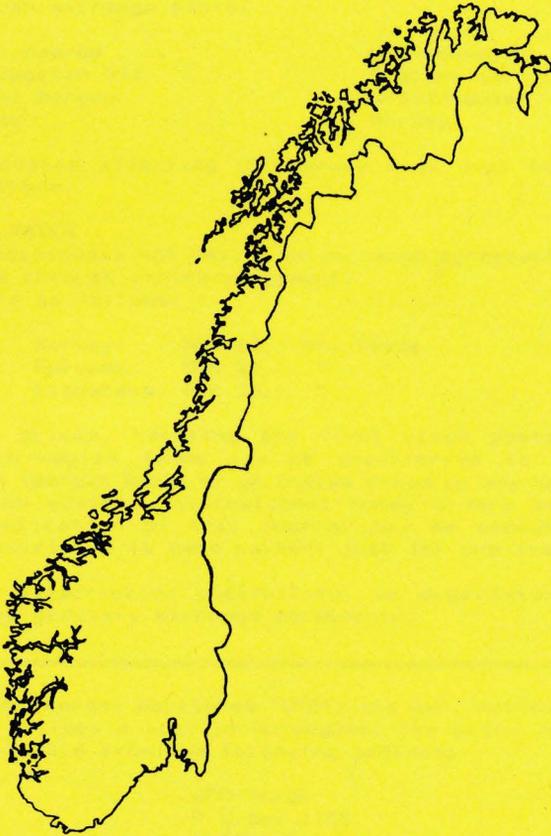


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FROM THE EDITOR

From this issue on, we have started the publication of **UFO-Norway News**. Due to various reasons, the cooperation between our former partners both in Sweden and Finland has ended. Hence, this issue is almost solely devoted to Norwegian cases. We have, however, recently negotiated with another Swedish group, the **Archives for UFO Research (AFU)** and got a permission to publish material from their files. In subsequent issues, there will be articles included from the **AFU Newsletter** (the group's magazine) together with other information received through these channels.

As for this issue, we have an article covering general aspects of ufology, questioning attitudes among common ufologists. Another article may be regarded as rather speculative, while describing a foggy CE-III case from Sweden as far back as 1955. It is included, since it covers a type of UFO-cases seldom encountered in the Nordic countries. Additionally, there are two articles which deals with two "ordinary" observations from Norway during the last two years.

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UFOs AND MYSTICISM

By Hans Kristian Moe

In this article, written by one of the leading members of UFO-Norge, means and goals for the "common ufologist" are reviewed. Some critical remarks about ufology during the last 40 years are presented. The article may have something to say to all active ufologists, especially when considering both former and present state of ufology.

In what ways should ufology try to get other people interested in UFOs? Is it necessary for the ufologist to "prostitute" himself?

Serious ufology is going through hard times these days. By "serious" I mean a ufology which uses accepted, scientific methods when UFO-phenomena

are observed, investigated and eventually explained. Ufology has during the last 40 years fought more or less strenuously to get the UFO-phenomenon accepted as a scientific problem, - "the most significant scientific problem in our time". However, the ranks of ufologists themselves have not been sufficiently disciplined, members have sometimes abandoned scientific principles, and we don't need many fingers to count those members of the scientific community who think that the UFO-phenomenon merits status as a scientific challenge.

I think that one of the reasons for science's fear of ufology is that the majority of UFO-interested individuals constitute an undisciplined gang, where it seems almost impossible to structure the collection of data and coordinate statements to media, among other things.

Because UFOs are not yet "brought down to earth" and studied methodically like any other anomaly, grassroots members of the UFO community are apt to let their fantasy run wild. The most incredible hypotheses regarding the behaviour and origin of UFO's are uncritically put forward, with the excuse: "We must be open-minded and allow for all possibilities. There may be something we haven't thought of yet". With the consequence that science, with its resources both technical and economic, is frightened away even more.

Any organized movement needs money in order to be active. Enthusiasm and voluntary work can achieve much - but not enough. It costs money to investigate an observation and to disseminate information. Several UFO-organisations have, in order to improve their economy and to disseminate more or less biased information, published magazines for their members.

One of the main problems concerning the UFO-enigma during the last 40 years is that nothing significantly new has happened. With the term "new", I mean something that would bring the UFO-enigma closer to a solution. We have observed, and are still observing, the same lights crossing the sky, the same "motherships", "telemetry-discs", humanoids, landingtraces, etc. until boredom sets in. What sustains our interest, however, are intriguing nuances in the new material. However, these nuances are more apt to stimulate unrestrained fantasy than to lead ufology nearer to a well founded understanding. Nonetheless, the new material provides us with a significant reason to continue our data collection: it tells us that the same phenomenon is still present - and that it is still as unresolved as ever!

