 7% of respondents that stated that they had seen a UFO 25% were within the 45-54 age group and Socio Economic Group DE made up a 38% segment of yes answers to question 1.

Acknowledgment

Thanks go to Audience selection for supplying this information.

Investigations DIARY

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

Edited by Dave Clarke

National Investigation Committee Convene

Report by Mike Wootten

On May 6th, fifteen members of the NIC met at the London Business School. The following is a resume of that meeting.

Regressive Hypnosis

The NIC discussed the use of regressive hypnosis and its possible application with alleged abduction cases. It was reiterated that the investigators 'Code of Practice' states that such work could only be undertaken when a medically qualified person is present.

Regional Lectures

The date and venue of the next BUFORA regional lecture was confirmed to be November 18th, 1989, starting at 1pm at Manchester Central Library. [details will be announced in UT in due course].

Possible New Investigators

Several people had expressed an interest in becoming accredited investigators, covering the areas of Leicester, Doncaster, Knaresborough, Leeds, Northants, London and Middlesex.

Peter Beard Photo Case

The Barnsley 'UFO' photo case was discussed and Philip Mantle confirmed that these photos were a complete hoax. The case file was passed to the research department.

New Accredited Investigator

A completed case report by provisional AI, Mr R. Burton was examined by the NIC and it was

considered sufficiently good enough to offer Mr Burton the position of full AI status for the Leicester area.

New Reports

Various new UFO reports had come to light after Jenny Randles' appearance on the TV show 'Good Morning'. These reports were circulated to AIs present for follow-up investigations.

UFOCALL: Help Required

The full workload of updating the UFOCALL service has fallen into the lap of Jenny Randles. In view of this, Jenny requested help from the membership to lighten this workload. Please contact Jenny Randles with help to collate UFOCALL material.

NIC Case Histories

The next NIC case history in the series that will be published will be the Peter Day movie film case [publication date imminent]. Further case history publishing projects were discussed with one being planned for later this year and two for 1990.

Date of next NIC meeting

The next NIC meeting will be held during the International Congress in July, the exact date and time is yet to be arranged.

RECENT CASE INVESTIGATIONS

December 29, 1978. LOWER BENEFIELD, Northamptonshire. A retired steelworker observed a very bright blue/green light moving through overcast sky at 7 a.m. Interesting point was that the witness and his daughter suffered a short loss of memory, and his wife was afraid. At one point the light appeared to shine a beam of light on his house whilst rest of village appeared to be in darkness. The light then "disappeared". At same time an independent witness at Kettering saw a ball of light moving slowly in a southerly direction for three minutes. Investigators: Ernest Still and Margaret Fry.

November 11, 1980. SADDLEWORTH MOOR, Lancashire. Three witnesses returning by car across moors late at night saw a "mysterious light", apparently three feet from the ground, which passed slowly in front of car in silence disappearing over peat groughs in direction of Cloudberry Knoll. Investigation: Dave Clarke (IUN).

October 28, 1985. CHATSWORTH PARK, Derbyshire. Two witnesses driving through countryside at 8.20 p.m. saw a brilliant object in the sky shaped like a wheel, with lights on each "spoke". Object appeared low in sky and was uncannily silent; it appeared metallic and took a long time to pass above witnesses in car. Investigators: Clive Potter and Dave Kelly (IUN).

September 22, 1987. ABBOTS BROMLEY, Staffordshire. Multi-witness sighting of a classic "Silent Vulcan"; impressive case investigation by Clive Potter and Kevin Flannery, Very large triangular-shaped flying object with spectacular lighting configuration observed manoeuvring low in the sky above Baggots Forest. Classed as "unidentified" though investigators' personal opinion is that object was a secret military airship.

October 17, 1987. HANDSWORTH WOOD, Birmingham. After midnight two female friends were driving home when they observed a dome-shaped object in the sky., which disappeared behind trees and then re-emerged on same path. Object appeared to be metallic silver with red light underneath. "OZ factor" experienced. Investigator: David Taylor (NUFON).

March 2, 1988. GODMANCHESTER, Cambridgeshire. 12 year old girl mucking out her pony heard very loud roar at 7.35 p.m. and saw square-shaped "teabag"-like object with central bumps and four "aerials" which left a stench of bad eggs. Noise and smell confined to a limited area, though parents inside the house heard noise and detected the smell. Pony and cat were affected, as well as radio. Girl was severely frightened by her experience and was abused verbally and physically at school afterwards. Significantly, flight-path of object is directly in line with runway at nearby RAF Brampton to the north. Enquiries in progress with the MOD. Investigators: Clive Potter and Ron West.

May 5, 1988. BARNSLEY, South Yorkshire. At 11 p.m. mother and two children leaving Hoyland Common for Sheffield saw object in sky like an elongated egg with rotating coloured lights and "white searchlight". Object just above rooftops, appeared to follow car through wood onto nearby main road before disappearing. Several independent witnesses. Investigation: Dave Clarke and Philip Mantle (IUN).

