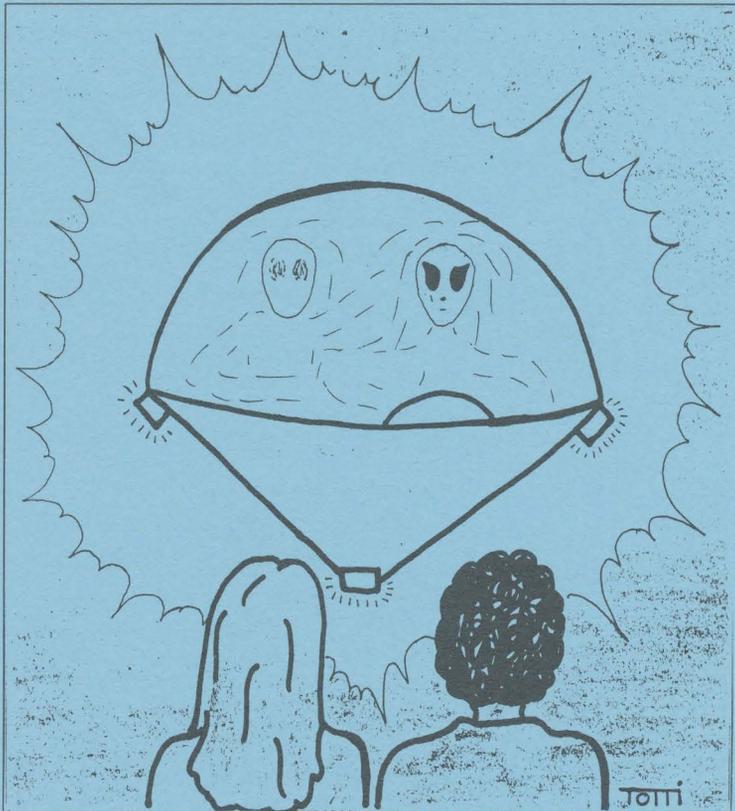


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## Editorial

This issue of the newsletter deals with an interesting case from 1987 which were presented to UFO-Norge in 1992 (see pp. 3-6). In addition, we present an intriguing report from last year (1991), investigated some months later. Most of the other cases have originated before June 1992.

At the end of the newsletter, we present the strange experiences of Berit Clemmensen. We have retold her life history, since she has encountered anomalies during the last 60 years. Although the case seems controversial, readers may appreciate that many features of her experiences parallel other personal accounts so often encountered in ufology. The article is divided in two: the next part will be presented in UFO-NN no. 1/1993.

In order to inform our persistent readers to a greater extent, we plan to publish **two** newsletters in 1993. During the last 4 years (since 1988), there has been just one issue a year; - in 1990 there wasn't any publication at all. Two issues a year may also comfort all our subscribers, who (hopefully) can get more value for their money. Regarding this, we have changed the terms for subscription slightly: payment applies for one year at a time, and the prices have been adjusted accordingly.

We hope that our readers are content with these terms and that the circulation of the magazine may rise to some extent.

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# Observations in 1987

## Dyrøy, January 1987

**Date:** 12 or 19 January 1987

**Time:** Around 10.00 pm

**Duration:** 10 minutes

**Place:** Brøstabtbn, Dyrøy in Troms county, Northern Norway

**Witnesses:** Cathe Rasmussen together with her fiancé

**Nature of sighting:** Octagonal-shaped object hovering at close range

### Introduction

UFO-NORGE became aware of this case through a journalist in the weekly magazine "Hjemmet". In connection with an article describing the sighting at Raufoss in October 1991 (see this magazine no. 1/2 1991 pp. 33-34) he wished to come in contact with persons who had witnessed similar events. Shortly afterwards, the journalist received a letter from the above witnesses. The letter was forwarded to Mr. Odd-Gunnar Røed in the Committee of UFO-NORGE. Mr. Røed in turn put this editor on the case in the beginning of March 1992, because the witnesses now lived just outside Bergen.

The report was written on the basis of telephone calls in addition to a completed report form.

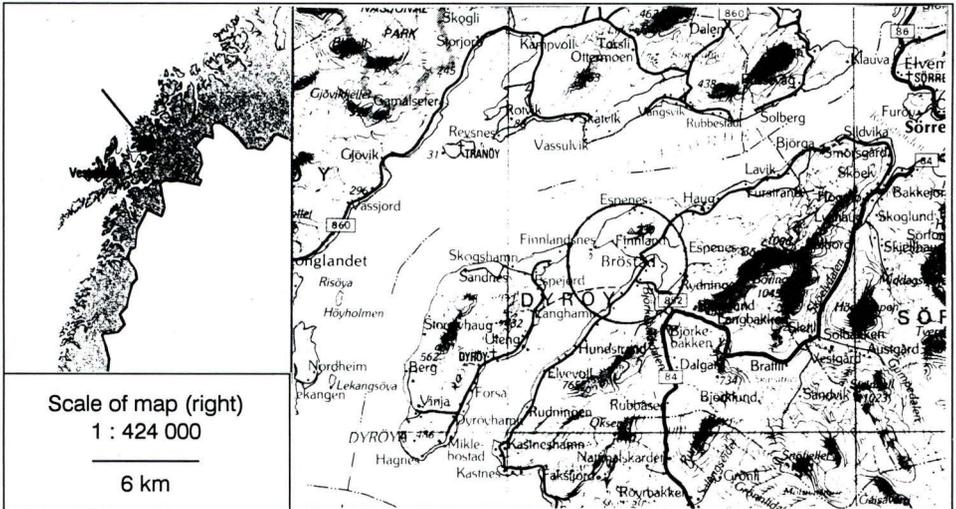
### Place and time of observation

Exact place of observation is the Myrvoll farm, situated in Brøstadbotn, Dyrøy municipality, in the county of Troms, Northern Norway. The date was established to be in January 1987. The exact date was unknown, but the main witness was sure that her fiancé watched the usual TV-movie on Mondays from the National Broadcasting Corporation. In addition, she maintained that the full moon (or nearly so) was visible during the observation; hence it is reasonable to believe that the date might have been Monday 12 or 19 January 1987. The point of time was

estimated to be around 10 pm.