Most people would feel sorry for an editor who has access only to new material almost identical to older already used. Especially if this has been going on for the last 40 years. Hence, the ufological "grassroots" are now getting bored and the UFO-magazines lose their buyers. This can be observed today throughout the entire international UFO community.

Then the inevitable question is raised: what should an organisation or movement do when the supporter begins to dwindle? Investigation shows that the great majority of UFO-interested individuals are also interested in other phenomena to which established science doesn't have clear-cut answers. One may speculate whether it is the Rebel,

the Inquirer or the Doubting Thomas which dominates each and every one of us.

A major part of the UFO community doesn't seem content with the "pure" UFO-material, e.g. the observation and observer. They want something more, new horizons to fantasy. So they wonder: are UFOs telepathic projections which can be sensed by one or more observers? Are projections emitted by superintelligences from outer space or from other dimensions?

Alternatively:

- UFOs are visitations from the past. Formerly, the earth was inhabited by civilisations which mastered the technology behind UFOs. And why shouldn't our ancestors be able to visit us? We do have sensitive persons who via impulses claim to get messages from that same past.

- UFOs are visitations from our own future. If you can believe the tabloid press, we are also receiving signals from the future.

- UFOs are connected to pyramid power or vice versa. Were the pyramids built using humanoids as consultants? Are UFOs able to neutralize gravity in the same way as the old Egyptians apparently could?

- The lost Atlantis, could it be the cradle of the ancient UFO-civilisation?

- The Bermuda Triangle, could it be a porthole in which UFOs can jump to and fro other dimensions?

- Do UFO-occupants watch after mankind in such a way that we aren't allowed to commit too many stupidities on our already polluted planet?

- UFOs are visual manifestations of divine powers, a proof of God.

The above mentioned examples show that some parts of the UFO community are to a large extent engaged in mysticism and the paranormal. And what is wrong with that? Ufologists have certainly for years accused science and the authorities of being blind to the UFO-reality and failing to realize that the UFO-phenomenon represents a real challenge demanding a solution. It is right that ufologists should be open to all kinds of hypotheses even if they turn out to be vastly fantastic. However, the hypotheses must be founded on observations and at this very point a major obstacle arises: the way some ufologists select their data, in such a way that they fit into preconceived, fantastic hypotheses, giving other ufologists goose-flesh!

We will give an example:

Two friends, designated A and B, are out walking a dark, clear autumn night. Suddenly A catches sight of a spherical, yellow-lit object some 100 metres ahead, hovering above some trees in the background. A can hear a faint, whistling sound. He yells and points to the object, explaining he sees. However, B sees and hears nothing at all. A observes the sphere for about 15 seconds.

We will try to explain the event using two hypotheses:

1. The whole thing has been going on in the head of A; a hallucination, a moment of madness.
2. The sphere is a telepathic projection sent by an unknown intelligence.

Of course, there are more than the abovementioned explanations: B may for instance suffer from temporarily deaf-blindness, and hence is unable to perceive the stimuli from the phenomenon. It is a wellknown scientific principle that the most conventional hypothesis should be the first one to be tested when a case is to be explained. In this case, I would assume that the first hypothesis could give an acceptable result; however, not without resource-demanding investigation; a closer look at the mental state of witness A being one example. Unfortunately, it is just this aspect which is lacking or at least very insufficiently covered in most investigated UFO-observations. Furthermore, once again we encounter the dismal question of resources. Personally, I have the opinion that the only acceptable way for ufology is to make use of generally accepted scientific principles and theories in our treatment of the UFO-phenomenon. Serious ufology must not prostitute itself by being tempted to exploit the mystical and speculative parts of the phenomenon. Even though many ufologists today cash in on such tendencies in order to better their economy, hoping that this will help them to be viewed as more serious, I think this will ultimately turn out to their disadvantage.

Our need for the mystical must be satisfied in other ways than including it in ufology.

