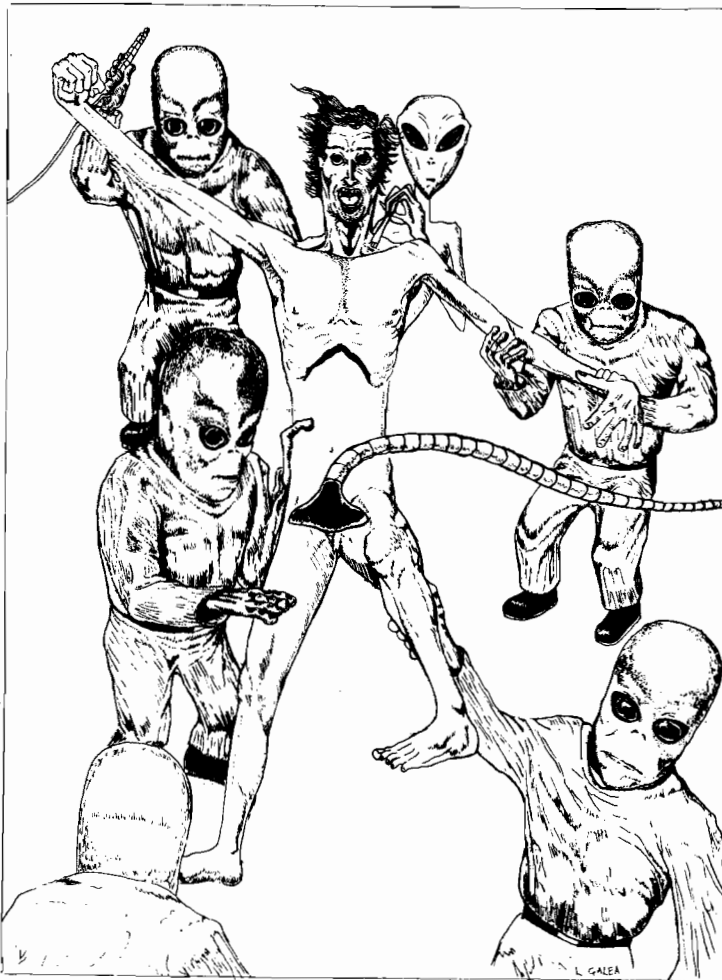


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UFO TIMES STILL TARDY

I'm afraid some of the teething troubles we experienced when changing to our new printer have remained persistent and, despite the assurances I gave that U.T. would only be about a fortnight late, they turned out to be a little optimistic. Nevertheless, BUFORA's publications department continues to work on these remaining difficulties and it is to be hoped that this issue will appear on your doormats towards the end of January (1995 I trust!). I say this because, as with many firms during the run-up to the festive season, delays of one sort or another are inevitable.

Now that the new year has arrived, oughtn't we now look forward to the promised reforms in the way that BUFORA is run? I sincerely believe that we should, but as with all promised reforms, the proof of the pudding is in the eating. If 1994 is anything to go by, it was a disastrous year for BUFORA in terms of things being seen to be done, and I regret to say that certain colleagues, whom I have got to know over my 25 years of membership, have finally called it a day and resigned.

All this sort of thing has happened before of course, and BUFORA has constantly failed to recognise the danger signals. Indeed, the cause of its inertial problems (known affectionately as the BUFORA 'Carthorse' Effect) has never been determined. All we can say about the matter is that there are elements within BUFORA who are loyal to a hidden agenda such that any 'reforms' are rendered impotent when confronted by this 'something' which cannot be seen. It must be said, after all, that if we don't learn from history, then history is bound to repeat itself again, and again, and again, and again,.... ad nauseam; a factor which also applies to international affairs.

Perhaps the UFO phenomenon, working under its embargo code, is presenting us with yet another one of its subtle messages: "know thyself, and know the other buggers who are constantly screwing up your life!"

Best wishes for 1995, and keep smiling!

Ken.

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The Androgynous Factor

by Dennis Harper

This article contains philosophical points of view which although not intended to offend may cause concern in certain social and cultural group areas. This article investigates the possible effects of extra-terrestrial involvement with the human race. The scenario was inspired by my personally witnessing a UFO in the month of July 1970.

To keep the text free flowing and hopefully easier to follow, I will not try to justify the statements I make initially but leave any conclusions until the end.

The sexes are not true representations of life-forms on this planet because we were originally androgynous beings. Through the genetically performed intervention of what I consider to be our cosmic parents we are now split cell replicas of our original physical makeup. We have been genetically cloned for a reason that is involved with another being's survival other than our own. Since the beginning of time on earth we have been observed both physically and culturally. We are being manipulated by these Cosmic scientists and the general message is for us to breed. In recent years it would seem that this is no longer their intention for reasons that I will endeavour to explain in the following paragraphs.

Androgynous Genetics and Effects

Genetics

Now that the flood gates of genetic science have been opened we have developed new ways of treating illness and disease, that's the good news. The bad news is what we may do with genetic science when materialistic egotism enters the scene. I ask this question as if it had never been thought of until now when we already know the answer, don't we? We will probably create what is considered to be the perfect human being but by whose standards? Our genetic scientists already clone mice and frogs of the donor's sex so we are not that far away from the realisation of the androgynous factor.

Effects

What would we get if we cloned an

androgynous being whose dual sexes were those of an earth man and woman? Lets allow a little more conjecture on the question and try to imagine the possible effects both mentally and physically on the cloned beings. To try and simplify the possible answers to this hypothetical question I will list a question and answer table.

Q1. Would the cloned being recognise his/her sexual identity?

A1. I feel that sexual recognition would not immediately occur without prompting, as the breeding continued afterwards communication among the species would resolve this problem without the need for further intervention.

Q2. What natural factors would stimulate sexual interaction

A2. The main motivation for mutual attraction would most likely come from the subconscious desire of the genetically separated beings to return to their former physical configuration. I say subconscious desire because the reality of being individual entities would not permit the ultimate physical contact of being one with in the true sense of the word to occur. In human terms this feeling of unification is the elusive mutually attained sexual climax. Other factors that would stimulate sexual interaction later would come from the socially accepted images of looks and appearance bringing the choice into the realms of materialistic egotism.

Q3. Possible physical/mental set-backs of androgynous cell-splitting

A3. There is abundant proof that this genetic experiment is not absolutely perfect in it's results. We can see many variations in the physiological and psychological behaviour of human beings confirming that there is a confusion towards their sexual identification. I do not find this fact surprising considering the likelihood of a genetic imbalance in our physical makeup. If the Androgynous Factor really exists then we now have the explanation for the variations in human sexual behaviour and social incompatibility.

Q4. What are we?

A4. We are the genetically manufactured results of an androgynous cloning experiment performed by an intelligent race of androgynous beings whose sole purpose is to survive.

Q5. Who are we?

A5. We are the culturally indoctrinated children of a vastly superior race of androgynous beings.

The Androgynous Approach to Eden

The Androgynous Factor now focuses it's attention onto one of the more poignant issues of our socially accepted ideology, the Eden scenario. It will attempt to explain how and why such an event occurred and why mankind has been indoctrinated into it's spiritual rather than its factual explanation. The Androgynous Factor while not totally condoning Darwin's theory of evolution does admit to the possibility of a genetically altered ape being utilised by an extraterrestrial source to produce mankind.

Due to the failure of previous attempts to colonise the earth with their half clones the androgynous beings decided that the only way to ensure success was to create a deterrent that would secure the purity of the experiment's genetics. What was needed was an indoctrination of rules that would alter the natural urge of their half clones to mate every time the opportunity arose regardless of who their partner was. A deterrent that would stop the occasions of incest and close inbreeding was the order of the day.

The Androgynous Factor suggests that it was at this stage in our history that lasting religious ideology was born. The beings intervened by placing one of their own kind down on earth who retained their powers and knowledge. To be totally accepted as one of the human race it was necessary for this being to be introduced into the world by normal means. Through the abduction and impregnation of a female half clone this event took place. Whether the host was a virgin or not was no doubt a speculated issue and helped to spread the news that a messiah was to be born. Such speculations

complimented the predicted future events that prophets were proclaiming would occur at that time. The Androgynous Factor suggests that these prophets were individuals who had previously been contacted and subconsciously informed by the beings.

The indoctrination that followed was so powerful that it touched the very essence of our deeper thoughts and feelings. The questions that all self aware beings were already asking concerning the meaning of life was focused upon and manipulated into a cult religion. Then as now, people were seeking the answers to the mystery of life. The being offered a very strong explanation for our existence that all of us could follow without the need of absolute proofs. Fear of death motivates us to seek reassurances with the rationalisation and justification of our lives and this is one of the main reasons why the indoctrination remains influential to this day. The whole religious scenario was associated with the topic of death and the promise of immortality, the main fear and desire of every socially conformed individual. The people believed because they were afraid not to; threats of everlasting torture and burning saw to that.

All that was required now was for the being to introduce it's rules.

The Rules

As the purity of previous genetic strains had been destroyed by the undesirable sexual activity of the half clones, a deterrent was required. The being wanted us to continue the breeding process but to be more selective of whom we breed with. The rule of marriage partner selection concerning the permitted distancing of ancestral genes was introduced, the act of incest or close inbreeding was no longer permitted. We were told to go forth, increase, multiply and fill the earth. To our ultimate dismay we followed this rule without thinking about the dire consequences and today we find ourselves urgently seeking the answer to the last part of that command, i.e. what to do about the over-population problem when the earth is over filled? The existence of this unanswered question should be enough evidence for us all to conclude that this religious command could not have been issued by what we consider to be a divine and absolutely perfect, error free God. The cruel consequence of this faulty command is plain to see throughout the world, basically our population grew and the world alternatively shrunk. The Androgynous Factor suggests that this command to breed along with all

other commands issued at that time in our history was the direct order from an extraterrestrial being involved with it's own breed cloning experiment.

Because it is the nature of man to be egotistical and materialistic the idea of a higher life form other than a God image would not be accepted by the human ego. I conclude that this factor was anticipated by the beings and that is why they implemented a scenario that would remove this obstacle of acceptance in the first instance.

The Androgynous Factor suggests that the being's experiment has a time limit in which to complete it's task and that this amount of time has been mentioned and referred to in various religious documents. There are many religious bodies claiming when this time will be, they relate this time to the biblical second coming of Christ, in the year 2000 AD. Current world changes in religion and life attitude's would seem to suggest that some form of universal change is unconsciously anticipated in the near future.

Conclusion

The Androgynous Factor concludes that this feeling of change is directly connected to it's ideology and anticipates that change will indeed occur quite rapidly in the near future. Man will have to come to terms with his ego and realise that he is not alone in this universe but an intricate part of something else's plan.

This article is unlikely to make world headlines and that is quite predictable because the androgynous factor was not intended to be discovered in this way. The feeling of oneness with which it is associated is the inspiration of all religious belief systems and that is its main problem of acceptance, there are indeed many faces of God.

On that July night in 1970 I saw something that made me stand apart from the rest of humanity, it left me feeling detached and totally isolated from the game of life. Would the world accept the changes to it's belief system if knowledge of the Androgynous factor is introduced, one just doesn't know. This knowledge is shrouded with danger because I feel it would be highly offensive towards both governmental and religious bodies and may be seen to threaten their power of control and influence over the population of this planet.

DOWN THE EAST LANCS ROAD AGAIN

Dear Readers,

Are there any E. Lancs. members or investigators currently working alone who fancy joining a UFO study group in order to meet new faces and opinions? Then you're in luck. UFO-WATCH was convened by two paranormal investigators, myself and Andrew Whitham, to research and investigate the UFO enigma. Any willing persons interested in the idea of joining our group should get in touch with me.

Hope to hear from you soon.

Regards,

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Ed's comment: there might be a few ASSAP people in your area willing to join your group Jonathon. Try writing to the ASSAP Journal c/o Mike Lewis, 52, Strafford Rd., Barnet, Herts. EN5-4LR.

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WHICH ULTIMATELY LEADS TO WIGAN PIER...

