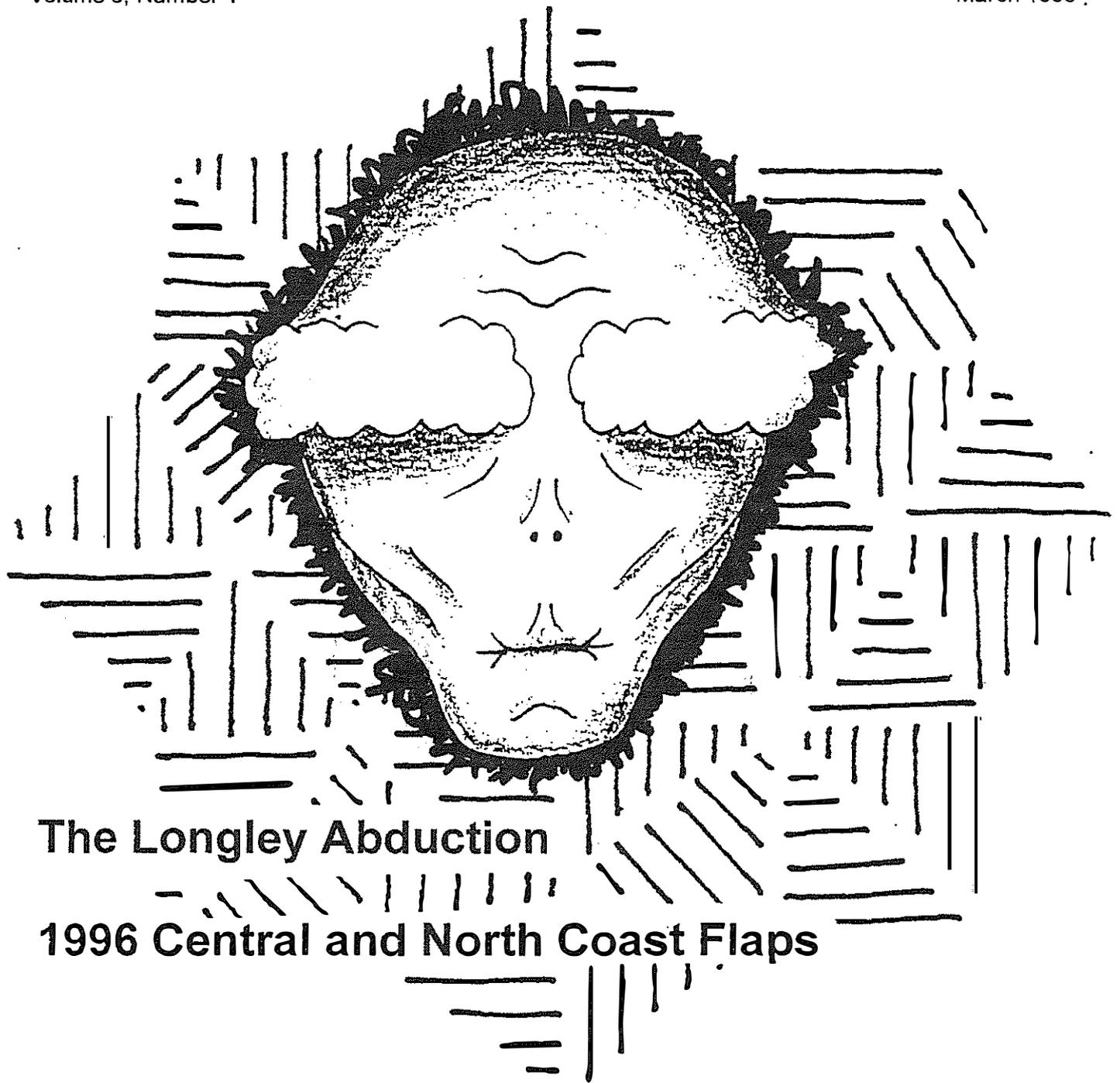


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Cover: An entity 'seen' by Scott Longley during his abduction. Background pattern, noted by Wendy Longley, used throughout 'spacecraft'. See article starting page 4.

Alien harvest

Bryan Dickeson

Nineteen ninety-six is fast becoming a bumper year for UFOR(NSW). The early months have produced a wealth of local incidents for our researchers to investigate, and this *UFO Reporter* has tried to reflect that upsurge in UFO activity. UFO flaps on the Northern and Central NSW Coast feature prominently in this issue and we have been obliged to postpone a report of Dr Mack's visit to Sydney in January 1996 (promised last issue), until next time.

Probably the most notable event has been the Longley abduction case. We were extremely fortunate to get direct input from a number of researchers (as well as the Longleys) to provide a detailed account for the record. As with the Kelly Case before, we first compiled a draft from material published in news media, into a 'reasonable' account of the story. This draft was submitted to the

Longleys for consideration. The 'real' story turned out to be much more interesting and insightful, so the first draft was trashed and the account rewritten with much more of the Longley's original material. The Longleys have provided excellent diagrams, so we have included as much of this material as possible in the new account.

A major problem with spectacular abduction material is that there always seems to be another one 'just around the corner'. Each one has important similarities and differences to other cases. Each one provides an opportunity to learn something new. The abduction phenomenon is now an instantly recognisable 'genre' to some sections of the public — something which a fickle media has been quick to seize upon. (And something which UFO investigators have to be careful about if new insights are to be found.) The

Longley case raises many important issues and 'artefacts' which will take investigators some time to resolve.

Another important perspective on the phenomenon is being provided through a project organised by Moira McGhee in the Gosford area (Central Coast NSW). Moira is attempting to assess real 'background' levels of UFO activity in the Australian environment by intensively investigating the recent UFO flap there. The Central Coast offers a 'manageable' chunk of Australia (population around 1.5 million) as a sample whose results can then be extended to other parts of the country.

In late August 1996 there is an large national UFO conference being organised in Brisbane where some of these results will start to be made known. 1996 should be a very good year. □

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The Longley abduction

B. Dickeson, S. & W. Longley

It is UFOR's normal editorial policy not to print abductees' names, respecting their confidentiality and privacy. However, Scott and Wendy Longley have been extremely honest and generous when discussing their recent experiences. Their fascinating story has received much media attention these last few months and UFOR is delighted to provide a detailed account of their case. Scott and Wendy are both university educated and have a small business designing, producing and selling greeting cards in Grafton — hence the quality of the accompanying illustrations. My thanks to the Longleys for allowing extensive use of their material, and also to PRA (Victoria) and Peter Turner (Central Coast) for additional data.

Something unusual happened to Scott, Wendy and family while driving back home to Grafton on the evening of Saturday 16 March 1996. They left visiting friends in Lismore at 1900 hrs, detoured briefly through the Lismore Hungry

Jack's for some takeaway, and set out on the 130km trip to Grafton. Less than 20km into their trip and traveling southwest along a fairly straight stretch of road 5km north of the town of Casino, Scott noticed two strange lights in his rear vision mirror (Location: along Top Lismore Road, near the junction with Caltons Road — 28°

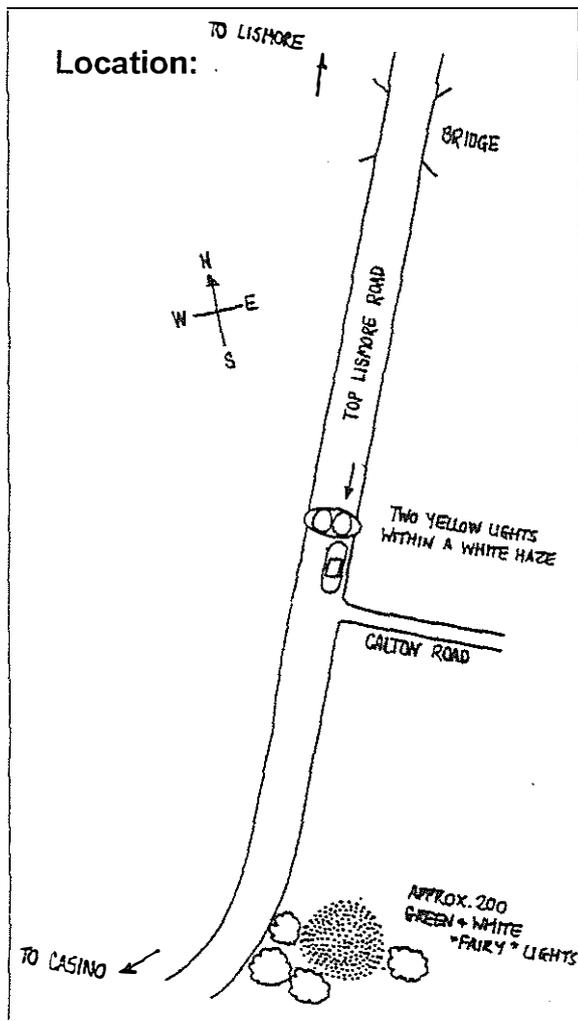
49' 6±3" S, 153° 5' 6±3" E). He had not previously seen any other cars on the road, in front or behind, so was somewhat surprised. Glancing up several times from the road in front to the mirror reflection of the lights behind, he noticed they were bright yellow and surrounded by a white halo. While glancing at the mirror for a third look, the two single lights merged into one. He did not immediately mention what he had seen to Wendy.

