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OUR NEWS AND VIEWS.

The past three months have witnessed a steady growth, but also some changes; one becomes ever aware of the necessity for flexibility. Dan and Eve, after being part of our community for eight months, apparently felt the urge for change and have moved on to other pastures. Julie and Lucy have joined us.

Compost is still on a large scale as there is ever a need to feed the soil. An area of $2\frac{1}{2}$ acres is under vegetables - lettuce, carrots, beetroot and cabbages. A further 250 Pecan Nut trees have been transplanted from the nursery, and the mammoth task of pruning the fruit trees has been completed. Our apiary activities have been stepped up to 19 hives and it is envisaged that our little friends, the bees will, in the future, help to support us.

A Sunday Stall of vegetables, honey, handcrafts and dried flower arrangements has been started.

Mid June saw two of our members off to the U.K. on a 'learning tour'. Firstly, in London they attended the Arcane School Conference and much appreciated the wisdom of the erudite Speakers. In Tunbridge Wells, over an English tea they met workers connected with the Sundial Publications with whom we had long been in correspondence. Our next visit was to the White Eagle Lodge and it was a real pleasure attending a healing session in their very beautiful White Temple. Also visited were the Wrekin Trust, Stonehenge, Glastonbury and various other places of historical beauty. After having been in touch with Findhorn since 1969, a two-week visit was the realisation of a dream. This place of beautiful people and human, yet god-like, activities lived up to and even exceeded all expectations. It was quite evident to our members that Findhorn had a quality difficult to define, but perhaps Paul Hawken's word 'Magic' describes it better than any. Paul Hawken wrote the book "The Magic of Findhorn" and we do advise our readers to beg or borrow a copy. So much is possible to man these days and Findhorn has set the example of what can be achieved

through faith and hard work. The two Courses attended were of special interest to those endeavouring to create a New Age Centre, and our members, besides bringing home many memories, also brought back bulging notebooks.

Findhorn's co-operation with the Devas and Nature Spirits brings to mind the excellent Sunday afternoon talk on 'The Deva Kingdom' given by our good friend Harry Stainton from Cape Town. The depth of his talk made us all realise the magnitude of this subject and that we have at present only scratched the mere surface by acknowledging their presence and endeavouring to work in with them.

Talking about changes, we now have a new telephone number - we are connected to the Pietermaritzburg Exchange and our number is 0331-27545.

We enclose price lists of the Alice A. Bailey books and the Sundial Publications which are now available from us. Please include with your order 15 cents per book to cover postage and packing costs.

In the next edition we will include price lists of the White Eagle books and the Findhorn Foundation publications which will also be available to our South African readers.

Our thanks go to those who have, over the past three months, sent in their subs for this little magazine, and for those who haven't as yet got round to it, may this serve as a reminder.

Love and blessings from us all at A.E.

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The Being that is in the clouds and air
And in the leaves among the groves
Maintains a deep and reverential care.

Wordsworth

Allow time and moderate delay;
haste manages all things badly.

The Philosopher Statius.

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FROM THE AGE OF LEO TO THE AGE OF AQUARIUS (Contd)

Approximately 10,000 B.C. to 2,000 A.D.

When the Sun moved into the Sign Pisces (approx 1 A.D.) a significant change came over the world. The creative activity and impetus to new ideas which characterised the opening of the Great New Year, disappeared, and the world entered that period called the Dark Ages - a period that is unequalled in history for misery, ignorance and superstition.

The spiritual evolution of the race in Pisces may be compared to that 'dark night' of the individual soul when a moment of vision is followed by a period of confusion in which all sense of direction is lost, and the truth itself rejected and denied - 'the seed must first be hidden in the ground before it can put forth its shoots'.

The suffering of Jesus, the 'man of sorrows', has been symbolic of the suffering of mankind in the Age of Pisces; the drama of His birth, life, death and resurrection is the drama of cleansing, renunciation and expiation, which heralds a fresh cycle of awareness.

