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EDITORIAL

1977 is here and we are once again called "Skywatch". The magazine is now owing money and to help meet expenses and in order not to raise the membership fee, we have decided to have three volumes of Skywatch a year instead of four. At present this will enable us to meet the costs of the printing and paper expenses plus postage. We have included the latest information on the Confederation Tapes. We would like this magazine to be a combined effort of all our groups and this report is the work of our Durban Secretary. We greatly appreciate Durban's help and now look forward to Johannesburg and Cape Town supplying us with interesting and up-to-date information in the "Field of Investigation" on the Flying Saucer subject.

Please will all members in South Africa send in any news of Flying Saucers being sighted in the Republic. We are trying to assemble an over all picture of these sightings for a research project.

You will all be interested to hear that we have a new International Chairman, Mr. John Longhorn. We in South Africa welcome our association with him and wish to thank the out-going Chairman, Dr. Cleary-Baker, who for health reasons decided to pass the position over to a younger man.

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THE CONFEDERATION TAPES - A SECOND REPORT

By Mike Viljoen

Introduction and Comments

As this investigation proceeds one becomes more and more bewildered by the complexity of the factors involved and one cannot help being critical of CONTACT for not taking the initiative when first confronted by the phenomenon in 1967.

(The "Contact" Committee did not investigate the phenomenon of the Confederation Tapes for the simple reason that after an initial release of the story to "Contact" there appeared to be a clamp down on all information coming from that source; when we repeatedly wished to meet and talk with Edwin, excuses were always made and our efforts came to nought. It was not because of inertia on our part. EDITOR).

Instead the validity of the recordings was accepted without any serious investigation. Ridicule also serves no purpose whatsoever and these transmissions have been allowed to continue unchallenged and by now important facts have become lost or distorted by time and personal prejudices.

This report consists mainly of an interview with Edwin who, it will be remembered from our FIRST REPORT, was the original contactee. In spite of the number of contradictory statements made, the investigators endeavoured to maintain a cordial atmosphere as no purpose would have been served by confrontation. Although the evidence presented tends to invalidate the phenomenon, we feel it would be unjustified to reach a final conclusion at this stage as an opportunity to be present at one or more transmissions may arise and Edwin was furthermore willing to be examined under hypnosis.

AI INTERVIEW WITH EDWIN ON FRIDAY 19TH NOVEMBER, 1976

The interview was conducted at Edwin's home and present were Carl and his wife, Geordie Tuck and Mike Viljoen. Edwin appreciated CONTACT's open-minded scientific approach and understood the problems involved in trying to prove the validity of the phenomenon. He realised that with a simple transmitter and other radio equipment and tape recorders a hoax could easily be perpetrated. He admitted that the actual reason for the Confederation's involvement with Earth and with him in particular, was baffling and that perhaps it might have some future significance.

The discussion proceeded along the following lines:

- a) A verification of the details contained in our FIRST REPORT (which were given to us by Carl) and Frank van Vloten's Report.
- b) To establish what rapport existed between Edwin and Philip Human and to examine the article Philip had written about Edwin in Skywatch No. 3, 1967 and compare it with our FIRST REPORT.
- c) To examine some of the statements made by Gerrie Naude who was a close friend of Philip Human.

THE FIRST REPORT AND FRANK'S REPORT

Edwin confirmed that the details given in our FIRST REPORT were quite correct except that he hails from the Transvaal and it was therefore incorrect to say that he was a Durbanite all his life.

It was also confirmed that on the 26th June, 1976, all contact between the Confederation and Earth was lost (see the APPENDIX). This is somewhat contrary to the impression gained from Frank's Report, as he was told on 21st July that he was unlucky as the transmission scheduled for that evening could not come through due to a last minute hitch. Carl and Edwin denied that they had given Frank any reason to believe there would be a transmission.

PHILIP HUMAN'S ARTICLE VERSUS OUR FIRST REPORT

Mr. Philip Human, an avid UFO enthusiast now deceased met Edwin in June 1963 and they became good friends and their cordial relationship continued right up to the time of Philip's death in 1974. Edwin assured us that he had no reason to withhold any of his experiences or information from Philip and he also entrusted Philip with all the tape recordings of the transmissions. He also relied on Philip's discretion regarding the publicity of the phenomenon.

It was necessary to obtain these assurances of their good relationship from Edwin because in 1967 an article by Philip appeared in SKYWATCH NO. 3. This article recounted Edwin's experiences up until that time and Edwin confirmed that these were accurately recorded. It appeared, therefore, that Edwin had forgotten some of the details in this account as there are some conspicuous differences between it and our FIRST REPORT (which Edwin earlier confirmed was correct). This is surprising as one would imagine that details of such vivid encounters with UFOs and extraterrestrials would not easily be forgotten or confused. The two accounts, together with Edwin's attempted explanations and our comments follow:

Philip: One night during March 1961, Edwin and his friend Henry O'Dank were fishing at Paterson's groyne, North Beach, Durban. They were alone. They saw and heard a circular shaped UFO. Edwin had never heard of a flying saucer before and when Henry suggested that it might have been one, they thought it best not to mention this amazing sight to anybody.

1st Report: In 1960, George (alias Valder) joined the electronics firm where Edwin was working. They became close friends and that year George disclosed who he really was and while they were fishing one night at Paterson's Groyne he demonstrated how he

communicated with his space craft via a radio instrument.

Edwin: He said that George was present the night he and Henry O'Dank were fishing, which was also the occasion that George communicated with the space craft. The article, however, emphasises that they were alone and that Edwin had never heard of a flying saucer before.

