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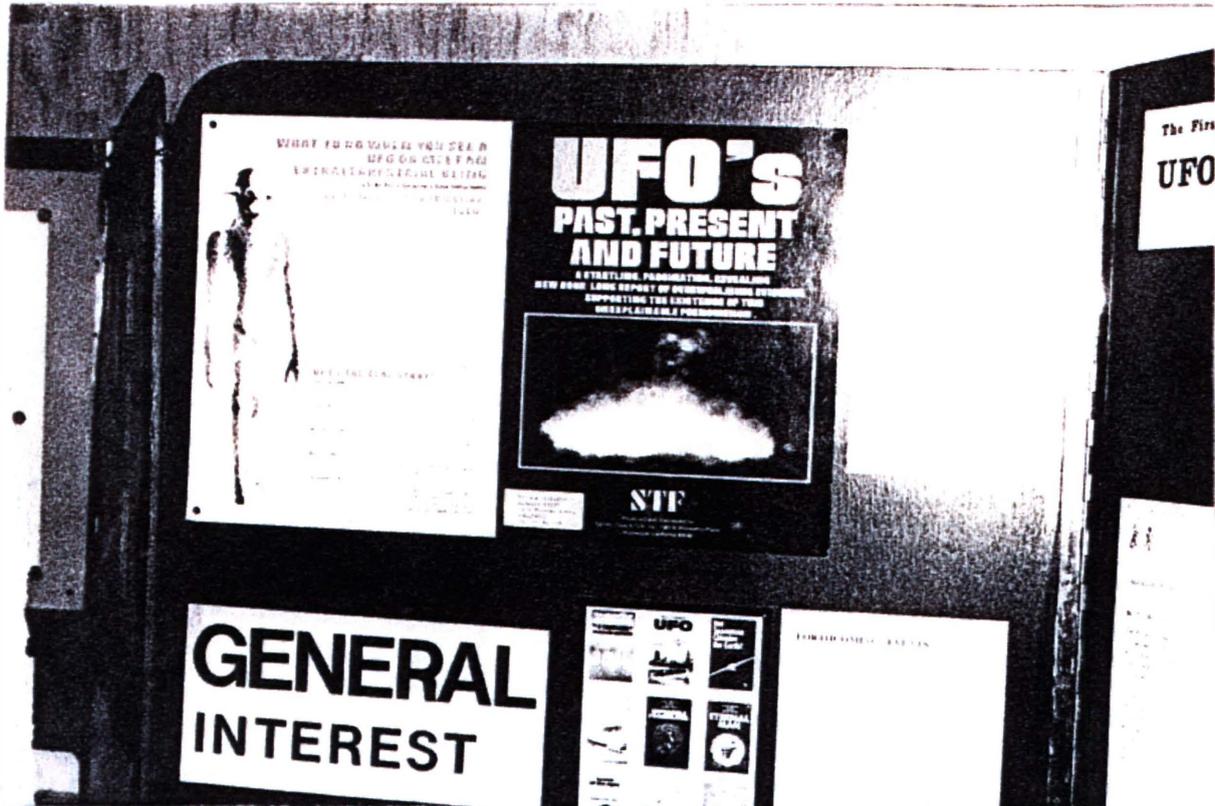
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# NEWS AND VIEWS

## Looking Ahead

4 December 1979

Dear Mr. Sirisena,

I was proud of having had the chance to read the Sri Lanka UFO Register No.1 and grasp a little knowledge about UFO. Setting up the Sri Lanka UFO Register is a matter of high potent and can be treated as one link of an international venture which may benefit Sri Lankans in the decades to come.

On the Hewaheta incident, you have pointed out certain inconsistencies which cannot easily be left unanswered; yet you have not deviated from the basic principles of constructive criticism.

Days are such as to make people think of more advanced theories and practicalities to meet the current problems cropping up through the world. I propose that the study of UFO may help mankind in one or more of the following ways:

- 1) to communicate with worlds at present entirely unknown to humankind
- 2) to prevent this world being conquered by hostile outer powers
- 3) to survey and utilise super-human physical and psychic properties that man has never even dreamt of.

At present some of my colleagues are going through this journal and I am showing it to all who are interested. The formation of the UFO Register will enable valuable data to be collected through this media and fed back into the base of the international research network.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,  
Sumedha Hewavitarne,  
"Swarnagiri",  
Gonawela,  
Kelaniya.

EDITOR: Thank you Mr. Hewavitarne for your encouragement and far-seeing thoughts.

