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SUPPORT FOR OUR WORKING HYPOTHESIS

Some time ago at a special meeting of Committee members it was decided that we should adopt a working hypothesis as a basis for our future research programme. After careful consideration of the opposing hypotheses which attempted to account for the varied phenomena reported and indiscriminately catalogued under the UFO umbrella (undoubtedly there is more than one agency involved,) the consensus of opinion was most strongly in favour of the "explanation" which we called "advanced technologies." This term was not new but had been used previously in his writings and lectures by the late Dr. James E. McDonald, Senior Physicist and Professor of Atmospheric Physics at the University of Arizona, U.S.A.

Even before joining the Association any potential member confronted with the application form, has the opportunity of reading for himself that, " the Association is working on the theory that a very small proportion of UFO events may represent contact with an advanced technology..." To this is added, (from a logical standpoint) the rider, " probably of extra-terrestrial origin." Contact here should of course be taken in its very broadest sense.

Finally, in section 10, Major Theories in our " Guide to the UFO Phenomenon " we can read briefly something of the alternative "explanations" suggested, which apart from deliberate hoaxes and genuine misidentifications, include (a) Prototype aircraft and missiles, (b) Psychological Projections and (c) Material flying machines of unknown origin. It is the author's opinion that " probably not more than about 5% of all UFO sightings fall into category (c), but these are by all odds the most fascinating and represent the core of the UFO mystery."

Those people therefore who feel that our adopted hypothesis constitutes the particular UFO phenomenon which they are interested in researching (and perhaps endorse that often quoted "law" of Arthur C. Clarke that, " a sufficiently advanced technology would be indistinguishable from magic ") will hearten to the following newspaper report from the U.S.A. This was brought to our attention through the pages of " UFO Potpourri " a non scheduled magazine for exchange only produced by John F. Schuessler, an Aerospace Engineer and Deputy Director of Midwest UFO Network, Inc., U.S.A. I will make no apologies for the fact that the report is itself twelve months old and that it describes an event which took place even earlier - in June, 1970!

The REGISTER Thursday (m) December 7, 1972

Santa Ana, California

" PHYSICIST CITES STARTLING UFO REPORTS BURIED IN MAXWELL AFB FILES "

By Robert B. Klimm and David Branch

Los Angeles - Monday we heard a just-released, two-hour recording of an unpublicized UFO briefing by internationally famous physicist Dr. James E. McDonald before a small group of Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) gathered at Santa Monica's Miramar Hotel, June 9, 1970. Taped a few months before his untimely death and two days after he had returned from two weeks of digging into the UFO files at Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, Ala., McDonald told the scientists: " As one who's spent four years on the UFO problem and who has interviewed 500 or 600 witnesses, I don't see yet any alternative that makes much sense, alternative to the extra-terrestrial hypothesis. "

McDonald was the senior physicist at the Institute for Atmospheric Physics at the University of Arizona at Tucson. In 1970, after the Science Foundation had okayed the Condon Report, the Air Force decided they wanted to destroy all their UFO records. Dr. McDonald had hopes of preserving the records and getting them into the National Archives.

" I certainly assure you that the records that some of us were concerned about are still alive and well and nestled deep in the archives at the Historical Division at Maxwell Air Force Base at Montgomery. But it's considerably harder to get at the Bluebook files since Bluebook was terminated. I spent a number of days at Wright-Patterson looking over the Air Force UFO files when Bluebook was an active project and when it was housed in a TOP SECRET building at 828 Foreign Technology Division up at Wright-Patterson. But now that Bluebook is defunct as a response to Dr. Condon's recommendations, it's rather difficult. " I looked at about 400 cases while I was at Maxwell Air Force Base, and the number of really significant cases that to my knowledge nobody who has ever followed the UFO problem has ever heard of before - above all, the radar cases, cases of objects exhibiting performance characteristics that are not in anybody's aeronautical engineering book - are very, very impressive. We're dealing in the UFO phenomenon with phenomenology that suggests a technology. Now that I wouldn't want to back off on at all. It suggests technology - manufactured products. It doesn't at all suggest amorphous plasmoids or atmospheric optical effects. It doesn't look at all like any geo-astronomical phenomenon.

