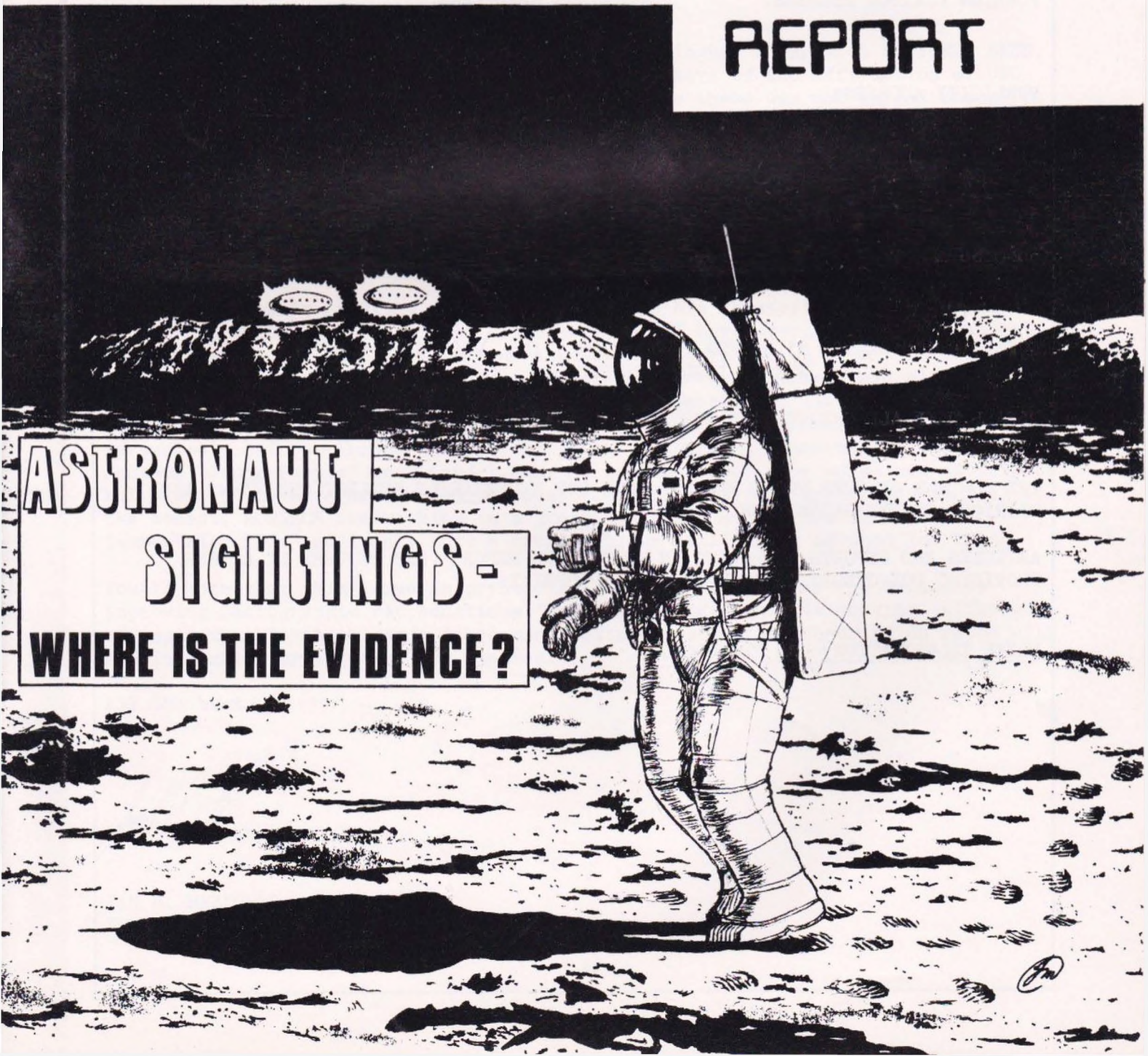


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NUFOR(SOUTHWEST): R.I.P.

Before anything else is said, I must point out the name change. Already many of you know of this, but there are still several people, especially the subscribers, who are unaware. It all came about recently due to several reasons. We were unhappy with such a long name - a real mouthful - and wanted a change so when NUFOR (Brighton) folded, this gave us the opportunity to do so. After long discussions the obvious name of PROBE was chosen, and to accommodate this the magazine has now become 'The PROBE Report'. We also dropped the 'flying saucer' from the heading above, as it seemed to put us into a strict category - the nuts & bolts spaceship from outer space bracket. We take an open view as to the origin(s) of the phenomenon. These changes are in name only and will not affect subscriptions or exchange arrangements with other groups and organisations.

We recently attended the NUFON conference in Birmingham along with SCUFORI, BFSB, and SKYSCAN as observers representing MAUFOG (Members of the Affiliation of UFO Groups). Although some of the talks were good, the theme was not varied enough to keep interest for a whole day; however I might point out the latter half of the programme was by far the more entertaining. But the point of the matter is that we supported NUFON in their venture, and at the close asked some delegates to attend our meeting scheduled for a fortnight later..... none did. It was a pity because although we didn't expect many to attend, we thought maybe one or two would turn up and show that NUFON are interested in what we do. Never mind, and as two wrongs do not make a right, we shall continue to support NUFON functions whenever we can

Arthur C. Clarke's handling of the UFO enigma in his "Mysterious World" series turned out to be one of the best objective views I have ever seen on the subject. We are so used to the HORIZON treatment and Patrick Moore wit on UFOs that another fiasco was expected in some quarters. I was pleasantly surprised and pleased at the handling of the New Zealand T.V. film shot on December 31st 1978, particularly in that the claims to the filmed object being Venus have never really been challenged so publicly before. Famous for his "Space Age Fairy Tale" comments on the Frank Johnson 'Janos People' book (and I make no comment here), the worse was anticipated but happily the programme added the best component yet to a marvellous series. At the moment, HORIZON are working on a programme aimed at the search for extra-terrestrial life and I only hope a truly serious attitude is adopted for this.

You'll note that this issue is printed totally on glossy paper - a method of improving photographic reproductions, and I anticipate this is working. Although adding weight to the already increasing postage costs, the subscription rates will remain stable for at least ten minutes!

All the best.



IAN M. MRZYGLOD,
EDITOR.

FEATURE PAGE:

EXHIBITION:

Our joint venture with Search (West) proved an amazing success. We had a real boost from HTV when they gave us a 5 second slot on "What's On" and that, coupled with our press advertising, attracted just over 300 visitors. Our special thanks go to SCUFORI and SKYWATCH of Swindon and UFO International of Bristol who supported us in this, our first of several (we hope) such exhibitions.

QUEST FOR SUPPORT:

UFO International have told us that QUEST, their official magazine, will cease after one more issue due to lack of interest and support. What with so many groups and publications biting the dust, we need magazines like QUEST to keep going to add moral support to the whole cause. Their reasons for the discontinuation of the magazine are valid enough, but as with us, most of the support and interest has to come from the group itself.

DR. 'CON' DONN:

Readers of the ill-fated TARGET magazine may well remember the first instalment of a cartoon strip featuring a character called Dr. 'Con' Donn. We are pleased to say that the complete adventures are now available from PROBE at a photocopying cost of 5p per sheet plus 15p postage, or £1.00 the lot including postage. There are 28 sheets in the complete set.

