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As a consequence, my first-hand knowledge of its proceedings is nil, and I am leaving it to others more qualified than I to give their comments and appraisals in future Journals.

Without doubt, however, its main aim—one not on the agenda—was achieved. The aim? To ensure that attendance figures would be high and that researchers from many other countries would participate so that The First London International UFO Congress would truly be the First—the First of many. A near-capacity attendance which included delegates from 18 overseas countries, has realised this aim and made certain that international ‘get-togethers’ of a similar high standard, as well as ‘mini-conferences’ of a more specialised nature, will be held in conjunction with Grand Metropolitan Hotels in future years. Well done Bufora and all those who devoted so many hours to contributing to its success.

Norman Oliver.

Editorial

Aim Achieved

A combination of circumstances which included a Third World ‘bug,’ compelled me to miss out on the Congress when I returned from a six-week stay in Nigeria at the end of August.

Kensington Lecture Meetings

1979

Sat, 8 December 7 pm Annual General Meeting. To be followed by talk from Ruth Rees, Contact International President.

1980

*Sat, 5 January 7 pm ‘Extra-terrestrial Life.’ Speaker: Ian Ridpath.
Sat, 2 February 7 pm ‘Satellites and UFOs.’ Speaker: Neville Byford.
Sat, 1 March 7 pm ‘UFOs and Apparitions.’ Speaker: Richard Phillips.*

All meetings are held in the Lecture Theatre of Kensington Central Library, Campden Hill Road, London W8, opposite High Street Kensington Underground Station.

'Space-ape Hunt'

. . . . Or so ran the headline in the *Kent Evening Post* of 2 April 1979. A claimed sighting of 'a silver-suited figure' at Sheppey, Kent on 22 March, the incident was investigated by *Valerie Martin* on behalf of *Bufora*. The witness was Mr Frank Rossien of Sheppey and extracts from the investigator's report read as follows:

"Mr Rossien is of Dutch extraction but has been brought up in this country. He is an intelligent working-class man with forthright views and reads widely. He knew little about UFOs and did not appear to have heard about silver-suited figures being seen in other parts of the country over the last two years or so

"The figure did not have long arms like an ape—it was its curious loping walk that made it appear chimp-like and unusual, because it was going down a bank which he thought an ordinary person would have difficulty in negotiating in the dark. He suddenly picked up the figure in his car headlights and hardly had a chance to slow down before he had passed it. The suit and 'helmet' were in one-piece, no joints visible at all and it was not luminous. The head, from the back three-quarter view he had of it, was rounded, and flat on top like a tin can. There was no neck and no join between head and shoulders. There was just a suggestion of some sort of 'visor' but he did not see the figure full face The head appeared to be rather small in comparison with the body, but its back seemed rather broad, giving it a stocky appearance. It appeared to be male The witness

did not notice the feet and could remember nothing about the hands. It was clean, no mud on its legs, perhaps unusual considering the terrain and that it had been a showery day

"The sighting was on the Isle of Sheppey along Sheppey Way, and all the witnesses (others phoned the police but are proving difficult to trace), saw the figure on the left hand side of the road as they were travelling north. The road is the sole route between Sheppey and the Kent mainland and is fairly busy all the time There is no lighting along this part and only one building, a farmhouse, 300 yards from the other side of the road along a track. "The area consists of marshes with sheep grazing in places. There are few trees other than some poplars lining the road further on. There are many water-filled ditches, streams and waterlogged fields. There is a railway line about half a mile away and a line of pylons further on. The sighting occurred between the two, approximately a mile from the Kingsferry Bridge. Sheppey Way is raised above the surrounding country

"This phenomenon occurred on the same evening as a UFO report of a red light with white lights revolving around it, seen at 9 pm was made to *Bufora* by a couple who were travelling in the opposite direction along Sheppey Way on the mainland: this UFO was first seen in the direction of Sittingbourne and appeared to pace their car most of the way to London."

Investigations are continuing.

Bufora would like to acknowledge assistance received from the **Merseyside UFO Investigation Team** and looks forward to future co-operation.

Report—Extra!

Presented by Norman Oliver

The Llanerchymedd Report

Accounts of incidents from Llanerchymedd, Anglesey were featured in Journal Vol 8, No 1. These accounts were the subject of intensive investigation by FUFOR—Federation UFO Research of Crewe—and it is with pleasure that I present a (slightly) condensed report of their researches in the area. My thanks to FUFOR and UFO INSIGHT editor Mark Tyrell for permission to re-produce much of their Llanerchymedd Report in these pages. It was felt that the Report lent itself neither to drastic summarising nor to serialisation, but basically should be presented as prepared by FUFOR. This has meant the postponement of other reports which will now appear in the next Journal.—Ed.

Introduction

This report is an account of the FUFOR investigation, with the assistance of Martin Keatman, into the UFO sightings which took place on 1 to 3 September 1978 in the vicinity of the town of Llanerchymedd, Anglesey, Gwynedd, N Wales. The report results from three 'on-site' investigations and several months of follow-up work.

The first indication that something unusual had occurred in the Llanerchymedd area came from several Sunday newspapers on 3.9.78, which sported such ludicrous headlines as '6ft silver-suited spacemen chase cows.' By this time, several witnesses had given their accounts of the incidents on Welsh TV and Radio. It was at this stage that FUFOR decided to investigate the case in depth. Prior to the investigation, FUFOR contacted Anthony Pace of *Bufora*, to try to ascertain the names and addresses of the witnesses. He then contacted Larry Dale, *Bufora* NIC, who obtained the relevant information, plus a brief rundown of the incidents. At this point, Martin Keatman became involved in the case and decided to undergo a joint investigation with FUFOR.

Llanerchymedd

Llanerchymedd lies at a point just north of the centre of the island of Anglesey. It can be reached by turning off the A5 onto the A5114 to Llangefni and then continuing on the B5111. This leads directly to Llanerchymedd, the road joining the B5112 in the town centre. A small rural township surrounded by a seemingly endless vista of undulating farmland, it has only two main streets—the B5111 and B5112 which are lined by quite old buildings. The main scenario of this report, the Maes Athen estate, is quite a recent development. Just to the west of the town lies the Bangor to Amlwch railroad which borders onto the scene of the incidents.

About 1½ miles north-west lies the Alaw Reservoir whilst approx eight miles to the south-west is the airfield at Tywyn Trewan. The area is not without historical interest, as four miles to the west of Llanerchymedd lies the village of Llandeusan which, tradition has it, is the site of the grave of Branwen, heroine of the 14th century Welsh epic—*THE MABINOGION*.

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The Investigations

Investigations began on Tuesday, 5 September 1978, when a team comprised of *FUFOR* members, together with Martin Keatman (*Ufora Staffs*) set off for Anglesey. En route, the investigators checked with Colwyn Bay Police Headquarters to ascertain the depth of the police investigation into the sightings. They were told that any details would be given to them by the local police in Colwyn Bay: these were contacted but could give no details of the Llanerchymedd sightings, although several of their police officers had seen something unusual the same evening, but '*they had been told that they were meteors*'! Apparently the officers who went to the scene of the Llanerchymedd incidents were from Amlwch several miles to the north of Llanerchymedd itself.

It was decided at this point to go directly to Llanerchymedd, contact with the police to be made at the earliest convenient time. On arrival at the sighting area, it was agreed the first priority should be to ascertain if the object seen had landed, and if so, whether there were any traces.

A number of witnesses came forward to show the investigators the area where the UFO had apparently landed, and armed with this knowledge, they immediately undertook an examination. Since the initial sighting on 1 September there had been heavy rainfall and high winds. Although much of the surrounding terrain was rough grazing land, there were a number of fields which were rather marshy. A number were also used by cattle, and this, combined with adverse weather conditions since the sightings, made the chance of finding any traces rather remote. It was also found that since the sightings, several of the fields had

been cut, which added to the problems of the examination.

In some of the uncut fields the grass stood ten inches tall and it was in one such field that flattened areas of grass were found. On closer inspection, it was concluded that these particular areas were possibly caused by:

- (a) The recent adverse weather conditions, or
- (b) Low flying helicopters—possibly a combination of both.

Possibility (b) is discussed in more detail later. No other traces were found apart from areas of flattened grass and several unusual indentations in the soil probably caused by varying species of animal life. Even had the object landed, the possibility of finding traces of such an occurrence, when weighed against these factors would be remote, to say the least, and it was unfortunate that a detailed examination of the area was not undertaken until four days after the sighting. Although the police were on the scene of the incident shortly after 9 pm on the evening of 1 September, no examination of the area was undertaken. After *FUFOR's* examination of the area concerned, it was concluded that if the object had landed and left any traces, these would have been eroded by the weather and the period of time that had elapsed before investigators were on the scene.

For various reasons—mainly the time factor—*FUFOR* had to limit the time spent examining the local terrain. Once the investigators were satisfied there had been as thorough examination of the area as possible, they interviewed the relevant witnesses. The incidents are set out in time sequence, commencing with:

Date: Friday, 1 September 1978.

Location: Llanerchymedd.

Time: 17.30/18.00 hours BST.

Witnesses: Mrs Helen Roberts and Mrs Glynwin Hughs (aged 44 & 46).

Mrs Roberts and Mrs Hughs were taking their dogs for a walk on the outskirts of Llanerchymedd when they noticed the strange appearance of the sky, the whole of which seemed to be coloured red: the atmosphere was very heavy and the area quieter than usual. They then noticed what appeared to be a strange looking cloud. This they described as being roughly circular in shape, black at the bottom and white on top. They thought it unusual because it was the only cloud in that part of the sky and also because of its very peculiar appearance. They watched the object for thirty minutes as it slowly drifted away out of view.

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Date: Friday, 1 September, 1978.

Location: Llanerchymedd.

Time: 20.00 hours BST.

Witness: Mrs Betty Owen (aged 30).