You deal with cars being stopped - such as the impressive witness in November 1968 driving along a highway at night. He came to a turn, saw a glowing object, and his car was pulled to a halt. And dozens of such cases have occurred over the years. These cases involve objects frequently which are close enough that the witnesses describe a structured, solid-looking object of configuration that just is hard to tag with anything except some work like 'craft.' It's not a blob of light and air. It suggests a product of technology. You can sneer at what some lady saw behind the barn, but when you look at not one or two but dozens of hypersonic radar tracks with sharp-angle turns and sudden climb-outs from 10,000 at the top of the radar beam in about two sweeps, the picture is going to look a little different.

Give me five hours and I will fill five hours with personally-checked cases of close-range sightings of structured objects. These are not ball lightning. These are not meteors. These are not Russian devices. These are not American devices, because the same things were happening back in 1947. These are technological, these are structures, manufactured devices, seen at very close range. What I report to you most recently from Maxwell Air Force Base where the files are alive and well is that down there in those files are more darn radar cases - Navy, Marine Corps, Army and Air Force - than any of us have ever suspected. Maybe the Air Force felt, " Maybe we can get a hunk of the technology ourselves and use it to military advantage." Think hard about that awhile. If they did that, they did it at least 15 years ago before the Robertson Panel of 1953.

Bluebook is a shambles of procedure - incompetence of egregious sort, overlaid with PR. For 23 years - above all, the repetitive assurances, above all the assurances that the Air Force was really looking at the problem carefully, that they were really putting scientific caliber on the problem, that they were really getting the best available scientific competence on the problem - is what kept it under the rug. But you don't have to spend many hours looking at the Bluebook files if you know anything about the problem. Quite the opposite: invent a hypothesis to account for it. But there it is staring you in the face case after case, year after year, different personnel. Except for a brief period in 1952 or '53 there has been almost no competence put on the problem. And that would be all right if only the Air Force hadn't told the public and the scientific community that they were putting scientific talent on the problem. If only it had been recognised that because there was no hostility they weren't really rising to the challenge -if only it had been recognised that all that talk about scientific investigation was nonsense - then something might have changed. But it hasn't. And along came the Condon project, and lo and behold - almost the same thing happened all over again.

But the strongest argument to support a cover-up hypothesis, McDonald adds, is: " They can't be that stupid. It is almost impossible to believe all those errors - the ineptness of the explanations.

The UFO problem is indeed still unsolved. The mystery of what is involved is every bit as deep as ever, and the scientific challenge is as intriguing, as strong, as it was back in 1947. At my first visit to Wright-Patterson, two or three days with the Bluebook files and I was just stunned when I saw the files, and stunned a day or two later visiting with the Air Force consultant - who had been consultant for 20 years - who had almost no knowledge about the details of the UFO phenomenon, very little familiarity with things like propagation. And it came over me very quickly that, gee, this problem is not what those of us who have been reading the newspapers and listening to the Air Force really thought it was. McDonald told the scientists that he discovered at Maxwell Air Force Base "a whole broad category of 'hidden UFO reports' - reports that have never gotten out into any open channels and which in fact are of very significant scientific interest. The total population of hidden UFO reports is a pool of information completely untapped because everybody knows that UFOs are a lot of nonsense. Everybody knows they don't exist. Hence time goes by, and we laugh the problem out of existence. The number of visual sightings, say from Iowa or California or Maine - where the observers saw objects that, say, left their field of sight in three, four or five seconds - is a very large number. And I always wondered, when looking over those cases, why there weren't radar examples of the same sort of thing. There are! They're down in the files - explained as birds, balloons, malfunctions, false signals, propagation - absurd explanations, but one after the other - just under the rug and forgotten."

