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objects (UFO) phenomena throughout the United Kingdom. 2—To collect and disseminate
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research throughout the United Kingdom and to co-operate with others engaged in such re-
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the Executive Council. Application/information forms can be obtained from any officer.

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" MEMBERS ONLY "

This issue of the BUFORA Bulletin carries the AGM notices and reports, this is therefore an opportune occasion to express a few thoughts on the subject. With some notable exceptions, most members of BUFORA seem to regard this meeting as one to be shunned-avoided at all costs. This, of course, should not be so.

The AGM is a time of accounting, not only in the narrow, financial sense, but of the whole spectrum of association activities. The Council make account of their stewardship, and members have not only the right, but the duty to be present, to ask questions, and satisfy themselves as to the running of their association.

A.W.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Readers participation is the lifeblood of a magazine such as this. Articles and letters suitable for publication are invited, and should be sent to:-

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In case of longer articles, or proposed serial, please send synopsis in first instance.

BUFORA NATIONAL CONFERENCE: EDINBURGH 1982

A BUFORA conference will be held at the George Hotel, George Street, Edinburgh, on Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th March 1982. Registration from 6pm Friday 12th., followed by a social evening.

A well known personality will open the proceedings, and papers are expected to treat various aspects of the Scientific approach to Ufology.

A seminar will be devoted to the LIVINGSTON close encounter case, and the conference will close with a visit to the site on Sunday morning.

The Northern UFO Network (NUFON) came into being in 1974. It exists as an integrating community for independent local UFO groups; giving them the opportunity to share data and resources. It also provides a focal point for the organisation of regional meetings and conferences and maintains a central set of files.(1)

In 1979 several of the local groups in the south got together to create their own network, which is called MAUFOG (Members of the affiliated UFO Groups). MAUFOG differs in some respects from NUFON, but the principle behind it is essentially the same.

A number of very well-known groups form active parts of these two systems. NUFON has 15 associated members, from Scotland down to the West Midlands. It includes DIGAP (Direct Investigation Group into Aerial Phenomena), the second oldest group in the UK (founded in 1955), and several others who date into the sixties. Maufog is a younger alliance, and at present is concentrated in the South West, with a dozen associated groups including the respected SKYSCAN in Worcestershire and the British Flying Saucer Bureau (Bristol), which remains the oldest active UK group. Obviously both networks would like to hear from non-affiliated groups within their region to discuss cooperation. (2)

During 1980 the two networks have worked towards the formulation of a working liaison, since this has obvious benefits for ufology as a whole. On February 7 1981 the first positive step in this direction was taken, leading to what will hopefully prove a significant move ahead in cooperative endeavours. By virtue of the working agreements being fostered, a very high percentage of the active local groups in the UK have accepted the need to work together, and will do so under umbrella of the two networks.

The meeting was held in Birmingham, under the auspices of UFOSIS, the West Midlands group who, by virtue of their central placement, have expressed a desire to associate with both networks, and will naturally hold an important pivotal position. This first meeting simply adopted methods of creating an inter-network information flow, and set up a working party to discuss a joint code of practice for UFO investigation. It also agreed to work towards future joint conferences, held on single days to discuss specific themes within UFO research. UFOSIS, in fact, staged one such in Birmingham in October 1980, when the theme was Close Encounters of the Forth Kind. Finally the group NUFOIS (Nottingham UFO Investigation Society), which owns a building (used by them as an HQ, and by NUFON as its central filing facility), agreed to draw up a list of proposals for the conversion of this into a joint resources centre (containing data, an extended library and collection of important magazines). NUFOIS already has a head start in this direction, possessing the building, filing cabinets, a fair sized library, and duplicating and photo-copy facilities.

On March 28 the first meeting of the joint working party, discussing a code of practice, took place at the HQ, under the coordination of NUFOIS. The NUFON delegation consisted of representatives from the Irish UFO Research Centre, MUFORA (Manchester), MIGAP (Merseyside), SUFORS (Humberside) and, of course, NUFOIS in Nottingham. MAUFOG had participants from the British Flying Saucer Bureau, UFO International (Bristol), Probe SCUFORI (Swindon) and SKYSCAN in Worcester. Representation from BUFORA and CONTACT was also invited, and it was very pleasing to see BUFORA Chairman, Leslie Bayer, not only attend, but take a very active part in the proceedings. Graham Birdsall from Leeds will be reporting back to CONTACT on the meeting.

The meeting itself lasted four and a half hours and very thoroughly thrashed out an outline code. This consists of suggested responsibilities that the investigator should have to the witness, to the general public, and to Ufology as a whole. The proposals are to be further discussed by the individual organisations, and comments and new suggestions made where appropriate. In addition I shall be taking a discussion group at the BUFORA Congress in London where the outline code will be discussed. A further meeting of the joint working party has been set for Swindon in June when reactions from the networks and the outcome from the London congress will be considered. It is hoped that we shall be in a position to agree a code of practice at that time and to go on to discuss methods of application. This seems to require the setting up of a board of accreditation for investigators, jointly formulated by the networks and the national organisations. But that will come after the code is agreed.

Whilst there are inevitably some practical difficulties still to be sorted out, it is the desire of everyone involved that a mutual agreement is reached and we accept some kind of code. For the major UK Organisations to agree an ethical and an accreditation procedure for UFO investigators (presumably thereby being accredited onto a national list of such investigators) will be a tremendous step into the light, and a significant pointer for the rest of the world.