August 26, 1988. FOUR OAKS, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands. At 1.30 a.m. 18 year old girl was reading when she heard classical music with a

high pitched sound. Out of window she saw a stationary disc-like object hovering between trees. Object floated away and sound faded. She then got hold of a camera and followed in a car, spotting it again above a field. She felt that it was coming towards her and drove back home. Later she heard sound again with a whizzing noise, and saw a bright light in the sky, taking three photos which show a diffused light source. Investigation: Clive Potter.

December 20, 1988. ELLASTONE/MAYFIELD, Staffordshire. At 7.40 a.m. man driving to work on moped saw bright white light in the sky shaped like a flat-topped pyramid, and experienced "OZ factor" effects. Witness felt peculiar at work and found later that his bike was malfunctioning. This was later checked by engineers who found no reason why it had failed. Witness also reported physiological effects - sore eyes, constant headaches, dizziness, pins and needles, as well as psychic experiences. Indications of time lapse. Investigation: Clive Potter (IUN) and Kevin Flannery (Skyscan).

April 4, 1989. STANAGE MOOR, Derbyshire. At 9.15 p.m. two 18-year old students in a car parked on moortops above village of Hathersage on a cold clear night with two foot of snow on the ground saw a strange light in the sky in a southerly direction. Object disappeared then reappeared at low altitude nearer to the car; appeared to be shaped like a spinning top with white and red lights. As witnesses drove towards Sheffield the object appeared to land on the hillside, lighting up the ground, then followed the car at low altitude. Upon reaching outskirts of city the object seemed to split into two lights which vanished into fields. No sound was heard. Witnesses added that on returning the following day an area of snow under where the object appeared to land was "melted". Enquiries are currently under way with the MOD, RAF Finningley, Derbyshire police and mountain rescue contacts. Investigation: Dave Kelly, Dave Clarke (IUN).

April 8, 1989. CORBY, Northamptonshire. Retired technician observed a bright light in the sky from his back garden at 10 p.m., appeared stationary for around 30 seconds, then moved off in a northerly direction at elevation of 40 degrees. Clear sky with moon and stars visible. Aircraft? Investigator: Ernest Still.

The NIC and the UFO Times editorial board invite any investigator or group to submit material for inclusion in **Investigations 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.

NEW NIC PUBLICATIONS

After the success of the well received 'Mystery of the Circles', Paul Fuller and Jenny Randles have teamed up again to present the very latest first-hand, objective research of the circles phenomena. '**Controversy of the Circles**' will be launched in July (with copies hot off the press being available at Congress '89).

The third in the series of international reviews of UFO research and investigation, '**UFO World 1989**', edited by Jenny Randles, will also be published in July.

Prices will be published in due course.

REVIEWS

The Relativity of Wrong, by Isaac Asimov, 225pp paperback, Oxford University Press. £5.95

How does one start to write a review concerning one of Isaac Asimov's books; does one dare? Especially when this noted and varied author has written a staggering 356 books ranging from the obvious Science fiction to topics as Shakespeare, the Bible and his greatest love, science.

The Relativity of Wrong is a compendium of scientific essays that follow an exponential curve; beginning with the tiniest of particles (such as atoms and their components), accelerating away to the nature of stars, supernova and how to travel the galaxies.

Not having read any of Asimov's previous works before (thus having little knowledge of the man) I was at first greatly put off by his sheer arrogance. But after persevering, I grew to become mildly amused by these outbursts of big headedness. It is obvious from reading the book, that Asimov is very knowledgeable. But it is regrettable that he knows that too and he certainly is not coy about reminding the reader of this fact.

Despite this, The Relativity of Wrong is a well balanced book that is certainly technical in relating the nature of the Universe, but is written for the non technician.

Review by Mike Wootten

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THE CIRCLES EFFECT AND ITS MYSTERIES

In this well illustrated book, Dr Terence Meaden discusses the extraordinary circles and rings that appear in farmers fields each summer.

After years of patient research, the author releases details of his generalised plasma-vortex theory which explains how these amazing circular systems are linked to UFO-type balls of light than spin and hum as they cut rings and circles into the crops.



As a result the theory validates many reported UFO forms and observations, besides accounting for car-stop events and other cases of exceptional interest to ufologists.

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BOOK NEWS

Ever since the dawn of the printed word, Authors have been attacked in many different ways and degrees of severeness by opposing factions. Today, most oppositions are made verbally (except for cases like the Rushdie affair).

Most of the barracking is usually generated by self proclaiming, self righteous tabloid newspapers who evangelise with as much right to do so as the devil himself.

Take the case of Gerald Suster, writer of the 'Legacy of the Beast', an excellent book which chronicals the life and beliefs of Aleister Crowley (published by W H Allen, hardback priced £11.95). In a recent feature, the News of the World has condemned this book as evil along with Crowley's 'bible': 'The Book of the Law'. This article further states that Suster: Drinks human blood, eats human flesh, is a drug addict, and is a confirmed satanist.