NATIONAL ENQUIRER AWARDS \$5,000

The BUFORA Journal, Summer '72, Vol.3, No.7, contained a short article and photograph concerning a \$50,000 reward offer made by " The National Enquirer" Florida, U.S.A. to anyone who could furnish proof that " a UFO came from outer space and is not a natural phenomenon. " The panel of judges including Dr. J. Allen Hynek recommended that an additional prize of \$5,000 be offered for " best evidence short of conclusive proof."



Snow covered ring photographed one month after a bright "toad-stool" shaped object had taken off from behind a barn on the Johnson farm near Delphos, Kansas - 2nd November, 1971.

The deadline for entries was originally 31st December, 1972 but this has been extended to 1st January, 1974. In the meantime according to the A.P.R.O. Bulletin, March-April '73, " the Durel Johnson family of Delphos, Kansas was awarded \$5,000 for evidence submitted by them. On 2nd November, 1971 a toad-stool shaped object

allegedly hovered over the ground near the Johnson farmhouse and left a mysterious glowing ring in the soil. The Johnson case was one of more than 1,000 claims made for the \$50,000 award and although the evidence does not prove an outer space origin, it was established that it was not a natural phenomenon. " All four members of the judging panel voted that the Johnson family merited the \$5,000 award, and called their case " a major scientific mystery - the most baffling case the panel encountered in a full year of investigation. " Both Dr. Hynek and Dr. Harder visited the site during investigations. " One characteristic of the strange ring left by the object was the dry, powdery nature of the soil more than a year after the incident! The soil would not accept water nor could anything be grown in it. Samples of the soil have stumped laboratory researchers and tiny white crystals which were imbedded in the soil have defied laboratory analysis. Tests are still being conducted and the panel will report on any further findings. "

BUFORA RESEARCH

In BUFORA Journal Autumn '72, Vol.3, No.8., under the heading of " BUFORA RESEARCH, 1972 ", I said that checks were to be made in other UFO sighting records and sources e.g. Flying Saucer Review for British cases missing from our files. I also stated that BUFORA was endeavouring to build up a more complete picture of British UFO activity. Until recently very little in practical terms had been done largely due to other more pressing commitments in the Research Section. However I am now very glad to announce that serious serious consideration has been given to improving the quality of our records, by Miss Pat. Hannaford of the Edinburgh UFO Research Society.

Project Bookworm

Hidden among the vast and ever-growing literature on the subject of UFOs is a large but indeterminate number of fascinating sighting reports. How many is anyone's guess, for no single person could have time to search them all out. But if BUFORA is to justify its position as the leading British organisation for investigation and research into the UFO phenomenon it cannot afford to remain in ignorance of the significant UFO history of Britain. However much individual members may know about past UFO activity in their local areas or the country as a whole, if BUFORA does not have it on record no comparisons will be possible, and research will be very difficult. The jigsaw will be in pieces and the picture will never be seen.

The ideal should be for BUFORA records to have on file as much as is known of UFO activity in this country. Once the records are made they can be compared, analysed, cross-checked and researched. They will be available for individual members and other interested people to consult and will constitute a permanent record for the interest, amusement and possible edification of posterity.

Now is the time for BUFORA to pull its collective finger out and provide its infant records system with something to chew upon. Of course current sightings are being recorded all the time, but the record of the past is woefully incomplete. With the help of its members the situation could be improved dramatically, starting in the obvious place, with a search of the published literature to collect those sightings that BUFORA has missed out over the years. For instance an American magazine gives two landing and two radar-tracking reports in 1967 of which BUFORA has details of one of the latter only. F.S.R. contains many British reports that for one reason or another never reached BUFORA files. This is a sad state of affairs, but it can be remedied with your help. With enough people working on it we should soon be able to cover the relevant literature, collecting details of British sightings in BUFORA's records system. Once there they can be analysed and further details sought. We require people to read through UFO books, periodicals and newsletters and send us details of the British reports contained in them. If we already know about a report we can add these details to the file, possibly adding to our information about the case and certainly providing