Mrs Owen was told by a neighbour to come outside and look at a strange object in the sky. On going outside, Mrs Owen saw what appeared to be a 'silver ball.' She watched the object, which was at an elevation of 25° to the north-east, for five minutes or more, then finally went back into her home.

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Date: Friday, 1 September, 1978.

Location: Maes Athen Estate, Llanerchymedd.

Time: 20.00 hours BST.

Witness: Elian Williams (aged 12).

Elian was playing with several friends in a field leading onto the rear of the Estate, when he noticed what appeared

to be a strange light in the sky. First seen at an elevation of 75° at a south-easterly bearing, it was circular and emitted a bright light from its surface area. As the object descended, the light first intensified slightly, growing in apparent size, then returned to its original size and magnitude. It was last seen at the same bearing but at a much lower elevation. At this point, the witness became apprehensive and made haste home. Cattle in the next field seemed very disturbed.

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Date: Friday, 1 September, 1978.

Location: Maes Athen Estate, Llanerchymedd.

Time: 20.15 hours BST.

Witness: David Mark Hesketh (aged 12)

David Hesketh is probably the main witness of the Llanerchymedd sightings. Although of tender years, his account of the sightings remained fluent and consistent throughout the investigations.

David claims that he and some friends were playing football on the Estate when one of them drew his attention to a strange light apparently descending onto fields behind the Estate. His initial impression was of a helicopter about to land, but its lights were unlike any others he had seen previously on helicopters. David ran to a gate leading onto the fields to have a closer look, all the time keeping the object in view. From this vantage point he could see the object more clearly. It was still descending very slowly and at this point was at an elevation of 17° due south. Described as bullet-shaped, it was a bright white except for a glowing red band around its perimeter. Witness also noticed a series of red lights running across the breadth of the object. As it

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neared ground level, more detail could be seen and David noticed two protrusions—one on each side of the craft.

Now feeling apprehensive, David discussed with his friends what to do, losing his concentration on the object's movements. When he looked again, it was near ground level (4° elevation), but the most surprising factor was that it seemed a different shape. David described it as two circles of light, the inner a dull red and surrounded by the outer circle which was a brilliant white. The perimeter of this outer circle was emitting a red glow.

The object was now very close to ground level, dropping behind a small group of trees which completely blocked David's view. Although they were over half-a-mile away, David claimed he saw the branches on the trees shaking violently. At this point some of David's friends ran for their parents and other youngsters to ask their opinion on what was happening.

David could hear no noise from the object, but cattle and horses in the surrounding fields seemed extremely disturbed by something. Apparently several cattle fled from one field to another, but David could not see the cause of the disturbance.

Strange Figures

It was now 20.21 hours. David had just decided to go home to his mother when, to his right, he noticed two strange figures walking across the field in which he was standing. Both were estimated to be six feet-plus tall, and were dressed in what appeared to be one-piece suits. In David's words: "*I first saw the two strange men at 8.21 pm: they were walking in the field that I was in. They were only 125 yards away and walked in a parallel path to me, one behind the other, the second figure being 10-15 feet behind the*

first. They seemed to be very tall although I could not make out the lower half of their legs, hands or head, this was because darkness was now closing in."

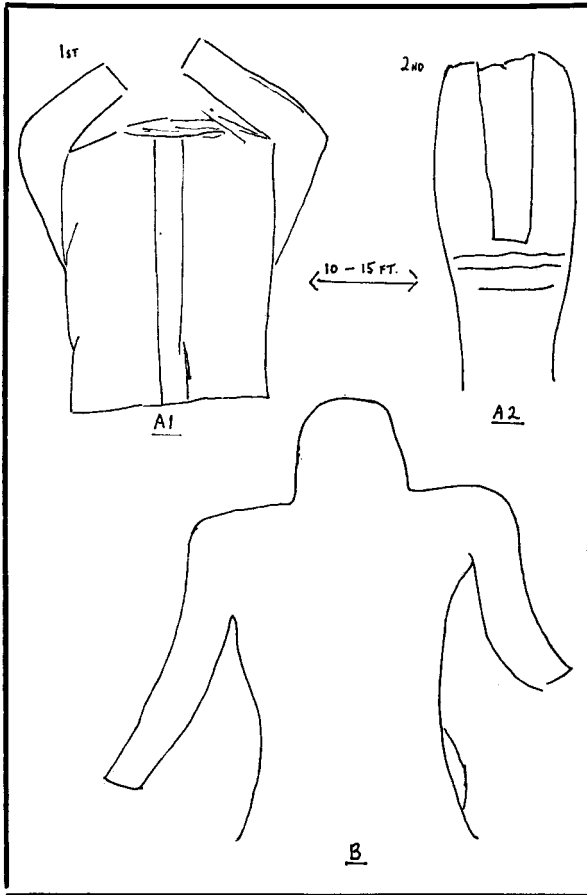
After this information was ascertained, David then showed the investigators the route they had taken.

Description of the figures

Only torso and arms of the first figure could be seen due to the worsening visibility. The central part of the figure was grey except for a black band running vertically down the back and a bright red band running horizontally just above the waist. Both arms were black, but no hands, head or legs could be seen.

The second figure was viewed sideways on from the knees upward. Once again the head and hands could not be seen. It was dressed in a one-piece garment coloured grey all over except for a fuzzy white band which ran horizontally across the side of the figure, just above the waist. David also claimed he noticed the material was wrinkled at the waist.

Both figures walked slowly across the field, one behind the other. David claimed the first one had both arms raised above where its head would be, although he could make out no details of the head itself. He claims the first figure was shaking its arms from side to side, and at this point he shouted to them and waved his arm, but there was no response. A few seconds later the figures turned to their right and started to walk down a slight incline leading to the lower boundary of the field. The second figure seemed to walk very stiffly with its arms by its side. After about eight seconds, they could no longer be seen as they had gone into a dip between two fields and the light was fading. It is estimated the two figures walked fifty to sixty yards in



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A1 & A2—
Sketch by Mark Hesketh of first figure (A1), followed by second figure 10-15 feet behind (A2).

B—
Sketch by Mrs P Owen of one of the three figures claimed to have been seen.

2½ minutes: if David's observations were accurate, this would be consistent with his statement that the figures walked very slowly.

David last saw the figures at 20.23 hours, and by this time he could no longer see the glow from the object. Leaving the area, he ran with a friend to phone the police. The local policeman had recently died and his replacement was on holiday, so he then got through to the police at Amlwch, but once contact was made he had great difficulty in hearing them, as there was

a great deal of crackling and a high-pitched hum on the line. Although David had made many calls from this box before, he had never previously experienced such strange and persistent interference. However, he managed to relate his experience and they sent a patrol car to the scene some 12 minutes later.

On their arrival, the police interviewed a number of witnesses, and, together with the owner of one of the horses, went to try to calm the animals down.

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The owner stated that when they approached the horses they reared away out of breath and sweating profusely as well, it took ten minutes to calm them.

Three quarters of an hour later, the police left the area, saying they would return over the weekend to carry out further interviews—but they did not do so . . .

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Date: Friday, 1 September, 1978.

Location: Maes Athen Estate, Llanerchymedd.

Time: 20.23 hours BST.

Witness: Patricia Owen (aged 21).

At 20.20 hours Mrs Owen, a housewife, was talking to a neighbour outside the front of the house. Suddenly a child ran up to her and exclaimed that a 'flying saucer' had just landed in a field behind the estate. Without any hesitation, Mrs Owen ran into the house and went upstairs to a rear bedroom window overlooking the fields at the back of the estate in order to get a good view. Initially she assumed the children had probably mistaken a helicopter for the supposed 'flying saucer.' By the time she reached the bedroom at 20.23 hours, there was no sign of the alleged 'saucer' but as she scanned the fields, she caught sight of three tall men walking parallel to a hawthorn hedge. She claimed she observed the men for two minutes, which was considered an overestimate. She last saw the three men walking side by side up an inclined field, and shouted to the children to phone the police immediately. Then, after she had taken her young daughter over to relatives her husband had been visiting the three of them returned home at 21.45 to find a crowd of people had gathered: her name and address were noted by the police, who said they would interview her over the weekend,

but up to *FUFOR's* second visit on 12 September, they had not done so.

Witness Evaluation

(1) *David Hesketh*

It was felt David was probably the most interesting and important witness as, though only 12, he remained fluent and consistent in his statement throughout 3 hours of interviews: indeed, his age may have been an advantage since many of the other witnesses had preconceived ideas on UFOs whilst David did not. Although it was considered David was as accurate as possible under the circumstances, there were, however, one or two inconsistencies. He claimed that both figures wore one-piece suits, but also said the first figure was only seen from the waist upwards. In the half-light, too, it would have been difficult to make out colours and bands on clothing 125 yards away—unless the bands were luminous.

(2) *Mrs Owen*

Unfortunately, Mrs Owen was not the best of witnesses and three factors had a direct bearing on her account: (a) *Memory:* she had great difficulty in remembering even basic details and required continual prompting. (b) *Eyesight:* this was poor—also, her only pair of glasses had been broken 12 months previously and had not been repaired at the time of the incident. (c) *Educational Standard:* this was low and she had extreme difficulty recounting the incident both orally and on paper. One therefore has to look closely at what she said concerning the figures—again seen in half-light over 100 yards away, and, for example, her conclusion that the figures were six feet tall. When asked how she could draw legs when the figures were only seen from the waist up, the reply was, "Well, that's how I think they would have looked."

Date: Friday, 1 September, 1978

Location: Maes Athen Estate.

Time: 20.15 hours BST.

Witness: Patricia Mary Parry (aged 27).