### The observation

The main witness, Cathe Rasmussen (CR) (at that time only 16 years old), was on the first floor of the house. Her fiancé was sitting on the ground floor, watching TV. She suddenly became aware of a strange, loud and monotonously humming sound and took a look out of the window. Above the Finlandsneset headland, situated ca. 2-3 km to the west, she caught sight of a motionless object with blinking lights. The elevation from her point of view was ca. 45 degrees. Her fiancé called her from the ground floor and asked if she could see what it was. He came up on the first floor and together they observed a strange scenario. The object now suddenly moved in the direction of the Dyrøya island (situated some 8-10 km to the SW); then it moved back to its earlier position, above Finlandsneset. After a short while, it flew back to Dyrøya again. The object had red, green and blue lights which gave the impression that they were rotating. Then it moved towards the witnesses in a zig-zag pattern, and suddenly it hovered just 15 m in front of them, over the plain in front of the house. The witnesses maintained that they could clearly see the object in front of a background of distant trees, hovering at an altitude of 5-6 m (i.e. the same altitude as that of the first floor of the house). Hence, they could observe it right in front of them. The lights now moved as if the object was rotating. The surface of the object was, except for the lights, dark and was uplit by the full moon, which shone clearly. The shape was described as "flat and level at the top and bottom, sharp at the edges (octagonal)" (see illustration). The size was estimated to be about 5 m in diameter. The loud monotone sound described earlier was no longer heard when the object was at close range. The object hovered motionless in this position for about 7 seconds, thereafter it disappeared at a great speed, in such a way that it seemed as if it "disappeared into the



ground”, according to the witnesses. However, they took a look towards the wood in the vicinity, situated in an easterly direction, and there they spotted it once more. It disappeared after a few seconds between the trees, and the monotone sound which had returned in the meantime, disappeared shortly afterwards. The observation had lasted for about 10 minutes.

No traces or artefacts were later discovered.

The weather was cold with snow and with a clear sky. The temperature was ca. - 10 deg. C and the moon (which was approximately full) was estimated to be positioned in a NW-direction.

#### Aftermath

During the observation both of the witnesses were afraid, but did not panic. CR reported that she had problems with her sleep, since the event had made a deep impression on her. Both of them were also afraid of what other persons in the neighbourhood would say if the observation became known.

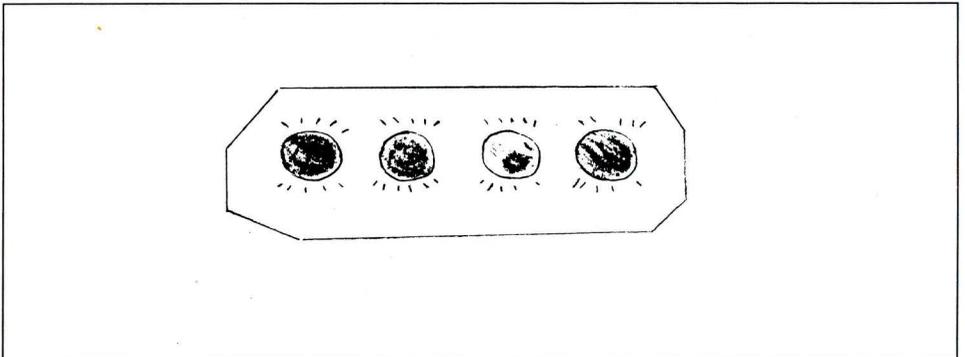
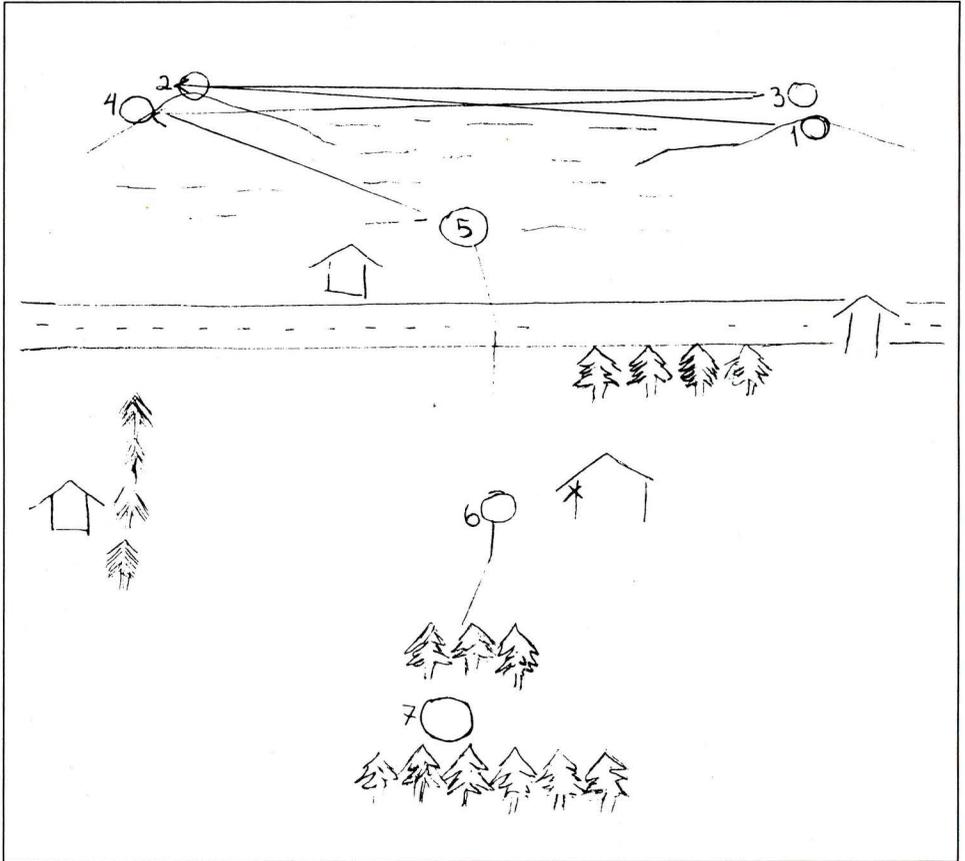
#### Parents and neighbours

The young couple lived in the same house as his parents, who at the time of observation were asleep in a bedroom located on the first floor.

The room was on the same side of the house as where the object was hovering (towards the south); however, the parents didn't see or hear anything (!). Without disclosing details of the event, CR asked the mother the day after if they had noticed anything particular; however, the answer was negative.

The house is somewhat isolated, but not far from other farms and a new estate of flats some hundred meters away. The witness never heard rumours of any other persons having observed anything suspicious that night, with the exception of their closest neighbours, who lived 250 m away. Carefully questioned the following day (again, without disclosing the true cause) if they had noticed anything unusual the night before, they said that they had heard a sound at the actual point of time. They had walked to the window and briefly ascertained that it was a helicopter. The neighbours hadn't bothered to observe for more than a few seconds and were seemingly certain of their verdict.

CR initially believed that there had been a military exercise going on in the area, including extensive helicopter flights. However, after a discussion with her fiancé, they decided that this was not the case.



**Above:** A drawing of the observation area. **Below:** Cathe Rasmussens own drawing of the phenomenon.

## Conclusion

Once again, one is confronted with witness statements which clearly indicate that an apparently unconventional phenomenon has been observed.

In this case it is interesting to include the statements of two external groups of witnesses: the closest neighbours together with the parents of the fiancé. The neighbours maintained seeing a helicopter (after a short observation); the parents did not see or hear anything at all, despite the fact that they were located just a few meters away from the witnesses. If the helicopter hypothesis is right, it seems unlikely that this should appear soundless at a distance of just 15 m (if the witnesses' assessment of distance was correct).