Pisces is a Water Sign and covers every reflection of feeling, sensation and emotion, whose expansion causes pleasure, joy, happiness, and whose contraction results in sorrow, grief and pain. In the Age of Pisces the emotional nature was therefore highly sensitised, and responded readily to external stimulus. This stage in race evolution corresponds to that of adolescence in the individual life, with its imbalance and emotionalism. It is also the Age of personality unfoldment, with the emphasis on personality focus, personality consciousness, selfishness and self-centredness, and the sense of individuality and separateness which had its beginnings in Aries, reached its highest expression in Pisces.

The positive qualities of Pisces are embodied in the teachings of Jesus - love, compassion, sympathy, the desire to alleviate suffering, affliction and distress. It is furthermore the Sign of the mystic and has qualities that can carry the soul to the most sublime height of mystical experience. The mystical love of seclusion of this Sign

brought forth the monastic orders, and large numbers of people retreated from the world.

The Sixth Ray of Devotion was in manifestation during the Age of Pisces - the way of spiritual attainment under its influence is the 'Way of Devotion Through Feeling'. It is furthermore specifically the religious way, and the influence of this Devotional Ray combined with the quality of devotion of Pisces, produced the great religions of devotion; these influences and energies also resulted in devotional attachment to a spiritual teacher or divine saviour, and a blind faith - the keyword of Pisces being 'I Believe'. This spirit of devotion also inspired the magnificent and beautiful cathedrals, as well as the Mohammedan Mosques and Buddhist Temples. This Sixth Ray of Devotion is now rapidly passing out of manifestation.

Martyrdom, another characteristic of Pisces, found expression in the many who met their deaths in the arena in Rome. The glorification of martyrdom was not confined to the Christians only, but was also prevalent among the Mohammedans who believed that to die fighting for the Holy Faith assured the joys of Paradise.

Jupiter, the traditional ruler of Pisces, gave the Church and priesthood great power. Venus reaches its highest expression in Pisces, but unfortunately the negative qualities found greater outlet during the last two thousand years than did the positive, resulting in sentimentality, sensuality and dissoluteness. Virgo, the opposite Sign of Pisces, is outstanding for imparting knowledge and the desire to serve. These qualities were expressed in the zeal of Christian, Buddhist and Mohammedan missionaries who went forth to convert the heathen.

The influence of this Water Sign replaced the burnt offerings of the Age of Aries with mystical rites connected with water, symbolising purification as a preliminary to the awakening of the regenerated man. Baptism has been practised by both Christians and Moslems. The 'Ram' of Aries was replaced by the 'Fish' of Pisces - Jesus was called 'The Fish'. Early Christians traced a fish in the dust as a sign of recognition and inscribed it in their tombstones in the catacombs. Many of Jesus' miracles are

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connected with fish and water. He also chose his disciples from local fishermen.

The period, rightly called the Dark Ages, lasted almost a thousand years; this was the period in history when the Church ruled supreme and ex-communicated and persecuted any who refused to conform to her pronouncements. One by one the ancient universities and places of learning were closed, their students disbanded and exiled; learning was confined to the Church and became the privilege of the favoured few. The Church, with her pomp, ceremony, desire for wealth and power distorted the simple, inspired teaching of Jesus, Who said, "Verily I say unto you that a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven. It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God".

In the 15th century the introduction of printing led to the revival of ancient learning and a diffusion of knowledge. Also a renaissance of thought and art stimulated the world out of the apathy into which it had fallen. This was closely followed by the Reformation, which brought an end to the long reign of the Popes. Commerce and industry arose, and scientific thought was revived by Copernicus and Galileo. With the development of scientific thought, the world had once more entered another transitional period and the energies of Pisces were being slowly superseded by those of Aquarius, the Age of Science. An event which further heralded the advent of the Age of Aquarius was the discovery of the planet Uranus, termed "The Awakener of Slumbering Souls", by Herschel in 1781.