Mrs Parry was outside the front of her house when a number of children came running up, saying a 'flying saucer' was landing in the fields behind the estate. Mrs Parry first told them to clear off, but they were persistent, so she decided to go with them and have a look. Upon reaching the field, she could see an oval light, silver/white in colour in the south-east at 30° elevation. She estimated it to be 1/1½ fields away when first seen, apparently hovering. It remained in this position for an estimated 60 seconds and appeared to be revolving—possibly anti-clockwise. It slowly moved away from her in a south-westerly direction and when about three fields away, started to descend very slowly and then hovered for a further couple of minutes. Mrs Parry then left the scene to tell her husband. As she left, she recalled hearing David Hesketh shouting that the object was landing in a field and also noticed some livestock nearby were causing a great commotion, especially a neighbour's dog, which continuously barked throughout the incident.

Witness Evaluation

Mrs Parry can only be described as the most enthusiastic of witnesses. The problem here was that when her memory failed her, enthusiasm replaced it. Although it was felt there was no deliberate intention on her part to falsify the statement, it became apparent after a second visit that she was giving differing information to several investigators who had called

on her since the incidents reported earlier. Mrs Parry agreed this was the case, and the deeper she thought about what she had seen, the more critical she became about her observations. This emphasised the point that the sooner an investigation is undertaken after an event, the greater the chance of obtaining reliable and credible information.

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Date: Friday, 1 September, 1978.

Location: Coedana, outskirts of Llanerchymedd.

Time: 22.30/22.45 hours B.S.T.

Witness: Jeremy Burford (aged 17).

Jeremy Burford was travelling with some friends on a small country lane to the south of Llanerchymedd when he noticed a strange-looking light moving slowly across the sky in a north-westerly direction at an elevation of 59°. The car was stopped to obtain a better view.

Initially its movements brought it towards the witnesses, but after about 20 seconds it appeared to change direction and retrace its flightpath. This manoeuvre was repeated for several minutes, but Jeremy could not remember the number of 'passes' undertaken. Duration of the sighting was estimated at 30 minutes and the object was last seen accelerating away in a north-westerly direction. Described as circular in shape and about the size of a pea held at arm's length, it emitted a brilliant white light from its surface area, but its edge was easily definable due to a bright purple glow which caused a purple haze to surround the object.

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Date: Sunday, 3 September, 1978.

Location: Maes Athen Estate, Llanerchymedd.

Time: 20.20 hours BST.

Witness: Carmen Jane Burford (aged 12).

Carmen was babysitting at a friend's flat just across the road from where she lives when she noticed a brilliant stationary light in the sky due east at an elevation of 18°. When first observed it appeared brilliant white, then, after several seconds it began to flash on and off every 2 seconds whilst appearing to change colour from white to yellow. After 2 minutes it went out completely, leaving in its place a black cigar-shaped outline. The object still appeared to be stationary, but after a few seconds began flashing again with the same intensity as before. After another minute it again stopped flashing, again leaving a cigar-shaped silhouette and in another 10 seconds or so faded from view due to the worsening light conditions. Throughout the sighting, the object remained in the same position and no sound was heard. The child in Carmen's care was too young to give details.

Witness Evaluation

Jeremy and Carmen Burford

It became obvious, after a second interview with Carmen Burford, that her brother's (Jeremy's) sighting which took place on 1 September had influenced her first statement. It is believed that because of the attention Jeremy and other witnesses received, Carmen tried to draw some of the attention her way. Although it is not considered Carmen's statement is a total fabrication, it is felt that due to the attention and excitement, Carmen's imagination got the better of her.

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Date: Sunday, 3 September, 1978.

Location: Maes Athen Estate, Llanerchymedd.

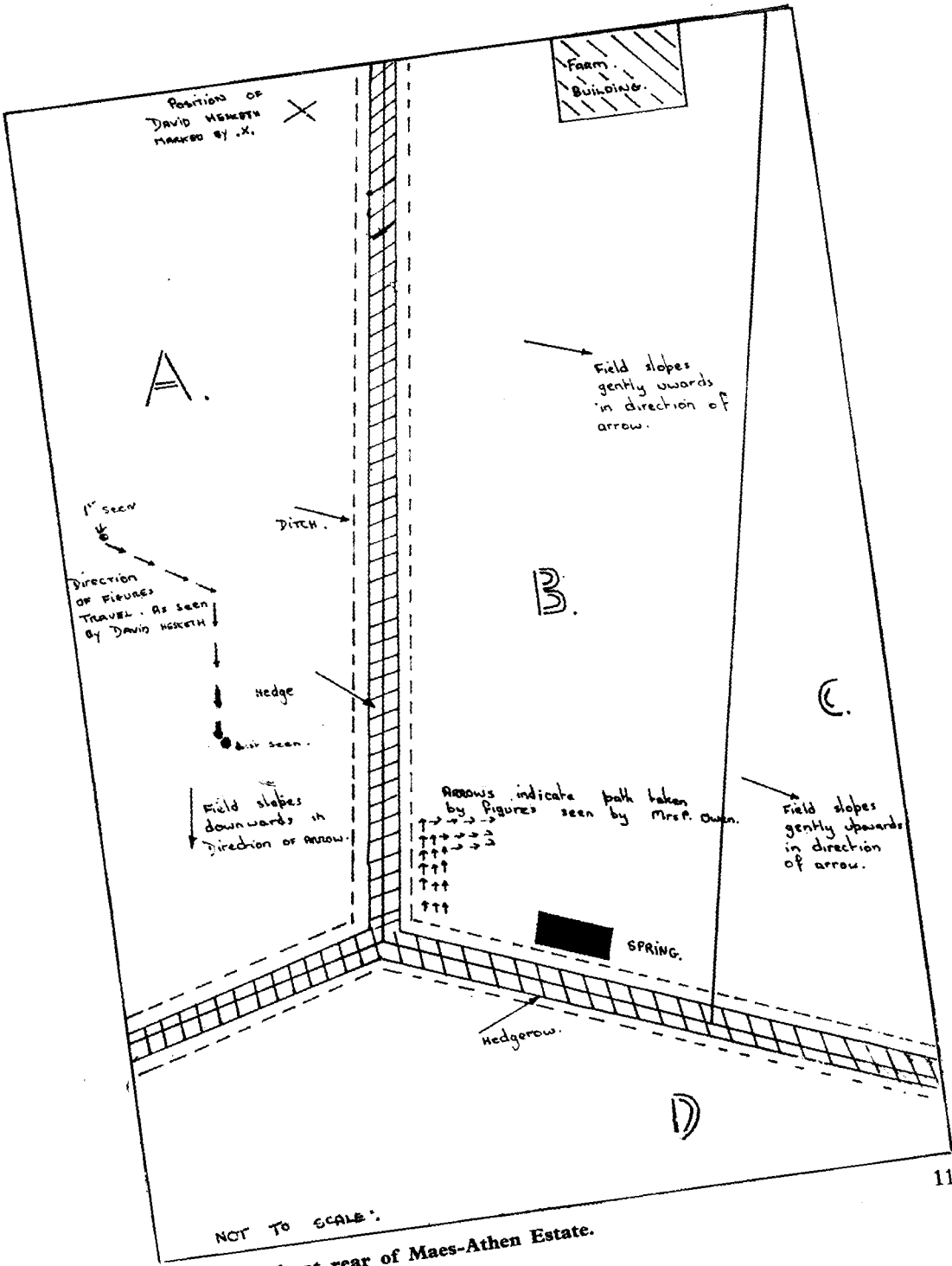
Time: 23.00 hours BST.

Witnesses: Mrs Margaret Daphne Garnett (aged 42). Carmen Jane Burford (aged 12).

Mrs Garnett and her step-daughter Carmen were outside their flat when Mrs Garnett noticed a bright light moving very slowly across the sky. It was first seen at 24° elevation, moving from the west. At this point all the witnesses could make out was a circular ball of light. After 2 minutes, the object appeared to halt over a tree $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile away. Silver in colour, it hovered in this position for an estimated 20 seconds. Suddenly it accelerated to the south-east whilst still maintaining its original brightness, which the witnesses compared to that of the moon. It took a further 60 seconds to disappear from view. No sound was heard from the object, but Mrs Garnett did notice a great deal of background noise was coming from horses and dogs—this continued for more than an hour after the incident.

Witness Evaluation

It was felt Mrs Garnett was sincere about the sighting and at no point during the interview did she embroider on her statement. Although she claimed that her step-daughter Carmen Burford also witnessed the incident, no relevant information could be obtained from Carmen than that she agreed. Mrs Garnett did not give a reason for being outside at that time of night and it was suspected that she and Carmen were trying to look for something unusual in the night sky—which may have affected Mrs Garnett's judgement when relating her account.



Map of fields at rear of Maes-Athen Estate.

Weather Conditions

As each witness gave a differing account of the weather, full data was obtained for the area concerned. This covers the time from 18.00 to 24.00 hours on 1, 2, 3 and 4 September and was supplied by the Meteorological Department at RAF Valley, Anglesey:

Friday, 1 September: Surface wind: north to north-west. Visibility: 45 kilometres. Cloud: 7/8 of strato-cumulus at 3000 feet and 1 to 4/8 of cumulus between 1700/2200 feet.

Saturday, 2 September: Surface wind: west to south-west at 8 to 10 knots. Visibility: 60 kilometres becoming 40 kilometres. Cloud 1/8 strato-cumulus at 2800 feet and later 7/8 at 2500 feet.

Sunday, 3 September: Surface wind: south to south-west at 8 knots. Visibility: 30+ kilometres. Cloud: 1/8 strato-cumulus at 2200/2500 feet and small amounts of cirrus at 25000 feet.

Sunday, 4 September: Surface wind: north to north-east at less than 6 knots. Visibility: 15 kilometres. Cloud: 1/8 strato-cumulus at 3500 feet. Later in the evening visibility reduced to 3000 metres with cloud 2/8 alto cumulus at 16000 feet.

During the early hours of 5 September, weather conditions took a turn for the worse: there were strong winds preceded by heavy and prolonged rainfall. Unfortunately, this was the day chosen for the first *FUFOR* investigation and such conditions hampered the on-site examination of the surrounding fields.