On the other hand it is curious that such a phenomenon, which emitted both sound and light, could go unnoticed in a neighbourhood counting dozens of persons, where most of them presumably were still awake at the actual point of time. This latter feature is unfortunately all too common in UFO-cases: observations of unconventional phenomena made by one or just a few individuals in a relatively densely populated area. This feature doesn't necessarily invalidate the witnesses' statements; it may be that the phenomenon objectively behaves in this way.

Unless we should receive new information in this case, the described phenomenon must be characterized as unidentified. □

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## Observations in 1991

**Although we made a review of all cases from 1991 in UFONN no. 1/2 1991, we later became aware of an intriguing observation just at the end of that year.**

A strange observation was made in December 1991 at the Osterøy Island, situated near Bergen, Western Norway. The report is described here in detail due to its high degree of strangeness.

### **Røskeland on Osterøy, 26 December**

**Date:** 26 December 1991

**Time:** 0.30 am

**Duration:** 45 minutes

**Place:** Røskeland on the Osterøy Island

**Witness:** Lillian Reigstad

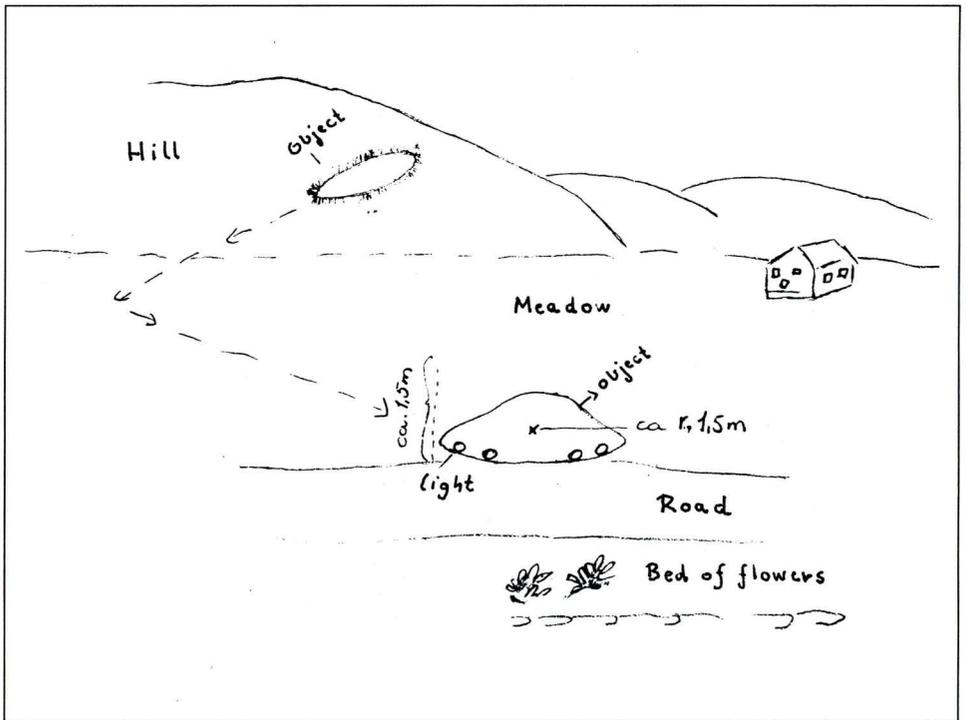
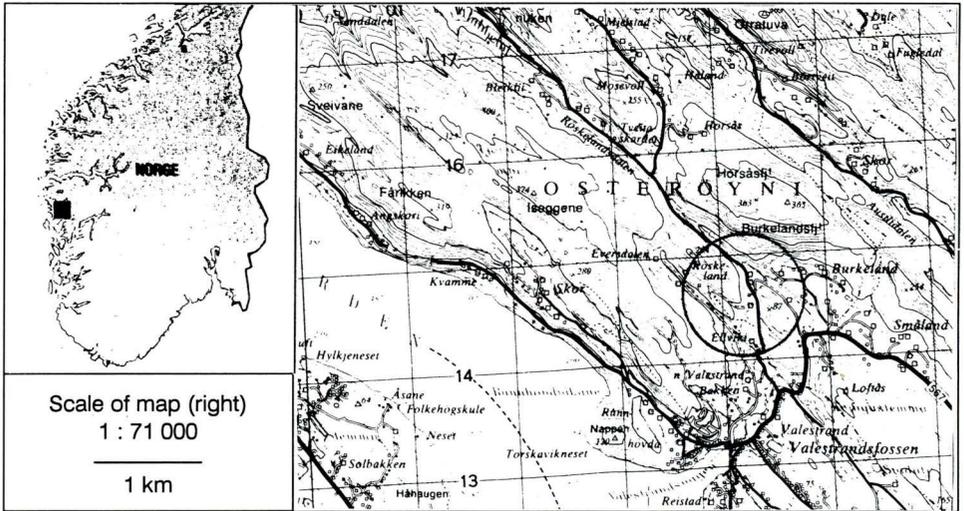
**Nature of sighting:** Disc-shaped object landing near house

The witness, Lillian Reigstad was 32 years old at the time of observation and lived with her three children in a farmhouse. The exact place of observation was Røskeland, a small congregation

of houses on Osterøy Island, some 20 km NE of Bergen. Røskeland lies in a small valley, about 60 m above sea level, beneath a hill called Røskelandsfjellet. The summit has an altitude of 365 m above sea level and the hill is situated some 200 m away from the house, to the north and NE.

### **The observation**

Thursday 26 December at 0.30 am the witness was on her own in the living room at the ground floor. Her children had been sleeping for several hours, in their first floor bedrooms. The witness went out in the porch to call her two dogs and the cat. Then she suddenly heard an intense, monotonous engine-like sound, later described as the mute roar of an organ. She couldn't find any obvious cause for the sound and walked into the house and out at the rear thinking that someone was about to steal her car, parked some 50 m behind the house. However, there was no sign of sound, light or exhaust from the car. A short while afterwards, the sound got stronger, more penetrating. She walked to the front side of the house again, and from the front door she caught sight of a strange phenomenon, in an easterly direction, just in front of Burkelandsfjellet. It



The witness' own drawing of the observed phenomenon.

could be described as a disc-shaped object, which made a faint shining, greenish relief against the dark mountain top. For a brief moment she thought it was an acquaintance who was out flying in a helicopter. However, she hadn't completed this thought before the object suddenly made a zig-zag movement: first to the left and then to the right, moved towards her and landed just 15 m away. The flight might have taken just one or two seconds. The witness instantly panicked, she slammed the door behind her and in a few seconds she managed to lock all the other doors in the house. Thereafter, she returned to the front door and barely dared to take a glimpse through a small window in it. She could observe the object standing on the ground just 15 m away, equipped with four small orange-sized lights situated at the perimeter. The lights were yellow-coloured, muted and made a contrast to the dark surface of the object itself. The object was estimated to be 3-4 m in diameter; the height about 1.5 m. It seemed to be somewhat higher at the centre (see drawing). The sound was still present; monotonous and penetrating.

