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UFO REPORTS are frequently very strange and, thanks largely to this fact, the subject of "ufology" has its own high strangeness index. As it happens this strangeness is all too frequently enhanced by the activities of groups of people who orbit the fringes of the subject. Among these groups — who usually protest their abiding interest in ufology — will be found both those with neo-religious or evangelistic tubs to thump, and also a weird breed on the far side of the circle who seem dedicated to killing off the subject. To achieve this end they go to remarkable lengths. On occasions we have interviewed witnesses of UFO events who have fought shy of speaking to us because there have already been others, posing as investigators, who have got there first and have browbeaten them. Then there have been instances of statements made to the press, some by known subscribers to *Flying Saucer Review*, in which bona fide researchers have been ridiculed and, as in one instance that springs to mind, the conclusions of the Condon Report have been fulsomely praised. More recently there have been premeditated and deliberate hoaxes designed to compromise investigators.

In its March 1976 issue the *Merseyside UFO Bulletin* (now appearing in the County of Surrey) devoted the lion's share of its space to an article by one D. Simpson who ran a group under the initial letters SIUFOP (the "S" standing for Surrey). In his article Mr. Simpson traced the story of the 1970 Warminster "UFO photographs" taken by Mr. N. Foxwell, a story which had appeared in FSR under the signatures of John Ben, Terence Collins and others.

Readers will recall that in our July-August issue of 1972 (Vol.18, No.4) we revealed that we had learned that there was every likelihood that the whole affair was a hoax, but that Mr. Foxwell, after being taxed with this information by Mr. Ben, had denied this in his reply. He was shocked, he wrote, that Mr. Ben, who "must be joking" should try to discredit him by "inventing such backbiting stories." In a letter to the Editor of FSR, Mr. Foxwell said he was "confused by the numerous stories circulating" at that time.

Well, we admitted we had been "taken for a ride" and that the laugh was on us, but it has taken Mr. D. Simpson nearly four years to pluck up the courage to admit that he, Foxwell and others had carried off the trick, with Mr. Foxwell now standing exposed as someone confused only as to what is true and what is not. The excuse for all this reprehensible behaviour was that it was a "scientific experiment" to test the reactions of ufologists, etc.

We must congratulate Mr. Simpson on having added a new dimension to scientific method: *hypothetical contriving, observational*

deceit and *experimental* confidence trickery.* And it is plain that this modern method has been employed to make a snide attack on FSR — although it should be remembered that when the discussion was at its height some six years ago we never made any claims other than that the images on the photographs were unidentified lights, or luminous objects.

We do not claim that FSR is infallible, and when we learn that we have made a mistake, or have been involved in a mistaken evaluation of data, and so on, we do not shirk the responsibility of admitting the mistake. That there have been mistakes is hardly surprising, for we publish this magazine on a shoe-string budget under increasingly difficult circumstances. We have neither the time nor the money to spare for mounting our own investigations either at home, or to the ends of the Earth, and we do not enjoy the benefit of our own large world-wide network of investigators. Consequently we have to rely on the good faith and objectivity of others. (Whenever the opportunity arises we endeavour to encourage our collaborators in distant parts of the

* Mr. Simpson is (for him) in good company. The convener of the Condon Committee was not averse to using tricks either — as was shown by Drs. D. Saunders and (the late) James E. McDonald.

world to make detailed investigations and re-investigations. This was done to good advantage, for example, in the Trancas case in Argentina, when the re-investigation was carried out by Dr. O. Galíndez and Sr. A. Astorga after we had met Sr. Astorga in London and suggested the project to him.) Sometimes — but rarely — we are let down, and then it is invariably unintentional.

It should be recorded that the editor of the *Merseyside UFO Bulletin*, John Rimmer, claims that neither he nor his assistants, Messrs. John Harney, Peter Rogerson and Roger Sandell, knew anything more about the “experimental hoaxing” (their choice of description) than they had read in FSR. We are obliged to accept that statement, and are relieved to do so as Mr. Harney and Mr. Sandell have contributed articles to our journal in the past. Nevertheless one cannot help but wonder what was their purpose and what motivated them when they choose to resurrect the mouldering corpse of the Foxwell photographs.

We are thankful that we do not feel a need to stoop to cheating by perpetrating hoaxes to support our views, whether they be for or against the subject, and readers may rest assured we will never knowingly open our pages to those pathetic cheats who do.

IS KEMPSEY A UFO “WINDOW”?

Eileen Buckle

MANY of our readers will remember the local “flap” centred on the town of Kempsey in the Northern part of New South Wales, Australia, in 1971*. We were indebted to Miss Patricia Riggs, Associate Editor of *The Macleay Argus*, Kempsey for supplying us with information on what was taking place there. Nor has activity ceased from that time to this. Kempsey, it would seem, is a “window” area through which emerged the brilliantly illuminated object shown in the adjacent, indubitably genuine, photographs. The details, again supplied by Miss Riggs, are as follows—

On July 21, 1975 Glen Waters and his wife, Jennifer, of Smith Street, Kempsey, were driving in the centre of the town when they spotted a large, bright object in the clear sky, directly overhead. The time was 8.00 p.m. The object was estimated to be between 500 and 1,000 feet up and was travelling rapidly to the west. It was too fast to be a satellite (it was described as moving “a few times faster than a jet plane”), and was also too big and too low. No noise was heard.

When the witnesses arrived at River Street, where they stopped to observe the object, the cows grazing on the river bank below were noticed to be disturbed and they could hear dogs on farms across the river barking in an agitated fashion.

On reaching the westernmost point of its flight (just north of due west), the object stopped and



The object as seen in the second photograph (enlarged)

* FSR, Vol.17 No.4, and *Case Histories* Supplement No. 8.



Photograph 1, taken at 8.05 pm, camera hand-held (also shown on front cover)

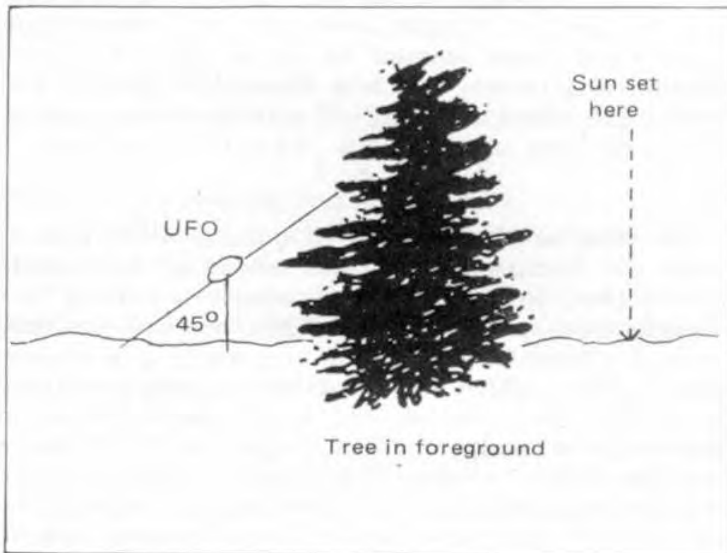


Photograph 3, taken at approx. 8.08 pm with camera on tripod (using a different setting)



Photograph 2, taken at approx. 8.08 pm with camera on tripod (over exposed)

hovered for ten minutes and started changing colour: bright white, faded, bright red, faded, bright yellow. It seemed to be pulsating at regular intervals until it suddenly dropped vertically, by now a round white light, and disappeared. Waters was unable to say if the object dropped behind the main range of hills (the Great Dividing Range) or the foothills.



He took the first photograph at 8.05 p.m. The camera was hand held. He then set the tripod and took the other two pictures with 10 and 15 seconds between them. He had finished at 8.08 p.m. He was adjusting his camera to another setting when the object dropped behind the hills. His wife said it appeared to move up and down a couple of times before it slowly disappeared.

The total duration of the sighting was 15 minutes. It was night when the pictures were taken. Waters used a fast colour film and one of them is somewhat overexposed. Miss Riggs mentions that the river is not visible in the photographs, but the witnesses would have been no more than 100 metres from it. The pine tree and the buildings are on the opposite (western) side of the river where there is a farming community called Euroka.

Landings too?

Since FSR published the 1971 UFO reports from Kempsey, amongst subsequent sightings there have been at least two possible landings.

On September 10, 1972, at 12.45 p.m., a Kempsey greengrocer, Mr. Allan James of Sea Street, was checking a load on his truck prior to descending from the top of Big Hill on the Armidale Road west of Georges Creek. He then noticed a long, cigar-shaped craft. According to the report in *The Macleay Argus*:-

"It was 100 times bigger than a Boeing 707 and from each end came small objects - flying saucers - which grouped into an arrowhead formation before heading south-east. Mr. James said the small objects left the mother ship like fighters leaving an aircraft carrier. Once the flying saucers were out of sight, the large craft climbed at such speed that it had disappeared in seconds...The incident occurred in broad daylight and Mr. James had the craft in sight for at least ten minutes. He estimated the mothership was several thousand feet above the ground when the smaller objects were leaving."

Mr. James, who made regular trips between Kempsey and Armidale, had spotted what he believed may have been the same UFO on the ground eight hours before, at 4.30 a.m. the same day, whilst

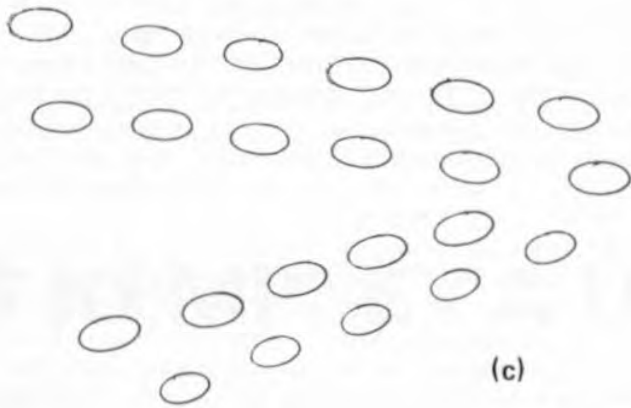


(a)



(b)

UFOs as drawn by the witness Mr. Allan James:
 (a) Huge "mothership" with small objects leaving at each end
 (b) one of the small objects
 (c) small objects grouped in arrow head formation



(c)

driving towards Armidale. Behind trees about 30 yards from the road he saw a strange purple glow. He slowed down and rolled down his window, but could not hear any noise. He drove on, the glow being visible in his rear vision mirror for some time. The object appeared to be emitting a ray of bright light, similar to a beam from a lighthouse, which was lighting up sections of the road.

A landing in a paddock

The second landing report was made by four teenagers who claimed they had seen a UFO at ground level on the night of Saturday, April 30, 1973.

Alan Wilcox, Ian Hudson, Patricia Flanagan and Sue Yabsley, all of Kempsey, first saw the object while returning from a fishing trip. Sue Yabsley told the *Argus*: "We were driving along the South West Rocks road towards Kempsey, about halfway between Kinchela and Gladstone, when Alan suddenly said, 'Look at that in the sky.'

"I looked up and saw an egg-shaped object high in the south-east sky. As soon as I looked the object simply dropped out of the sky at great speed and disappeared behind some trees. It took only a fraction of a second to come down and vanish. When I first saw it, the object was a bright yellow colour, broken by a lime green colour around the head of it as it dived towards the ground. We kept driving,

thinking we had seen the last of it, but when we had driven another 200 yards I noticed a distant glow in a paddock about a mile to the east.

"Alan, who was the driver, kept driving. He turned around near Alan Kemp's house and returned to where I'd seen this light. A funny thing happened — it seemed that our headlights blacked out momentarily. There was no reflection from them at all. Then we all saw the object. It appeared to have landed on open ground, in front of a straight line of trees. We all saw it clearly. The object at this stage was dome-shaped, something like a helmet, and had changed colour to a reddish orange. It kept changing colours about three feet above the ground.

"We were all scared and only stayed for about five minutes before we turned around again and started for home." Miss Flanagan maintained that although the object in the paddock had changed colours from red and orange, the underneath section had been a constant yellow. She said the light emitted from the object while it was on the ground had been too bright to look at for a long period: "It had no definite outline but there was the suggestion of shape like a helmet."

On resuming their journey they saw another light in the sky, this time a ball-shaped object a long way up. It travelled straight across the sky "faster than a jet" and then seemed to circle the Smithtown transmitting tower, which is about 167 meters (550 feet) high, before shooting off again and disappearing.

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In view of the number of notable UFO reports from the Kempsey area, from which we have made a selection, we are surely fortunate in having our correspondent, Miss Patricia Riggs, not only residing at such a focus of activity but also working in a newspaper office where many of the reports inevitably find their way. If we had many more friends in provincial newspaper offices, might not many more possible UFO "windows" become evident? Or have we just been lucky in having the right person at the right place? Just how rare are such areas of intense UFO activity?

ON TWO PASSAGES IN THE ILIAD

Aimé Michel

Translation from the French by Gordon Creighton

AMONG so much else of mysterious beauty in Homer's *Iliad*, there are two passages that might well set us Ufologues to dreaming dreams. And dreaming, let it be said, is a fruitful activity, so long as you don't start confusing it with reality. Notwithstanding which, certain dreams do indeed turn out in the end to be reality. But it has to be proved, and this is the hardest part of it. For a long time forsooth Schliemann's Troy was but a dream. And then that dream, so faithfully pursued, led at last to the real Troy and the Homeric legends came alive again.

Victor Hugo once said that the Epic is: "*History evesdropped at the Portals of Legend.*" May I be forgiven if I too love to listen at those sacred Portals.

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The first of the two passages in question begins at verse 367 of Book XVIII. To understand it properly, one would need to recall all the tangled intrigue in which, before the walls of Troy as on the heights of Olympus, men and Gods stand pitted against each other, each camp having its own supporters in the other world.

But let us disregard the intrigues which, so far as I can see have no bearing on the subject with which we are concerned in this Journal. Let us turn then to Book 18. There, after certain mishaps and adventures in a war that has already lasted many a long year, Achilles finds himself in an unfortunate situation. There is a risk that things may not turn out well for him in his next fight. His mother, the divine Thetis, thereupon runs to Hephaestus, the lame craftsman, the Smith-God, whose clever ideas on metallurgical matters never fail. And she implores Hephaestus thus:

"Wilt be minded to give my son, that is doomed to a speedy death, shield and helmet, and goodly greaves fitted with ankle-pieces, and corselet?"

Hephaestus consents, and sets to work.

Well now, it is the details of this particular scene which seem to be disconcerting.

But first let us hear the description of the dwelling-place of Hephaestus, the Divine Smith.

"On this wise spake they one to the other; then silver-footed Thetis came unto the house of Hephaestus, *imperishable, decked with stars*,¹ pre-eminent among the house of immortals, wrought all of bronze,² which the crook-foot god himself had built him."

(The "crook-foot", or the "lame one", is Hephaestus, who however is not truly lame. It is that his legs are so weak that, in order to support the eight of his body, in the situation where he is he, they require an artificial muscular aid, and in a minute we shall see what this is.)

Before we go any further, one comment is essential: namely that nowhere, either in the *Iliad* or the *Odyssey*, or in any other poem of that same period (such as Hesiod, for example) are there any *technological marvels*. The "marvellous" in Homer is essentially poetic, and unrealistic, or at the most, symbolic. The Gods travel around in aerial chariots drawn by magnificent horses, and the miracles the Gods perform are the sort of miracles that you find in fairy tales and that are still invented today, in the 20th century, by little children. But Hephaestus alone *performs no miracles*. What on the other hand, he does do seems extremely familiar to us: he builds machines, and machines such as our 20th century, now closing, is only just beginning to see: fundamentally, *robots*.

Let us continue now with our reading of the arrival of Thetis at that dwelling "decked with stars," about which I shall also have more to say later.

"Him (i.e. Hephaestus) she found sweating with toil as he moved to and fro about his bellows in eager haste (*bellows, i.e.: machines*). For he was fashioning tripods, twenty in all, to stand around the wall of his well-built hall (*walls of bronze, let us remember*). And golden wheels had he set beneath the base of each, that of themselves they might enter the gathering of the Gods at his wish and again return to his house, a wonder to behold. Thus much were they fully wrought: only not yet were the cunningly fashioned ears set thereon; these was he now making ready, and was forging the rivets."

This is the point at which Hephaestus is when his wife, Charis, interrupts the work by entering to announce the arrival of Thetis.

(Why, it's enough to turn one into an anti-feminist! Devil take these pert hussies whose vapid chatter now halts the Poet's descriptive flow!)