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UFO IN MISVÆR

By Mentz Kaarbø

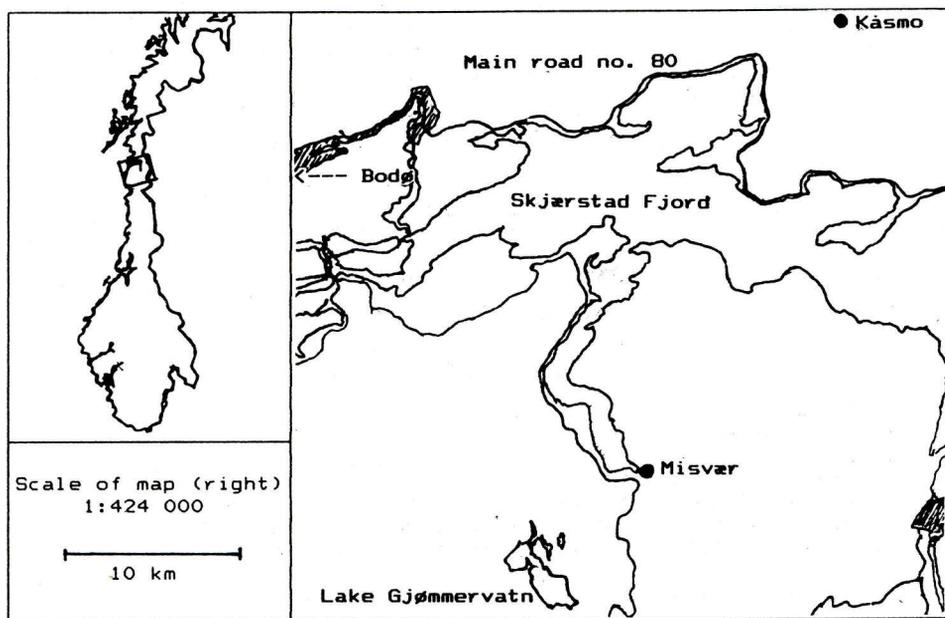
<p>Date: Sunday 6 March 1989 Time: Presumably 05.00-05.30 am (approximate) Duration: 15-20 minutes Place: Lake Gjømmervatn near Misvær (30 km SE of Bodø) Witnesses: Brynhild Vestli Pedersen, Per Olav Pedersen Nature of sighting: Hexagonal object with multicoloured lights</p>
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On Sunday 6 March 1988, a strange aerial phenomenon was observed in Misvær, situated some 30 km SE of Bodø in the northern part of Norway. The local newspaper "Nordlandsposten" had a few articles during the following days, covering the event. The following is an abstract of these articles together with an article in "UFO", our national magazine.

"It was really frightening", says Brynhild V. Pedersen from Misvær after she experienced a strange event at their cottage near the Lake Gjømmervatn. Early in the morning on Sunday 6 March, she woke up due to a noisy engine roar, resembling that of a chainsaw. Furthermore, the sound grew and faded regularly making the mystery even more strange. After a while

she began speculating whether it could be an airliner or a snowscooter, even if these explanations could seem rather farfetched considering the fact that it was in very early in the morning.

It seemed as if the source of the roar was situated just outside the cottage, and naturally she became upset. She finally got up from her bed, and through the window she saw a blue-white light outside shining on the ice-covered lake. She thought that something extraordinary was happening and that a helicopter was out searching for someone. She ran outside and was virtually paralyzed when she suddenly discovered an intense point of light in the air, having a blue-white colour. The light originated from a hexagonal object; from a point source in the center, blue-white rays of light emanated to blinking red and green lights in each of the edges.



"I was standing as if paralyzed", she continues. After about 15 minutes the object began to move away in a zig-zag course and then she saw "something" hanging down from the object. It could best be described as a long chain containing red lights. When the object turned around, she discovered green lights on the other side of the "chain".

She then woke her husband, Per Olav Pedersen. Using binoculars, he could also see the light, although at this distance it looked like a powerful star. No sound could be heard any longer. It gradually withdrew in a wobbling, irregular pattern, ascending and descending. However, even though daylight was now slowly growing, they could still see the light

from it.

A military exercise has been going on in the area, however; Mrs. Pedersen has given that fact just a casual thought. "There might be secret devices being tested", she adds. "However, I consider this unlikely".

"I have no explanation for what I observed", Mrs. Pedersen says. The following Sunday she contacted Bodø airport and the weather service in order to get an explanation, if at all possible. "I have seen weather-balloons, satellites and airplanes in various configurations; however, what I observed the night before Sunday didn't resemble anything I've seen before. If UFOs exist, this must definitely have been one", she finally.