The dogs and the cat were still outside, hence the witness opened the back-door in order to fetch them. There the two dogs were standing, obviously terrified with their tails between their legs. She hadn't seen them in such a state ever before. The dogs and the cat instantly ran into the house and laid down silently in their corner of the house.

Some minutes later the sound died away, and once more the witness took a look at the object. This time the four lights were turned off and she could see the shape of the disc against the white, frost-covered ground. However, she was still hysterical and didn't know what to do. The three children (2, 12 and 14 years old) hadn't been awakened by the event. She considered phoning her nearest neighbours (an old couple) living just 200 m away, but didn't dare to do this. Being desperate, she called a close friend instead and tried to explain the somewhat odd situation. Her friend stated later that he had never heard the witness in such a mental state.

After about half an hour she went trembling to bed in her room on the first floor. She didn't dare to take another look at the object, she wanted to "block it all out". A short while afterwards she could hear five small "muted" explosions outside. First she thought that it was the septic tank which had exploded, but a few seconds later she heard that the monotonous, penetrating sound had begun again - lasting for a second or two - stopped (like a starting error on an engine), and finally resumed. This time the sound resembled what she had heard 45 minutes earlier (the witness checked the clock and it showed 1.15 am). After a couple of seconds she felt that the sound grew fainter and it seemed that it disappeared up through the valley nearby (the Røskelandsdalen valley). She was still terrified and didn't dare to leave her bed to see if the object really had left. Then she tried to sleep - her three children still having heard nothing and apparently sleeping well - but she herself couldn't sleep for the rest of that night.

The weather during the observation was chilly (temperature assessed to be 0 - -2 deg. C), possibly without wind. Whether it was a clear sky or not, the witness wasn't sure.

### **Traces**

The following morning the family woke up early. Now Mrs. Reigstad and her two oldest children could see - in broad daylight - where the object had been standing. The event took place in a period with local frost and some rime on the ground. At the spot where the object had been standing, the ground was without rime, and the frost in the ground (which was present around the spot) was absent here. The ground was soft, almost muddy. This area made a circle with a diameter of 3 m. In the center there was a small hole, a funnel with a diameter of some 10-12 cm and a depth of ca. 20 cm. She and her children were certain that the area with melted rime was not present the day before. Regarding the hole they were uncertain if this had been made during the observation or had been present earlier.

### **Aftermath**

Mrs. Reigstad got a terrible shock when she first

saw the object, and was terrified during the entire observation. Moreover, she felt "completely dizzy" during the following weeks and, among other things, didn't dare to walk outside alone after dark. In addition, she was worried for her children's welfare. Mrs. Reigstad was initially afraid that no one would believe her story, but this fear dwindled after some weeks when she found that people believed her when she told the story.

In the morning of the 26 december, when she told about the incident to her children, she suddenly became aware that she had experienced something correspondingly earlier. About one week before (i.e. around 20 December) she had woke up in the middle of the night and heard the same, intense monotonous sound which was heard during the observation. Additionally, she could hear that the dogs were growling towards the door. She could dazedly hear the sound for some minutes and heard also, a bit afterwards, some small explosions. This made her wake completely and believed that the septic tank was destroyed, which turned out not to be the case.

### **Preliminary investigation**

In the beginning of February Mrs. Reigstad met a neighbour, Mr. Rune Århus. She told him about about her experience, and he became very interested. Shortly afterwards he investigated the landing spot using a geiger-counter (measuring gamma-rays). However, no significant radiation could be detected. Mr. Århus also measured the depth of the hole in the center of the landing spot, measuring 20 cm. No other findings were made in connection with the landing spot.

### **The investigation by UFO-NORGE**

UFO-NORGE became aware of the observation in the beginning of March 1992 via an indirect source, Mrs. Berit Clemmensen described later. On Sunday 8 March the editor of this magazine together with Finn W. Kalvik were at the site, in order to take a look at the spot and to interview the witness. A report form had been sent a couple of days in advance after a long

telephone call.

The landing spot was pointed out, and we could establish the existence of a hole, with a diameter of 10-12 cm and a depth of 41 cm. The large difference between our measurement and that of Mr. Århus could be ascribed to the fact that they had been digging into the hole in the intervening time. Apart from this, no other traces could be seen. The place was then video-filmed, including views of the Burkelandsfjellet mountain, the house where Mrs. Reigstad lived, the surroundings, and the landing spot itself. We contemplated taking soil samples, but due to the fact that more than two months had passed since the event, including almost continuous rainfall in the period, we assumed that any influence from the phenomenon would have been "wiped out" at an earlier point of time.

During our investigation I contacted the nearby airport, Flesland (situated some 25 km to SE) in addition to the Meteorological office in Bergen. Regarding Flesland Airport, they hadn't registered anything unusual on the radar (which was expected). Moreover, it was said that any potential UFO-registration would most likely be dismissed by the operator as noise, in addition to the electronic filtering system already eliminating any signal/reflection not originating from ordinary aircraft.

At the Meteorological office, the weather situation for 25 and 26 December was reviewed. The temperature was relatively high (some 7-8 deg. C) with frequent rain showers. The meteorologist was rather sceptic about the possibility that any place could have local frost with rime on the ground, as featured in the witness' report. However, Mrs. Reigstad was quite certain about this and of the date of observation, making the information hard to overlook.

It was asked if there were any lightning activity in the area, but the answer was negative. If the observed phenomenon in any way could be ascribed to ball lighting, its presence would have been very atypical with respect to the actual atmospheric conditions.

I also contacted the closest neighbours of Mrs. Reigstad, an old couple living in a house less

than 200 m away. They said that they hadn't seen or heard anything suspicious on the actual date. The same held true for other members of their family, living in several houses a couple hundred metres to the east.

### Conclusion

There is no doubt that Lillian Reigstad observed a phenomenon that made a deep impression on her. It appeared unexplainable to her then, and it seems also, after a closer scrutiny, to remain unidentified. In that connection it should be pointed out that the witness had not had any pre-

vious involvement with ufology or any interest in the matter before the observation. She appeared sincere and gave, both by telephone calls and by the personal meeting, a firm and down-to-earth impression.

The fact that the phenomenon made impressions in the rime on the ground (observed with a fair degree of certainty by Mrs. Reigstad and her children) makes this a Close Encounter of the second kind.

If any new information should surface, we will refer to it in a future issue of the newsletter. □

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## Observations in 1992

The first six months of the year were rather quiet with respect to the number of incoming reports. However, when the summer approached, reports became more frequent and among other things, a CE-III observation became known to the report centre. The observation soon spurred media interest and received substantial mention in July.

### Guddal, 12 January 1992

**Date:** 12 January 1992  
**Time:** 12.15 pm  
**Duration:** N/A  
**Place:** Guddal, Southern Norway  
**Witness:** Sindre Naterstad  
**Nature of sighting:** Shining object

Sindre Naterstad from Seimsfoss was observing a star through a telescope, when he became aware of an unusual phenomenon. He caught sight of a shining object which moved in a sort of zig-zag pattern and disappeared. Further observational data were not available at the moment of writing.