G.P.O. UP TO THEIR TRICKS?

We sent some Ilford FP4 to Search (West) for developing and printing as per the advertisement in their magazine. Unfortunately the envelope arrived complete with a tear along its seam and minus the film - the result of five weeks intensive research into one of our projects. Since then, a massive four page form has been completed and returned to the Post Office who only said, "Your film could be anywhere in the country." Surprising when Search (West) are only 25 miles away. Anyway, still send your films there as it wasn't their fault, but make sure it's registered or recorded delivery; don't make the mistake we did and trust the G.P.O.

SHAKE-UP AT THE BUREAU:

The British Flying Saucer Bureau (BFSB) have produced their first 'UFO News Bulletin' under the new editorship. There is no permanent editor as yet; the job is shared between several members, but the changes are noticeable. Sporting a brand-new blue coloured cover, it is available from; Mrs. A. Kearns, 118 Westerleigh Road, Downend, Bristol. BS16 6UX.

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ASTRONAUT SIGHTINGS -

WHERE IS THE EVIDENCE FOR EXTRATERRESTRIAL CRAFT?

By Keith Knight.

In this article we will take a look at the authenticity of the evidence so far submitted in support of the theory that the UFOs seen in space by our Astronauts and Cosmonauts are Extraterrestrial Craft. It is not the intention of the writer to support this theory or to argue against it, but to put what evidence there might be through a mixing machine and hope that something conclusive will come out at the other end.

But just how reliable is the literary evidence put forward by the authors of present day cosmological literature?

Apollo 15 astronaut, James Irwin, giving a lecture to the Malvern Boys College stated that "There is no life on the Moon, and never has been". So does this mean that Don Wilson, in his book 'Our Mysterious Spaceship Moon', is mistaken when he says that Irwin saw "A lot of white objects being propelled or ejected" on the surface of the Moon? Wilson was certainly wrong to quote Robert Charroux in his following book 'Secrets Of Our Spaceship Moon', when Charroux said that Al Wordon walked on the Moon and heard mysterious words interrupting his communications. Perhaps Wilson would have been better off referring to his own notes from his previous book; they would have reminded him that Al Wordon was the Command Module Pilot and never did walk on the Moon.

More recently, both Von Däniken and Charles Berlitz have suffered at the hands of the 'Horizon' T.V. crew for inaccuracies in their books, but it is important to remember that for every inaccurate statement made in any book, there might well be several statements that might have solid foundations. However, we might conclude this section by saying that most books covering this type of subject should be taken with a large glass of salts, as most of the information contained in them is either second-hand or journalistic.

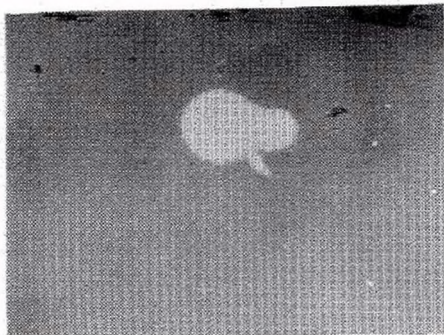
Let us now examine some of the most interesting UFO sightings made in space. We will start with the one that caused the most sparks to fly. Apollo 11 commander Neil Armstrong saw several spacecraft perched on the rim of a crater watching his activities. Then NASA cut transmission, according to Otto Binder and Maurice Chatelain, who were both formerly with NASA. This story was apparently told first by French radio hams who picked up the signals, and their report was later endorsed by Binder and Chatelain. Worcestershire Amateur Radio Club tell me that it is quite possible for radio hams to pick up signals from the Moon; in fact they themselves often bounce signals off it.

So we must conclude that although NASA's spokesman John McLeaish has denied that there is any substance in this report, perhaps some of us don't believe him.

Another Apollo 11 report concerns a 16mm movie film taken by Buzz Aldrin the day before he and Armstrong landed on the Moon. The film shows a sequence of strange lights above the Moon. Still frames from this colour movie were issued in a Japanese UFO magazine and one frame appears in 'UFOs The Startling Facts'. While these frames have been widely speculated upon, no-one has yet, to my knowledge, taken the trouble to translate the Japanese text into English. But I am glad to say that PROBE has recently acquired this rare magazine with the co-operation of SCUFORI (Swindon), and steps are now being taken to correct this oversight. Any significant results found from the translation of this document will be published in a future issue of 'The PROBE Report'. Until we know the contents of the text, any further assessment of this movie would be pointless.



GEMINI 4



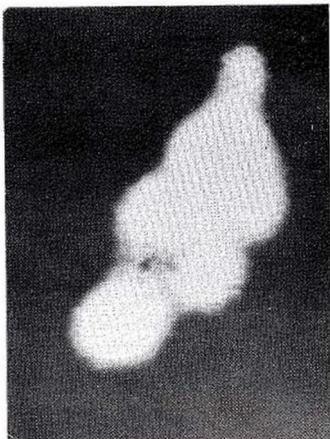
APOLLO 11

According to various reports, James McDivitt on the final Gemini 4 mission, took movie pictures of an unidentified egg - shaped object with arms sticking out. He also took a still photo with his Hasselblad camera. After analysis by the NASA laboratory, McDivitt stated that the objects shown in the released pictures were not the ones he had filmed over Hawaii. After examining the complete file of mission film, the astronaut found that some sections of film were blank. So are we to assume that McDivitt's UFO did not come out? If so, what does the released exposures show? McDivitt himself thinks that they could be sun flare reflections. I think most of us would not disagree with his identification, but the absence of McDivitt's film is a great loss; no further comment is needed.

But not all sightings in space were reported by the Americans. The Russian Cosmonauts have also reported seeing strange things in space.

The Voshkod 1 flight in October 1964 apparently reported that the spacecraft had been surrounded by a formation of several fast flying disc shaped objects, and Voshkod 2 in March 1965 was suddenly brought back to Earth after coming into contact with a cylindrical shaped object which appeared near the spacecraft. The cosmonauts said at a press conference a few days later that they could not identify or explain the object they had seen. It is not known if any photographs were taken, or if any had been released. However, there is one photograph in existence that is said to have been taken by a Russian cosmonaut; Major Herman Titov on the Vostok 2 flight in August 1961. It shows six separate lights against the blackness of space that surrounds the Earth, but no other details are known.

Concerning the Russian flights, it is difficult to come to any concrete conclusions, but assuming that Leonov and Beljajev did state at the press conference that their mission had been aborted due to an unknown object, then this report does have a foundation, but then the object had not been identified as a spacecraft. So we might never know the truth.



The photograph on the left was taken during the Gemini 11 flight on the 12th September 1966. After examination by the NASA Photo Evaluation Laboratory, it was determined to be unidentified. It certainly looks nothing like we would expect an alien spacecraft to look like. The irregular shape makes one think that it could be a pocket of gas or liquid floating about in space. A similar photograph taken on the Gemini 12 mission was identified by the Photo Evaluation Laboratory as 'Trash' expelled from the capsule.