From CONTACT INTERNATIONAL(UK)

November 29th 1979

Dear Mr. Sirisena,

I believe that I speak for my colleagues here that your little publication is excellent and that it deserves every success. We obtain so little UFO material from Sri Lanka that very few of our publications contain accounts of Sri Lankan UFOs. We would therefore be delighted to improve our knowledge of such matters and look forward to receiving issues as and when they are published.

The article\* by Dr. Sarath de Silva is extremely interesting. It is just the kind of thing that needs to be said and material of the sort that I know our readers would be delighted to read in "Awareness".

We have not found anyone willing or interested enough to take up representation of Contact International in Sri Lanka. Accordingly we would be most grateful if you could suggest a reliable individual to represent us, perhaps

from among your own group.....  
(Extract from a long letter)

Yours sincerely,  
J.B. Delair, 19 Gumnor Road,  
Wootton, Boar's Hill,  
Oxford, U.K.

EDITOR: \*See the article "ARE UFOS A PRODUCT OF THE MIND?" by Dr. Sarath de Silva in the Sri Lanka UFO Register No.1.

Mr. J. Bernard Delair, B.Sc. is the editor of "Awareness", the quarterly journal of Contact (UK) and is an experienced hand at UFO research. He also edits "The UFO Register" (no connection with the Sri Lanka UFO Register), the official organ of Data Research of Contact International (UK).

Readers interested in representing Contact International in Sri Lanka can write either to Mr. Delair or to the Secretary of the Sri Lanka UFO Register.

From the DAILY NEWS, May 22, 1979

### UFO Sightings

The Philippine media have been awash with reports recently on the sighting of unidentified flying objects (UFOs) in the southern islands. Daily, radio stations and newspapers publicise sightings in various places there, particularly over Bohol island.

Arjuna has never had the chance to see these so-called UFOs but some friends, who happened to be in Manila, told him many stories about seeing these UFOs. Many of these stories have remained unreported.

Over a cup of tea, a nurse friend from the southern city of Dumaguete narrated to Arjuna that as she was walking home from night duty in the hospital .. On second thought, Arjuna would rather the nurse tell her story.

"It was about five in the morning and I had just finished my night duty at the hospital. The sky was clear, with hardly a cloud to obscure the heavens", the nurse narrated between sips of tea.

"All of a sudden, from above a football field a short distance away, appeared several bright and swiftly moving objects. I thought I was hallucinating, from which one often suffers when tired, but then the objects were too bright to be mistaken for stars. Some were shaped like cigars while the others appeared like plain round objects with light pulsating from their sides.

"They made no noise. As suddenly as they appeared, they disappeared", she added. Arjuna's nurse-friend tried to keep it a secret but was finally forced to tell others when similar sightings were made all over the sugar-producing islands of Negros, Cebu, Bohol in central Philippines and in the strife-torn island of Mindanao. — (Depthnews).

(Courtesy DAILY NEWS).

Credit: S. Walgama.

This report from India goes back many years and is a single-witness case but the high credibility rating of the observer makes it a comprehensive 'Close Encounter of the First Kind' from the sub-continent.

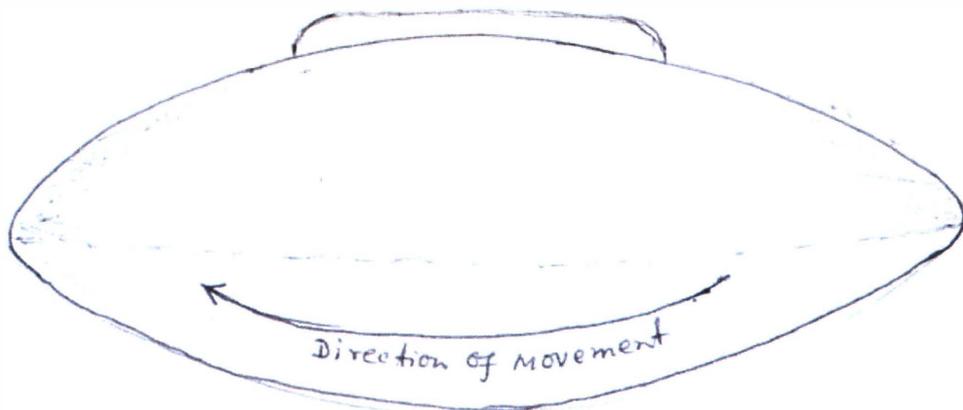
The event transpired in November 1957 - the witness cannot remember the exact date as he did not make a record of it - but thinks it probably was a Monday morning, making it one of four likely dates: 4th, 11th, 18th or 25th November. The witness was a schoolboy at the time but today he is a highly qualified physician specialising in ophthalmology. His name is Dr. Samir Sengupta, B.Sc., M.B.B.S., D.O.M.S., D.O. and he relates the account recalling his excitement.