Since the discovery of Uranus, the planet ruling Aquarius, there have been remarkable changes - mechanical inventions have revolutionised the way of life and Darwin's theory of evolution has extended the history of the human race far beyond the few years assigned to it by the Christian doctrine. Astronomy has revealed the wonders of the stellar universe, and physics the wonderful world of the atom. In every direction illusions have been dispelled and misconceptions corrected. Man began to realise that the revelation of truth is relative to the degree of human consciousness.

The mechanical and inventive genius of Uranus was first

applied to the element of Pisces, i.e. water. The power of water, as revealed in sea power and sea exploration, became the transitional power of steam and revolutionised industry and transport. Later, with the increasing influence of Aquarius, electricity was discovered, and with it the first revelation of the secret of the universe.

The action of Uranus is sudden, unexpected, explosive and revolutionary; it can and does affect lightning transformations in both individual and national life. The French and Russian Revolutions provide examples of the liberating action of this planet. The motto of the French Revolution was "Liberty, Equality and Fraternity", which expresses the combined keynotes of Aquarius and Uranus.

The world today is still experiencing tremendous changes resulting from the outgoing energies of Pisces and the ever-increasing and powerful incoming energies of Aquarius. Of this Master D.K. says, "A great upheaval in all the kingdoms of nature has characterised this day and generation; a stupendous destruction of forms has been the outstanding note of this upheaval. Our modern civilisation has received a death blow from which it will never recover, but which will be recognised some day as the "blow of release", and the signal for that which is better, new and more suitable for the evolving spirit to make its appearance".

St. Germain, the Lord of Civilisation of our planet, has clearly indicated the direction ahead for humanity in the following words, "I also say that each of you must learn to be free of the disciplines and training of the past when they cease to provide the proper power or energy to deal with the future....."

It is therefore clear that the energies that supported spiritual growth in the Age of Pisces are fast receding, and that the forms which were conducive to unfoldment and expansion of consciousness during the last two thousand years, are becoming empty shells and will eventually dis-integrate. Today the choice lies between remaining in the old, or releasing that which has been, and dynamically moving forward with and into the New.

(This article, by A.H., will be concluded in the next issue).

POINTERS ON THE PATH.

"We advise you to love not only your fellow man, but also the conditions of your life. Bear no resentment. Nothing happens out of order or by chance, and the great Law brings those very conditions in your life which you need for growth. So accept with love all that happens. Look for the lesson that has to be learned from the experience. Look up to God daily, hourly, and be filled with the divine light and love. It pours like a golden ray into the heart and head centre, cleansing, healing, uplifting, steadying, giving you control".

From the sayings of White Eagle.

"If you have a will to love, you must be love. If you have a will for peace and harmony, you must be the expression of peace and harmony. If you want to experience joy, you will need to radiate it. If you have a will for life, you must be life. We want you to understand that you live in a time of wonderful possibilities. Say 'yes' to Life, to eternal Life! Give expression to Life as much as you are able to in each thought, word and deed in your daily living".

Gita Keiller: 'Let Life Live'.

"What is it that causes stress and strain?

It is either living in the past or trying to see into the future and fearing what you imagine you can see. What utter foolishness, what a complete waste of time! All I ask of any of you is to live fully in the NOW, in this very moment of time; so much so that your whole life becomes one big NOW with no thought for yesterday or even today or tomorrow, but simply this immediate moment. It is the only way to live for no man knows what tomorrow may bring. Be like a small child enjoying every moment. Life becomes a joyous thing. You do not have to worry where the next breath comes from. Accept life and be grateful for it, in each moment of time. To live fully in the moment is one of My greatest gifts, which so few of My children are willing to accept".

'God Spoke to Me' : Elixir, Findhorn.