Probably the most authentic sighting of a UFO in space occurred on the Apollo 12 mission. The crew were Charles Conrad, Al Bean and Dick Gordon. Shortly after take off, they were hit by a bolt of lightning which blew all systems. The astronauts feared the worst but were able to restore the systems after a short while. It was at this time when ground observers sighted two flashing objects following the spacecraft, one was at the front and one at the rear. At a distance of 132,000 miles from the Earth, the astronauts confirmed that they being followed. In fact the crew had been watching the one object since shortly after launch. Then Conrad interrupted Mission Control to report that he had just seen one of the objects "Leaving the area at a high rate of speed". Other events on this mission were interruptions in the transmissions described as "Mysterious sounds", and the sighting of a large red UFO, "At least as big as Venus", over India.

It seems rather strange that the Saturn 5 should be struck by lightning, as the U.S. Weather Bureau had predicted that the nearest storms were more than twenty miles away, also one would assume that once struck by lightning, that would be the end, but the astronauts were able to restore the systems. Perhaps we will never know how. As for the spacecraft being followed, I think this is probably the best evidence we have in support of extraterrestrial craft. Firstly, the objects were sighted by ground - based observers, and secondly, confirmed by the astronauts themselves. One important fact here is that Charles Conrad saw one Object move away at great speed. For an object to follow the spacecraft 132,000 miles, then suddenly change direction and move off at great speed, might indicate that it was intelligently controlled.

When the United Nations debated UFOs in New York in December 1978, one of the principal witnesses was Astronaut Gordon Cooper. Mr. Wellington Friday (Grenada) read a letter from Cooper that told of his past sightings of UFOs going back to his U.S.A.F. days in 1951. About 26 astronauts have reported seeing unexplained things. But considering there must be millions of particles floating about in the vacuum of space, including debris from space hardware. Some effects of that vacuum might still be unknown to us, even at this time. But the testimonies of our astronauts must be given serious consideration as they are highly trained men, the supermen of our time, and are unlikely to give way to speculation or imagination.

There must still be many mysteries to be unfolded in space.

This article starts off with an apology in respect of incorrect information provided in Part 1, last issue. We were led to believe that the three circles appeared overnight on 12th/13th August 1980, and when we interviewed the farmers were told no different. The blame must lie with us for taking the press stories as true, and for not ascertaining these simple facts from the outset.

With three separate dates now available, we had to think again about our previous conclusions: the weather could not now be ruled out as we originally decided. To obtain fresh weather reports we had to determine the exact dates when the circles were first discovered, and this proved impossible. The first circle (which we never saw) appeared in the middle of May but the precise date is unknown, so we could not carry out a weather check. The second circle was first seen on the morning of 21st July and the third on 30th July. (Editor's note: in part 1 we labelled the two existing circles as 'No. 1 and No. 2.' Because we were under the impression that they were simultaneous in appearance this was purely for differing the two and should now be ignored. In fact No. 1 should now be No. 3, whilst No. 2 remains unchanged.)

The investigations were started again and we tackled the possibility of helicopters causing the damage. This proved difficult as the photographs were shown to members of the Royal Aeronautical Society and they refused to comment. Some did think that the damage was consistent with helicopter rotors at the Bristol University, but an aviation expert was insistent that it wasn't. Although opinions were mixed the majority rejected helicopters as responsible. The unfortunate aspect is that no-one would commit themselves to giving a professional statement.

The weather was looked into via the Tornado Research Organisation in Trowbridge, Wiltshire. The resultant replies expressed the opinion that whirlwinds could have been active in the vicinity of the Westbury White Horse. 'A whirlwind is born of a rising column of warm air called a "thermal". The air in a typical thermal normally rises straight upwards without marked rotation, and it does this in the presence of the wind-of-the-day. When a thermal acquires a steady rotation, a whirlwind has been born. The transition from thermal to whirlwind happens in the presence of wind-shear regime. This seems to be what took place below the Westbury hills; it is most likely that the proximity of the steep hill immediately behind stabilised the axis of rotation of each whirlwind. You might think of such winds as resembling eddies, at a street corner. The White Horse faces west; winds from the north-west approaching the steep hillside will, if the necessary whirlwind criteria are met, produce eddy-like whirlwinds having the observed clockwise rotation.'

So whirlwinds could possibly have produced the circles providing they occurred during daylight hours, probably around noon or early afternoon. But the circles, all three of them, were first discovered in the early morning hours. This doesn't mean to say that they appeared overnight, but it strongly points that way. Another factor which could indicate the overnight theory: On the night of 30th July, the housekeeper of farmer Geoff Cooper's farm was awakened by a series of strange sounds emanating from the direction of the field where the third circle appeared. Third circle was found the very next morning. Mr. Cooper's two dogs also kept howling and barking all night until the noises stopped.

Although not ruling out the whirlwind theory, several points did need clarification. The sizes of the circles were immensely large and it seemed difficult for a simple whirlwind or 'land devil' to create them. The neatness of the edge of each circle also seemed too neatly cut. And the evidence leading to the circles appearing overnight does put some element of doubt on the whirlwind theory.

We contacted the Met. Office who provided us with accurate weather reports for the required dates. The results were interesting in that a Met. Office spokesman examined the data and provided the following report: "The only Meteorological phenomenon which could have caused the damage seen in the photographs would have been a funnel cloud which reached the ground at the point of the damage. (Ed. see CASED CLOSED this issue). These funnel clouds are associated with cumulonimbus clouds (Thunder clouds). On the evening and night in question (30th July) a thunderstorm was reported at Cardiff and some stations in the South and Southwest reported seeing lightning. The weather situation overnight was favourable for the development of this type of cloud formation." These funnel clouds, when they do touch the ground become a type of tornado and can create excessive damage that can be restricted to a small vicinity. The funnel cloud can then leave the ground and therefore only cause isolated marks.

We put the testimony of the housekeeper to the spokesman who explained that a tornado would make humming whooshing sounds as described but would only last for a short while. The witness did say she heard several short bursts of noise, but her description fits that of a tornado. The wind details for the area that night gave a South/Southwesterly of Fresh to 30 knots. The pressure ranged from 1015 mb to 1019 mb.

We put our investigation results to the farmers themselves, Mr. John Scull and Mr. Geoffrey Cooper who both immediately rejected the whirlwind theory. They have farmed the area for many years, 40 in John Scull's case, and in that time have witnessed whirlwinds or land devils appear during the day and lift loose hay 100 yards up into the air, but have never seen damage left behind in that manner. In fact they are both against the weather theories. They did make it clear that they were hoping to be able to blame someone in order to claim damages, someone like the military.

We never saw the first circle but Mr. Cooper told us that it measured roughly the same size as the later two. However, it was not found in 3' 6" oat, but in 2' ripe barley. It would have required a tremendous force to break those stalks at ground level; much more than needed to break the dry oat stalks. But we are convinced that all three were caused by the same phenomenon. In the last issue, the diagrams show circle No. 2 with areas of corn standing, and this has easily been explained. That particular circle was 10 days older and the oat was beginning to stand up again.

The samples that were taken by us to Bristol University were analysed by the scientific staff, the oat stalks subjected to spectroscopic analysis checks and also radioactivity tests. All the tests proved negative. Unfortunately the soil samples were not tested because the consensus of opinion was that contaminants, if present, would be in far too low a concentration to give a positive result. So the overall tests proved nothing and only gave more evidence for a natural cause.

Actually, a UFO was reported to us from a woman living in Beckington, near Frome. Over a telephone conversation she told us of a bright ring of lights in the Westbury White Horse direction and said she would gladly fill in a sighting report form, which was immediately dispatched. After three weeks I contacted her and was advised that it had been completed and posted that very morning. About a week later the S.A.E. arrived containing a blank report form and a note saying, "I do not wish to complete the form." There was no reason given but we did not push the subject and have not contacted her concerning the matter.