We will, however, give the case further mentioning if more information should surface.

### Alvdal, 14 January 1992

**Date:** 14 January 1992  
**Time:** 10.00 pm  
**Duration:** 45 minutes  
**Place:** Tronfjell in Alvdal valley, Southern Norway  
**Witnesses:** Agnes and Egil Selboe  
**Nature of sighting:** Several "stars"

On 14 January the married couple Agnes and Egil Selboe became aware of several strange light phenomena in the airspace around Tronfjell.

They were about to go to bed when they quite incidentally looked out of the window. A light the size of a bright star suddenly began to move. In the same moment several points of light appeared, as many as ten, which moved around in a circle. The couple didn't observe continuously, however, they went back and fro the window intermittantly. The last time they looked out of the window, they noticed a new large "star" which hadn't been present before. It dissolved suddenly into many small stars, which began to circulate before they disappeared. The whole event lasted for some 45 minutes. The couple

had never experienced anything similar, and maintained that **corona borealis** was out of the question. Agnes Selboe said to the newspaper Østlendingen that she has good sight and regards herself as being reasonably sensible.

### Trondheim, 21 January 1992

**Date:** 21 January 1992  
**Time:** N/A  
**Duration:** N/A  
**Place:** Trondheim  
**Witness:** Several  
**Nature of sighting:** Red-yellow light with "core"

On 21 January a red light was observed in the sky above Trondheim. From several places a red-yellow light which "sprouted" outwards from a "core" was reported. The observations were discussed on one of the local radio stations in Trondheim, and people made many phone calls.

A series of calls to various institutions established that there hadn't been any rocket launches from the Andøya site (the only of its kind in Norway, situated some 800 km to the north); no military exercises in the nearby areas. The Meteorological office reported that the conditions were not favourable for thunderstorms and ball lightning.

However, the day after the case was resolved; bomb shells had been destructed at Søbørg, the Army's camp for storage and maintenance of ammunition.

### UFOs over Southeastern Norway

During roughly the last two and a half years (since January 1990), several observation have been made over the coastal area of Southeastern Norway, roughly around the town of Arendal. Due to problems in collecting reliable eyewitness accounts, UFO-NORGE is presently able to give just a sketchy description of what's going on in these areas.

To give but a glimpse of the present events, we

will give a case originating on 21 January this year.

### Arendal, 21 January 1992

Tuesday 21 January at 9.30 pm, a strange object was observed. It moved past the water tower and mast at the Hisøy island, situated some 2-3 km south of the centre of Arendal. The object was visible for ca. 10 minutes, while moving back and fro sideways, as seen from some distance. The witness had never seen anything like it - and the report centre commented that it didn't correspond to any known aircraft.

### Close encounter near Hamar

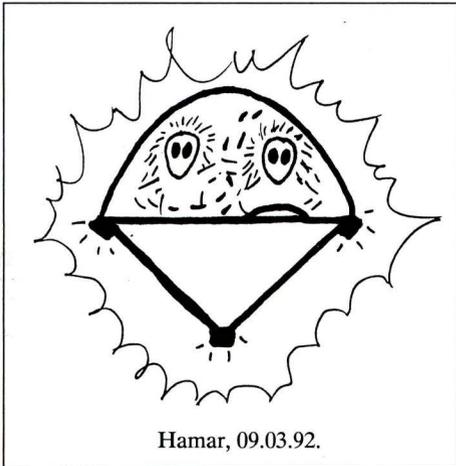
**Date:** 9 March 1992  
**Time:** First encounter: 10.00 pm; second encounter: N/A  
**Duration:** N/A  
**Place:** Near Hamar, Southern Norway  
**Witnesses:** Two women (anonymous)  
**Nature of sighting:** Triangular object with two humanoids at close range

On 9 March two women had an observation which appeared unusual and frightening. Reports of close encounters of the third kind are rare in Norway, whatever may happen worldwide.

The women reported that they were on their way home at around 10 pm, when they heard a low-frequency sound which could be felt as well as heard. It was described as between that of a train and a car with the engine running idle. It was deep and vibrating.

Suddenly they saw a powerful white light, and the shape of an object inside the light. The light was dazzling and their eyes got sore; nevertheless they couldn't resist looking at the strange phenomenon now hovering 2-3 m above the ground and some 15 m in front of them on the road. The object was triangle-shaped underneath and had a cupola made of transparent glass (or a similar material). Despite the powerful light,

they could glimpse a light on the apex of each pointing end (see drawing). Suddenly the light faded away, as if manipulated by a light-dampening switch. The women thought the object was gone; suddenly, however, it was present again. Now they could see clearly that two persons were sitting inside, moving in a "chattering" way. The women went towards the object, despite being terrified and uneasy. The person to the right appeared to have something like a steering wheel in front of him, and he seemed to have long, fair hair. One of the women suggested it could have been light instead of hair. She also obtained a rather sinister eye contact with this person, now a mere 2 m away. He had large black eyes, possibly slanted at the top. Inside these black eyes she could clearly see black pupils. The glance was cold, piercing and malicious.



The object disappeared rather abruptly, it was just gone; they couldn't describe whether it moved or not.

Later that evening, at the home of one of the women, they suddenly heard the same sound outside the window in the bedroom. The sound grew stronger, and the women thought the object would fly straight through the room and they plunged to the floor. It seemed as if the object went right above the house, and the women described the feeling as having an earthquake

through their bodies.

This experience was, if possible, even more disturbing than the event on the road.

Duration of observation was impossible to assess, since they had no comprehension of time, neither by the event on the road nor in the sleeping room.

After the event, both witnesses had auditory problems, together with simultaneous nose bleeding. One of the witnesses also suffered from temporary visual impairment for one week. During the following month, both of them felt completely drained of energy.

The women's descriptions of the experience agree well, with the exception that one of them couldn't give any details regarding the beings inside the craft; she just observed the movements of the arms and the shape. In addition she thought that the craft was more round, instead of triangular at the bottom, as the other woman described. One of the women is interested in regression hypnosis, and feels that much may have happened that she cannot recall.

### Veggli in the Numedalen valley

**Date:** 19-20 April 1992

**Time:** Around midnight

**Duration:** 2-20 minutes

**Place:** Veggli in Rollag municipality, Southern Norway

**Witness:** Several

**Nature of sighting:** Phenomenon with powerful blinks

The night between 19 and 20 April, around midnight, unknown light phenomena were observed in the night sky.

The observations were made in an area which is used by the Air Force for low level exercise flights; hence activity by fighter aircraft is usual. Three of the witnesses are especially interested in airplanes (one of them is an active glider pilot), and the observed phenomena could not be compared with the lights on civil or military

aircraft. In addition they appeared to be completely soundless. The altitude was estimated to be stratospheric; the time taken to fly from horizon to horizon was some two minutes.

Several observations were made in the same area. Satellites could be ruled out.