Both the Air Force and the regional Rescue Center in Bodø has later confirmed to Nordlandsposten that they had no any sort of activity in the area at that actual point of time. The same is said at Bodø airport. A man connected with UFO-Norge says that this observation falls neatly into the pattern constituted by two other observations made earlier this year in other parts of Norway. Witnesses have reported similar hexagonal-shaped UFOs, ascending with a zig-zag pattern. Additionally, comments on the engine sound, which is rather extraordinary in connection with UFO-observations. UFOs are usually seen moving without any sound or perhaps with only a low, humming sound.

The "engine-roar" and similar light-phenomena are reported by other witnesses in the area calling the newspaper.

Further comments: During the evening of Saturday 5 March, witnesses situated in Kåsmo observed a powerful light-source in the sky, in the direction of Lake Gjømmervatnet. After a while the ball of light suddenly descended and evidently disappeared from view. The distance from Kåsmo to Lake Gjømmervatnet is 35 km in a SSW-direction.

Astronomical data

The sun rose at 6.59 and set at 5.30 pm; length of twilight is estimated to have been 1,5-2 hours, indicating that the observation was around 05.00-05.30.

The moon rose at 8.30 pm (on Saturday 5 March); in the south at 1.05 am and set at 6.30 am Sunday morning (the points of time are approximate within 5 minutes).

The planets' position was the following (approximate):

Venus:

Rising at 5.30 am, in the south at 2.40 pm, setting at 11.55 pm

Jupiter: 6.10 am " 2.20 pm, 10.35 pm

Mars and Saturn were not visible.

Sources:

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 2. "UFO" nr. 1 1988, p. 20.
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STRANGE SIGHTINGS IN GUDBRANDSDALEN

By Per Ottesen

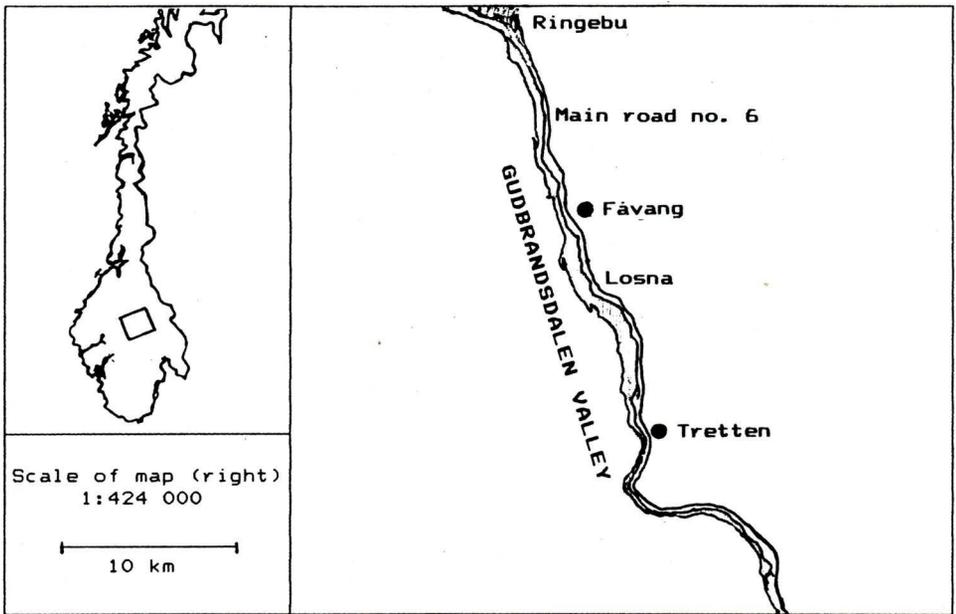
<p>Date: Friday 6 November 1987 Time: Between 02.00 and 02.30 am Duration: Ca. 30 min. Place: Between Tretten and Fåvang in the Gudbrandsdalen valley Witnesses: Anny and Line Fåvang Nature of sighting: Hatshaped object with "claws" and multiple lightpoints</p>

During the last 5-6 years we have intermittantly received reports from the Gudbrandsdalen valley, indicating small and large UFO "waves". For a prolonged period, there have been very few reports from this area. However, during the fall of 1987, several observations were registered, including this extraordinary sighting made by a mother and her daughter.

Anny and Line Hammervold were driving up the Gudbrandsdalen valley after a foreign visit. This valley is one of Norway's longest and is situated in the southeastern part of the country. When they had reached a location between Tretten and Fåvang (about 4 km north of Lillehammer), Line observed that her mother was driving more and more slowly. She asked if something was wrong and Anny then directed her attention toward a light in the sky. She told that she had kept an eye on it for a while, because it had shifted position and also had come closer. In the beginning she thought it was a plane, because she could see windows on the side of it, but finally she became convinced that this it couldn't be. Now they both observed the light. It moved in a stepwise manner, e.g. it made fast movements and then made intermittent halts. After having come closer, it appeared as a "hat" or a "soup plate" being inverted. The witnesses could now see that the object's shape was made up of lightpoints, with about two lights on top and four underneath (the witnesses are not sure of the exact number).