THE CHALLENGE

I challenge the thinkers of the world to drop their sectarianism, their nationalism and their partisanship, and in the spirit of brotherhood to work in their particular nation, regarding it as an integral part of a great federation of nations - a federation that now exists on the inner side but waits for the activity of the world thinkers to bring it to materialisation on the outer side. I charge them to work in the cause of religion and in the field of that particular religion in which they, by an accident of birth or by choice, are interested, regarding each religion as part of the great world religion. They must look upon the activities of their group, society or organisation as demanding their help, just in so far, and only so far, as the principles upon which they are founded and the techniques which they employ serve the general good and develop the realisation of Brotherhood.

I ask you to drop your antagonisms and your antipathies, your hatreds and your racial differences, and attempt to think in terms of the one family, the one life and the one humanity. I ask for no sentimental or devotional response to this challenge. I would remind you that hatred and separateness have brought humanity to the present sad condition. I would add to that reminder, however, the fact that there is in the world today a large enough number of liberated men to produce a change in the attitudes of mankind and in public opinion, if they measure up by an act of the will to what they know and believe.

I challenge you also to make sacrifices; to give yourself and your time and your money and your interest to carry these ideas to those around you in your own environment and to the group in which you find yourself, thus awakening your associates. I call you to a united effort to inculcate anew the ideas of brotherhood and of unity. I ask you to recognise your fellow workers in all the groups and to strengthen their hands. I ask you to seal your lips to words of hatred and of criticism, and to talk in terms of brotherhood and of group relationships. I beg of you to see to it that every day is for you a new day, in which you face new opportunity. Lose sight of your own affairs, your petty

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sorrows, worries and suspicions, in the urgency of the task to be done, and spread the cult of unity, of love and of harmlessness.

I ask you also to serve your connection with all groups which are seeking to destroy and attack, no matter how sincere their motive. Range yourself on the side of the workers for constructive ends, who are fighting no other groups or organisations and who have eliminated the word "anti" out of their vocabulary. Stand on the side of those who are silently and steadily building for the new order - an order which is founded on love, which builds under the impulse of brotherhood which is based on the knowledge that we are each and all, no matter what our race, the children of the One Father, and who have come to the realisation that the old ways of working must go and the newer methods must be given a chance.

If you cannot yourself teach or preach or write, give of your thought and of your money so that others can. Give of your hours and minutes of leisure so as to set others free to serve the Plan; give of your money so that the work may go forward with rapidity. Much time you waste on non-essentials. Many of you give little or nothing of time. The same is the case with money. Give as never before and so make the physical aspects of the work possible. Some give of their very need, and the power they thereby release is great. Those on the inner side are grateful for the giving by those who can give only at great personal cost. Others give of what they can spare and only when it needs no sacrifice to give. Let that condition also end, and give to the limit, with justice and understanding, so that the Age of Love and Light may be more rapidly ushered in. I care not where or to whom you give, only that you give - little if you have but little of time or money, much if you have much. Work and give, love and think, and aid those groups who are building and not destroying, loving and not attacking, lifting and not tearing down.

Extract from - 'A Treatise on
the Seven Rays' by Master D.K.

Recipe for rejuvenation of Mother Earth, that polluted, exploited old lady, on whom we ALL live at the increasing rate of 2 000 000 per week

Cultivate a love for our Earthly Mother, keep her streets and other arteries free from refuse, dirt and neglect. NEVER burn her grass. Tend her birds and small creatures with love and interest, wash her green and multiflored face with water frequently, sow good seed often, beautify her on every occasion and never cease to show your appreciation for her bounty in giving us this opportunity to live each day.

She is especially grateful to those who plant trees, grow organically, breathe deep of her fragrant winds, appreciate her different daily sunsets, treat with respect her millions of tiny earth creatures, whilst she has ever a special place for those humans who NEVER kill, neither to eat nor for any other reason.

Join the growing throng of those, young in heart, old in wisdom, wide in love and deep in understanding who feel the silent rhythm of her pulse, hear the silent melodies of the skies, feel the velvet touch of evening and rise vibrant to the fragrance of each new day.