While this was happening to Scott, Wendy was looking at an unusual cluster of lights about 100m in front of the car, and slightly to the left of the road. She watched the large, spherical formation of about 200 small white and bright green 'fairy' lights for between 20 and 30 seconds.

After losing sight of these lights, Wendy asked Scott if he had noticed them. They had then discussed what each had seen for some time on the journey home.

On reaching Grafton at about 2130 hrs, Wendy commented that the trip seemed to have taken longer than the usual 1.25 hours, but they had thought little more about it at the time.

The Longleys usually go to bed about 2230hrs, but that night Wendy had stayed up till midnight and Scott had watched television until 0230 on the Sunday. Although it had been a long day, both felt very wide awake and 'energetic'.



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Scott has been a jogger for 25 years and on Sunday 17 March, he got up at 0500 hrs for his usual 30km run with a running partner. On starting off he noted a passing pricking sensation in his left nostril. About half-way through the run he had developed a large blister on his right big toe, for the first time ever. Unable to continue, Scott had to return home. (The blister did not require medical attention and his toe went back to normal after five days). On the way back home he noticed he was developing a runny nose, which was also unusual.

Checking the family, he found that everyone had severe cold symptoms. Wendy was sore on the left side of her abdomen and had a sore throat. Scott junior had mucus with traces of blood streaming from his nose (he had only ever had one cold previously, never any

nose bleeds and slept badly for two weeks afterwards).

On Monday 18 March, Wendy telephoned Moira McGhee (INUFOR, in Sydney) about the possibility the lights they had seen were UFOs. Moira had asked Wendy about any lost time and had suggested hypnotherapy might help, but these lines of enquiry were not actively followed up at that time.

On Thursday 21 March, an article appeared in the local newspaper (the *Daily Examiner* — see box, *UFO sighting over Grafton*, this page). This reported a series of UFO sightings from the weekend of Saturday 16 March. The article included an invitation for readers who might have seen something unusual to contact UFO researcher Barry Taylor.

Wendy telephoned Barry Taylor. He came around immediately, listened to their account of the strange lights the

UFO sighting over Grafton

GRAFTON resident Barry Taylor claims to have seen a V-shaped cluster of about 12 "yellowish circular objects" flying over Grafton on a clear night last Saturday.

Mr Taylor said the objects were surrounded by a white haze, forming an overall boomerang-shaped formation, and travelling directly overhead to the north at a speed of around 2400km/h, and at an altitude of about 6000 metres. It was 11.10pm.

"Then again at 11.30pm, I saw something else pass over South Grafton from the east this time, and at a much lower altitude, about 15,000 metres," he said.

"The individual yellowish objects were not visible this time, just the haze with lots of small white lights within the haze, but I felt it was the same object as the first.

"This object was also travelling very fast, about 800km/h. Because this object moved across our view, a second witness and I watched the object for six seconds.

"I said to my friend that it looks like the UFOs are 'buzzing' Grafton, so I went and got my camera just in case they returned a third time.

"Then at 12.10pm they flew over a third time. This time a little west of my position and moving to the south. They were very low this time, less than 600 metres, just above the tree tops from my viewing position.

"They may have flown over the CBD of Grafton this time. I could see the white haze, this time full of individual white lights all moving as one, and very spread out, about 400 metres across, and travelling about the speed of the second sighting.

"I took two quick photographs of the object this time and look forward to getting the film developed to see if I was able to capture what I have seen on film."

He said he photographed one when in the Blue Mountains at Katoomba in 1972. A copy of this photograph was published in *Mysterious Australia* written by Rex Gilroy.

Mr Taylor would like to hear from others who may have seen the events in the skies over Grafton last Saturday night, or other sightings in this area. Mr Taylor can be contacted on (066) 42 7598.

The *Daily Examiner* (Grafton, NSW) Thursday 21 March 1996

(Thanks KT Sydney for this article) □

previous Saturday and found that both Wendy and Scott had red marks on the back of their necks. Barry took photographs of Scott's blister and Wendy asked him about hypnotherapy. Barry then organised a series of individual hypnotherapy sessions, which began about a fortnight after the incident originally took place.

The first regressions

These three-hour sessions were videotaped with Scott and Wendy's permission. The video segments of these regressions shown publicly, clearly recreate the great stress experienced by Scott during his experience.

After Scott and Wendy had seen their different sets of lights, it seems that the car was stopped at the side of the road.

In Scott's own words:

"I was the first to be regressed ... and had three sessions altogether, which were videotaped. Wendy followed, without [knowing] what I had revealed.

"Under hypnotic regression, I found myself looking down on our stationary [car] from a point in space apparently [somewhere above it]. I saw myself 'asleep' in the driver's seat. Wendy was [also] present; 'asleep' in

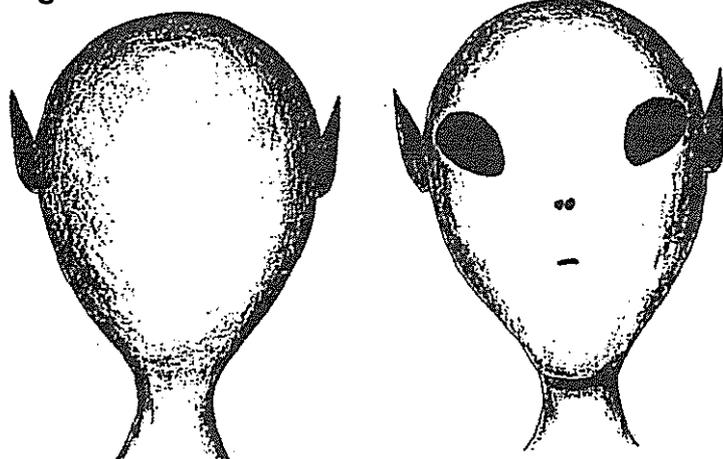
the passenger's side seat. [Daughter] Bronwyn was ... 'asleep' in the rear seat, belted in. Scott junior seemed to be awake in his child seat.

"I watched as two aliens went to the driver's door and opened it. They undid my safety belt. They were very tall — seven-foot (215cm) — with a smoke-like skin colour, small ears, big black eyes, two dots for a nose, small mouth [and] no lips (see figure 1.1). One entity placed its arm around my back, and was aided by the second entity. They carried me out of the car and held me there ... At the same time, two more seven-foot [entities] approached Wendy's door. They opened the door, undid her safety belt and carried her out of the vehicle. One smaller alien appeared and opened the back door to Bronwyn. The [same] alien tried to release the ... latch on [Scott junior's] baby seat without any [success]. Another small entity came and released the latch, and they carried Wendy and Bronwyn into the [nearby] paddock. Scott junior was still in the car at this stage.

"Then they carried me around to the back of the car and laid me down on my stomach. One entity held my head off the ground.

"Still watching from above, I saw the aliens with me use something like a silver staple-gun and press it into [the back of] my neck (see figure 1.2). They also seemed to insert something into my right big toe. Then they rolled me over onto my back, lifted up my shirt and looked at my stomach where I have a scar from a [1995] car accident. At this point I stood up and my viewing transferred from [its vantage point] above the vehicle [back] into the 'Scott' below. When I stood up, I relaxed my body against the boot of the car. I then found I could communicate telepathically with the aliens and asked them what they wanted. The aliens told me 'we are a lost family,' and conveyed the impression they wanted samples. The entities added 'words' to the effect: 'You are very happy people, be happy and be kind to your neighbour.'

Figure 1.1



FACE OF ALIEN WHO
CARRIED ME OUT OF THE CAR.