"I was going to school - crossing a football ground - I clearly remember that the noise came first and then I looked up."

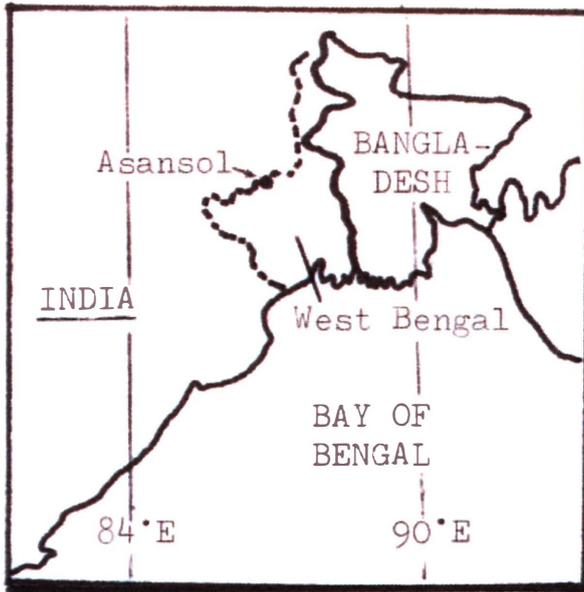
He likened the noise to a ...Hoosh....Ho...zzz.... soft, smooth, uniform, not loud but he cannot think of a familiar sound to compare it with.

"The time was 9.40 a.m. Place: ASANSOL, District Burdwan, West Bengal. The object appeared to be the shape of two saucers placed together, one inverted on top of the other. It travelled in a straight line, I am sure about that. I thought this must be a new type of helicopter, probably used by the Defence under special circumstances, or for trial."

Here we see the ubiquitous "escalation of hypotheses" that Dr. J. Allen Hynek mentions in his book "THE UFO EXPERIENCE" . From the attempt to relate it to a familiar airborne object to the realisation that it just did not fit the standard military vehicle. The object was slowly rotating about its own axis in a clockwise direction as shown on the sketch.



Sketch drawn by Dr. Sengupta, showing clockwise rotation of UFO and topdome.



Dr. Sengupta continues:

"The object was flying slowly - I cannot give the exact height - but it was slightly above tree-top level. Speed: probably 20 m.p.h. I had plenty of time to observe it till it went out of sight.

"I was indeed excited. The whole object was in one colour, off-white or light aluminium. It was not translucent or transparent. There were no lights on it. It was difficult to make an assessment whether there was a

window or not because I had to look up to see it. In fact, I wanted to see the people inside - wish I could have!"

The thought of a remote-controlled unmanned craft did not occur to him during the sighting.

"There were no wings or propellers on it. It appeared that the 'saucer-like object' was about to land somewhere nearby."

Asked why he thought it was about to land, when it did not do so, he replied,

"Any child who sees a flying object, mainly aeroplanes at low level, thinks - it's common child psychology - that the object will probably land. In the same manner I thought so too. I was not frightened at all.

"I was tempted to follow it but did not, as I had no wish to be late to school (I received a 'regular attendance' prize for six successive years at school). I was very impressed by it and thought it was some new advanced type of military helicopter."

Not even the newest-fangled device of the Indian Air Force was going to make him miss school; he carried on across the football field still looking at the object till he could no longer see it. It subtended an angle much larger than the full moon, and the witness received the subjective impression that it was the size of a large drawing room. As for other details:

"It was smokeless and emitted no smell or heat. There were no protuberances underneath the object and there was no jerky movement. The sky was clear, bright and needless to mention it was a sunny day. I reported it to my local guardian that evening.

"I reported it to my uncle and aunt as well as to some of my school friends. Probably it came out in our local newspaper there - I am not certain."

Perhaps our readers in India can dig back into newspaper archives to locate a printed report, if any. The uncertainty of the date makes the task more difficult. However, any additional witnesses can only strengthen this already highly-rated report; the witness' honesty and articulate frankness places it in the bona-fide "Daylight Disc" category. Although at its closest approach the UFO was fifty feet from the witness, no effects of any kind were noted, either on the vegetation nearby or on the witness himself, thus the classification CEI does not strictly apply.