We are very hopeful at this stage that mutual cooperation, in this fashion, will prove of considerable benefit to Ufology in this country. NUFON and MAUFOG intend to continue this policy, and we shall also work with BHFORA and CONTACT wherever possible. These two organisations, as Britain's premier national societies, are essential elements of any agreement. Whilst there is a good deal we could do alone, any such moves would lack credibility and impact without the integral support of yourselves. Consequently we cannot avoid seeking the active cooperation of BUFORA and we believe that working together in this manner transcends all other considerations. I remain very optimistic about the future. There is no sense in acting in total isolation. If you have four horses all trying to pull a cart, even if they are superficially of different colours, does it not make sense to team them together and let them pull in one direction and in harness? Recognition of this fact seems to point us away from useless isolation, and steer us towards mutual cooperation.

notes:- (1) NUFON Files. 443 Meadow Lane, Nottingham NG2 3GB (SAE Please)
(2) NUFON 8 Whitethroat Walk, Birchwood, Warrington, Cheshire, WA3 6PQ
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LONDON LECTURES 1981/82.

Venue Kensington Central Library, commencing at 7 pm.

Sat. 7 November. 'The UFO Cover-up'. Rt. Hon. Earl of Clancarty.
chair, Norman Oliver, FRAS

Sat. 5 December. A G M followed by FILMS.

Sat. 9 January. 'Southern Stranger'. Omar Fowler. NISM.
chair, Richard Beet, MAIE(Dip), FRAS, FBIS.

Sat. 6 February. 'Substance and Shadow in the ETH'. Robert Morrell, BSc, FIS.
chair, Arnold West.

AMNESIA IN CLOSE ENCOUNTER WITNESSES

Moira McGhee

For many years Ufologists have constantly been plagued by the recurring problem of contactee witnesses suffering a complete lapse of memory regarding their experience. This particular facet of investigations has created many difficulties for the genuine investigator who wishes to present a credible and accurate report, but must resort to subjecting the witness to hypnotism in order to gain the necessary data regarding the sighting and/or encounter. All too frequently, information gained in this manner is disputed and ridiculed by the media and authorities, who are sceptical of the ability of any intelligence to erase a particular event from a person's conscious memory. If the conscious memory is erased, why not the subconscious also? Not only is the authenticity of the event queried, but the fear of psychic connotations cause many to disregard the investigation. If it were realised that it is within even our primitive human technology to perform exactly the same feat, perhaps more credence would be given to this category of reports.

Some years ago, scientists had established that DNA molecules form the genetic memory of our species. That initial discovery stimulated further interests and experiments into the storing process of individual memories and experiences, by means of RNA - Ribonucleic acids. Scientists soon determined that there is a definite differentiation between our long and short term memory. Although everything we see, hear, feel, sense and think is recorded as a molecular cipher in the form of protein structures in our cells, we cannot normally recall the majority of these experiences at a later date, as new information is retained only fleetingly by a change in the structure of our RNA, and has to be "recopied" on to more stable protein molecules in the course of the next few hours to become or remain a lasting memory.

Just as a violent concussion of the brain can prevent the transference of a fresh experience from the short to the long term memory, it was discovered that the same result could be achieved by an injection of puromycin, directly after an experience. The puromycin prevented the synthesis of protein in the ribosomes, so that the amino acids did not form into protein molecules as instructed by the RNA. In short, if we are able, by means of a simple injection, to prevent a person from storing a new experience in their long term memory, surely a more advanced intelligence or society should be able to achieve the same results by much more subtle and refined means.

The final proof, offered to us by the scientific community, that our witnesses may well be genuine, are the experiments that demonstrate that long forgotten details can be recalled by electronically stimulating certain sections of the brain, and that often hypnosis can obtain the same results.

Therefore, in the light of current knowledge, it is advantageous not only to investigate these particular cases with an open mind, but to pay more attention to the finer details of the witness recall under hypnosis, in order to determine what methods are being utilised to prevent the normal memory storage process.

B U F O R A L I M I T E D

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Sixth Annual General Meeting of BUFORA limited will be held at the Kensington Central Library, Campden Hill Road entrance, in the Lecture Theatre, at 7 p.m. on Saturday 5th December 1981, to receive the President's Address, the Chairman's Report, the Report of the Council of Management for the year ended 31st August 1981, the Report of the Auditor, the Accounts of the Treasurer, and to elect the Members of the Council for the following year and appoint the Auditor, according to the Articles of Association.

Signed on behalf of the Council of Management,

3 October 1981

MISS B D WOOD - Secretary

Please note that a Member entitled to attend and vote at this Meeting is entitled to appoint a proxy, who need not be a Member of the Company to attend and vote in his or her stead. Instruments of proxy must be lodged at the Company's Registered Office, 2 Malbury Court, Clarence Road, London N22, not less than forty-eight hours before the time appointed for the Meeting.

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

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SIXTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

on 6 December, 1981

A G E N D A

- 1 Notice convening the Meeting.
- 2 Minutes of Fifth Annual General Meeting.
- 3 President's Address.
- 4 Chairman's Report.
- 5 Treasurer's Report.
- 6 Director of Research's Report.
- 7 Adoption of the Report of the Council of Management, of the Report of the Auditor, and of the Accounts for the year ended 31 August, 1981.
- 8 Appointment of the Auditor and leave for Council to fix his remuneration.
- 9 Election of Directors to the Council of Management for the ensuing year.