Philip: During the Easter weekend the following year, Edwin and his friend Michael, motored to Richards Bay for another fishing trip. They decided to camp under some some palm trees quite close to the beach, about a mile away from the village. That night while Michael was sleeping Edwin went for a walk along the beach and witnessed a circular-shaped craft land on the beach. He wondered where it had come from and why it had landed. A man stared at him from the nearest port-hole. After a while the craft took off and went away.

1st Report: During Easter in 1962 Edwin and George went to Richards Bay where a space craft picked up George from a beach.

Edwin: Michael, George and Edwin went to Richards Bay, the former being unaware of George's identity was led to believe he was going there on business and would return to Empangeni that evening. They booked in at the Richards Bay Hotel and that night George departed in the space craft, Edwin being the only witness. Philip's article states however that they were camping and the appearance of the space craft was completely unexpected and a mystery to Edwin.

1st Report: The first Q-Base was formed in 1963 consisting of a handful of UFO enthusiasts who met on Sunday mornings and received many messages via a radio tuner.

Philip: The rest of Philip's account only reinforces the impression that at least up until the time of writing, George and the transmissions did not exist. There was only one incident in 1966 when a stranger visited Edwin in hospital and told him to be prepared for contacts which which give a hint at the sort of events described in our FIRST REPORT, but with the disparity in the dates.

GERRIE NAUDE AND THE CONFEDERATION

Mr. Gerrie Naude lives in the Transvaal where he works with computers. He and Philip Human were very close friends and he is in possession of all the tape recordings. He suggests that a hoax is involved but has as yet not presented any solid evidence to substantiate this claim. Philip became very involved with the Confederation and even received two or three direct transmissions on his own radio in his flat. He kept all the tape recordings of the 200 or so transmissions that were received and spent much time in typing out their contents. On one occasion he voluntarily went through an initiation ceremony in order to become a fully-fledged member of the Confederation. On this occasion Edwin was instructed to give Philip an emblem which he had received through the post from an unknown source. After his death from illness in 1974 all the tape recordings passed into the hands of Gerrie Naude.

The following questions were asked regarding Philip's involvement:

Q1. Did Philip ever expect financial or material reward from the Confederation?

Gerrie Edwin claimed that the money for the house he had bought was made available by the Confederation, but retracted this claim after Philip's death.

Edwin Denied having made any such claim and further said that Philip came to expect some sort of reward because of his efforts on behalf of the Confederation. To such a request the Confederation replied that they were unable to assist.

Q2. What became of the emblem Philip received at his initiation ceremony?

Edwin Philip destroyed the tape recording of the initiation and the emblem.

Gerrie He has the emblem which was identified by authorities at the War Museum at Zoo Lake as an incomplete badge used by British Naval Officers.

Q3. Did Philip ever ask for an example of genuine Confederation music?

Edwin The Confederation used a number of different tunes of earthly origin as so-called signature tunes to their transmissions. He could not recall that Philip had ever specifically asked for music of Confederation origin.

Gerrie He claims to have in his possession a cassette containing so-called Confederation music which Gallo was able to identify for him. Philip, being a musician, possibly also identified the music.

Q4. Did Philip ever change his mind about the Confederation?

Gerrie He noticed a change in Philip after the initiation ceremony and his letters to Gerrie became less frequent. He also wanted to throw the emblem into the sea.

Edwin Philip was probably disappointed by the response he got from the Confederation to his request for material assistance, but his relationship with Edwin continued on a cordial footing. Edwin claims that Gerrie Naude had also been present at a transmission and after Philip's death, wrote him two friendly letters expressing his continued interest in the Confederation and in receiving further tape recordings.

Q5. Do the tapes in Gerrie's possession contain 'dangerous' information and libellous statements made by Edwin and does he fear the public release of these tapes.

Gerrie Yes.

Edwin No. Gerrie could do with the tapes as he pleased, although he felt that the contents of the recordings were his property and did not believe that Philip intended them to go to Gerrie.

APPENDIX - AN INTERVIEW WITH CARL

On 26/8/76 Carl told us why he expected no further communications from the Confederation for some time. From the communications received he has built up the following picture of the situation:

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1. Our Universe has its exact counterpart in an anti-matter universe which contains the Confederation of Twelve Planets as well as the Outer Worlds with whom the Confederation are in conflict.
2. These two universes (and others are also postulated) are:
 - a) Of opposite polarity (made up of anti-particles).
 - b) Rotate in opposite directions.
 - c) Are in a dynamic state of expansion.
 - d) Are linked by a rather tenuous stream of magnetic flux which may be broken every 20,000 years or so, and the Confederation travel between their universe and ours along this stream by a process of disintegration, polarity change and reintegration.
3. On the 26/6/76 this stream was broken rather unexpectedly trapping Confederation commander Nicola in our Universe. The beings from a third universe were able to take Valder and Taylandz from their universe and rescue Nicola from ours. A transmission was received.
4. The Confederation has staffed a planet in our galaxy called Epicot with Earthlings who belonged to A-bases which existed before Q-bases. This planet is being prepared for other Earthlings should an evacuation become necessary. A transmission was received from Epicot on 16/7/76.

Carl has only been present at about 2 or 3 transmissions and all the others including those mentioned above, were received by Edwin when Carl was not present.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS

All meetings are in the same venues as in the past. Correspondence should be addressed to the National Secretary, P.O. Box 743, DURBAN. 4000.

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