By one occasion the object halted and was motionless for 20 minutes before it disappeared at a great speed. The two brothers Thorleif Magne and Bjørn Kristian Lentz reported that the object came from SSE towards NNW. They caught sight of it due to some powerful blinks of white light. Observed through binoculars it was established that the light blinks appeared as lightrays or streaks, alternating with a weak yellow light which was invisible to the naked eye. During its course over the sky the phenomenon featured the following order in the light change:

- \* 1: weak yellow light for one second.
- \* 2: strong white light blink/streaks.
- \* 3: weak yellow light for one second.
- \* 4: darkness for one second.

This sequence was repeated during the entire flight.

### **Strømmen, 2 May 1992**

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**Date:** 2 May 1992  
**Time:** 4.30 am  
**Duration:** 2-3 minutes  
**Place:** Strømmen, 20 km east of Oslo  
**Witness:** One woman  
**Nature of sighting:** Large sphere with white light

On 2 May a woman reported seeing a large round sphere with white light. The woman happened to be awake at 4.30 am in the morning when she caught sight of a strange phenomenon from the window. A barn was situated 300 m away from the house, and just above the roof she saw a large round sphere, equipped with a strong white light. She described the relative size as that of a 10-øre on an outstretched arm (corresponding to the full moon).

The object hovered motionless for ca. 2-3 minutes, before it disappeared. She didn't see how it disappeared, because she had risen to her feet in order to get closer to the window. However, in this short period of time the phenomenon had disappeared.

### **Eidsvoll, 12 May 1992**

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**Date:** 12 May 1992  
**Time:** N/A  
**Duration:** N/A  
**Place:** Gullverket, near Eidsvoll, Southern Norway  
**Witnesses:** Two men  
**Nature of sighting:** Light point together with several others making circular movements

The night between 11 and 12 May strange phenomena were observed in the night sky above Gullverket.

Two men observed a luminous point, comparable to a star, moving back and fro, up and down. At the same time they could see several blinking lights in the zenith. These lights formed a circle. The light continuously changed colour and position. In some ways the phenomenon could be compared to the aurora; however, the witnesses denied that this was the true cause.

### **Voss, 1984-1992**

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In the period between December 1984 and May 1992 a man living at Voss has recorded almost 600 sightings of unidentified objects. Voss is a village situated some 100 km east of Bergen in Western Norway. He has been forwarding reports of his sightings to various members of UFO-NORGE, particularly the report centre. However, representatives for the organisation have been present at Voss on three occasions; two of them actually observing the alleged UFOs. The verdict was that the man (and in later years, also a young companion) has continually interpreted ordinary airplanes as "UFO-ca-

bins". Due to this fact, UFO-NORGE has taken no steps to further explore the observations, since they are of virtually no value. Nevertheless, the main witness accuses UFO-NORGE of being passive and neglecting both him and the reported phenomena, which according to him obviously have a great potential for further investigation. In "UFO" no. 2/1991 the report centre asked for any other witnesses in that area; however, so far with no response (as one might have expected). Early this year, the report centre received a video-cassette, containing several shots of the phenomenon. After having been analysed (by civ. eng. Erling Strand, member of the Committee), the conclusion was that the lights shown on the video could have been anything. The lights lacked points of reference (i.e. surrounding landscape, background, etc.); hence no distance, dimensions or speed could be determined.

Nevertheless, the report centre (in "UFO" no. 1/92) made a new request for possible witnesses in the area. They are still interested in any information which could cast new light on the case.

### **The case of Berit Clemmensen, part 1**

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In this article we present for the first time the history of a woman, who throughout much of her life has had several strange experiences. The woman, known to the editor for nearly five years, now appears with her experiences in public. She is perfectly aware that many will think they are too fantastic and controversial to be taken seriously. Nevertheless, she maintains the validity of her experiences, and here we present a resumé of her life story so that the readers can make their own decision.

In order to make as complete a presentation as possible, the article has been divided into two parts. The next part will appear in this magazine in the coming year.

#### **Introduction**

UFO-NORGE came in contact with Mrs. Berit Clemmensen (BC) almost by an accident. In 1987 a frenchman, Mr. Jean-Luc Rivera (JLR)

lived in Oslo. During the fall of that year, he met Mr. Odd-Gunnar Røed in the Committee. Incidentally, it turned out that JLR had been interested in UFO-research for several years. He had earlier been studying and working in USA for many years, and assisted Budd Hopkins in his research into abduction cases. It turned out that BC had read Budd Hopkins' book "Missing time" some years earlier. She had sent a letter to him, describing her experiences. When JLR came to Oslo, he was instructed by Budd Hopkins to search for BC. In January 1988 he and Odd-Gunnar Røed succeeded in finding her, living at Valestrandsfossen, situated 10-12 km NE of Bergen. The first meeting with BC took place in her home at Skår near Valestrandsfossen, in the end of January 1988. Present were JLR, the editor of this magazine, BC's youngest brother, and an interested acquaintance.

#### **Personal information**

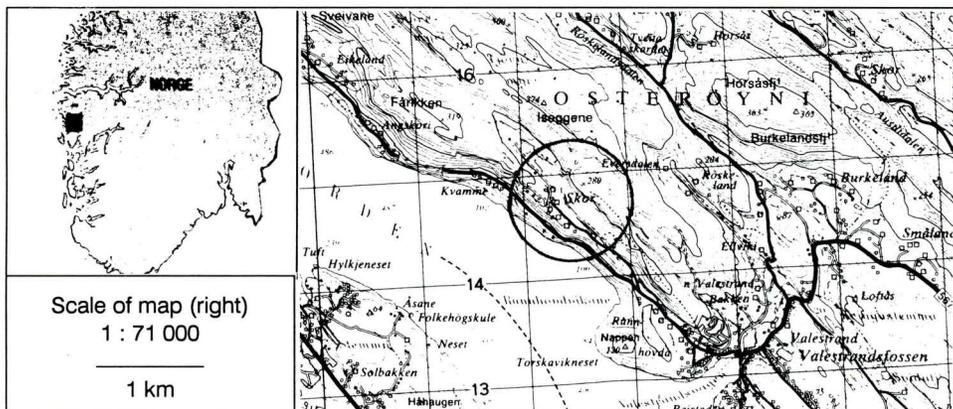
BC is 65 years old, divorced, and has been living permanently at Skår for the last 20 years. Skår is situated some 2 km NW of Valestrandsfossen. She was born on Osterøy island and was raised on the family farm, the same place where she now has a house, and lives by herself. Altogether she has 6 brothers and sisters, most of them older than her. Most live either on Osterøy or in the Bergen area. BC has a son (39 years old), who is married with two children.

#### **The experiences of Berit Clemmensen**

It would be too complex to go into all BC's experiences on detail, so I will simply present the main features in her life history. In the next issue I will give an overview over the report material, which other, more or less independent witnesses have forwarded, and which plays an important role in evaluating the entire case. In it, I will try to make a not-too-complex analysis, together with a characterisation of the available material.

In sum her experiences can be divided into three main types:

- A) Visual observations of light phenomena/"objects" (classical UFO-observations)
- B) Dreamlike states, where she claims having



contact with beings, receives messages, sees various “landscapes” etc. On some occasions, while in such a state, she has had precognitive dreams and out-of-the-body-experiences.