Dear Contact Corner,

I am interested in the genuine phenomena of UFOs and CROP CIRCLES. I would like to make contact with people who share the same interests and who live in the Greater Manchester/Lancs./Merseyside areas.

Anyone out there?

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Ed's comment: try the address in the first letter Julie, but 'Er Indoors said you must watch out though for that boulder, Jonathon Dillon!

BOOK REVIEW

Without Consent,
P Mantle and C Nagaitis
- Ringpull
(A humorous review
by the
Co-ordinator of the WSG
George Spurgeon)

'Without Consent? Good title!

When I was given this book to review from the witness aspect by Ken Phillips I thought 'lovely', and, running my fingers along the unyielding spine, first lightly, then more firmly, as the other fingers of my other hand probed deftly between the pages at the same time! My fingers were running from Page 36 back to page 22 with a feverish fervour in way that only those pure white, virginal pages could induce; this was something I had not felt in a long time!

This book was something else altogether and I felt the passion rising within me: "could this be it?" I thought after years of my eyes caressing books of all shapes and sizes: "could this little beauty hold the answers to my questions I had always been asking, or was it going to leave me panting and unfulfilled as all the others had done?"

No, this baby had promise!

The outer cover, so smooth as I gently stroked it - I always find this part the difficult bit, don't you? - was so beautifully sensual to the touch that it sent a warm glow through my fingertips: yes, she was responding as I closed both hands around her and felt her full, voluptuous body pulsating with every beat of my heart [Steady on George! It's beginning to sound like a review from one of Raymond's 'UFO Peep Shows'! - Ed.]. "Yes, this was a book to take to bed with me", I thought.

Having got the formalities over with, I looked at the authors' names - well, you do have to be careful today, don't you? - and I thought, "Oh my God, just as everything was

working out so well!" However, by now I was consumed with passion and, on the principle that you don't look at the Mantle when you're stoking the fire, I went ahead.

Without Consent? At first I thought this must be a book on rape, but on reflection I then thought that it must be political; something on the policies of various governments since the last war, such as: immigration, the selling of the family silver and ecocolonialism, etc., etc.. But no, it was none of these things: it was another, confounded UFO book! Seductive, yes, but satisfying? Well, judge for yourself. For example, the book tells us very little about Elsie Oakensen: was she a politically correct teacher, did she smoke pot at lunchtime, did she have her dreadlocks removed for the picture had she a secret lover, what did she have for lunch that day, was she a fitness freak who lifts dumbbells and what was she doing getting home that late on the evening of her abduction? None of these questions are answered! Indeed, why did the authors not live with her for six months as other authors have? This book fails us on these vital issues.

I need to know these things, as any nosy so-and-so does, because they are the meat and gravy of a book concerning the private lives of witnesses!

I have a hazy recollection of a man who had a vasectomy being rejected as a possible sperm donor, but I can't be sure of this. In any case, by now the more intimate side of my encounter with this book had taken its toll and I was physically drained. Surely they must realise that all surgeons who perform those operations have shares in the London Rubber Company,

therefore, they are hardly likely to turn out thousands of eunuchs, as many surprised contributors to the Child Support Agency will 'testify'. No, as Paul Condom would no doubt tell you, "To penalise every mistake made by MPs or surgeons is just not on, even though what issues from them can seriously damage your health, or your country."

Whether all this is due to magnetic flux, or influx, I don't know, but I do believe in the effects of power lines. After all, Westminster is steeped in them to the point where the thinking of our MPs is being affected by what they have hallucinated!

So what does this all add up to?

"Without Consent of course", which convinces me that UFOs are manned - or should I say peopled - by MPs! Crazy? Well, ask yourself this: "where do MPs go for 3 months at the end of summer?" Certainly not on this planet, nor for the remainder of the year, I should imagine! Furthermore, why do they suddenly put in a massed appearance every 4 years, and why do some wear stockings over their heads? Are they trying to hide their alien features from us when they revert to their true form? And what is even more sinister: how have they managed to turn this country, Great Britain, into a multi-racial society? How has this victor of the last war become the nation of the dispossessed and occupied in the post-war years? Well, Without Consent of course. But the last post will not be blown until all these clowns have flown and once again our country is free to be returned to our progeny.

Incidentally, I asked my father - a veteran of the first world war - how he thought the name Nagaitis originated, whereupon he told me the following, very intriguing story.

He said that when he was in the front line trenches alongside a Scottish regiment, one of his friends called out to one of the Scotsmen, "Show us your gaiters!" And the Scotsmen shouted back, "We've got Na'gaitis!"

The Germans heard this and, thinking gaiters were some sort of secret weapon, and not to be outdone, shouted out, "Ich und Carl's haben kein-Na'gaitis auch!" Thus, the word became part of the German language.

Down In Africa

by Cynthia Hind

The middle of September saw a dramatic rise in UFO activity in Zimbabwe which produced a number of intriguing reports from across the country.

It started on Wednesday night, the 14th September, at approximately 20:50 hours to 21:10. Hundreds of people from all over Zimbabwe reported a series of bright lights moving across the sky. Professor Euan Nesbit, visiting from Britain, immediately identified this as 'spectacular meteorite shower' and as a lot of the reports *sounded* like meteors, I accepted what he had to say. But after receiving about 50 reports, I began to realise that these reports did not match the usual behaviour of meteor showers. As I am Continental Coordinator for Africa to MUFON, I receive the MUFON Journal on a monthly basis which contains details of forthcoming meteor showers. There was no mention of any meteor showers during the month of September!

The second speculation as to what this could have been came from one of the South African newspapers and a British paper. They said it was one of the stages of a Russian satellite which went into orbit on the 27th August of this year. This it might well be, although I don't understand the discrepancy of 18 days from lift-off to the jettisoning of what ever it was. But I have had several reports which described a nose cone with three bright lights on it; one in front and two behind and several streamers of light coming out from behind. So this would be a much more likely identification. Many reported a series of smaller lights either a) surrounding the craft or b) following behind in formation. These smaller bodies numbered anything from nine to 14 depending from which angle they were viewed.

Nearly all the reports said there was **no sound**, with two exceptions: one reported a quiet vibration and the other I will refer to later on.

The light was a brilliant white, tingeing to an orangey-red behind. Some said it was 'huge'; others that it was the size of a Boeing 747, flying at its normal speed (approximately 625mph) and that it appeared to be on fire and ready to crash. But the object levelled out a flew in straight line 'at tree-top level'. Those on lake Kariba (about 100 witnesses) said that when it reached the hills at the side of the lake, it rose to avoid them and change direction.

Reports from radio 702 (a commercial radio station operating from Johannesburg) stated that the lights were seen above Kempton Park (near to the main Jan Smuts Airport). They then appeared to move over Botswana and overlapping the borders of Zambia; back into Zimbabwe, over Lake Kariba (around 21:00) to Bulawayo and onto Harare (21:05) passing over many rural areas. Lastly it reached the Mutare area and over the hills into Mozambique when it seemed to fade from view. I have had no reports from Mozambique or Botswana.

Some people reported that they thought they were meteorites, but most were doubtful of this.

Pyrotechnics

Reports came from farm labourers to pilots, MD of a large local company technologists and many fishermen and visiting tourists on lake Kariba. Most people were puzzled and some said they had seen meteorites before, but nothing like this! One group of workers thought it was Jerry Rawlings, the president of Ghana (who was flying into Zimbabwe on that day) and that all the pyrotechnics were sent out of the plane to impress the people who lived there!

The reported height varied greatly but most referred to 'tree-top' level. Some reported a height of 2-3000 ft. (one a pilot report). Some mentioned 2-300ft. and these came from different parts of the country.

At 21:04 I heard an explosion from my study in central Harare and some workers in Fort Rixon, near Bulawayo heard five explosions. Professor Nisbet said these were the meteorites passing through the sound barrier.

Two people viewed the object from directly underneath and said it had a flat belly and that it was looking, moving on a straight course. One technician said he could see two engines in front and felt it was a machine of some kind. All objects were seen **below** scattered cloud level. Apart from this, the night was clear.

Two mothers reported that their children were affected: a three-year-old child, Beatrice (40 km from Harare) woke and shouted for her mother when the lights went over, saying that there was a lion inside or outside her room. She subsequently drew what she saw but I have not yet seen her drawing. An 18-month-old baby woke and could not be settled. She is normally a very quiet and contented child but kept the family awake all night with her distress.

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An Audience with Colonel Charles Halt

by Jonathon Dillon

It was Friday 29th July 1994 and Scaitcliffe Hall Country House Hotel hung dark and brooding in a swirling evening Todmorden mist. We crunched up the long drive, and Bob put the empty crisp packets in his pocket and was about to enter the cover when we saw a light in the window. I peered through it, but the room was in darkness. Curious.

The door slowly opened and there sat a well dressed female holding an ice-cream box labelled £4.50. We surrendered our money to her and onward we stepped along the majestic cloakroom corridor and up the lordly stairs.

As we gained height step-by-step, I looked up and identified a very pleased Harry Harris having difficulty with his tie. I forwarded a word or two to him about filming the evenings proceedings. Unsuccessful was I as was he, this was because Colonel Charles I. Halt was under contract from LWT (London Weekend Television) that is.

Enter we did, the Hotel's lounge which was now a worthy lecture theatre with an arrangement of some 200 chairs, each one being occupied by an everyday Joe here, a UFO layman there, and UFO investigators everywhere, I also noticed a quiet Linda Taylor from Southport who saw a UFO on 10th January 1982. All though, had come to hear one of the most well-known UFO witnesses hitherto, yet apart from this amazing feat, another celebrity was landing late.

The Mancunian Harry Harris was the events sponsor, and was as joyous as anyone there. He'd actually accomplished an ambition of his. Having Colonel Charles Halt and former PC Alan Godfrey addressing the same lecture in Todmorden of all places was one of Harris' greatest achievements as a UFO investigator and he'd made Ufological history.

The room lulled as the microphone sprung to life with the voice of Harris who stated that Alan Godfrey hadn't arrived yet. "With a line like that" he said, "I hope he hasn't been abducted again!" Oh, we did laugh at that one.

Alan at last rendezvoused. Harris and Godfrey were good friends. Harris was his solicitor and had recently sold

Godfrey's house for him. He remembered back to 1981 when he and Mike Sacks originally met Godfrey. Those timeless words Godfrey said: "I've been a policeman for 5 years now and I'm going to narrate to you a strange event..." have lingered with Harris for nearly 14 years. Back then Harry had no idea that only a few weeks after Alan's experience, at then end of December 1980, Colonel Charles I. Halt, deputy base commander of the USAF Base at RAF Woodbridge, Suffolk reported a UFO mystery. It was later, in 1983 when Harris received data on the event set up a meeting with the Colonel.

Alan rose up which was a surprise, he'd never levitated before, and unfolded his story of 28th November 1980. Two people in the audience hadn't heard of him or his experience. They came from Clitheroe incidentally. He was the 'Dave Allen' of UFO witnesses, some people he said had mistaken him for Terry Wogan, which is hardly surprising with the number of TV appearances he's had. His account lasted for half an hour and was merited by ear splitting applause. Harry then rose up, which was another surprise because he'd never levitated before, and introduced the principle speaker of the night.

From the Colonel's Mouth

Colonel Charles Halt's career included several combat tours in South East Asia as well as being base commander in Korea and Belgium where he was instrumental in bringing the Cruise Missile wing on line and then phasing it out. His security clearance was higher than what could be announced to the audience. His final assignment was director of the Inspection Directorate for the US Department of Defense, in which capacity he had total inspection of the entire military establishment. This measure of antecedents was dazzlingly sufficient, nevertheless he indeed has degrees in a handful of science connected subjects and professional studies. Colonel

Halt's bizarre account dawned on all in attendance.

Halt was the 'eyes and ears' of RAF Woodbridge which is in Suffolk close to Ipswich at the time of the incident. He'd heard word from the Desk Sergeant that early on the morning of 27th December 1980 two USAF security policemen, who were no-nonsense people, saw some unusual lights outside the back gate of RAF Woodbridge. Thinking an aircraft might have crashed, authorisation was granted for three patrolmen to advance. These were Airmen Burroughs, Pernerston and another.

