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EDITORIAL.

It is seldom that an editor finds another contributor to the publication he edits writing his editorial for him. Such luxury is almost unheard of. Yet your chairman, Mr Fred Passey, has been most insistent that the following communication from him be inserted in this issue. His insistence has been largely activated by your editor's natural reluctance to have so many favourable things said about him, and it was from a sense more of modesty than one of pique that he finally agreed to include the following. Personally I am not aware that the production of AWARENESS magazine qualifies me for such praise, and certainly I don't feel I merit it.

A Message From Your Chairman.

This message should rightly have been included in the previous issue of our magazine, but unfortunately it was not possible to do so.

I feel that all members are entitled to some explanation for the long delay in the publication of the Spring and subsequent issues of AWARENESS.

As mentioned briefly in the last issue, we were, earlier this year, beset with misfortunes and difficulties, which regrettably took a long time to overcome. The most disastrous occurrence was the loss of the services of the then editor, Rick Roebuck, at a time when the Spring issue was in a semi-prepared state. The assistant editor, Derek Mansell, in spite of his preoccupation with his main function as Senior Research Officer, manfully undertook the completion of the task, and thereupon immediately suffered a succession of reverses himself --- paper suppliers unable to supply paper, the duplicating machine developing faults, printers failing to deliver the magazine covers on schedule, and so on. But one by one each reverse was surmounted, and the magazine duly appeared (after having been largely retyped by Bernard Delair) six months late.

To all members I apologise most sincerely for our shortcomings, and hasten to assure each one of you that this tardiness is not by any means representative of the efficiency of CONTACT (UK) as a whole.

And now, on a more cheerful note: we have been extremely fortunate in persuading the indefatigable editor of THE UFO REGISTER, Mr Bernard Delair, to undertake the editorship of AWARENESS as well. On your behalf I offer him our grateful thanks and appreciation. I, perhaps more than any of you, know how great are the calls on his spare time, and we can count ourselves very lucky indeed in being able to leave in his very capable hands and on his already over-burdened shoulders the task of producing our magazine. His industry and capabilities cannot be better illustrated than by the appearance of the Summer issue so soon after the last, and by the fact that the Autumn and Winter issues (the latter already in a very forward state) will appear by the end of 1974, thus bringing us up to the full annual quota of four issues of AWARENESS.

To all of you, for your patience and forbearance, my personal thanks; to those of you who have written to me with offers of help, my very sincere appreciation; but, as I have pointed out in my replies, it is rather difficult at this distance from you to take advantage of your offers. Nevertheless, every offer has been carefully filed, and will be reviewed as and when the occasion arises. Who knows, I may well take up some of your offers sooner than you expect.

To all our new members, a hearty welcome. I hope we shall spend many happy years together. If there are any points about CONTACT (UK) on which you require further information please do not hesitate to write to me or to Tony Riebold.

In conclusion, I was extremely pleased to receive at my home on August 23rd last a visit from Sr. Giuseppe Petitti, of CONTACT (ITALY), who was then holidaying in Britain and took the trouble to look me up. We had a very pleasant talk about our respective organizations and discussed the UFO "picture" generally.

My very best wishes to you all.

Fred.W.Passey.

Finally, I would again appeal to any readers or members who, having interesting ideas or news about UFOs of their own, would like to submit original articles for publication in future issues of AWARENESS. If so, I would very much like to hear from you. Of course, this does not mean to imply that we are desperately short of articles for forthcoming issues, since we have to hand various fascinating contributions from John Keel, Raymond Drake, Kiril Terziev, and many others; nonetheless, it is always nice to receive worthwhile articles from new writers, and AWARENESS is, after all, your magazine.

J.B.Delair.

STRANGE EPISODE AT MARESFIELD, SUSSEX:

A PRELIMINARY ACCOUNT,

by

J.B.Delair.

Introduction:

On September 14th, 1973, the writer received a telephone call from the Hon. Brinsley Le Poer Trench to the effect that, earlier that day, he had been contacted telephonically by a Mrs. Jenny Bogart, of "Batt's Cottage", Park Wood, near Maresfield, Sussex. Mrs Bogart had orally described some

then very recent ufo manifestations near her home. Mr Le Poer Trench felt that these incidents, if real, warranted further investigation. Scheduled to be in Sussex on Thursday, September 20th., the writer arranged to interview Mrs Bogart and obtain a first-hand account of her experiences and observations. These, together with some additional reports made by other local witnesses, are described below and include, be it noted, several very interesting additional elements of a paranormal nature.