Now, what is it that Hephaestus is so intent on making? Twenty tripods, robots capable, "of themselves," of moving around on wheels among the Gods. Two of the details that we are given are maddeningly terse: firstly: these tripods *move of themselves*. But watch! These words "*of themselves*," innocent enough in French (and in English too) must be read in the Greek! For the Greek term is none other than the word that we render as *automaton*³ which makes its very debut here, in this line of Homer, into the universal vocabulary of our world and into the history of ideas. (In fact only once previously has Homer employed this word, and then in an equally disconcerting way too. But more of that anon.)

So these tripods are *automata*.⁴ But — and this is the second detail that I want to mention — let us reflect a while upon this point. If the tripods move "of themselves" then why does Homer have Hephaestus attaching "ears" (i.e. the *handles*⁵) and

rivets on to them? What on earth could have been the purpose of handles that are not handles, if the automaton, which moves around by itself, has no need of being picked up or held by handles or attachments?

But, alas, the empty chatter of Charis and Thetis, obsessed with their own petty problems and in any case having, as we all know, contempt for mechanical matters, deprive us of ever learning these thrilling details. And so we are simply left face to face with superstructures, 20 servo-tripods: what can they have been? Radar? Or Sonar? Or Zeus knows what!

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But fortunately that is not the end of it.

Thetis, then, explains her problem to Hephaestus who, good fellow that he is, hears her attentively and then, in recognition of a service previously rendered by her, he decides to stop work there and then on the assembly of his 20 servo-tripods, in order to make the incomparable corselet for Achilles for which he has been asked. Merely from the point of view of Ufology alone this corselet would merit a long article, but I shall have to leave that for another occasion.

Let us then watch what Hephaestus is doing (Verse 410).

"He spake, and from the anvil rose a huge, panting bulk, halting the while, but beneath him his slender legs moved nimbly. The bellows he set away from the fire, and he gathered all the tools wherewith he wrought, into a silver chest; and with a sponge wiped he his face and his two hands withal, and his mighty neck and shaggy breast, and put upon him a tunic, and grasped a stout staff, and went forth halting; *but there moved swiftly to support their lord two handmaidens wrought of gold in the semblance of living maids. In them is understanding in their hearts,⁶ and in them speech and strength, and they know cunning handiwork by gift of the immortal Gods. They busily moved to support their lord.*"

More robots, but rather more charming ones! Made of gold, and having the appearance of pretty girls,⁷ and with understanding in their hearts. I know of nothing similar to this that can be quoted from anywhere in Greek poetry right down until the period, much later, when machines (which did not exist in the days of Homer, having become familiar, began to be able to inspire the poets.

But there is still more to it than this. As we read this episode from Homer, we have the impression that the latter is reporting a fact which for him was assuredly miraculous but to which he attaches no special importance. Hence nothing in his story suggests that he sees any difference whatever between, say, automatic mechanisms reproducing the effects of human intelligence, and Apollo's horses drawing the chariot of the Sun. The unusualness of the technically marvellous does not strike him, because he does not know that unusualness exists, *he does not know that this strange thing, the marvellous, is different.* For him, it is all magic. It is only to the

eyes of the 20th century reader that the difference appears, that, as I would put it, the abyss is formed. In a word, *it is clear that Homer does not understand what it is that he is relating, and furthermore that it is scarcely of any interest to him. He is repeating, magnificently, it is true, but without understanding it, a story which is far older than he is, and the meaning of which is lost.*

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To what, then, does this story refer? What in reality are these automatic tripods, these robots endowed with intelligence? Whence can tradition — or imagination — of such things possibly have come to men living earlier than the VIIIth Century B.C.?

As I have said, we can but dream about it. Daedalus..., Icarus..., Atlantis...? So far as I myself am concerned, I admit that I do not like such dreams as these, they are too easy. I prefer to search for indications, and to stick to those.

I have mentioned that the Greek word *automation*⁸ is not found, so far as I am aware, anywhere in the literature prior to the date of this Homeric account of Thetis' journey to see Hephaestus, except in one solitary passage. And that passage too is in the *Iliad*, but at the beginning, in verse 748 of Book V, when the poet is explaining how the gates of Olympus, "Home of the Gods," function: "Those gates, which are kept by the Hours, open and close *of their own accord* with a roaring noise and emitting a dense cloud. To the Hours is entrusted the task of being the Wardens over the entrance to Olympus and over the vast expanse of the skies."

In other words, these gates open and close at fixed times, that is to say: at an astronomical command.

And this dwelling-place of the Gods, which opens and shuts at the command of the Hours, that is to say by means of an astronomical sight or bearing, is automatically operated. The gates⁹ are automata.¹⁰ Their operation is associated with a cloud.

And all this is proceeding in a starry sky. Numerous other passages, with which I will not however tire the reader, show clearly that *the Olympus of the Gods has nothing whatsoever to do with the mountain which bears the same name.* For example, it is stated in the *Iliad* (verse 750 and following) that Chronus is seated on the highest summit of Olympus, *apart, outside the gates of his celestial dwelling.*

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What then are we to think, if we stick strictly to the written text — i.e., if we put ourselves in the place of the Greeks of Homeric times, who were totally ignorant of any correct cosmogony, and likewise of any geography, and who took the stories of the *Iliad* quite literally?

In this case we would believe that a certain being named Hephaestus, (whose description, incidentally, is well worth bearing in mind) dwelt in a cavern "of bronze decked with stars," far from Earth, and that, among other things, he manufactured automata and robots there!

We would believe, furthermore, that there was, somewhere up in the sky, a "Dwelling-place of the Gods," with immense doors that "roared" when they opened, and that their opening and closure were controlled by the Hours, that is to say by the taking of an astronomical bearing — just like the way in which our space-craft are guided. And all this accompanied by the emission of clouds.

Everyone is at liberty to explain it all after his own fashion.

Notes

1. αστερόεντα
2. χάλκεον
3. αὐτόματος, plural αὐτόματοι
4. αὐτοματοί τρίποδες
5. anse in French. (Rendered as *handle* in case of a jug or a basket, and sometimes as *ear* in the case of a pitcher or a jug—G.C.)
6. τῆς ἐν μὲν νοοῦ ἐδὲτὶ μετὰ φρεσίν
7. νεήμιον
8. αὐτόματος (masc.), αὐτόματον (neuter.)
9. Πύλαι
10. αὐτόματα

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KEYHOE: THE CIA EXPOSED

Jonathan Caplan

MAJOR KEYHOE'S latest book, *Aliens from Space* (Panther paperback 1975), is a minor classic. Classic because it contains an important and detailed analysis of an old suspicion. Minor because it fails to take account of new trends in the subject and the alternative possibilities.

The great merit of the book is its painstaking treatment of the censorship campaign that has been mounted against public recognition of the UFO phenomenon by the USAF and then the CIA. Keyhoe traces the whole story with such fresh detail that the calculated development of a censorship programme seems finally to have been pinned down and exposed. In this respect, the book updates Captain Ruppelt's *The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects* which is now twenty years old.

Most interesting perhaps, is Keyhoe's explanation of CIA involvement. It seems that, in April 1952, the then Secretary of the Navy, Dan Kimball, sighted two discs from his executive plane en route to Hawaii, and, after filing a report, received an unsatisfactory reply from the Air Force. He consequently issued instructions that the Navy was to set up its own investigation programme which was to be independent of the one run by the USAF. To make matters worse, a Navy aviation photographer filmed a UFO formation near Tremonton, Utah, in July 1952, and, after agreeing to hand over only a copy of the film to the Air Force, Navy experts examined the original and pronounced that it showed no unknown objects under intelligent control.

By this time, the CIA was determined to stop

Kimball and their opportunity came when he was replaced by a Republican after Eisenhower's victory in November 1952. But, fearing another showdown with the Navy and suspecting the inefficiency of the Air Force, the CIA decided that the time had come for them to take over and to administer a ruthless censorship programme. Since that time, many, who have honestly reported a UFO experience, have paid with their reputations if the publicity suddenly got out of hand.

The pity about Keyhoe's work is his unflinching certainty that UFOs are extraterrestrial hardware and that the UFO phenomenon is wholly explicable as a physical one. Although his book contains an interesting chapter on "Giant Spaceships" which might tend to support his views, Keyhoe's unwavering conviction that this is what UFOs are, his implied reluctance to contemplate the more bizarre contactee cases, and his failure even to consider recent theories which offer alternatives to the simple explanation of extraterrestrial surveillance, detract from the overall merit of the book. Moreover, Keyhoe's suggestion for a "Project Lure" — "an isolated base with unusual structures and novel displays, designed to attract the UFO aliens' attention" — seems unfortunately fanciful, especially since Keyhoe optimistically states that "it may take a few days" for a UFO to land.

His invaluable account of the censorship programme should nevertheless make this book compulsory reading for those interested in the subject.

UFO WITNESSES AND FIELD INVESTIGATORS

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A LOGIC MATRIX is a useful device in helping sort out all possible combinations of elements of some situation and can also be instructive in guiding one into new insights. One such matrix diagram is presented in Figure 1. Although the matrix is applied to the subject of UFO field investigator and witness factors it may be applied to many other areas as well. Then a single cell of Figure 1 is amplified in Figure 2 in the form of an "event tree." Again, the diagram is meant to illustrate a useful methodology for the reader's future use as much as it is for the present purpose of analyzing UFO witness responses.

A simple 2 by 2 matrix is presented in Figure 1 where the horizontal axis represents the physical stimulus (in this case an unknown aerial object) and the vertical axis represents whether or not it was perceived. Of course there are at least two subdivisions of each axis as shown. Use of this simple matrix can be illustrated with the following analysis. Let the "Physical Phenomenon" be an unidentified flying object (UFO). It is either present [cell (A) or (C)] or it was not present at a given time and place [cell (B) or (D)]. Similarly, an observer may have experienced the UFO [cell (A) or (B)] or he may not have experienced it [cell (C) or (D)]. Let us consider each of these four cells separately.

What is usually meant by a "credible," "good," "reliable" UFO witness is a person who would always be found within cell (A). Unfortunately, people are not always good witnesses. For instance, they perceive things that are not physically present, such as dreams and hallucinations. Such individuals would fall in cell (B). Then there are those persons who mistake or misinterpret a physical phenomenon as being something else, like seeing a mirage in the desert. These individuals fall in cell (B) but for a different reason than just given.

Then there are those people who, for various reasons, would not notice a barn if they were inside it! They either do not want to perceive aspects of physical reality, or can not, for various deep-seated psychological reasons. These individuals fall in cell (C).

Now the important question may be raised, how does one select people who are likely to be good UFO field investigators and who will fall in cells (A) and (D)? A few suggestions are given next.

A good UFO field investigator should be chosen for his natural curiosity. This curiosity should be directed towards understanding the true nature, source, and human implications of the UFO phenomena. He should rely upon a flexible balance of traditional scientific methodology and creative

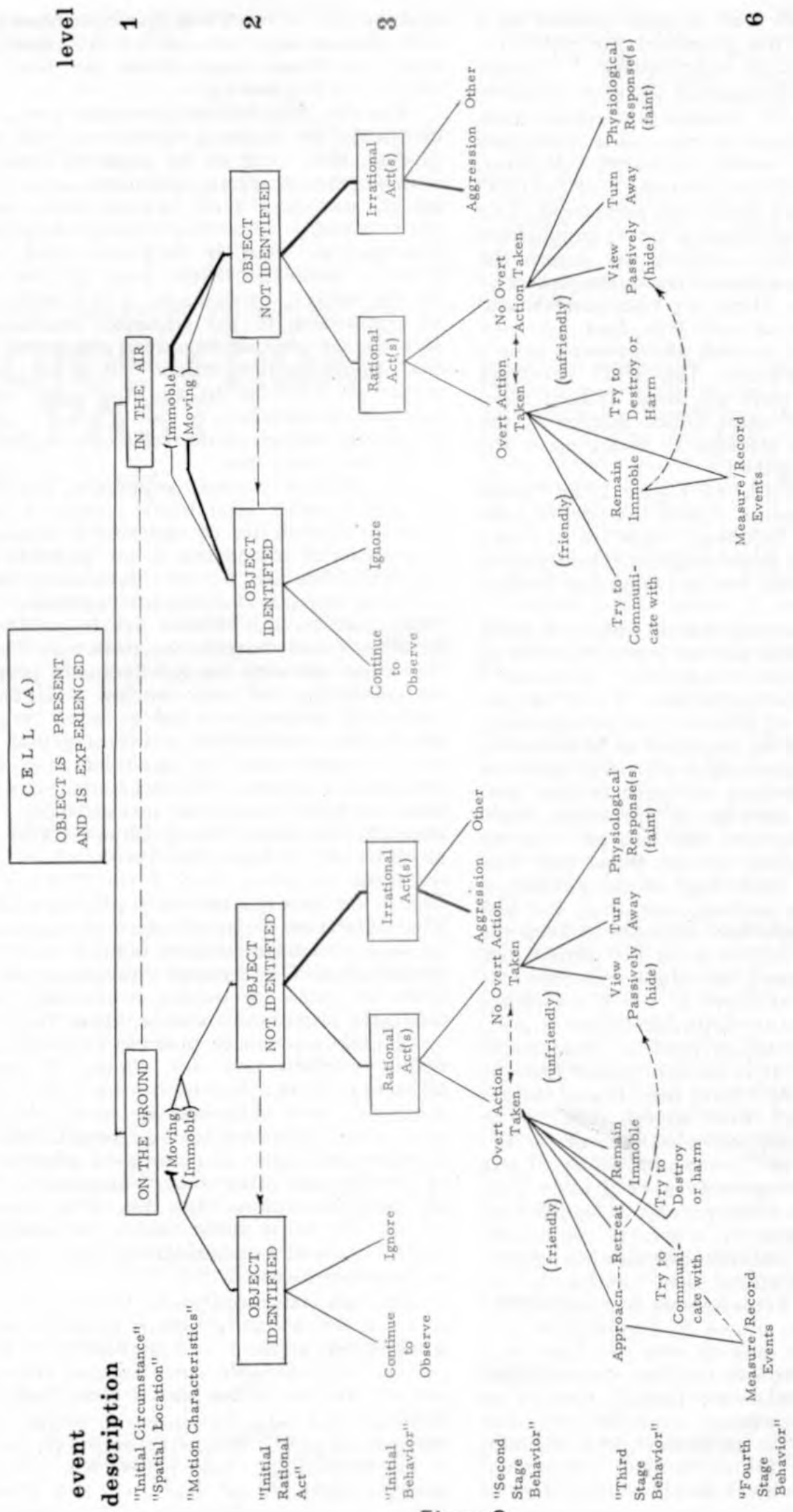
philosophy. He should also possess emotional stability, maturity, and a friendly disposition. Such personality traits will help insure the maximum amount of witness co-operation and concentration (in circumstances that are often filled with anxiety, fear, and emotion). These qualities in the investigator will also tend to calm and assure the witness and further gain his confidence. The witness will also be more likely to accept the sometimes probing questions that must be asked about the events of the sighting if the investigator displays a certain degree of "objective poise."

Other traits that would seem to point towards cell (A) [and also (D)] type field investigators include alertness and perceptiveness toward the subtle behavioral cues of the witness. Valuable background information bearing upon the credibility of a witness may be obtained through alertness. Also, the field investigator should be well equipped to conduct the field measurements that should accompany the field interview. The author has dealt with this subject in a previous series of articles in the APRO Bulletin.¹ The good field investigator must take more than just his measurement and recording equipment into the field. He must also take a respectable intellectual capacity with him as well so that he can answer questions put to him by the witness, the press, and others. *His credibility must be particularly high!* Of course there are many other traits and capabilities of a good UFO field investigator; however, their discussion lies outside the scope of this article. Let us return to Figure 1.

Matrix of all Possible Combinations

		"Physical Phenomenon"	
		Present	Not Present
"Phenomenon Experienced"	Yes	cell (A)	cell (B)
	No	cell (C)	cell (D)

Figure 1



event description

"Initial Circumstance"

"Spatial Location"

"Motion Characteristics"

"Initial Rational Act"

"Initial Behavior"

"Second Stage Behavior"

"Third Stage Behavior"

"Fourth Stage Behavior"

Figure 2

Assume that a UFO was actually present at a certain time and place but possessed the capability of preventing humans from experiencing it through their senses. It is a philosophical question whether or not the UFO would "exist." But apart from philosophy, suppose that a man-made radiation sensor/detector (e.g., radar, infra-red detector, magnetometer) indicated the "presence" of the UFO even though the humans could not perceive it. This purposefully contrived situation is meant to illustrate a special case of cell (C), however the reason the phenomenon wasn't experienced lay in the nature of the phenomenon. Thus, there are two possible and reasonable subdivisions of cell (C): first, *observer caused* insensitivity, and second, *phenomenon caused* insensitivity in the witness. The UFO literature contains examples of both of these. Indeed, they are some of the "stuff" upon which science fiction is based. Next, let us attempt to build upon the logic matrix shown in Figure 1.