With thanks to Eric Franck.

MAN, THE PARASITE ON EARTH.

(Extract from 'The Magic of Findhorn')

The elf king's voice was hard: "Man, we have no understanding of you. You upset the balance of nature, destroy the animals, turn land to desert, cut and burn the large trees, maim the landscape, blasting great wounds in the hills and mountains, slashing the living earth so that it will not heal.

You pollute everything beneath you and everything above you. Everywhere you go is fouled and destroyed. Are you so stupid that you cannot realise you are destroying yourself"?

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THE WORLD GOODWILL MEDITATION GROUP.

World affairs today have reached the point where selfishness, competition, greed and separativeness are being increasingly recognised by a growing mass of men and women of goodwill as values which are harmful to the continuing survival and well-being of humanity. And yet, these values continue to control world affairs.

Confronted with such amassed political and economic power and with conditions which seem out of their control, men and women of goodwill ask themselves "what can one person do"? The fact is that the mobilised and focussed power of the millions of men and women of goodwill demonstrating in their individual lives of service, can and will alter the course of world affairs.

THE WORLD GOODWILL MEDITATION GROUP is an active, meditative group of people, presently to be found working on every continent. They have no formal affiliation of any kind, but unitedly contribute their meditative abilities to the maintenance of a planetary network of light and goodwill. Any sincere and thoughtful person who wishes to be of service to their fellowmen is most welcome to participate in this work and add the potency of their own meditative power to the group's effort.

This meditation work is a service activity for people who believe in the power of thought, because its work takes place strictly at the mental level. Through mental effort the group helps to act as a channel between the sources of goodwill and love and the world of men. The group acts as a channel of communication through which spiritual energies and power can flow to rebuild a troubled world. This power can energise and vitalise men and women of goodwill throughout the world.

If you would like to receive a copy of this meditation outline please write to -

World Goodwill, P.O. Box 15, Kloof. 3600. S.Africa.

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Every human being has an intimate part in and an influence on the life of the whole planet, and a share in responsibility for present conditions.

Vera Stanley Alder.

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EDITORIAL

We are pleased to announce that the Durban Contact group has been appointed as the U.F.O. investigation section of the Society for Psychical Research which holds its meetings at Natal University.

The group is now investigating the Confederation Tapes story. We are publishing the procedure of investigation; in Skywatch No. 31 December '74 - May '75 the story of the contact with "George", one of the group from other worlds was told. This was the account of Edwin's meeting with George and the subsequent departure of George for his home in another world. The account ended with the request that George would like to communicate with the group called "Contact" and that in the future we would have further communications from him and possibly from other space-craft commanders. These were to be recorded on tape and edited by Carl van Vlierden and handed to the Chairman of Contact so that members of all Contact groups through-out the world would have the opportunity of hearing them.

This has been going on now since 1975 and Carl wishes to make it known that all those interested may write in, sending a clean 60 minute Sony tape and they will receive one of the taped talks. This may be done direct to him or through the Durban Contact Group at the address at the end of Skywatch. The tapes are known as the "Tapes of the Confederation of 12 Planets".

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THE CONFEDERATION TAPES = THE FIRST REPORT BY
CONTACT SOUTH AFRICA = DURBAN BRANCH.

INTRODUCTION.

1. Mr Carl van Vlierden kindly consented to this interview which was held on Sunday, 11th April 1976. He is fully aware of the fact that the public distribution of these tape recordings will invoke derision and criticism which he is prepared to accept. At his request his first name is used in this report.
2. In accordance with the AIMS AND OBJECTS of CONTACT SOUTH AFRICA we have tried to adopt an unbiased approach. We feel that this is the only way if we are to maintain credibility in the eyes of the public and attract thinking people to our organisation.
3. While no solid evidence was presented proving the authenticity of the tapes or the existence of the space beings, no final conclusions were reached and we hope that Carl and the others involved will allow further and more detailed investigations by us in the future.