Underneath the object two "feet" were hanging down. They were a bit bent and one of the witnesses compared them with "crabclaws". The feet were sprinkled with tiny lights, in such a way that they glittered as if mounted with diamonds. They blinked regularly about the same frequency as that of a direction indicator on a car or a little slower.

Suddenly the object lit up and got a strange, dark green colour. During this phase of the sighting they observed very clearly the single light points which made up the whole object. Then it shifted back to the original white light. During this part of the observation the object had shifted position between south and southwest, and was now standing in such a way that they could observe it above a ridge. The cloudcover was dense and relatively low, and this sets limits to the object's altitude during the observation. They both think that the object was closer than the ridge, which at this particular place is at a distance of about 1 km. The witnesses now stopped the car, in order to concentrate on what they saw. They had been tired after the trip, but now they felt wide awake

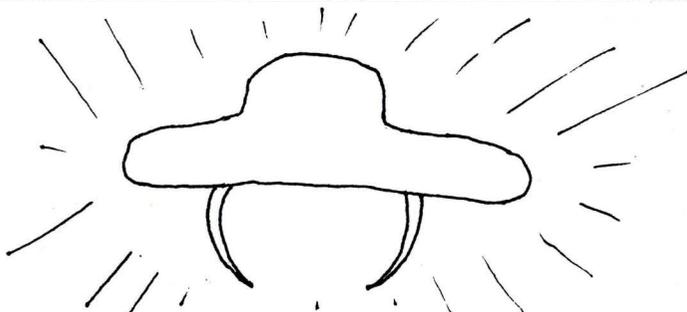


and excited. They weren't afraid, even if they felt they were intensely "watched". One of the witnesses put it this way: "We felt it as having contact with something or someone". They tried flashing their car lights, but didn't get any reaction from the object.

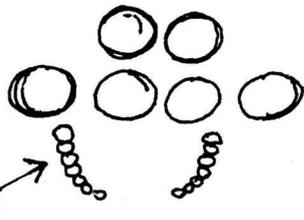
Suddenly, a yellow disc (or sphere) larger than the full moon came out of the object and steered right towards the car. The speed was enormous and both the ladies reacted spontaneously by screaming. The disc tore along right above the car, made a turn "as when throwing a boomerang", and disappeared out of sight. During the short time this was happening, the clouds were totally lit up by the yellow light. Several cars had passed during the observation, but when the yellow light was shining, one car suddenly made a distinct slow-down before driving on. The witnesses are sure that the person(s) in the other car must have seen the same as they did, at least the yellow light. UFO-Norge has tried to reach other witnesses through the local newspapers, but has had no success.

The object was now moving towards west. There it disappeared for about 5 minutes (probably because it moved above the clouds) but became visible again shortly afterwards. It moved further up the valley and finally it disappeared.

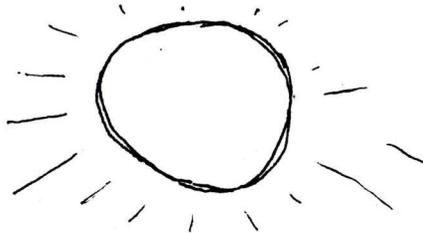
The observation was made Friday 6 November 1987 between 02.00 and 02.30 am, i.e. for at least half an hour. The weather was cloudy and the clouds drifted fast across the sky, in such a way that the witnesses could glimpse the moon from time to time. This celestial body was positioned



Shape/form. The object was shining evenly in **white** light; it lit up in **green** at one particular moment.



Light (ca.) It was blinking (shimmering) evenly/pulsating in small lights downwards.



This object (disc or sphere) came out of the other (?). It was shining **yellow**. Lit up the entire cloudcovered sky.

Fig. 1. Line Hammervold's own drawings and comments made the day after the observation.

right behind them (in the SE). The witnesses were certain that no stars were visible, and except for the 5 minutes when the object was gone, it

was always observed below the clouds. The distance to the clouds was also relatively short, especially in the midst of observation. The temperature was about 0 degrees Centigrade, no precipitation and almost without fog, in an otherwise misty area. The witnesses had the engine running during the entire observation. All windows in the car were shut, too. Hence, they didn't detect any potential sound, although they categorically deny that it could have been a plane or another kind of aircraft or conventional phenomenon. They are also certain that it couldn't have been a sort of light reflection, since they made certain of this especially. The witnesses themselves are convinced that they observed a UFO, here in the sense of a spacecraft or a craft being of unknown origin.