Asansol is approximately on the longitude 87°E and close to the border between Bihar and West Bengal.

If Dr. Sengupta's sighting took place on 4 November 1957, then it coincides with the observation of the egg-shaped object made by two CAA control operators at Kirtland Air Force Base in New Mexico, USA - fully outlined by the late Dr. James E. McDonald former Professor of Atmospheric Sciences and Senior Physicist at the University of Arizona, during the Special Symposium on UFOs held by the American Association for the Advancement of Science in December 1969. Further details on the Kirtland AFB case will be found in: "UFOs - A SCIENTIFIC DEBATE", edited by Carl Sagan and Thornton Page, published by Cornell University Press, 1972.

Ananda L. Sirisena

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## QUOTE . . .

Hundreds of saucers had been reported in Ceylon, Canada, Brazil, Argentina, Australia, New Zealand, Africa and all parts of Europe. In many of these countries the witnesses were expert observers: pilots, meteorologists, astronomers, and weather-bureau observers.....

From page 161 of the book "THE FLYING SAUCER CONSPIRACY" by Major Donald E. Keyhoe, published by Hutchinson & Co., 1957.

EDITOR: We would like more details about the wave of UFO reports from Sri Lanka in 1954. Please make an effort to prise newspaper stories out of the dusty vaults. 1954 appears to have been a bumper year for UFO sightings. If readers know of any reports already published, please tell us.

Researchers with existing files are urged to contact the Sri Lanka UFO Register.

The first part of the interview with Mr. Rex Dutta which was conducted on 2nd. May 1979, was published in the last issue of the Sri Lanka UFO Register. Mr. Dutta, who organises "Viewpoint Aquarius" expressed his feeling that science is inadequate to explain the UFO phenomenon and that a vast number of UFO 'contactees' is well known to certain governments of the world. He expands his occult approach further. See EDITOR'S COMMENTS below.

REX DUTTA: So the only way to understand the superior science of the aliens is by the philosophical approach, to quote:"Canada-1949".

Contacts continued and in 1954, by prior arrangement, five flying saucers, five (we have five little senses- there's always symbology) saucers landed, stayed landed at Edwards Air Force Base (Muroc) for 48 hours for investigation by the US President and the top echelons of science/military/religion. We publish an eye-witness account with details and that is in the book "REALITY OF OCCULT/YOGA/MEDITATION/FLYING SAUCERS".

INTERVIEWER: For forty-eight hours?

REX DUTTA: For 48 hours! Now I'll ask you a question, and any researcher right round the Planet can test this.

In 1954, April 1954 was that landing at Edwards Air Force Base (Muroc) and there was a Cold War on. Everybody was pointing a gun at everybody else - nobody was talking to anyone. Yet in Washington, London, Peking and Delhi and Moscow and everywhere else "flying saucers" got the same treatment. All these warring powers co-operated!

From 1947 to 1954, seven years (and seven is an occult number - this philosophical approach, this symbology) if you look through the world's papers, from Moscow to Washington, you will find flying saucer news much featured, including contacts. In 1954, like a knife descending came the censorship, and if you go to the library and do the research through the papers from 1954 to, shall we say 1961, another seven years, there is no mention of flying saucers. They've been banished off the front pages.

Now tell me something else, in 1954, during the Cold War what else got such international co-operation? To repeat, most peoples were pointing guns at each other; explain how else the censorship happened in 1954 other than because of this landing at Edwards Air Force Base?

INTERVIEWER: Are you suggesting that as a result of that landing, there was a conspiracy to silence?

REX DUTTA: Yes, and it has been thus ever since! The conspiracy has taken four stages.



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First: silence. Everybody hoping the thing would go away. Then when it clearly didn't go away and the sightings were continuing and they'd totted up something like two hundred and fifty million sightings since 1947 - 250,000,000 - you got the next stage after the silence: ridicule. "You were a fool, you were a liar, you were psychologically unstable", all the rest of that rubbish. And when people who clearly weren't, like ATIC, like the Canadian Project, like the ten governments that have come forward, you got the next stage: conventional explanations.

Brazil came forward in 1952. Its Chief of Air Staff published whole editions of sightings, radar verifications, films - airborne, ground, the two conjoined.

In 1954, the President of Brazil, as distinct from the Chief of Air Staff, repeated the performance of press conferences, giving all the verifications, producing the pilots and so on. The Brazilian papers carried huge editions in colour and not a single word was published here and I don't suppose in Sri Lanka.