Considering only cell (A) of Figure 1, an "event tree" such as that shown in Figure 2 might be constructed. Down the left-hand side is a brief description of each level in the diagram. The numbers down the right-hand side are provided for further reference.

We will begin by assuming that an unknown aerial object is physically present and has been perceived by one witness. The present "event tree" possesses a limited number of branches because I will assume that the "normal laws of physics," as we currently understand them, would be expected to be observed. It is acknowledged that one might add other branches to this tree which may or may not indicate that "new or abnormal" physical laws are in operation. Based upon the above assumption, one can say that an object (possessing mass/inertia) can be at only one place at any instant in time, e.g., on the ground, in the air, under water, or underground. Only the first two of these are discussed here in order to keep the analysis simple. If the object is on the ground (cf. level 1; right-hand column) initially it can either be immobile or moving. The same is true if the object is in the air; however, known physical laws of aerodynamic instability will act to tend to cause object motion of some kind.² It is for this reason that the connecting lines in Figure 2 have been drawn thicker for those "associations" that would tend to be strongest if the commonly accepted laws of physics are operating. In other words the probability of one association would be expected to be greater than another (e.g., a moving airborne object would tend to be identified [cf. level 2] a greater proportion of the time than would an immobile airborne object.

Now let us theorize about some possible initial, *rational behaviour* of UFO witnesses for each of the four possible conditions shown in Figure 2 at level 3. Note that the object may or may not have been identified as being something familiar. Nevertheless, there are still only a relatively limited number of alternative rational behaviours: two for the case of an identified object like an aircraft, kite, balloon, and perhaps two more for an unidentified object. Also note that if the object is still unidentified at this stage the "event tree" begins to branch out in

many different ways. It is this rapid branching that we will discuss next because of the implications they lead to. These implications are both fascinating and a little frightening.

The 4th, 5th, 6th (etc.) response levels that tend to be made by rational individuals are increasingly diverse, they tend to be made in haste, they tend toward the irrational (at least on a probabilistic basis), and they tend toward being hostile rather than friendly. It is this typical, instinctual human response to what is unfamiliar and strange that poses a potential threat both to the witness and to the object, particularly if the object is capable of responding to the witnesses' reactions. It seems safe to say that it is only a matter of probability that one initial hostile act will be met in kind! The reader is referred to an interesting discussion of this subject elsewhere.³

Several rather obvious lessons might be learned from this "event tree":

(1) Objects should (somehow) be identified as soon as possible after initial contact is made otherwise the probability of undesirable human behaviour increases. Of course this is not possible in the case of UFOs that are, by very definition, unidentifiable as being objects of common experience. A possible "solution" to this dilemma lies in public education. Irrational and hostile reactions are less likely in those persons who are intellectually prepared about the possibility of experiencing a UFO. Certainly, there will always be a few so-called "trigger-happy" people who will shoot at anything that moves, but such persons must be classified as a part of the irrational minority. To summarize the first point, then, a UFO should be intellectually "converted" into an Identified Flying Object (IFO) as soon as possible to reduce the likelihood of undesirable reactions occurring even if the IFO is still a UFO. This is not merely a matter of playing with semantics. The suggestion is based upon the assumption that persons who have become familiar with the subject matter of UFOs (through education) will not be as likely to panic or behave irrationally because, for them, the object is, in a sense, identified.⁴

(2) The number of possible horizontal transitions within a given level (cf. Figure 2) decreases the higher the level. That is, the number of options for changing one's behaviour decreases the longer one is involved. Humans tend to commit themselves to a course of action (regardless of whether it is right or wrong) and carry it to "completion." The scores of possible reasons for this behavioural fact lie outside the scope of this article; the interested reader would do well to consider his own motives behind such commitment.

(3) Rational people will tend to resolve the experience intellectually before an emotional response is made (cf. levels 4 - 6 in Figure 2). Because of various unpredictable forces within them, irrational people are much less easily described. This third "lesson" also calls for more and better education of the general public about the entire subject of UFOs.

In conclusion, this paper has presented two possible methods of analyzing and describing the events that might surround a UFO sighting. The first

is more related to the characteristics that make a person a good UFO field investigator while the second method (viz. "event tree") is more related to determining the probable responses of UFO witnesses. As neither methodological illustration is complete they must be tailored to each situation.

Notes

1. This series of articles dealing with standardization of concepts and terms related to UFO phenomena began with the July-August, 1974 issue (part I) and continued 1975 issue (part III), and the June, 1975 issue (part IV) of the Bulletin of the Aerial Phenomenon Research Organisation (APRO).
2. For present purposes of discussion such motion as

rotation, wobble, rocking, etc. which are often said to characterize UFOs, are considered to represent basic response behaviour of the object reacting to the physical laws of aerodynamic instability that are present. Of course, this is a debatable point and must be considered as a tentative hypothesis.

3. Westrum, R., *Matching wits with extraterrestrials*. Skylook, Number 91, June, 1975, pp 10-13.
4. An interesting and researchable question might be whether the same qualitative and quantitative responses would occur today if Orson Welles' radio play "Invasion from Mars" was suddenly and unexpectedly broadcast.
5. I wish to thank Jacques Vallée, James McCampbell, and Leo Sprinkle for their comments and suggestions regarding this article.

A VOICE FROM THE PAST

E. L. Plunkett

EARLY in 1952 I became the official British Representative of the International Flying Saucer Bureau founded that same year by Albert K. Bender of Bridgeport, Connecticut, USA.

Membership rapidly climbed to some 1500 throughout the world, including some notables as Lord Downing, Waveney Girvan, John M. Lade, and among numerous authors of 'Saucer' literature.

Visitors to Bristol included George Adamski, Albert K. Bender, G.H. Williamson, and crew members of Captain Howard's BOAC Stratocruiser — namely his co-pilot Canadian Lee Boyd and his navigator N.O. Allen — and last, but not least, Desmond Leslie who filled one of Bristol's largest lecture Halls (the Museum Lecture Theatre) to capacity.

In late autumn 1953 I was informed by Albert K. Bender that he was closing down the IFSB as he had been visited by 'Three Men in Black' who had frightened him so badly that he had been violently sick for three days.

A meeting of my committee in Bristol was convened, and it was decided to officially become the British Flying Saucer Bureau, and this later amalgamated with the Flying Saucer Club of Hove under Richard Hughes, who became publisher of a joint magazine called 'Flying Saucer News.'

I still correspond with Bender, who later married the sister-in-law of our Treasurer Mr. Harold Coble, but Albert — true to his word — did not continue with his previous 'Saucer' activities.

However, when his book — some ten years later — was published in 1962 the BFSB sent various taped requests, etc., for further information, but Albert stood by all he had related in 'Flying Saucers and the Three Men', and there the matter still stands to this day.

In earlier days we did have a 'flap' communicated to Richard Hughes and the BFSB that a 'mysterious caller' was on his way to England to visit us from Australia and I understand that our representative there did have a spot of bother. His name escapes me, but as nothing ever came of this visit, it faded

from our memories. In the early sixties I had to forego 'Saucers' due to my job taking up my evenings and often week-ends but the Committee of BFSB carried on. The day however came when earning a living became more of a problem, and eventually it was decided to terminate the BFSB and keep only the Committee going.

Throughout the years some senior members — including our President, Dr. R. Irving-Bell and our Hon. Sec. David Rudman, died, and as I was now able to attend on occasions I was made President. Our interest — as a Committee — had never waned at all in what had now become respectable under the term 'Unidentified Flying Objects' which declined to disappear as a phenomenon.

So it was in early 1974 I wrote the Principal of The Bristol Institute of Adult Education Dr. C.W. Claxton PhD, BSc, FGS, to enquire whether he could grant me an interview in respect of a possible series of lectures on 'UFOs' during the forthcoming winter season. The interview was obtained and despite some opposition from his superiors he was able to put aside a period of six Wednesday lectures on behalf of BFSB.

Immediately the media became aware of this we as a group were inundated by the local press, radio and BBC and HTV, and on the opening evening of October 16th, 1974 full coverage was given of those lectures and students present. Needless to say the class was over-subscribed and we had to stop at 44 students due to the size of the class room allotted to us. The class was undoubtedly a success.

However, a few weeks ago I was agreeably surprised, due to the immense cuts in education expenditure, to be advised by Dr. Claxton that the BFSB had been granted another six week's course on UFOs due to its reception by the general public last year. So, on November 5th we commence a new series, and it was gratifying at the enrolment evening a few weeks back that again we were over-subscribed and indeed have a waiting list in case anyone drops out.

Perhaps if you find a space for this in your estimable journal it may give other groups within the United Kingdom the necessary ambition to go and do likewise.

Editor's Note: Readers interested in seeing the Syllabuses for 1975/76, should apply, sending stamped/addressed envelope to Capt. E.L. Plunkett, 71 Chedworth Road, Horfield, Bristol BS7 9RX

UFONAUTS AS TIME TRAVELLERS

S. E. Priest

I HAVE been interested in the "UFO" phenomenon since 1950 and a subscriber to *Flying Saucer Review* for more years than I care to remember. During all that period I have rarely seen any suggestion put forward that UFOs might have some connection with time-travelling; that UFOs may actually carry people from our own future or from the future of other planets.* It is, I think, very worth while to forget about extra-terrestrials (at least, contemporary ET's), denizens of inner-Earth and of other dimensions for a moment and give the time-traveller theory more than passing attention.

Let us say at the outset that time-travel is *certain* to be achieved at some time in the future of the human race; a future, when one comes to think about it, which is endless, and is not even contingent upon the continued existence of Mother Earth. Just as our remote ancestor, a caveman, say, of 50,000 years ago, could have asserted, had he been imaginative enough, that television was *bound* to have been invented sooner or later, so we, with our vastly superior knowledge and technology to guide us, can say with certainty that at some time in the future our descendants will invent a time-travel machine, whether it be next century or a million years' time. The actual date of invention is immaterial, for once time-travel is achieved all antecedent ages can be visited, the caveman's as well as ours, A.D. 1066 or 10,066 B.C. (In passing, I think it is true to say that Time-travel can only be travel in the past. The future at any given point in time is as yet unformed and therefore non-existent.)

Having established that time-travel must be a certainty on the basis of what we ourselves have achieved in only five or six thousands years of recorded history we should now, perhaps, try to examine the mechanics of such an achievement. I say "try" because, personally, I haven't the remotest idea of how it can be done mechanically, ("mental time-travel" cannot be considered in our present frame of reference; time-travel, to be valid, must be physical i.e., by physical three-dimensional means and in normal, physical bodies). Despite that, however, there is one salient physical property which all time-machines must possess and that is, I suggest, the ability to fly.

Science-fiction writers, from H.G. Wells onward, have always described T-T machines as stationary, grounded objects; but over the course of centuries land configuration alters. For instance, it is a bare 10,000 years since Britain became an island. Roman London lies fifteen feet below the present surface. A visitor from, say, 50,000 years hence, setting off in such a stationary, grounded T-T machine from the future London might well come into our time, in other words, *materialise* into our time, smack in the middle of the Post Office Tower, for instance, with disastrous results all round.

It is plain, therefore, that the only area in which such travellers could safely make their journey

An article which is frankly speculative, but which as a former editor of FSR might have said, "is offered in the hope that it will prove controversial." Our contributor is not the first to allude to, or to discuss, in the pages of *Flying Saucer Review*, the possibility that UFOs are time-travelling machines. He does, however, make some interesting suggestions, and the subject is topical in view of experimental work being done by scientists in connection with time. Indeed we know theoretical physicists who are involved with that question, and one of them has evinced an interest in the Peter and Francis story of their nightmarish ride from Umvuma to Beit Bridge, and the investigation of Peter under hypnosis (see FSR Vol.21, Nos.1 and 2).

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through time is high in the atmosphere, both at the starting point and at the destination. It follows then, that time-travel machines must also be capable of flying. It also follows that the vastly superior and expert technology of a future age would be reflected in the performance and design of such machines, and thus the pattern of the "conventional" flying saucer begins to emerge.

As to the motive or motives behind such time-travel. Perhaps it is just a simple scientific curiosity, for the Earth of their time may well consist of large areas of desert, as many of our present-day scientists have prophesied. If so, our existing lush vegetation and plentiful water supplies would be of absorbing interest to the visitors. Just as we use archaeology to laboriously unearth traces of past civilisations buried deep in the ground, so our descendants far in the future may be using time-travel to study our own ancient (to them) civilisation. Perhaps, also, the large, cigar-shaped, carrier type of UFO described by Adamski held nothing more sinister than parties of students, researchers and sight-seers.

On the other hand, it may be that that future earth may be torn by a strife whose meaning we cannot even imagine (what would our caveman, for instance, make of the political differences which divide the United States and Soviet Russia today?), and that the purpose of their visits is connected with some aspect of an internecine struggle or struggles going on in their own time.

* [In FSR, Vol.9, No.3 (May/June 1963) there was published a short article, *Time, Saucers and the Fourth Dimension* by one Charles Bowen, a speculative piece which concluded with the thought: "If, however, they are time travellers manifesting at points along fixed geographical lines, perhaps they are aliens who at some time in our future have defeated our descendants!" This and the other ideas, *materialisation, either from space, or the future, via entry points (or "windows") on orthotenic lines*, were inspired by an allusion to time travel by Luis Schönherr in his article *UFOs and Fourth Dimension* in FSR Vol.9, No.2, (March/April 1963) - EDITOR]

A good deal of hitherto puzzling UFO phenomena can be tidied up by referring to the time-travel theory. For example, it is possible, human nature being what it is and likely to be in the future, that some time-machine operators are not as careful or as skilled as they might be. Instead of arriving accurately at their time-destination they may skid and bounce off, somewhat as a flat stone is skimmed across the surface of a pond, and come into our time at regular intervals until settling down into the required time-slot. If at the same time they are capable of, and wish to, impress upon a watcher's mind that he is seeing a (to him) conventional object (in keeping with the "no interference" rule; see later), then we have a possible explanation of the Airship mystery of the eighteen-nineties, and also of the packet-boat seen sailing along a quarter of a mile above the ground near the Menai Straits in 1743 (my letter in FSR May-June, 1970, page 31). This boat was seen at three ten-year intervals and in the same place each time.

Again, this theory could explain the mystery of the falling objects which never seem to reach the ground. Once detached from the time-machine-UFO the object, whatever it may be, would lose the time-travel power and either return to its own time or simply proceed to go haywire through time, somewhat analogous to a hub-cap falling from a car in 1975 and landing at the feet of an astonished peasant in the region, say, of Alfred the Great. It could also explain what Ivan T. Sanderson described as "Out of Place Artifacts," i.e. manufactured objects found at ground levels not applicable to their time.

Of significance, too, to the Time-Traveller theory is the fact that so many reported UFO occupants have the human form, and future civilisations would certainly have developed robots and androids to take most of the possible physical danger in exploration away from themselves.

The first and cardinal rule of time-travel must assuredly be "no interference" or no tampering with the historical course of events. This could explain the general evasiveness and reluctance to make more than the most inconsequential contact with us on the part of the UFOs, although it is not hard to imagine that even in future ages antisocial and irresponsible elements in their own society will exist; elements who would not be above making sport, be it physical, mental or psychical, of any odd "primitive" (us) they come across.

Our own age, the age of Man's first venture into space and the harnessing of the power of the atom, is undoubtedly the most important, so far [as we know - EDITOR], in human history. Future students and historians will certainly want to study us to see what made us "tick." The latter half of the twentieth century may well be the first "port of call" for the earnest time-traveller of the future.

Over the past 25 years more and more inexplicable phenomena have forced the UFO believer into some extremely esoteric theories in order to make sense of it all. At first sight the T-F theory would appear to have the merit of simplicity, but a moment's thought leads one to realise that its implications are as diverse and startling as any yet considered. The average

human being of our time is too wrapped up in his own "present" to give much thought to the nature of time. For him the world ceases, literally, with his own personal death, but for untold millions of people yet unborn the Earth will continue to go on, and will so continue until it becomes a cinder falling into a dying sun.