When I talked to the witnesses the evening after the observation, they were still excited and happy for having been granted such an experience. There is no doubt that Anny and Line have seen something which has made a great impression, and that this experience will "stick to them" for a long time.

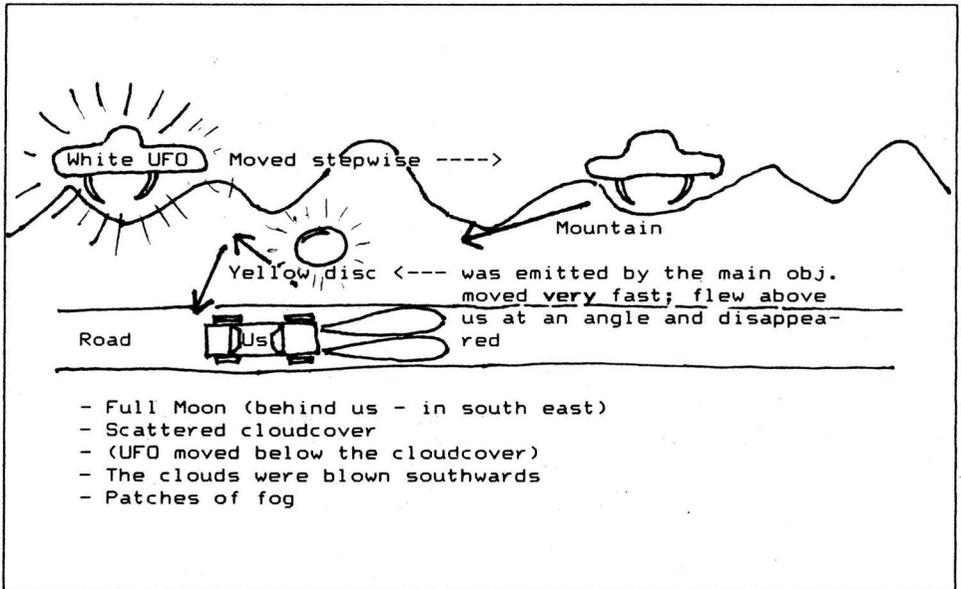


Fig. 2. One of the witness' drawing of the situation.

Astronomical data:

(The points of time are approximate within 10 minutes).

The sun set at 4.05 pm the day before (5 Nov.) and rose at 8.00 am 6 November.

The moon rose at 5.20 pm 5 Nov.; in the south at midnight and set at 7.50 am Friday morning The moon was full at 5.46 pm Thursday 5 Nov.

The planets' positions was the following (approximate):

Jupiter:

Rising at 3.20 pm, in the south at 10.15 pm (5 Nov.), setting at 5.20 am 6 Nov.

Venus, Mars and Saturn were not visible.

Additional observations

During the first week of 1988 the author was contacted by a man from Gausdal who claimed to have seen strange phenomena three nights in succession. Gausdal is situated just 10 km SW of Tretten in the Gudbrandsdalen valley. The witness reported phenomena resembling the "first phase" of the November 6 sighting. Furthermore, Mrs. Anny Hammervold contacted the author once more some time after this, reporting of seeing the same phenomenon as the Gausdal witness. She was together with a friend this time, giving her additional confirmation. However, the two groups of witnesses were independently reporting the same phenomenon (or at least very similar ones) from opposite sides of the mountain. Evidently, there have been something extraordinary at play in the mountains of Gudbrandsdalen.

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SWEDEN

DID A MAN FROM OUTER SPACE DIE IN SWEDEN IN 1955 ?

This story is of a rather controversial nature, and has evidently been retold several times through various sources. Although this is a common feature for many extraordinary reports in the UFO-community, it doesn't rule them out as, at least, possible genuine cases. We have included the report (or "story" to put it bluntly) in this magazine, merely to indicate that events reflecting the more bizarre aspects of ufology have been reported even in Scandinavia. Taken at face value, it must be characterized as a classical CE-III report.

During the exhibition "Kärlek eller kaos" ("Love or chaos") in Charlottenborg in Sweden, the Danish UFO organisation Frit UFO Studium (FUFOS) had marked their presence with a large stand. This was in 1977 and every day several hundred people visited the stand to watch a non-stop automatic lecture accompanied with slides. Due to the many questions raised among the public one could see that the interest for the UFO-phenomenon was steadily increasing.