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REPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT

for the twelve months ended 31st August, 1981

1. This report and the attached set of Accounts and Report of the Auditor cover the period from 1st September, 1980 to 31st August, 1981.
2. The attached balance sheet shows the state of the Company's affairs at 31st August, 1981. Please refer to the Treasurer's report.
3. The principal activities of the Company during the Financial Year have been to encourage promote and conduct unbiased scientific research of unidentified flying object (U.F.O.) phenomena throughout the United Kingdom, to collect and disseminate evidence relating to U.F.O.'s, and to co-ordinate U.F.O. research throughout the United Kingdom and to co-operate with others engaged with such work throughout the World.
4. The Membership of the Company at 31st August 1981 was 572 (1980 - 691). The Registered membership of the Company is 550. Council express their thanks to the Membership Secretary, Miss Pam Kennedy M.B.E., for her continued valued services through the year.
5. During the year BUFORA held 10 lectures at the Kensington Central Library in London, on the first Saturday of each month from September to June. The programme of talks covered many aspects of Ufology and were begun by an outstanding presentation of the LIVINGSTON close encounter in Scotland by R.I.C. Stuart Campbell.

Council express their gratitude to Mrs. Ann Harcourt who so ably put the programme together. Council also record their gratitude to Mr. R. Lindsay who takes tape recordings of all the lectures for the benefit of Members unable to attend the lectures.

6. BUFORA PUBLICATIONS Since the last A.G.M., three issues of the BUFORA Journal have been published under the Editorship of Norman Oliver. At The June Council meeting Mr. Oliver submitted his resignation as Editor, explaining that his present work load and working hours made it impossible for him to find time for producing the Journal. The Council accepted Mr. Oliver's resignation with regret and would like to place on record their appreciation for his devoted service as Editor of the Journal over the last 5 years (6½ years in total).

At the same meeting, the Council reluctantly had to accept that the Journal could not continue in its current form as finances could not continue to meet the high cost of almost £1,000 per issue. A lower cost publication, the BUFORA Bulletin, was first produced in September, thanks to the sterling work of Arnold West. It is our intention to publish the Bulletin more frequently than the Journal, and to work to the restoration of the Journal as soon as funds allow.

Thanks to Tony Pace and others like Richard Beet, the Journal of Transient Aerial Phenomena was published mid September, 1980 and in May, 1981 although the latter was not received by the Membership until August due to Editorial and printing delays.

During the year the 1979 International Congress proceedings were published

and a new Booklet entitled "An Introduction to BUFORA" was produced for the benefit of new and prospective members and the information of the press and other interested organisations.

Our thanks to the many members who have made contributions directly or indirectly to our pages and apologies to those whose submissions, for space or other reasons, we have not been able to include.

Responsibility for distribution of the Journal has again been in the hands of Mr. Arnold West, who also arranges the printing of BUFORA publications. His services are invaluable to BUFORA and much appreciated by the Council. Demand for the various publications continues satisfactorily.

7. CONFERENCES A meeting was held in Copenhagen during October, 1980 of the Provisional International Committee for UFO Research (PICUR). Peter Hill, Secretary of the Edinburgh branch, represented BUFORA and members of Federation UFO Research of Crewe also represented the U.K. At this meeting Peter Hill was elected 1st Chairman and Secretary of PICUR.

Another meeting took place in London the day before the 2nd London International Congress opened in May, 1981, at which delegates from Sweden, USA, Denmark, Italy, Spain Holland and Canada were assembled to further international co-operation in U.F.O. research.

The 2nd International Congress of BUFORA took place at the Mount Royal Hotel London on 24th and 25th May, 1981. The Congress was formally opened by Lord Kings Norton, President of BUFORA.

Possibly due to the recession, attendance at the Congress did not reach the level of the previous one, but some excellent papers were delivered covering various aspects of the UFO phenomena. Among the speakers were Bertil Kuhleman of Sweden, Charles Bowen, Editor of Flying Saucer Review, Bruce Maccabee of U.S.A., Stuart Campbell of Edinburgh Branch, David Haisell of Canada, Nigel Henbest, Joaquim Fernandes of Portugal, Bob Digby, Hilary Evans, Norman Oliver and Philippe Schneider of France.

Discussion Groups were led by Bob Morrell, Jenny Randles and Arnold West and Charles Lockwood jointly. 15 New Members were enrolled at the Congress. Nearly all Council Members made substantial contributions to the success of the Congress and the event was co-ordinated by BUFORA Chairman, Leslie Bayer. Council expresses its gratitude to Past President Tim O'Brien who so ably chaired the 2nd day of Congress proceedings, John Shaw, Official Photographer and all those members and helpers whose personal support contributed to the smooth running of events. The Association also warmly thanks Ailish Crossan and Nick Elgar of Grand Metropolitan Hotels for their close co-operation and support before and during the Congress.

RESEARCH Peter Hill, Edinburgh Branch, continues to maintain and process sighting reports on the Punched Card Analysis system. Bob Digby, S. Gamble and M. Ball are currently testing by a pilot run, a new computer based system which hopefully means that future BUFORA reports from a given date in 1982, will be processed via the new system. This has been designed to correlate with other European computer based data analysis techniques, thus enabling cross fertilization of findings.

During the year BUFORA were asked to provide an article on 'Electro-Magnetic Effects of U.F.O.'s on Vehicles', for the part work magazine 'The Unexplained'. This was duly supplied by Charles Lockwood of the Research Dept.

8. Consequent on Larry Dale's resignation from BUFORA in November 1980, Maureen Hall was asked to carry on the work of National Investigations Co-Ordinator whilst an examination of the previous structure and systems was put in hand. A National Investigation Committee has been formed which Maureen Hall will chair as Director of Investigations. Roy Rowlands and Bob Easton have agreed to serve on the N.I.C. Council wish to record their gratitude to Maureen Hall for her valued services during a difficult year of change.