4. Questionnaires, investigation forms, stamped addressed envelopes, board with clip.
5. Colouring materials - crayons, sketch pad and pencil.
6. UFO shapes chart, and chart of common misidentifications.
Note - these should not be used too early in the investigation as they could "lead" the witness. Use preferably after full statement has been obtained.
- 7a. Colour chart. Munsell Rock Colour Chart by Geological Society of America gives an unambiguous scientific description of colour. Used in conjunction with 5. but perhaps again after full statement obtained.
- 7b. Ishihara Colour Blindness Cards - in order that descriptions of colour may be more significant. The test is quick and simple, and would be performed before the use of 5 and 7a.
8. Field Investigators handbook - to contain guidance on procedures, use of equipment, and descriptions of commonly mistaken phenomena including item 6. To be produced by BUFORA.
9. Maps of area under investigation.
10. Small hand torch - useful in the field.
11. Philips planisphere - useful where UFO seen against star background.
12. Comparison discs or coins (size of pin head, pea, half penny, penny etc.,) for determining angular size at arm's length.
13. Clinometer, or simple device for measuring angular elevation of UFO e.g. protractor fixed with plumb-bob fixed to sighting ruler.
14. Compass - a Brunton compass/clinometer with spirit level as used by field geologists would cover both this and item 13., but is expensive - £10. A Silva compass with plastic base and arrow is good for taking bearings and much cheaper.

Investigation Field Kit B.

This kit applies to those cases where a UFO is reported to have left residual traces at ground level. Ideally it should be available whenever a close encounter is noted, even if the witness does not describe ground effects, since some measurable traces may not have been detected by the senses. Some of the final items can only be properly used by someone who has experience of handling the equipment.

1. Large magnifying glass.
2. Scissors.
3. Penknife with accessories.
4. Brush for sampling.
5. Hammer, for small rock sampling, mentioned as part of a geologist's kit, and included in the Condon Report kit.
6. Sealed containers, bottles and plastic bags for samples, with labels, including some airtight containers for air and other gas samples. The correct marker will be needed, one not affected by rain.
7. Grid materials, e.g. tent pegs, twine, plastic garden name stakes, mallet.
8. Plaster casting material, e.g. Plaster of Paris, containers, flexible frame for border, mixing jug, water.

9. Large diameter thermos flask for volatile residues etc.
10. Spirit level - for determining ground slope.
11. Tweezers or forceps for handling samples.
12. Large plastic sheet to protect the site.
13. Geiger counter, unless one is available radiation may be present but undetected, and indeed some of the samples taken may be highly radioactive, a situation which may occur more often in future if we can get investigators to sites more rapidly.
14. Pocket spectroscope, or a number of diffraction gratings.
15. Magnetometer.
16. Thermometer - perhaps two for comparing selected area temperatures.
17. 50 metre linen tape.
18. Still camera and attachments (including filters, polarising, U.V., diffraction grating.)
19. Cine camera - even if only to record methods of field work.

Observer's Kit.

1. Still Camera and Films. (Kit B.)
2. Binoculars.
3. Sketch pad and pencil. (Kit A.)
4. Small hand torch. (Kit A.)
5. Philips Planisphere. (Kit A.)
6. Compass. (Kit A.)
7. Clinometer. (Kit A.)
8. Cine camera. (Kit B.)

BUFORA STAFFS. BRANCH ANNOUNCEMENT!

The Staffs. Branch is cooperating in the organisation of an investigation network for area JO i.e. Staffordshire, Derbyshire, and Shropshire see map in BUFORA Journal Vol. 3. No.10 - Spring 1973. Will all recognised investigators or individuals interested in doing this work contact Mr. Derek James, R.I.C., 7 Queen Street, Porthill, Newcastle, Staffs. ST5 8QJ. Tel. 0782/563625.
Paul Gregory
Secretary.

In conclusion we urge all members who are investigators to acquire as much of the basic Kit A as possible for it is this equipment which will find most use in the majority of cases.

In addition, for those members who are specifically interested in the possibilities of UFO detection and observation or who feel it is advisable to carry around with them equipment for observing and recording any chance UFO event, we recommend that besides equipping yourselves with Kit A, you acquire those items from Kit B. which will then give you the Observer's Kit.