One quiet and calm day when we were visited by school classes, I noticed a modest man in his sixties who attended the lecture several times and became especially alert when the slides were showing pictures of UFO-occupants. This particular sequence of pictures had been prepared

according to the testimony of many witnesses.

Even if the lecture was interesting, I couldn't understand why an ordinary visitor would attend it several times. Hence, I became curious and sought to have a chat with him.

Initially, after having established contact, he was very reserved and refused to go further into details. However, noticing that I didn't laugh or shake my head, he began telling me his entire story, while I took notes. It turned out to be a very strange story indeed.

The story of the anonymous witness

- Once upon a time I actually talked with such a man as is depicted in the slide series. In 1955 I had a job as a forest worker near the Gulf of Botnia in Västernorrland. I was employed by two brothers who delivered timber to a sawmill situated in the middle of Sweden.

It was an early morning in July, the time was about 6 am, and we were in full swing cutting down trees in the wood when we heard a creaking sound as from an animal which forces itself through the woods or from breaking branches. In the next moment we saw a cigar-shaped object which flew in a zig-zag pattern, seemingly uncontrolled between the treetops, while leaves and branches fell tumbling to the earth. My first thought was that it could be a small plane which had lost its wings and was in the act of making a forced landing. A river was situated 300-400 m away and it was evident that the object was heading in that direction.

We all understood that the object would plunge to the earth during the next few seconds, and we ran in the same direction. 15-20 m before we came out of the wood, the object made a crash landing 30-40 m from the river.

We had expected an ear-deafening roar when the fuel-tank exploded; however, that didn't happen. Instead a tremendous light lit the entire area as from a gigantic lightning. The light was so powerful that the sunshine almost disappeared. It was so intense that we virtually could see through the trees. I could observe the growth rings inside a tree which had a circumference of more than a meter; just like examining an X-ray picture. A couple of seconds later we experienced a vacuum wave, which sucked everything towards the center of the light.

We were thrown forwards all three of us, while branches and leaves whirled around us. Probably it didn't last for more than a split second, and still I can remember being thrown towards a tree - the time standing still - and my entire life passing before me. All sounds around me were suddenly nonexistent.

After we had calmed down a bit, we went towards the landing place to see what had happened.

There was nothing to see at the place of the presumed disaster, save some stacks of wood blown down by the wind. We became very surprised and decided to go back to work.

A dwarf wearing a uniform

When we arrived the edge of the forest, one of the brothers suddenly exclaimed: "Hey, a dwarf in a uniform is lying here!". The flying machine had evidently crashed into the river and he must have been thrown out of it.

For a long time we stood there, completely speechless and stared at the seemingly lifeless body. He was of a small stature, about 110-120 cm, and around his body a white light was shimmering and vibrating. When one of the brothers wanted to feel if the stranger was still alive, he withdrew his hand with a scream. He became pale white and said that it felt like getting several hundred volts through his body. In the same moment the stranger opened his eyes and said in perfect Swedish: "Don't touch me, or else it will just become unpleasant for you. Now you now who I am," he said. He knew in advance what we were going to ask and just ascertained that his questions were comprehended.

Severly hurt

Suddenly I became totally relaxed, and watched him carefully. He was not a dwarf. His body was well proportioned with broad shoulders and normal shapes. His skin was yellowish as that of an asian. The eyes were deep and were totally black. He had two large wounds on the cheekbone and in the forehead. The wounds didn't bleed, but were in a way "wet". His hair was almost white.

His earlobes were grown together towards his neck and resembled shark fins. His lips were wrinkled, narrow and colourless.

When he laughed - which he did quite often - he revealed a row of small teeth in both upper and lower jaw. I observed that his canine teeth were flat and just as wide as our incisors.

His hands were small, with five slim fingers without nails, and when he moved the hand, it seemed as if the ring finger was grown together with his little finger. His uniform was made of reddish metal, and was very tight to his body.