By that time, however, men will have learned to colonise other planets of other suns. The statement made by "Peter" under hypnosis (The Rhodesian UFO Encounter - FSR Vol.21, No.2, Page 10) that they come from other galaxies may well be true - especially as "...if they want to go from point A to point B they have to come back in time to get to the Earth, so they send themselves back into time. They are time-travellers, not space-travellers."

Formerly it was the immense distances involved in the study of the astronomical Universe which stunned the mind. We must now adjust our brains to the equally immense stretches of time involved in an endless future.

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TELE-MYSTERY

August C. Roberts

ON Sunday, December 15, 1974, NCB Television presented a special programme entitled "UFOs — Do You Believe?" Never in my wildest dreams did I imagine that what happened to the photographs I took of this television special documentary would happen in my camera.

To recap for a few moments for those people who did not see the programme, or were unaware that it was being shown, this documentary examined various accounts of eyewitnesses and photographic evidence, searching for the possibility that we here on planet Earth may be receiving visits from beings from somewhere out in space. Among the eyewitness accounts was that of Astronaut James McDivitt, who claimed to have seen a UFO while in a space capsule on a mission in space, and the dramatic stories of two men from Mississippi, who claimed they were taken aboard a so-called "unidentified flying object" and were both examined by occupants of the spacecraft. Also on the programme were such prominent researchers as Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Northwestern University; Stan Friedman, scientist; Coral Lorenzen, APRO; Walt Andrus, Mutual UFO Network; and John Acuff, NICAP. The one-hour programme was as serious as serious could be in trying to get across to the general public the pros and cons of the subject of Unidentified Flying Objects.

When I first heard that this special presentation was scheduled, I cancelled everything else that evening and planned to stay at home to record this event both on tape and on film. I also received advance notice that my own photograph of the July 28, 1952, Skywatch Tower case, was to be shown.

I spent the day of December 15 checking all my photographic equipment to make certain that it was in perfect working order. It all checked out, and a half hour before air time, I fastened by Nikon-F camera on a solid professional tripod. I checked and rechecked the exposure time that I would be using for the coloured slide film, and as soon as the programme went on the air, I started to release the shutter of my camera. As the events unfolded, weaving their storyline to, I believe, millions of viewers, I took exposure after exposure, until I had taken a total of twenty-six frames, leaving a balance of ten frames on a thirty-six-frame roll of coloured slide film.

While watching the programme, I did see my own 1952 Skywatch Tower case photo, but I was so busy with my camera that I did not think fast enough to take a picture of it. Right after the show was off the air, I received phone calls from friends, asking me if I had seen my own photo and if I had been able to obtain a picture of it. I explained that while I had seen the photo, I was unable to photograph it because I was too busy *seeing* it.

As is my custom, I did not rush out and develop the film but waited until I shot the whole roll, and

then had it developed. Since on December 29, 1974, my two grand nephews were going to be christened, I planned to use the rest of the coloured film then. On the 29th we were all in church, I had my pocket tape recorder and my camera working, and everything went as smooth as silk. After the christening all the relatives went to my niece Judy's home for dinner, and there I exposed the rest of the film; I then prepared it for mailing to Rochester, New York, to be developed, took it personally to the post office, obtained stamps for it, and dropped it in the mail slot.

Slightly less than two weeks later, the postman delivered the small package of coloured slides to my mailbox. After putting the first slide into the viewer and seeing it was backward, I took it out and reversed it. Again I thought that I had put it in wrong; but no matter how I tried, there was no way I could turn the slide so that it appeared correct in the viewer. As I looked at each slide, the same thing happened. The slides with captions on them, like the names of persons in the pictures, etc., all appeared "mirror imaged."

As the impact of what appeared to have happened struck me, I was dumbfounded. My mind then started to race at full speed, searching for every tiny bit of information that my training as a professional news photographer could provide. Every time I thought I might have part of the puzzle solved, a correcting thought would come forward and cancel the thought. From that moment until this, I can only emphasise that there is no normal way that I, or anyone else can take pictures of a television programme and have those photographs come out in what I call double reverse. As you study the photographs printed with this text, you will see what appears to be photographs printed incorrectly. The way you are viewing them is just the way they appear on my coloured slides. All I did was to make black and white negatives, so that I would be able to make fairly





Copy of coloured slide of N.B.C. television special, 15.12.1974, "UFOs, Do You Believe?"

normal black and white prints for this magazine. Please also understand that in making copies in the manner I did, some detail is lost in the finished product. Not having the type of copy-slide equipment used in a large photo lab, I had to use the equipment I had available. The slides, of course, show everything in finer detail, plus the fact that they are in colour.

As you try to figure out some sort of an answer to this mystery, keep in mind that almost every television set has dials on the left side (that is, on the right side as the viewer faces the set). What appears to have happened is that something cut the television set where the dials are, then reversed both pieces, and joined them together again. This is the only way one can explain what happened to these photographs. But anyone knows that this seems impossible. I know that I did not "cut" the coloured slide film and reverse it. But who, what, when, where, and how did it happen?

The photograph of President Gerald Ford was taken at a later date, after I discovered the double reverse. I put in another roll of coloured film in my Nikon-F camera and used a complete roll of film on a number of television programmes, searching for the type that had writing on the screen in my attempt to try to obtain the same effect as on

the first roll of film. This time, however, I placed the camera further back, so as to include the complete *Motorola* "Quick Set" television set, which I had purchased during the summer of 1974.

Now when you look at the other pictures with the effect on them, you will notice, as I have, that there is a line running down the side of the set where the dials are. Where this line comes from, or how it got there, is still a mystery to me. It appears



The Church where Kevin and Brian Gamarello were christened



Allen Hynek
in retreat

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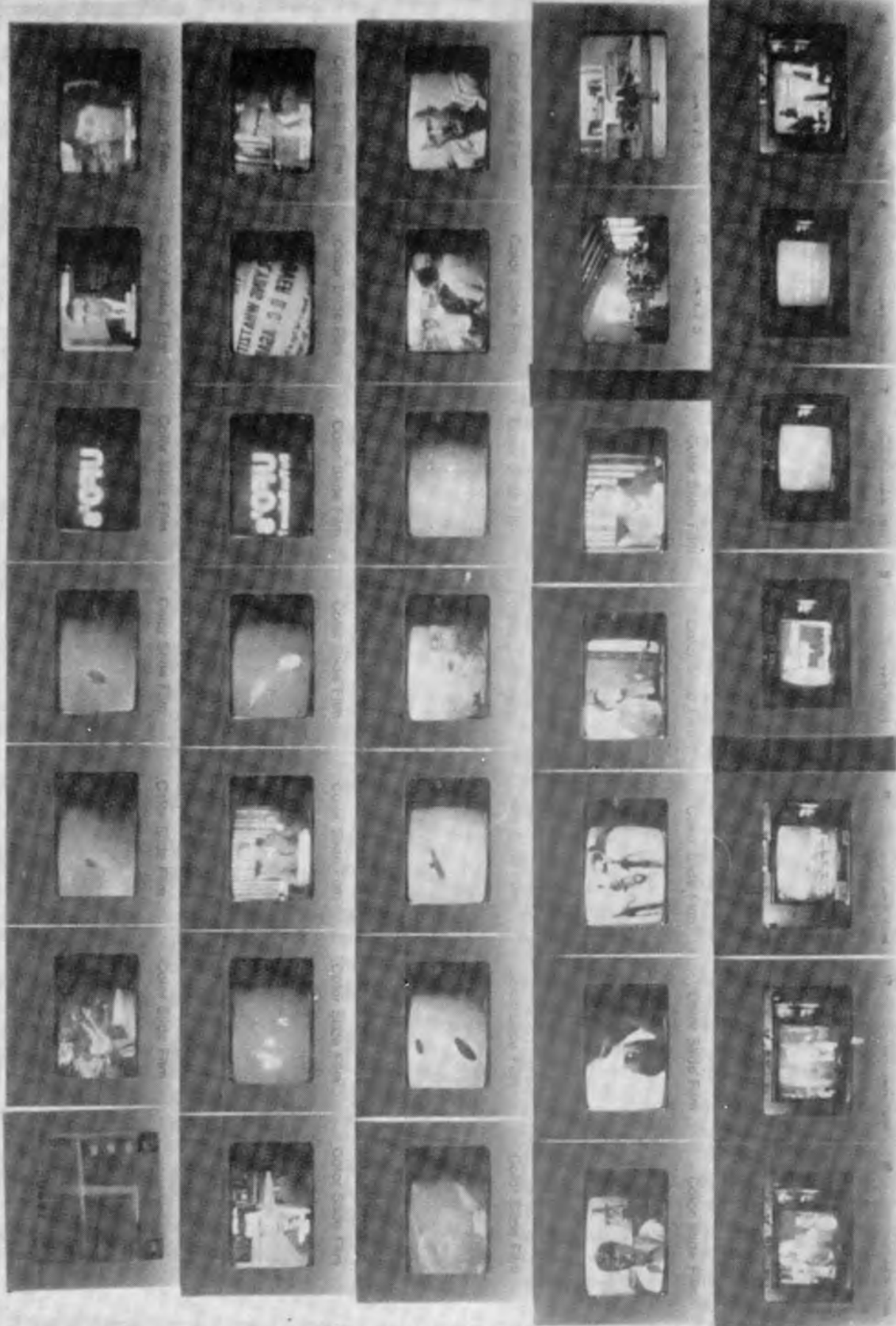


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that one side of the set, in some strange manner, was moved over out of position from where it should be. I'm certain that many people who will see this will believe that I am not telling the truth, that in some manner I used trick photography or mirrors to make these photos appear the way they do, in order to write a story trying to pull a fast one on a gullible public. That is not true: I did nothing but put the film in my camera, snap the shutter, and send the film to a commercial lab for processing. My hope is that Dr. J. Allen Hynek and Stanton Friedman may be able to come up with a few answers or clues to help give me peace of mind.

I would like to stress a vital point. The film of the christening at the church and the dinner and get-together afterward, even though this film was on the same roll, came out as normal as any film. The second roll, the one with President Ford on it, is a complete roll and came out also as normal as any roll. As far as my exposures were concerned, in all the photos I took with both rolls of film the exposures were as normal as I had expected. The first roll, of course, was exposed only for the television tube, and the second roll included the television tube and the television set as well. My knowledge of film speed and lens and shutter settings, after years of living and learning with cameras, is second nature. I merely have to point a camera at a

subject, press the shutter button, and I have a picture, be it day or night, indoors or outdoors. As long as I am able to "see" the subject with my eyes, my camera will be able to photograph it.

For years many publications around the world have called on me either to be their photo consultant or to evaluate photographs of concern to them, and to give my opinion as to the possible ways of "creating" these photographs and for my advice as to authenticity. In this particular case, I am the one who took the photos: I have to say honestly I am completely stumped, I have no logical answer.

A picture is worth ten thousand words, but in my opinion in this case, it may take more than ten thousand words to explain what caused the effect of a double photographic reverse and mirror image. Perhaps our two renowned scientists, and the scores of others interested in these matters, can dig into their memory banks to come up with a logical explanation that can satisfy the many who will, like myself, remain bewitched, bothered, and bewildered, to borrow a phrase, by this truly incredible effect.

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COMMENTARY ON THE AUGUST ROBERTS MYSTERY

With further notes on Mrs. Lansing

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MR. ROBERTS assisted in the Stella Lansing project^{1,3} and was quite impressed by Mrs. Lansing and her alleged ufographs. During the time Roberts was photographing sequences of the NBC-TV UFO show in New Jersey, unknown to him, Mrs. Stella Lansing (in Massachusetts) was filming motion picture segments of the same production. Neither Mrs. Lansing nor Roberts knew what the other was doing. Review of Mrs. Lansing's motion pictures on April 17, 1975, showed them to be in proper order without any double reversal, like every one of Roberts' 26 snapshots of the TV show. Although Mrs. Lansing had previously filmed numerous UFO clock-like formations and other strange effects from live and late-night-movie television shows, this was not the case here.

However, all was not smooth, for when she inserted a new film cassette into her Canon camera for the TV Hickson-Parker-entities sequence (prior to this the exposure of the few feet remaining proceeded uneventfully), her camera failed. She then switched the batteries and put in "older" but still good batteries and the camera "zipped" for an instant and then failed again. "I replaced the original batteries," she reports, "but the camera would not run until the sequence was over. The only familiar failures

occurred when I was filming UFOs, or when I knew something odd was going to appear on the film. Another clue is that lately I've also heard a 'beeping' sound at these points. Otherwise, I've had no trouble before or since with the Canon camera."

Before proceeding further with the enigmatic Roberts material, it might be helpful to interpolate a more recent opinion on Mrs. Lansing's films. This should help dispel some of the objections to their factual basis and thereby make it easier to accept Roberts' data and to open areas for wider speculation and experimentation.

Professor Paul Sharits of The Center for Media Study at the State University of New York at Buffalo, a leading expert in cinematography, had spent some time with Mrs. Lansing and had seen some of her films. He found her "clock-work" to be the most interesting of her images. He noted: (1) "Some of these go over frame lines, which means that they are imprinted on the film even when the shutter of the camera is in its closed position. (2) Some of them even seem to transcend time; i.e. they appear over a frame line which separates two totally different shots. (3) Their scale seems independent of the rest of the 'real' images they are seen with. I have no idea how these images could

occur; they contradict all time-space and filmic logic."

I (BES) recently reviewed some of the films that Mrs. Lansing made when she was with one of Professor Sharits' students, and it also showed strange artifacts including a clock-like pattern.

While Roberts was making his photographs, he audio-taped the TV show. Later, on listening to it he heard nothing out of the ordinary. This data, like the filmic material, can also be juxtaposed to some of Mrs. Lansing's recent audio tapes (Juliet AM & FM instant loading cassette recorder AC/DC). In my office on April 15 to 19, 1975, Mrs. Lansing played some of her tapes and projected the accompanying films with UFO-like images (mostly clock-like formations and their metamorphoses). She had tapes with persistent (1) rhythmic intermittent machinery-like noise; (2) "whooshing" followed with what sounded like a high-pitched boyish (?) rapid voice (?) saying "at least I'll be left alone - (long pause) - drunk (?) last night." (3) On a tape, when she was accompanied by a friend, "Hi!" was interjected. (4) On one recording "Hello," was interpolated. (5) On another occasion, while filming, Mrs. Lansing shut off the recorder to save tape, "and when I played it back, I heard the pause, and a voice saying 'What are you up to?'"

The extraneous voices on tape were not heard at the time by Mrs. Lansing or when she had a friend with her. The effects occurred when she was out in the field; one could hear her motion picture camera zipping off and on, and also her commentary.

Although caution and critical judgment must be exercised in evaluating this material of variable quality, possibly Mrs. Lansing obtained data similar to that which Thomas A. Edison sought late in his career with an invention to record the energy or intelligences from the Great Beyond.^{4,5} Impossible and far out as his experimenting was in the late 1920s, it has since been realized - although the interpretations are disputable - via the widely discussed tape recordings of Juergenson and Raudive.^{6,7} If Mrs. Lansing herself, the unknown force, or the interaction between the two can produce molecular effects on films and videotape,³ it should not be out of place for her (and others) to exert telekinetic effects on audio tape.

II

ON March 16, 1975, Donald Selwyn, Director of The National Institute for Rehabilitation Engineering, reviewed Roberts' pictures and examined his *Motorola* television set. Selwyn, who has invented many electronic-optical devices for handicapped people, concluded that there was neither an optical nor an electronic explanation for Roberts' data. He did not know of any way that the coloured slides could have been tampered with because of their minute dimensions. His opinion was independently concurred in by Floyd Farrant, an ophthalmologist.

It is interesting that Roberts, in his long career as a professional photographer, who has devoted much of his time and energies to UFOs, has never taken pictures like these before. Perhaps since lending

his expert assistance to the Stella Lansing project, Roberts "learned" or programmed his unconscious in such a way that he would be receptive to the forces, whatever they are, that accounted for his unusual photographs. This would be similar to ways that an awareness for telepathy and other forms of psi can be increased. Perhaps this specific TV show that featured one of his pioneer skywatch shots, had such personal interest and multiple psi tracers that it triggered off his potential for possible thoughtography.^{8,9} Perhaps many alleged UFO photographs, which were formerly dismissed as fraudulent even though there were no supporting evidence, might have been produced by similar means to the Stella Lansing effect. The complexities and technicalities of the problem are fully commensurable with the challenges. Roberts is to be commended for his excellence in his basic UFO research.

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"FORCED FEEDING" BY UFO ENTITIES

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AT 5.35 a.m. on Thursday, February 28, 1974, the witness (whose name we are not at liberty to divulge) was riding as usual to work, on his moped, along French Departmental Highway 38 and then along RN (Route Nationale) 363. He is a very simple man, in the broadest sense of the term, aged 59, but aged prematurely by the very hard and arduous nature of his employment, which is as a forge-worker at Hirson.