Military Involvement

It became apparent there had been a greater military presence in the area than at first thought. RAF Valley, the area military authority, claimed there was no night-service activity on 1, 2 and 3 September and no night-flying until the 4th. The inhabitants of Llanerchymedd had different views, however.

Several witnesses stated that around 13.00 hours on 2 September, there was a considerable amount of Air Force

activity over Llanerchymedd. This consisted of low-flying lasting about an hour. A Mr X (*anonymity requested*) also informed investigators that at 02.30 on 3 September, he was awakened by a loud bang followed by a thud. He immediately got out of bed and went to the window which overlooks the field where the main sightings had occurred. He was surprised to see at least three helicopters (military) circling the fields and a flare being dropped. As this happened a jet streaked overhead. Due to obstructions, Mr X could not identify the type of aircraft used, other than that they were of military design.

In fact, it was easier to find witnesses to the military presence than to the UFO sightings. One must conclude either that all the witnesses were lying, or that the military felt it wise not to publicise their presence for reasons best known to themselves.

Ministry of Defence's reply to *FUFOR* dated 6 October, 1978:

Dear Mr Cleaver,

Thank you for your letter of 19th September about a recent UFO sighting over Anglesey.

The reports of this incident received in the Ministry of Defence have been passed to the appropriate specialist staff within the Department who examine such reports to see whether there are any possible defence implications. We cannot, however, undertake to pursue our research, other than for defence implications, to a point where positive correlation with a known object is established, nor to advise observers of the probable identity of the object seen.

I should add that investigations over a number of years have so far produced no evidence that UFOs represent a threat to the air defences of this country.

Yours faithfully,

Miss G J Jamieson.

As we all know, this is a typical response from such authorities.

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Ground Traces

A *FUFOR* team returned to Llanerchymedd on 12 September to interview any witnesses missed on the first visit. On 9 September Martin Keatman, together with Derek James and his wife (*Investigators for UFORA, Staffs*) also visited the Maes Athen Estate. Whilst examining the local terrain, the *UFORA, Staffs* team came upon an area of flattened barley: this had apparently been affected by something which had a rotating motion.

Although it was felt the affected area of barley had no real relevance, *FUFOR* sent a sketch of the area of flattened crop, together with a written description of the area to a local Agricultural College. The College replied as follows:

In reply to your letter of 29 November, I think the reason for the flattened patch of corn would be due to one of two causes, or probably a combination of both.

If the affected area was near the field boundary and there was a tree or some similar obstruction in the fence line, the swirling effect of the wind could be sufficient to produce the result you describe. If, on the other hand, the flattening was in the middle of the field, the most likely cause is a 'hotspot,' resulting from some topographical factor. The hot air rises, producing a rush of cold air coming in at ground level, sufficient to lay the corn. I hope this answers your question.

It is believed by *FUFOR* and Martin Keatman that the two probabilities mentioned were the possible causes of damage to the barley. Correspondence was also exchanged with the College about areas of swirled grass found on initial examination of the fields. They agreed the possible presence of low flying helicopters and adverse weather conditions, or a combination of both, could have been causes.

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Conclusions

Whilst a number of aspects are still under examination, it is felt that a final conclusion should be left to the reader. It is obvious there are no clear-cut answers to the incidents as a whole and we are left with a number of possibilities:

The incidents were blown out of all proportion by the media

Although the main sightings occurred on the evening of 1 September, reports followed also on the next two days. In each case, objects seen were reported in varying shapes, sizes and colours. Were these genuine UFO sightings or just misidentifications, illusions and fabrications blown up out of all proportion by the sudden influx of television and radio crews, press reporters and photographers? We will never know. What is known is that if these incursions were not the indirect cause of so many sightings, they certainly had a great influence on the descriptions and explanations.

Military Involvement (Exercise)

It was stated in correspondence between *FUFOR* and RAF Valley that there was no service aircraft activity between 1 to 3 September 1978. Valley also stated that military ground personnel had not been on any form of exercise on these days. The military authorities at Valley also checked whether there had been any civil or military helicopters (power line inspections, pipe line inspections, rescue exercises, etc). There had been none.

Although it was stated that aircraft from RAF Valley were not flying on the dates in question, other military aircraft could have been misidentified. Valley is a master-diversion airfield, used quite frequently as such by other military aircraft from elsewhere in the country. Unfortunately, Valley was unable to check whether it had been so used during the period dealt with.

FUFOR checked with the police regarding the possibility of a military exercise. The officer contacted stated 'off the record' that when an exercise was due to take place, they were notified just prior to the start in order to answer possible queries from the general public. They had received no notification of an exercise for the period 1-3 September.

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Therefore, if there were no military aircraft (helicopters) airborne on those nights, what did the inhabitants of Llanerchymedd see? Surely not more UFOs? *FUFOR* finds it very difficult to believe that a dozen or so independent witnesses should lie about seeing helicopters, or even to have mistaken something else for them. After all, the people concerned have lived in the area for a number of years and are used to seeing military aircraft both by day and night. One witness went so far as to say that he had worked at RAF Valley for some years and so was quite conversant with helicopter shapes and sounds and what he saw in the early hours of 3 September was a military helicopter. On this he was most definite.

So who is to be believed? The inhabitants of Llanerchymedd? The military authorities? Or is the answer possibly that it was not a military exercise?

Military Involvement (an Alert?)

What, however, if the military involvement was deeper than at first thought, especially if that involvement was some form of alert? This could easily be the reason why the police were not informed of any activity and could also be the reason why RAF Valley denies they were in the area on the date concerned.

FUFOR does not intend to lead the reader to the assumption that the military presence was due to the initial UFO sightings, although this is 'yet another' possibility. What it has tried to show is that the initial UFO sightings may have been misidentifications of the start of military activity in the area.

As to the cause of that military activity, we will probably never know, although a number of people would like to believe UFO sightings were the direct cause of the military presence.

The Figures

As for the figures seen by David Mark Hesketh and Patricia Owen, once again there is little information to work on. The most descriptive account of the figures came from Hesketh, and from that it seems there was nothing unusual in their mannerisms, the only oddity being the description of their clothing.

A check was carried out with RAF, Electricity Board and Gas Board to ascertain any personnel were working in the area at the time: in each case a negative answer was received.

The possibility that the military authorities were not being entirely frank about personnel activities arises: because of this, no final conclusions can be drawn about the figures (even poachers have been suggested!) unless great use is made of speculation and supposition, but to do this would not be objective.

Final Assessment

Substantial conclusions could only be drawn if it was known whether the information from RAF Valley was accurate and truthful—all involved in UFO research will agree that to obtain detailed military information is a very difficult task.

One definite conclusion that can be drawn is that the sightings were in no way as mysterious as the press and media would have us believe. There is possibly a mundane explanation for most of the incidents, but they cannot be fully evaluated unless certain information is forthcoming from RAF Valley.

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A full set of witness diagrams (18 in all) may be obtained by sending a cheque for £1.10 to: FUFOR, 2 Acer Avenue, Crewe, Cheshire. The price includes the cost of photocopying (5p. per copy) and p & p.

Personal Column

UFO Directory of UFO Societies, groups and publications worldwide. Only £1, including postage from: UFO Network, 2 St Ivian Court, Colneyhatch Lane, London N10.

Warminster, Centre of UFO Activity. Cottage available for holidays/weekends for skywatchers/UFO researchers. Details from: UFO Services, 47 Belsize Sq, London NW3.

Skyquest Tapes : Turn to p. 26 for full current list.

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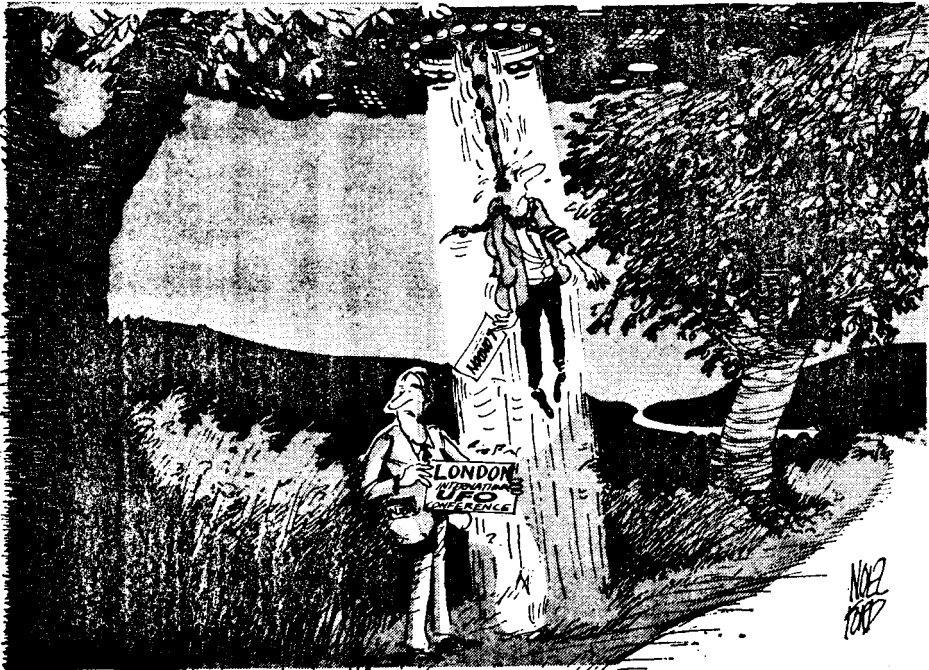
Published by Federation UFO Research, the cost of six issues is £1.30 (single copies 25p). Crossed cheque or postal order should be made out to Federation UFO Research (overseas remittances to Mark Tyrrell) and sent to 277B West Street, Crewe, Cheshire, CW1 3HU.