Although Suster quite openly states that he practices ritual magic (which has absolutely nothing to do with satan or evil deeds), nothing in this article bares any relationship with the man it highlights.

Through the acts of the News of the World Gerald Suster has lost his job as a house master in a well respected public school and his home. Suster is planning a law suit.

The final point of this sorry saga is that the News of the World have stated that the 'Book of the Law' is evil; this book is published by Thorsons, part of the Collins group of publishers, which in turn, is owned by Rupert Murdoch, owner of the News of the World (own goal time N of the W).

The ever growing London Earth Mysteries Circle have finally produced their own 24 page news letter. Articles include field studies of selected ancient sites around the country, folklore traditions relating to the Wren and much more. Membership enquiries to Rob Stevenson, 223 Underhill Road, London, SE22 OPB.

Also coming of age is Strange Phenomena Investigations, based in Scotland. They are upgrading their current newsletter to a 16 page A5 magazine which will include UFOs and other anomalous phenomena from around Scotland and beyond. Subscriptions will be £6.00 for five issues per annum. Write with your fiscal support to: Malcolm Robinson, 4 Woodlea Park, Sauchie, Clackmannanshire, FK10 3BG, Scotland.

Along with an update of the successful 'Mystery of the Circles' and the NIC 'UFO World 1989', BUFORA will also be publishing the long awaited 'UFO Lexicon' a multi-language phase book of terms employed in UFO research in July. Only 100 Lexicons will be printed so get them while their hot!

Reports by Mike Wootten

Author Obituary

Walter Raymond Drake.

Raymond Drake held a season ticket for Sunderland United Football Club for many years. He died at a match at Roker, not far from his home, on April 1st, 1989, aged 76. Born 2nd January 1913, Drake followed a career as a civil servant, he eventually became head of HM Customs and Excise in Sunderland.

Raymond was known to ufologists for his "Gods and Spacemen" books, the first of which: 'Gods or Spacemen?' was published by the 'grand-daddy of flying saucers' Ray Palmer, in Amherst, Wisconsin in 1964. Authors such as Demand Leslie, George Hunt Williamson and Brinsley Le Poer Trench, preceded him, and Erich von Daniken's

'Chariots of the Gods' came later in the UK in 1969. In fact Erich and Raymond were well acquainted, and he was an honoured speaker at the 2nd Ancient Astronaut Conference in Zurich in 1975 and at subsequent events. No doubt von Daniken's phenomenal success helped Raymond's work gain in popularity. In pursuit of his research, he studied about twelve languages and it may be no coincidence that he was more popular abroad than at home. He found publishers in Brazil, France, India, Italy, Japan, Spain and the USA. Several UK paperbacks were published by Sphere.

Perhaps his style of writing did not endear him to everyone and here is a snippet from BUFORA Journal, March 1980, "We descend not from apemen, but from glorious Celestials from the stars. Today we use only a fraction of our potential brain-power. My friends, we are more than men, we are the Sons of Gods!"

Raymond's writing included plays, science fiction novels and poetry, much of which went unpublished or was only privately circulated. A twenty verse whimsical SF poem, "The Stolen Bride" appeared in Spacelink magazine Volume 5 Nos. 2 and 3*. Raymond and I were amongst contributors to a glossy book, "Beyond This Horizon", an Anthology of science fiction and science fact, published in conjunction with the BTH Festival in 1973, where we appeared on the platform together at the Sunderland Arts Centre. (* Details on request)

Raymond's struggle to find publishers was an example to all despairing authors. Where readers had difficulty with foreign exchange, he often had no hesitation in the mailing off gratis copies of his books and he will be missed by his many worldwide correspondents. He was married for forty-five years and leaves a widow, Marjorie, to whom we extend our sympathy.

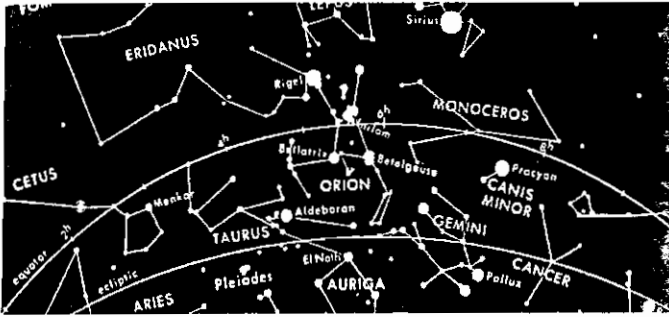
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SKYWATCHER

Edited by Gary Anthony

Introduction

This feature is designed to provide up to date information in astronomy and space flight. A special feature on European space successes has been incorporated into this article, with the hope that the reader will gain an insight into the endeavours to explore and utilise space.