Should members be able to build up Kit B this would be all to their good and BUFORA's. However Kit B is a specialist kit, which would be available to experienced investigators and a number of these could, for instance, be stationed at key positions throughout the country, say at the homes of the Regional Coordinators, ready for use when required in a specific investigation.

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Projects Officer

PROJECT ON VEHICLE INTERFERENCE REPORTS. S2.

Progress is being made slowly but steadily in connection with our current long term project dealing with motor vehicle interference cases. It is most encouraging that response from BUFCRA members has increased and the S2 team which is now complete, comprises the following:-

M.C. Clinch, C. Eng., M.I.P.E., F.B.I.S., Aero Engine Service Engineer.

G.A. Falla. Specialising in vehicle cases.

A.P. Hall. Garage mechanic.

R.M. Higgins, B.Sc., M.I. Struct.E., M.A.C.E., Consulting Engineer,

A.R. Jones. Test Engineer A.C. Delco Div. of Gen. Motors.

D. Shelton. Mechanical Engineer.

E.W. Taylor. Motor Engineer.

B.J. Webb. H.G. Vehicle Driving Instructor.

F.J. Wood, B.Sc., Electronics Technical Director.

Edinburgh University UFO Research Society.

C.J.R. Strevens, B.Sc., Electronics Technician.

In addition Arnold West, BUFCRA's Treasurer has kindly offered any assistance he can give from his many years of practical experience with the eccentricities of motor vehicles. As we progress further reports will appear in the Bulletin.

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Projects Officer.

ASTRONOMY AND SPACEFLIGHT

Pioneer 10 arrives at Jupiter.

As we have featured the perilous progress of the Pioneer 10 deep space probe in three previous issues of the Journal it would now seem appropriate to give a brief account of the final stage and objective of this mission, which is to investigate the giant planet Jupiter and to sample the environment of distant interplanetary space.

In the Spring '72 Journal we learned of the successful launch of Pioneer 10 on 3rd March, 1972 and the opening of a new phase of ambitious space exploration. What was interesting then and in fact illustrated in the Summer Journal of the same year, was the gold plated aluminium plaque and brain child of Dr. Carl Sagan and Dr. Frank Drake depicting our humanoid appearance, our location in the local galaxy and something of our technological achievements. If, at some future date long after Jupiter encounter when the probe has left our solar system forever, Pioneer is intercepted by extraterrestrial interstellar travellers given they exist, it might not be too long before its manufactureres were paid a cursory visit. The chances of interception are of course extremely slender.

Just before noon (G.M.T.) on 3rd December, 1973 Pioneer 10, the first human artifact to fly beyond Mars made its closest approach to Jupiter at a distance in the order of 82,000 miles and less than one diameter of the giant planet. It now remains to be seen what secrets have been discovered in its dense gaseous atmosphere or from its powerful magnetosphere. Perhaps the T.V. camera will discover the nature of the great red spot? Jupiter is certainly a mystery planet when one considers that it transmits about twice as much energy as it receives from the distant Sun.

Although no one expects Pioneer to detect any signs of life, there is growing conviction among American scientists that contrary to previous opinions, the solar system's largest planet may harbour primitive living organisms. Scientists in California have discovered a bacterium that can withstand high levels of alkalinity, just like the conditions they believe exist on Jupiter. Apparently Jupiter's atmosphere contains hydrogen, ammonia, carbon dioxide and possibly water. Although basically very cold (about -138°C), because the planet seems to have its own internal sources of heat, some areas may be above freezing point. It is here the scientists believe, that the primitive life could exist - the ammonia could dissolve in the water forming an alkaline solution.

The search for extraterrestrial life goes on.

During July and August this year the Soviet Union launched four unmanned space probes, all of which are destined for the red planet Mars. Scientists believe that Mars 4, 5, 6 and 7 will attempt soft landings of television equipment and even a wheeled automatic vehicle on the planet's surface.