So there were ten governments coming through and they were not psychologically aberrated, unstable, hallucinating, publicity-seeking and the rest of it. So after silence and ridicule, you got the next stage. All right, you weren't a liar, you did see it but what you saw was natural phenomena, mistakes, and eighty-nine per cent can be explained and the rest could be explained if there was more information.

Which again is a direct lie! In fact only about twelve per cent can be explained. All the rest obviously are 'saucers' but the publicity "beat" is the reverse and pretends that the majority can be explained away because the public is so untrained!

INTERVIEW: That's an interesting observation.

REX DUTTA: It's not just observation, it's inside information. Captain Ruppelt, for example, wrote this but it was never publicised and you get that "drumbeat" that most reports can be explained. And you got conventional explanations which got more and more ridiculous.

Poor old Planet Venus used to come down to 300 feet, land and go away, multiply itself seven times! You got high-flying geese, spots before your eyes. I don't know why the Royal College of Materialistic Science didn't take off! So who's been fooling who since 1947 saying, "We haven't had a photograph, it's unproven, it's psychologically this, that and the other"? It's a deliberate lie, a cover-up, a censorship.



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INTERVIEWER: Why should there be a cover-up?

REX DUTTA: Let's take it first at a "nuts and bolts" level.

Whether we're Communist, Capitalist or Third World, all our economies, our societies, our training, our universities, in the end depend on coal, oil, nuclear power and hydro-electricity.

Now saucers don't want coal - think of the poor old unions

They don't want oil - think of the poor old sheikhs.

They don't want nuclear power - think of all those merchants with their "nuts and bolts" medals in the Royal College of Materialistic Science - all demoted!

They don't want hydro-electric works.

Look at the change, look at the repercussions if only at that level. We earthlings are very, very resilient. If there is a superior power, better than coal, oil, nuclear and hydro-electric, I'm sure we'd swop allegiance and aim for it. We'd train up, we could retrain our universities, redo our degrees, our economies. We could do all this in order to attain this better power. And this power which was offered to the Americans in 1954 at the Muroc landing, and to the world - the Russians also because they got the same treatment - is the psychic power.

But there's a pre-requisite, a most disgusting pre-requisite. It's not decent to mention it even. No gentleman, no scientist would even think of it. You know what that pre-requisite is?

You have to be selfless! Where is the man that's selfless? Where's the government that's selfless? Where's the voter that's selfless?

INTERVIEWER: It's not a selfless World.

REX DUTTA: Well that's it. That's the headache. So what do you do? So you blanket 'flying saucer' news and keep your coal, oil and nuclear power.

INTERVIEWER: Where is this leading us then?

REX DUTTA: It's leading us to that Mind we started with. That quality of Full Mind/Space Mind/Manas, as it is technically called via that pre-requisite: Oneness. It's bad manners to talk about it but you've got to have Oneness and that is exactly what we never demand of our people.

INTERVIEWER: So the whole of humanity is being trained in a mental way?

REX DUTTA: Yes. And how then can you promote Oneness by landing in Hyde Park, shooting up the Grenadiers? You know, having tea

with the Queen, appearing on television and showing us how to make a bigger gun?

INTERVIEWER: So, public landings by UFOs would in effect serve little purpose?

REX DUTTA: It would be the reverse. How do you make a man selfless? How do you make a man love his neighbour?

We have to change the consciousness of man. Of course, it is going to take time. It's going to take many lives. That is why Occult Meditation and Occult Law have to come into it, beyond just this little village, Planet Earth and its five-only sensed ideas.

INTERVIEWER: Would it be true to say that the UFO phenomenon has placed science at a crossroads?

REX DUTTA: It's placed science in the dustbin! It's time we crawled out and start using what it calls Mind - Full Mind/Space Mind/Manas.

INTERVIEWER: In fact, I can see, in the coming decades.....

REX DUTTA: In the coming half-minute it's got to change!

INTERVIEWER: ..Not just that the interest among conventional scientists on UFOs is going to increase but that they will become aware that they have a problem here that they can't quite tackle.

REX DUTTA: You haven't been listening to me!

On 22nd. September, 1947, the scientists knew.

INTERVIEWER: But that was a covert operation.

REX DUTTA: Yes, but in 1948 the highest scientific brains in the USA were at that conference\* and knew. In 1949 the highest brains in the Canadian government knew that you've got to have this philosophical approach. In 1954 the entire echelons had a direct landing at Edwards Air Force Base. They've all known! The change-over, the bugbear, the indecent thing is that you've got to be selfless.