In December, 1980 a pilot training seminar for Investigators was held at Bromley, S. London. Council recognise the need for adequate training of new investigators and a Training Officer is being sought.

1981 has proved another low report year so far with 27 sighting reports.

Council thanks all those Members who have investigated reports during the year and whose contribution to the Association is invaluable and much appreciated.

Thanks must also be recorded to Betty Wood, Secretary of the Association and Pam Kennedy M.B.E., Membership Secretary, for their continued help and support. Robin Lindsey continues to record the BUFORA lectures at Kensington Library and maintain the Tape Library. During December, 1980 the book lending library was an additional responsibility accepted by Robin and Council express their thanks for his continued support and services.

9. At the October 1980 Council Meeting, Lord Kings Norton, Engineer and Scientist, with a long association with flying machines, was elected President of BUFORA. At the January, 1981 Council Meeting, Arnold West was elected Vice Chairman of the Association. The following members constituted the Council of Management at 31st August, 1981:-

Mr. L.W. Bayer	Mr. L.E. Beer	Mr. N.T. Oliver	Mr. A. West
Mr. A.R. Pace	Mrs. M. Hall	Miss B.D. Wood	Mr. P. Hill
Mr. J. Spencer	Mr. S.J. Gamble	Mr. R. Lindsey	Mrs. S.A. Harcourt

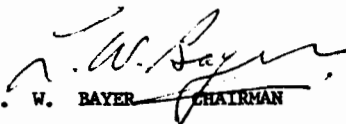
In addition, Bob Digby assisted the Council during the year.

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

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

Mr. A.R. Pace, Mr. N. Oliver, Mr. R. Lindsey, Miss B. Wood, who being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Signed on behalf of the Council of Management


L. W. BAYER CHAIRMAN

3rd October, 1981

TREASURER'S STATEMENT

The past year has been a financial struggle for Bufora. The Association had to overcome difficulties inherited from the previous year - overspending, excessive debts due, and no reserve of funds to start with.

Unpleasant but necessary measures were taken during that time: cost of membership rose, though taken over the past 5 years it has still risen less than the rate of inflation in that period. Attempts have been made to make the London Lecture programme self-financing so that those members in the country or abroad who could not attend were not being penalized in favour of the London membership. Non-members have been asked to pay a larger sum towards the costs. The Bufora Journal was discontinued - at least for the time being - and replaced by the more frequent Bulletin. It's lower unit costs are a benefit due only to the lower quality printing and paper, the quality of the articles has not been reduced.

These measures were effective. Our publications continue to be amongst the more highly thought-of in this field. Our lecture programme is the only regular series of organised London lectures in this field. And our finances, while still not healthy, are much improved. The loss for this year was substantially lower than last year's and there is every reason to believe that next year we can get our financial situation sound and healthy to give more funds to the publications side, more funds to Research and more to Investigation.

All of this is very important if your Association is to continue to lead the field of 'Ufology'.

J. L. Spencer ACA - Treasurer

REPORT OF THE AUDITOR TO THE MEMBERS OF BUFORA LIMITED

I have audited the attached Balance Sheet, Income and Expenditure account and notes in accordance with approved auditing standards.

In my opinion these accounts, which have been prepared under the Historical Cost Convention, give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs as at 31st. August 1981 and of the excess of expenditure over income for the year ended on that date, and comply with the Companies Act 1948 to 1980.

G. H. CONNOR
Chartered Accountant, London

5th September 1981

B U F O R A L I M I T E D
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st AUGUST, 1981.

	<u>£</u>	<u>1981</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>£</u>
FIXED ASSETS at net book value.			1		-
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	616			379	
Sundry Debtors and Prepaid expenses	635			694	
Cash at Bank	48			-	
	<u>1299</u>			<u>1073</u>	
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Sundry creditors	663			101	
Subscriptions paid in advance:					
General	1459			1230	
Life	251			316	
Bank overdraft	-			71	
Corporation tax: Previous years	91			22	
Current year	15			54	
	<u>2479</u>			<u>1794</u>	
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES			<u>(1180)</u>		<u>(721)</u>
			<u>(1179)</u>		<u>(721)</u>
REPRESENTED BY					
General Fund.					
Balance brought forward	(928)			68	
Excess of expenditure over income for the year	(337)			(996)	
GENERAL FUND DEFICIENCY			<u>(1265)</u>		<u>(928)</u>
Research Fund.					
Balance brought forward	207			257	
less: Research Grant	(157)			(50)	
RESEARCH FUND SURPLUS			<u>50</u>		<u>207</u>
CE III K Special Research Fund					
Transfer from donations in year	100				
less: Research Grant	(64)			-	
			<u>36</u>		<u>-</u>
			<u>(1179)</u>		<u>(721)</u>

Approved by the Council of Management 5th September 1981

L W BAYER

Chairman

J SPENCER

Treasurer

B U F O R A L I M I T E D

(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT - YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 1981