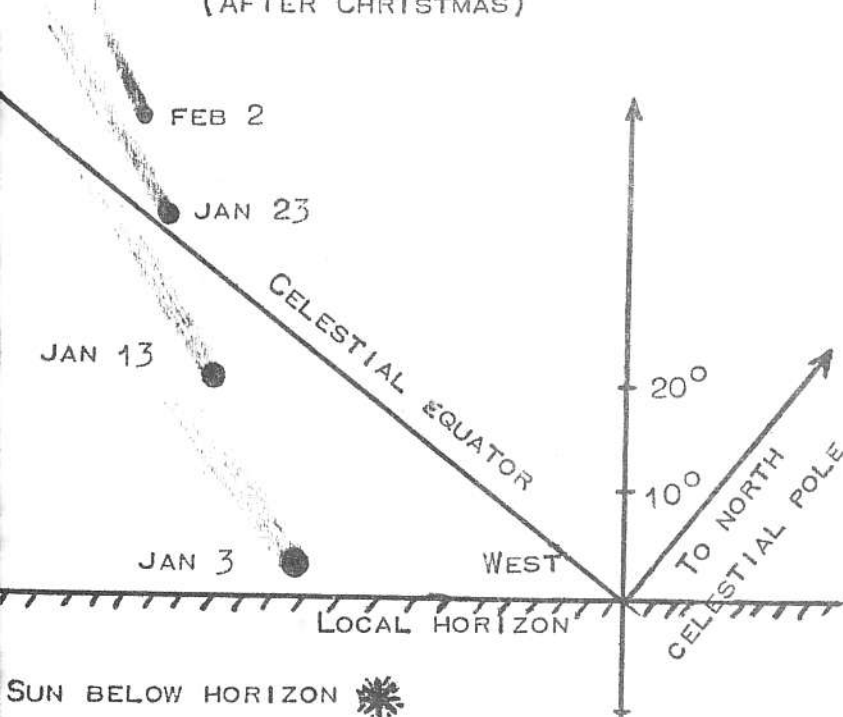
To a large degree both the American and Russian space exploration programmes have been geared to the search for extraterrestrial life. Contrary to previous opinions Mars now seems far from dead geologically and appears to be going through a stage of tectonic activity - changes in the structure of the planet's surface - which occurred on Earth 2.5 billion years ago. It is hoped that the Russians are more successful with these than the previous attempts and that next year Mars also will give up more of its secrets and tell us whether life exists there or has existed in the past.

Probe to Venus and Mercury

On 3rd November, 1973 America successfully launched an automatic space probe equipped with T.V. cameras to the innermost planet Mercury. The probe will pass by the mysterious cloud covered Venus and swing in to intercept Mercury in the Spring. It will be interesting to discover whether this tiny planet, baked by intense solar radiation, has surface features which some astronomers have suggested might be similar to those of our Moon.

COMET KOHOUTEK

(AFTER CHRISTMAS)



The diagram shows the position of Comet Kohoutek in January 1974 in the evening sky soon after sunset. The Sun is about 10° below the horizon. The optimum viewing date is around 15th January, when the tail may be 20° in length. At the present time (early December '73) the comet is low in the eastern sky before dawn and as the month progresses, will become extremely difficult to observe due to its closeness to the Sun. BUFORA member, Mr. M.F. Pace observed Kohoutek at the end of November using binoculars and reported that it was fainter than predicted and had a short tail. Another member Chris. Hall who returned recently from a visit to the U.S.A. related that astronomers at the Lowell Observatory in Arizona thought the comet to be splitting into two components. However this has not been confirmed and we should hopefully have a good view of it in mid January '74.

POLLY TOYNBEE, Washington, Tuesday reports on the mysterious case of two Mississippi fishermen and their encounter with the occupants of an Unidentified Flying Object

Just watch this space

JUST AFTER dark on a quiet Thursday evening two men were fishing off a pier on the Pascagoula River inside Pascagoula City limits, Mississippi. Calvin Parker, aged 18, and Charles Hickson, aged 45, were sitting on a ramp in an old shipyard, just three blocks down from the Chamber of Commerce. Then something happened to them that put both men into a "near state of shock" according to the Sheriff.