The team eventually travelled as far as they could by jeep until the vehicle stopped without motive. They left the vehicle and proceeded on foot towards the lights. The unit next reported seeing some strange objects in the woods of Rendlesham forest. Police operations numbers 4 and 5 were deployed to assist the three. They reported seeing strange lights in the woods and sky. They too couldn't relate to them as any aircraft they were familiar with.

The Desk Sergeants hot-line telephone at Central Security Control was busy throughout the incident. He then got in touch with Heathrow Airport and seemingly they had tracked the manifestation on radar but were uncertain as to what it was. It kept emerging and vanishing on the scope as it moved beneath radar contact. RAF Watton also reported a strange object on their scopes as well. A code 2 alert was commanded and military jeeps laden with personnel were sent to check the reports out further. They were urged to travel as fast as they could without using sirens and red-alert lights.

Meanwhile the three patrolmen were deep in the forest now and had lost radio communication from the rest of the contingent. They had taken with them two sets of radios; two Law enforcement NET radios and two Security NET radios. There was a total radio blackout as they neared this strange craft which was

metallic in appearance and triangular in shape, approximately two to three meters across the bottom and roughly two metres tall. It had lit up the woods nearby with a white illumination and the object itself had a pulsing crimson red light on its top and a bank of blue lights underneath. The object was elevated by a tripod set of legs that rested on the ground beneath it.

They neared the object so closely the actually surrounded it and believed it was under some sort of intellectual control, whether from within or remotely they couldn't tell. Its posterior appeared to possess stealth technology and it was semi-transparent to the eye, it then withdrew from the men and disappeared into the woods. Well, with this they couldn't fathom: "Nobody is going to believe us!" they thought. Whilst the 'landing' was taking place the British police were notified but officers didn't show up because of a pub fight supposedly! The object was later seen near the back gate of RAF Woodbridge.

The next day, three depressions 1 1/2" deep and 7" in diameter were discovered where the 'something' had been viewed the previous dawning. Plaster casts of these cavities were later taken. The story of the UFO was spread around with some entertainment until the next night when it commenced again: "It's back sir!" Colonel Halt was rather concerned with the UFO's unexpected arrival and its ability to pre-occupy his men. He wanted to get out there and put an end to this UFO pursuit once and for all and make sure his men stopped overlooking their functions and responsibilities on the base.

Back to the Forest

On the night of 29th December 1980 the territory was checked for radioactivity. The now famed tape recording that Colonel Halt made, which nearly every devoted UFO investigator has, was composed mainly because he kept notes wherever he went that needed registering. It was an inclement night so he decided to use a tape recorder rather than use a pen and pad.

A large team of men were mustered to go and check out the sector for clues that a craft of sorts did "touch down" there. These included Lieutenant (now Captain) Bruce Englund, Sergeant Bustinza, Major Zickler, Chief of Base Security and Sergeant Nevells, a non-commissioned officer assigned to the Disaster

Preparedness Operations, who apparently handled the Geiger counter. Beta/gamma readings of 0.1 milliroentgens were recorded with peak readings in the three dips supposedly created by the objects landing supports, and high readings were recorded in the equidistant centre of the triangle moulded by the depressions. The trees around the site had fair (0.5-.07) readings facing towards the landing marks. It was later spotted that these readings were of great concern; they were 25 times higher than healthy radiation levels in the atmosphere.

As well as the Geiger counter the team had borrowed some Light-alls that run off their own generators and petrol; yet when they were trekking in the forest looking for clues they abruptly "halted" operating. Whilst the radioactivity readings were being recorded some livestock from the homestead settled on Capel Green started to become jittery and disorderly, turning the military operations alertness away. As they turned they saw a small red light approaching from the right. A starscope was used to try and highlight it as it flashed on and off and began to move around and pulse as it winked its red brilliance. It then appeared to change its colour to yellow, but only slightly though. The team then saw the object flash and off shot pieces of it.

Next appeared two lights about 200 - 250 yards away. They poised the starscope on them and noticed it was one object with a murky vacuous centre that kept narrowing and opening. They then passed the farmhouse and a field, only to witness five separate ruby lights, all with matching build that had stopped pulsing, moving away. Following the objects led the men to a brook in which they fell but they were alright, slightly wet and jaded but continued after the set of lights that were now in the sky.

They then spotted an object clear off the coastline that moved around a little and flashed red from time to time. More objects then appeared off the strand, two of which appeared to be elliptical then fully circular. The two UFO's carried flashing multi-coloured lights that rotated in a clockwise direction leaving the onlookers completely baffled. The two objects then seemed to cruise north away from the witnesses and were replaced by one more UFO that swiftly appeared from the south. What occurred next excited the gathering enormously as from

the UFO shone some sort of searchlight that shone down and moved around on the land probing as if the UFO had lost something.

At 0400 hours one more object was seen hovering above RAF Woodbridge. Rays of light were reported appearing from that object too and it was speculated that the UFO was disabling certain nuclear missiles that were stored on the NATO site.

The objects were observable for a few hours and it ultimately came time for the men to return to the base. On the way back their thoughts were a hodgepodge of reflection and uncertainty but nobody spoke, they couldn't digest what had taken place. They decided not to approach the farmhouse to see if the folk living there were alright. They were fitted up in assigned combat gear, some even had loaded M16's, and in all there were about 15 to 20 soldiers present so let's picture you living in that farmhouse and 20 USAF troops turn up pounding on your front door bellowing "Are you alright in there?" I don't think you'd be too pleased to be woken up at that cozy hour for a start, and secondly you'd ponder whether World War 3 was on your doorstep! They didn't want to alarm anybody so they left well alone.

The duration of the complete tape is almost 18 minutes, although the events on the tape and commentary show over two hours had elapsed. On arrival back at the base, Halt was asked about the tape recording he'd made. He handed the tape over and it was played. After listening to the tape, it was taken to another audience, a head command hearing at the base. After it was played to the gathering of Generals, Lieutenants and Sergeants someone spoke up: "What do we do now?" Halt said "you could have heard a pin drop" and then somebody answered: "This occurred on British soil so let's turn it over to the Ministry of Defence!" Well, that was it, and the incident was reported to Whitehall and Halt was given his tape recording back. He put it in his desk drawer and forgot about it until he was asked for it again. This time it wasn't played for a high command assembly, it was played at a couple of cocktail parties and enjoyed with some merriment. Copies were made of the tape without Halts permission and his original was handed back.

The Memo

Halt was told of the decision to hand the matter over to the British MOD and he had no choice but to inform them of the incident. He asked if they wanted a complete report of the events, personnel involved and measures taken but all that was asked of him was a concise memorandum that detailed briefly what happened over those three nights. He was surprised and attended to it and the summary was taken by Squadron Leader Donald Moreland, British Commander at the adjoining RAF/USAF base at Bentwaters and sent to the MOD. And so forth was born the notorious "Halt Memo".

The document was released to Robert Todd of the Citizens Against UFO Secrecy (CAUS) group in the United States, under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act. The tape itself was circulated around a little in the States until it fell into the hands of Harry Harris and the rest is history. Halt didn't really want any of his evidence released publicly because of personal reasons. His family then became badgered by journalists and investigators and one incident involved his then fifteen year old son who was lead to a bar, pumped up with grog and questioned by some curious person asking "What really happened that night?" He didn't know, of course.

One of the few witnesses that came forward and leaked out information to Brenda Butler, co-author of *Sky Crash* with Dot Street and Jenny Randles, was former 81st USAF security officer Larry Warren (pseudonym of Art Wallace in *Sky Crash*). The 'landing' according to him occurred on 30th December not 27th. He was on guard duty at about 1.30 am. An army truck pulled up and he was ordered to get in. There were no other guards in the truck and nobody knew what was going on. They were driven from Bentwaters base towards the Woodbridge facility and turned left at East Gate. (Hence his book is called "Turn left at East Gate"). The truck stopped at a clearing in Rendlesham forest. He heard helicopters overhead and other soldiers were present, so after getting into small groups they set off into the woods. They arrived at the edge of the woods, which spread onto a farmers field, and saw a large patch of white mist over Capel Green. The mist was about two feet above the ground, and about fifty

foot in length. Suddenly, they saw a small red light silently approaching from the far side of the field, it went into the mist and there was a blinding flash of light which was so bright they shielded their eyes. When Larry looked the mist had gone and in its place was a large triangular craft with a white light on its top. He then saw a shaft of light project from the underside of the craft and in it there were three beings that were "small with enlarged heads with big dark eyes". The figures approached Larry's wing commander-Colonel Gordon Williams, who also stepped forward to greet them. Larry recalls seeing British policemen at the scene, they were taking photographs of the craft, until an American officer seized them. He also recalls someone filming the event. Later he heard the film had been flown to USAF European Headquarters at Ramstein AFB, West Germany. He also learned that Colonel Charles Halt, who'd been present had recorded a running commentary of the incidents on a small tape recorder, which was over four hours long. Questioned with this Halt said he would take a polygraph test to prove the tape wasn't tampered with.

More proof obtained by the military was a roll of 35mm camera film that was taken of the fateful night, whenever it happened, if it did. Halt told the audience the film was taken away by the photographer who developed it himself on the base. He said that the whole reel of photographs were fogged on disclosure. Ray Boeche, an investigator who questioned Sergeant Adrian Bustinza, the Security Police Acting Commander at Woodbridge, heard word from a highly placed USAF records management official at the Pentagon in March 1985 that photo's were indeed taken, but not all of them came out fogged. Another chance "faux pas" in Halts lecture or more disinformation?

The RAF Woodbridge base hasn't been visited by a UFO just once, "Oh, no" said the Colonel. On Guy Fawkes night in 1980, a fifty foot cigar shaped UFO visited the site and was seen by at least eight people stood around the ATC tower. They apparently agreed in a pact not to disclose any mention of this event to anyone, although they told Halt, and he told us. Believe what you want but maybe someone was keeping an eye on the stronghold?

Questions

Halt was nearing the end of his account and questions did start to emerge. Alan Godfrey and Colonel Charles Halt stood side by side and took on the expected queries. Asked how come the Colonel was here spreading UFO rumours Halt answered. Halt was helping LWT with their "Strange but True" series to be aired sometime in the Autumn of '94 and was working on location. When he got off the plane he was expecting to see two men approach him and say: "We're glad to see you Colonel, now will you turn around and get back on that plane!" They fortunately didn't and here Halt was, Todmorden today, Leeds in two days, and Manchester some time the following week. Another question followed, which was about the time and dates when the UFO's were seen. Godfrey saw a UFO on 28th November 1980 and the person who raised the question saw a UFO on 28th November as well. At 21.00 at Congleton in Cheshire, the witness was driving along a road when he saw a red light in the distance. After about half a minute he came to a lay-by and pulled off the road to get a better view of the object. He discovered it was "hovering almost above us!" It was about 85 feet in length and was round and flat bottomed with a dome on its top. It had a distinct row of windows that were rectangular in shape. There were eleven and a half windows visible, they were 6 foot across and 3 feet deep and were equidistant from one another. There was also a white illumination coming from inside it. It then slowly lifted off and cruised towards Macclesfield at about 30mph. As it travelled there was also deep rumbling sound.

Already many people had left the lecture theatre and were climbing into their RPV's that scattered the car park. We said our farewells to the Colonel, Alan, Harry and new-found colleague Stuart Bannerman and waited outside for our lift. Suddenly the same T-model Ford flew past us again and the silver-suited driver bellowed as he passed: "Maybe there was something to that Godfrey Adamski rubbish after all, but that Charlie Halt story, weather balloons, it must have been, either that or "...ah well, I'll let you make up your own mind with that one!!"

THE MUSBURY INCIDENT.

Robert Moore.

INTRODUCTION.

A late October 1986 issue of a Devon newspaper called "Pulman's Weekly News" carried a newsitem detailing a multiple-witness "UFO" event occurring at the Village of Musbury, Devon (5 KM South of Axminster). From this item, BUFORA investigator Robert Moore was able to locate two main groups of witnesses (others were alleged - but these were never traced). From this doublet of observers (called Mr & Mrs A.B & Mr & Mrs C.D for the purposes of this article), the full scope of the Musbury incident became apparent....