Background Detail:

Aged 40 years, Mrs Bogart is slim, fair-haired, and stands approximately 5 feet 6 inches in height. She is the mother of three sons: Gareth (15 years), Brock (14 years), and Rupert (12 years). Being separated from her husband for some time now, she is, in consequence, a very busy housewife, of necessity much preoccupied with the usual range of domestic affairs. Before her marriage, she worked as a reporter for the "London Evening News", during which period she developed a keen awareness of detail --- something reflected in her descriptions of the incidents detailed below.

"Batt's Cottage" is a moderately sized brick-and-timber dwelling, parts of which date back several centuries. It stands in a large, and partly wild garden, bordered on two sides by densely wooded areas. Although situated close to the Maresfield/Newick road (A.272), and immediately SW. of the extensive Maresfield army camp, the Bogarts' home is actually in a very secluded spot, none of the residences of even their nearest neighbours being immediately visible from the cottage. The Bogarts', incidentally, moved into "Batt's Cottage" some $14\frac{1}{2}$ years ago (i.e., in 1958).

Some distance to the S. and SE. of "Batt's Cottage" are three lakes situated on wooded neighbouring property. One of these lakes, known as Piltdown Lake, is, with the permission of the owner, visited by the Bogarts quite frequently on fine days for fishing purposes, and, less frequently, for recreational swimming. Piltdown Lake, it will be found, appears to be of considerable interest to UFOs, and should be noted for future reference.

As previously mentioned, Maresfield army camp, which possesses a tall radio mast (lighted red at night), lies immediately NE. of "Batt's Cottage"; also, a fixed navigational light on another tall mast, and used by commercial flights approaching and departing for the European continent, exists in a heavily forested area some 5 miles away at Mayfield. This also shines red at night, and, despite its distance, is visible from some parts of the Maresfield locality.

Lastly, "Batt's Cottage" is situated very near the line of an old Roman road, while an underground stream is known to pass under the NW. corner of the living room. It is connected with a well in the garden at the rear of the cottage, although where it flows from or runs to is unknown. In all probability it is connected with the three lakes previously mentioned.

Historical Summary of Paranormal Events:

Almost immediately upon moving into "Batt's Cottage" in 1958, the Bogarts (both Mr and Mrs) heard the voices of unidentified children in various parts of the house. At the time Gareth was only some 6 months old, neither Brock and Rupert having been born then. These voices were heard most frequently in the attic, at the top of the cottage. Curiously, when electricity was installed some while afterwards, the voices suddenly and inexplicably ceased. They have never been heard since.

When Gareth was about 3 years old (i.e., about 1961), he one day asked who the "little boy" was whom he had watched climbing through the attic window. This "little boy" has never been identified.

During the same year (1961), when Rupert was only a month old, a woman having grey hair was suddenly seen, about 2.30am. (exact date not recalled), standing in the corner of the main bedroom by Mrs Bogart. This figure suddenly vanished. Subsequent enquiries revealed that a grey haired woman, who had died when about 40 years of age, had lived in "Batt's Cottage" many years before. The Bogarts concluded that the apparition was that of the former occupant.

Sometime during 1962 or 1963 (exact date not remembered), flashing red, green, and white lights were seen one evening over Maresfield army camp, and over the wooded areas adjacent to "Batt's Cottage". The lights moved independently of one another "all over the place", as if examining the district or searching for something. Mrs Bogart afterwards checked on these lights with personnel at the army camp, who, however, disclaimed all personal knowledge of them but thought that they must have been "something to do with army testing". At the time, Mrs Bogart saw no reason to question that statement, and accepted the explanation.

About 3 years ago, i.e., ca.1970, some South African friends (Mr and Mrs Breitmeyer, of Durban, Natal) visited "Batt's Cottage" during the Christmas vacation, and, at a time when the Bogarts' were temporarily absent from the cottage, were startled to see a tall unidentified man on the main stairway. The apparition vanished abruptly and so upset the Breitmeyers' that they refused to spend even one night in the house.

Since then, and on an average of 2 or 3 times a week, mysterious footsteps have been heard in the attic. These have reportedly continued up to the time of writing, albeit at irregular intervals. The attic door has now been fitted with a new lock, which is kept permanently locked. None of the Bogarts will sleep in the attic, despite the fact that it is comfortably furnished, a reaction which is quite understandable.

During this same period, a variety of objects, including and mostly concerning pictures and bottles, have unaccountably appeared in or vanished from various rooms at irregular intervals. No rational explanation for these extraordinary happenings has so far been forthcoming.