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6-7 FEET TALL

(This part of the message did not make much sense to Scott at the time, except that he has occasional differences with his neighbour.)

"At that point, I could see Scott junior running around outside the car with other aliens his size and age. At times they seem[ed] to be laughing and talking to each other. There was no sense of fear or danger to any one of us at any time. I can recall thinking of the aliens 'What beautiful people.' [Also] at this time, I can recall looking over my right shoulder to see two aliens carrying Wendy and two other aliens carrying Bronwyn. They put Wendy back into the car and did the safety belt up. At the same time one entity appeared to me to kiss Wendy on the cheek. The other two aliens put Bronwyn back into her car seat and secured [her] baby latch.

"All of a sudden I saw a crowd of some 20 aliens in the paddock. Then I saw a 'spacecraft' above me (see figure 1.3). They said to me 'We want you.' As I looked up at the spacecraft I said, 'I can't go; I have my wife and children here.' Then I noticed that there were no more aliens around me as I looked into the paddock.

"I then found myself on a table, somewhere, with different creatures looking at me. I was naked. I started to cry and was yelling, 'I want to go home; I want my wife and children.'"

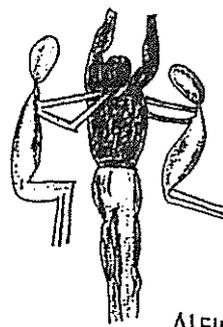
"All of a sudden, I was sitting up on a table with a thick rubber blanket over my waist. I was looking around the craft feeling calm and I saw high-rise buildings out of the windows. It was very dark outside. There were no stars or planets around, just tall buildings.

"I am [179cm] tall and the table was longer than me. The table seemed [to be 6-7cm] thick.

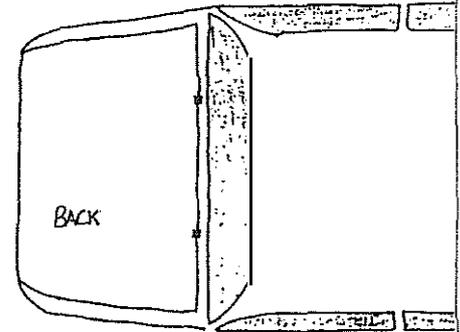
"There was a [powerful] set of lights to my left and above me there were three round lights. I also noticed a mechanical arm at one end of the table which had four 'claws' to it.

"Suddenly, I was back in my car waking up. I patted my wife's knee, and both my wife and daughter woke up.

Figure 1.2

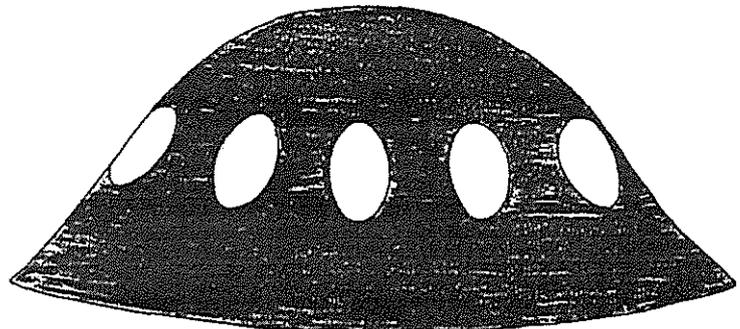


ALIENS KNEELING DOWN INSERTING
SOME THING INTO MY NECK.

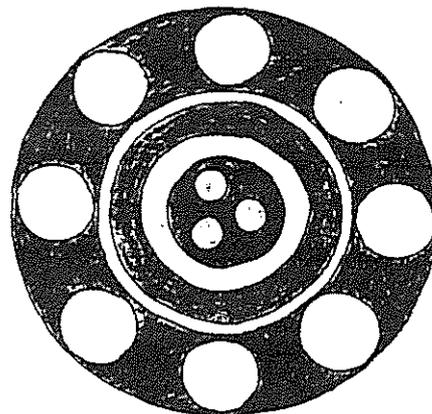


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Figure 1.3: The "spacecraft"

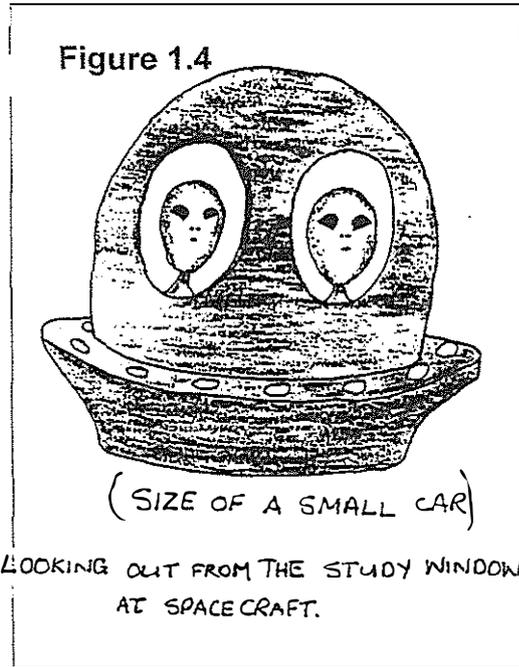


SIZE OF DOUBLE GARAGE
DARK GREY IN COLOUR
YELLOW WINDOWS



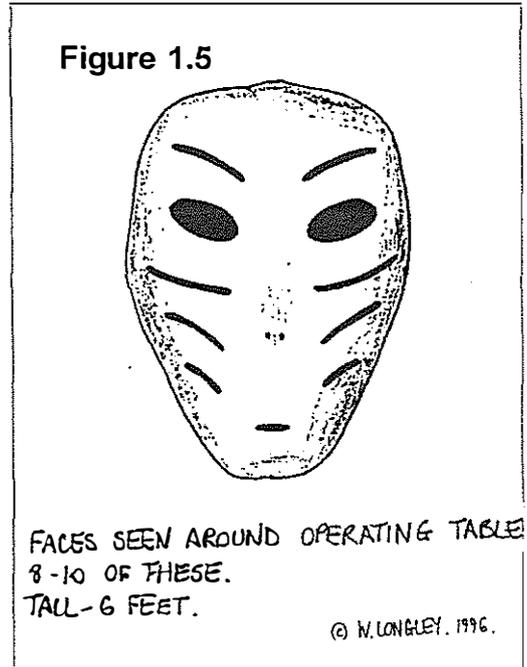
VIEW FROM BELOW
YELLOW LIGHTS
3 LIGHTS IN CENTRE RED-ORANGE

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Scott junior was still awake [and] we drove off back to Grafton.

"Between the hours of 2130 [Saturday] and 0230 [Sunday], a [small] two-person spacecraft appeared in our backyard. I was standing at the study window looking out, when I saw the craft. It was about [3m] from me and about [1.5m] off the ground. I asked them what they wanted. They said,



'Making sure you got back home safely' (see figure 1.4).

Wendy's regression

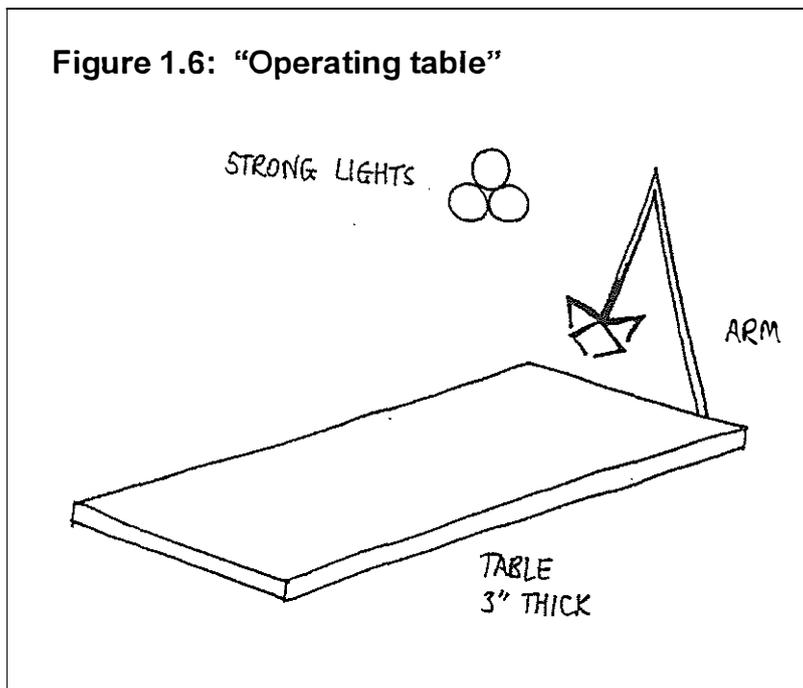
The recollections from Wendy's regression session were more 'vague and blurred', by comparison:

She had found herself lying flat on her back upon a table, in an unknown space, 'somewhere.' The table caused her some discomfort and she concluded from this that it must have been a hard surface. The ambient temperature was cold, but she had no difficulty breathing.