Conclusions: After taking into account all the testimonies and factual evidence, we are convinced that the circles can be attributed to funnel cloud/tornado damage. It does seem coincidence that three should appear over a period of twelve weeks and not at any other time, but that may not be the case. Similar events could happen in the very same fields when the crop height is minimal and not leave such marks behind simply because the short stalks would not sway over and break. Secondly, coincidence does exist and is no reason to rule it out. There is no evidence to support the appearance and possible landing of UFOs.

(See back cover for photographs).

UFOs AND THE RE-DISCOVERY OF
THE LOST SKILLS

by Arthur Shuttlewood.

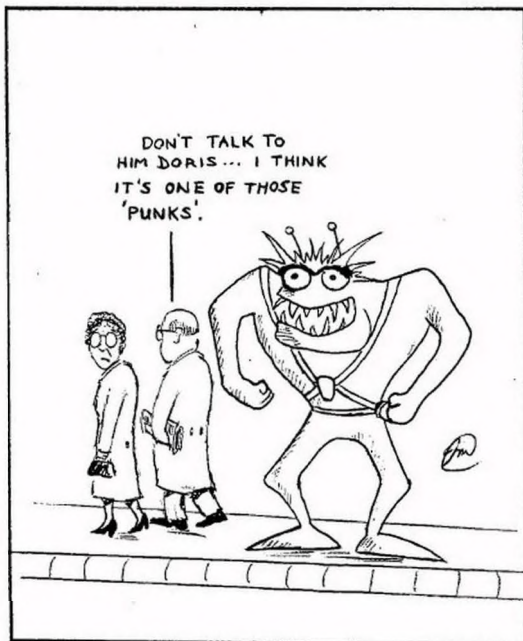
Was a shining spacecraft from another planet responsible for our highly advanced civilization? The blunt and inescapable fact is: Several Astronauts, American and Russian, are convinced they have seen them. Moreover, they were aghast at bewildering yet 100% purposefully accurate aerial manoeuvres they displayed. They were without doubt under intelligent control and direction; and flying minus hostile intent towards Earth pilots and space capsules. There was no silent menace behind these glittering facades of the Unknown patrolling the heavens; no suspicion of a secret plot to engineer a sudden take-over of our pretty little globe as it rotates at measurable speed in space! According to masses of evidence mounting around the world, primitive man actually had a highly aware and awakened civilization 60,000 years ago. Some experts are convinced that early man on planet Earth must have entertained visitors from another planet in a bygone age; and could thank early explorers from afar in space for great knowledge involved in skills exercised in doing delicate surgery for brain transplants; building a nuclear reactor; fashioning jet-propelled aircraft and speeding them unerringly aloft.

Astoundingly, much of this evidence was discovered years ago, before the technology it represented had been re-invented! In consequence, no one understood its significance. Lonesomely, it was destined to gather dust on neglected shelves, or be stored away in boxes in remote museum basements. Thankfully, scientists have now dusted off some of the ancient evidence that lay unheeded and misunderstood in forgotten vaults and badly deciphered documents. Using modern techniques to date and analysing it, they have fed figures into computers and admit they are totally baffled by their new findings.... For, what they are learning is impossible; unless we rewrite the history of the human race. The evidence could not have been faked because, when it came to light, no living person knew enough to fake it. A space engineer who helped send America's Apollo spacecraft to the Moon, Maurice Chatelain, is one man who is sure that a visit from outer space supplies a missing chapter from the history of life on Earth. He cites testimony from a number of pioneer Astronauts who are absolutely certain they have seen space vessels from other planets, which makes his theory more believable. He claims that the civilisation that arrived from a distant world 65,000 years ago was not fully adapted to water, air and gravity of Earth.

So members of the ancient cosmic surveyors crossbred with existing primitive man to create a new hybrid race! Which is why the human brain capacity grew from 800 cubic centimetres in primitive man on our native globe to more than twice that size in modern man in a time period unusually short in evolutionary terms. A man with an 800 c.c. brain, says Chatelain, could not have computed some of the things we know he was aware of; like the number he calls the Ninevah Constant. The figure, which translates into our system as 195,955,200,000,000, is the basic number on which astronomical calculations can be made. It was found on tablets in the ruins of the palace of King Assurbanipal, who ruled Assyria about 650 B.C. From the orbits of the planets, it can be calculated that the constant could only have been computed 64,800 years ago from revolution periods of Uranus, Pluto and Neptune. They are invisible to the naked eye! But the constant is just one of a number of intriguing unsolved mysteries about our past. The 14 known 'bird objects', for example, like the one archaeologist Dr. Kalil Messiha found in a basement box of Cairo Museum in 1969. It had been there since discovery in Egypt in 1898, yet no one recognised it then as a model aircraft, for modern aviation was still to be born. But Dr. Messiha had been a model plane enthusiast in his youth. He persuaded aviation experts to study it.

They concluded it was a model of a plane designed to carry heavy cargo at low speeds. And its oblique wing design is much like one NASA is considering building to do precisely the same type of task. Messiha's model, and 13 others of similar style construction and design, have re-awakened interest in the ancient Hindu sacred book, the Samarange Sutradhara. It reveals detailed knowledge of aircraft design and function; even discusses the proper way for a pilot to dress and eat. Another old text being studied with fresh eyes is the Shan Hai King, the Classic of Seas and Mountains. It is a geography book thought to date back to the Chinese Emperor Yu who reigned from 2208 B.C. For centuries, this was classified as a myth, as it gave data of lands known at the time. But incredibly, recent scholarship has revealed its remarkable accuracy in maps and descriptions of North America sectors, 4,000 years ago! The possibility that the Chinese beat Columbus to America by 4,000 years or so is strengthened by the Piri Reis chart dated 1513. It is known that Reis, captain of a ship of the Ottoman fleet, compiled it from 20 older maps. The map intrigued Capt. Arlington H. Mallery of the U.S. Navy Hydrographic office in Washington when a visiting Turkish naval officer gave him a copy of an atlas containing it, published in 1929. For it showed South America and Africa in correct longitudes relative to one another 200 years before we thought anyone knew them! But that was only the start....

He also found that the map accurately showed the coastline of Queen Maud Land in Antarctica, more than 300 years before the existence of the continent was verified.



And the coastline Reis gave it seems to tie in with the one we think, from seismic echo soundings, is hidden below the ice sheet. There is even an accurate representation of an Antarctic mountain range that we did not discover - or rediscover - until 1952. Prof. Charles H. Hopgood made a computer study of this and other 16th century maps and was convinced they contain knowledge passed from map to map since pre-ancient times, before ice accumulated at the poles! He believes original research was done by people who knew the size of the Earth and had advanced mathematics, and surveyors highly trained in using sophisticated equipment.

Testimony to equally refined ancient surgery has turned up as far apart as South America, Central Asia and Armenia. A team of Russian researchers found 30 skeletons in a cave in Central Asia. The university team were amazed to find a number had undergone heart operations. And from bony deposits where ribs had been cut during surgery, they could tell the patients had survived the operations for at least three to five years! Skulls from a site in

Soviet Armenia settled before 2000 B.C. reveal astonishing early skill in brain surgery. One was of a woman who died about 35 years after she had a head injury which left a quarter-inch hole in her skull. This must have left brain tissue exposed. The hole had been plugged with animal bone. In the years between that delicate operation and her death, her own skull bone grew around the plug!