Also deserving mention here is Mrs Bogart's claim that, when footsteps are heard in the attic, the cottage often seems suddenly airless, and that she experiences difficulty in breathing. At one stage Mrs Bogart became so alarmed at this that she gave up smoking, and even had her chest x-rayed at the local hospital --- with, however, happily negative results. This "airless" condition frequently still occurs in the cottage when the mystery footsteps are heard.

Recent Paranormal Activity:

The series of astonishing and sometimes unnerving events which, spread over just a few weeks, led to Mrs Bogart telephone call to Brinsley Le Poer Trench, may be said to have begun one fine evening in early August ---- that of August 6th to be exact.

At that time, Mrs Bogart, together with her son Rupert and a young visitor of Rupert's age, Martin Ayling, was watching television in the lounge at their home, the window curtains of which had not then been drawn. Suddenly, at approximately 10.20pm, all three viewers became aware, through one of the windows, of a very bright aerial light approaching "Batt's Cottage" low over the trees bordering the east side of their garden. Simultaneously alarmed and intrigued, all three rushed out into the garden to "get a better look", switching on the outside house-light as they did so.

When first noticed, the object shone with a generally fluorescent white light, but this afterwards turned red. It doused its lights altogether as the outside house-light was switched on, although small flashing green and red tail lights were subsequently seen on it. As the eyewitnesses emerged from the cottage, the object appeared to stop over the well (also situated east of the cottage) less than 50 feet from the cottage, at an estimated height above ground level of 50 feet (Mrs Bogart and Martin Ayling) and of 100 feet (by Rupert). After remaining motionless over the well for a few minutes (not more than three), the object appeared to reorient itself rapidly and effortlessly on its own axis (i.e.: "spun round once"), and moved off towards Piltdown Lake, passing over Maresfield army camp. While the object was hovering or stationary, its outline could just be made out, and was seen to be of a general cigar-shape. Its length was independently estimated as approximately 30 feet. Five or six blacked-out square porthole-like features were also discerned along its side by Mrs Bogart and Rupert, but not by Martin Ayling. The object was under almost continuous observation for an estimated period of 5 minutes, throughout the duration of which it was totally silent.

Almost immediately following the above incident, the television began, for no apparent reason, to "play up", and, on the 7th or 8th of August (when, as detailed below, further unusual aerial activity occurred in the general vicinity of "Batt's Cottage"), burnt out altogether, being now no longer usable. Curiously, however, a radio set in the cottage has functioned perfectly throughout the entire period under review.

About 10.0pm on August 7th, Rupert reports having watched, through binoculars, three separate objects in the air over the wooded area some distance eastwards of "Batt's Cottage". One of these was a vertically oriented triangular shaped object coloured a uniform red. A second object was of a general bullet shape, was dull white in colour, and oriented horizontally. The third object was jet black (i.e., darker than the background hue of the sky against which it was observed), and resembled an ice-cream cone in an horizontal position. It also had a red "nose" (pointed "front" end) and emitted white light from its rounded "rear" end. All these objects suddenly vanished.

At approximately the same hour the following day, Mrs Bogart saw an amber coloured, bullet-shaped object stationary over the woods in the direction of Piltdown Lake, and shortly afterwards watched it release and receive back three or four (exact number not recalled) smaller red objects which occasionally flashed. These smaller objects flew about in all directions and at all levels, as if examining the neighbourhood. About the same time, Rupert, who was in another part of the cottage, watched, again through binoculars, a strangely shaped object which he described to the writer as being "plated like an armadillo". He noted that it had white lights at each end, and thought it was at a considerable distance from him. On being later shown the various ufo shapes published in THE UFO REGISTER, vol.2, pt.2, 1971, pp.8-14, Rupert had no hesitation in comparing the "plated" effect with that on the object seen over Chingford, Essex, in June 1964 (loc.cit., p.14), even though he stated that his object lacked the portholes or windows featured by the Essex object.

Some ten days after the August 6th incidents, red weal-like markings began to appear slowly on Mrs Bogart's scalp and right cheek, and her hair began to "fall out in handfulls". More or less simultaneously, ulcers or ulcer-like inflammations appeared on her gums, causing considerable discomfort. At the time when the writer interviewed Mrs Bogart, the weal-like markings had largely disappeared, but the ulcers were still present, and replacement hair seemed slow to grow. Except for the ulcers, Mrs Bogart seems to have experienced no pain from the weal-like markings or the loss of hair.

Although Mrs Bogart asserts that both moving and stationary lighted aerial objects, apparently at some distance from "Batt's Cottage", and frequently in the direction of Piltdown Lake, have been seen by her every clear evening since August 6th, and that one of the objects is amber coloured and executes its manouvers in a "drifting or floating" manner, the next most important or significant event did not occur until early September. It is detailed below.