MR & MRS A.B's REPORT.

On the 10th October, 1986, at approximately 2115 GMT, Mr. A.B (then aged 63) and his wife were returning on foot from a harvest supper held earlier that evening. Whilst ascending a steep section of road at the Eastern portion of Musbury, A.B observed a reddish light which he at first took to be Mars. This light was situated 21* above the South-Eastern horizon, over Musbury Castle (a Hill Fort situated 1 KM S.E of the village). After about five seconds of observation, the light appeared to slowly approach the witnesses along a jerky line-of-site trajectory. Mr & Mrs. A.B ceased walking as the form approached them, to view the phenomena (which Mr. A.B then believed to be aircraft running-lights). The light continued to approach them for a further 10 seconds; before stopping in mid-air, at an estimated distance of 198 Metres from Mr & Mrs. A.B.

Its shape was most apparent at this juncture; which was described as resembling two stacked, closely-joined flattened spheroids. The upper sphere was coloured Reddish-Orange, the lower one Reddish-White. The phenomena appeared hazy in definition; surrounded by a luminous mist. Its brightness remained consistent throughout incident - comparable to a diffuse Full-Moon. Angular size (on it's closest approach) was equated to that of a half penny held at arms length (or 1.5*; three times that of the Full Moon). No sound was associated with the phenomena.

It terminated hovering, moving jerkily 2-3* to the right in the space of a second; then hovered again for a further

3 seconds before moving away in a South-Westerly direction. Mr. A.B observed it's recession for about 5 seconds from his stationary viewpoint, before walking 90 Metres in a Northerly direction. He then stopped to view phenomena's departure. The incident's duration appeared to be approximately 2 minutes, 45 seconds; but Mr. A.B initially estimated event to have lasted approximately 5-10 minutes.

A.B reported that the sky was clear, with no wind evident. He observed a 1st quarter moon low in the South-West, and Jupiter low in the East.

On the morning of the 11th October, 1986, Mr. A.B wrote an account of the incident in his diary (directly referring to this record when reporting this incident to Robert Moore). Later that day he constructed an elaborate sighting-device, from which he deduced the object's magnetic bearing as being 121* initial, and 122* final. From his initial and final locations during observation, Mr. A.B was able, via triangulation, to make a estimate of the object's distance and height (198 Metres and 75 Metres respectively). From these figures Mr. A.B concluded that the phenomena would have had to have gained height during it's approach and recession, to avoid hitting Musbury Castle.

Mr & Mrs. C.D's REPORT:

Mr & Mrs C.D had just arrived home, after attending the same harvest supper as Mr & Mrs A.B. Mr C.D (then in his mid-sixties) and his whilst parking their car noticed a luminous phenomena in the South Eastern sky, estimated to be some 45* from the horizon. The form appeared to be moving away from them. The stimuli resembled a "ring" of light, with a number of miniature star-like lights located around it's edge. The form was either red or orange in hue, with an angular size equal to two soccer-balls (!). The phenomena's size appeared to increase and decrease at regular intervals; expanding and contracting approximately every 7 seconds. A few seconds upon being initially sighted, it's shape altered to a figure-eight configuration. It moved from the observers in a manner which the witness compared as "akin to a child's sparkler....being waved around". Incident's duration was estimated to be around 5-10 minutes; the sighting terminated by the object moving out of view. It's form was perceived as a "ring" of bright stars during the final phase of Mr. C.D's observation.

Mr. C.D compared object's speed to that of a firework; which was constant throughout event. Phenomena's lumi-

nescence was likened to a bright star, and definition described as "hazy". No sound was associated with stimuli.

Mr. C.D noted presence of scattered cloud at time of incident. Temperature was reported to be cool, with no apparent wind. C.D noticed no astronomical phenomena. He was also aware of an additional observation, involving a woman out walking her dog. Furthermore, he contacted Pulman's Weekly News in regards to his observation; resulting in the newsitem which came to Robert Moore's attention.

EVALUATION OF THE MUSBURY INCIDENT.

On studying A.B & C.D's sighting accounts, Moore suspected that a rare meteorological phenomena may have initiated the Musbury incident. With the assistance of science writer Steuart Campbell, B.A (who possessing considerable understanding of atmospheric phenomena such as mirages[1]), two possible causes were examined;

- 1: Superior mirage of an astronomical body.
- 2: Superior mirage of an artificial light source.

But why so much emphasis on mirages? This was because many attributes of the observed stimuli suggested this phenomena was involved. To begin with, the object's perceived motion followed a narrow, line-of-sight course. The apparent approach of the phenomena may have been due to a "zooming" effect; where an apparent increase in size of a mirage-image (due to the magnifying effects of an inversion) may be perceived as a head-on approach towards an observer. The jerking motions of the Musbury phenomena may have been induced by air-turbulence within an inversion layer (a sandwich of warm and cold air which may form mirages under certain conditions), causing the distorted image to "waver". A mirage-form comprises two images; one inverted, the other non-inverted joined top-to-bottom. This compares well with the double-spheroid form of the Musbury "UFO". The changes in form reported by Mr. C.D may have been due to changes in the rate of "merging" of mirage-images. Additionally, the Musbury phenomena's hue is typical of images distorted by refraction effects (viz reddish). The differences in colour of each spheroid may have been attributable to colour-separation, caused by differing air-densities within the inversion.

With an explanation of this nature, certain environmental factors must

be ascertained;

WEATHER CONDITIONS:

A.B's diary recorded that the 10th October was "warm, but damp; 60 F (15.5 C) all day". Other weather data confirms that temperature was fairly high (17C), and that the 10th October was a bright, sunny day, with light winds. Robert Moore discovered that a cold weather front existed over S.E England on the date of the event. The winds existent at the time veered to the North East - and blew off-shore in relation to Musbury. This cooler air would have ended up below any warmer air; subsequently forming a temperature inversion which instigated the Musbury event.

ASTRONOMICAL DATA:

It was discovered that, at the time of the incident, Jupiter was visible in the S.E, 32* above horizon, Mars was due S.W, elevation 11*. The Moon was in S.W, 5* above horizon, at 1st Quarter phase (confirming A.B's information). The only bright stars visible in same portion of sky as "UFO" were Alderbaran (due N.E, 10* elevation), Capella (due N.E, 26* elevation) and Fomalhaut (due S.E, 10* elevation).

From the above data, it is apparent that Jupiter was not in the position reported by A.B. Robert Moore believes he may have mistaken Alderbaran for the Jovan world; whose altitude and bearings compare well with A.B's "Jupiter". Although the "real" Jupiter had superficially similar spatial coordinates to the "UFO", it's elevation renders it an unlikely candidate; being "too" high to be effected by an inversion layer. This is important because the Musbury phenomena displayed numerous mirage-like attributes. Additionally, Jupiter's exact bearings was 167* - which would not have permitted it to have been observed "over" Musbury Castle. The same factor also rules out Fomalhaut, which was at a suitable elevation to be effected by an inversion layer (albeit at an extreme limit!), but located at 172* [2].

It thus seems unlikely that astronomical bodies were responsible.

MAN-MADE LIGHT SOURCES:

i: PORTLAND BILL LIGHTHOUSE.

The Portland Bill lighthouse is located 48 K.M S.E of Musbury. It's 337000 candela-power light is visible (under normal conditions) at a distance of 46 K.M. The Bill's beacon flashes 4 times every twenty seconds, with each flash

spaced 1.5 seconds apart. The pulsing sequence is then followed by an "eclipse" period (i.e the light source is turned off) for 15.3 seconds. This lighthouse, lying due S.E of Musbury) renders it a possible candidate for the Musbury "UFO". This hypothesis was initially proposed by Stuart Campbell. An inversion (by magnification and refraction) could have caused the lighthouse's beacon to have been visible to observers at Musbury[3]. The "contractions" and "expansion" of the Musbury UFO reported by C.D might have been a description of the flashes of the 'Bill's' beacon. However, A.B does not report this behaviour. Additionally, neither report refers to the "UFO" suddenly disappearing for long, 15 second, periods; which should have been the case if the phenomena was the lighthouse (due to the lighthouse's beacon's long eclipse-rate).

ii: AIRCRAFT.

It is known that some helicopters are fitted with a single orange-coloured bright landing-light. A military heliport (R.N Fost) is located on Portland Bill, due S.E of Musbury. Many danger areas - military exercise zones - exist along the coastline adjacent to Musbury. Could the object have been a helicopter's landing light(s); observed while "approaching" the observers along a line-of-sight course? The continuous brightness of such a light-source does not contradict A.B's statement (unlike the irregular brightness of Portland Bill's beacon). The contraction and expansion of the light reported by C.D could have been caused by instability within the inversion, or a change in angle of the helicopter. A shift in position could have caused it's pulsating running lights to be observed. The fact that the phenomena seemed to move slowly away (and was subsequently no longer visible) is also consistent with the light being a low-altitude airborne object. However, it's disappearance could also be attributable to the "collapse" of the inversion - causing far-away effected objects (such as, say, the lighthouse) to be no longer visible. The aircraft concerned would have to have been flying quite low, in relation to the horizon. This is consistent with a helicopter involved in some form of sea-based exercise; perhaps involving the danger areas previously referred to. An example of a mirage based on a aviaional stimuli has been recorded[4].

SUMMARY;

It is probable that the Musbury "UFO" was a superior mirage. However, the

exact identity of the stimuli involved is unclear. The bearing of the Portland Bill lighthouse is close to that of the Musbury phenomena. However it's eclipse rate of 15 seconds is not consistent with the witnesses testimony. A helicopter's landing-lights seem more consistent, due to the UFO's constant visibility. Presence of a military heliport and "danger areas" also support this contention. However, we have no proof that a helicopter was airborne in a suitable location during the incident. Despite this uncertainly so many attributes of the Musbury UFO are identical to those displayed by mirage-lights that the case should be treated as being at least provisionally explained.

POSTSCRIPT:

As this investigation was concluded, a report similar in some ways to the Musbury event was discovered by Robert Moore. This incident (occurring at Frodisham, Cheshire, on the 29th December, 1988 at 0725 has GMT) involved a young girl observing an orange-white "star", which continuously changed shape, from a "dumbell", or "figure eight"; back again to a "star-ball". This phenomena was observed for a few minutes before vanishing into a point of light. This incident was explained as an observation of Venus "distorted by ice-crystals (Venus was due SE, 5* above the horizon during this event[5]).

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2: An object may be affected by an inversion if lying +/- 10* in relation to the horizon. The inversions considered here are those possessing curved thermoclines; as non-curved inversions, refraction is limited to 0.5*.

3: Refraction may have increased apparent altitude, magnification may have increased angular size/brightness.

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CASE FILE - STEVE ROBBINS,

CLEVELAND

by Gloria Dixon

Steve Robbins is forty eight years of age, and lives in Cleveland with his wife. He works off shore as a production technician, and is an intelligent and articulate man. He wrote to BUFORA in March 1994 in response to the article in 'The People' documenting several alien encounters. In his letter he reported a series of strange incidents that he had experienced dating from June 1981. We interviewed Steve on 14th April 1994.

These events appear to have been triggered by Steve's sighting of a huge cigar shaped object, which he observed at a petroleum plant, on or about 12th June 1981. He was on nightshift as a shift production operator and returning to the control room, when he observed this object. He felt that it was going to crash, as it appeared to be on a downward trajectory. Steve describes the events as follows:

THE EVENT

'I was working as a plant operator at the time, and I'm almost certain of the date, maybe not of the day, but it was certainly June, and I'm certain it was 1981. I was on nightshift.... it was a particularly clear night, and I'd cycled down, at around ten minutes to twelve (midnight). I dismounted my bike just outside of the control room, and I remember parking it beside the wall, and then looking up into the sky, and that was when I saw this flying object. At first I saw it from an angle of say one hundred yards, and I would estimate it to be just over one hundred foot high, which was quite low. It was approximately eighty to one hundred foot in length and twenty to twenty-five feet wide. It was actually flying between two towers and I was able to estimate the craft to be at a height of between one hundred and one hundred and twenty feet. The two towers, it was flying between, I remember thinking it was quite low and 'Christ it's going to hit something.'