From prehistoric sites in remote areas of the Andes emerged a series of stone carvings showing Indians using techniques that are still deemed modern today in 1981. They include heart and brain transplants, some of them in close-up showing a detailed and meticulous knowledge of blood vessels. Others illustrate patients

on sophisticated life-support systems. While just as mind-stimulating is the skull of the Neanderthal man, found in Rhodesia in 1921, with a perfectly round hole in the left side of it. Even today, forensic experts can imagine only one possible explanation for the wound. They affirm that nothing but a bullet fired from a firearm could have caused it! Perhaps even more incredible is the claim, stemming from complicated chemical evidence found in Africa that ancient man built a nuclear reactor. The story started when uranium ore from a new mine in Gabon, West Africa, was found to be low in uranium 235. Researchers began to wonder whether it had been used up in a chain reaction. Then, traces of four rare elements (neodymium, samarium, europium and cerium) were found there. They are what is left. Some scientists argued that the reaction had been a spontaneous one; but according to Glenn T. Seaborg, former head of the U.S. atomic energy commission and a Nobel prize-winner for his work on heavy elements, that will not do. For he points out that the reaction could only have occurred if extremely pure water was present. Even a few parts per million of contamination would prevent it; and water that pure exists naturally nowhere on Earth!

Man's lost high technology came from outer space. That is Chatelain's explanation for many enigmas that litter our past and are beginning to challenge our senses anew. Yet his is not the only theory, although I admire his calm and dispassionate theory outlined in 'Our Ancestors Came From Outer Space' (English edition, Barker). A rival theory, from researcher Rene Noorbergen, is that there was a great flood, just as the Bible says. He points out that the Holy Book is not alone in telling of a world in which all but a handful of people were destroyed by water. Similar legends have existed among a number of people who have never seen or heard of a Bible in their histories. If only a few survived from a civilization that had specialized its abilities, as modern western industrialised societies have done, that small band would know only a tiny proportion of that society's skills between them. But as the evidence for UFOs piles up and increasingly gains academic respect and scientific support, the visitors from outer space seem less like fictional monsters and more a serious possibility, even adopting high probability status when assessing testimony from close-up witnesses such as Astronauts. As they circled our planet in Gemini IV, James McDivitt and Ed White saw a silver object with antennae. NASA experts assured them it was the booster rocket in orbit beside them. McDivitt retorted: "It was in the wrong place at the wrong time for that!"

At least half the world's astronomers are reckoned to believe that UFOs are possibly visitors from outer space; if not that they probably are. One of them is Astronomy Prof. J. Allen Hynek, who has called on NASA to re-open investigations into flying saucer reports. He says: "The solution to the mystery of UFOs remains one of man-kinds greatest challenges". So if men such as Chatelain have guessed rightly, the key to a fascinating new view of our long-lost history is very close to hand! But, during those 65,000 years and perhaps even more, has direct contact with our planet ever been lost by the cosmic surveyors? Supposing they have advanced to a stage where they have mastered control of atomic and molecular cell-structure changes? That they, the UFO craft and crew members, can appear and disappear before our eyes at will because of such mastery? Even that they live among us in different dimensional form as they manage our affairs in the background, mutely watching, awaiting our next moves? Perhaps a few more clues will erupt in our journeying.....

EARLY MORNING ENTITY IN TROWBRIDGE, WILTSHIRE

When we (PROBE) were first introduced to this case, we did not, (and still do not), know how to deal with it. Cases of this nature are new to us and obviously involve more than an ordinary(?) UFO sighting. In fact UFOs are not part of this account as it took place in a bedroom at 5 am., and may not even be connected with them. It is true that the alleged conversation does involve 'crescent-shaped craft' that are from other worlds, but the actual origin of the entity is unknown. We feel that we are not in a position to draw a conclusion about this case; we lack the qualifications and experience, so the best we can do is present the whole story and end with our own thoughts and opinions. The rest is up to you.

Rodney James is a lecturer in Painting and Decorating at Trowbridge College; he is 33 years old and married. Born near Winchester, Hampshire he was admittedly lazy at school and left without any qualifications. After taking a few temporary jobs he took a course in carpentry at Trowbridge college for six months. That did not work out too well and he was eventually offered an apprenticeship in painting and decorating. When that was completed he then applied for the post of lecturer at the college and was successful. Since then he has worked and achieved the qualifications that were ignored at school.

The following has been prepared from a text in Rod's own words: 'This took place on the morning of Saturday 5th January 1980. I woke up, and I'm sure I woke up, because I remember seeing the dawn breaking and the birds singing, and then I saw at the corner of the bed 'a figure' glowing greeny white. He spoke to me without using words and said the following:" When Homo Sapiens were just developing they explored this planet and some of their kind mated with the Earth people to form a very adaptable race. They knew this would take many, many Earth years but the result would be a race of people who could colonise planets around theirs. They know that they are close to this because they have taken sample people to these planets and they have survived for a few years. When there becomes too many people they send one of their own to start conflict or disease to reduce the numbers, so that the planet can support them. Their main problem at the moment is that the Earth is gradually splitting into two along the (-?-) rift. They are sending crescent - shaped craft which fire missiles from each point into the ground. These missiles when they reach the point; the rift, turn into a liquid which solidifies and they are hoping that this will prevent this split". He then faded like a T.V. picture from the outside into the centre, and I found myself looking at the dressing table. And all the time that was happening, I felt that there was no animosity, no aggression... I just felt perfectly at ease. Why it should come to me, I've no idea.'



View of the entity as seen from Rod James' position in the bed. (Based on drawings and diagrams sketched by Mr. James.)

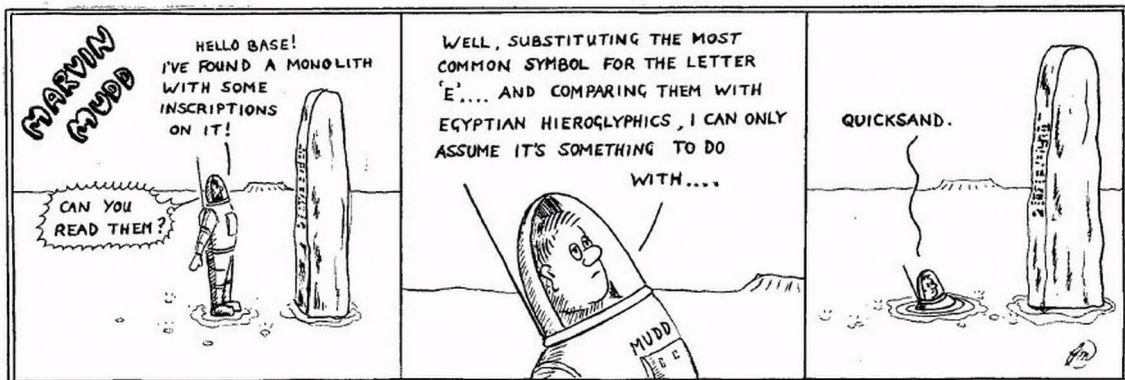
Firstly, on examination of the testimony, we needed to clear up a few points. The immediate question which came to mind was the accuracy of the reported 'conversation'. It was written down on paper roughly two hours later, and it seemed strange that such a lengthy passage could be recorded perfectly word-for-word after a gap of this time. Mr. James assured us that the text was accurate all barring one word; this was the (-?-) rift. He did not recall the word because he had never heard it before and it meant nothing. Other than that, he insisted it was accurate due to him having an excellent memory and he also stressed that it isn't every day an entity appears in the bedroom.