	<u>£</u>	<u>1981</u> <u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>1980</u> <u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
INCOME						
Subscriptions: Annual	3322			3290		
Life	<u>165</u>	3487		<u>104</u>	3394	
Publications sold	778			419		
less printing, postage	<u>(349)</u>	429		<u>(346)</u>	73	
Enrolment fees		60			-	
Donations	919			568		
less CEIIIK Special Research fund	<u>(100)</u>	819		—	568	
Training fees	60			-		
less training costs	<u>(21)</u>	39		-	-	
Bank Interest		37			135	
Sundry income		<u>180</u>	5051	<u>57</u>	4227	
EXPENDITURE						
Journal and J-TAP printing and distribution		3645		3755		
Research & Investigation	454			407		
less Research fund Grant	<u>(157)</u>			<u>(50)</u>		
less CEIIIK fund Grant	<u>(64)</u>			—	357	
		233				
Administration expenses		1272			755	
Sundry expenditure		4			20	
London Lecture costs	683			727		
less Receipts	<u>(519)</u>	164		<u>(502)</u>	225	
Honorarium to Auditor		40			57	
		<u>—</u>	5358	<u>—</u>	5169	
			<u>(307)</u>		<u>(942)</u>	
Add: Corporation tax @ 40% on Bank Interest		15			54	
Understatement in previous years		<u>15</u>	(30)	—	<u>(54)</u>	
EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME TRANSFERRED TO GENERAL FUND						
			<u>(337)</u>		<u>(996)</u>	

NOTES:

1. The Company is limited by Guarantee and in the event of winding up the liability of each member would be limited to £1.
2. Life subscriptions are credited to income at a rate equivalent to the current Annual Subscription.
3. Annual subscriptions are credited to income at a percentage equivalent to the balance of the year to 31st August. The remainder is carried forward.
4. Stocks are valued at estimated Net Realisable Value.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The year has been a worrying one as regards finance, a position no different from thousands of businesses and associations everywhere, but inhibiting the Council doing some of the things we know the Members wish to see happen.

It is strange that a few Association members automatically expect and receive annual increases in their income and yet simultaneously expect no or only derisory increases in the annual subscription.

Under the guidance of John Spencer, we have halved the loss made by the Association last year, but as the Accounts clearly demonstrate, have again operated at a loss. From 1st September, 1981, the BUFORA subscription is £10 per annum and the Council thereafter expect to operate on a firm basis without constant financial difficulties.

Unfortunately our application for a grant from the Royal Society towards the costs of a scientific research programme were turned down. To all those members and friends who made donations to the Association - we warmly thank them - for their practical help has been invaluable in these difficult times.

The 2nd London International Congress was the major event of this past year, presenting a great deal of work to Members of Council and other active colleagues. The occasion gave us the opportunity of not only having stronger links with ufologists and other groups overseas - it enabled us to welcome others in the U.K., outside our Membership and listen to their contribution and their views - as we should in fulfilment of our published aims.

The Congress was not a drain on the Association's resources, and indeed the additional publications sold, made a satisfactory contribution to reducing the losses elsewhere.

BUFORA has been present with other groups in meetings to determine a satisfactory Code of Ethics/Practice which it is considered should be adhered to by all investigators.

The Council is shortly expected to confirm BUFORA's support for such a Code which recognises the responsibilities an investigator has to the witness and the Public at large.

Various discussions are now going on which should result in a more selective approach in the appointment of new investigators and training assistance. A meeting of all R.I.C.'s is imminent to improve organisation and general standards.

Finally, I did ask in my last annual report for Members to make 1 new Member each for the Association. Few if any, did anything! If only every-one, including you, would only make one new member for the Association (as a Christmas present if you like) then there need be no subscription increase in 1982.


L. W. BAYER

MINUTES OF THE FIFTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF BUFORA LIMITED

held on Saturday, 6 December 1980 at Kensington Central Library,
Campden Hill Road, London, W8 at 7 pm.

The meeting opened with approximately 38 members present.

1. The Secretary read the Notice convening the Meeting.
 2. Apologies for absence had been received from the President, Lord Kings Norton, Dr.G.G.Doel and Messrs. N.Oliver and E.Barnett.
 3. The Minutes of the previous Meeting, having already been circulated, were approved by the members and signed by the Chairman.
 4. Mr. L.W.Bayer (Chairman) said that Lord Kings Norton had sent his apologies for not being able to be present. He hoped however to be able to attend the International BUFORA Congress in May 1981.
- 5.i) The Chairman updated his Report, which had already been published with the AGM papers. He stated that the most serious problem facing BUFOPA was the reduction in funds. The position was very difficult but the Council were taking necessary steps to improve matters. Any donations from members and friends would be warmly welcomed. At the same time he thanked all the generous people who made donations during the past year. He appealed to all present to bring in new members to BUFORA.
 - ii) Referring to his published Report, the Chairman mentioned that Mr. Peter Hill is the Secretary, not the Chairman, of the Edinburgh Branch.
 - iii) Mr. Larry Dale had resigned from the role of National Investigations Co-ordinator and there was the possibility that the Training Course for Investigators would have to be cancelled, but fortunately volunteers from the Council, and other colleagues, intended to hold this as planned.
 - iv) The Library Service had now been taken over by Mr. R.Lindsey, and would be incorporated with the Tape Service. The Chairman, on behalf of the Council, thanked Janet and Colin Andrews for their past services in running the Library Service.
 - v) A great deal of work was in progress for the International Congress next year. Three important overseas speakers had so far committed themselves to speak at the Congress, and others were in negotiation. Mr.Charles Bowen of Flying Saucer Review and Mr. Stuart Campbell would be amongst those speaking.
 - vi) The Chairman concluded his Report by saying that he hoped members had found this a satisfactory Report.
 - vii) Finally, he ended on a sad note in having to report the recent deaths of Captain Ivar Mackay and Mr. John Cleary Baker, both of whom had contributed so much to BUFORA specifically and to the subject of ufology generally.