C) Experiences which cannot be designated into either category A) or B). Strange occurrences, often in “broad daylight”.

I will present each category of experience in approximately chronological order. Where she has had various types of experiences simultaneously, I will make special remarks.

#### A) Classical UFO-type observations

BC's first experience dates back to her early childhood; aged about 7 (in or around 1934). During the summer of that year, she remembers lying on a haycock near the barn. Suddenly, she caught sight of a luminous object moving down from a small mountain situated to the east of their farm (some 300-400 m away). She remembers that she observed it for a couple of seconds, thereafter it seems there is a gap in her memory. She has no recollection regarding what happened afterwards, or how the object disappeared. Subsequently, she has wondered what may have happened on this occasion. Some physical and mental disturbances, which appeared some years later (in her early youth), could possibly - according to herself - be connected to a possible abduction with a subsequent “physical examination”. After having read Budd Hopkins' “Mis-

sing time” during the summer of 1982 she reached this conclusion.

Her next experience happened while she was about 12-13 years old (around 1939-40). She was together with a friend of her own age, on a place called Røskeland (on Osterøy) one late evening during the fall. Røskeland is situated some 1.5 km east of Skår. They were walking on the road when suddenly they saw that the entire landscape was lit up. The eerie illumination lasted for some seconds; however, they couldn't decide from which direction the light was coming from. They felt they were enclosed by the light, in a way completely different from all other light sources they knew about. The light disappeared and the two girls were quite upset. They couldn't account for their return to Skår (a walk of more than 2 km) - suggesting a possible loss of memory. However, BC doesn't connect this with another “abduction”. The explanation might be that the two friends were so upset that they hadn't been able to think clearly and almost automatically had made their way home. Nevertheless, BC maintains that this event is a good example of one of her many strange experiences.

The weather during this observation was rainy with fog. In addition, it was after dark.

The next experiences occur at a much later stage in her life. In 1984 she began to have observations of a more regular UFO-character in addition to several other kinds of experiences.

In the end of September she observed a strange light in the night sky above Skår. The sight might best be described as a bright white light in the sky which jumped around with a zig-zag movement. It stopped intermittently, thereafter resuming its violent motions. Additionally, she noticed that there was a star above or behind this phenomenon. She is aware of the danger of confusing this phenomenon with meteorites; however, she claims that this certainly wasn't any conventional astronomical phenomenon, while she is familiar with the night sky.

On 3 November 1984 she experienced something which made a deep impression on her. She remembers this date exactly because she had watched the evening news on TV, and one of the news items was from the funeral of Indira Gandhi, who had been assassinated a couple of days before. At 8.00 pm she had a sudden impulse to get out of the house. The weather was rainy and cold. She dressed and walked about 200 m away from her house reaching the old barn (at the same spot where she had her first observation when she was 7 years old). Suddenly, she caught sight of a fantastic and frightening phenomenon. Over the mountain towards the east, apparently just 400-500 m away, two luminous objects were hovering. Just afterwards, they began to fly back and fro, making strange movement patterns in the sky. One of them was particularly active and raced through the airspace just above and east of her. The object seemed to be equipped with antenna-like protrusions and on one occasion, while hovering close underneath the other, appeared to be sprouting a flaming light which was "stretched out" between the two objects.

BC became paralyzed and could not run away, though she was terrified. Another 1-2 minutes passed, during which the two objects performed fantastic manoeuvres, until she was able to tear herself away from the scene, and ran for her life all the way back to her house. Just before she began to run, one of the objects began to close in on her.

After this devastating experience, she was very shaken, and didn't dare go outside alone after dark for a long while.

BC has mentioned many other details in connection with this observation; it should be sufficient to say that this has been the most remarkable of all her experiences irrespective of type. She stresses that it is the only **negative** experience she has had. Later, it also turned out that she got a kind of "explanation" on this event.

In the following years (1985-1992) she has had several other observations of the classic UFO-type. The phenomena have often been described as luminous "stars" initially being high in the sky, thereafter moving fast towards the horizon, while growing in light brilliance and size. The speed could vary; in some instances it was very slow and the duration could last for several minutes. She is, as earlier pointed out, aware of the danger of confusion with meteorites, satellites and aircraft; however, she is quite certain that known phenomena like these are not responsible for her observations. During the last few years, she has even managed to watch them at will. After having concentrated on their existence, she has walked outside her house and - according to herself - on many occasions actually seen the UFOs shortly afterwards. BC maintains strongly that "they who are out there" - i.e. extraterrestrial intelligences - can directly interfere with her life in this way (among other things) and confirm their existence. These beings have also appeared in some of her dreams (see below) and communicated with her.

A total of 12-15 observations of type A were made in the period 1934-92.

## **B) Dreams**

Exactly one week after the observation on 3 November 1984 BC experienced a strange dream. She woke up one morning in the usual way, but just afterwards she encountered a strange state, apparently just between sleep and the waking state. She then saw - "as in a movie" - an apparently tropical landscape, observed from above, through a large window. It resembled a tropical rainforest, and she has compared this part of the dream to sitting in a spaceship just about to land on an alien planet. A couple of years later she saw an illustration in a weekly

magazine, describing parts of the experiences of **Betty Andreasson**; including among other things, the observation of a similar landscape. This illustration gave BC a "eureka-feeling".

The next occurrence in this dream was the sight of a female being - a person who in appearance and clothing reminded BC about women from ancient Babylon, Mesopotamia or Egypt. BC felt instantly that this person emanated a sort of wisdom and superiority - in a positive way. She dreamt that they communicated with each other using telepathy and it appeared that this woman was "one of them" - one of the extraterrestrial beings who earlier, according to BC, had tried to contact her in various ways, among other things by the observation one week earlier.

An important feature in this dream was the notion that she saw the being "as in a movie". This expression has also been used describing other dreams, and partly in connection with experiences of type C. In addition, it seemed as if

the being was able to "scan" her own image in the dream. BC explains that initially she saw the being together with the surroundings; later she observed that the image (the "frame") narrowed to show only the face, and subsequently, just a part of the being's neck.

Several years later BC is able to recollect many other details in this dream, which made a deep and lasting impression on her.

Since then she has had several dreams in which she has, among other things, seen white beings, who in various ways have shown her things. "See what we are able to do!" - in addition to conveying various messages. She believes that these beings, initially "seen" a couple of weeks after the observation on 3 November 1984, are "the extraterrestrials" who frequently contacts her. Several of the dreams have often pointed towards this particular observation, in addition to some others occurring on later occasions. It might be added that some of her dreams can also

## Conference on ball lightning

During the summer of 1992, an international conference on ball lightning was arranged in the USA. More than 30 physicists were congregated at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) from 28 to 31 July. Among the participants were civ.eng. Erling Strand, member of the Committee in UFO-NORGE. He presented a paper describing the sightings at lake Øydeskyvatn and the Nord-Østerdalen valley (see this magazine no. 1/2 1991, pp. 26-32).