About the entity itself, Rod James likened it to a 3-D projection. This actual term was put forward by us, but he agreed that it was a fair description of the entity. Mr. James felt that he could put his hand 'right through' the figure, as it appeared to be composed of a shimmering greeny white light. The figure had the outline of a stocky, tall humanoid, standing about 7 feet. No facial features were visible, nor details of any clothing that may have worn. The feet ended in stumps as did the hands. During its appearance, the entity did not move or make any gestures.

Mr. James did not wake up his wife purely because he did not think of it. He admitted that it was an oversight but it just never occurred to him to do so. Mrs. James heard and saw nothing. We later questioned Mr. James about any previous UFO or unusual experiences, and he did relate an event which took place at Cradle Hill, Warminster. He was with a friend, Derek Holton of Warminster, when a bright flash of light threw him backward on to the ground near the copse at the top of the hill. Mr. Holton never saw the flash, but heard Mr. James' yell as he hit the ground. From his position in front of Mr. James, he looked back to see him sprawled out flat on his back. There were no burns or after effects and the source of the flash remains a mystery. This happened over a year ago and roughly six months prior to the bedroom visitation. In Mr. James' opinion these incidents were not connected.

He has believed in UFOs for many years and read several books and publications on the topic. He has related his story to several people and been met with a sceptical response. He still insists it happened but has no idea why. Although the message carried the impression that it was an extraterrestrial visitor, Rod James does not necessarily think so. He has no opinions of his own but does not wish it to be put into a particular category.

CONCLUSIONS: We have studied the complete testimony plus a great deal of background information on Mr. James' life. We are of the opinion that he did perceive something whether in a dream or otherwise. After talking to him on a number of occasions, it doesn't seem likely that the whole thing is a hoax. There is just no reason as far as we are aware. As said at the beginning of this report, we can not draw any conclusions as to the origin or nature of the entity. It really is a case of take it or leave it, and you must make what you want of it. That is how Rod James would prefer it.



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THE SECOND IN THE SERIES WHICH FEATURES EXPLAINED UFO REPORTS THAT ON FACE VALUE ALONE WOULD HAVE BEEN CATALOGUED AS UFOs. THIS ISSUE PRESENTS A CASE INVESTIGATED BY OURSELVES EARLIER THIS YEAR.

The Witness: Mrs. Alma Millard is aged 57 years and lives in Horfield, Bristol. She currently works as switchboard operator. Although aware of the UFO mystery due to some friends from Devon witnessing a UFO roughly four years ago, she had never before experienced any sightings herself.

The Location: Bossington, near Porlock, Somerset. It is a small town situated about five miles from Minehead, roughly three miles in from the coast.

The Sighting: Mrs. Millard saw the object on the evening of June 21st 1980. The time of the actual sighting was somewhere between 8.30 and 9.00 p.m. The account is presented in Mrs. Millard's own words:

"Walking with friends down to the store at Bossington near Porlock, Somerset. On looking back towards land (I) saw what at first I thought was a small cloud breaking away from a very large cloud, and then I suddenly realised the small cloud was moving very much faster than the large ones, and within it was a small pulsating movement which made me keep my eyes on it. Inside the cloud was a rounded to oval outline which was forcing the cloud forward slightly in a pointed movement. There was no sound. It came out of a large cloud from Porlock Hill travelling into a large cloud over Selworthy Beacon. Unfortunately I tried to get my friends to see it but the sighting was over. The object, although travelling fast, did not appear out of the cloud it travelled into."

According to Mrs. Millard, the actual sighting lasted for approximately two minutes, although she admitted that it wasn't timed and this was just a guess. There was scattered cloud and it was very cold with a light breeze. The conditions were quite dry due some good weather.

The Investigation: Mrs. Millard rang us within a few days of the sighting and we immediately dispatched her a sighting report form together with a stamped addressed envelope. Unfortunately, because we had not designed and prepared our own forms, we used the BUFORA form R1. (A complete copy of this report will be sent to BUFORA). This was promptly completed and returned by July 2nd.

The completed form was read and scrutinised by our team with the end result that a meteorological explanation would probably solve this sighting. We contacted the Swindon Centre for UFO Research and Investigation (SCUFORI) who gave us the address of the Tornado Research Organisation in Trowbridge, Wiltshire. We contacted Dr. G. T. Meaden, who edits the Journal Of Meteorology, and gave him the full details from Mrs. Millard's report. As expected, a meteorological explanation was put forward which would account, in every detail, for what was seen. Dr. Meaden's report is as follows:

'The eyewitness of 21.6.1980 has given a clear description of what I recognise as an attempt by a cloud to form a 'funnel cloud' vortex beneath it. The witness saw the initial stage of development - a small pointed funnel, rotating and pulsating, beneath a large cloud (cumulus, stratocumulus, or cumulonimbus). If further development had occurred, a tornado-like cloud would have appeared - sometimes these even reach to ground level.'

'Occurrences were very common in June this year. I have funnel cloud reports for the following dates:

June 9th (Mayo), June 15th (Southend), June 24th (Lincs), June 25th (Brixham and Boscombe Down, Wilts), June 26th (Ormskirk and Goole), also funnel clouds to ground-level (ie tornadoes) on June 5th (Nairn),



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June 23rd (Hull), and June 24th (Norwich).'

We contacted Mrs. Millard and gave her the details of Dr. Meaden's report. This was initially done by telephone and Mrs. Millard was only too pleased to accept this explanation for several reasons:

- a) The funnel cloud description fitted her interpretation of the object.
- b) She was pleased that she had seen an unknown object that defied all rational explanation. Mrs. Millard did also admit that the thought of real 'flying saucers' worried her.
- c) It proved that Mrs. Millard was not 'seeing things' and that what she saw was very real.

We then typed out a complete report and sent this to Mrs. Millard as we promised. She telephoned us and thanked us for our time and effort, but did comment on how strange the object was. Although accepting the explanation, Mrs. Millard could not understand fully why, if the phenomenon was totally natural, she had not seen anything like it before. We explained to her that although it was natural, it still was a phenomenon and was a rare occasion. The conditions were perfect for such a cloud to form and as the report from Dr. Meaden detailed, conditions were similar in many places throughout the U.K. during the month of June.

Conclusion: What was observed was a rare phenomenon which, unless the witness was knowledgeable in the subject of meteorology, would appear to have been a UFO. As seen in the report, several funnel clouds were observed throughout the U.K. during the month of June, and if filed UFO reports are checked, this information may explain some of them. An important factor in this case is the accuracy of the witness testimony. If some points had been exaggerated even slightly this could have caused complications in the research. As it was, the witness report was accurate in every detail and speeded up the investigations.

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TERRY'S SKYWATCH PAGE

A LOOK AT THE SKYWATCH SCENE

This must be one of the worst ever years for skywatching..... or it seems that way every time I go. On the second Saturday of each month, the groups who belong to MAUFOG (Members of the Affiliation of UFO Groups) hold skywatches in their local areas, and you can be sure it rains on those particular nights! The last one, on November 8th, was a total failure. The rain just did not stop and it wasn't worth getting out of the car. Still, it can't get much worse.....