- 6.1) The Treasurer's Report was given by the Chairman. He explained that Mr.W.Grunau, the previous Treasurer, had resigned due to a change of job that meant living in the United States. The financial situation presented a depressing picture of income decreasing and outgoings such as printing charges, distribution, postage and other administrative costs increasing. It was obvious that new sources of income must be sought.
- ii) One such item which must be investigated is that of entrance fees. Also BUFORA has always provided free refreshments, but now it is felt that a nominal charge of 10p for these, whilst far below the going rate, would at least help to regain the cost of providing refreshments.
- iii) Mr. Bayer went on to say that he was reluctant to ask the new Treasurer to speak as he had not yet been officially elected and had also not so far been involved.
- 7.1) The Report of the Director of Research had already been circulated. Mr. Pace did however mention that an Editorial Board had been established for the Journal of Transient Aerial Phenomena (JTAP), with Mr.Richard Beet as Editor in Chief.
- ii) The Provisional International Committee for UFO Research promises a great deal for the future in international co-operation. There has been a further meeting in Denmark, attended by Mr.Peter Hill. The Committee is meeting again at the BUFORA Congress in May 1981.
- iii) Due to financial limitations publications are necessarily sometimes rather slow in appearing. The latest is the Vehicle Interference Project, hopefully followed in the reasonably near future by the Radar Report Catalogue. This again depends on whether funds are available. The Livingston case is another example which would make an excellent case study.
- 8.1) Adoption of the Report of the Council of Management, Report of the Auditor and the Accounts for the year ended 1980, August 31.
- ii) There were two errors on the first page under Item 7, Research Activities under the Direction of Tony Pace : 3rd line: This should read: "...PICUR had hoped to convene a second meeting" and not BUFORA.
3rd para. 1st line, should read: "The next meeting of PICUR is scheduled..." and not PICUFOR.
Subject to the above amendments, it was proposed and seconded that the meeting should adopt the Report of the Council of Management, Report of the Auditor and the set of Accounts. The Resolution was carried unanimously.
9. Appointment of Auditor.
Due to the proposed new Treasurer living in London, it would be practical to engage an auditor also living nearby. Therefore it has been arranged for Messrs. G.H.Connor to act as Auditor to the Association, subject to the approval of members. Messrs. Connor were willing to act in this capacity and the proposed new Treasurer, Mr.J.Spencer, A.C.A., has already been instrumental in negotiating the agreement at a lower fee than we have paid in the immediate past.

It was therefore proposed and seconded that Messrs. Connor be appointed as Auditor. The Resolution was carried unanimously.

10. Mr.Dale and Mr. Lockwood were not standing for re-election although Mr.S.Gamble has signified his willingness to stand. It was therefore proposed and seconded and carried unanimously that Mr.S.Gamble be re-elected to the Council.

There are three vacancies on the Council. The Chairman then detailed the work done by Mrs.Maureen Hall, who had acted as Secretary to Mr.Larry Dale. He explained that the whole structure of the Investigations Network was being examined and a subcommittee had been formed for this purpose, one of whose members would be Mrs. Hall. The position of N.I.C. was also being studied and while there were no immediate plans to appoint a new N.I.C., Mrs.Hall had agreed to carry on with her normal work until such time as the position had been clarified. It was therefore considered essential that she be offered a place on the Council.

It was proposed that Mr.P.Hill take a place on the Council. Mr. Hill, Secretary of the Edinburgh Branch, is at present Chairman of the Provisional International Committee.

It had been previously mentioned that Mr.J.P.Spencer, A.C.A., was willing to undertake the position of Treasurer.

It was proposed and seconded from the floor that these three nominations be accepted. The Resolution was carried unanimously. There was now a full complement of 12 members on the Council.

Mr. C.Lockwood, who is undertaking research work, has been co-opted to the Editorial Board of JTAP.

11. Mr.Bayer said he was happy to announce that Miss Pamela Kennedy, the Subscriptions Secretary, had been awarded the M.B.E. for services to the Crown.
12. Two suggestions were made from the floor, as follows:
 - 1) That regular raffles should be held as fund-raisers.
 - 2) That meetings be held earlier so that people from outlying districts could leave in time to catch trains home.The Chairman promised that this would be discussed at a future Council meeting.

Mr. C.A.E.O'Brien, C.B.E., Past President, then rose to thank the Chairman and members of the Council for their services during the past year.

This concluded the Company business. The Chairman thanked members for attending and closed the meeting.

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Over the past few years there has been a greater interest in pre-1947 UFO sightings. Unfortunately useful articles and publications on this subject quickly go out of print, and emanate from such a wide variety of sources that they easily elude our grasp. In an attempt to rectify this situation, and to speed up my neglected correspondence with fellow researchers, I've decided to circulate this bulletin on an irregular basis. Basically my intention is to publicise and review relevant factual and fictional material on pre-1947 UFO sightings. Though there will be a bias towards the mystery 'airship' sightings made approximately at the turn of the century, mainly because this is the main area of my attention at present.

In future I'd particularly like to compile listings of 'airship' articles contained in FSR, Magonia and other journals. If you have a complete run of any UFO journal and would like to compile similar listings, or if you wish to supply any contributions to this bulletin, I'd be very pleased to hear from you.

To launch this issue the short story 'Horror of the Heights' by Arthur Conan Doyle serves to remind us that fictional and factual material have a bearing on our studies. The story first appeared in The Strand Magazine, November 1913, and revolves around a tattered and bloodstained manuscript which was found near the wreckage of a crashed monoplane. The owner and pilot of the aircraft, Mr. Joyce-Armstrong, had literally disappeared from the face of our planet.