"The International Committee on Ball Lightning" arranged the biyearly conference, and it was number three in a series of meetings; the first held in Tokyo (1988) and the second in Budapest (1990).

The ball lightning phenomenon is related to the UFO-enigma in many ways. Most notably is the similarity in appearance - in both cases we are facing unknown, atmospheric light phenomena. The ball lightning researchers have collected a considerable amount of data, from which UFO-researchers may potentially benefit.

Several theories were forwarded and compared. Also laboratory- and field research were presented, and although theory and practice are relatively unexplored disciplines regarding ball lightning, useful discussions emerged between many of the participants. Several of the speakers also made references to Erling Strand and Project Hessdalen, presented in depth in Budapest.

The most important outcome of the conference was perhaps that an international subcommittee was inaugurated, in which Mr. Strand became one of five members. They will perform hands-on analyses, field-work etc. In December 1992, Mr. Strand attended a symposium on advanced laser-physics in Moscow. Here he also had discussions with members of the subcommittee. Hopes were high for a possible field-investigation performed during 1993.

be compared with those experienced by Whitley Strieber, described in his books "Communion" and "Transformation".

During these years she also encountered other types of dreams; she thinks that on some occasions she has been precognitive. Many of these dreams feature details which she was afterwards able to ascertain came true. A couple of years ago she claims to have been able to foresee some accidents involving members of her family, with the consequence that her experiences came more into focus. Her dreams also include "out-of-the-body-experiences", even if BC (who knows the phenomena from literature), doesn't quite agree with that designation. Without going into detail, she claims having at least 12-15 dreams of type B in which such features have been present.

### C) Special experiences

In addition it should be mentioned that she has also had extraordinary experiences while she has been occupied with her daily life and work. On some occasions - in broad daylight in the centre of Bergen, both inside and outside - she has experienced strange events.

In April 1986, while working as a home help in an apartment in Bergen, she suddenly got a strange vision. Through the window of the apartment's living room towards the street (a busy street in the centre of Bergen) she saw something strange happen. A face was apparently about to be painted or drawn on a window, situated on the house on the opposite side of the street. The process was described as appending "lines on a poster". BC tried to pull herself together - in order to find out if the sight was only a dream - however, the picture was still there. However, the person living in the apartment, whom BC was helping, didn't see anything strange, making BC believe she had gone crazy. After a while, when her work was finished, she went out in the street and controlled that no one had been climbing on the front of the house. The "picture" could not be seen, either. The apartment and window in question were both situated on the third floor.

Eventually it turned out that the projected face - apparently with oriental features - resembled a picture showing Betty Andreasson which BC incidentally saw a couple of days later.

Another event, which could be described as a **deja vu**, happened during the late 1970's. BC was in the centre of Bergen. She was in one of the busy streets on a usual weekday on a daily errand. The street was crowded, with many people and cars all around, and nothing unusual could be noticed. Suddenly, she got the feeling of being alone and isolated, no other people or cars could be seen. She had an intense feeling of being transferred back to ancient times (say, 100 years or more). The surroundings seemed archetypal (streets and buildings); especially the look of the streetlights was said to be old-fashioned. She couldn't see any persons around. This intense feeling of being transferred backwards in time lasted only for a few seconds. How she "returned" to present time she cannot recollect.

### The medical history of BC

During all her life she has been plagued by problems with her kidneys. In particular, her right kidney has been malfunctioning, and during the last 20 years it has virtually been ruined. She claims that the problems with her kidneys began at the age of 9 or 10. On some occasions she had pains. A scar just above the right kidney was discovered when she was 24-25 years old, without BC or others being able to account for when or how it was inflicted. After having read Budd Hopkins "Missing time" in 1982 she connected (being initiated by an acquaintance interested in UFOs) both the scar and her kidney-problems to her first UFO-experience. She has consulted a medical doctor a couple of times, however, without any definite diagnosis being established.

Other features which have appeared are problems with sleeping. At the age of 10 and the subsequent 3-4 years, she had severe problems when falling asleep. Often she had the strong sense of getting strangled. It resulted in screams, and the rest of the family soon noticed it. Some years later she also acquired claustrophobic tendencies, especially notable in connection with lifts.

Today, BC connects these problems with events that might have happened during her first UFO-experience, especially a possible medical examination.

#### **BC's attitude towards her own experiences**

During the last couple of years the frequency of observations and experiences has been slightly reduced. Nevertheless, she is more and more convinced that extraterrestrial intelligences are contacting her and gradually trying to use her as a "spokesman". On many occasions she has complained about the state of the world, with war, pollution, suffering and poverty. She thinks that "they" will gradually more often show themselves to people of the world. She also believes that it is very probable that the extraterrestrial intelligences will intervene with world affairs when time is ripe.

#### **Reactions from neighbours, family and friends.**

Initially BC was terrified by the thought of presenting her strange experiences in public. She was perfectly aware that family, friends and neighbours would label her as lunatic if she presented her views - even in a small circle. When UFO-NORGE first met her in January 1988 she first was very sceptic. In this meeting were, as earlier pointed out, her youngest brother - Toralv Skaar - and an acquaintance. The former was just interested in UFOs and related phenomena; the latter had in addition had paranormal experiences, some of them indirectly connected with BC's.

These two persons, together with a close friend interested in BC's experiences, constituted the "inner circle" during the first years.

Regarding the rest of the family, they were (those who knew anything at all) more or less sceptical. It was paramount that BC's neighbours at Skår shouldn't be informed, while she was afraid of being ridiculed.

After several years her own position towards this has been "softened"; the circle of informed person steadily grew larger, including members of her family together with friends around Osterøy. The great change regarding her wish to go public occurred about two years ago, when she positively stated that she was willing to present

her story including name and address. In this period she has also been much more open in her local community regarding her views and interests. She claims that only in a few instances she has been met with opposition and outright ridicule. It also seems that the entire family (including her brothers and sisters together with others) accept her "lifestyle".

One noticeable exception must be mentioned, since she has a younger relative with a much more blunt sceptical view than the others. He has over the years tried to argue against her **interpretation** of her experiences, although he is convinced she is sincere when claiming them. He is, according to BC, still very sceptical regarding her observations, and has met her with silence when she talks about it.

Her own son and daughter-in-law, together with an older sister are still quite sceptic, even if their stance isn't as opposed as that a couple of years ago.

#### **BC's social profile**

In spite of her strange experiences and special interests, it must be maintained that she is a very down-to earth and straightforward person. She is far from the typical crackpot who has lost contact with her surroundings and ridiculed by friends and neighbours. On the contrary, she is very socially adaptable and interested in current social issues. In addition, she has a broad range of "normal" interests. She makes a good impression upon people who meet her, a feature which also Jean-Luc Rivera would agree with.

In the next issue I will describe some of the observations which other people have claimed seeing over the years on Osterøy. They are mostly observations of a classic UFO-character, made over a large period of time by people both with or without connection with BC.

*To be continued.*

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