Skywatching has come into some recent criticism and this was highlighted in last issue's Skywatch Page. I put forward a case for skywatching and referred to many points made by Jenny Randles and Peter Warrington in their book, 'UFOs: A BRITISH VIEWPOINT'. Since then, a few people have commented on the arguments raised; none more so than Jenny Randles herself. Her reply and further opinions are included in this issue as a separate article. Some people supported my views, and a few agreed with 'BRITISH VIEWPOINT'. Anyway, as far as this page is concerned, the matter is dropped and it is left to people to make up their own minds.

Skywatching, when the weather permits, can be great fun. It is true that not a great deal of the time is spent looking upwards at the night sky because you soon get bored and begin to suffer the first stages of a stiff neck. And quite often there is something else going on which attracts your attention. One such occasion springs to mind that happened about three years ago. It was a dry night although not particularly clear and not much was happening. Soon, a white Zodiac car tore up the track and stopped at the top. It was obvious from that instant that the four occupants were stoned out of their minds as they sang and shouted at the tops of their voices. The car was quite a large one and in their condition, they weren't able to turn around and park. The only solution they could see was to reverse back down and turn at the bottom, then reverse back up. They managed to do most of that but when it came to reversing up the track they met a problem: they couldn't see. The car wasn't built with reversing lights so the front passenger decided to open his door and give directions to the driver, which seemed to work, giving him more confidence. This made him put his foot down to go a bit faster and at that moment, the passenger's door stuck in the mud bank causing it to rip clean off! When they slowly drove the last few yards and parked they seemed worried, particularly as the car belonged to the father of the driver.

When they finally got over the initial shock, they then decided to take themselves and their bottles of cider up to the Army outpost. This area is off limits and we told them so, but they weren't interested and continued to walk up to it. It wasn't long before we saw them again, sat in the back of an Army Landrover on its way down to the base. They hadn't come back when we left.

It isn't often this type of thing happens..... in fact it is rare that you get people of this extreme visiting Cradle Hill. And it is just as well because they don't contribute anything to skywatching itself. It may have been that they just came up for a laugh and weren't intending to skywatch or be associated with it. We never had a chance to find out..... but I imagine the Army did.

NEXT ISSUE: "SEVEN FOOT TALL AND ARMED WITH A LASER GUN!"

A UFO ZONE IS INVESTIGATED AFTER DEPUTY'S CLOSE ENCOUNTER

A UFO ZONE covering hundreds of square miles in Minnesota, U.S.A. has been discovered in an area where the amazing close encounter involving Deputy Sheriff Val Johnson took place. (Details of this case appeared in 'PROBE' Vol. 1 No. 1). Dozens of UFOs have been sighted there and numerous farm animals in the same area have been mysteriously slaughtered. Some researchers investigating this enigma believe there may be a connection between the animal deaths and the UFO sightings.

Recent evidence has shown that the animal killings have several things in common with each other: no human footprints or otherwise were found near the bodies and there was no evidence that the animals were killed by predators. The animal organs however, appeared to have been removed by some kind of surgical instrument and the animals, mostly cows, had blood drained away, leaving no trace of how.

It was later brought to light that these killings and UFO sightings began in the late 1960's and then recurred in early and late 1970's. As yet, no answer has been found for these killings and their possible link with the UFOs.



LEFT: Deputy Sheriff Val Johnson and the damaged patrol car. Tests were conducted on the car in an effort to determine how the damage was done.

The dented hood, broken windscreen and smashed headlight could have been caused by stones or rocks, but there is no way to explain how the antennas, which are extremely flexible, were bent that way.

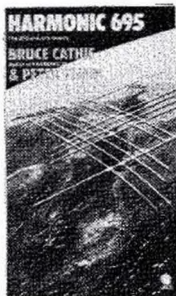
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I was pleased to receive Vol 1 No 2 of PROBE, and must congratulate you on an excellent format and design. How do you do it for the price? (unless you have some help from 'up there'!) Anyhow it is with respect to "Terry's SKYWATCH Page", and specifically his comments on the relevant peice out of UFOs: A BRITISH VIEWPOINT, that I wish to turn my attention.

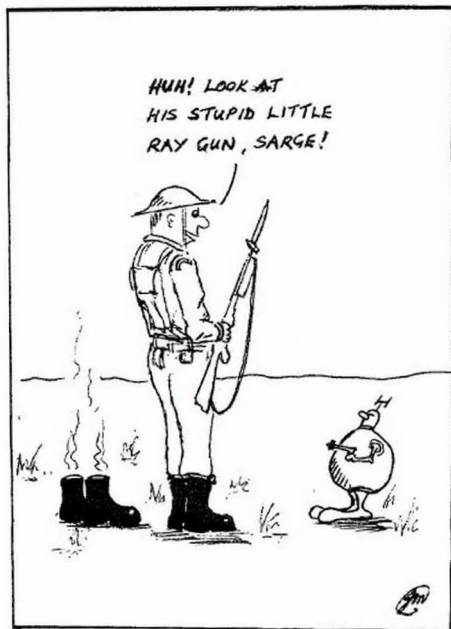
Firstly, I would point out that I found it odd (and so did Peter!) that although noting that the book is co-authored by Peter Warrington and myself, all subsequent remarks say "Jenny this" and "Jenny that", as if the views were mine and mine alone. Neither of us can recall who was specifically responsible for this passage, as the book was in the main written in 1976 and 1977 (as all authors will tell you the vagaries of book production make much of your material "old hat" by the time it reaches the public!) However, both of us take full responsible for any criticism levelled against the book, as well as any praise (if there is any there to be had, that is).

On the subject of the skywatch I would continue to endorse the views expressed in the book. It is "less respectable" in one specific, but vital, sense. Those who engage in nightly vigils on hilltops tend to attract a good deal of publicity, and unfortunately this reflects badly on the image of Ufology as a whole. One only needs to think of the BBC documentary "Out of this World", screened three times (no less) since completion in 1977 (even in these days of repeats that is going some). What do people recall of this nowadays? The hours of work put into it by the respectable Ufologists who ploughed much effort into Hugh Burnett's dreams? No! Rather it is the escapades of the two chaps on the hilltop searching with a metal contrivance for UFOs hiding in the clouds. I know the kind of comments I got after ordinary folk saw that little party piece. I expect most of you came in for some bantering too. The point is that skywatching is typical of what the mass media expect of a Ufologist. Every time a photographer approaches me for a picture for some feature or other the first question I get asked is "Where is your telescope?".... or failing that "binoculars" or "Where do you look for these things?". They seem to find it hard to believe that a Ufologist investigates reports and tries to get to the bottom of a complex, physical, psychological and sociological phenomenon. They presume we are all expecting to see one!