He is a close, uncommunicative sort of person, speaking very little. His environment is essentially the proletarian, working-class milieu, with all the features and the mentality that are quite special to small villages. Before his sighting he had no credence whatever "in all that twaddle about 'flying saucers'," and knew nothing whatever about the UFO phenomenon. No importance is attached in his family to the subject of UFOs, and proof of this is to be seen in the fact that, even after he had experienced the extraordinary adventure which is related below, his wife and his two sons did not so much as take the trouble to go to the spot and see for themselves the marks on the ground.

Nevertheless, despite such bleak indifference, the whole family has been marked by this unwonted event and, above all, every one of them fears a repetition of it. The witness himself has been left in a state of shock by his experience. On the day on which it took place he did nothing about it; he did not even report it in official quarters (and he never will). When he arrived at his place of work his colleagues — observing his strange and abnormal behaviour — questioned him, and he, innocent that he is, revealed the facts to them. The consequences of this disclosure were very unfortunate indeed for him: he was mocked, ridiculed, the butt of the nastiest sort of scoffery. Whereupon he fell into a deeply depressed state.

Because of this, our task in conducting our investigation was very difficult, particularly at the beginning, with him refusing to speak to our investigators and even fleeing from us. It was only after an exchange of correspondence and after we had come to an arrangement with his wife and his son, that we were able to have a meeting with him. He struck us on that occasion as very disturbed, totally disorientated, not only by the experience he had undergone but also, and indeed more particularly, by the general reactions with which his disclosures had been received.

We would point out that he has little talent for observation, which explains the paucity of the details noted by him during his strange encounter.

The facts of the case

It is 5.30 in the early morning. The witness has set out from home and is driving along the Departmental Highway which will bring him to Origny-en-Thierache¹. He has just passed the last houses of the village of Les Routières and he is coming round the bend just before the bridge over the river Thon (a tributary of the Oise, which it joins at Etreaupont). So far, he has no idea of what awaits him, for he has seen nothing, observed nothing.

Suddenly, as soon as he is over the bridge, he finds himself pulled up short, face to face with two "cosmonauts" (his own term!). He is dumb-founded, unable to grasp what is happening to him, and wonders how it is that he has been able to pull up, seeing that, as he claims, he had neither slowed down nor applied his brakes. Above all, what he finds most amazing is this sudden meeting with the two beings, for he had seen nothing whatever, right up to the last moment!

And then he catches sight of a large, dark, circular mass at 35 metres on his left in the field below (one metre below the level of the road). At once he thinks that this must be "their machine". He notices nothing else; no light, nothing flashing, no sound, absolutely nothing, except for that dark, circular mass.

The witness emphasised that the night was dark, very dark. We asked him whether this degree of darkness was abnormal, but he was unable to give us an answer. Maybe this in fact is the reason why he has given us so few details...

So there he was, on the road above the level of the field, and he had put one foot down on to the ground to keep his balance. Immediately on his left was the gate leading into the field, but he was unable to see whether it was open or shut. Meanwhile the two ufonauts are there, standing facing him, one on each side, grasping his handlebars, and they seem to be peering at him. And he is very frightened.

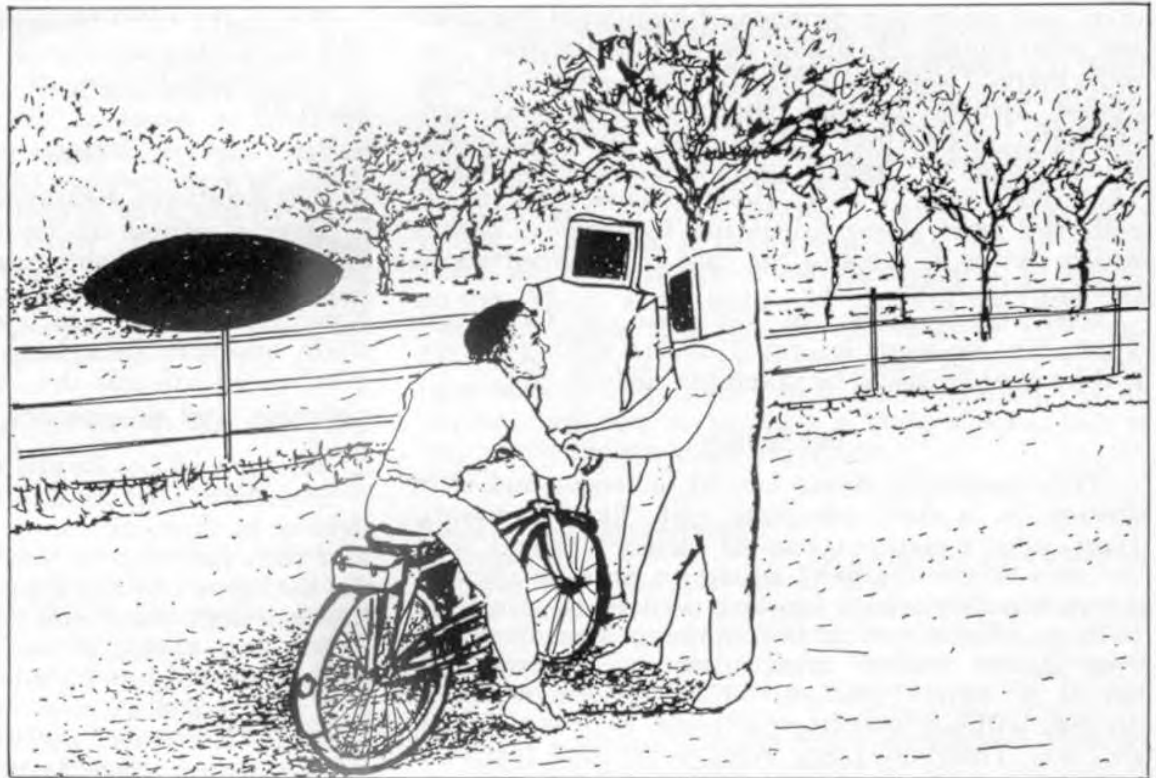
The Machine

He estimated the height of the machine at around 1m 80 to 2m, and said it was as big as two cars. Dark, completely circular, it gave out no sound. It had no legs and seemed to be standing directly on the ground. It had no antennae or protuberances, no portholes, no luminosity so far as he could observe.

The Contact

The two "cosmonauts" before him now began to

A motorcyclist's terrifying encounter



make gestures, very expressive, "quasi-human" we might even say, indicating to him that he should eat something. He was panic-stricken. The two beings no doubt exchanged a glance, for the two helmets turned to face each other, and maybe they communicated with each other in some fashion, for then the one on the left gave a sign to the one on the right, and the witness saw the latter put his hand behind his back and grope about in something (a pocket? — a bag?) which he could not see. Then, forthwith, the entity produced a piece of some substance, about one sq. cm. or so in size, on the tips of the fingers of his right hand, and once more made signs to him with the left hand, seemingly to intimate that he should eat this substance he was offering.

Completely terrified, our witness took the substance ("this piece of chocolate"), to use his own words), raised it to his mouth and ate it..! It was a substance which seemed to be of the brown colour of chocolate, with no detectable taste, and of a consistency somewhat softer than chocolate. He insists on the fact that the two beings patiently waited until he had quite finished eating the substance, before they let him go. In fact, as soon as he had eaten the substance, they moved away from his moped and so permitted him to depart, which he did so with the utmost speed, terrified, without waiting for anything else to happen.

May we emphasise that the poor fellow was not even able to tell us whether or not his engine had stopped during this extraordinary encounter. Nor does he recall whether or not he had to pedal in order to start it up again for his departure. He says he noticed no misfire from his engine and no effect on his headlamps. He was so scared that he did not look back again to see what his two "interceptors" were doing, and so we have no details on that score.

The Sequel

We conducted our investigation two months after the episode, during which period certain details may have dropped out of the witness's memory.

He noticed no abnormal effects on his organism as a result of his incredible "limited diet" meal — no headache, no stomach-ache or diarrhoea, etc. As regards his mental and emotional state, there was no detectable change, if we are to believe those around him, except that, nevertheless, his experience has marked him profoundly.

The notable fact is that he is now even more uncommunicative than before, speaking less and less. As he fled from the scene of his encounter and continued on his way to Hirson, his only thought was "I'm well out of *that!*" At the plant he had a disturbed day and was unable to work normally.

He did not consult his doctor after his dubious meal. We have ascertained that the family doctor was informed of the facts and was indeed himself interested in the UFO phenomenon. However he paid no visit to his unusual patient. Was this due to apathy, or to the desire to conform with the routine of ordinary daily life. As a result it has been impossible to do any serious investigation in the medical domain such as might have enabled us to grasp what the unknown beings did to him, and to know whether the affair was physical, or purely psychic, or maybe again something else?

The Marks on the ground

Two months later, at the time when we made our investigation, the marks had disappeared. The witness and his family did not even go to look at them. It was neighbours and colleagues who, without believing greatly in the story, went out of pure curiosity to the spot in the field where the circular

mass had stood at a distance of 35m. from the road, and who found the marks and confirmed that they were there. Those of them with whom we spoke were honest, reliable people, who said the marks were precisely where the witness had said the object stood, "near the fourth apple tree from the road". They said there was a whole circular area there, with the grass all squashed and flattened — details which put us in mind of the case at Les Nourradons given in LDLN No. 118.²

Here once again, in the case at Origny-en-Thierache, we were informed of the affair too late, and no samples could be taken for analysis.

The Beings

They measured about 1m.70 in height and were dressed in a dark one-piece suit, like astronauts. They were wearing a sort of square³ helmet over the area where the head would be, with an opening where the face would be, but the witness could see nothing whatsoever in this opening apart from an even darker veiled area, their faces seeming to be, as it were, "masked." Their movements were normal, without anything particular such as hopping, etc. etc. Their one-piece suits were quite lustreless and did not shine. He noticed no pockets etc., on the suits. One single detail struck him however: the beings were wearing five-fingered gloves, and these gloves came up very high indeed on the arms: to use his own expression, "like the gloves worn for the artificial insemination of cattle." He said these gloves were not an integral part of the suit, but seemed to terminate at the shoulder.

The Site and the Surroundings

The landing took place in a field through which the river Thon flows (some 4 — 5m. wide here). The dark mass standing 35m. from the road was in line with the entrance to the field and was 45m. from the river Thon. There are a lot of apple trees there and, some 50m. before the bridge, there are a calvary and a chapel. The nearest farms lie at a distance of some 120m. So far as we are aware, there were no other witnesses, owing to the hour at which the incident happened (5.35 a.m.) and also owing to the fact that the object in the field was totally dark and gave out no light.

As far as the geology of the area is concerned, no fault is known to exist in the vicinity. Within a radius of one kilometer of the spot there are four or five power-lines to be noted and there is the TV relay-transmitter at Landouzy-la-Ville. Then another feature to be noted is the Saint-Alexandre spring, known as "the fever-spring," near the Abbey of Foigny (founded in 1121) in the valley of the river Thon. An incredible number of people come there to fill their bottles with the mineral water. This water has the power to expel fevers.

The region consists of a deep, narrow valley a little over one kilometer wide and seven or eight kilometers long. The subsoil is limestone and marl. There are lots of inaccessible subterranean springs. It is the region of the river Thierache, with its verdant pastures, its forests, and its pools. The area forms the first outlines of the foothills of the Ardennes.

We might mention also that the area has already had its UFO visitations, with cases at Fournonnes, Macquenoise, Hirson, etc. (See Michelin Map No.53, sheet 6.)

Other Sightings

1. Les Routieres, February 1974

Over a period of 1½ weeks which included the date of this remarkable case, three other people in the hamlet of Les Routières claimed to have seen luminous red balls which appeared on the top of the slope opposite their house and then shot down at great speed towards the valley, rose up over the slope opposite, and disappeared finally behind the woods.

2. Foigny and Les Routières, March 5, 1974.

Monsieur Theeten and his wife (a professor) were driving in their car along Departmental Highway 38 and were just approaching the last turn before entering the hamlet of Les Routières, when they perceived, on their right-hand side, at a distance of some 50m and below them, a sort of yellowish-orange cigar flying at a height of about 50m. above the meadow. The time was 8.25 p.m., and the sighting lasted a few seconds. The driver pulled up. Twenty seconds later they saw the cigar again, this time in a different position. It was now inclined at an angle of 45° whereas, just before, it had been completely horizontal. This second sighting also lasted about ten seconds. They estimated that the cigar was some 15m. or so in length and about 1m.80 thick. They heard no sound from it, detected no odour, and detected no effect from the machine upon them or their car. They reported the matter to the Gendarmerie, who came and conducted an investigation on the spot.

A week later, Monsieur Theeten had a second sighting. At 6km. from Etreaupont he watched, for a duration of 15 minutes, a big red light, flashing very regularly, in a field beside the road. He went towards the light several times, retreating again, and each time that he tried to get near it, it stopped flashing. After that, the witness drove on.

Conclusions

A cigar is seen. Then it disappears and reappears at the same spot. Did it go away and come back again, or did it become temporarily invisible to the eyes of the witness?

We understand from the newspapers that a "cigar" identical with the one seen by the Theetens had been seen ten minutes earlier, on the same evening in the nearby Ardennes.⁴

After making a thoroughgoing investigation of him and of those around him, we have reached the conclusion that our motorcyclist, the forge-worker who encountered the entities at Origny-en-Thierache, is telling the truth. In the first place it is clear that this man is incapable of making up such a story. And secondly, we have found him, when we interviewed him, in too deeply depressed a state for hoax to be possible. Furthermore we must bear in mind the other sightings in the same area during the same week.

What strikes us as a very serious matter is this

desperate eagerness to ridicule the witness. The explanations for it may lie in the fact that mankind likes to employ this oldest and most simple of all forms of escape, namely to *laugh at what he cannot comprehend!* Our witness in this case is the very image of the typical ordinary man of simple tastes, the everyday man, who is born and lives and dies without seeking to know the great human mysteries — the enigma of why he exists. And then, suddenly, after a lifetime spent without knowing that there are fantastic phenomena occurring on earth, he experiences this sort of thing, at the age of 59.

We hope to continue to follow up this case very closely.

Comment by F. Lagarde, Editor of *Lumières dans la Nuit*

THIS is a fascinating and well-written account by our friends in the North, who seem to have overlooked nothing. The only addition one might suggest could perhaps be to say that the site in question (if this fact be of any importance) lies 7 km. to the N.E. of the Southend — Po di Gnocca orthotenic line.

Another point might also be noted (and this is also a geological fault-zone effect) — namely the recurrence of phenomena on several successive days. It is probable that, had there been informants already in the area, alert for all that was being whispered to and fro, our investigators would have received reports of further sightings.

The compulsory mastication of the mystery substance presents a problem. Whenever I hear of mastication or teeth in UFO reports I am reminded of the case of Betty and Barney Hill (see Dr. Hynek's *The UFO Experience*). In the course of one

“amusing” episode in that case, the entities removed Barney Hill's false teeth. A similar attempt was made by them on Betty's teeth, which failed lamentably, her dentures owing nothing to artifice. If we place ourselves in the shoes of our visitors, maybe we shall find that, to these latter, human mastication is a mystery and so they wanted to know, by actually seeing it, how it is performed!⁵ As will be noted, there are two stages. First the witness is invited to eat. Then, as he does not perform for them, the “others” think that maybe the witness lacks the necessary foodstuff so then (stage 2) they supply him with it and then watch the operation. As an explanation this is perhaps a little simple, but at any rate it fits the story as related.

Notes by Gordon Creighton

1. Origny is at 49° 50 N, 3° 30 E, in the department of Aisne, and to the north-east of Paris.
2. See my translation, *A French Repeater Case: Events at Les Nourradons*, in FSR Vol.19, No.3 (May–June 1973).
3. Reports of “square” helmets are very rare. Compare however the similar case at Warneton, on the Franco-Belgian border and not so far distant from Origny, in which a Belgian motorist twice encountered creatures about the same period (January 8, 1974, and June 6, 1974). One of the creatures was described as wearing a “cubic” helmet. (This case appeared in FSR Vol.20, No.5.)
4. The Ardennes, scene of the “Battle of the Bulge” in World War II, lie due east of Origny.
5. This may indeed be possible, but is it not far more probable that the “piece of chocolate” may have been intended to produce some kinds of results in the witness, perhaps long after? If the LDLN investigators watch him carefully, they may one day have something extraordinary to report!