The two men saw a space ship "oblong, egg-shaped, kind of shaped like a fish" come into land over the water and on to the bank behind them. It had a pulsating blue light on it. Two creatures emerged and drifted across to them. Parker, the younger man, fainted. One of the creatures made a buzzing noise; the others were silent. They were wizened and wrinkled, with pointed ears, crab claws for hands, slits for eyes, holes beneath their noses, and one leg.

The creatures took the two men, dragging the unconscious Parker, and leading Hickson with a firm grip on his forearm, and walked with them back to the space ship. On board they felt they were being given some kind of medical examination by a machine but they were not harmed in any way and they were returned to the pier.

"Ain't no use reporting it," the older man said, no one "won't believe us anyhow." And, he says, he went to his car and took himself a big drink to soothe his nerves. However, they changed their minds and went to the local newspaper office, the Mississippi Press Register. But there wasn't anyone in, so they went to the Sheriff's office instead.

Sheriff Fred Diamond was sceptical, but as they persisted with their story, he questioned them closely. Then he locked them alone in a bugged cell to see if they would reveal a fraud when left to themselves. But Parker fell to praying and Hickson said several times: "I never saw anything like this in my life." Sheriff Fred Diamond was convinced and announced: "If those two men are lying, they should be in Hollywood."

Parker and Hickson are refusing to speak to anyone



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although they did grant an interview to NBC National News. They are reported to be still extremely shocked by their experience.

That same evening UFO sightings were reported from several places near Pascagoula. Larry Booth working in a Standard Oil service station out on the US90, reported that night to the police that he saw a UFO heading east towards Mobile with a flashing blue light. A weather-caster in a nearby radio station reported that

They were wizened and wrinkled, with pointed ears, crab claws for hands, slits for eyes, holes beneath their noses, and one leg.

his radar was blacked out the whole of that evening by a large object.

However, Keesler air force base, 35 miles away, saw nothing unusual on their screens. The two men were sent by the Sheriff to the base to be checked for radiation but the results were negative.

Investigators flew down to Pascagoula on Saturday, like papal emissaries to verify a sighting of the Virgin. And like papal investigators they were both already experts in their subjects, UFOs. Dr Alan Hymek, a professor of astronomy at the North Western University in Chicago. Air Force UFO researcher in the 60s, and Dr

James Harder, of the Aerial Phenomena Research Organisation at the University of California are convinced that this was "definitely a non-terrestrial occurrence. Dr Hymek says: "These men are not unbalanced. They are not crackpots."

The two scientists have not revealed to the public all the details of the happening as told to them at length by Parker and Hickson, but they announced that they had hypnotised both men, and made them re-live the scene, moment by moment, and are entirely convinced by their story.

Pascagoula is a small town, population 31,000. "So, we never did have this much national attention focused on us," says Anne Avent, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce. "even though we're an important ship-building city for the Navy. I guess this is the biggest and the strangest thing ever did happen in Pascagoula."

The mayor had, escaped his office for the day, and was not available for comment and was passing all his calls to the Sheriff's office. When you call City Hall, the operator says: "You calling for this UFO." Sheriff Fred Diamond has received over 2,000 calls from all over the country, "and I hope nothing like this ever happens again," he says.

"I believe what the scientists that came here said. I believe there are unidentified, flying objects coming here to earth all the time. I think you'll find most everyone in the United States believes the same thing. Now if you'll excuse me, my other phone's ringing."

The two professors, now returned to their respective universities, could not be reached on the telephone, as they were attending several consecutive press conferences all day.

When you call the Mississippi Press Register, they read out their story to you at break-neck speed. They know it off by heart. They've had so many calls. "Do I believe it?" said the reporter on the story. "Hell, I don't know. But I can tell you this one sells. It's selling us out down here, and it'll sell your newspaper for you too, shouldn't wonder."

The BUFORA Committee would like to wish the members a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!

STOP PRESS! - Research H.C. Features on Television Programme. On 3rd December, 1973 the Research Director gave a three minute interview at BUFORA's new Research H.C. on the Granada T.V. Programme "Granada Report" and answered questions about the association's role in UFO research.