The head and hands were not covered with clothes, but by the feet the uniform in a way transformed into a pair of shoes. The size was about 35-37. The footsoles were full of grooves and were vibrating, and for a moment I thought of caterpillar belts on a tank. The stranger looked at me and nodded slightly. There was no doubt he knew what I was thinking. With his shoes he could roll forwards and backwards without moving his legs. Around his waist he had a wide, self-illuminating metal belt equipped withan unusual large buckle. This buckle shone weakly with a light blue colour, which later on, when he was dead, became dark blue. In the middle of the buckle there was some kind of a sign with a yellow colour - as the characters U and V - and it seemed as if the V was located inside the U. He knew that I was studying him, and he said: "It is due to the suit that I'm still alive. Inside I am totally crushed". His right hand disappeared inside the suit at the waist, but I didn't see any pocket. He took out a rectangular object. It was the size of a matchbox and had 12 small depressions. Using a metal fork, which was fastened to the object, he stuck it several times into the different holes. When he was finished, he tried to throw it some distance away. He smiled and said: "Don't touch it. It will give a message of what has happened, so they can can come and look for me. Where I come from there is also someone waiting". The stranger lay for a while as if he was sleeping. His hands were clenched, and evidently he had great pain. Suddenly, the two brothers looked a bit confused at each other, and then they just went back into the wood without saying a word. Lateron - several years afterwards - I have figured out when reconstructing this

moment that the stranger must have telepathically asked the brothers to go away, without saying a word. I sat and talked with the stranger for two more hours before he died.

Contact with the earth

The man wouldn't let me know the exact content of the next two hours' talking. I did only get some fragments of information: - The stranger came from a place in the vicinity of the constellation we are designating the Eagle (Aquila). We are visited by several beings from the universe, and some of them have developed so far that we can observe them only when they materialize or dematerialize in order to visit a parallel universe in the orbit of the earth. Some visit the earth in order to take specimens of it, considering a future immigration to the earth. Some others also have contact with human beings here, a contact being maintained for several hundred years.

This information is identical to that given by other witnesses.

The old man proceeded: "Just before the stranger died, he gave me a folded sack from the invisible pocket and said: - When I die, the light will disappear from my body and then you must pull this sack over my body. Together with the two other men, you must dump me into the river. Then I will disappear. Afterwards you have to wash yourselves properly with the water in order not to get ill.

He could hardly breathe, and I figured that he didn't have much time left. The light around his body gradually became weaker, and disappeared towards the suit. The light blue buckle became darker and darker.

His last Swedish words

He looked at me and smiled. Then he said something in a language I have never heard, never before or later. Then he said something in Swedish, and his last sentence I was able to apprehend: "YOU HAVE COME AGAINST YOUR WILL AND PASS AWAY WITHOUT WISHING IT, OUR LIFE IS AS STEAM..... He spoke a couple of words more, but his voice was so weak that I didn't comprehend what he said. But I am convinced that he prayed to some sort of deity before he died. I was moved by the solemn situation.

With the help of the two brothers I managed to pull the sack over him, and after which we laid him in the river. The sack smelled of sulphur, and our hands were itching. He was quite heavy, between 90 and 100 kgs. When the sack came in contact with it, the water began to seethe an bubble, and we understood that some sort of chemical process was taking place. After five minutes everything had disappeared.

He had probably wished to crash in the river experiencing a sudden death, instead of laying for two hours beside the river in great pain. He would evidently die alone and think of his home, several thousand light years out in the universe.

Recognizing the stranger

"That was everything", the old man said. "I worked for a couple of years more with the brothers, but we seldom said anything about what happened.

Both of them are dead now, but I can recall the event as if it happened yesterday. Even though 22 years have passed since it happened, I could recognize the stranger on one of the slides. Moreover, I thought I was the only one who knew of this type of UFO-occupants, because I've seen many pictures and drawings of visitors from outer space, but have never encountered anyone resembling him.

The old man presented me with a piece of metal. "Look", he said. I stared dumbly. It looked like a large hairpin. "What is it?". He laughed self-confidently and said: "A couple of days after the event I walked around on the location. The small box which the stranger had thrown away was gone, but the metal fork was lying in the grass, shining. I have taken care of it, as proof that I didn't dream it all". Then he suddenly turned and went away, and when I stood there, staring open-mouthed, he disappeared in the crowd.

An anonymous person, who with his story and his proof could have been on the first page of all of the world's newspapers. I believe that what he told was true since he stuck to it for so many years. A psychologist could surely have analyzed the situation and maintained that it was the series of slides which was the releasing factor for telling this hidden story. The man kept his secret deeply hidden afraid of being ridiculed. Perhaps there are several similar stories which never become public - unfortunately.

I should add that this story has been retold in chronological order by myself, since the witness's narration was fragmentary. In its initial form it would have been both confusing and without coherence.

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Errata: In several previous issues, the maps illustrating many of the observations have erroneously been given a scale of approximately 1:1400 000. The correct figure should have been 1:424 000.