Now you know as well as I do that "TRUE UFOs" are rare. Ninety percent of all UFO reports are misidentifications. If you fail to believe this I recommend you read Allan Hendry's excellent book on IFO investigation "The UFO HANDBOOK" (reviewed in this issue - Ed.). With this in mind the consequent likelihood of anyone spotting a UFO on a skywatch is minimal; although were it not for skywatching's other drawbacks it would still be worthy of some effort. And what if you see one? How many skywatches are well equipped? Perhaps a photograph will result (in a recent one involving a NUFON group at Warminster this did happen). Of course the resultant picture is subject to the problems of all UFO photographs (read Chapter 6 of BRITISH VIEWPOINT for a survey of those). Is it a misidentification? Is it a fake? Does it correlate with the verbal testimony? There will usually be problems somewhere, even in a picture taken by apparently genuine individuals (this is the case in the photograph under current study). In view of the problems of acceptance of photographic evidence, and the compounded difficulty that skywatches comprise UFO believers (and are thus less credible in the eyes of the public) what value is skywatch evidence going to be? Ok - if you need convincing that UFOs exist then skywatch. You might see one. Ok - if you have some useful new technique of instrumental evidence that might provide valuable new data to comprehend some aspect of the phenomenon. I do not have such a technique (nor, I suspect, do 99% of all those who skywatch), and personally I do not need convincing that UFOs exist. The wealth of objective evidence speaks for itself. Ergo I do not skywatch regularly, not do I particularly approve of those who do (although it is a free country, and my attitude might well be wrong, so do not take my word for it).

On the other hand I do accept that there are valid reasons to skywatch. I can single out just three.

- 1) As a training exercise for would-be investigators. To skywatch is essential for such people. Without it one would never become acquainted with rare phenomena which might be misinterpreted; such as fireball meteors. I would refer Terry to page 33 of BRITISH VIEWPOINT, and I quote...."To be fair to skywatching it is not entirely useless. It can be beneficial to the inexperienced Ufologist, to acquaint him with the natural sky phenomena which do exist..."
- 2) As part of a coordinated programme with several sites, linked to a central phone-in number, regularly giving reports. This experiment has been tried by BUFORA in the past, and more recently (during the 1977 wave for example) by NUFON. Here six groups took part from a very wide area on 3 separate nights. Only one object (a light) was seen and not identified, and that just from one site (in south Cheshire). The results were disappointing, but it was nonetheless a good exercise in coordination and data compilation. The production of accurate report logs afterwards served a useful function.



- 3) At a time of a flap in a Ufocal. In the south you have Warminster. In the north we have the Pennine foothills. These generate above normal levels of UFO activity and skywatching here, if properly organised (ie several sites linked together with good facilities available), is useful.

Terry seems to find it odd that "members of her own network" skywatch; almost as if they are going against my orders! I do not have a network. I happen to edit the NUFON publications but NUFON is a collection of independant groups who each have their own ideas about what to do and how to do it. At least two of them do skywatch regularly (probably others), whilst others frown on it, and others still remain entirely indifferent to the issue. What I, personally, think has nothing to do with it! Even in the local group which Peter and I run (MUFORA) individual members skywatch. I think Terry has a somewhat erroneous, but rather flattering, view of my influence... but even if it did extend that far I would never wish to use it to prevent freedom of expression within Ufology. My ideas are my ideas. Your ideas are your ideas. We are both entitled to

to them and should respect one another's opinions. Usually truth lies between two extremes, not at either end.

Terry suggests that I "attend one myself". For the record I will note the following. I took part in a MUFORA skywatch organised to help train novice investigators (and was glad I did because I saw by first, and only, bolide). Paul (my fiance) and I were the only two MUFORA members to take part in all three NUFON skywatches in the 1977 coordinated programme. I have never visited Warminster but intend to one day. I was hoping to travel with Paul on the recent skywatch MIGAP held there, but as it turned out none of MIGAP's female members wanted to go and the group decided that it was a good opportunity for a weekend away! In the end, according to Paul, it seems that skywatching came a poor second to certain other pursuits!

Of course I do not deny people this enjoyment. Paul obviously had a great time (and I don't think it had too much to do with the amount of time spent on a cold and wet hilltop!).

What of the third aspect of skywatching - watches at Ufocals? As I have pointed out we have our own Warminster up in the north and MUFORA has been engaged in an ongoing project for some eighteen months now trying to track down the source of a curious aerial anomaly which appears regularly over Bacup, Lancashire. Many witness accounts have been carefully documented. We have some movie film of it. Our skywatch programme and investigation has been coordinated by one of our members who is a Detective Inspector in the police fraud squad! One of his superior officers has even seen the thing. Everybody who has been up there has seen it. Everyone, that is, except for Peter, his wife Rosalind, Paul and myself, who spent the night there only recently and saw no more than a curious effect of a car light magnified through localised mist. However, there was eight octars of cloud, and we intend to have another go at seeing the thing. Nevertheless Peter and I have preferred to approach the skywatch aspect of this research from a different angle (utilising access to radar coverage of the area by us, at the time of a skywatch). The results of this intriguing ongoing experiment are to be published in the UFO literature shortly.

Even with all of the above going for us we have not proven that a UFO exists over Bacup. Our Detective Inspector summed it up the other day when we discussed further plans at a MUFORA meeting; "we can go on seeing it until the cows come home, but all we will do is go on seeing it!" Without access to our own helicopter (and our funds do not quite run to that!), so we can go and chase the thing, we are presently at an impasse, although the case has us all "bugged".

So, Terry, I have considered the skywatch problem far more carefully than might be thought. The scope of BRITISH VIEWPOINT did not allow me to expand my ideas although this article has now given me that chance. Even so I stick to my basic beliefs (which I think I reiterate to some extent, although perhaps not quite so strongly, in my new book UFO STUDY published early in 1981). Skywatching is not a thorn when coordinated, well organised, and unpublicised. Skywatching as we generally know it is a thorn. That does not mean it might not be fun (I have had some fun on skywatches too), or that it will ever stop. That is a fact of life. I can live with it.

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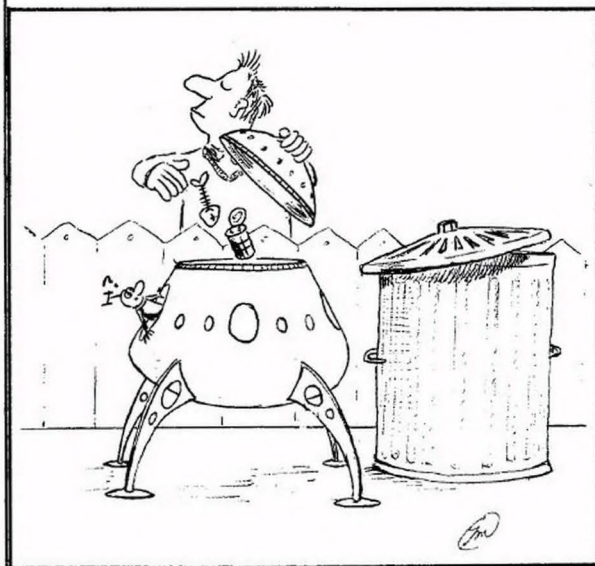
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ABOVE: TAKEN FROM THE THIRD CIRCLE (ORIGINALLY CALLED NO. 1) SHOWING THE WESTBURY WHITE HORSE IN THE BACKGROUND.

BELOW: TAKEN FROM THE CENTRE OF THE SECOND CIRCLE, IN THE FOREGROUND CAN BE SEEN AREAS WHERE THE OAT STALKS HAVE ATTEMPTED TO STAND UP. THIS PHOTOGRAPH WAS TAKEN 28 DAYS AFTER THIS CIRCLE APPEARED.