Continuing the work of Charles Fort

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FROM THE CENTER FOR UFO STUDIES

Second Summary of recent reports, November 21, 1975

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION has been prepared for the exclusive publication in *Flying Saucer Review*. It should be noted that the names of all witnesses are on file at the Center for UFO Studies.*

The reports fall into a number of categories, as detailed in Dr. J. Allen Hynek's book *The UFO Experience*. These are NL (Nocturnal Lights), DD (Daylight Discs), RV (Radar-visual UFO reports), CEI (Close Encounters of the First Kind), CEII (...of the Second Kind), CEIII (...of the Third Kind — in which the presence of creatures is reported).

1. June 21, 1975, at 7.30 p.m. Scotch Plains, New Jersey, USA; Type of report: CEI

A dozen people were standing in the street about to leave for a party when one of their number pointed out an object in the sky. It was a large cone, apex upwards, with a single red light at the top, and a series of white lights moving around the bottom. Initially quite close to the observers (about 150 ft. distant) it moved out of sight soundlessly and rather quickly. All the radios and televisions in the immediate area of the sighting were briefly disrupted by static.

Witnesses: 12, Duration: 5 seconds

Weather: clear

Original source: UFO Central

Investigator: Center report form

2. June 30, 1975, at 10.00 p.m., Lincolnshire, Illinois, USA; Type of report: CEI

While travelling in their car the witnesses noticed an unusual object in the sky. They pulled over to the side of the road, and leaned out of the windows to observe it. They could discern the dim outline of a disc-shaped object, which by the movement of large square yellow lights at its perimeter gave the impression that it was rotating. Making no sound, the object moved at about 35 mph. at an altitude of about 1000 feet. The witnesses watched the object until trees began to get in the way, then they continued down the road in an attempt to follow it when suddenly it simply disappeared. A thorough check of all airports in the area ruled out any "advertising plane" being in the area at that time.

Witnesses: 2, Duration: 3 minutes

Weather: clear, starry night

Original source: 'phone call to Center

Investigator: J. Allen Hynek

3. July 1, 1975, at 9.20 p.m. Hamden, Connecticut, USA; Type of report: NL

The witnesses were sitting on their porch when they noticed a bright red oval shooting across nearby tree tops. The object was moving at a height of about 100 feet above the largest trees, and covered a distance of three city blocks in approximately 15 seconds. During the sighting static interfered with television reception, and the family dog was upset for a few minutes immediately following the sighting.

Witnesses: 2, Duration: 20 seconds

Weather: clear

Original source: UFO Central

Investigator: Center report form

4. July 3, 1975, at 11.00 p.m., Madison, Connecticut, USA; Type of report: CEI

While driving in an open car, the witnesses saw a large strip of white light overhead, and stopped to get a better look at it. By this time it had turned into a multicoloured row of blinking lights that encircled a dark, top-shaped object. Silently it hovered above the treetops for a few minutes and then started to move away. The witnesses then chased it with their car as it moved erratically about the sky, but were forced to give up the pursuit after a short while when it suddenly left the area.

Witnesses: 2, Duration, 20 minutes

Weather: clear

Original source: UFO central

Investigator: Center report form

5. July 20, 1975, at 10.00 p.m., Bay Village, Ohio, USA; Type of report: CEI

While out of doors, attempting to spot the orbiting Apollo spacecraft, the witnesses saw two huge beams of light in the southwest. The beams were coming from an enormous disc-shaped object which came towards the witnesses and hovered briefly and silently about 1000 feet over their house. The underside of the object carried a large red light in the centre, with white lights spiralling outwards to the edge. There were also four leg-like appendages underneath, and two large headlights on the forward side. The object then moved away quite slowly and the witnesses watched it until it was out of sight.

Witnesses: 4, Duration: 10 minutes

Weather: partly cloudy, but moon and some stars visible.

Original source: UFO central

Investigator: Center report form

6. August 2, 1975, at 8.00 a.m. Appleton, WI, USA; Type of report: CEI

The witnesses were driving through a turn when they saw a silver-grey, 50 foot long rectangular object hovering 100 feet in the air. They passed by the object, coming within 150 feet of it, and obtained a side view of the flattened rectangle. After passing it they pulled off the road and turned to observe the object again, but by this time it had vanished.

Witnesses: 2, Duration: about 3 seconds

Weather: high cloud cover

Original source: Private 'phone call

Investigator: Center report form

7. August 9, 1975, at 10.15 p.m. Greenfield, WI, USA; Type of report CEI.

The witnesses, including one police officer, watched as an unusual object moved slowly and at low altitude across the road they were on. The object was a 200 ft. disc that was rotating between two narrow 200 foot cylinders. The disc was tilted at a 30° angle to the cylinders and appeared to be attached to them. The cylinders carried bright yellow-orange lights on each end, while square areas around the disc emitted a flashing yellow light. The witnesses observed this object until it was gone from sight. There had been no sound, and the estimated speed was 100 mph.

Witnesses: 4, Duration: 1 minute

Weather: clear

Original source: UFO Central

Investigator: Center report form

8. August 10, 1975, at 11.15 p.m. Gilroy, California, USA; Type of report CEII

Initially two witnesses sighted the object, and in fear they ran and brought two more witnesses to observe it.

* The Institute founded by Dr. J. Allen Hynek, for 20 years civilian scientific consultant to the US Air Force study group, Project Blue Book. Address of the Center for UFO Studies (Now changed): 924 Chicago Avenue, Evanston, Illinois 60202, USA.

They watched as a gray metallic disc hovered 500 feet away from them, 200 feet in the air. It made a humming sound and carried small blue lights around its perimeter. The object also carried two recessed red-orange oval lights that grew brighter as it accelerated away. Underneath the craft hung three or four leg-like structures. During this time one of the witnesses felt unable to move. The object then moved off slowly to the north and the witnesses watched it until it was out of sight.

Witnesses: 4, Duration: 10 minutes

Weather: clear

Original source: Paul Cermey, MUFON, via UFO Central
Investigator: R.F. Haines, Center associate (APRO
Consultant)

9. August 24, 1975, at 5.00 a.m. Blaine, Minnesota, USA; Type of report: NL

The witnesses at first observed a bright white light which, as they watched, became a gray domed disc, with an estimated size of "100 ft." at a distance of about 5 miles. It seemed to be rotating as it moved slowly along, without a sound, one-half mile in the air. The object then travelled away to the south, eventually disappearing behind some trees.

Witnesses: 2, Duration: 7 minutes

Weather: clear

Original source: UFO Central

Investigator: Center report form

10. August 31, 1975, at 7.45 a.m. Pacific Ocean, off Washington State, USA; Type of report: DD

The crews of three tuna-fishing boats sighted a silver oval about a mile in the air. Soundless, it appeared to be totally featureless. After hovering for a few minutes it then moved off quickly and was lost to sight. This object was observed from different angles because the boats were dispersed through a 10 mile arc.

Witnesses: 14, Duration: 4 minutes

Weather: clear

Original source: 'phone call to Center

Investigator: Report forms

11. September 2, 1975, at 12.30 a.m. Chesterland, Ohio, USA; Type of report: CEI

While driving, the witnesses spotted a dark rounded object with pulsating blue and green lights moving at one side of the road, 500 feet in the air. The object hovered briefly just above some trees, during which time the witnesses stopped their car and stepped out to obtain a better view. The soundless object which had moved slowly at first then shot straight up into the sky and out of sight.

Witnesses: 4, Duration: 90 secs.

Weather: some cloud with stars visible

Original source: UFO Central

Investigator: Center form filled out

12. September 26, 1975, at 12.15 p.m. Los Angeles, California, USA. Type of report: DD

The witnesses noticed an oval object hovering above a nearby building about 100 ft. away. It was half red, half silver, and beneath it was suspended a smaller, silver oval. Within a few minutes two jet fighters arrived on the scene, and one of them began to buzz the object, twice coming extremely close to it. After the second approach the object emitted loud whistling noises and very rapidly moved off towards the west. The object's velocity was so great that the jets were unable to maintain the pursuit.

Witnesses: 20, Duration, 5 minutes

Weather: clear

Original source: original letter to Center

Investigation: pending

13. June 12, 1975, at 9.45 p.m. Big Chimney, West Virginia, USA. Type of report: CEII

Four witnesses saw object over tops of trees, with a red flashing light and two big spotlights. It appeared to have

four sections, with the lights on top, and dark underneath. Its estimated speed was 40 mph., it moved soundlessly, and at its closest point was 40 ft. from the witnesses. Almost two months later the witness went back to the site to find burned out brownish spot on the grass. There appeared to be four compressed areas, 19 feet 6 inches apart. No on-site investigation was made, as the object was never seen on the ground or descending, and plant growth had continued normally.

Witnesses: 4, Duration: a few seconds

Weather: not reported

Original source: UFO Central

Investigator: Ted Phillips, Center associate

14. June 19, 1975, at 10.30 p.m. Richmond, Indiana, USA.

Type of report: NL

A man and his son were fishing, and saw a full-moon-sized object, glowing yellowish white with little light points covering its rim and body. The object made about a soundless 15-second descent from about 45° to 30° in the sky, and went behind the trees on the other side of the lake. It appeared to be rotating as different light intensity areas seemed to be going around it. The apparent size of half-a-dollar at arm's length, it was shaped like a sailor's hat, only the top was rounded. A subsequent search of the area revealed no traces.

Witnesses: 2, Duration 15 seconds

Weather: clear

Original source: UFO Central

Investigator: D. Worley

15. July 4, 1975, at 12.05 a.m. Mountain Lakes, New Jersey, USA. Type of report: CEI

Witnesses, travelling in a car saw an object coming from a south westerly direction and crossing over them at approximately 75 ft. in altitude, and moving soundlessly at about 5mph. Both were awed by the size and structure of the object and by its graceful motion as it moved slowly over them. A light illuminated the object, and although it greatly illuminated the surrounding area, there was no glare. When the object was initially observed, the lights shone from the front and rear of it, and the turret or dome which protruded from the top of the object was lit by a dull green light, while the interior of the dome appeared translucent. They observed a bright light coming from the bottom of the object which appeared to be sweeping the area below. The estimated size of the object was 60 - 80 ft. in diameter.

Two persons who had been in an aircraft in the area reported a sighting of a similar object three hours earlier, and other independent reports were received of sightings in that area that evening.

The first sighting apparently coincided with a disturbance in the police radio system.

Witnesses: 2+, Duration: a "few minutes"

Weather: not reported

Original source: newspaper

Investigator: E. Jahn, NICAP

16. November 1, 1975, at 7.10 p.m. Shoemakersville, Pennsylvania, USA. Type of report: NL

Primary witness and two daughters were driving on the highway when they noticed a cluster of white lights in the sky following a red single light. The white lights, moving "fairly fast," seemed to chase the red light. They caught up with it and appeared to encircle it. The white lights circled the red light a number of times, and all of the lights then moved "in the sky down the left side of our car at approximately 7 miles. All of a sudden it turned on a larger blue light which (like a beaming light) shone down from the craft just like it was scanning the ground." There was no sound. Many cars, including police vehicles, slowed down and stopped to look at the lights.

This occurred at a time when many other reports were made in the area, for a period of about two weeks.

Witnesses: 2+, Duration: 5 to 10 minutes

Weather: clear

Original source: police department to investigator

Investigator: R. Hipp, Center investigator

17. November 2, 1975, at 9.30 p.m. Medford, Minnesota, USA; Type of report CEII

Witness and her two children viewed a very bright orange red light, about half a block away, about quarter the size of an auto. They live on the edge of a small town. They saw the light go behind a large building, and assumed it had landed in the football field behind this building. At the spot they had imagined it would land, they found a bare spot, 12 feet square, of burned grass and ash-like residue. There were no other marks on the ground or the field. They looked upwards and saw, at some distance, a red ball of light, above the trees, which, when they attempted to drive their car so that they would be beneath it, kept moving ahead of them. There were many other witnesses whose reports have been accounted by the press.

Phillips and Hynek investigated, with the assistance of K. Randle of APRO, and took samples. Preliminary results by Dr. Zeller at his Space Laboratory, found that there was evidence of heating and high radiation.

Witnesses: 3+,

Weather: clear

Original source: UFO Central

Investigators: see above

18. September 16, 1975, at 8.00 p.m. Waltham, MA, USA; Type of report: CEI

First witness saw a saucer-shaped object slowly move in his direction. Witness waved his arms, and the object

stopped and tilted towards him, produced a white light. The object was about 150 ft. off the ground and very close by. Its size was "larger than a car," and there was no sound. The second witness saw the object as it was moving away, at about 600 yards distance. The object moved toward a dip in the treeline and went out of sight.

Witnesses: 2, Duration: 5 minutes

Weather: clear

Original source: J. Giambone, MUFON, via co-worker

Investigator: J. Santangelo, MUFON

19. November 6, 1975, at 11.10 p.m. Randallstown, Maryland, USA; Type of report: NL

Both witnesses noticed a light, intense and bright, which seemed to be pacing them from a northerly direction, and appeared to be approximately 50 feet above the treetops. They drove on slowly, then stopped their car and got out to observe the light. It hovered over the treetops of a wooden area approximately ¼-mile to the Northwest. Both witnesses described it as having five white lights around its lowest perimeter, with an intense red light in the Centre. It seemed to be tilted slightly, showing its entire bottom surface. There was no sound. The light rose silently to an altitude of 500-1000 feet, changed to a sphere-shaped light, and then rose vertically very rapidly into the night sky.

A similar report was made by multiple witnesses on the previous night, 3 miles from this location.

Witnesses: 2, Duration: 6 - 7 minutes

Weather: clear

Original source: Odyssey Scientific Research Organisation

Investigators: J. Lutz, F. Orla

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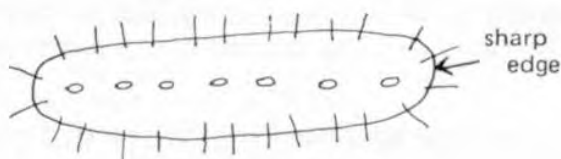
Jenny Randles

Our contributor is Secretary of the Northern UFO Network, an association of UFO investigation groups in Northern Britain. She is also Research Co-Ordinator of BUFORA (British UFO Research Association).

THE Rossendale Valley area of Lancashire was the scene of intense activity during the month of November, 1974, and work on the sightings was done by the Rossendale Astronomical Society, who have a strong UFO contingent. One of the best documented cases came from Haslingden, a small town between Bury and Burnley; the event took place on November 24.

At approximately 4.10 p.m. on a cold, grey day, at least three sets of independent witnesses claim to have observed the passage of between one and three cigar-shaped objects. Mr. Daniels and his wife were crossing the street towards their home when three such objects of a sharp golden-bronze colour swept across the sky in a long arc from SSE to NNW. They estimated that there was about a ½-mile separation between the first two and a little further between these and the last one. The overall length was given as 50–80 feet, but the latter object was at least one and a half times as big as this. They also noted a faint humming noise and got the impression that a fuzzy region across the middle of the objects represented lights.

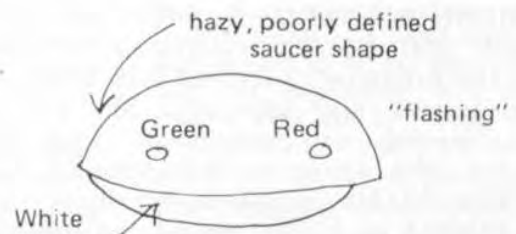
About a mile away, a housewife, Mrs. Tate, had just stepped outside for a moment when her attention was caught by two small objects like bullets with a flat and rounded end. She heard no sound but noted they were moving against a strong prevailing wind. After a few moments they joined together and the junction was marked by a fuzzy region. It continued on its previous path, moving in and out of cloud, and she insists it was glowing a golden colour and not reflecting light. She went indoors for a few seconds and telephoned one of the Astronomical Society members, Tim Evans, who rushed to the scene. He did not see anything, though Mrs. Tate could still see the object moving away in the distance over the hills. It was growing quite murky however and she said the object was frequently passing through cloud layers. Mr. Evans could attest to the fact that Mrs. Tate was obviously excited and was viewing something unusual to her. Also her dog was barking and generally disturbed during the incident and calmed down soon after Mr. Evans arrived and the object went out of sight.