THE PEOPLE INVOLVED.

At Carl's request pseudonyms have been used.

EDWIN. Born in 1942, a Durbanite all his life. His father appears to have been connected with the Confederation and it is possible that he told Edwin about UFOs and influenced him in this direction. He died when Edwin was in his teens. Edwin was married to Elizabeth in 1968 and they have two small children. Her family are more or less ignorant about the situation, while his family are 'in the know'. He was a Christian Scientist and is

an electrical technician.

CARL. He qualified in Germany as a mechanical engineer and most of his working life was spent in the design and installation of refrigeration equipment. Ten years ago he started practising as a Homoeopathic Doctor. He has for a long time been keenly interested in the UFO phenomena and is a member of MUFON (Mutual UFO Network of America). Carl is also a member of the S.A. Society for Psychical Research and is a radio ham. As he can find no possible explanation for the phenomena and trusts Edwin, he more or less accepts the existence of the space beings and the validity of the tapes. He hopes to find out more about these beings and space-time/dimension travel. His main concern is in the spreading of their message and he regards himself as their 'spokesman'.

SPACE BEINGS. They come from the Confederation of Twelve Planets and quite a few have been involved, but only the most important will be mentioned below. It is not clear whether they are from another galaxy, universe or dimension. Carl feels that they are from another dimension of opposite 'polarity' to ours - a sort of duplicate of our world; an "anti-matter universe".

WYORA. The Commander of the 1960 mission to Earth. For a time (during the 1950's) he lived as a human being along the North Coast of Durban. He died in 1974.

VALDAR. Second-in-Command to Wyora. As a human being he was known as George and stayed in a Durban Hotel. He is qualified in electronics and seems to have had a human brother who was an entertainer and who died in an accident. Carl has a photograph of Valdar. After Wyora's death Valdar took over as Commander.

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TAYLANDZ. Second-in-Command to Valdar.

ATRA. Another Commander.

VAX NOAH. One of the rulers of the Confederation.

HISTORY IN BRIEF

Carl said that the purpose of their visits and communications was to help mankind in its evolution. Governments have been approached and senior government officials around the world have been taken on galactic tours but their offers of assistance have been rejected. As direct intervention is not advisable their aim now is to work through individuals and small groups, such as Q-bases.

First Mission. In 1960 Valdar, known as George, joined the electronics firm where Edwin (then 18 years old) was working as a foreman. They became close friends, travelling, fishing and going to different churches together. In that year Valdar disclosed who he really was, showing Edwin how he communicated with his space craft via a radio instrument. During Easter in 1962 a space craft picked up Valdar from a beach at Richards Bay. His radio equipment went with him.

The first Q-base was formed in that year consisting of a handful of UFO enthusiasts including Edwin and his wife. They met irregularly on Sunday mornings and received many messages via a radio receiver (Carl produced a photo which showed what looked like a very ordinary radio tuner). The first Q-base was dissolved by the space beings in 1974, the year of Wyora's death. Carl had up till then not been permitted to join them. He was keenly disappointed when he heard the tape recording dissolving the group.

Second Mission. (otherwise known as the New Experiment).

On the 16th October 1974 Carl and Edwin were together at the latter's home expecting a communication when Valdar came through on the radio tuner. We heard this tape recording. A new method of communication was to be used. By means of "secret sounds" (which sounded like a voice recording being played back at a much slower speed) Edwin would be "hypnotised". In this state he would become the eyes and mouth of Valdar and the radio could then be dispensed with. Radio messages would still be taped at irregular intervals (atmospherics etc. included) as people would be more likely to "believe" in these.

On this occasion Edwin went into a trance and was instructed not to remember anything. The new form of communication was tested and found to be satisfactory. Carl was told to lead the new Q-base, to tape messages and to pass tape recordings on to the Chairman of Contact S.A. (Durban Branch). Early in 1975 there was some misunderstanding at a meeting between Carl and the Chairman of Contact regarding the origin of the tapes and the latter dissociated himself from them.