Looking up she could see some 8-10 faces surrounding her. They looked as though they were wearing 'ice-hockey masks' (see figure 1.5). Only their faces and necks were visible from where she was lying and she could not see their bodies. There were bright lights visible and she recalled seeing a mechanical arm nearby (see figure 1.6).

Wendy remembers being 'levitated from time to time', but she has absolutely no recall of a physical examination being conducted. She cannot recall any 'conversation' with the entities.

There was no sense of noise or smell, and she felt no fear at all. Finally, she remembers being back on the



ground again, being carried by entities back to the car at the side of the road, and being put back into the passenger seat. She had the impression they were after Scott, and that this time around she had been taken along 'as well'. Her localised sore throat soon went away, but the influenza symptoms lasted six weeks.

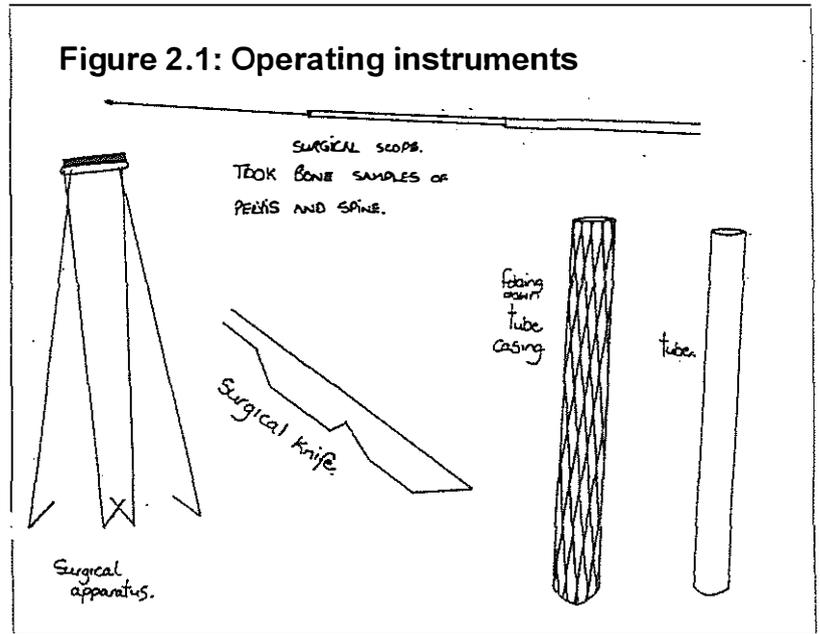
UFO investigators involved with the Longley case took care to keep the results of Scott and Wendy's first regressions separate early on to reduce the possibility of cross contamination, and have been intrigued by the many similarities and correlations between each account.

Scott's second regression

A week after the first regression, Scott underwent a second session with the hypnotherapist:

"I again recalled being on a table, as on the first occasion. My viewing point transferred [to] 'above' the tables, separate from [my-self] below. I don't know what they were doing, but they looked very busy.

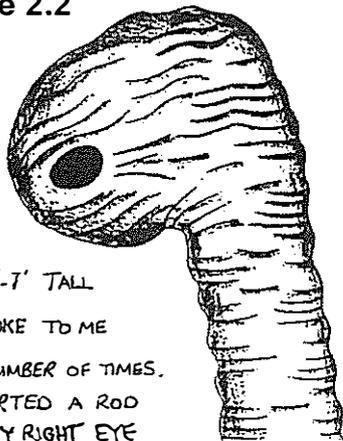
"All of a sudden they inserted a rod into my right eye (see figure 2.1). They were 6-7 feet tall [183-215cm], with a wrinkled appearance and long necks (see figure 2.2). They told me telepathically that I would feel some pain as the rod entered. Although I felt the inser-



tion, I felt more discomfort than pain. When the rod was removed, the alien dabbed my eye with some sort of 'tissue'.

"While still on the table, I recall something was drilled into my right toe. I was then levitated up into the air above the table. I then noticed at that point a pattern on the domed ceiling (see figure 2.3). At the same time, while being levitated, they inserted a silvery rod into my rectum and took bone samples from my pelvis and spine. I could feel the rod moving around inside me; it was not a nice feeling (see figure 2.1).

Figure 2.2



6'-7' TALL
SPOKE TO ME
A NUMBER OF TIMES.
INSERTED A ROD
INTO MY RIGHT EYE

Figure 2.3

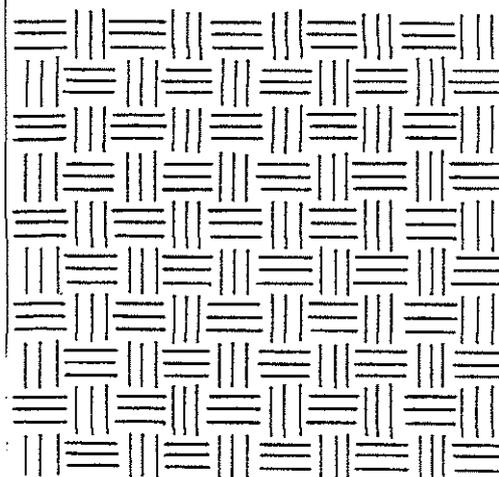
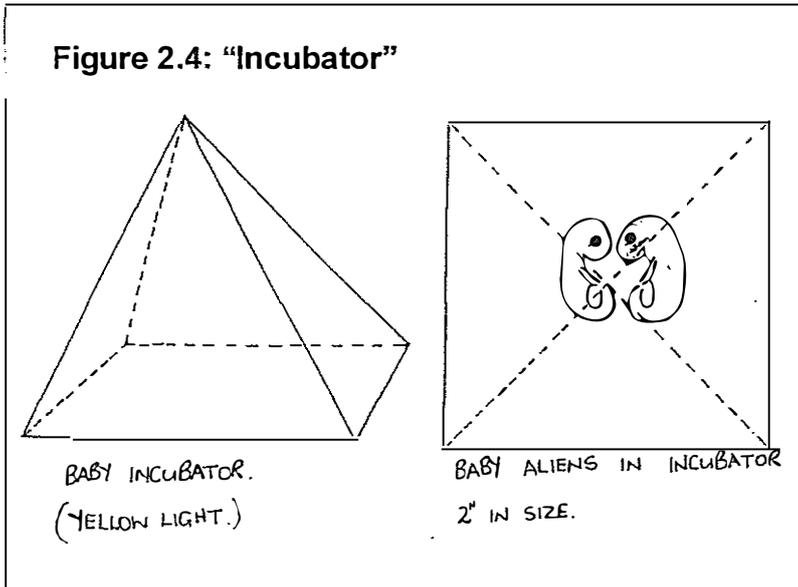


Figure 2.4: "Incubator"



"I then found myself sitting up on the table with a strong light to my left and ... three round lights [above]. I also noted a mechanical arm at the end of the table, which had four 'claws' to it.

"After the examination, I saw a baby incubator, which contained two foetuses ... The incubator was pyramidal in shape and made of something like glass. Inside were two [5 cm] long baby aliens, pink in colour, facing each other (see figure 2.4). All of a sudden I was back sitting on the table, with aliens all around me.

"There were two very small aliens standing at my feet. I was then told telepathically that I was the father of these two aliens.

"I was then looking out of the window. It was dark; again no stars or planets. I was standing beside the window looking out. We were flying across the sea, along a coastline, down a street, to a house where I grew up — we were about [15m] off the ground.

"I could see children playing in the front yard. We then flew around to the back of the house.

"An amazing sheet of white light came over me; I could then see myself in the back yard, standing there; I was four years old ... There was an alien present, who took me into my father's shed and [physically examined me].