INTERVIEWER: Have they given up then?

REX DUTTA: No. Sightings continue.

INTERVIEWER: I mean the establishment scientists.

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\*See Sri Lanka UFO Register No.2 - Interview with Rex Dutta, Part I and "THE DOCUMENT THAT SHOWS 'FLYING DISCS' EXIST".

REX DUTTA: No. The establishment are secretly researching psychic science till they are blue in the face. Only - they are doing it, of course, for war. Which is selfish. Which is black magic. You know, fifty-eight governments are doing research on psychic warfare? Including the Americans, including the Russians who were first in the field, including the British?

INTERVIEWER: I have heard this.

Coming back to UFOs - have UFOs gone away?

REX DUTTA: No. A hundred and fifty-thousand contacts have taken place, have made the step towards selflessness. Only the failures and martyrs are known. Did you hear that bit?

INTERVIEWER: Yes, I did.

REX DUTTA: Only the failures and martyrs of the contactees are known.

INTERVIEWER: Governments have put the wraps on the subject but nevertheless are secretly researching UFOs?

REX DUTTA: Yes. Fifty-eight governments, including the Russian who were first in the field. We cottoned on much later. The real research where you get multi-millions for your budget is for psychic research. From 1954 to 1964, if you said Yoga/Meditation,,they looked at you! In the East they were known, they've been known for thousands of years. If you said these words in the West, they looked at you but secretly they've been doing research into it.

INTERVIEWER: Where is the UFO phenomenon leading man to?

REX DUTTA: Like the Buddhist, the Christian, the Hindu or any of these religions, it's leading to the ethics which are basic to the Universe, not just to this little village Planet Earth, or its local gods, which are on a tiny time-scale compared to the Universe. A few centuries, a few million years, that's nothing for a Galaxy!

It's leading to the enlargement of the mind of man, so that it can go thought-to-thought direct and not rely on words. So it can do telepathy like using a telephone. Now if we go through that, it will get to the stage of Oneness, a totally different state of consciousness and tolerance.

To a Full Mind, Space Mind - "Manas". When the 'siddhis', the powers and attributes are enormous. Where we too could travel with the speed of thought; where we could make a body at will.

Where we too could reach the Timeless, and not be stuck in earthling past/present/future! It's our destiny, we have it latent within.

INTERVIEWER: Thank you, Mr. Rex Dutta.

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Rex Dutta has authored three books on the subject which are advertised as "Written in an unorthodox style, they make the reader do his own thinking. No opportunity to go to sleep!"  
The three books are: FLYING SAUCER MESSAGE, FLYING SAUCER VIEWPOINT and REALITY OF OCCULT/YOGA/MEDITATION/FLYING SAUCERS.

Readers interested in "Viewpoint Aquarius" and the above books should write to:-  
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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

The foregoing interview will initiate readers into the fact that there are many schools of thought on the UFO phenomenon, not all of them "scientific". Belief systems about "flying saucers" are deeply set in the minds of a vast number of people throughout the world.

The frustration of UFO witnesses and their search for some answers can be well understood in the light of government denial of the existence of craft which the witnesses have seen with their own eyes. All researchers would agree that for every UFO reported, there are many more that have never been reported or published anywhere for fear of ridicule. All these amount to a colossal number of UFO sightings and it is difficult to establish the exact number throughout the world.

The memo from General Twining to Brigadier General George Schulgen (mentioned in the interview) was dated 23 September 1947, one day after the purported Air Technical Intelligence Centre (ATIC) report to the US President (Harry S. Truman at the time). It is worthwhile noting that General Twining did say in his memo: "As requested by....." Thus he must have responded to a specific request from Schulgen. It is believed the request was a verbal one as no document has surfaced. Strictly speaking, ATIC only started study of UFOs in 1951, taking over from the agency responsible for the study of "flying saucers" in 1947, namely the Technical Intelligence Division (TID) of Air Material Command.

Edwards Air Force Base, formerly Muroc AFB is situated in the Mojave Desert in California, south of the El Paso mountain (Sierra Nevada Range) and has been the scene of UFO incidents, like many other Air Force Bases but any report about UFOs remaining landed for 48 hours can be expected to be classified at a high SECRET: EYES ONLY level, well beyond the reach of public scrutiny. The Canadian Project Magnet report stated: "We are faced with a substantial probability of the real existence of extraterrestrial vehicles regardless of whether or not they fit into our scheme of things." \* \* \* \* \*

On Sunday, 26th. August 1979, the British UFO Research Association (BUFORA) together with Contact International (UK) hosted the first London International UFO Congress at the grandly fashionable Mount Royal Hotel at Marble Arch, in the heart of London's tourist hot-spots.