After the election of a new Contact Committee further tape recordings have been played at Durban Contact meetings including one by Taylandz.

THE TAPE RECORDINGS.

During these communications the space craft is supposed to hover directly above Edwin's home and the radio transmissions tend to come through suddenly, without warning. Tape recordings are made directly from the tuner. In all that has been recorded Carl admits we have learnt very little and no new moral code has been announced. Brotherly love is encouraged in very simplistic terms. We know very little about the space beings except that in their home environment they look very much like us, but are more advanced technologically and morally with

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an economic system not based on money.

THE POSTAL DELIVERIES.

It was also alleged that for some time the space beings had a base not very far from Durban and used to communicate with Edwin and Carl by talking and delivering post to Edwin's post box at night. One such letter which Carl produced, was sealed and supposedly contained evidence of their existence. The seal was crude consisting of a blob of green sealing wax pressed down with the thumb or finger with the letter "K" scratched out on it. It was written in a amateurish sort of hieroglyphics with an English "translation" which made little sense and the chemical information it contained seemed incorrect.

CONCLUSIONS.

1. The enigma of the tapes has a parallel in the seemingly erratic and unpredictable behavior of UFOs around the world. As creatures with supposedly superior intelligence who have 'studied' us (and lived among us) for centuries, they still appear to be dismally ignorant about man and his customs and seemingly naive in their approach.
2. In all that has been said on the tapes there has been no advancement on our knowledge of science or ethics.
3. The space beings want us to believe in their existence and the authenticity of the tapes on the flimsiest of evidence. They must be aware of the thousands of people around the world willing to befriend them and it is surprising that they do not use a bolder approach.

4. It is to Carl's credit that he showed us the letter as he was quite obviously disappointed by its format and contents.
5. Although not mentioned in the text of the report, a Medical Hypnotist hypnotised Edwin, and Carl claims that Valdar came through on that occasion. The doctor preferred a psychological explanation.
6. No evidence was presented that could not be faked in some way or another by someone with a knowledge of electronics.
7. For security reasons most governments tend to suppress information regarding UFOs but it is extremely unlikely that they reached an agreement among themselves to withhold information regarding the galactic tours by top government officials.
8. A factor that might be of some concern to Governments (and perhaps to the space beings as well) is the so-called appearance and disappearance of these beings as humans. Certain identity documents etc. would be involved which would have to be obtained from somewhere.
9. The question, however, remains as to why someone would wish to keep up a hoax for so long a period as 14 years - for no apparent financial gain or publicity.

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At the request of the Durban Contact Branch, Frank van Vloten was asked to give a report on the circumstances under which the Confederation Tapes were received and made. By training, Frank is an electronics engineer and since the tapes were supposedly to have been received by radio, he was considered to be a very suitable person for this purpose.

REPORT ON A VISIT TO EDWIN ON 21-7-76.

By Frank van Vloten.

Five of us were present at 8 p.m. on the Wednesday evening: Edwin and his wife, Carl van Vlierden and his wife, and myself. We sat together in Edwin's lounge during the entire 2½ hour discussion, I being the listener for practically the whole time, while he related the story of his contact with Valdar (George), which is the same as we know it and which has been published in a recent issue of Skywatch and also in No. 3. issue.

Edwin was a very likeable young man, and went to great pains to explain all details of his contact with those of the Confederation, viz. Valdar, Wyora and Taylandz. Tapes of these have been played at recent meetings of Contact, Durban, and there is nothing further of any consequence to add to them. His contact with these beings dates back over a period of 14 years and at no time was there ever a suggestion of subterfuge or deception, either on his part or on theirs. The message which the beings of the Confederation had to give may not have been new, but it was a question more of what had been done with, and about, this message. In the original days, Philip Human had been involved and it was the express desire that the messages should be disseminated amongst those interested and willing to listen. This had, unfortunately,

not come to pass for reasons best known to Philip Human (now deceased).