The Planets

VENUS - In July Venus is an evening object, setting an hour and a half after the Sun, throughout the month. The planet is a brilliant object in the western twilight sky, at magnitude -3.9. On July 23rd, Venus passes 1.2° north of Regulus (a star in Leo). Thirty years ago (July 7th 1959) a spectacular event occurred, as Venus occulted Regulus.

During August Venus is an evening object throughout the month and remains low in the southwest after sunset, reaching magnitude -4.0 by mid month. The Moon is near on the 4th.

MARS - Mars is moving into twilight in July, setting only an hour after the Sun by the 31st, on which date it will be close to the star Regulus in Leo. At magnitude +1.8 this planet moves steadily from Cancer into Leo.

In August, Mars remains low in

skydata

JULY

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 11th 00 h 19 m
 18th 17 h 42 m
 25th 13 h 31 m

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| 06h > 07h | +20° > +30° |
| 06h > 08h | +10° > +30° |
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1989

New Moon
 First Quarter
 Full Moon
 Last Quarter
 New Moon

AUGUST

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 17th 03 h 07 m
 23th 18 h 40 m
 31st 05 h 44 m

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| Mars | ----- |
| Jupiter | 06h > 08h +10° > +30° |
| Saturn | 18h > 19h -15° > -30° |

Meteor Showers

| Name | Begins | Maximum | Ends | Max ZHR | Radiant Coordinates |
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| D. Aquarids | Jul 15 | Jul 28 | Aug 15 | 35 | 22h 36m RA -10° Dec |
| Capricornids | Jul 15 | Aug 20 | Aug 25 | 8 | 20h 36m RA -10° Dec |
| Perseids | Jul 25 | Aug 12 | Aug 18 | 68 | 03h 0m4 RA +58° Dec |

Moonlight will interfere with Perseids

Note: All co-ordinates refer to the equatorial system.

the western twilight after sunset, setting an hour after the Sun on the 1st and less than half an hour by the 31st; when at magnitude +1.8 it will no longer be visible in strong twilight. The Moon is near this planet on the 3rd.

JUPITER - In July Jupiter passes from Taurus into Gemini late in the month, moving away from the Sun and becoming a morning object. At magnitude -2.0, this planet will rise soon after 0100 hrs, thus observers may readily locate Jupiter low in the east for a short while before dawn. A thin crescent Moon will be nearby on the 29th-30th.

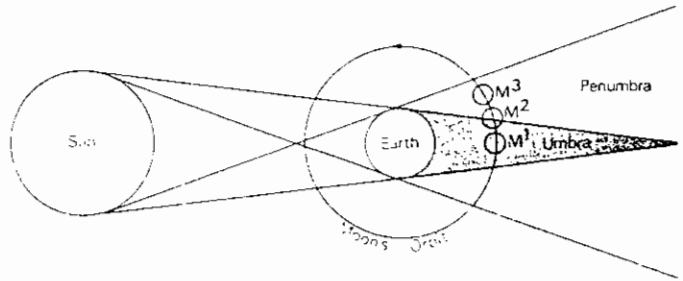
Jupiter is a prominent morning object in August, at magnitude -2.0 in the constellation of Gemini with a crescent moon nearby on the 26th.

SATURN - In July, Saturn, at magnitude +0.1, reaches opposition on the 2nd, when it is approximately 1350 million kilometres from the Earth. Saturn is low in Sagittarius, with its ring system open for inspection for observers with astronomical telescopes. The Moon is near on the 17th.

During August, Saturn is as July except the planet sets at about 0200 hrs on the 1st and near midnight late in the month. The planet is at magnitude +0.2 and the Moon is in the area on the 13th.

Eclipse of the Moon

A total eclipse of the Moon occurs on the morning of the 17th August. This spectacular event is visible from the UK, Europe, Africa and the America. The eclipse begins at 0121 hrs and ends at 0455 hrs, totality lasts from 0220 to 0356 hrs.



Solar eclipses: A total eclipse of the Moon occurs at M1, a partial eclipse at M2 and a penumbral eclipse at M3.

SPACE NEWS

ESA - A Success Story

On July 6th, 1964; the first sounding rocket, Skylark was launched from Sardinia by the European Space Research Organisation - ESRO - and in Europe at this time several space research groups existed in different locations. In 1973, these individual groups wanted to exploit the newer technology and as a result, the European Space Agency was born.

This was to become a decisive year, with the Agency building its own launch capability. The new European launcher (rocket) was named Ariane, after the greek legend 'where Ariane used a thread to lead Theseus out of the maze'. This family of Ariane rockets is proven highly successful, enabling Europe to reach out to the stars with 26 launches to date.

Manned Flights

Over the period of 28th November to 8th December, 1983, ESA gained experience in manned spaceflight with the successful launch of Spacelab, the worlds first reusable space laboratory was carried into space onboard a US Space Shuttle. Of the 38 experiments onboard, twenty-six

were sponsored by ESA and twelve by NASA. These experiments included observing x-ray emissions from the Sun and the energies of Cosmic rays. More Spacelab missions were to follow.