I stood and watched it... this thing was enormous. It wasn't travelling at any great speed. I stood and looked at it until eventually it was right overhead. The

object was.... from where I was standing, it looked cigar shaped, it was a dull bluish steel colour and it had a luminescence, like a neon light. It shone, particularly around the perimeter of this object, it was pulsating a bright white light. I say that and it could have been a yellowy one, but it was certainly brighter than the craft itself. It flew directly over my head, and I remember how I must have looked... I had my mouth open. Certainly nothing human could have flown something as big as that. It didn't make any sound, but you must appreciate there was a lot of background noise at the plant. Seventy or eighty yards from where I was standing there were four enormous crude oil receiving spheres. By this time it was on a downward trajectory. Probably it was on a downward trajectory all the time I was watching. It was certainly lower than when I first saw it and it was so low, that I thought it was going to hit these spheres. I wasn't really frightened, I was just amazed ...I mean this thing appeared from nowhere, and it looked as though it was going to hit the oil receiving spheres, and what went through my mind at the time was how am I going to save my skin! It didn't, it cleared them with what seemed like feet above, and disappeared behind them, and then I jumped on my bike, and pedalled like mad round the roadway on the plant to try to get behind the receiving spheres and there was absolutely nothing there!'

INDEPENDENT WITNESS

This sighting was apparently also observed by an independent witness, who was a security guard at a tank farm, which stores the crude oil. The tank farm is situated approximately two miles away from the plant. He described the object as cigar shaped and in a similar way to Steve's description. Another witness had also reported an aircraft trying to land on the main road at the plant a few days prior to Steve's sighting. He assumed it to be a conventional aircraft.

Steve also writes about other sightings at about the same time reported in the Hartlepool Mail. Apparently other people had observed strange craft appearing and disappearing into the Teesmouth. One report in particular involved witnesses from the A-19 Service Station on

the A-19. I have received a copy of this particular article but it was a year prior to Steve's sighting

Steve's sighting was reported to Teeside Airport, who said they had not had any flights within the last hour, and nothing else was amiss, but asked the supervisor to report it to Fylingdale, where Steve spoke with them and they asked him questions pertaining to a UFO report form.

Approximately one to two weeks later, most of the electrical appliances in Steve's home, malfunctioned starting with his television (approximately three years old) bursting into flames whilst he and his wife were watching it. During a three day period, and always when Steve was there, many other electrical appliances failed. A Hoover, toaster, hairdryer, iron and mains alarm clock all failed and even a battery powered portable radio and electric drill failed. Steve is emphatic that the batteries were in perfect working order. Steve called the electricity board who came in and installed a mains voltage recorder. They reported there was nothing wrong. Neighbours, had not experienced any electrical problems at all during this period.

Apparently there were also other electrical problems, when Steve was at work, affecting the Panel and computer terminals. These malfunctions, again, used to happen when Steve was there, and it became a joke with his work colleagues, that when Steve was there, the electricians would 'go out of sync'. Steve went to work offshore in 1983 and the problems with electrical equipment continued to occur sporadically until around 1984, when they subsided.

With regard to the malfunction of most of Steve's electrical appliances, I have spoken with two engineers at the test and research department of the electricity board. They both informed me that the chances are remote that a power surge was responsible for the malfunction of all electrical equipment especially as no-one else in the neighbourhood had any problems. The only way there could be a power surge that only affected one home would be because of an oddball characteristic of where the house was located e.g in a cul de sac, where this home might be on a different grid system to the surrounding area. This was not the

case as Steve lived in a terraced house at that time. area. In fact the second engineer, Bob Burnett emphasized that the chances of these malfunctions taking place with all his electrical appliances was zero per cent.

DREAMS

Approximately two weeks after these events, Steve began to experience some inexplicable events in his bedroom. He describes these experiences in the following way:

'I was lying in bed asleep when I was awakened by a high pitched humming in my ears-brain? My first realisation was that I was flat on my back, and that I was paralysed - rigid - and couldn't move a muscle. This was not a dream. I was awake and could move my eyes. I was aware of the room about me and the darkness. I tried to move, but couldn't. When my eyes adjusted to the darkness, I realised that there was somebody in the room - three or four figures dressed in black - barely discernible in the darkness apart from dull cloak like - habits. I wanted to scream but couldn't. I remember a slight gurgling from my throat, that is when they communicated with me - not in voices, but as I remember, a thought transference. I was told that they would not harm me or my wife, who was in bed next to me, and family, two sons. I tried to awaken myself, still believing that this was a dream, but it was not. Still terrified, I tried with all my will to move a muscle, but couldn't. I could feel sweat trickling down my forehead into my eyes and hoped to God she (his wife) wouldn't awaken. They communicated, not to worry, and that she would not know anything about this, and I remember thinking 'what the hell do you want' - 'just you, for a little while' was the reply.'

Steve went on to have approximately twelve experiences of this nature over the next two years, and then they appeared to stop.

He says that these experiences changed his life, beliefs and the way he views the world. Since these events occurred he has experienced several precognitive dreams, which he describes as totally different from other dreams, disturbingly powerful and compelling. I would like to quote from a letter Steve wrote to me explaining these precognitive dreams:-

'Yes, they manifest as dreams, but not like any dream that can be simply described as such. These are very distinct and always follow the same pattern. They have a 'real' quality that is so powerful, it is quite impossible to ignore them - significant points resurface at any time

throughout the day, for months - years afterwards, so it is quite impossible to ignore them. They just will not go away, that is until the reality of the dream has become actual reality. Then, and only then will they disappear.'

Among these precognitive dreams are the Chernobyl and Lockerbie disasters. These upset him considerably when he described them to us during the interview, and I have no doubt whatsoever, that they were genuine emotions that he was expressing.

He has also become far more concerned with the environment and the planet and feels deeply about the destruction that is taking place in the form of wars, and the pollution that man is responsible for, in that it is having some far reaching consequences for our planet. In addition to this he sometimes writes poetry now.

Another change in Steve, since these experiences occurred, are his feeling of knowing intimate things about people upon first meetings with them. He finds this disturbing at times, and tries to block them out. He describes his feeling about this particular aspect as follows:-

'I remember talking to you about being able to "tune in" to people's wavelengths. This is something I can do, sometimes with such ease that it still astounds me to this day, but I try and use it for the good of the person, if I use it at all. Mostly I leave it "switched off" to overcome feelings of guilt and intrusion''.

Steve has written a letter to me, which gives a great insight into the changes within him since these events.

It appears that Steve was receptive to other unusual phenomena from being very young, ranging from out of body experiences when he was a boy to being aware of other beings communicating with him. As so many researchers are aware, these paranormal events from childhood are often recorded during the investigation of a UFO encounter.

The precognitive dreams and the feeling of having access to intimate knowledge of people he meets have been emotionally traumatic for Steve, and appear to have emerged after his experiences. It was apparent when speaking with Steve how very much these events have changed him. He has not reached any definitive conclusion as to what had happened to him and why. He describes this in the following way:-

'Strangely, I miss the visitations now they have gone. I have my own ideas on who or what they were, but these are based only on supposition from articles or books I've read since. I keep my sanity by believing in myself. I believe in what

happened, I will never be able to explain it, but at least I can now accept it.'

CONCLUSION

In my opinion I feel that Steve has described some strange and compelling events that he had experienced during 1981/2. It is probably impossible to assess whether these events were definitely interlinked somehow, but it is certainly puzzling and seems more than a coincidence that after his sighting at the petroleum plant, he underwent such bewildering and traumatic experiences.

Steve has agreed to document these precognitive dreams with BUFORA as and when they occur, in order that an independent source has access to these, should the events in the dream become a reality.

THE PSYCHIC QUESTING CONFERENCE

On November 5-6 last, Andy Collins staged the latest P.Q.C. at Conway Hall in Holborn. The Conference was very well attended and featured many interesting speakers on various topics concerning the psychic world. Of particular attraction were Graham Phillips, who spoke of Shakespeare's involvement in British Intelligence, and Graham Hancock who spoke about pre-historical civilisations. Lynn Picknett also gave an entertaining lecture on identifying Leonardo De Vinci as the face on the Turin Shroud. This was a startling revelation since De Vinci was a Grand Master of the Prieur- de Sion, an ultra-secret society which had, and still has, many powerful members within its ranks. Andy, of course, expanded further on the continuing questing saga.

Perhaps the most striking aspect of the Conference was the way that organisers, speakers and the audience seemed to represent a cross-section of free-thinkers and this was reflected in both the revolutionary themes of the speakers and the questions and conversations of the audience. Congratulations to Andy for a well-organised and thought-provoking affair.

News

Edited by Mike Wootten

Blackmore Seeks New Horizons

Dr Sue Blackmore made her first major bid for TV stardom by fronting a riveting Horizon documentary (BBC2 28/11/94) that delved into the realms of Abductions. Blackmore's periodic casting roles are usually bit parts on Kilroy and three minute quay-side chats with Richard and Judy about Near Death and Out of the Body Experiences. Her aims are now higher and beyond the skyline.

Dr Sue has now reached a big step in her TV career. Single-handedly, and in front of an admiring TV audience, she pieced together the myriad clues and complex evidence that is the abduction enigma. The result was some very convincing and thought provoking ideas, casting some doubt over the objective reality of abductions, all in less than an hour.

For many years, objective British ufologists have discussed, tested and hypothesised every single concept and opinion aired on the programme. Blackmore's presentation was therefore less than original. Yet, the questions that arose, were admittedly relevant.

However, what is reprehensible is that Blackmore and the Horizon team failed to recognise that British ufologists are talking the same language. BUFORA has tested and shown, using Anamnesis, that close encounter witnesses are imaginative and articulate people. BUFORA has for many years banned the use of hypnosis because of the dangers of inducing false memory. The correlation's between abductions and fairy-lore are discussed in the British UFO media time and time again. Finally the work of Persinger and Devereux with regard to natural light phenomena altering and interfering with states of consciousness are acknowledged by the UFO community.

So why were British ufologists ignored by a British produced documentary?

The answer is simple. Ufologists who do not have PhD's will never be taken seriously. It's pure scientific snobbery that cannot be beaten. The realisation that lesser mortals than doctors of psychology are talking the same language and for a lot longer, would be too much to cope with. Doctors have egos to!

New UFO Group for Scotland

A new UFO research group has been launched in Scotland.

The Scottish UFO Research Organisation (SUFORO) has been started by BUFORA investigator, Allan Brown. Allen told UT that the new organisation will be committed to the scientific research and investigation of UFOs in Scotland.

If you would like more information regarding SUFORO then write to: SUFORO, 5 Old Church Road, Aberdeen, AB1 4DS.

USAF Fudge GAO Report on Roswell

The United States Air Force hijacked media attention on the GAO Roswell investigation by announcing a premature conclusion of the accounts office's findings.

The General Accounts Office, who are making an extensive archive search for missing documents relating to the 1947 Roswell crash, apparently concluded that it WAS a secret balloon under the project code name 'Mogal'. This project was to develop high flying balloons that could travel over USSR airspace and detect secret nuclear weapon tests.

However, it has been revealed that this conclusion was premature and not from the GAO at all, but from the US Air Force. The USAF have obviously used this media tactic as a smoke screen to defuse a possible embarrassing situation when the General Accounts Office finally report their conclusions later this year, regardless of the outcome.

If the GAO do find that the crash was a balloon, the USAF would look asinine by not knowing themselves after 50 years what exactly had caused the incident. Conversely, if the GAO do confirm that something unknown crashed then the USAF have raised doubt over that conclusion by reporting a plausible alternative in advance.

Rendlesham Documents Go Missing

A new twist to the Rendlesham Forest mystery has revealed itself. Nick Pope, who has recently moved from his post as co-ordinator of UFO reports at the Ministry of Defence, has stated that after a routine search for files relating to the Rendlesham Forest case, he discovered that nothing 'exists' in the files prior to the News of the World story.

This is a very strange state of affairs. Considering the high profile of the 'Halt memo', to find that even that is not available within the MoD's own filing system, one has to beg the question - why?