The manuscript, known as the Joyce-Armstrong Fragment, reveals how its author began to suspect that 'There are jungles of the upper air, and there are worse things than tigers which inhabit them. I believe in time they will map these jungles accurately out.' His fears were raised by the discovery of crashed aircraft minus their pilots, and in one instance a Lieutenant Myrtle, R.N., who had attempted a height record, was found in his wrecked machine, minus his head. Joyce-Armstrong believed that aerial jungles existed high above such districts as Pau-Biarritz, France; Wiltshire, England; and Homburg-Wiesbaden, Germany.

In order to confirm his suspicions, Joyce-Armstrong, armed with a shotgun, flew upwards into the 'jungle' which resides above the landscape of Wiltshire. At a height of 41,000 feet, he saw something like 'a jelly-fish such as sails in our summer seas, bell-shaped and of enormous size - far larger, I should judge, than the dome of St. Paul's. It was of a light pink colour veined with a delicate green, but the whole huge fabric so tenuous that it was but a fairy outline against the dark blue sky. It pulsed with a delicate and regular rhythm. From it there depended two long, drooping, green tentacles, which swayed slowly backwards and forwards. This gorgeous vision passed gently with noiseless dignity over my head, as light and fragile as a soap-bubble, and drifted upon its stately way.' Following this came a fleet of hundreds more of these 'argosies of the sky' which were slightly smaller than the first.

The real 'horror of the heights' were 'the serpents of the outer air. These were long, thin, fantastic coils of vapour-like material, which turned and twisted with great speed, flying round and round at such a pace that the eyes could hardly follow them.' They were 20 or 30 feet long, and had 'two vast, shadowy, circular plates upon either side, which may have been eyes, and a perfectly solid white projection between them which was as curved and cruel as the beak of a vulture.'

One of these 'serpents' paced the aircraft, and shot long tentacles at the machine, fortunately Joyce-Armstrong warded the monster off with his shot-gun and was able to return to his home base. But a few days later he went into the upper atmosphere again in order to obtain a sample of these creatures and prove to humanity the perils that float above us. This time his mission failed, and all we have left is the fragment of his manuscript and the wreckage of his aircraft.

This story is even more interesting when we consider that at the time some people seriously thought that such monsters had been observed by aviators, perhaps Conan Doyle had read of such legends and based his story on them? One day I'll write a more detailed article on this theme. Please address all communications to: Nigel Watson, Westfield Cottage, Crowle Bank Road, Althorpe, South Humberside, DN17 3HZ.

BOOK REVIEW

Casebook of a UFO Investigator

Raymond E. Fowler

Prentice-Hall International. April 1981. 246pp £7.10 cloth £3.85 paper.

A former chairman of NICAP (National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena): Massachusetts State Director for MUFON (Mutual UFO Network) and an associate investigator for CUFOS (Center for UFO Studies), Raymond Fowler is an investigator of high quality and experience, and this comes over strongly in his latest book. That he can write in an interesting and popular manner is a bonus.

An extremely wide range of UFO investigations - many by the author himself - is presented and covered from 1947 to the present day. What I particularly like about the presentation is that whilst the full range of mis-reports and misidentifications is included, the author does not attempt to disguise or diffuse, or explain away the residue - the substantial residue - of reports of solid craft, alien contact and abductions: his chapter 'Consistent Characteristics of Real UFOs' is an object lesson to many of the woollier-minded researchers who plague Ufology.

Full notes and references are to be found at the end of each chapter and a selected bibliography is included together with a comprehensive index.

When you've read this book you feel that here is a ufologist who is actually trying to find the answer to the UFO problem, NOT, as has been common in recent years, one who channels the enigma into so many different directions that it becomes a delta of mud! Buy it! Read it! Enjoy it!

T. Huntington
July 1981

C O R R E S P O N D A N C E

Dear Editor,

Having been a member and ardent supporter of BUFORA Ltd for about a dozen years or so and having represented the Association as an Area Investigator and R.I.C. (the position which I currently hold), I feel that I should briefly outline my feelings regarding the "state of the art" in this country.

As far as I can ascertain there are two main investigational bodies currently at work in Britain, namely BUFORA Ltd and UFOIN (I will not bring in Contact UK as their investigational team seems relatively few in number).

I think we are all aware of the difficulties that have faced BUFORA with the recruitment and training of "competent" investigators. The number of suitably "qualified" investigators at present in the field acting on behalf of BUFORA is very small indeed, the bulk being made up of indifferent "hobbyists". I have not time to elaborate but enclose a copy of my recent findings and recommendations which outline some of the problems.

Although BUFORA is an Association with prestige, resources, personnel of high intellectual standing, evaluation expertise, advanced data storage capability and issues high quality publications, unfortunately it lets itself down badly in the Investigational field. Although efforts have been made to improve this vital area, very little seems to have been accomplished, hence the pioneering by former BUFORA Council member Jenny Randles, of UFOIN in 1977.

The formation of this freelance team heralded the much needed improvement in British investigational standards and the quality reporting of the important "high strangeness" cases were universally acclaimed, being well represented in the international "Flying Saucer Review". UFOIN also made the important step of paying little heed to the time wasting, mundane 'LITS' type 'sightings' which had filled the files of other organisations. Due in no small way to the hard work and respect that UFOIN secretary Jenny Randles generated, the team drew many of the country's leading investigators under its umbrella of excellence.

Although UFOIN is very successful and has vastly improved British investigational and report compiling standards it is not a membership organisation and therefore does not seem to be in such an advantageous position as BUFORA to pursue the various avenues of evaluation and the subsequent publication of findings.