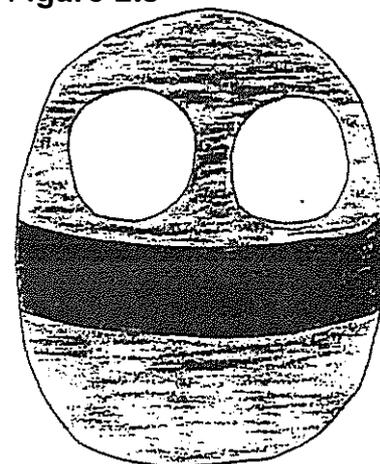
Scott has since referred to this alien as 'Mr Ant'. Mr Ant had large black eyes and a rubbery body.

"The alien checked my toes, calves, biceps, fingers and chest ... I walked around the side of the shed where I saw [an] egg-shaped spacecraft floating about 30cm off the ground. One alien asked me if I wanted to go for a ride. I said 'yes', so was levitated up into the craft. We went backwards and forwards, left to right. Then I [was] levitated back down to the ground (see figure 2.5).

"A sheet of white light came over me and this time I found myself aged eight. I watched as two craft landed nearby, one in a paddock, and one in my back yard.

"When the craft landed, a ramp came down. An alien walked down the ramp at the same time I ran towards [it]. The alien patted me on the head and I turned around and walked with the alien to the shed. The alien carried out the same physical test as [before]. After the physical, we walked back to the craft ...; I said to the alien that I wanted to go in ...

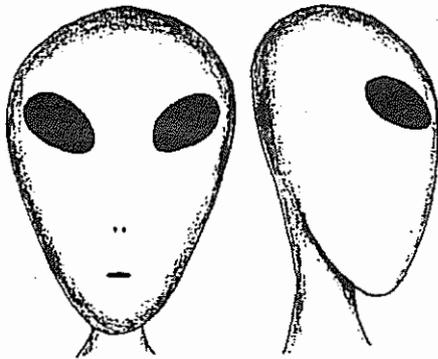
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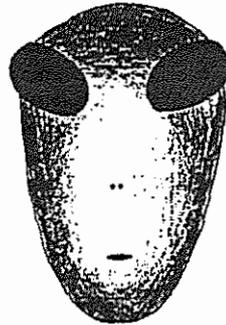
SMALL CRAFT
TAKEN FOR RIDE
AT THE AGE OF FOUR.

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Other alien types seen:

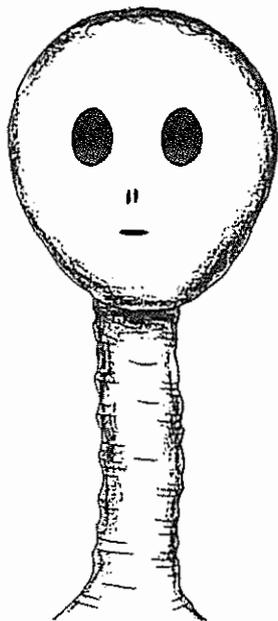


FIGURES SEEN OUTSIDE THE CRAFT.
10-15 OF THESE.



THIS FACE SEEN ONLY IN FLASHBACKS.
VERY TALL - 7 FEET.

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7' TALL

FACE FROM OPERATING TABLE.

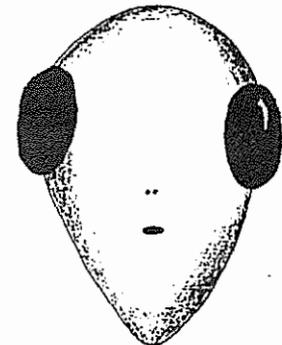


6'-7' TALL
SEEN FROM OPERATING
TABLE

SKIN FOLDS
OVER EYES



6'-7' TALL
SEEMED TO BE
LOOKING OVER
OTHER ALIENS.



6'-7 TALL

FACE SEEN FROM OPERATING
TABLE.



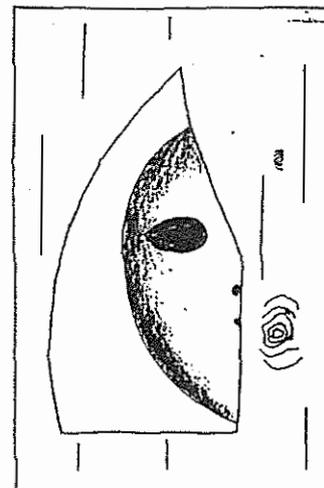
6'-7' TALL



ALIEN HOLDING SURGICAL
KNIFE IN RIGHT HAND
- 7 FEET TALL



6'-7' TALL
SEEN FROM THE OPERATING
TABLE



LOOKING UP FROM OPERATING TABLE
MOVING UP AND DOWN MY BODY.

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Hypnotherapy artefacts?

At various times during his composite account (put together after a number of hypnotic regressions), Scott reports his experiences from the point of view of being quite separated from his physical body, as if he were undergoing some out-of-body-experience (OOBE). For example, this occurs when Scott is placed on the ground behind the car and 'something like a silver staple-gun' is pressed into the back of his neck. This mind-body dissociation may be due to a common (and useful) technique some hypnotherapists use to reduce trauma in a client when a stressful incident is being recalled. The client is asked to watch and report on what took place, to re-experience the event in a detached fashion. Presumably, the videotaped sequences would indicate whether the 'detached' technique was being used.

During Scott's second regression 'a sheet of white light came over' him each time he changed location in time from when he was age 4 to age 8 to age 14. This may also arise from a 'hypnotherapeutic prompt', asking him to remember any similar incidents.

One of the distinctive features of an abduction experience is 'doorway amnesia' where the abductee is not aware of actually entering the 'spacecraft'. In his short fourth regression, Scott recalls walking from the car to the craft and up a ramp. This may indicate a careful restructuring of the original experience (a 'quick fix' by the hypnotherapist) to lessen Scott's anxieties at the time (something which can be checked with the hypnotherapist).

For five months after the incident, various UFO investigators asked the Longleys to avoid reading other abduction accounts to reduce the likelihood of external contamination (not a difficult thing to do in Grafton!). The early part of an investigation is most important for abduction research purposes. Once an abductee assimilates, compares and rehabilitates their experience with outside material, the originality of their own material can be compromised. □

"The sheet of light came over me again and I was 14 years old. My father and I saw the UFO while in the back yard. I noticed my father seemed frozen in place. I was levitated up into the UFO ... On this occasion there was no medical examination. I recall running around the UFO, playing with aliens my own age. An alien then told me, 'Time for you to go.' I said 'No, I do not want to go.' I kept on saying 'No, I'm going to stay here.' All of a sudden I was back with my father, who told me not to be so stupid when the UFO was mentioned.

Scott is now 38.

Scott's third regression

A third regression on 27 April 1996 produced a very different result. Scott was immediately back on the table, and had said "I am OK, I'm with friends." The aliens were friendly, but one alien who was holding a surgical knife in his right hand, had turned around and said to him, 'I'm not your friend.' Scott had felt very scared at this point.

To his left he noticed a bin containing human body parts — no blood, just 'parts'. Suddenly the unfriendly alien had reached down and gouged out Scott's right eye. After about 10 seconds, the entity returned Scott's eye to its socket. Then the alien had 'done something' to his legs, and hung him up by the feet and laughed ... Scott had the distinct impression that the entity was doing this to demonstrate his complete control over him.

The hypnotherapist had some difficulty bringing Scott out of this session and had been very upset by the session. At one time Scott said he thought the hypnotherapist had panicked.

Whereas Scott describes the first two sessions as being benign (he felt the entities he encountered under hypnosis were 'friendly'), the third session had been 'horrible', and he had felt devastated after the regression. Scott spent the rest of the weekend without much sleep. Scott felt he had been 'left, still on the operating table,' and had serious

doubts about continuing with further hypnotherapy.

Fortunately, John Auchetti (PRA, Victoria) was able to organise a half-hour regression session with a hypnotherapist in Sydney on the morning of Tuesday 30 April, when the Longleys came down to appear on the *Midday Show* (on Channel 9). This short regression had gone much more positively.

Scott had again seen the same 'bad' alien as in the third regression, but this time the alien had been friendly. In the re-run, the alien had not gouged out his eye and Scott had seen himself entering the spacecraft — he had walked from the car to the craft, then up a ramp and had spoken to a group of aliens.

This time, while on the table, Scott recalled that at one stage an alien had been holding up something with a hole in the middle and moving it up and down his body. All of a sudden he had

found himself in a white, mountainous area where there were aliens. He had tried to find out more about this area, but a white light had blanked out his view. At one time he recalled flying beside a spacecraft, as though 'flying through the sky'.