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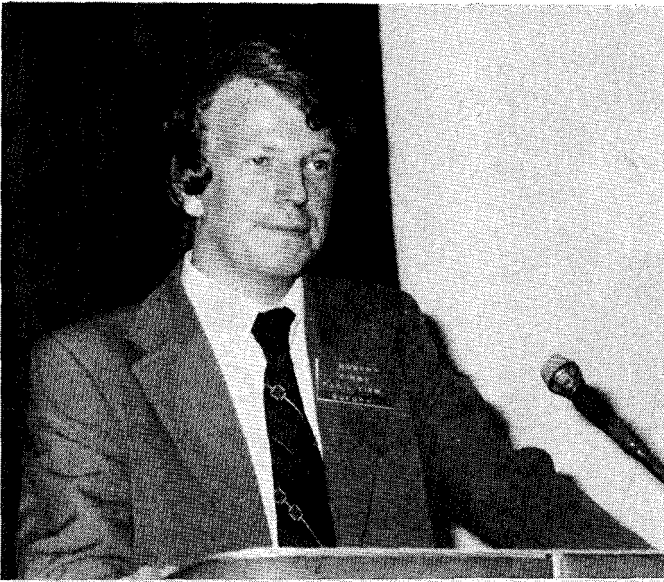
Around 400 people attended the *First London International UFO Congress*, 26-27 August 1979, almost all voting it to be a tremendous success. Representatives came from 18 different countries: USA, Canada, Rep of S Africa, W Pakistan, Kenya and almost all the major European countries including Yugoslavia. Papers were presented by 14 contributors, 8 from overseas. The programme included an optional visit to the London Planetarium and the documentary film *UFOs, Past, Present and Future* received its UK premiere. The public presentations apart, the international working party on classifications and terminology etc, will have furthered the cause of science if the impetus of their initiative at the Congress is maintained. The biggest 'inverted' compliment that could have been paid to the *Congress* organisers, was the appearance of cartoons in *The New Scientist* and a national daily—*The Daily Star*, to whose cartoonist Noel Ford we are indebted for permission to reproduce his cartoon of Tuesday, 28 August, 1979, below



Bufoza President C A E 'Tim' O'Brien opens the Congress



"If we don't get a lift soon, we'll miss the second day of the conference Harry . . . Harry?"



Left :
Robert Digby, Physical Data Section,
presents the opening paper.

Right
J Bernard Delair, Contact UK (L) with
Contact Italy delegate (R)

Directly Below :
Peter Hill (L) Working Party Chairman
Lionel Beer (Centre) Bufora Chairman
and Robert Digby (R), Physical Data
Section, discuss Working Party conclusion





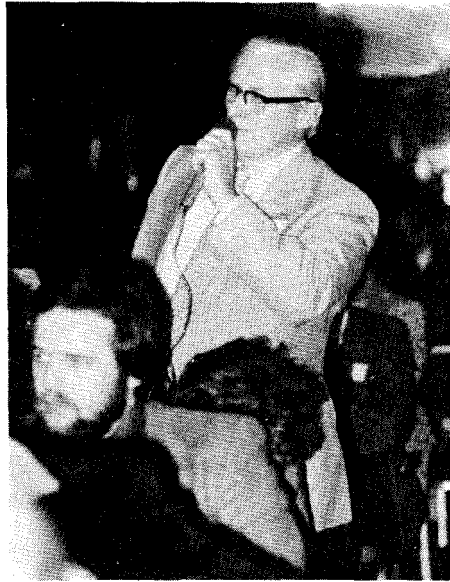
Above : Dr Faruk answering questions. Anthony Pace, Bufora Research Director, on the right.

Far Left : Dr Hynek giving additional details on the Delphos case.

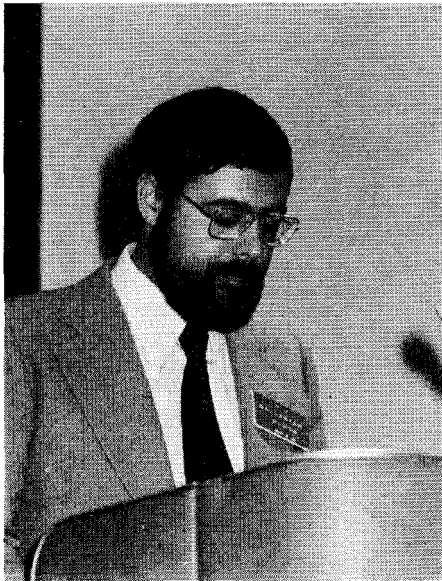
Centre Left : Dr Hynek with Bufora NIC Larry Dale.



Dr Erol Faruk speaks about the Delphos, Kansas, landing case.



'From the floor'—a question from Mr Randall Jones Pugh.



Vincente Juan Ballester-Olmos



Dr Leo Sprinkle

A more detailed report on *Congress* personalities and papers will appear either in the *Journal of Transient Aerial Phenomena* or the next *Bufo* *Journal*. A complete account of *Congress* papers and proceedings is also being produced.

Points from the Press

Valerie Martin

Kent Evening Post of 2 April reported that at least half-a-dozen motorists had seen a stockily-built 'ape-like' figure in a silver suit along Sheppey Way on the Isle of Sheppey at about 10.30 pm on 22 March. Police searched the area but found nothing. (Full report elsewhere in this issue).

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Reveille of 6 April in an article on UFO sightings in the Soviet Union stated that Russia was the first country to order an official alert on the subject. A leading UFO expert, Professor Aleksei Zolotov, said it was the first admission by the academy that secret UFO research is being conducted on this level. Action had been set off by spectacular sightings over the city of Petrozavodsk. In September 1977 a UFO was reported to have beamed down light that made holes in paving stones, and recently a large UFO hung in the night sky for two hours at an altitude of 60 miles, with smaller objects darting to and fro from immense portholes. Physicist Dr Vladimir Azhazhe's opinion was that the appearance of a mother-ship from outer space seemed to indicate that an extra-terrestrial civilisation is in the final stage prior to direct communication with earth.

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The *Yorkshire Post* of 18 April published an interview with Professor Hans Holzer, author of about 60 books on parapsychology, who has his own American TV series which may be seen here later, and lecture repertoire. He was in London to launch his latest book, *The Ufonauts*, in which he claims to reveal the purpose behind visits to



Earth by UFOs. He stresses that he is not a 'believer' but an investigator and from hypnotism in many contactee cases, has pinpointed some of the home bases on the stars of Zeta Reticuli 1 and 2. He now plans a film of the book's bizarre contents.

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The *Ilford Recorder* of 26 April had a full page feature article and photograph on Ian Ridpath, science writer and astronomer, who will be *Bufora's* speaker at the January meeting. He is involved with the *Committee for Scientific Investigation into Claims of the Paranormal*, has a regular stargazing programme on *Radio London* and admits to no great technical background, but a talent for explaining to the man in the street in a way he can understand. As a journalist and astronomer he is alarmed at the misreporting of UFOs as 'there is no known evidence of extra-terrestrials coming to earth.' He does not appear to have considered the possibility of alternative sources of origin.

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The *Daily Telegraph* was one of the few newspapers to mention the *London International UFO Congress* and treat it seriously. On 11 August there was an illustrated item on journalist Ruth Rees, who is speaker at *Bufora's* AGM in December. As president of *Contact International* she was assisting
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with preparations for the conference and details were given of the venue. Ruth, whose interest in space dates back 40 years, said she hoped that Britain, the only country in Western Europe to demonstrate a puerile attitude to UFOs, would as a result of the congress, begin to make a serious study of the phenomena.

On 27 August, further coverage was given. In an interview with *Bufora's* NIC and council member Lawrence Dale, the current low level of activity compared with 1977 was mentioned. Randall Jones Pugh, investigator for SW Wales, told of his sighting of a large wheel-like object with prongs sticking out, seen while on holiday in Alicante a few years ago. Examples of classic cases were given as well as that of a silver-suited humanoid seen

on the Isle of Sheppey earlier this year.

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Lastly, The *Daily Telegraph* of 31 August had a paragraph on the curious object claimed to have been spotted on separate occasions near Blackbushe Airport, Hampshire. The previous Monday afternoon, a flying instructor of the *Three Counties Aeroclub* saw a nine-inch UFO like a flattened blob of mercury with 'little hexagonal panels about an inch across, and two short aerials at the top near the periphery.' He was able to fly within a few feet of it and said it appeared to be rotating and in two halves with a split, like a joining line, in the middle. The following afternoon, another instructor saw a similar object flying towards Farnborough from 800 to 1,000 ft high travelling at about 150 mph.

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I wish to congratulate the Congress organisers for a rewarding and interesting Conference. The papers presented were of a very high standard. I hope that this type of Congress will be repeated this time next year.

*Michael Wootten,
Leyton, London E17.*

I consider UFOs could have a paranormal origin: we may well be the receivers of mental projections beamed into our minds. On occasion UFO occupants have been observed to float or glide across fields or to have been projected on a light beam from a UFO, thus, in some cases acting in a similar manner to ghosts, materialising and dematerialising.

UFO images have also appeared on film when the photographer saw nothing at the time—the same applies to ghosts. This suggests that there is

another 'space-time continuum' involved here, interlocking with our own.

Regarding cases of telepathic communication with ufonauts claimed to have taken place, may I suggest this could be their only way of communicating with us if they exist in another 'time zone' and are too far away to appear in physical form real to us. They would have to teleport their image across a distance into our minds like a TV image. On occasion, when 'UFO abductions' have taken place, the witness later states that there has been poltergeist activity in their home—well known in cases of hauntings, etc, and in some cases, abductees and contactees observe figures, hear odd noises and see objects crashing in their homes.

*Geoffrey Grundill,
Workington, Cumbria.*

Disciplined thinking is too infrequent as shown by contributors to the Journal. To take one variable only, namely time, we are advised by *UFO Investigation* (Bufora 1976) in section 6, B(2) "to use the twenty four hour clock system and always state whether GMT or BST."