Gold-bronze lights
The Rosendale object

Subsequently, two teenagers had a frightening experience on the night of January 14 at Moor Side. They were walking home along a dark lane after stabling their horses at a nearby farm when they saw a brightly-lit object hovering over the cottages. It was like an inverted saucer with a steady green light and a flashing red one and seemed to swoop down on them. One of the girls shone a powerful light on to it and it appeared to react, rocking to and fro in a gentle motion. At this they ran from the scene as fast as they could. MUFORA was able to investigate this, and other cases, within hours of their occurrence. It was very apparent that these normally stable girls were in a state of fright. The next morning one of them refused to walk along the lane alone — even in broad daylight.

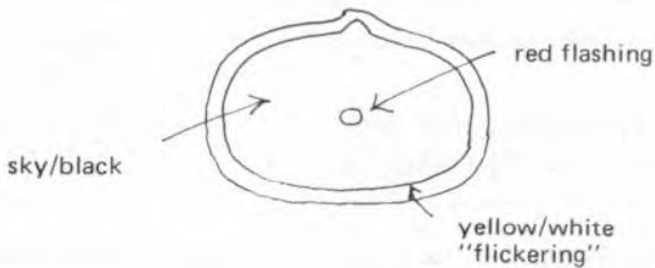
Not only children reported these things, as evidenced by a report from a well respected glider pilot and his fiancée who saw a low-level object at Lees with red, orange and blue lights on January 10. Reports died away from the third week in January, and from the latest information reaching NUFON from BYUIG the scene of activity seemed then to have transferred to Merseyside.



The Moorside object

Unknown to both sets of witnesses, Joyce Thorne, a young housewife, was also seeing the object from another part of the town. Her description of one object closely follows that of the others except that she saw a row of lights across the middle of the craft. It is quite possible that further witnesses will be found since those so far have all come independently. The region is not densely populated, consisting of much open land surrounded by hills, but it is a growing centre of overspill housing.

From the above reports we can perhaps piece together the procession. It would appear that the first two cigars passed over close together and were only seen by the Daniels. Mrs. Tate being further south on the supposed course saw two other small objects merge and proceed to the NNW where the other witnesses saw them only as one, larger object. The duration of observation was generally agreed as between five and ten minutes and the height, judging from cloud levels, must have been about



The Upermill object

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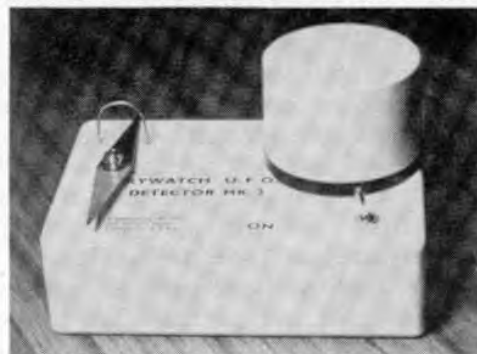
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3,000 feet. Checks were made with local radar, and it was learned that no aircraft were in the vicinity (aircraft normally pass on a NE course, or alternatively SW, at a height of about 10,000 feet).

During the early weeks of 1975, the Manchester UFO Research Association were involved with a number of reports from the moorland regions to the north and east of Oldham.

On Sunday, January 5th, two young children who had been playing at Upermill described to the police a disc-shaped object with a flickering yellow rim and a flashing red light which they saw shooting across the moors and making a humming sound. MUFORA were able to trace a group of eleven older boys who were playing nearby and who also saw it.

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MAIL BAG

Correspondence is invited from our readers, but they are asked to keep their letters short. Unless letters give the sender's full name and address (not necessarily for publication) they cannot be considered. The Editor would like to remind correspondents that it is not always possible to acknowledge every letter personally, so he takes this opportunity of thanking all who write to him.

Unnoticed retraction

Dear Mr. Bowen,—In your editorial you say that in a *radio* interview Frank Nicholson had stated that he copied his bottle cooler from the Adamski photograph, so you evidently don't know that this information was repeated in the BBC TV programme *Nationwide*, prefaced by the announcement "Here's some good news for people who believe in flying saucers." So thank goodness some millions of TV viewers have been put right on this topic, as well as the much smaller radio audience!

I daresay other readers will point this out to you, but I wanted to make sure you knew, because it is at least some consolation for the general misinforming of the public, and corrected some of the damage done, more widely than a mere radio broadcast.

Yours sincerely,
Hope Alexander
84 Hayes Road, Bromley, Kent.

[I didn't see the "Nationwide" broadcast, and none of my colleagues 'phoned to say they had seen it either, which is a pity. In fact my first intimation that there had been such a presentation came from Miss Alexander's letter. I can't find evidence that the London "Evening News" published a retraction, and I feel the worst damage was done by their article—EDITOR]

An adverse publicity drive

Dear Sir,—Thank you for the latest issue (Vol.21., Nos 3/4) of *Flying Saucer Review*, which was of much interest. The editorial does indeed describe "A Sorry Story," but the Ken Rogers publicity drive through Britain apparently didn't stop with the Adamski bottle cooler and the other items you mentioned. The *Basingstoke Gazette* filled a page of its October 31, 1975 edition with further utterings of Mr. Rogers and his mysterious British UFO Society — which has no connection with the British UFO Research Association. Should more startling "revelations" come from this person, I'm sure they will not help *bonafide* British UFO researchers.

Yours truly,
Nigel Watson
1 Angerstein Road, Scunthorpe,
South Humberside,
January 7, 1976.

Support for K. Rogers

Dear Sir,—I was appalled to read your attack on The British UFO Society* in FSR.

As a subscriber to your Journal, I cannot recall a time this has happened before in the whole of its 21 year history.

One would have thought if the *Review* was going to begin moralising about the activities of UFO groups, it would have started with the Aetherius Society, or Aquarius Viewpoint.

As regards Ufological publicity activities, there is always the saying, no news is bad news.

Yours truly,
C. Stevens
38 Mymms Drive, Brookmans Park,
Herts.
January 6, 1976.

* [I suspect this reader confuses this group with the national British UFO Research Association (BUFORA). If so, I made it clear that my comments were not directed at the latter body, and I repeat, now—EDITOR]

More support

Dear Mr. Bowen,—Re your article in the *Flying Saucer Review* dated November 1975, reference to Mr. Ken Rogers' publicity activities.

I cannot agree that one case of an attempted possible hoax can cause "Millions of people" to think "That all UFO reports are hoaxes." Adamski's claims are dubious anyhow and Mr. Rogers' "Expose" can hardly be regarded as "Sensation seeking" or "A gross disservice to those who seek to promote the service of UFO reports."

May I take this opportunity of wishing you and the FSR staff a Happy New Year.

Regards,
Mike Hall
3 Westwell Road, Streatham,
London, S.W.16
December 24, 1975.

[The validity of the Adamski claims was not the point in question, and I thought I made that quite clear — EDITOR]

Stephen Pratt replies to Dr. David Saunders

Dear Sir,—I would like to take this opportunity of defending my sight-

ing of an unidentified flying object by declaring that I am willing to undergo any examination, however searching, and I will always maintain that my experience was most genuine — and it was!

Many experts have examined the photograph and have unanimously declared it to be genuine in their opinion; how can so many experts be wrong? Dr. G.G. Doel a London specialist X-ray expert and chairman, (or past chairman), of the British Unidentified Flying Object Research Association states that he could not fault the photograph in any way and Kodak experts also said that the photograph is "genuine and untouched."

Mr. C. Maxwell Cade an Associate of the Institute of Physics, stated that he is satisfied as to the authenticity of my photograph.

Details of the photograph are: Camera, Kodak Instamatic — cartridge loaded, Aperture, set for "cloudy" Speed, Fixed — Focus, Fixed. Film, black and white. Double exposure not possible.

In reply to Dr. David R. Saunders' "attack" on my photograph I admit that Nigel Birch's admission of his own sighting as a hoax does seem to cast doubts as to my own experience, but, let me assure him (and any others who are in doubt) that my own experience was very, very REAL and I still do not know exactly what I saw, but, the camera took the photograph!

There are also several other witnesses to this sighting.

Yours most sincerely,
Stephen C. Pratt
11, Braithwell Street, Denaby Main,
Doncaster, S. Yorks., DB12 4BJ
31st December, 1975.

On Dr. David Jacob's view of Adamski's photography

Dear Mr. Bowen,—I found your review of *The UFO Controversy in America* of great interest and was prompted to obtain and read the book for myself. It appears Dr. Jacobs has made an addition to UFO literature that will be increasingly important and useful in the coming years.

It is therefore regrettable that when dealing with the subject of the early contactees his normal impartiality and honesty appear to give way to a thinly veiled derision which is, unfortunately,

very familiar when academics write on this delicate and loaded subject. In particular, whilst reading his comments on George Adamski's reported contact experiences, I was aware that some of the facts he gave were not as I had remembered reading in Adamski's own account, and so I returned to Adamski's *Flying Saucers have Landed* to check if my memory was correct.

The passage in Dr. Jacobs' book which caused me to question is on page 110 and reads: 'Adamski's first "contact" came on November 20, 1952, when he and four friends saw a spaceship land about one mile off the road in Desert Center, California. He told his friends to wait at the car and rushed to the landing spot, taking pictures all the way (he had two cameras with him).' And further, 'The Venusian expressed an interest in a roll of Adamski's film and asked to borrow it, promising to return it soon. Adamski consented and the Venusian then allowed him to take pictures of the spacecraft as it took off and left the area. Adamski took over seven rolls of film that day; but, as luck would have it, he forgot to focus one camera and the other was not working properly. The result was one blurry photograph. After the Venusian took off in his spacecraft, Adamski looked in the desert sand and discovered the Venusian's footprints, which had strange hieroglyphics in the middle of the soles. Adamski just happened to have some plaster of paris with him and made casts of the footprints.'

This account makes Adamski appear something of an idiot, rushing across the desert exposing anything from 56 to 112 photographs (this is what seven roll films could contain) whilst forgetting to focus the camera. According to his chapter notes, Dr. Jacobs has obtained his information from the original 1953 English edition of *Flying Saucers have Landed* by Desmond Leslie and George Adamski, published by Werner Laurie, and I have turned to this edition to read Adamski's own account.

It appears that Adamski was interested in Astronomy and possessed a six-inch telescope through which he attempted to photograph UFOs. He did this by attaching an 'old Hagee-Dresden Grafles type' camera to the telescope. This camera had no lens of its own and was basically just a focusing device and shutter, and it used the telescope lens to form an image. The back of the camera would have had a ground-glass screen upon which the picture would have to be focused before the film holder containing one photographic plate was inserted into the back of the camera and then the exposure could be made.

On the expedition in question, Adamski states, 'My equipment con-

sisted of my six-inch telescope, a tripod and a cardboard case box containing the camera and attachments for the telescope, the film holders, seven in all, loaded with super-fast film, and a Brownie Kodak' (page 191). He goes on to say, 'Al helped me unload my equipment, set up the tripod and fasten the telescope on it as firmly as possible. This was difficult since the gusts of wind were blowing quite strong and in spite of all we could do it would shake the telescope. And an unfirm foundation is never conducive to good picture taking. But I did not want to waste too much time with these preparations because I did not know how much time I was being given.' About five minutes later he saw a UFO appear between the mountains. 'Quickly I spotted it in the finder on my telescope, and as rapidly as possible I snapped the seven loaded films, without taking time to focus through the ground glass in the back of the camera. But I was hoping and praying all of the time that Lady Luck was with me and that the pictures would turn out well. As I removed each film holder with its exposed negative from the camera — an old Hagee-Dresden Grafles type — I put it in the right-hand pocket of the jacket I was wearing. Here, I was sure, these films would be safe from any accident. I took the camera off and replaced it in the box in which I had brought it. I then decided to see what I could get with the Brownie... After taking three pictures with the Brownie, I just stood there for a few minutes looking around, and with the Kodak still in my hand.' (Page 193.)

Thus according to Adamski's account, far from having seven rolls of film he had only seven exposures made through his telescope, plus three shots on the Brownie. Focusing on a ground-glass screen prior to inserting a film holder is a fiddly and time-consuming process, and in the bright desert light would require a suitable dark cloth with which the photographer would cover his head and shoulders, in order to exclude extraneous light and allow the image on the ground-glass screen to be visible. It is not surprising that Adamski, who admitted that he was not much of a photographer, allowed his understandable excitement to overrule his better judgement and omitted to spend time focusing, trusting to 'Lady Luck' who on this occasion let him down. Of the three pictures on the Kodak Brownie (a cheap camera with a poor quality lens), one is reproduced in Adamski's book, the other two were of the general terrain and of no great interest.

The account we have of Adamski standing beside his cumbersome tripod

and telescope and too hurriedly exposing his few precious plates does not equate with the lunatic image suggested by Dr. Jacobs, who does not differentiate between a roll of film and a film holder. At no point in his narrative does Adamski use the term 'roll of film.' When Adamski saw the 'Venusian' he was about a quarter of a mile away. Adamski left his equipment where it was and walked over to make contact carrying his Kodak Brownie with him.

At the end of the contact the 'Venusian' did take one of Adamski's plate holders (not a roll of film), but there is no reference to Adamski either asking or attempting to take any more photographs of the spacecraft. As to the matter of the plaster casts of the footprints, it is not true that 'Adamski just happened to have some plaster of paris with him'. The plaster of paris, mixing pans and container of water belonged to George Hunt Williamson, who was one of the party. Williamson was an anthropologist and had spent time living with and studying the American Indians. It was not at all unlikely that he would have such equipment with him on a desert trip.

From the foregoing it should not be concluded that I accept Adamski's report unconditionally, but neither can I reject it simply because it is ridiculous and unbelievable and could not have happened. My attitude is that Adamski and his initial report, along with the other contactees, are part of the UFO phenomenon, and must be considered objectively, no matter how objectionable any individual researcher may consider this aspect of the phenomenon. It is to me a matter of great regret that David Michael Jacobs has, when dealing with contactees, failed to maintain the high standard of scientific objectivity which he displays throughout the rest of his excellent book.

Colin Bord

34a Barnsdale Road,
London W9 3LL
January 15, 1976.

The unpleasant Bebedouro entities

Dear Sir,—When I first read about the abduction at Bebedouro I was struck by the similarity of those red-bearded entities to the trolls of Scandinavian folklore. It seems surprising that no one has mentioned it, at least in print. The trolls were, (or are) thick-set, red-bearded, ill-tempered, fierce-eyed carnivores, who lived in and under the mountains. They didn't seem very clever, and could be outwitted even by the three Billy Goats Gruff!

It would seem to be unlikely that

the victim Jose Antonio da Silva would be acquainted with Scandinavian folk tales.

Patricia Austin (Mrs)
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January 10, 1976.

UFO occupants and hypnosis

Dear Sir,—In many cases where investigators use hypnosis to study a 'contactee' they are struck with the ease with which a deep hypnotic trance is attained. It seems to me that not enough significance is placed on this.

In a cross section of population, only a very small proportion will go into a deep trance in their first hypnotic session. Yet among UFO contactees, most, if not all, appear to be deep trance subjects.

In the last issue of FSR, Berthold Schwarz commented on the need for a study on this subject. In fact, Stephen Black made the same observation in a BBC TV documentary some years ago. I think the study is long overdue!

To take contactees' claims at face value is extremely confusing. There is rarely similarity between the craft and creatures of one witness and those of another. However, this phenomenon of hypnotic susceptibility does seem to be a common factor where it has been tried. Considering this, I came up with the following ideas...

Presumably, the ufonauts do not want us to know anything at all about themselves. But sometimes whether by accident or design, they do come face to face with us. At least sometimes we must be allowed to return home after this encounter and we must not carry home any information about "them."

I suggest that, to protect their secret, they use hypnotic amnesia, — or something very similar. What is more, their skill with hypnosis is much greater than ours. Thus, even poor hypnotic subjects can be made to forget their experience completely. Highly susceptible people can be given the added refinement of a substitute memory, — totally fictitious events which to the poor contactee seem to have really happened. By post hypnosis, not only can this memory be reinforced against possible future hypnosis by 'nosey investigators', but after-effects ranging from headaches to markings on the skin could be induced.

Therefore, only Deep Trance Subjects would be able to tell of a contactee experience. Despite the honesty of these contactees, the experiences they relate could be as diverse as science fiction, for that is exactly what they would be.

If I am right, we can learn nothing from such claimants. Even though a

few might avoid this procedure, we would have no way of knowing which they were.

However, if we could collect evidence to support this theory of deception, perhaps some able investigators would consider it worth while to devise new lines of inquiry that could bypass at least this particular attempt of the ufonauts to lead us off on a false trail.

I would be interested to hear other readers' views on this line.

Yours sincerely,
(Mrs) A. Jean Machlachlan
March Cottage, Coilessan Road,
Arrochar, Dunbartonshire,
G83 7AR. Scotland.