John Auchetti had since flown to Lismore to overfly the landing/abduction site to see if any unusual geomagnetic or gravity anomalies were present. The flight showed nothing exceptional. A few days after the overflight, South Queensland and Northern New South Wales experienced massive cloudburst which caused extensive floods in the area, including around Casino.

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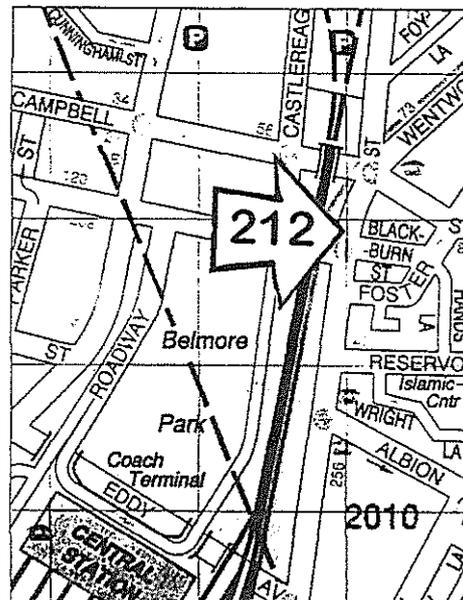
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UFOR(NSW) Meeting Program for 1996

Regular 'update' meetings are scheduled for the last Friday of each month for most of 1996, as follows (mark your calendar):

- 27 May:** David Childress (author)
- 28 June:** Australasian Abduction Research Project (AARP) Launch
- 26 July:** Update on UFO crash in Brazil on 20 January 1996
- 30 August:** Report from National UFO Conference (Brisbane 24-25 Aug.)
- 13 September:** Second AARP meeting (venue/date to be verified)
- 27 September)**
- 25 October)** Update meetings
- 29 November)**

Early December: (Christmas Party)



Most meetings will be held at Elizabeth Hall, Third Floor, 212 Elizabeth Street, SURRY HILLS, NSW 2010 (see map)

Members and guests will be notified of any additional or special meetings by letter, or any changes to the venue, as these arise.

1996 NSW North Coast Flap

T. Gary

The Longley case appears to be part of some larger UFO phenomenon reported from the New South Wales' North Coast in recent times.

On 28 November 1995 the *Macleay Argus* (Kempsey) reported that a bright light had been seen from several parts of the Macleay district early on the morning on Monday 27 November. At 0430 hrs the light was seen hovering 30 degrees above the horizon, north of Crescent Head in the direction of Smithtown-Gladstone. It seemed to be hovering in

front of the Smoky Cape light, and produced a pulsating, golden glow.

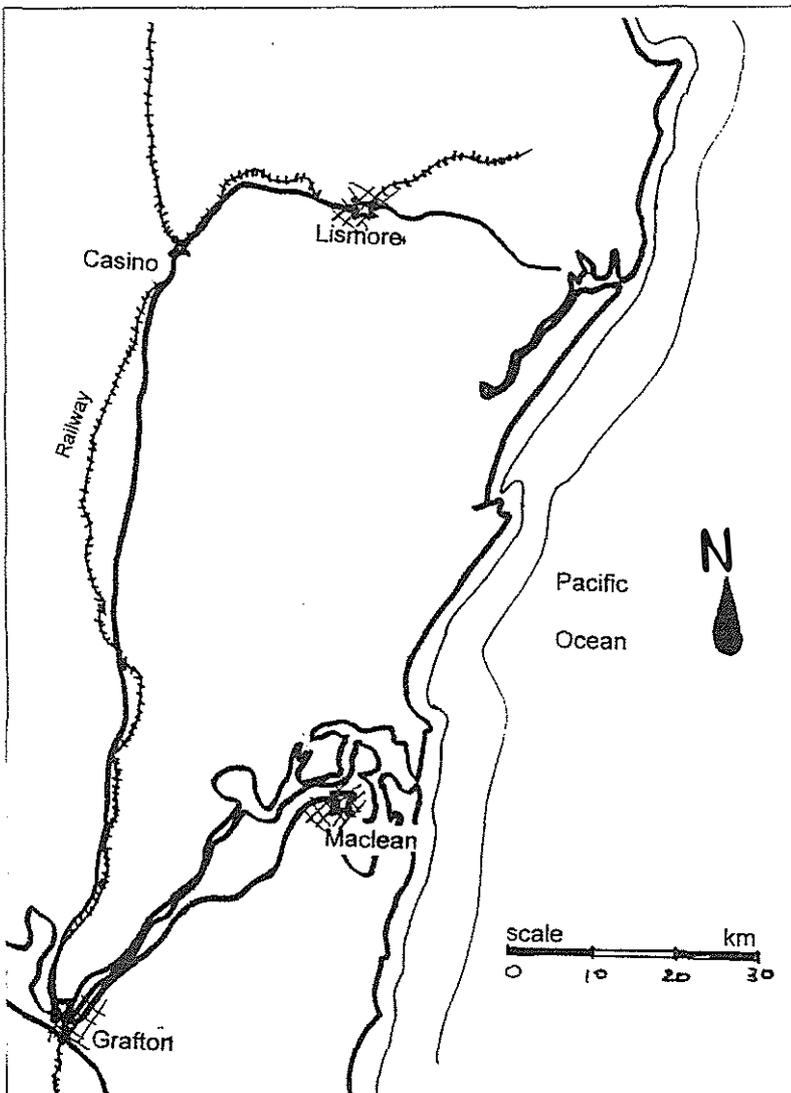
One witness, watching through binoculars, reported that the object was elliptical and had two 'hemispheres'. The top section was larger and the section underneath was flashing. The craft appeared to be turning, as if taking bearings, before suddenly moving in a north-westerly arc across Richardsons Hill. It accelerated swiftly and noiselessly off into space and disappeared within seconds behind the foothill of Dulconghi Mountain.

One suggestion made was that the object was two military helicopters flying in tandem, belonging to either the Royal Australian Navy or Army. Several such helicopters had recently overflown Macleay while on exercises.

The *Macleay Argus* of Tuesday 2 January 1996 reported a UFO sighting from New Year's Eve. A disc-shaped object 'as large as the moon', was sighted in West Kempsey around 9 p.m. by three people. They watched the object for 15-20 minutes in the southwest sky 15 degrees above the horizon, using binoculars. The object emitted a bright golden-white light and moved about the sky, vanishing and reappearing in different places. The witnesses were emphatic it was not a planet.

Lismore, March

During March, the area around Lismore reported some unusual phenomena. The *Northern Star* (Lismore) of 9 March 1996 noted that a long cylindrical light had been watched by six Nimbin residents for about 20 seconds on Wednesday 6 March at 7.45pm. "It was like a



The Kempsey broken window incident (1971)

The most interesting case of all from this particular series of events was also the first incident reported, where a Kempsey man claimed he had been 'sucked' through a glass window by a strange entity. It is probable that the public interest created by this unusual event encouraged others to come forward soon afterwards, and helped to create the illusion that a UFO flap was happening in the area.

At the time, local UFO investigators conscientiously recorded as many details about these incidents as they could, but were usually at a loss to explain what had happened. With the benefit of hindsight (a quarter of a century later), investigators now believe the incident was a 'botched' alien abduction attempt.

The facts of the case make interesting reading today:

On 8 April 1971, the *Macleay Argus* reported on its front page that a man in Greenhill (northwest Kempsey) claimed he had been drawn through a glass windowpane in the kitchen of his home on Friday 2 April.

The man's wife had heard glass breaking in the kitchen soon after 10 p.m. and thought her husband had broken crockery and glassware left to drain on the sink. She had run into the kitchen in time to see his hips and legs disappearing horizontally through the top half of the window above the sink.

Like many established Kempsey homes verging the Macleay River, the house was built on piles to resist periodic flooding. The man fell about 2.1m (seven feet) to the ground outside the house, but suffered only minor cuts to one hand and arm. He had fallen out at the bottom of the back door steps, on his back. His wife had thought he would be stunned, or at least winded. He jumped up and ran down the road, very upset.

The terrified man told his wife he had seen a strange, small saucer-shaped face pressed up against the kitchen window and that he had been drawn head-first out through the glass window by some unknown force. He vowed he would not live in the house again and had moved to Sydney.

The woman said her husband had been drinking earlier in the evening with neighbours, and although affected by liquor, was not drunk. They had come home from the neighbours at about 10 o'clock after watching television.