One fine evening, on an unremembered date during the first week in September, Mrs Bogart saw several red coloured lights moving about over the wooded areas adjacent to her garden and Maresfield army camp. Having then recently resolved to obtain whenever possible independent adult confirmat-

ion of her by then very numerous sightings, she immediately telephoned Mr Richard Peckham, a reporter with the "Sussex Express and County Herald" based at Uckfield, whom she knew and who agreed to join her at "Batt's Cottage". Mr Peckham arrived at approximately 10.30pm, in time to see at least three, and perhaps four, red lights moving quite quickly about the sky at considerable height. As these lights failed to indulge in any kind of spectacular behaviour, Mr Peckham eventually returned to Uckfield, unable to make much of them. He later told the writer that, although he discussed his observations over the telephone with civilian and military air traffic authorities the next day, nothing very definite concerning the origin of the lights was forthcoming. He felt that, although not positively identified, the possibility of the lights being connected with high flying aeroplanes ought not to be discounted. He reached this sensible conclusion in view of the existence of the aforementioned navigational beacon some five miles distant at Mayfield, and which aircraft in the vicinity would naturally use.

Finally, just before 10.30pm on 19th September, a beam of nondispersive whitish light suddenly struck Mrs Bogart on the face immediately after she had watched, from her bathroom window, a large ball of light or luminous object "go down" behind the trees at the bottom of her garden (SE. of the cottage). Greatly scared by the narrowness and intensity of the beam, Mrs Bogart quickly retreated from the window towards the bathroom door, and thus escaped being struck by a second beam, similar in character, which hit the wall directly behind where she had been standing a few moments before. Both beams were of short duration. To date, Mrs Bogart has suffered no adverse physical effects from this particular episode.

Some Subsidiary Details:

The undermentioned items, although not demonstrably associated with any of the foregoing events, are recorded here for the sake of completeness, and because Mrs Bogart is of the opinion that connections of some kind do exist between them. Moreover the "harassment" factor cannot be entirely ruled out.

On more than one occasion Mrs Bogart alleges that she has been perturbed to find a yellow Volkswagon car (having smoked glass windows) following her discreetly at a distance. Once this involved the vehicle slowly following her down a woodland cart-track leading to Piltdown Lake, of it then stopping some distance from her, of two medium sized individuals emerging and hurriedly taking photographs of her, and of the individuals quickly re-entering the car and driving off in the opposite direction. On another occasion, in Maresfield, the same vehicle (or one exactly similar) seemed to be kerb-crawling several yards behind her. Mrs Bogart has no idea to whom the Volkswagon belongs, or why it should apparently follow her about in such furtive fashion, nor why she should be so mysteriously photographed. This vehicle, however, has only been noticed comparatively recently.

At the beginning of the second week in September, a very severe storm visited the Maresfield district, and raged there, as indeed over almost the whole of Sussex, for several hours. Much rain fell and lightning was common. While Mrs Bogart was making sure that all the house windows were properly secured against the storm --- just before retiring to bed --- she was amazed to see a great arc of light, extending up into the sky and maintaining a steady shape despite the high winds then blowing. It appeared to emanate from the wooded areas, or from just beyond them, in precisely the spot occupied by Piltdown Lake, and that nearly all local lightning flashes seemed to originate from the same spot, or, alternatively, focused onto it.

Lastly, some films which have been taken by Mrs Bogart in an attempt to permanently record images of the objects described above have inevitably turned out blank or "fogged". It should be noted that, when photographing or filming during periods devoid of paranormal activity Mrs Bogart's efforts with her camera have produced quite acceptable results. At the time of drafting this report, Mrs Bogart still holds these films.

Observations and Brief Discussion:

As remarked at the beginning of this report, the present account amounts to what is essentially a preliminary investigation only, and the various episodes recounted constitute little more than chronologically arranged statements of what the different eyewitnesses believe they saw or experienced. It should also be noted that the red weal-like markings, ulcers, and loss of hair suffered at one stage by Mrs Bogart, are all possible due to psychosomatic causes engendered by some or all of the other episodes. Thus it is necessary to isolate, wherever possible, cause from effect.

Whether the ghostly figures, apparent poltergeist activity, and strange aerial activity were actually real and tangible, whether they existed solely in the imaginations of the individuals reporting them, or whether some were real and others were imaginary, may never be fully known. Nonetheless, several interesting aspects of the foregoing events can be isolated and commented upon as follows.