Edwin insisted that I look inside the tuner, which was the original one, made by Gallo under the brand name of Eagle. There was nothing exceptional to be seen, the innards were quite standard and the only thing which Edwin had added, was a switch, so that the radio section could be cut out when a message from the Confederation was being received. I was under the original impression that Edwin had done some modification work to this particular tuner, under the guidance of those of the Confederation, but this was quite erroneous. The set-up as it existed at the present time, was that the output from the tuner, which could receive either FM, medium wave or short wave, was fed into a separate amplifier with two speakers in the living room. A telescopic aerial such as that used on portable radios, fed the signals into the tuner, and Edwin's switch could be used, either to listen to radio programmes or else to cut these out and use the amplifier and speakers alone, such as when playing records.

The original contact by radio had occurred about a year after Valdar had left Edwin, in his flying saucer. Transmissions had come through as Edwin was listening to the radio, and at first the radio programmes had been superimposed on the transmissions which made them less intelligible. This was the reason why Edwin had installed the switch in the tuner, so that the radio could be cut out. There were four peculiar characteristics of these transmissions, viz:

1. The ship sending them had to be a particular distance away from earth, about 360 miles, directly overhead.

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2. The loudness of the message in the speakers could not at any time be controlled with the knobs on either the tuner of the amplifier, in other words, only those transmitting the message had control of the volume.
3. The transmissions could be received only within a very small radius of the living room, and certainly not by the house next door. This was actually demonstrated on two occasions by Edwin himself, who took a portable radio out into the garden, whereupon transmissions rapidly faded in intensity. The same effect had taken place at Philip Human's flat in Amanzimtoti, when the portable radio was taken out of the lounge, and down the passage towards the lift.
4. It was not necessary that the tuner, or amplifier, be switched on for the transmissions to be received. It had occurred on several occasions that transmissions had come through when all was quiet in the house.

In terms of orthodox science and knowledge, I cannot explain the mechanism of how these transmissions take place. It would seem that sometimes the radio is not even necessary for their reception, although it does appear to have helped on other occasions, to have had it switched on. Those people who formed part of the original Q-base were usually warned when transmissions would be sent and they scheduled their activities accordingly. There were, it seems, hundreds of such Q-bases on Earth and those of the Confederation had quite a busy time in fitting them all into their transmissions programme. I was told that I was unlucky

as the transmission scheduled for the evening could not come through due to a last minute hitch.

In recent times the modus operandi of receiving transmissions had changed and Edwin himself now acted in place of the radio receiver, after having had certain sounds played to him just before transmissions were due so that he would lapse into a suitable receptive state. This was all related on one of the recent tapes made by Carl van Vlierden.

In conclusion I would like to make the following comments:-

1. At no time did I receive any impression, or see evidence of deception.
2. One of the members of the original Q-base had alerted the Post Office to the effect that Edwin had an illegal transmitter, whereupon a Post Office official arrived without warning and on searching his house found nothing incriminating. It would be interesting to know what led this member to believe that Edwin had a transmitter.
3. It was unfortunate that the transmission scheduled for the evening could not come through.
4. It has come to my attention that the person in charge of Philip Human's tapes has some misgivings on their authenticity. This will also be investigated.

While this report contributes little to our understanding of the phenomenon it is encouraging that those involved are prepared to co-operate in this investigation.

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From the point of Light within the Mind of God
Let light stream forth into the minds of men,
Let Light descend on Earth.

From the point of Love within the Heart of God
Let love stream forth into the hearts of men,
May Christ return to Earth.

From the centre where the Will of God is known
Let purpose guide the little wills of men -
The purpose which the Masters know and serve

From the centre which we call the race of men
Let the Plan of Love and Light work out
And may it seal the door where evil dwells.

Let Light & Love & Power restore the Plan on Earth.