Her husband had gone to lie down and was playing with the baby. He got up for a glass of water and went into the kitchen without turning on the light. He had seen the strange face pressed up against the window as he tipped his head back. It had no hair and it looked like a small saucer. It had

features but he did not describe them. He could not remember much about going through the window, but said he was sucked out by some force.

His wife believed that he had seen something. Her husband did not 'believe in ghosts or men from space', but did afterwards. He had been very scared.

An *Argus* reporter had visited the home and was puzzled by the bizarre incident:

- A person would have to be over 2.1m tall to reach the window where the face was seen.
 - To clear the sink in the kitchen, the man would have had to take a running leap through the window. His trajectory would have carried him well beyond the back steps. Instead, he had fallen straight down on the bottom step, and on his back. Not one piece of broken window glass fell inside the window on the kitchen sink.
 - The man was about 160cm tall and weighing about 55 kilos, was standing at a sink about 45cm wide. His wife insists that he was in a horizontal position going through the window and that he was not "struggling or thrashing about at all just going through [horizontally]."
 - The pane of glass he went through was 137cm off the kitchen floor. His 'leap', which shattered the glass but did not break the frame, would be impossible from a standing position. He went through a glasspane 81cm wide and 25cm high, touched nothing on the sink in front of him, and fell 2.1m to the bottom of the back steps.
 - He was not hurt in the fall and had no soreness that night or the next day.
 - He did not put the light on in the kitchen and no light was being reflected from the bedroom next door.
 - The street light outside is a long neon tube. The moon that evening was in the first quarter and there was a light cover of cloud.
 - The man repeatedly told his wife of his terror, yet could not run from the object of his fear (the face). He 'leapt' towards it.
 - He had a clear recollection of the incident that night, but his wife said the next day he thought he had put a fist through a neighbour's window and wanted to go and mend it.
- The incident came only hours after a number of Kempsey people had reported to the paper they had seen a strange bright light in the West Kempsey sky between 6.10 pm and 6.30 pm. This object appeared to have 'come to ground' in a scrub-covered reserve near the District Hospital, on the banks of the Macleay River, some 1-1.5km from the house where the men 'fell' through the window...

bright white neon tube with a definite end and beginning." It appeared to be about 5 metres long and drifted behind a nearby ridge. (A local astronomical society representative described it as most probably a meteor or fireball.)

Casino (Longley Case), March

Later in March, the *Northern Star* (23 March 1996) referred to a 'UFO sighting north of Casino on Saturday 16 March', which was seen by two people travelling between Grafton and Lismore (the Longleys). Twelve yellowish circular objects were reported flying over Grafton at 11.10 p.m. in a V-shaped formation, by local UFO investigator Barry Taylor.

The *Northern Star* of 29 March 1996 reported how 'local UFO researcher Barry Taylor had been overwhelmed by calls about UFOs after making a public appeal' for people to come forward. He believed at least 18 cases deserved

further attention. These reports were not sightings of comet Hyakutake and included day and night sightings. Taylor commented that UFO sightings seemed to have increased within the previous month.

While the Longley case is the most important incident to come from the North Coast in recent years, the Central Coast area around Gosford, has also been producing some notable material recently (see Moira McGhee's article elsewhere in this issue).

However, the North Coast has provided interesting UFO material in the past. Perhaps the most publicised 'flap' from the Northern Coast occurred in mid-1971.

From April to July 1971, many accounts of unusual aerial phenomena were prominently reported in the *Macleay Argus*. This made it appear as if the area was experiencing a major UFO flap. □

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Most of you will have at least one close acquaintance or relative who has seen some unusual aerial object.

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We welcome those who are interested in the subject and who are willing to support or contribute to public information on the subject.

Why not bring your friend to one of UFOR's meetings, or show them your copy of the *UFO Reporter*? Or, better still, why not take a second subscription to *UFO Reporter* for them?

1996 NSW Central Coast Flap

Moira McGhee and Peter Turner

In February 1996 the Sun Weekly (Central Coast) reported an unusual series of events from the evening of Saturday 30 December 1995.

A large disk-like object, 20-30m across had hovered just above the water on The Broad water at Gosford, a few hundred metres from the Sailing Club. It made an intense humming noise which shook people awake. Five brilliant lights turned the water's surface to steam or spray. The polished metallic object was surrounded by bright white light and had a slightly-rounded, flat-tish base.

The local duty sergeant at Gosford Police station was inundated with dozens of telephone calls from worried residents who all described the same thing. People were genuinely frightened. Because of the numerous calls, all available police cars were sent to the area to investigate. Some police radio controllers were convinced the area was being raided by something hostile. When local police got close, the object 'switched off' its lights and promptly disappeared upwards, following a slightly curved trajectory.

A few minutes later, the same sort of calls from concerned residents started coming in from another part of Brisbane Water. Police cars would be re-routed, close in and the object would disappear, and so on. This cat and mouse game continued for 4 or 5 hours. Sightings were reported around Brisbane Waters, Tuggerah Lake, as well as The Broadwater.

People on the Central Coast tend to keep such things very much to themselves. However, a few days later, a young woman mentioned to her father that she had seen something unusual a few evenings before on her way home from a party. Her father was a newspa-

per distributor and mentioned the incident to his local newspaper reporter.

The newspaper reporter began checking whether anything unusual had been mentioned to local Police. From there, the story grew until the reporter was ready to run his story.

INUFOR notified

A few days before publication, he contacted Moira McGhee of INUFOR for comment. (Otherwise, the sightings would have been missed by UFO investigators altogether). Moira has been following the matter very closely ever since.

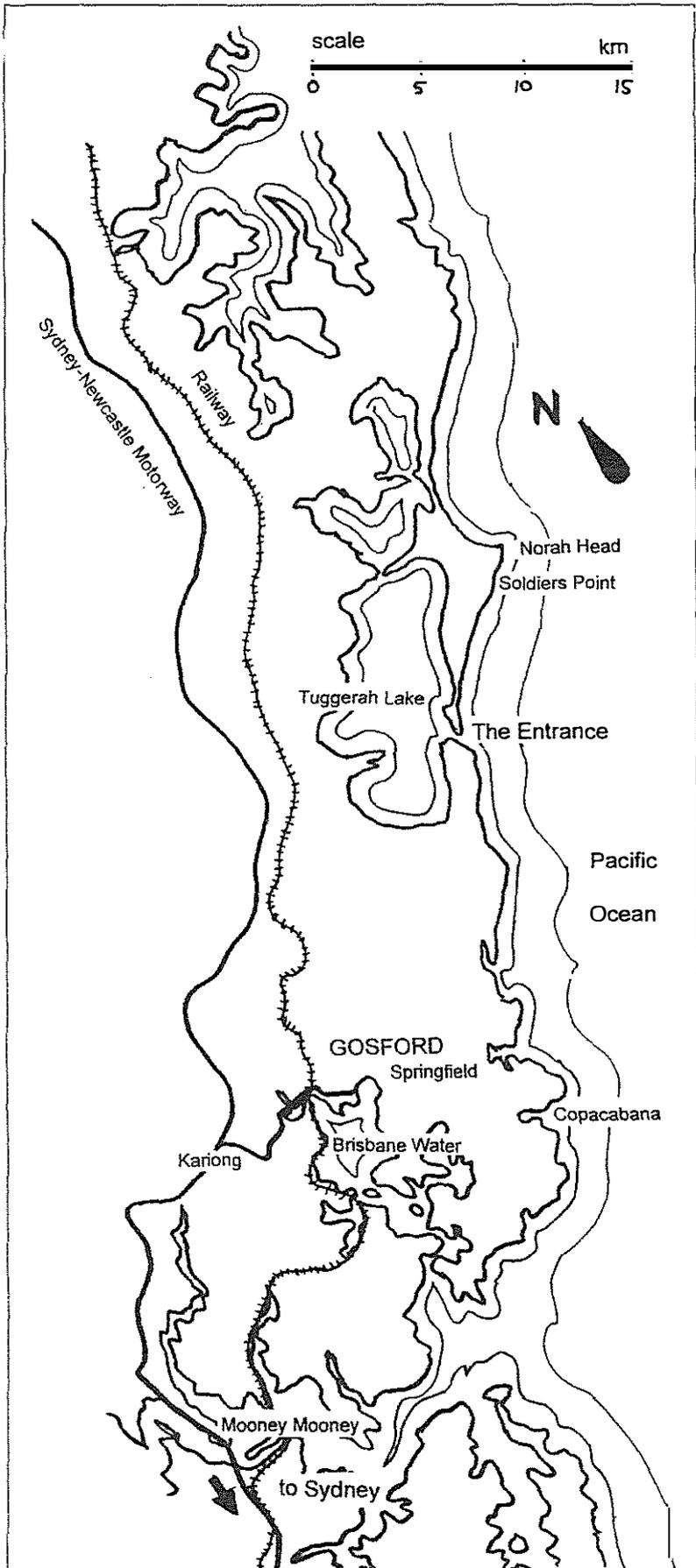
Several witnesses telephoned Moira McGhee once the incidents became public, indicating they had seen the same object earlier that Saturday evening while travelling northward along the Sydney-Newcastle motorway, near the Mooney Mooney bridge.