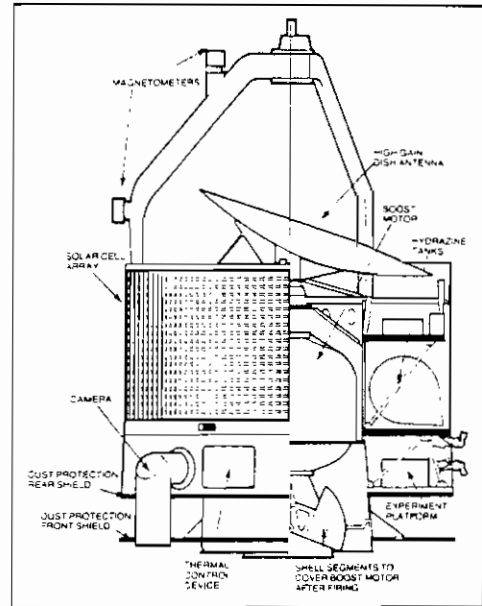
Observing the universe at ultraviolet wavelengths is impossible within the Earth's atmosphere - the question was asked 'what can be learned from ultraviolet?' This curiosity led to the conception of an international project, namely IUE; the International Ultraviolet Explorer satellite.

IUE was launched on the 26th June 1978, to investigate UV radiation from stars, quasars and galaxies. For supernova 1987A, the IUE satellite confirmed the theoretically predicted ultraviolet flash, identified the star which exploded and recorded the stellar wind on its instrumentation before the supernova explosion was apparent. The satellite also discovered that the planet Uranus shines brightly in the UV range and for the first time, calculated the dimensions of a quasar like galaxy.

Last year IUE received the American Presidential Award for excellent design and for the satellite's outstanding results, gained over the past decade.

Giotto Encounter

In 1304, the Italian painter Giotto di Bondone depicted Halley's Comet as the 'Star of Bethlehem' in one of his frescoes. On the 2nd July 1985 a cometary probe named Giotto was launched by an Ariane 1 rocket from Kourou in French Guiana. On the 13/14th March 1986, Giotto completed its rendezvous with the elusive and famous visitor, comet Halley. The space probe relayed the first pictures of a comet nucleus to a vast number of spectators, who were glued to their TV sets, as the broadcast was beamed out all over the globe.



The Future for ESA

Presently, ESA have many projects planned for the 1990s - with development of a new Ariane launcher - a Solar and Heliospheric Observatory (SOHO) - four satellites to study space plasma physics (CLUSTER) also on the agenda is a remarkable type of spaceplane (HERMES) to mention just a few in an extensive programme to study and utilise our universe.

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Discovery in UFO Encounter

Report by Jenny Randles

According to recent press reports, the crew of a NASA space shuttle launch had a close encounter with a UFO. But is there any substance to this extraordinary claim?

The story broke on 29th March 1989 in the London Evening Standard, where it was alleged that American space experts were assessing the stories that had come to them via former NASA member, Bob Oechsler. He had reputedly taped a conversation between the astronaut piloting the shuttle 'Discovery' - Colonel John Blaha - and the Goddard Space Centre - which is a back up to the main Houston control and is not normally available to private eavesdroppers.

The incident supposedly occurred on the 14th March, almost a day into the mission to launch a communications satellite and at 06.42 hrs, Discovery was then over the South Pacific and the words spoken were reportedly; "**Houston.... This is Discovery.... We still have the alien spacecraft under observance.**" According to Oechsler, Goddard then told the pilot to switch to a classified military frequency to prevent interception of the message.

Power drain?

Oechsler added that he was convinced that the words meant a UFO - and, even more significantly, that this had 'impacted' on the Shuttle and effected the power supply. He said that NASA would probably deny the story, because of the "massive government cover-up of UFOs for the past forty years."

According to the paper, NASA

were analysing the voice on the tape to say whether it was genuine or not. This seems like asking President Nixon to do a voice analysis of a recorded phone conversation said to be himself and that might implicate him in the Watergate scandal!

Be that as it may, this story of intergalactic proportions (just two days before April Fools Day - ironically!) reached only one national newspaper the following day. Richard Branson's UFO hoax for April Fool the morning after made virtually every single British paper (and cost BUFORA a fortune via the press cuttings agency bill).