With the recent openness and co-operation (instigated mainly by Nick Pope himself) by the MoD regarding UFO reports and investigation, the only two explanations to this twist in the tail must be either a cover-up or very bad filing. It would seem rather obvious that after the submission of the Halt memo to the Ministry in question, action of some kind would have been taken - generating much documentation. So where has all this documentation gone?

If we, for a moment, look at the case in very objective terms, the first possible conclusion would have been an incursion by some foreign (not alien) power into a strategically important, front-line airbase. Can or should we believe that the MoD were so blasé that they never bothered to look into what Halt reported, even on this very obvious basis? If that is the case then God help our defence capability.

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HORSES FOR COURSES

Dear Ken,

As a member of the Witness Support Group I would like to take this opportunity to thank BUFORA and yourself for the facilities which have been provided to myself and others that we may, as a group, discuss amongst ourselves the phenomena we have become involved with. The fact that the majority of us repeatedly try to attend these meetings, although we realise this can add a further dimension to the experience we are going through, should also show the fact that we have a sense of responsibility in this matter.

In exchange for this, and knowingly by us, we allow BUFORA historians and responsible investigators to record the 'after the event' details and other side effects which have manifested, and which as individuals we have noticed. We are also plagued by the notoriety and publicity side of this subject; all of this on top of a general air of disbelief. But there is a subtle reward: not only do we know we are involved in a very profound subject, we have also felt a beneficial and greater awareness of knowing, which is difficult to contain.

The information derived from the above situation is usually relayed through books and other media for the public to draw their own conclusions. An excellent example of this is Philip Mantle's new book 'Without Consent'; which alongside books such as Jenny Randle's 'Abductions' give an unbiased and professionally researched comprehensive view of the phenomenon. The sceptics invariably use the 'horse writes book about water skiing' approach, telling us it is all very simple really and all of the other horses have got it wrong.

To end, it must be said that we as

witnesses put our life under a microscope and it is only BUFORA and its researchers who are providing a recognised platform for debate, thus allowing us to trust them with our accounts.

Yours sincerely,

James Millen.

Ed's comment: James has been attending the WSG for over a year now and, like all those others who attend, must speak for themselves. It would seem that on this occasion BUFORA has got the formula right. Well done Council!

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CLIVE POTTER REMAINS ANXIOUS ABOUT 'ELITE'

Dear Editor,

I would like to ask that anonymous group who consider themselves superior enough to warrant the name of 'Elite' as to why I have not been sent any of their unsolicited material pertaining to their unique insight into the UFO phenomenon? Does not a place on the Council of BUFORA warrant an immediate listing on the mailing list? [Definitely not Clive! - Ed.] This type of particularism will win you no support from me I can tell you.

On second thoughts, after obtaining some of the 'Elite' programme from my colleague, Tom Orton, I can only see the workings of paranoia and a somewhat hypersensitivity to reality; probably essential qualities for living in the mad, mad, world of ufology. Let us not mince words here, these anonymous authors of the 'Elite' tirades are either: (a) sane individuals attempting to stir up unpleasantness, or: (b) deranged persons who sincerely believe that the literary gar-

bage they write is true. Either way, these perpetrators should perhaps take up writing fantasy novels instead where their skills would be put to better use, and leave ufology to those who profess a serious intent in its elucidation.

Yours sincerely,

Clive Potter.

Ed's comment: do you mean to say that no one in BUFORA has yet told you who is responsible for the Elite scripts? Dear me, Clive, you are being left out of things! Try having a word with Albert Budden, he will clarify everything you wish to know. I could tell you of course, but I won't for obvious reasons.

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UFO TIMES EDITOR BECOMES JACK-THE-LAD

Dear Ken,

A year ago, when I bumped into you at a conference, I gave you fulsome praise with regard to your editorship of U.T. After another year I feel compelled to put my praise in writing.

During the last few years I have been most heartened that the quality of U.T. in terms of content, presentation and comment has climbed to great heights.

I have been particularly impressed with the new variety of articles and willingness to present the more contentious areas. It is particularly refreshing to see pertinent and balanced editorial comment free from snide remarks.

The journal is now worthy of BUFORA. Well done Ken! Many thanks for an enjoyable read. Your labours are greatly appreciated - please keep up the good work! I fervently hope that you will remain in the post of editor for many years to come!

Yours sincerely,

Peter Henden.

Ed's comment: God, don't you leave the Association whatever you do Peter! By the way, did you receive that tinner I sent you? On the downside though, BUFORA has formed an editorial panel to curb my more excessive articles, thus, you can expect more censorship in future issues of U.T. However, should any articles be turned down by the panel I'll inform the readership in the following issue in the hope that my minder, Judith Jaafar, might organise a whip-round for a one-off issue of UFO TIMES IN EXILE.

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AN APPEAL FOR A BACK-ISSUE OF BUFORA JOURNAL

Dear Sir,

Could you please help me with a BUFORA Journal of a few years ago. I need it for a set which I have been saving for the last 18 years and I have mislaid it somewhere; I will pay for this missing issue (or for a photocopy of it).

In this missing issue is a report of all cigar-shaped objects from all over the country and there is a map showing all the places they appeared.

I hope you can help me.

Robert Fisher (C1665),
106, Salcombe Rd.,
Knowle,
Bristol.

Ed's comment: you could try Arnold West at: 16, Southway, Burgess Hill, Sussex, RH15-9ST.

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SIGHTING? WHAT SIGHTING? PHOTOGRAPHS? WHAT PHOTOGRAPHS?

Dear Mr. Phillips,

I have just received the latest edition of UFO TIMES (#31), which I have read with great interest. Your magazine is well presented, but feel I must write to ask a couple of questions.

Firstly, who on earth does some of these investigations? I can understand somebody desperately trying to find a mundane answer to some of these sightings, but how can the Chateridge sighting of 10-12-93 have possibly been a helicopter?! Or the sighting in Suffolk on 12-10-93 of a triangular-shaped object, surrounded by a red glow, which was then shortly followed by eight orange lights flying in formation, be an aircraft?

Whoever is evaluating these sightings really ought to find out what aircraft lights look like!

Secondly, I noticed twice how you commented on the fact that BUFORA is confiscating photos etc. sent for examination [S'right Chris - Ed.]. Surely BUFORA has no right to do this at all, and cannot possibly expect people to send in their valuable photos if BUFORA is carrying on in this way. As I understand it, BUFORA is there to impartially examine any evidence contributed, not to make it simply 'disappear' upon receipt.

Please correct me if I'm wrong on the above point, as I sincerely hope I am! Because if this really were the case, then BUFORA is no better than the governments of our planet and their cover-ups.

Other than that, the mag's great!

Yours faithfully,

Chris Crane.

P.S. I spoke to Philip Mantle on the phone a few weeks ago, and he cheerfully told me that any UFO pictures etc. I had could be evaluated by BUFORA. Not now matey!!

Ed's comment: a simple check as to whether I'm correct or not, Chris, is to ask for a copy of the reports on the Hampstead (N.W. London) and

Estapona (Costa Del Sol) videos. Whilst your about it, you could try asking BUFORA for a copy of the Peter Rainbow (Northampton) report. If you have any success, Chris, do let me know because I've been trying to locate the whereabouts of these reports for years!! Oh, by the way, if you write to our Devon Coordinator, Doug Cooper, he will write back giving BUFORA a 'glowing' reference on its handling of photographic evidence. Next!!

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EARTH ENERGIES: CATHIE GRID AND LEY LINES

The writings of Cathie and Jalandris cover the same Earth energy grid system. Jalandris has researched in depth the ancient systems and their markers/monuments. Cathie has researched the current reactivation and utility of this same grid system.

The Earth energy grid that they are both discussing is a natural part of the Earth itself and has probably been rediscovered numerous times over the ages and utilized by inhabitants of this planet. The power elites and secret brotherhoods of the world have had the knowledge of this natural Earth energy grid continuously for at least the last 20,000 years. Therefore, the appearance, disappearance and reappearance of this Earth grid and the associated phenomena connected with it are not unusual.

The most interesting commonality of this grid data, past or present, is that it always is tied to world conquest and domination. Everyone talks about common language, common law and supposedly utopian communal economic/social structure; no-one, however, talks about the nature of the dictatorship which inevitably presides over this imagined 'utopia' and toward which the 'enlightened' brotherhood and their Earth grid technology are presently leading us. Once we are subjected to their mind-control technology, the way back to any freedom will be extremely hard or impossible. Beware of seemingly

kind, idealistic, benevolent, liberal leaders who talk of 'golden ages' to cover their true purpose of enslavement. A fool and his freedom are soon parted.

Reading the brotherhood propaganda of pure agape, higher planes of existence, etc. makes a real researcher wonder. If one reads Joseph Campbell, Robert Graves, Levi-Strauss, Erich Neumann, etc., covering these same belief/practice systems, it turns out that they are far from the universal love-ocracy presented. In fact, the inverse, or reciprocal, system applies again!

The wonders possible in New Age technology are very real. However, advanced technology and understanding of the universe do not automatically carry with them social, political enlightenment. Wise men and fools can and do operate in the same universe and use the same knowledge. An advanced technology is not a parameter of being good, kind or free. Blind, unsupported belief that advanced technology is a sign of the pure and good can be, and usually is, fatal to freedom. To quote Bertrand Russell, "People would rather die than think, and usually do."

The present reactivation of the Earth grid system seems to be tied to Alternative 3. Watkins research on the 'Mars Colony' indicates that it is a retreat for the elite in case the Earth's power grid does not make it up to stabilizing power by the pole-shift event expected around May 5th, 2,000. The Earth's energy grid has to increase from the present level of about half-Gauss to over 4 Gauss by then or the Earth gets the full effects of the pole-shift. So the planned takeover of the world by deceptions of the 'UFO Masters of Kindness and Wisdom' locks directly into building a safe retreat on Mars to cover the possibility of failure.

The technology and work force are the same on both projects. The big benefit to the elite work force is their access to the rejuvenating and crystal hallucinogenic scalar-wave devices. These devices are copies of the King's

Chamber in the Great Pyramid at Giza. Staying young and talking to the 'Gods' are important employee benefits. Faustus is being played out with a cast of thousands.

Richard L. Clark. Ph.D.

Ed's comment: I have read the works of Cathie, and quite frankly they make my blood run cold over when he describes the geographical sighting of radio transmission aerials at intervals of harmonics of light and gravity. Another disturbing development is the recent emergence of Albert Budden's theories on the effects on close-encounter UFO witnesses in the vicinity of radiating aerials. Moreover, the various mind-control experiments set up by numerous intelligence agencies all over the world demonstrate very convincingly that mind control can now be activated at a distance without the use of implants!! (see Verney Case in UFO II). All this leads me to believe that the 'Secret World Order' have as their end-game a completely psychocivilised man operating a clockwork, global society under a one-world government. UFOs, I believe, are a part of that control mechanism since they always operate on the fringes of society. Whether the end-game is going to be a paradise on Earth or sheer hell depends on whether one values one's freedom of thought. All I do know is that, whatever we do or say, we simply cannot stop this process from happening because the forces behind it are too powerful.

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KILT VERSUS KILT

Well, I see from the last issue of U.T. that fellow Scottish researcher, Steuart Campbell, has accused me of misleading the facts over the Bransby Clarke UFO photograph. O.K., first and foremost, the case that Steuart refers to is a multi-witness UFO sighting taking in 10 known witnesses, and goodness knows how many others who saw it but did not come forward. The witnesses were spread over a good 10 - 15 miles radius.

The object sighted by some of the individuals was, I must admit, of a bright light, (their interpretation). However, others stated that it was a dull, grey cigar-shaped object. Indeed, one witness, Morag Johnstone, became quite hysterical when, as she looked at this object, a bright light climbed up and entered it!

This object certainly proved interesting enough for Mr. Clarke to rush indoors, get his camera and quickly take a few photographs of the object before it was lost to view or decreased in size! In this case, the fact remains that an object was sighted which did not conform to a conventional aircraft or helicopter. After the completion of my investigation, I handed over to Steuart the complete case file on the incident, but he opined that the object sighted was, in fact, the result of an inverted mirage of a distant mountain-top. [A witness becoming hysterical over a mirage of a mountain-top!? - Ed.]