Of some dozen contributors to *Vol 8, No 3*, three only use the 24 hour clock namely Campbell, Grego and Webber. None give both the 24 hour clock and whether GMT or BST. With respect, may I draw the attention of your correspondents to our Manual. Much thought and effort was put into it and it ought to be given the authority it deserves.

Peter Hill,
Edinburgh Branch.

With all respect to Peter, I would point out that UFO Investigation states it is a Field Investigators Handbook—not one for a Journal Editor! Certainly investigators should use the appropriate terminology on report forms which are available for research purposes—and this is accordingly used in the Sighting Summaries presented by Pauline Grego and also in the detailed Llanerchymedd account in this issue. Most people, however, still think in terms of AM and PM. For example, items in Report Extra! are normally taken from the witness's own account and from the point of view of Journal presentation I regard it as more important to use—as far as possible—his or her own terms, rather than alter AM or PM to the 24 hour notation: yards into metres, etc, etc.—Ed.

I am appalled that your correspondent Mr Jones Pugh should express himself so dogmatically. Dear as his Christian beliefs may be to him, they hardly give him the right to declare that those of us who do not share those beliefs are unqualified to 'delve deeply into what the UFO represents.' And while I don't deny that many who go deeply into ufology may find themselves in deep psychic waters, that is certainly no proof—hardly even circumstantial evidence—for the existence of entities whose 'sole purpose' (sic) is to destroy belief in Christ.

The wastelands of psychical research are strewn with the bones of those who let themselves be lured away from the highway of scientific reasoning by beckoning phantasms, to find themselves tangling with forces beyond their control. Wickland's *Thirty Years among the Dead* is just one of many such testaments in Western culture, and more exotic cultures have even stranger tales to tell. Yet the scientific psychical researcher has seen no reason to resign the field to the occultist and I see no reason why the scientific ufologist should do so either.

Hilary Evans,
London SE13.

AWARENESS—The Journal of Contact UK. Details from: the National Chairman, Contact UK, 59d Windmill Road, Headington, Oxford.

EARTHLINK, whilst still giving excellent coverage of Essex UFO reports, now also presents many overseas claims and takes a close look at the international scene. Four issues £2.50 (adults), £1.75 (under 16), from: Mrs G Saville, 16 Raydons Road, Dagenham, Essex RM9 5JR. Cheques/POs payable to: "Earthlink." Single copies available 62p. (Overseas: Four issues £4, single copies £1).

Contact—With Pluto?

Part Two

From Pluto ?

Part One told how Sandra Kellard claims 'contact by empathy' with an entity dubbed Artinaa, and related how she had been shown details of the interior of his craft and its power source, etc, taking her experiences up to 14 October, 1978. The next day

Sunday, 15 October 1978, Mrs Kellard again sensed Artinaa's influence between 11.45 pm and midnight. Since her last two 'mental links,' the impression of 'PLUTO' had come into her mind on several occasions, and though not taking much notice of it, she 'kept it pending.' This time, however, she received strong impressions of Artinaa and his kind coming from a very cold planet, one either in our own or a nearby planetary system. She cannot say that Pluto was intended, but the name *DID* keep coming into her mind. The planet—wherever it may be—is dark and cold, hence the colour of their skins—grey. She felt they lived entirely 'indoors' because of harsh exterior conditions and their smooth skin had therefore not been weatherbeaten or toughened as ours might be. It seemed they lived in an environment created by themselves, not in natural planetary conditions.

Because of the very dim light on the planet, their eyes were very large, and large eyelids were present because of the cold conditions: this, she thought, had occurred early in their evolution, and she also sensed that the skin on their lips was very sensitive, there being little of it, resulting in the slit-like mouth. Because of the harsh conditions, it appeared that advance in their technology had been rapid. The

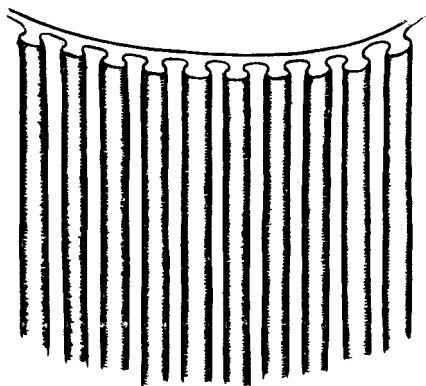
type of landscape she saw was barren land, much granite rock and also a shiny rock-like substance: the whole scene was grey-blue and barren-looking. Their atmosphere was also of a dark blue-grey, seemingly rather dense and little sunlight was in evidence. They seemed to have cultivated their own form of light—electrically based and also harnessed from cosmic energy—both from their sun and other stars. Their wide eyes—to take in more light—made them appear sinister, but this was not their nature.

Mrs Kellard's last impression on this occasion was that there would be no physical contact—in the sense of large-scale contact—for many years, because of our inter-racial squabbles and wars, but contact such as she was receiving (which might just possibly become physical) would be made through selected individuals. This contact was via a form of empathy which could be received by some psychically attuned people on Earth, but which from their end was created by a technical device, they themselves not being psychically orientated.

At precisely 5.23 am on Wednesday, 18 October 1978, Mrs Kellard had been awoken by the 'noise' (*See Part 1*) which she now related to Artinaa and spacecraft. This noise did not normally commence until just after she awoke—it was as though she was awakened to hear it, not awakened BY it.

In the evening, at 6.20 pm, her attention was drawn to the kitchen window: she looked out up at the sky and in a mental sense saw the 'usual' craft about 60 feet above the garden and had a physical feeling of their presence.

Suddenly the craft slowly descended towards the garden and veered towards the kitchen window. She had not seen it in motion before and was a little alarmed. Next she was certainly alarmed to 'see' the tubes, etc, which were part of the craft's exterior, actually coming into the kitchen through the wall. She was 'seeing' the craft in its own dimension, which was not ours in the physical sense and, although apparently penetrating the kitchen, it was not penetrating in the physical sense, but merely moving closer to HER in its own status of environment: it was existing in a kind of 'limbo' state in this other dimension—which was not a permanent place of theirs but only used as 'camouflage.' She was merely looking at the dimension the craft occupied at that moment. In fact, her impression was of seeing into two dimensions at the same time: her—our—own, and this other, and therefore, at the time it was irrelevant that the huge bulk of the craft was, as it were, merging with the house. She was quite sure it was not a projected image placed into her mind—like her usual TV screen image, but that she was actually seeing the craft in its physical state, but not of our dimension.



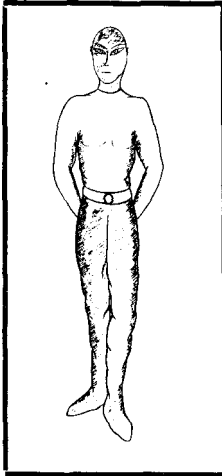
' . . . a black, filmy substance on the tubes.'

She could see through it, and at the same time could 'see' it in a material sense. Its metal was dark grey and she could see the grain. There was a black, filmy substance on the tubes as though they were worn. She could also see 'scratches' on these tubes made by certain environments the craft had been in: the metal was extremely tough-looking. The craft moved slowly towards her in the kitchen and then stopped, so that a small section of its outer wall seemed to be in the kitchen, filling half the room: but she knew that this outer wall extended far beyond what she could see in the kitchen in height and depth. She wanted to shrink back from it and felt she was being affected by a 'natural magnetic field' coming from the metal itself—not an artificially induced one. Then, she became freezing cold and went out of the kitchen for a while to watch TV in her living room, but eventually—around 8.30 pm—had to go back to the kitchen. She had felt the craft was still there, and, before entering, had sent a mental message to Artinaa to 'pull the craft back' and on entering the kitchen, 'saw' it once again, but this time outside the window, not in the kitchen, and felt quite alright.

On Wednesday, 25 October at 9.20 pm she saw Artinaa, not as on a mental TV screen, but as though he was standing in the corner of the room looking at her—and again felt that this was arranged through the medium of some advanced technical device. On this occasion he appeared to be 8 feet tall, of great physical power, with muscular chest and arms: the arms were long and he had a very narrow waist. A white jumper was worn: trousers were dark—a 'dirty-green' colour, and his boots seemed to be part of the trousers which, though fairly tight, had loose folds around the lower legs.

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The stone on the belt had no particular colour this time, but Mrs Kellard sensed that he was a very self-possessed person with great control over himself.

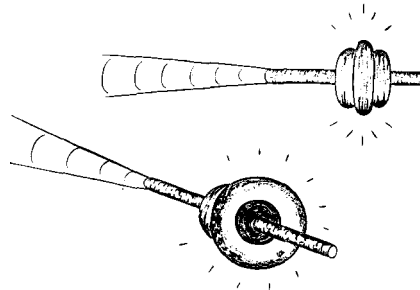


'Of great physical power, with muscular chest and arms.'

On 29 October 1978, a 3-D picture of Artinaa was received and she felt he wished to make contact. On this occasion her attention was drawn particularly to the bone structure of his face, nose and breathing organs: without going into full detail, in general his outward physique was more or less as human males, but the internal organs were different—because of their different atmosphere.

Off and on over this period, Mrs Kellard had been given the impression of another sophisticated instrument in Artinaa's craft. This was similar to our 'brain-scan' machines on Earth, but smaller and more compact, having colours on it and detecting far more in the brains of various species than do ours: she felt they are able to scan the brains and minds of us here at any time—and also obtain an overall pattern of who is the 'right mind' to

contact on Earth. This instrument seemed to operate on a 'radar system' of a complex type with a high-frequency beam emanating from it. When operating, this can extend far beyond their craft and they can detect the brain patterns of people on Earth at a great distance—whilst, that is, they are in the vicinity of Earth—it doesn't follow it could so operate from deep space: apparently very sensitive, it was once felt by Mrs Kellard to be being used on her as she sat watching a TV programme when she had the impression of a large circle, black around the edges, fuzzy in appearance and about 4 feet across pointed at her as though 'homing in' on her.