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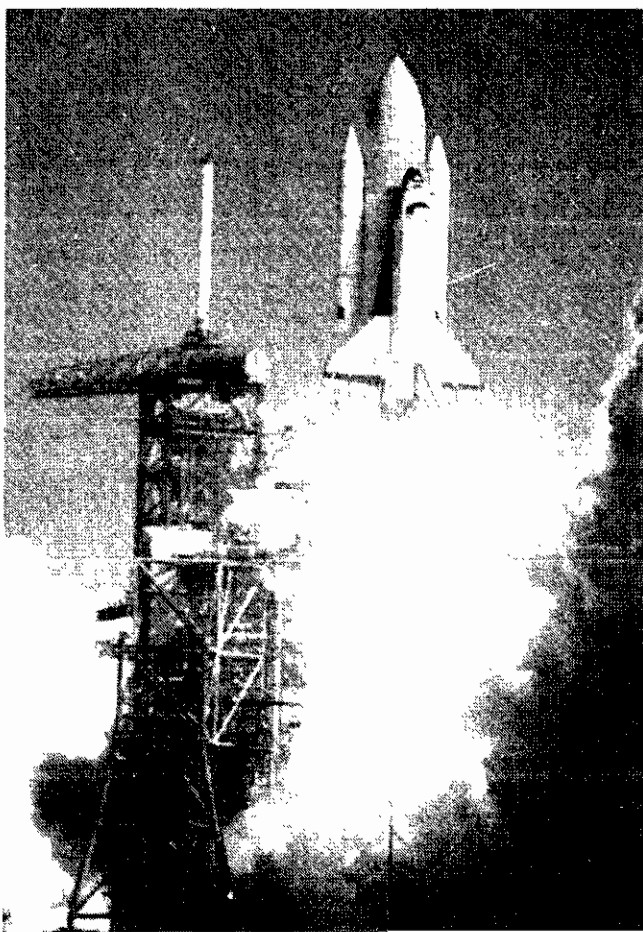
The only tabloid to carry the Shuttle story was the Daily Star, which really went to town and gave it a front page banner headline.

By coincidence, I was a guest on a national TV show on UFOs that day ("This Morning", ITV - in which abductee Elsie Oakensen and myself talked for some time and answered callers questions). I had arrived in Liverpool at 7.30 a, for the live show (which began three hours later) and presenter Richard Madeley came into the office where the producer and I were planning things out and dropped the Star into my lap.

We talked about using the case on air (and Tim Good telephoned

the studio to suggest they speak to him live during the show to talk about the matter). But the considered view of "This Morning" and of myself was that we knew too little about a highly contentious story and to bring its discussion into what was a carefully structured fifteen to twenty minute slot aiming to achieve a number of positive things to our subject would probably be a mistake.

Unfortunately, the Star added little new. Its glaring headline; "Shuttle Crew Saw Aliens" - illustrates just how many conclusions they had leapt to from such scanty information.



It did say that NASA were 'refusing' to release their recordings of the conversations with Colonel Blaha. According to the Star, reporters who had heard the tape state the words were slightly different (ie the word 'observation' rather than 'observance' was used). A reported loss of the Shuttle's power

coincided with the radio message is the source of the story concerning the UFO 'locking on' to Discovery - and, of course, probably represents the first in a new breed of case (after car stops, truck stops etc - the Spaceship stop!)

Also an un-named radio ham from Ohio was stated as having tuned into an entirely different message which had the NASA pilot saying; "Houston, we have a problem. We have a fire."

Incredibly, rather than interpret those words literally, the Star suggest that "Fire" is a 'secret NASA codeword for a UFO' (!!)

Good Vibrations

Timothy Good (sic) was quoted as hoping that the tapes and details would be forced out under the Freedom of Information Act and a faceless BUFORA expert (actually Lionel Beer) was quoted darkly as saying that NASA always denies UFO sightings (how many have they had to deny?). He added; "They would never admit it, even if there were irrefutable evidence."

In their opinion column, the editor commented under the heading; "The Closest Encounter." He said the admirable (if hard to justify) conviction; "An alien spacecraft was spotted by the crew of America's Shuttle, Discovery Orbiter. You can't much better proof than that...."

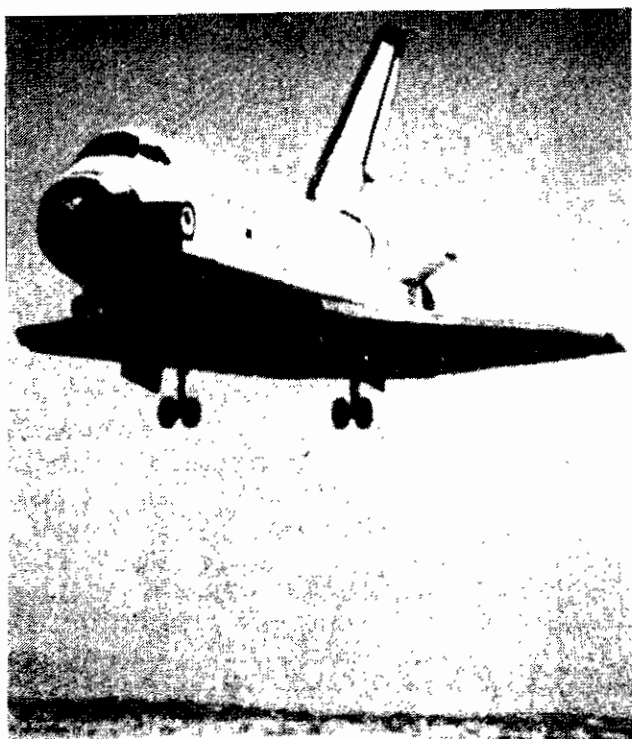
Evaluation

Well - **what proof?** Lionel Beer who heard the tape before commenting, points out that it is just the one quoted sentence. Nothing before or after it was on the tape he was played. After several run-throughs it sounded as if the words were as reported. But, of course, there is no evidence that they are what they purport to be, or spoken by who

they are supposed to be.