Continuing reports

More UFOs were reported to Moira between January 9 and 11 towards The Entrance, and on 23, 27 and 28 January, west of Kariong (near the Gosford-Newcastle Highway turnoff).

During the prolonged investigation, numerous witnesses came forward with older UFO reports — many of them excellent, and several abduction experiences. These are all now being documented and checked.

Moira has organised several visits for investigation teams, plus two very successful public meetings, with UFOR (NSW) investigators assisting INUFOR people.



Copacabana

On 28 January 1996, four friends from Western Australia were renting a holiday home on the beach in Copacabana for a surfing holiday. At about 3am on the Sunday, one of the men was outside smoking a cigarette and saw something unusual out to sea. He woke another friend to have him confirm what he was watching and that he wasn't going crazy.

A flashing light was visible out over the ocean to the south east. (One of the witnesses is ex-Australian Navy and estimated the object to be 15 nautical miles out to the sea.) The object was 'very big' and half the size of the full moon across.

After both men had been watching and discussing the object for about 15 minutes, the two other friends came out to see what they were looking at. The four watched it for about one and a half hours. (No-one attempted to take a photograph)

The object had a circular or elliptical dome top poking out above the cloud. A series of whitish-orange lights arranged horizontally below this dome, within the cloud, flashing on and off about once a second, but in no set order or sequence. Each light pulse lit up the surrounding cloud and the dome above. 'It was as if the object was built in regular segments'. The light flashes seemed to be both 'synchronised and artificial'.

The night sky was perfectly clear everywhere else (stars and planets were visible) except for the cloud around the object. At no time did it move or make any noise.

Another man walked by along the beach in front of the house, smoking a cigarette and obviously watching the same light. They called his attention to the object, but had got no reply. The four men eventually drifted back to bed when each one got too tired to watch it any more.

At about 5.15am the last viewer had noticed a ship out to sea which appeared to sail beneath the object. He went to bed around 5.20am.

The object had gone when they woke up later that morning in daylight.

Longer-term members of UFOFOR(NSW) will remember the last UFO flap on the Central Coast in 1992. These sightings ranged along the entire East Coast from Queensland through to Canberra, but were most persistent just North of Sydney throughout the month of May. Over several nights, many witnesses reported long lines of slow-moving, orange lights strung out across the sky east of The Entrance and above Newcastle.

Other incidents were more spectacular. Several fishermen reported a large kidney-shaped multi-coloured object, above Soldiers Point near Norah Head, on 13 May 1992. Later that night, another group of people in the nearby surf club car park reported a 'wingless, noiseless jumbo jet' which hovered several hundred metres over them. It shone searchlights down onto the beach, and when torchlights were flashed at it, the object flashed back, before veering off north westwards and accelerating out of sight.

Other interesting information being followed up has come from someone who routinely monitors the VHS 128 radio frequency (used by Sydney and Brisbane approach aircraft, claims he overheard a pilot's account of a UFO-airplane encounter between mid-November 1995 and mid-January 1996, mid-week. (There are important aircraft beacons at Mangrove Mountain, Kalga Beach and Maitland West). The same person claims a second UFO-airplane encounter on either Saturday 13 or 20 January 1996 at 2pm, while demonstrating his VHS radio reception to a friend, while approaching Sydney Airport. Sydney Traffic Control had asked if any of passengers had noticed it. The pilot had said the cabin crew had not mentioned it to him and Sydney Traffic Control advised the pilot not to bring it to their attention.

The 1996 flap, appears to confirm the Central Coast as being an area of exceptional interest to UFO investigators. □

Large UFO over Gosford, Easter 1981

(Some of the older material reported to INUFOR)

On the Wednesday evening before the Easter long weekend of 1981, two students in a top floor flat in south Gosford heard a deep humming, rumbling noise from outside. It sounded like distant thunder and they became aware that it was getting lighter inside the flat.

They went out onto the balcony on the north side of the flat, expecting to see thunderstorm clouds and possibly lightning. They were also concerned because they had their motorbikes downstairs and outside in the back yard, loaded with gear for a camping trip they were to make that long weekend. However, the sky was clear and starry; only a few light clouds were visible.

Looking up towards the light and sound source, they saw an extremely large, bright object floating along some 500 metres up directly above their heads and moving slowly from south to north. It was the size of a football field, and looked like a flattened 'mirror ball'. It was as if the mirror ball were made from metal, but had large square tiles of white light stuck all over its surface — a metallic area was visible between each 'tile' of light. The tiles of light were fairly evenly spaced, not placed in any particular order or alignment but positioned more closely together over the bottom of the object than on the top. The two men watched the UFO in complete silence, too astonished to say anything.

The object appeared to be moving quite slowly. It was slightly east of their position and moving northwards.

They watched it for about one and a half minutes before it moved into a patch of slight or hazy cloud — they could still clearly see the object within the cloud. It then began to get rapidly smaller, as if it were moving off more quickly directly away from them, and disappeared within a few seconds.

The deep sound had fallen as the object moved further away and also faded out quickly as the object disappeared. When passing overhead, the air had reverberated with a wavy sound (or 'beat').

A third person in the flat had come out onto the balcony, at about the time the object began to shrink rapidly — she had looked in the object's direction and said, 'What's that? It looks like a plane'. They had been too astonished to do anything except to agree (both witnesses have seen each other many times since, and have discussed the incident).

The witnesses did not report the incident themselves, but heard two or three other reports on the local radio news soon after; two fishermen had observed the object while out on Brisbane Water at the Broadwater, a woman from Point Claire had also seen it, and another Springfield woman. □

Fairlie farm grows 'alien' crop circles

Budweiser has gone to extraordinary lengths to create a few crop circles for the '96 Olympics. UFO Reporter wonders why Doug and Dave couldn't have been co-opted to do it all for them in half an hour or so, with just a few bits of string.

TIMARU—Blame it on the beer, not the aliens.

Fairlie has its own "crop circles", but its nothing to do with aliens — just the forthcoming Olympics.

Budweiser beer, a major sponsor of this year's Olympic Games in Atlanta, wanted something spectacular for its triple-page, fold-out advertisement in the official Games programme, says American art director Adam Glickman. Why not the Olympic circles cut in a field of barley?

Mr Glickman said the advertisement was meant as a bit of a spoof of the crop circles that appeared in parts of Britain a few years ago. It aimed to give the

impression that four draught horses had carved them.

The problem was the client accepted the concept only a matter of weeks ago and there was no ripe barley available in America.

Mr Glickman arranged to film a barley field in Argentina. As he was preparing to travel to Argentina word came though that all the barley had been harvested.

The future of the advertisement started to look doubtful, but by luck a colleague was already in New Zealand filming an American breakfast cereal commercial in an oat field. He phoned him.

New Zealand was the only country in the world where bar-

ley was still to be harvested. The scout searched and came up with a paddock of barley belonging to Fairlie farmer Peter Callaghan.

The paddock fitted the art director's requirements.

The paddock had to be on a slight slope and catch the light in just the right way. The barley had to be tall and not trodden down. It also had to be large enough to take the circle design, which was as long as a rugby paddock.

Each circle was 28m in diameter, and the letters USA completed the design. Forming the actual circles was fairly time-consuming and took most of last Thursday.

So how was it done? Not an alien in sight, Mr Glickman confirmed.

The Fairlie circles were formed with the aid of a stick and a couple of pieces of string to mark the circumference of the circle. Once two people had trodden down the outline, two four-wheeler farm bikes were helicoptered in to flatten the barley to form the circles and letters.

Tomorrow Mr Glickman will be back in Los Angeles to oversee the filming of the clydesdale horses that will be used to complete the advertisement.

From the *Timaru Herald*, 9 March 1996, *The Press*, (Christchurch) 11 March 1996 □