The two-day Congress was formally opened with a speech by the President of BUFORA, C.A.E.O'Brien CBE CT MA FGS FRAS FRGS who spoke of "Convincing the scientific world " that UFOs exist and should be taken seriously.

PART I - 26 AUGUST 1979: A very brief summary of each speaker's paper is presented below in the order they were given along with respective biographical notes.

The introductory paper was given by Robert Digby, a BUFORA member, who spoke mainly about the source of UFO reports the diversity of investigating groups and a well-thoughtout discussion of the six basic types of UFO classification and their necessary evolution.

Lawrence Dale concentrated on "Current BUFORA Investigations illustrating his talk with slides. He stated that the number of UFO Reports in 1978 for Britain were roughly half that for 1977. He remarked that there seemed to be a pattern of three pockets where the majority of UFOs in Britain are reported: from around London and SE England, in the Midlands around Birmingham and Stafford, and in Scotland around Glasgow and Edinburgh. Mr.Dale is the national investigations co-ordinator for BUFORA.

The third paper entitled "Models of UFO Evidence" was presented in an entertaining manner by Dr. Leo Sprinkle who is Director of the Division of Counselling and Testing at the University of Wyoming, Laramie, USA and Professor of Counselling Services.

Dr. LEO SPRINKLE  
ADDRESSES THE  
CONGRESS:



Dr. Sprinkle suggested that there are four basic levels of UFO evidence: (1) Physical (2) Biological (3) Psycho/Social and (4) Spiritual. He dealt in-depth with one case of an American rancher who had had UFO experiences and was subsequently hypnotised by him in an attempt to unlock repressed memory of the incident. Dr. Sprinkle concluded his paper with a personal speculation - that the UFO phenomenon is a display "designed to modify social beliefs" and that UFOs represent a programme to bring "cultural transformation" and a change in human consciousness. He offered the packed hall the term "Cosmic Consciousness Conditioning" or CCC as a blanket expression to cover this psycho-spiritual aspect of the phenomenon.

"From Data To Information" was the title of the fourth paper, given by Peter Hill, FRSS, a senior member of BUFORA and an expert in the field of statistics. He felt that the term UFO is inadequate to explain all observations of the phenomenon. Although there was a large quantity of data, much of it is catalogued in a haphazard style, which he felt was the reason why research had been sporadic and lacking direction. The failure of what research there had been was due to a failure to turn the available data to useful information. Peter Hill was of the definite opinion that more thorough statistical analysis is required for recognition of patterns and that this should lead to hypotheses; but the testing of hypotheses is difficult as there are no UFOs "in the laboratory". He was adamant that "no UFO report should be consigned to the rubbish dump". He felt that there should be regular international meetings to formulate standard definitions and classifications.

Edoardo Russo, secretary of the Turin branch of CENTRO UFOLOGICO NAZIONALE and Editor of the Italian journal "Clypeus" lectured about the two waves of UFO reports that emerged from Italy in 1954 and 1973. The total number of 'Close Encounter' cases in their files was between three and four hundred; about ten per cent of the thirty-thousand Italian reports remain unidentified.

Russo's paper was liberally illustrated with slides and he detailed a mass sighting, when thousands of people saw a triangular object on 14 September 1978, which most certainly was not the re-entry of the American satellite Pegasus. He explained that between 20th. October and early November of 1978, many UFOs had been seen just off the Adriatic coastline, both above and underwater and he outlined the case of a UFO sighted by Rome Airport control tower. He reported that a hoaxer, a "contactee" had been jailed in Italy for making fraudulent claims!

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Dr. Roberto Pinotti, who had graduated with a thesis on the sociology of UFO groups, spoke of "Official UFO Evidence" in Italy and also enlarged upon the 1978 UFO wave in his native country. He had discovered that since the early 1950's, official study of UFOs had been undertaken by the Italian secret services and at present their Ministry of Defence is involved in investigation of UFO reports with the co-operation of police and their carabinieri. Dr. Pinotti is vice-president of CENTRO UFOLOGICO NAZIONALE and his talk supplemented that of his colleague Russo.