Besides which, even if the tape is entirely genuine, what have we got? We have one heard (not taped) sentence that there was a fire onboard. No fire is known to have occurred and the mission was a total success, continuing unaborted for five more days. If there had been a close encounter with a UFO which had drained energy and lead to a fire (unless 'Fire' is a NASA speak for martian - as the Star allege) - then surely this 'business as usual' performance is hard to explain. It would have been no problem to bring the mission home early on any sort of pretext, without giving the game away.

However, to me the real difficulty comes with the reported choice of words. Would a NASA pilot on encountering a UFO really call it an "alien spacecraft"? Why not 'UFO' or 'Bogey' or 'Angel' or normal language that is drilled into air force officers for anomalous targets. Saying 'alien spacecraft' sounds like the product of a UFO enthusiast, not a hardened airman. Or



do we presuppose that a mere Colonel was 'in' on the great cosmic cover-up and knows all about these 'alien spacecraft' - which NASA (with a little help from MJ-12) have flown alongside for so many years?

Then again, has nobody given the thought to the possibility that 'alien spacecraft' might mean 'Soviet Spacecraft'?

Monitoring

BUFORA is continuing to monitor the situation and according to stories reaching us from MUFON in the USA, there might be more to come on this extraterrestrial scoop.

Meanwhile, we will be adopting a cautious stance of the responsible newspapers and won't be holding the front pages until we have something more substantial to speculate upon.

[**Editor's comment:** It seems to me that this whole affair sounds like the opening scene of the old video favourite "Hanger 18". If this alleged sighting is a hoax (and in my mind it most probably is) than the perpetrators are not very original.]

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Aspects of New Physics Within Ufology

Part 2

A Philosophical and Personal View by Bill Dillon

Bill continues his paper from the previous edition of UFO Times.

CASE 2: THE INTERACTION WITH MATTER

On the 31st. October, 1963 a UFO, estimated as being 25' in diameter and shaped like a "wash basin", was observed in broad daylight by several persons at Iguape, southwest of Santos, Brazil. The slow-moving UFO, which was making a roaring noise, collided with a palm tree before falling into the nearby Peropava River. The observers watched as the river bubbled and boiled at the point of impact. This scene was followed by an eruption of muddy water, then one of mud. The authorities, using divers, initiated a search for the presumed wrecked flying saucer, but the divers could find nothing in the 15' depth of water. Finally, engineers searched the area with mine-detectors but they, too, found nothing. Speculating about the incident Jim and Coral Lorenzen suggested that the object may have departed the scene whilst submerged under water.

INTERPRETATION:-

The UFO purposely drew attention to itself by making a loud roaring noise. The apparently 'physical' UFO reinforced this assumption by colliding with a familiar and 'known to be physical' palm tree; hence Newtonian physics is established. No trace of the crashed object was found. If the UFO did not depart under water, then a physics is required to explain how such an obviously physical vessel could vanish into thin air (or in this case, river

water), or into the river bed. Such a physics was not readily available in 1963, but in today's science it is. Photon duality has indicated to physicists the potential existence of other dimensions or universes, and thus dimensional exchanges are quite feasible and 'disappearances on the spot' are nowhere near as unavailable to us today as they were 25 years ago.

It is possible that 'grass circles', or 'saucer nests', are the land-based equivalents (provided they are not caused by an unknown weather condition) of the submerged physics in evidence at Igiupe. As with grass circles, the event itself is not seen; only the effect upon matter caused by it. Apparently, it is for us ourselves to independently make the crucial connection by supplying the second physics with which to successfully reason the occurrence.

Up to the present time it has been the formulative work of the insightful and most respected Dr. Jacques Vallee which has governed UFOlogical thinking. Unlike Dr. Vallee, who has been unable to discover any avenue of advance into the stimulus and who has reluctantly concluded (although his modern view might be much closer to my own) that its purpose may be to harm Man by way of making Him lose faith in his own scientific ability and thus throwing Him into an "intellectual recession"; I hold the opposite view. I feel that we

are being provided with opportunities to advance ourselves.

I further believe we are being encouraged towards the connections that will result in illumination and discovery. Nothing will be made easy for us, as this would be unprofessional and our prosperity would be a false one. No, if we wish to hold the parameters which will transform us, then we have to strive for them: we have to win them fair and square.