Now I don't know enough about mirages and reflections to either accept this view or knock it. All I can say is that if this was indeed what was seen, then fine; we have a solution. However, if the object seen was not a mirage, then we remain scratching our heads.

I'm all in favour of listening to other interpretations on any case file I submit, since one should never hold to only one evaluation. It's like going to a doctor and being unsure of his diagnosis; seeking a second, third or even fourth opinion would, in my book, be fair play.

So, in summarising: different people interpreted this object in different ways, (as most do in similar situations). To my mind, this case has not been solved, and my copy of the case file is open and available to any serious researcher seeking the facts; anyone wishing to do so please contact the Editor of U.T.

Finally, and treading down a different path, the TV programme, 'Strange but True', aired on November 4th 1994, stated that around 800 UFO

sightings had been recorded in and around the Falkirk and Bonnybridge areas of Central Scotland. This is not so and I was quite angry at this stated figure. According to my research, the figure is around 250 sightings and increasing; a situation that has me bemused to say the least. Nevertheless, research goes on and I'm sure you'll be hearing more about what's happening up here in Scotland in due course.

Yours sincerely,

Malcolm Robinson.

Ed's comment: I have already warned readers of the dangers of scientific reductionism when I reviewed Steuart's book in U.T.31, since when one reduces the UFO experience to a matter of, "it's nothing but...", then one simply ends up 'bending' the data in order to make it fit the prevailing scientific model. Moreover, when one employs reductionism, the first thing to suffer is the rich tapestry of human experience. If we are ever to avoid such a tragedy of errors, then we must, for example, never allow Morag Johnstone's hysteria to take a back seat! Investigate Morag's life more closely Malcolm and you might find things there that will surprise you. As for TV programmes on our subject: quite frankly, they never get it right and I don't think they ever will, because the only thing that matters to the media is money, and to hell with the truth!

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**THE HOUSE OF VILLE AU ROI
RISES UP AGAINST
REDUCTIONISM**

Dear Sir,

As a long-time member of BUFORA, I feel that I have to write to you having watched a recent TV programme, which I'm sure many other BUFORA members will also have seen.

On Friday, 4th November, ITV's 'Strange but True' series showed an interesting feature on UFOs, cover-

ing the wave of sightings in Scotland. This also included the remarkable November 1979 case at Livingston, when Robert Taylor reported an encounter with a strange, domed object in a forest clearing during which he was attacked by 2 devices with spikes or rod-like attachments. The police investigated the case and confirmed a pattern of rectangular, track-like marks, surrounded by a series of small, round depressions in the ground; there were no marks leading into or out of the area.

I was, as they say, 'Gobsmacked', when Mr. Steuart Campbell [there goes that man again! - Ed.], who had examined the case, declared on the programme that what Mr. Taylor had actually seen was a planet greatly magnified. [See what I mean? It's nothing but a planet - Ed.]. With a figure I think of one million times magnification being quoted, one wonders why we need expensive telescopes to observe the heavens. Another point which Mr. Campbell should surely have considered is that the encounter was reported to have taken place in daylight when planets are not normally visible, let alone seen in greatly magnified form, if this was at all possible.

It would seem on the face of it that Mr. Campbell's theory is stranger even than fiction itself.

Yours sincerely,

Geoff Falla
Ville au Roi
Guernsey.

Ed's comment: I won't expand on what I've already stated at the bottom of Malcolm's letter except to reiterate what I've said on many occasions in the past: the media is in the hands of powerful, financial interests who are not in the least bit interested in the truth. Indeed, they are in possession of a dreadful secret concerning this planet so any major human experience must, at all costs, be strictly controlled. In the past, the field of ufology was controlled mainly through devastating ridicule, but nowadays the emphasis is on creating

thesis versus antithesis so that the outcome will be a synthesis acceptable to the controlling world order. I daresay, Geoff, that you've probably deduced that the ufological antithesis is scientific reductionism.

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Down in Africa

by Cynthia Hind

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UFO at Ruwa

On Friday 16th September, at approximately 10:15, 62 children from Arial School, a private primary school in Ruwa (about 20 km from Harare) were in their playing field for mid morning break. Suddenly they saw three silver balls in the sky over the school. These disappeared with a flash of light then reappeared elsewhere. This happened three times and then they started to move down towards the school with one of them landing (or hovering) over a section of rough ground made up of trees, thorn bushes and some brown-grey cut grass with bamboo shoots sticking up out of the ground. Because of harmful creatures like spiders and snakes, the children are not allowed in this area although it is adjacent to their playing field and is not fenced off. One can soon disappear from view while walking here, and there is only one very rough track used by tractors in an attempt to clear the area.

There is a line of electricity pylons and according to one boy, the object followed along this line prior to landing. There is also some controversy as to whether the object landed on the ground or hovered over it. On Tuesday, 20th September, I went out to the school with a BBC reporter and a television crew, as well as my son and Gunter Hofer, a young man who builds his own electrical equipment, viz. a Geiger counter, metal detector and magnetometer, to discover whether the object left any traces behind.

The headmaster of the school is Mr. Mackie, who was most co-operative and although he had never been involved with UFOs or a believer in them, said that he believed that the children had seen what they said they saw.

I was able to interview 10 or 12 of the older children and this was recorded for BBC television. The reports were similar although some children were more observant than others. The consensus of opinion was that an object came down in the area they indicated, about 100 metres from where they were at the edge of the school playing-field. Then a small man (approximately one metre in height) appeared on top of the object. He walked a little of the way across the rough ground, became aware of the children and disappeared back into the object. The object took off very rapidly and disappeared. The little man was dressed in a tight-fitting black suit which was 'shiny' according to one observant girl (11). He had a long scrawny neck and huge eyes like rugby balls, He had a pale face with long black hair coming below his shoulders.

I had suggested to Mr. Mackie prior to visiting the school and before the children had been interviewed, that he let the children draw what they had seen and he now has about 30-40 drawings, some of which are very explicit and clear, although some are rather vague. The children's ages vary from five to 12 years. I have 22 photocopies of the clear drawings as Mr. Mackie kindly allowed me to page through the pictures and choose those I wanted. Most of the descriptions are similar, but some of the craft are very obviously 'flying saucers' and I wonder how many children have had access to the media. Others a crude but more or less in a saucer shape.

The children vary in cultures: there are black, white coloured and Asian children. One little girl said to me. 'I swear by every hair on my head and the whole Bible that I am telling the truth.' I could see the pleasure on her face when I told her that I believed her.

The smaller children from five to seven years were very frightened at the time and ran shouting 'Help me, help me.' When the older children asked why they were saying this, the reply was, 'He is coming to eat us.' I should think that this applies to more of the black African children who have legends of *tokoloshies* eating children.

The teachers were in a meeting and did not come out. When I queried the headmaster about this he said that the children always shouted and yelled during their playtime and no-one thought that there was anything unusual going on. The only other adult available at the time was one of the mothers who was running the tuckshop. When the children came to call her, she did not believe them and would not come out: she was not prepared to leave the shop with all the food and money.

Gunter and the men thoroughly examined the ground around where the children had seen the object, but could get no reaction on the Geiger counter or any of the other equipment. If the object was hovering perhaps nothing would show. I walked, on my own, along the electricity pylons for quite a way, caught up in thorn bushes, tramping blithely over snake holes and discarding all caution. I found no place where some object could have landed and press down the foliage. In fact, I should think the bamboo stumps would have been a deterrent.

The day was hot around 33°C, and I had a long walk through waist high brush. When I reached home again at about 12:50, I had a headache, my feet ached and I felt disorientated. If you don't hear from me soon, you will know that I did cross the landing site and am probably suffering from a mild dose of radiation!

HITTENMISSEN GESSENWERK!

or

HOW TO PICK AN ALIEN HOME STAR

by Gerard Surfleite

In a previous article I have discussed the possible reasons for aliens wishing to place the Earth under a form of embargo which puts firm constraints on our rate of technological development such that it is symbiotic with, and in synchrony with, our cultural and intelligence development, all of which is carefully monitored.

A second article considered the possible home star of 'The Guardians', and it is this theme which I will further pursue, for if correct, it could be a further example of 'thought injection' (for want of a better term). Current astronomical knowledge could not supply such an answer with any confidence.

ZETA RETICULI - THE SYSTEM

The story of how Zeta Reticuli seemed to be the 'home star' of alien visitors started with the well-documented abduction of Betty and Barney Hill and their subsequent revelations following sessions involving deep hypnosis. Accounts differ as to what actually happened during their examination in the alien vehicle. According to Betty, her question, "Where are you from?" was answered by, "If you cannot find your home star on this map, then you will not be able to deduce our home star." An accurate, truthful, but not very informative statement. Star maps for true interstellar navigation are not yet 'stock-in-trade' items available from major book companies! In any case, to be fully visually appreciated, such a map would be a 3-dimensional hologram or similar perspective-producing projection. Furthermore, careful and intensive training would be necessary to use and correctly interpret such a map.

It is all the more surprising then that Betty Hill could draw a crude representation of the map she saw in the alien ship. It is even more surprising that Marjorie Fish (an amateur astronomer) was able to decode Betty's drawing (executed under hypnosis) and pronounce it as a representation of the Universe as locally seen from a "position of the star Zeta Reticuli"! This is an astonishing feat, for it is extremely easy to make a pattern in (in 2-D) of, say, a dozen stars fit almost anywhere on a good star map. Most amateur maps deal with stars down to

magnitude +6; the limit of the naked eye. Good star maps extend this to magnitude +9, and the would-be searcher pays the price of examining about 1,000 times as many stars! The professional astronomer uses photographic plates which extend down to magnitude +25. Each plate is 14" square and has between 0.5 million and 2 million images on it!

Each image represent a star, a galaxy or some other body, some known and named, many unknown and un-named. In such conditions, the professionals list the characteristics they are looking for: e.g. position, brightness and colour of object, and then set a computer-controlled densitometer looking for likely candidates. These are short-listed and the astronomer then selects the most promising candidates for further study.

For Marjorie Fish to look at Betty Hill's crude map and make her pronouncement was nothing short of near miraculous inspiration. Zeta Reticuli is not one, but two stars, and both are very similar to our own sun! As explained in an earlier article, both these stars are listed in standard professional reference catalogues.

One of these stars is almost a twin of our own sun (i.e. Zeta Reticuli 2, or HR 1010 in the Bright Star Catalogue, HD 20807 in the Henry Draper Catalogue). Zeta Reticuli 1 is sun-like, but its light output varies both in temperature and intensity. Zeta Reticuli 2 has a radiant output that appears to be constant with a spectral colour and temperature parallel to that of our sun (i.e. G2V and 5,800 K respectively). The pace of evolution could be similar to here on Earth - we just don't know. However, as discussed below, these two stars form an interesting system in terms of motion through space.

ZETA RETICULI IN SPACE

Viewed 'face on', the separation of Zeta 1 and Zeta 2 is 310 arc seconds, which translates as an apparent separation of 3,400 A.U. (1 A.U. is the distance between the Earth and the Sun). This apparent separation is approximately 100 times the distance between the Sun and Pluto, the furthest known planet in the solar system.

The true distance between Zeta 1 and 2 is however very much greater. Accurate measurement of the parallax angles of

both stars show that Zeta 1 is the nearer star to Earth at a distance of 33.61 light years, whilst Zeta 2 is 35.82 light years: i.e. 2.2 light years further distant. Compare this with our nearest sun-like neighbour Alpha Centauri at 4.3 light years.

The two stars of Zeta 1 and 2 appear to be moving together in space along parallel lines, rather like train wheels down a rail track. If they form a true binary system (like Alpha Centauri A - B), then the rotation period must be millions of years, compared with 80 years for Alpha Centauri A - B.

If they share a 'common proper motion', as is described in all the standard reference catalogues, then they were both probably formed at the same time from the same parent cloud of dust and gas. Thus both stars are probably of the same age, and possibly of similar age to our sun: i.e. around 5,000 million years old.