So here we have a very strange state of affairs - on the one hand we have BUFORA, almost scientifically 'respectable' lacking only in a good dedicated team of investigators and on the other, UFOIN possessing that missing 'part'. I would suggest therefore, that thought be given by the BUFORA Council and UFOIN members to a possible affiliation or 'merger' of ideals, for the future benefit of UFO research in this country.

Perhaps we could encourage comment on this.

Yours sincerely,
Bob Easton RIC - Area
Billericay, Essex.
June 1981

Dear Editor,

I have just come back from Norway, where I had a very pleasant time attending NUFOC's annual get-together in a lovely spot by the sea, presenting a paper for which I was thanked with a celebratory beer-mug inscribed with their insignia - is there an idea there for BUFORA?

I met many sympathetic Norwegian ufologists, and though in some ways they suffer from their geographical and linguistic isolation, they were all very enthusiastic and have ambitious plans. Their bias is towards the technological side, and I promised to put one of them, a young engineer, in touch with opposite numbers over here. So I wonder if you could fit into your journal some such piece as the following:

Hans-Kurt Karlsen, a young engineer member of Norway's Norsk UFO Center, is developing a magnetic field detector for UFOs: I saw a prototype in impressive action at this year's NUFOC Conference, and he has a technical leaflet available on it. The text is in Norwegian, but the technical parts are of course international. He would very much like to compare notes with any BUFORA member working in the same field, so please write (he speaks perfect English) to:
Hans-Kurt Karlsen, Roedeloekka 5A, N-1750 Halden, Norway.

All good wishes.

Hilary Evans, London

July 1981

AWARD at BUFORA INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS 1981

FUFOR AWARDS GRANT TO INTERNATIONAL UFO JOURNAL

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) -- The Fund for UFO Research has awarded a cash grant to the publishers of UFO Phenomena International Annual Review (UPIAR), the only international journal devoted to a scientific examination of Unidentified Flying Objects.

The presentation was made at the International UFO Congress in London by the Chairman of the Fund for UFO Research, Dr. Bruce Maccabee.

"For years, UFO research has suffered from the lack of a reputable referred journal in which to publish results of data analyses of UFO investigations and research," said Dr. Maccabee, a physicist.

"However, since 1976, an Italian group (Comitato Nazionale Indipendente Per Lo Studio Dei Fenomeni Aerei Anomali) has been publishing the world's first scientific referred journal on the UFO phenomenon. This effort merits the support of the fund for UFO Research," he said.

The Fund for UFO Research is a scientific non-profit organization which channels contributions from the public into UFO research and education projects. Earlier this year, the Fund announced a grant of \$1,000 for the best published UFO research in 1981. The grant, in the name of Dr. Alvin H. Lawson, will be made in the Spring of 1982.

For more information on the UPIAR journal, write to the Fund for UFO Research, P. O. Box 277, Mt. Rainier, MD 20822, or to UPIAR c/o Editecs Publishing House, P.O. Box 190 - 40100 Bologna, Italy.

BRIEF REPORTS

Ref. 1981/7. Inv. A Bramhill.
Wit. Mr Unsworth, Lancashire.
Date. 9-2-81. Time. 20-45 GMT.

While travelling in a friends car, the witness saw a bright light moving across the sky. They stopped the car, and both jumped out. They watched the object hover for about thirty seconds, it commenced moving, slowly at first, then rapidly departing. The whole incident lasted about one minute. Both witnesses said afterwards that they felt they were 'being watched'.

E.R.W.

Ref. 1980/90 Inv. M Hall (Mrs)
Wit. Mr T Sewell.
Date. 6-12-80.

Looking through his bungalow window, the witness saw a bright cylindrical shaped object in the sky. Telling his wife, he picked up his binoculars and went outdoors for a better look. Mr Sewell described the object as a long narrow rectangle, surrounded by a bright yellow glow, and so large that he had to move the binoculars to scan it completely. Mr Sewell watched as it moved away, and disappeared behind behind a railway bridge.

E.R.W.

Ref. 1980/93. Inv. E Morris.
Wit. Mrs M Preston. Saltash, Cornwall.
Date. 27-12-80. Time. 06-15 GMT.

The witnesses dogs were restless, and on attending to them, she saw what appeared to be a bright star in the south. On observing further, Mrs Preston saw that it was changing colour, from orange to red, and to orange again, and seemingly rotating within itself. On first sight the object had been in a SW direction, it moved silently across the sky, and after two or three minutes disappeared in the SE. The morning was fine, clear and cold, with the stars still shining brightly.

A.W.

Ref. 1979/257. Inv. Eric Morris.
Wit. Julian Wallis (12) Devon.
Date. 21-10-79. Time. 22-00 GMT.

The witness and a friend were standing together outdoors, when they saw a 'jet shaped' white object in the North Westerly sky (sketch shows shape similar to swift or house-martin, without tail). The object flew an undulating path, on one occasion descending to about ten feet before regaining its previous height. It then disappeared towards the North East. There were no lights on the object, which was completely silent.

E.R.W.

REF. 79/259. Inv. S Cleaver.
Wit. Mr R Clarke. Leycett, Staffs.
Date. 11-1-79. Time. 1620 GMT.

The witness, an amateur artist, was outdoors at his place of work, the weather was clear and cold. He glanced upwards and saw a long slim horizontal object moving from right to left, a little above the full moon, nearly brushing its upper edge. The object was watched for about thirty seconds, and appeared to glow a bright orange/red. The light was steady, and no trail was visible.

E.R.W.

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