Conclusion

Man on the threshold of wonders

The universe is a very ancient place. The new universe is a quantum (information) universe, where mind (consciousness) and matter exist as a coherent 'whole'. If consciousness should prove to be detectable, then we would be confronted with the rather shattering prospect that every human thought that has ever been formulated could be public knowledge to all cosmic species capable of detecting them. Mankind would have broadcast his existence the moment he came into being.

Man is a comparatively recent natural event, but the ancient Earth could well have been known about by established cosmic intelligences, and its potential closely followed. This observation has been independently reached by this writer, Professor Alan Tough and various others. Already enclosed in this article is a potentially good example of 'Consciousness Interception' - remember the perplexed Harley Rutledge and his team?

Prepare to battle?

It seems to be 'vogue' in a premier British UFO magazine to conclude that some entities wish us harm and that we should be prepared to do battle with them. Although I appreciate how this view has been

reached, I do not agree with it. Those who feel that we are under threat argue that much 'information' despatched from them to us is garbage and of no possible use to Man. I think that the real clue lies exactly here: it is not so much the content of the information as the manner in which it is delivered that is of prime importance. No direct assistance can be expected (I have previously covered this point), which in itself is a kind of built-in 'failsafe' against us gaining advance too easily. If we concentrate our efforts, therefore, towards understanding how the dialogue is transmitted, then we will win our advance.

Even with cases involving injury to humans the 'easy access' opinion that harm was obviously the aim should not be hurriedly reached. I think that it would be correct for me to say that the potential advance of the

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whole (humanity) should always be considered as being of more importance than the welfare of just the occasional part. We are not being required to battle: we are being asked, as usual, to think.

Observable mental or physical injury is always evidence that 'something' has occurred, even after the cause has withdrawn. Evidence left in this manner is probably all part of the pre-planned strategy. Perhaps being 'good' or 'bad' indicates immaturity (or is it a symbolic display?). The natural process itself is either/or - it is merely indifferent. All species wise enough to appreciate that natural law simply cannot be improved upon would adopt an indifferent attitude themselves. Generally speaking, I would say that the attitude of reported alien entities towards Man was one of indifference

Anthropic Principle

The spectrum of paranormal events, UFOs and healings etc., could all collectively be achieving the aim of encouraging the human mind along an intended path of thinking which will illuminate, enrich and, ultimately, transform him. A most noble thought, but why has so much trouble been taken on our behalf? As a possible explanation for vested alien interest in us, I have suggested that this interest might be connected to the 'Anthropic Principle'.

This principle, developed by Professor John Wheeler, asserts that consciousness (a form of energy) is a basic and crucial requirement of nature (the very reason why nature has generated it) which it needs to ensure its continued successful functioning. If this is so, then this world of ours, which teams with life (consciousness), may be of much greater cosmic importance than we had ever previously supposed. We would be a very valuable cosmic

commodity indeed. Is this, the very fact that we are what we are, that we supply what we supply and our value in the scheme of things, the reason for the alien interest?.

If the theme of the 'Anthropic Principle' holds, then the welfare of existence would be the prime concern - an existence of which the aliens themselves would be a part. I am reminded of a remark made in the 1970s by the American author/ufologist Brad Steiger: "In some strange way, I get the distinct impression that 'they' need 'us' as much as 'we' need 'them'!"

Such is the immense age of the universe that there is bound to be a vast difference in the epistemology of young and older races. Perhaps the best policy for combined universal responsibility would be a kind of 'step-ladder principle', with the more knowledgeable species encouraging lesser ones towards a higher standard of enlightenment. At present, Mankind is about to embark upon his journey up the first rung.

Unfolding

The new universe continues to unfold and, in so doing, astound us. We have only just begun and yet the prophetic words of J.B.S. Haldane ring out:-

"Not only is the universe stranger than we had imagined, it will probably prove to be stranger than we CAN imagine".

Man is now perceiving the universe not as it has always 'appeared' to be but how it 'actually' is. It is our privilege to be in a position whereby we can appreciate and comprehend it.

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Please note that there will be no BUFORA London Lectures in July or August. A new lecture programme will begin after the break on Saturday, September 2nd 1989.

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Executive Committee Re-shuffle

Unfortunately, due to family commitments, the Chairman of BUFORA Ltd, Arnold West resigned at the last Council meeting.

Arnold had made the chairmanship and the running of the administration of the association almost a full time job. He also made sterling efforts to consolidate the Investigators Code of Practice, plus helping with many other projects.

Although, Arnold steps down as

chairman, he will continue as Administration Manager.

The executive committee passed a warm vote of thanks to Arnold for his untiring commitment for what is sometimes a very difficult job. We wish him and his wife Enid very well for the future.

At that same meeting, Steve Gamble was elected Chairman (but continuing for the time being as Director of Research) and John Spencer as Vice-Chairman.