Brain Scan device

She again 'felt' Artinaa's presence on 1 November, this time without any materialisation, but at 6.45 pm on 2 November, she had a definite sensation of something impinging on her mind and saw a brilliant picture of a structure shaped like the letter 'M.' This was a vivid blue and some kind of electrical current or energy was running through it: of a frosted-glass like structure, she sensed it was made of metal mixed with something else. She could see 'energy' travelling through, pulsating, and likened it to the heart pumping blood—it had about the same rate—and she felt that this

very vivid 'blue' power was artificially created whilst the 'red' power previously communicated was basically a manipulated natural source of energy. She then again had an impression of the 'brain-scan' device which was apparently also used as a doctor/healer—perhaps mainly for mental troubles.

At 9 pm the same evening, Artinaa was again seen sitting at a panel: he leant across to a switch and a small TV-like screen was seen with red kind of computer print-out of what seemed to be tiny dots and dashes: she also saw her face, which changed back to computer print, and realised that this was revealing her own brain patterns, and she felt they regarded her as of like mind and having an affinity—in the form of empathy, thought and attitudes—with Artinaa.

Mrs Kellard subsequently realised that thoughts and ideas which would 'surface' later on might well have been implanted in her mind. Something of this type that came to her was concerned with the belt worn by Artinaa, and she realised this was to enable him to tune in to her mind and was able to visualise how this was done. It seemed that in some way it linked with his nervous system, possessing an artificially induced magnetic field. This seemed to mingle with the aura or magnetic field of Artinaa, or indeed, any of his people wearing a similar device, some kind of electro-magnetic interaction taking place—a correlation between the 'life-force' and the field of the belt. Accordingly this field can have an affinity with fields surrounding other bodies—human or otherwise, being linked up with computer apparatus on the craft in a subtle way: not wired to anything, but rather as though the belt is a receiver of thought patterns which are projected by a beam of some kind onto a panel

where this is greatly enhanced in intensity—the whole procedure resembling an advanced form of relay system through beams of great power, this being the cause of the empathy experienced with Artinaa.

Little further occurred until 29 January 1979, when the noise was again experienced at 5.45 am, being repeated on the following Friday at about 1 am. On this occasion its volume was much greater and was heard by others. Then, on Sunday, 4 February 1979, Mrs Kellard received a picture of a profile of one of Artinaa's kind—finding she was looking inside his head, and it seemed that their brains are smaller than ours despite their having a higher degree of intelligence. She saw that their ears were also smaller for, apparently, on their planet, sound reverberates through the atmosphere and has to be 'toned-down.'

On Sunday, 11 March 1979, Mrs Kellard had a feeling that Artinaa was about, looked out of the window and received a vague impression of the craft: her eyes followed its lines and must have scanned a circumference of over 70 feet over the garden—though she was not 'seeing' it as clearly as normal. Then, about 6.45 pm, she received particular information concerning colour—and their apparent inexperience with colours other than grey or grey/blue. This soon left her, but returned about 8 pm whilst she was watching TV. She could see the programme, but at the same time a head and shoulders picture of Artinaa on the screen: she experienced a numbness at the back of her head, and could see the craft with its grooves very clearly—it was parked on the ground.

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She seemed to be standing close to it and a section came away from the main body—as though a ‘door’ was slowly opening, protruding outwards from the wall of the craft: the door, too, had grooves on it. It was conveyed to her that Artinaa and his kind were not advanced with colour as we are—it seems his people first visited our planet centuries ago (their life-span is 150-200 years) and they were ‘shocked’ at seeing so much colour on our planet: there was very little on their own and their eyes couldn’t ‘take it in.’ Although this difficulty is now overcome, they still have very little of colour such as ours in their lives—their home planet being of the drab grey nature already described—and on Earth it is necessary for them to shield their eyes from the glare.

Mrs Kellard perceived a strong feeling of ‘military regime’ coming from Artinaa, and felt this to be symbolic of his whole outlook in his work as leader of his craft: very disciplined and ‘military-minded’—though not necessarily warlike: quite the reverse, in fact, with the accent on self-control, discipline and smooth-running. His crew all seemed much younger than he and she believed there was just the one race on his planet—not a mixture as with our own.

She considers that further contacts will occur, whether by empathy or in a more physical manner we can but wait and see.

C—S Kellard, N Oliver

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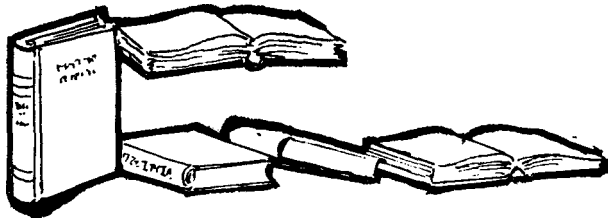
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Book Review

THE UFO GUIDEBOOK

Briazack & Mennick,
Citadel Press, 1978



Ufology today is so wide-ranging and complex a subject that there is a real need for a broad-based and objective source of reference. This, alas, is definitely *not* that book.

Ideally, such a reference work would give us access to information about the main events in ufological history: identify individuals and organisations concerned with UFO research: summarise leading theories: review the literature: give a brief account of significant sightings: present statistics and distribution patterns: and provide a glossary of words and phrases. *The UFO Guidebook* does none of these things well, and most not at all. You will find an entry for BUFF but not BUFORA: SONS OF GOD, but not SOCORRO: OCCULT but not ORTHOTENY: LUCIFER but not LUMIERES DANS LA NUIT.

Such information as there is, is liable to be inaccurate (Wilson's book is listed as *UFOs and their Impossible Mission* on one page, correctly as . . . *Mission Impossible* on another) or inadequate (Philip Klass is described simply as a 'debunker' as though he possessed no professional qualifications). The bibliography is an insult to any serious ufo student, listing works by Charroux, Churchyard, Dione and Steiger but none—to name only American writers—by Hynek, Klass, McCampbell or Salisbury.

The book is, of course, American, but that is no excuse for approaching ufology as though it were exclusively

an American field of study. The outstanding contributions of French ufologists are totally ignored: the Valensole, Lakenheath, Papua and San Jose de Valderas cases are not so much as mentioned. To judge by this book, one would suppose that Donald Keyhoe was the world's leading authority on ufology and von Daniken its most penetrating thinker.

Well, it would be something if even these subjects were treated factually and informatively; but again, this is not the case. A two-page think-piece on PHILOSOPHY contains not a single specific reference, but offers such profound observations as '*the world is beset with problems*' and '*Man, as he is stepping forth into space . . . must adopt a positive world outlook*'—admirable sentiments, to be sure, but one does not turn to a guidebook for a Thought For The Day. An equally woolly item on PARAPSYCHOLOGY (again, not one specific reference) comes to this penetrating conclusion: '*We see that psychological phenomena pose many difficult and important questions to which there are presently no definite answers. Hopefully, future scientific research will remedy this situation.*'

Hopefully, too, future ufological research will give us a better source-book than this. The fact that it has been published at all is an indication that ufology is now a recognised field of study requiring its own reference tools;

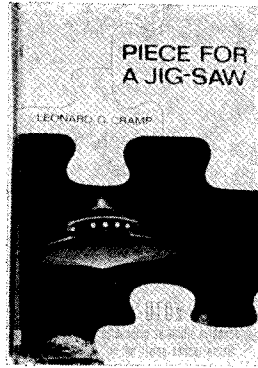
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but it passes the imagination how anyone with the perception to recognise that need could produce so ill-planned and ill-executed a volume.

Why, then, bother to give it so much attention? Because such books are not simply disappointing, they are positively dangerous. Ufology is at a stage where its claim for the serious attention of science is on the verge of recognition. But any scientist who picks up this book will be confirmed in his suspicion that ufologists are muddle-minded sensation-hunters, living on a plane of fantasy rather than fact. At best, this book is a wretched and inept piece of work: at worst, it is one more setback for those who want to see ufology taken seriously.

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Capital Radio, BBC Radio London, the London Broadcasting Company (LBC), and the BBC's national network, all gave prior radio publicity to the First London International UFO Congress held on 26-27 August. In fact, LBC ran an hour's phone-in programme on UFOs at 11 pm on Thursday, 23 August with Jenny Lacey as the presenter. BUFORA Chairman Lionel Beer, invited David Haisell from Canada to join him. David, a college lecturer who had emigrated from the UK, was in London to act as the Canadian representative on the Congress working party. He edits a new magazine called Journal UFO and has had a paperback published entitled The Missing Seven Hours, which is a UK case report, similar in some respects to the Betty and Barney Hill story.

During the programme 13 callers were

able to put their points over the air. Danny from Lincolnshire told of a round UFO 40 feet above his head seen at night, with red and green light and a turret underneath. Ann from Elstree said she and her uncle had seen from their high-up maisonette, an object at 1.50 am in October, hovering over a nearby roof, which gave off a clear white light. The most interesting caller was Harold, who told of a UFO seen in the summer of 1917 while he was at school in Ashford, Kent. The object remained stationary and was presumably very close, since the schoolboys threw stones at it until it turned on its side and moved off. He was asked to write in with further details. Jenny the presenter, handled callers with great finesse and Bufora members and friends who tuned in said that the programme came over very well.

LB—3.9.79.