In future planet-searching programmes planned for the next century, both stars of the Zeta Reticulus system will be thoroughly scrutinised for any tell-tale signs of planetary attendants. Present searching and scanning systems are not sufficiently sensitive to visually reveal such objects. All of which makes Marjorie Fish's 'stab' at Betty Hill's crude sketch even more remarkable. She could have made just as good a choice by stabbing a map with a pin whilst blindfolded, or by using some other equally random system.

Or was Marjorie's inspired thought 'injected' by the 'Guardians of the Embargo' as part of their bit-by-bit Revelation Saga? Wild though it may seem, it is equally as valid as trying to apply any logic: for it revealed a sun-like star which is almost identical in all characteristics to our own parent star. An Earth-like planet would have a 'year' only a few days shorter than our own. This assumes a planet as massive as the Earth, but this could easily be offset by the home planet of the Embargo Guardians being slightly more massive. The likelihood of there being such a planet is very high. We are now beginning to understand how planetary systems form and it would appear that they could be more common than formerly supposed. Proto planetary clouds and rings have been detected around many stars previously thought incapable of giving rise to such systems (e.g. Beta Pictoris).

We cannot yet visually detect planets around nearby stars, but that capability is rapidly approaching and should be well established during the next century. At present we have lists of sun-like stars out to at least 400 light years, but by mid-21st century we should have a list of sun-like stars with planets.

Do not be surprised if both Zeta Reticuli 1 and 2 are on that list. Some astronomers are even confident they will be detecting oxygen and methane levels over these distances. These measurements could show that life is common - it is intelligence that is rare (a point I have made in a previous article). The possibility that we are being carefully primed in our 'education' should not be regarded as either shameful or preposterous.

When we are ready, we too will move out towards the stars. It is our destiny - we will have no options, for the alternatives are too grim to contemplate. Perhaps one day we will pay a complimentary return visit to the Zeta Reticuli System! But we will first make for Alpha Centauri A - B, and then work our way out from there.

As a rough 'rule of thumb', sun-like stars occur at intervals or distances of about 10 light years (Alpha Centauri is an exception). Some are single, most are binary with separation distances ranging from about 100 A.U. to 1 light year.

In this context, Zeta Reticuli 1 and 2 are not remarkable. What is remarkable is Marjorie Fish seemingly identifying a 'home Star' of an alien intelligence with so little to work on!

Ed's comment: once again BUFORA is grateful to Mr. Surflete for introducing up-to-date astronomical knowledge to one of ufology's most puzzling cases. Given this, as well as his 'Embargo' concept, all helps to breath life to the further understanding of the UFO engigma.

BUFORA WINTER '95 LECTURES/ MEETINGS PROGRAMME

7-1-95: 14.00 Research meeting ---
18.30 Lecture to be announced.

21-1-95: 13.30 Lecture by Elsie Oakensen
somewhere in northern England.

4-2-95: 14.00 W.S.G. meeting ---
18.30 Lecture to be announced.

11-2-95: 14.00 Council meeting possi-
bly in Batley.

4-3-95: 14.00 Investigators' meeting --
- 18.30 Lecture to be announced.

Investigations Diary

by Philip Mantle

BUFORA's TV Times Letter

After a letter published in the TV TIMES magazine requesting people to come forward with their own particular sightings the already swollen BUFORA mailbag was almost bursting at the seams. Out of the numerous letters received a number of potentially interesting cases have been distributed amongst BUFORA's investigators. Two of the more interesting cases are featured in brief here:

Miss S. sometime around August 1994, had been out for the evening with Robert her husband to be at the local pub near where they lived in Loughborough, Leicestershire. Driving home on this particular evening the car began to splutter and then it stopped altogether. Robert got out of the car to see what was wrong with it when all of a sudden the sky was illuminated by a very bright white light. As this bright light passed over the witnesses the car sprang to life again. Miss S. read in her local newspaper some days later of other sightings in the area as well as crop circles in a nearby field. A 'classic' vehicle interference case more details of which we hope to bring you after investigation.

On the 28 November, 1980, Mrs R. was living in Todmorden at the time. She observed a large orange-cigar in the night sky. Since that time she has been quite perplexed as to what she observed. Readers may note that this is the same date and location where PC Alan Godfrey had his abduction experience.

Foreign Embassy Survey

Almost everyone has heard our own Ministry of Defence's official policy on UFO's. It goes something like this; "*While the Ministry of Defence does receive some reports of UFO sightings, our only concern is to establish whether or not they pose a threat to the security of the United Kingdom. Unless we judge that they do, and this has not been the case so far, we do not attempt to investigate further, or to identify whatever might have been seen.*"

Throughout 1994 I decided to try and solicit other official policy statements on UFO's from other countries around the world. In an attempt to do this I wrote to 31 foreign embassies in London request each countries policy on UFO's. Out of the 31 enquiries I received a total of 17 replies.

It was interesting to note that 6 countries referred UFO reports to civilian UFO organisations (as our own MOD now does), 10 countries either did something similar or had no official policy at all, and only one, Denmark, admitted having an official, policy which was very similar to our own MOD's. The one reply that amused me the most was one from The High Commission of India which read "*I kindly refer to your letter dated 25 April 1994 regarding government of India's official policy concerning the subject of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs). The government of India does not have any policy on the subject, however, we are keen to study the British policy in this regard. May I request you to kindly forward a copy of the same for study.*" As the Indian government still seemed quite open minded on this subject I decided not to send them a copy of our own MOD's policy.

UFO Photographs for Sale

For those of you interested in obtaining UFO photographic material you might be interested in the following. American researcher Erik Beckjord is trying to raise funds to open a UFO and Bigfoot museum in the USA. As part of his fund raising he is selling alleged UFO photographs.

The first photo that Erik has for sale was taken in 1992 at Cheesefoot Head, Winchester in Hampshire. An un-named female crop circle investigator was out at night when she observed and apparently photographed an orange boomerang-shaped object in the night sky. The rather grainy photo A depicts an orange shape which rather resembles the Star Ship Enterprise. The other photo B was taken in April of 1994 near Alton Barnes in Wiltshire. According to Mr Beckjord the photo depicts a strange humanoid figure.

The interpretation of these photographs is in my opinion purely subjective but at least if you purchase them the money should be going to a good cause. To order copies from the UK you should send \$5.00 (cash) for each photo which includes p&p to: UFO MUSEUM PROJECT, PO Box 9517, Marina Del Rey, Los Angeles, California 90295, USA. Please allow 28

days for delivery. All photo's should come with a large pinch of salt but you make up your own mind.

Guides to the Galaxy

Rather than do the usual review of certain books I have attempted to take a look at a number of books that could prove a valuable tool to anyone attempting to investigate the UFO subject. I would recommend the following three books all of which are published by the Gulf Publishing Company.

The first is the *Space Satellite Handbook*, 3rd edition. Edited by Anthony R. Curtis (the editor of Space Today) this book costs £29.99 ISBN 0-88415-192-1. This really is a kind of space buff's bible, listing all satellites ever in orbit. The new edition of this invaluable book describes more than 22,000 satellites, payloads, platforms, rockets and debris from all countries. Not only will you find listings of the thousands of man-made objects that remain in orbit from as far back as 1958, but also thousands no longer in orbit. Here is the latest data from NASA and other agencies including each satellite's official international number, popular name, launch date and country of origin. A country scoreboard compares satellites from many nations and international space organisations. The exciting and complete history of all types of space satellites is given along with a thorough explanation of public and private satellites, including amateur satellites.

The second book to look at is the *Space Almanac*, 2nd Edition, again edited by Anthony R. Curtis at a cost of £21.99 ISBN 0-88415-030-5. This book covers the latest news in space exploration from around the world. The index contains 4,000 entries and there is a space events calendar and information about the latest developments in deep space exploration, rockets, shuttles, space ports and telescopes. There are sections on astronauts, cosmonauts, interplanetary probes, space history, satellites, solar system and space stations. A must for anyone interested in the latest space developments.

The third and final book is the *Almanac of Soviet Manned Flight* by Dennis Newick. The cost is £24.99 ISBN 0-87201-848-2. For the first time this almanac provides a truly complete up-to-date account of every Soviet manned space launch. Organised chronologically, it

includes all unmanned development missions, from as early as SS-2 boosters, to the still mystery-shrouded lunar landing program and interplanetary expeditions. Official reports from Radio Moscow plus behind-the-scenes stories from European and Soviet journals add to the history that this book portrays.

BUFORA Photo Library

Could all members of BUFORA and virtually anyone reading this item please be aware that I am attempting to put together a library of UFO and related photographs, slides, artwork, documents, etc., etc. It is my intention to operate a self-funding project for the rescue and preservation of valuable documentary material. If you have anything of this nature let the BUFORA PHOTO LIBRARY (BPL) look after it. 50 % of any revenue from the commercial use of the material (in books etc.) will come to you. CONTACT: Philip Mantle, BPL, 1 Woodhall Drive, Batley, West Yorkshire, WF17 7SW.

NIC Meetings

There are two NIC meetings organised for the early part of 1995. The first will be on March 5th at the University of Westminster, 35 Marylebone Road, London, NW1, from 2.00 - 6.00pm. Anyone wishing to place items on the agenda for discussion should contact me at the earliest opportunity.

The second NIC meeting in 1995 will be held at the University of Northumbria, The Claude Giss Hall of Residence, University Precinct, City Campus, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE1 8SU, from 1.00 - 5.00pm, on Saturday 6th May. Anyone wishing directions should contact BUFORA's RIC for the North East Gloria Dixon on: 091 236 8375. Again anyone wishing to place items on the agenda for discussion should contact me a.s.a.p. and we hope that many of our northern investigators who are unable to attend the meetings in London will join us in Newcastle.

Further NIC meetings can and will be held at different locations around the UK. If you would like to organise one for later in 1995 please let me know.

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First Announcement

8th International UFO Congress UFO's: EXAMINING THE EVIDENCE

The 8th International UFO Congress organised by the British UFO Research Association, will take place at the University of Hallam, Pennine Theatre, Sheffield, South Yorkshire. The Congress will take place over the weekend of August 19 & 20, 1995.

The 1995 Congress will be in honour of Mr Walter Andrus, International Director of the Mutual UFO Network. Mr Andrus will conduct the opening and closing ceremonies and he will be the recipient of a special presentation on behalf of BUFORA for his services to ufology.

The provisional line-up of speakers at this year's Congress is probably one of the most interesting for many years. As you will see below the Congress is indeed international in every sense of the word.

Provisional line-up of speakers:

Dr Leo Sprinkle (USA), Vicente-Juan Ballester-Olmos (Spain), Jiles Hamilton (USA), Per Andersen (Denmark), Malcolm Robinson (Scotland), Cynthia Hind (Zimbabwe), Peter Robbins (USA), Maurizio Verga (Italy), Dr Helmut Lammer (Austria), John Carpenter (USA), John Spencer (England).

Special Announcement:

We sincerely hope, after many years of trying, to have at this year's Congress the first Russian scientist to lecture on the UFO subject anywhere in the UK. Dr Sergey Chernouss is a senior research assistant at the Polar Geophysical Institute in Murmansk, Russia. Dr Chernouss's field of scientific study is atmospheric physics and optical studies of aurora and other atmospheric phenomenon. He has been a member of the Russian Academy and has studied the UFO phenomenon since 1978. It is only the lack of finance that is preventing Dr Chernouss speaking at the Congress. We hope to be able to help Dr Chernouss find a sponsor for his trip to the Congress in August.

The Venue:

The Pennine Theatre at the University of Hallam in Sheffield is a purpose-built high-tech lecture theatre that is ideal for our needs. Air-conditioned, comfortable and centrally situated in the heart of Sheffield. Accommodation at a nearby hotel and a special Congress buffet has also been organised.

For full Congress details and a Congress booking form please send a large SAE to:

Congress 95, 1 Woodhall Drive, Batley, West Yorkshire, England, WF17 7SW.

Further Congress details will be up-dated in future issues of *UFO TIMES*. The organisers reserve the right to alter any and all aspects of the Congress.

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