The final paper for the first day of the Congress was read by Professor Antonio Ribera from Spain. Assuring listeners of the "Reality of the UFO Phenomenon" he stated that the yardstick used to explain UFOs is too short. "UFOs are real - they are neither good nor bad. The UFO simply IS", he asserted. He made a philosophically profound declaration about science on Earth: "Our science is one science, for one time, on one Planet", and that most certainly it is not the only science in existence. Ribera is a well-known author on the subject of UFOs and has written books such as "El Gran Enigma de los Platillo Volantes" and "Un Caso Perfecto", both in the Spanish language.

Each of the above excerpts is very brief indeed and should not be taken to be fully representative of the lengthy papers. The day was brought to a close with the screening of the documentary film "UFOs, Past, Present & Future" made by Sandler Institutional Films.

Proceedings of the second day of the Congress will be given in the next issue of the Sri Lanka UFO Register and will include a précis of papers by J. Bernard Delair, Professor J. Allen Hynek and Dr. Erol Faruk.

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The Editor regrets that there is no editorial in this issue due to a lack of space (no pun intended) but hopes that the many Editor's Comments more than make up for this omission. The delay in publication of this issue was due to circumstances beyond our control.

Soviet scientists have created "flying saucers" in a laboratory, Tass News Agency reported on September 24, 1979.

"Researchers at the Soviet Academy of Scientists were working on a theory that unidentified flying objects (UFOs) were just disc-shaped accumulations of dust and water caused by turbulence in the air, TASS said. They reproduced the right conditions in a laboratory "and saw a flying saucer forming before their eyes." Soviet geophysicists believed the growing frequency of UFO sightings was due to the increase in air pollution TASS added."

EDITOR'S COMMENT: Did the Soviets track these 'lenticular clouds of pollution' on their radar sets? The majority of UFOs are reported in open air, under normal atmospheric conditions - a far cry from strict laboratory-induced conditions of a Soviet test. Do such accumulations leave physical traces on the ground, cause electro-magnetic effects, emit intense light, disappear and re-appear? Any well-versed researcher will immediately see that the Russian experiments bear little resemblance to the continuing UFO phenomenon reported all over the world.

It is worth noting here that the opinion of certain scientists in Russia is quite different to the News Agency impression given. According to "Flying Saucer Review", Volume 25, No.1\* (Jan. 1979), Dr. Vladimir Azhazha who is Deputy Director of the Section of Underwater Research, USSR Academy of Sciences presented a keen lecture on the subject of UFOs. Other Soviet scientists who take UFOs seriously are Dr. Sergei Bozhich, Dr. Felix Zigel of Moscow Aeronautical Institute, whose article appeared in "SOVIET LIFE" of February 1968, Professor Samuel Kaplan of Gorky University in Moscow and the astrophysicist Dr. Vsevlod Troitsky, among many individuals, including one who has requested copies of the Sri Lanka UFO Register.

The Soviet experiments may be able to explain a very few of the UFO reports that are attributable to rare atmospheric phenomena but certainly not the majority.

\*Flying Saucer Review is available by subscription from:  
FSR Publications, West Malling, Maidstone, Kent, England.

N.B. Tass reported much UFO activity over Petrozavodsk and Leningrad between September 20 and 23, 1977. Accounts appeared in Izvestiya and Sotsialisticheskaya. Also, President Kosygin of the USSR is supposed to have received a message from the Iranian government about the UFO seen over Teheran in December, 1976, which was the subject of a special teletype message distributed to the CIA, the White House and other US Defence establishments, according to the International UFO Reporter, Vol.3, No.1, Jan.1978.

The British newspaper "Daily Mirror" of 4 February, 1980, carried an article captioned 'EARTHY LIFE ON MARS' with a statement by American scientist Robert Jastrow that there is life on Mars.

Dr. Jastrow, who is Director of the Goddard Institute for Space Studies is quoted as saying that the 1976 Viking space probe which landed on Mars and tested soil samples for living microbes, "...gave a clear, unmistakable signal of life."

He claims however, that scientists have kept quiet about the findings because space agency chiefs fear ridicule!

EDITOR: Ridicule from whom? Martian microbes?

If there is life on Mars, then we simply accept it as truth. We shall not ridicule the space scientists. Perhaps they fear ridicule from the many UFO contactees who have said there is life on Mars.....

Items of interest from recent journals:-

From "Flying Saucer Review", Volume 25, No.6, April 1980:  
'A Phillipine UFO Wave' by Ahmad Jamaludin.

From the "International UFO Reporter", Volume 5, No.1,  
January 1980:  
'Stretching the Truth in the Phillipines' in their Foreign  
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