Sighting Summaries

Presentation by Pauline Grego

Code No	Date	Time	Place	Report	Class	Investigator/ Credit
1936	Sept	2000	Stone, Staffs	Brown cigar shape	C3c	—
1938	August	—	New Malden, Surrey	Long, tubular object	C3c	D STONARD
1947	Sept	1930	E Dereham, Norfolk	Dark blue cigar	C3c	JOHN COPSEY
1950	?	Night	Rugeley, Staffs	Metallic disc	C3b	S W BANKS
1966	October	2105	Wells, Norfolk	Oblong with windows	B3b	D STONARD
1968	May	2000	Whipsnade, Beds	Red/orange and white object changing shape	C4b	—
1969	Dec	Night	Blurton, Stoke-on- Trent	' Inverted bunsen flame '	C4b	S W BANKS
1973	Dec	1845	Kidsgrove, Staffs	' Electric-blue ' sphere	C3c	S W BANKS
76-455	21.10.76	1630	Weston-super-Mare, Avon	White object	C2c	WCUFORA
77-556	October	1700	Worthing, Sussex	Silver domed object	C3b	D STONARD
77-562	10.7.77	2315	Kendal, Cumbria	Two white/blue flashing lights	B4b	R HALL
77-563	October	1830	Flint, Clwyd	' Silver egg '	C4b	M KEATMAN
77-564	23.4.77	2355	Mickleover, Derby	Metallic silver disc	C3c	M KEATMAN
78-174	15.7.78	0045	Bayswater, London	Polygon shape	C3a	P HARDMAN
78-224	August	—	Barbon, Cumbria	Blue object with ' grab '	C3b	R HALL
78-229a	24.10.78	0210	Chertsey, Surrey	Circular object	B3a	R SAGE
78-229b	24.10.78	0210	"	"	B3a	
78-241	21.10.78	1835	Maryport, Cumbria	Boomerang shape	C3b	R HALL
78-255	Dec	1800	Hildenbrough, Kent	Silhouetted crescent with lights	C3c	VALERIE MARTIN
78-256	31.11.78	1845	Edinburgh	White oblong	C4b	S CAMPBELL
78-257	31.12.78	1900	Litcham, Norfolk	Red and green cigar shape	C3b	J COPSEY
78-258	18.12.78	0600	Hillingdon, Middx	' Silver star '	C4b	H KYLE
78-259	19.12.78	0610	Kings Lynn, Norfolk	Grey, humming circu- lar object	C3c	JOHN COPSEY
78-260	15.10.78	2100	Hyde Park, London	White oval	C3b	C R ROWLANDS
78-261	?	1945	London, NW8	Flat golden disc	C4c	C R ROWLANDS
78-262	28.8.78	0510	Chichester, Sussex	Inverted bowl shape with flame	C3c	D STONARD
78-263	13.11.78	1620	Chessington, Surrey	Light brown round object	C3b	—
78-264	17.10.78	1930	Stafford	' Oblong with lights '	C4b	S W BANKS
78-265	26.12.78	1755	Stone, Staffs	Dark grey object	B3c	M KEATMAN
78-266	3.9.78	2200	Hendre Eynon, Pem- broke	White and red round light	C4b	S W BANKS
78-267	March	2200	Milton, Stoke-on- Trent	White light	C4b	S W BANKS

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78-269	20.11.78	1615	Cotes Heath, Staffs	3 brilliant white/blue lights	C4b	M KEATMAN
78-270	27.9.78	0715	Stafford	Bright, 'pin-prick light'	C4c	A R PACE
78-271	3.10.78	2240	Newcastle, Staffs	3 small reddish discs	C4c	A R PACE
78-278	5.10.78	2040	Brocton, Staffs	3 vari-coloured lits	C4b	A R PACE
78-279	15.10.78	2100	Stafford	Yellow and red lits	C4b	
78-280	15.10.78	2100	„	Bright circular light	C4c	A R PACE
78-281	15.10.78	1900	Newport, Salop	'Flattened circle'	C3c	
78-282	16.10.78	2000	Stafford	Multi-coloured lit	C4b	A R PACE
78-283	16.10.78	2050	Garden, Stafford	White and green light	C3c	—
78-284	18.10.78	2245	Stone, Staffs	Pale yellow egg-like object	C4c	S W BANKS
78-287	18.7.78	0545	Earnley, Sussex	Orange-red oval	C3b	D STONARD
79-015	9.1.79	1526	Hinchley Wood, Surrey	Red-orange 'flattish bell'	C4b	K PHILLIPS
79-017	9.1.79	0828	Kidsgrove, Staffs	Gold cigar shape	C4b	
79-018	9.1.79	0830	„	„	C4b	A BEARD
79-019	22.3.79	2100-2215	Minster, Kent	Cone with red and white lights	C3b	VALERIE MARTIN
79-020	9.1.79	1600-1625	Chichester, Sussex	Elongated object	C3b	C JAMES
79-021	January	pm	London, SW4	Formation of yellow lights	C4c	—
79-022	10.4.79	2400	Maidstone, Kent	Greyish oval	C3b	L DALE
79-023	11.1.79	2030	Dover, Kent	Red lit	C4c	A HALL
79-024	5.3.79	2015	Loddon, Norfolk	Round yellow 'head-light'	C4b	P JOHNSON
79-025	9.2.79	1730	London, NW3	White globe	C4c	K PHILLIPS
79-026	3.1.79	2000	Burgess Hill, W Sussex	Hazy Saucer shape	C4c	D STONARD
79-027	16.1.79	1800	Chichester, W Sussex	Hazy oval	C4c	D STONARD
79-028	5.1.79	1749	Blythe Bridge, Staffs	6 red lights	C4c	A BEARD
79-029	4.1.79	1715	Newcastle, Staffs	'Humming top'	C3c	M KEATMAN
79-030	9.1.79	0835	Blythe Bridge, Staffs	Silver banana shape	C3c	S W BANKS
79-031	22.2.79	1900	Coven, Staffs	Hovering lits	C4c	S W BANKS
79-032	4.3.79	0802	Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs	Purple-blue ellipse	C4c	—
79-033	4.3.79	1957	Norton, Staffs	White-blue round light	C4b	—
79-034	9.1.79	1615	Worthing, Sussex	Pinkish oval	C3b	D STONARD
79-035	3.2.79	2030	Iford, Essex	White glowing object	C4b	—
79-036	28.4.79	2030	Kingston, Surrey	Circular domed object	C3b	A FOX
79-037	6.4.79	2135	Bromley, Kent	'Massive triangle'	C3b	S SUCCESS

Late News

Japanese UFOs photographed

Three UFOs—one white, two orange—closely tailed a Cessna plane for about 15 minutes, according to the *Japan Times* of 19 August 1979. Witnesses included Yahei Seki, a researcher of *Japan Meteorological Association*, Eiji Kawakami, a pilot of the *Toho Airline Co* and Ikuo Yamazaki, an employee of the same company, who took several photographs which were printed both in the *Japan Times* and the *Asahi Shimbun* of Tokyo.

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The Sherborne Lecture Group hold meetings at Foster's School, Sherborne. On Thursday, 31 January 1980, Sir George Trevelyan will be the speaker, whilst on Friday, 15 February, the subject of Prof Charles H Gibbs-Smith's talk will be *The Flying Saucer Problem*. Both meetings 7.30 pm. Enquiries to: Nigel Blair, Beech Cottage, 79 Acreman Street, Sherborne, Dorset DT9 3PH.

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Yugoslavia have an active UFO group which produces the magazine *Odiseja (Odyssey)*. Details from: Milos Krmelj, Milcinskega 6, 6100 Ljubljana, Slovenije, Yugoslavia.

It is with deep regret that we record the death of Dr Chris Evans on 10 October 1979. A researcher in Computer Science, his interests also included Science Fiction, Psychic Phenomena and UFOs. Though his approach to UFO and Psychic events was in general sceptical, his knowledge of the subjects was excellent, and when in past years he attended or spoke at Kensington meetings, he injected note of informed controversy that today is notably absent. He will be greatly missed in many spheres.

1980 USA UFO Conference

The 1980 *MUFON (Mutual UFO Network) Symposium* will be held on 7-8 June. Hosted by *VISIT (Vehicle Internal Systems Investigative Team)* it will take place near the Houston Space Center at High School in Clear Lake City, Texas. *MUFON* annual conferences are a major event for serious researchers, attracting contributors from amongst university professors and delegate numbers in excess of a thousand. Write to: **MUFON Inc, 103 Old Towne Road, Seguin, Texas 78155, USA.**

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Mark Underwood, of *UFO International* is currently engaged in raising a petition to persuade the UK Government to set up a similar investigative team to the French *GEPAN*. Anyone interested in assisting Mark by acting as a canvassing agent, should get in touch with him at 21 Sholden Road, Frindsbury Extra, Rochester, Kent, ME2 4PR.

Will the person who ordered the Bufora publication *Investigation Procedures* last March, please write to the publications section, giving his name and address, together with details of the order.

Deputy sheriff reports an attack by UFO

Bufora member Tom Lind of Massachusetts has sent in this intriguing account which, under the above heading, was featured in the *Gloucester (Mass) Daily Times* of 7 September 1979. The following is taken from the newspaper article:

"A Warren, Minn. deputy sheriff reported a brilliant light attacked him on a country road last week—knocking him unconscious, burning his eyes, stopping his watch and damaging his car

"Deputy Sheriff Val Johnson is 35, married and the father of three children. He has worked in the Marshall County sheriff's office in the flat north-western Minnesota farm country for 2½ years from 7 pm to 3.30 am he works a night trick patrolling country roads in the flat Red River country.

"About 1.40 am on Monday he was driving on a remote stretch of Minnesota 220, when he saw a bright, white light *"The light sat there a moment,"* he said, *"and then boom, it was right on my car. I heard glass breaking, an extremely bright light lit up the inside of the car and that's all I remember."*

"He said he was unconscious 39 minutes. When he woke up, he said he discovered:

- His squad car was sitting sideways on the isolated road.
- The windshield was broken in an unusual way: one headlight was smashed: the red light atop his car was broken and two antenna were bent, one in the middle and one at the top.
- His wristwatch and electric dashboard clock had both been stopped for 14 minutes.
- He had what a doctor called 'welder burns' on his eyes.

"My eyes and the whole front of my face hurt," he said. An eye specialist had him wear eye patches for 10 hours. It was two days before his eyes were back to normal."

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A well-attended opening session of the UFO Study Course at London's Morley College, was featured on *BBCTV News on 2*, on Friday, 21 September 1979, when course details were discussed with Bufora Chairman Lionel Beer in an 'on-the-spot' interview.

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