January 5, 1976.

Disappearance of the Sun

Dear Sir,—With reference to Carl van Vlierden's article in Vol.21, No.2 on the Beit Bridge encounter, it seems worth remarking that the strange conditions described by Peter and Frances near the end of their journey (disappearance of Sun etc.) are remarkably similar to the strange conditions encountered, and reported by radio, by the flight of five Avenger torpedo bombers shortly before their disappearance in the Bermuda triangle in 1945 — as described by Vincent Gaddis in his "Invisible Horizons" (1965), Chapter 13.

Yours faithfully,
R.D. Morrell
Flat 9, 3 Sloane Court East,
London SW3
28th December 1975 .

Effects on animals and birds

Dear FSR,—One aspect of UFOs and their entities that really puzzles, is that animals near them act the same way as in the presence of ghosts. It must be more than a high pitched noise from the saucers that *we* can't hear. What makes an animal afraid of a ghost? Which reminds me, the cold felt by the apported Africans is a feature relative to ghosts, too.

I had extensive UFO experiences when I lived alone on an island off the coast here (published in Canadian UFO Report 1973). Rather strange men visited me, and while they were in the cabin my three parrots never moved, or made a sound — quite unusual as they were noisy show-offs when other people were around. The men, on the other hand, never even glanced at the birds they sat so close to. They pretended surprise at finding someone living in that isolated place, but three parrots in such a place would be even more surprising as they are not common pets, it being hard to get them into the country.

I doubt very much that humans

will never be allowed to find the answers to these queer happenings. On the brink of doing so, we will also be in the act of decimating ourselves through pollution and atomic wars — or tremendous earthquakes, tidal waves, etc, will do it — then humankind will have to start from scratch *once again!*

Hope these evil days don't take place in 1976 and that you all have a most Happy and Successful Year.

Yours very truly,
B. Nimblett
Gen. Del.,
Gibson's, B.C. Canada
January 7, 1976.

Another clocklike pattern

Dear Editor,—Having read the article and continued stories from Dr. Schwarz about Mrs. Lansing and the "Clocklike UFO Patterns", I come to the conclusion that those experts who "have studied the films and are puzzled by them" (excerpt of your comments to Mr. Bowman's letter — paragraph 5), are maybe experts in Psychic Phenomena and in pinpointing down the abilities of a medium, but for sure *not* experts in photography.

I am enclosing two unexposed strips of developed 16mm. movie colourfilm which I used in Africa last year and which were developed in France or in Rochester. To my astonishment I discovered those "Clocklike UFO Patterns", cut those parts out and was very much disappointed to discover that these are imprints made apparently by developing the films or in the camera (I think Kodak or Bolex could solve the problem). You as laymen in photography will come to the same conclusion. As UFOs are the main reason for you to report the story about Mrs. Lansing and in case her films look like those I have sent to you, I am sure it would take care of the publication of a "special report".

Yours sincerely,
Hans Burkhardt
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October 21, 1975.



[Mr. Burkhardt's letter was sent to Dr. Schwarz, and was also studied by Dr. Grattan-Guinness. Dr. Schwarz has indeed drawn on expert photographic advice in his researches. The resemblance with Mrs. Lansing's clocklike patterns is superficial: these examples show about 14 irregularly-placed slots, while Mrs. Lansing's configurations almost always show eight almost regular quasi-crystalline shapes. Further, Mrs. Lansing sometimes produces her patterns to order — EDITOR].

A medical matter

Dear Sir,—In part 2 of the *Anthropomorphic Phenomena at Santa Isabel* (FSR Vol.21, Nos. 3/4, p. 20, line 12) reference is made to the fact that the blood of the witness "had dropped to 7."

As many English-speaking people might not understand what this means, may I suggest that it refers to the medical practice of establishing the *sedimentation of the blood*, which they seem to do a great deal in the European countries. I believe that 15 is regarded as about normal, and above that figure it means that there is infection somewhere in the body.

So far as I understand, the sedimentation system is based on the length of time that it takes for the

red corpuscles to descend to the bottom of a test tube.

Yours truly,
Mary Boyd
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1006 Lausanne, Switzerland.

Mat and demat

Dear Sir,—Seldom do UFO reports contain specifically clear descriptions of the appearance and disappearance (or materialisation and dematerialisation) of this phenomenon.

It was, therefore, most interesting to read Mrs. Palmer's excellent eyewitness report of a dematerialisation in FSR. Vol.21 Nos. 3/4 in the Reading area.

One of the few accounts of a dematerialisation was given by Dr.

Alberto Perego (*FSR Case Histories*, June 1973) where there was a noticeable darkening of the blue of the sky before new UFOs materialised over Rome in 1954.

Both these accounts seem to lend considerable weight to the theory put forward by John Keel in his book operation "UFO's — Operation Trojan Horse," where an alien form of electro-magnetic energy passes in and out of the visible light spectrum from the ultra-violet end.

Yours faithfully,
Derek S. Allan
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January 8, 1976.

Readers' Reports

UFO and light effects

Dear Sir,—At approximately 3.45 a.m. on February 2, 1974, my bedroom, which faces South, was lit up by a brilliant beam of light.

On looking out of my window I saw an 'object' rise up from behind the horizon. It was a little like watching the sun rise on a winters day, except that it 'rose' much faster. The beam of light was dazzling but not blinding and I could look into it in a way that one cannot look at the sun.

The object cleared the horizon but did not move high into the sky. It then moved from West to East at a steady and rapid pace. Much faster than any plane would travel. Although it was soon semi-observed by the uneven sky-line and some trees, I could still follow its path by the incredible brightness.

A few moments after it had vanished towards the east, I was aware of a strange 'stalk' of light about 60 yards away, on my right. This was an uncanny kind of light, almost incandescent, and seemed to be running up one of three nearby telegraph poles. This light came on, and went off, three times. No shadow was thrown beyond, or to either side. It just lit up one side of the pole — the side facing North east. One could almost say the pole glowed for 4 or 5 seconds each time.

Meanwhile, the garden on my left was filled with a flickering light which ran along the ground. The flickers were similar to summer lightning except that they were low down and not in the sky.

I think I watched these eerie lights for two or three minutes but it is difficult to be sure about the

time element. It could well have been less, and just *seemed* a longer time.

There was no noise. The night was clear, calm and utterly silent. When this strange experience was over I made notes of what I had seen. It occurred to me that as the lights were on one side of my garden, and the pole was illuminated at the other, my house might have been in the middle of another beam, from the north.

I regret that I did not think to pull back the curtains from a small north facing window in my bedroom as I might have seen again the 'object,' or a similar one, but I was transfixed by the queer lights in the front garden.
(Mrs.) Margaret A. Helps
Warkworth, Northumberland.

The watchers

Dear Sir,—I think you may be interested in the following, told to me by a teaching colleague on June 10th, 1974. On June 6, 1974, she and five other young people (early 20's) had recently left a friend's house in Parkstone, Poole, where they had been singing together and having coffee. They were walking along and were in fact discussing a UFO seen by one of their group a few days earlier, and were all looking at the sky (11.15 p.m.) One of them suddenly noticed an unusually large and bright star-like object almost overhead which was moving slowly, and then stopped and did not move at all. It was very high in the sky. Previously they had seen two red stars in the distance and it was while they were discussing the latter that they saw the bright star. The red stars did not move but

the bright star moved for possibly a minute or two, and they watched it for about ten minutes.

I asked whether moving clouds could have caused the apparent movement but was assured that there were no clouds. Also that the star was definitely not a helicopter, and the red lights not the wing lights of a 'plane.

The young people's first reaction was excitement but my colleague stated that she felt 'spooky' as she felt it was watching them. As they watched they apparently spent the time "discussing verses from the Bible and wondering whether it was the fulfilment of anything in the Bible."

The group were mixed, consisting of nurses, a secretary, a waiter and a teacher. They belong to a Mission of some kind, and spend their spare time doing good works, so I have no doubt at all about their integrity. They believed they had seen something very unusual, and knowing that I was interested my colleague gave me the details given above.

I asked how the light disappeared and was surprised to hear "we left it there. We had had a tiring evening and we just got into the cars and went home." A most unusual ending to any UFO story, but the group is unusual so I felt it was typical!

This area is one of frequent sightings, how genuine I do not know. There is a Bournemouth group interested in UFOs but of what age or integrity I have no knowledge. I have heard of sky-watchers who sit on Bournemouth Pier and are supposed to see things frequently after midnight! On the other hand children and occasionally old people make vague references to lights observed in the sky, and both groups are most emphatic that they have seen something worth passing on to an interested third party.

Yours faithfully,
Dorothy M. Francis
Parkstone, Poole, Dorset.

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England

Huge Hammerwood UFO

The following account was accorded front-page treatment and banner headlines in the *East Grinstead Courier* of November 20, 1975,—

"Two weeks of micky-taking have left attractive Alison Read, 21, of Hammer Cottage, Hammerwood, still unshakeable about the Unidentified Flying Object she and her boyfriend saw on Sunday, November 2.

"So moved was she by her experience that night that she reported first thing next morning to the police, and subsequently to the Ministry of Defence in Whitehall. Her boyfriend substantiates all she says.

"A former *Courier* Thursday Girl, Alison is no dumb blonde. She took O-levels at Notre Dame Convent School, Lingfield, and went on for her A-levels at Wallington High.

"Here is the story she told the *Courier*.

"We had been out for a meal and arrived at my home by car shortly after midnight. As I was about to get out of the car I saw a powerful light in the sky to the east. The bright light seemed to be the centre of a big oval of light which was surrounded by a grey-green haze.

"Although it seemed very low in the sky — just above tree level but some distance away — it was difficult to judge its size, but it seemed immense, perhaps as big as a house.

"There were clouds in the sky, but they were very high and our view was in no way obscured. We stayed in the car and even with the windows closed could hear a loud engine noise coming from the direction of the light.

"The object stayed motionless for a while and then shot across the sky at a tremendous speed, far faster than a plane. As it travelled north in an arc, the light flashed on and off six or seven times before the object plummeted out of sight behind the trees. Between flashes nothing was visible. The incident lasted approximately 45 seconds.

"We were both very shaken by the incident. The following day my boyfriend told me that when he left me and was driving along the Hammerwood — East Grinstead road, which is through very open country, he was aware of passing what seemed a big battery of light to his left.

"He was puzzled because he recollected no house at the point in

question and confirmed this when he drove back along the road in daylight.

"The incident made such an impression that on Sunday morning I rang East Grinstead police to report it. I also inquired whether there was a local UFO report centre. It was my first experience of sighting one but I knew there existed units in various parts of the country interested in hearing about UFO sightings.

"The police took down my report but were unable to help me, and the Citizens' Advice Bureau put me on to the Home Office. From there I was eventually referred to the Ministry of Defence.

"Here I was put through immediately to a special section set up, apparently, to record UFO incidents. I had to make out a report on the phone, although the man I spoke to was not concerned with too much detail and treated the matter very dispassionately and with no great show of interest. He made no comment, and I presume it is policy on their part to listen and say nothing."

Credit: Mrs. Roma Browne of Forest Row, who also interviewed Miss Alison Read on behalf of FSR. That was in December, and it transpired that she and her fiancé were emigrating to Canada the next day! About the "big battery of light" beside the road, Alison said her fiancé was passing the Holtys Golf course and saw a row of lights as one would expect on a train, or a line of cottages, but although he knew there was nothing there, he went back to check next morning.

Canada

UFO 'blinds' truck driver in Yukon Territory

The following account is taken from the Vancouver newspaper *The Province* of November 19, 1975,—

"Whitehorse, Y.T. — An unidentified flying object lit up a lake in the Yukon with a bright white light and followed a White Pass ore truck, according to driver Arnold Emslie.

"Emslie, 28, of Whitehorse, said Tuesday that he and partner Richard Ross were carrying a load of lead from Cypress Anvil mine about 4.15 a.m. Sunday when they saw the object.

"They were at Mile 31.5 of the Klondike Highway north of Whitehorse, beside Fox Lake, when Emslie

looked into his rear-view mirror and saw an object swooping down from the sky.

"It positioned itself about 150 feet in the air, above the rear of the trailer. He said it was oblong-shaped, about 300 feet wide and so bright that he had to take his eyes from the mirror.

"It hurt my eyes, just like looking into the sun," Emslie said. "The sky lit up so great that I could see right across Fox Lake. It was bright as day."

"He said that until the object came it was dark, cloudy and snowing a bit. The distance across the lake was about three-quarters of a mile, he said.

"The light that the object cast across the lake appeared to have a bluish tinge to it, he said, while the rest of the area was lit up with white light.

"It was unbelievable, the daylight," he said.

"The brightness lasted about 15 seconds at most, he said, before the UFO took off 'at a speed so great that it receded in size in about three or four seconds to the size of the moon.'

"I've never been more frightened by anything in my whole life," Emslie said. "Two hours later, I was still shaking."

"The damn thing was 300 feet at least in diameter. It was bigger than a DC-8...this thing was monstrous," he said.

"Neither man noticed any sound while the object was following the truck, but vehicle noise could have drowned any out, he said. He added that when they pulled in to the weigh scales at Whitehorse, the attendant there said he had seen the light as well."

Credit to Miss O. Beaton of Vancouver, B.C.

France

Perambulating humanoids

We are indebted to our friends of LDNL for the following item from *Le Dauphiné Libéré* of January 11, 1976, translated and condensed by C.B:

At about 7.30 p.m. on January 9, M. Jean Doleki of Echevis was driving on the road from St. Romas, near St. Nazaire-en-Royan, Drome, when he saw a silvery ball in the sky. He stopped his car, leaving the headlights on. As the UFO grew larger he saw that it was shaped like an "Italian coffee pot" and seemed to have propellers.

This bizarre object halted over a field about one metre above the ground and 20 metres from M. Doleki.

The witness got out of his car and saw three "beings" emerge from a "door" at the top of the 12-metre high craft, to parade around, oblivious to his presence, and wielding devices like "telescopic fishing rods." After twelve minutes they re-entered and the UFO took off at high speed. The incident was reported to the gendarmerie.

Brazil UFO harasses bus

According to the front-page banner headline story in the Rio de Janeiro paper *O Dia*, of February 18, 1976, the passengers in a Brazilian bus experienced anxious moments while a UFO pursued them, and then observed it "fall in flames into a swamp."

According to the story as given to the paper by a lady named Elvira Ferreira dos Santos, she was a passenger, on Sunday, February 15, 1976, in the bus, which was travelling from Itapemirim to Rio de Janeiro. The time was about 7.30 p.m., when the UFO, emitting light beams of various colours, made its appearance and seemed to be going to hit the bus. It took evasive action however, and then followed the bus for ten minutes,

still emitting the flashes of coloured light. Then flames began, so it seemed, to be coming from its belly, and gradually they enveloped it, until finally its underpart was an incandescent ball, which "separated from the ring which held it."

Then the ball began to fall, its flames increasing more and more. At that moment it began to rain, and the witness said this seemed to "extinguish" the flaming ball in mid-air.

After arriving home in Rio de Janeiro, the witness preferred not to tell anyone of what they had seen, until she noticed a reference in the press to a "flying saucer which fell in flames at Cubatão," and was at once positive that this was identical with what she and her fellow-passengers had observed. In the meantime two other people had told the authorities that they had seen the flying saucer fall into the swamp not far from their house. Their names were Sr. João Batista da Silva, and his wife Isaura Pinho da Silva.

Just before hitting the swamp, they said, the object began shooting out small tongues of fire and much smoke. These two witnesses' account of how the incandescent ball "separated from the ring" and crashed rapidly to the ground, fully corroborated the version given by the bus

passenger, Senhora dos Santos.

(Credit to Dr. W. Buhler, Rio de Janeiro. Translation from the Portuguese by Gordon Creighton.)

Venezuela UFO over Caracas

Reader Mike da Silva of Caracas, Venezuela writes as follows:

"At around 0130-0200 hours in the early morning of Tuesday, October 7, 1975, a number of residents of the urban district of Santa Eduvigis, Caracas, were awakened by a penetrating humming or buzzing sound, and found the area around about brightly lit up. One of the witnesses, a Television actress, has given a detailed account to her fiancé who is a personal friend of mine. She states that what she observed was a disc which was hovering overhead at a height which she estimated at about 500 m. The object was close enough for her to be able to discern that the disc had markings on the under-part of the hull.

"After hovering there briefly, the UFO flew off towards the Avila Mountains.

"No further details have come to light so far. The newspapers carried no comment and so far as is known the sighting was not reported to any authority."

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