(1) Owing to the relatively large number of persons, some unrelated, who admit to having heard mystery voices and footsteps, or to having seen unidentified figures or "entities" at "Batt's Cottage", there seems to be little doubt that the cottage is locally a centre of, or is at least periodically visited by, psychical phenomena; and that, as far as the unscheduled movements of pictures and other household objects are concerned, part of that phenomena is typical of that elsewhere designated as poltergeist activity.

(2) That two or more persons have, on several occasions, jointly observed identical or closely similar unknown aerial lights or objects, or both, suggests that the objects and lights were indeed real phenomena in at least those particular instances. Moreover, the essentially similar observations

made on other dates by single or unaccompanied percipients, if not demonstrably real in themselves, are scarcely likely to represent a different category of "evidence" wholly engendered by over-stimulated imaginations. In view of this, they are at least worthy of further close consideration. Available information concerning the aerial objects and lights appears to indicate that they are either forms of ufos, or should be classified as actual ufos or closely related phenomena.

(3) At first glance it could easily be concluded that Mrs Bogart has, due to domestic pressures, and perhaps also to tensions occasioned by what appears to be an inherent high psychic receptivity, imagine at least a number of the events of which she has been the sole recipient, and subsequently suffered physical reactions (ulcers, loss of hair, epidermal markings) as a direct result of those tensions. Such conclusions, however, are not necessarily well founded, particularly as numerous other totally unrelated ufo cases are known in which the eyewitnesses (in many cases themselves totally devoid of psychic receptivity) nevertheless experienced comparable physical reactions. Radiation, for example, may have caused ulcerated gums, facial weals, and loss of hair. Skin burns, or epidermal inflammations, have been recorded in several well documented ufo cases (an excellent example is the Falcon Lake/Michalak case). On at least on occasion Mrs Bogart did go outside to watch at comparatively close quarters a low level cigar-shaped object hovering over her garden well; on the other hand, neither of her co-witnesses, Rupert and Martin Ayling, appear to have suffered any physical ill-effects at all. Certainly Mrs Bogart's personal testimony, which forms the bulk of this report, contains many apparent anomalies, although even these may be due to her failure to note or remember critical details on specific occasions, or to our own lack of understanding of the workings of the mechanisms generating the events and phenomena described, or to both. Undoubtedly Mrs Bogart's experiences should be carefully assessed in conjunction with points 4 and 5 below.

(4) There is no direct evidence for linking the psychical/poltergeist activity on the one hand with the mysterious aerial lights and objects on the other, although it is here important to note that Keel, in "Operation Trojan Horse", furnishes numerous American instances where these two great areas of misunderstood phenomena have repeatedly, and indisputably, occurred in direct association. The fact that Mrs Bogart has experienced or observed both types of phenomena suggests that, irrespective of any psychic receptivity inherent within her, both really are linked in some manner.

(5) The observations of August 8th., of a bullet-shaped object releasing, and receiving back smaller red objects, recalls the incredible Aveyron affair of early 1967 (see 'Flying Saucer Review', vol.16, 1970, and vol.17, 1971), and the as yet unpublished details of the rather similar event at Melbury, Dorset, on 3rd.November, 1949 (see THE UFO REGISTER, vol.2, pt.2, 1971, p.16). Mrs Bogart had clearly never heard of these cases when, near the end of the writer's interview with her, they were mentioned. Mrs Bogart's account is therefore especially interesting.

(6) The mysterious yellow Volkswagen car episodes remind one, at least superficially, of some of the "men in black" cases, with which ufology in general is now well sprinkled, but which have not yet received universal acceptance among ufologists everywhere. The fact remains, however, that there is absolutely no evidence irrefutably connecting the Volkswagen episodes with any of the other paranormal events experienced by Mrs Bogart and her associates throughout the period reviewed. It is impossible to identify the yellow Volkswagen or its occupants, despite their apparently furtive behaviour, as recent British "men in black" activity, even though the phenomenon of "harrassment" in poltergeist and similar psychic cases is quite well known. The significance of the Volkswagen episodes is thus unknown, although they should be catalogued for future reference and not discarded as spurious material at this early investigative stage.

(7) The fogged or blank films, of course, may signify very much, or very little, but must for the present remain of uncertain value. Nonetheless, they should be considered in relation to the points listed about abortive attempts to photograph ufos and briefly discussed in THE UFO REGISTER, vol.2, pt.2, 1971, p.6; and the possibility admittedly exists that fogging could have been due to invisible radiations (not necessarily atomic) or emissions. Thus, while presently of dubious import, these fogged films from Maresfield could possibly one day prove to constitute important confirmatory evidence for the reality of the objects that Mrs Bogart attempted to photograph.

Summary:

It is to be hoped that other investigators, better equipped and better qualified than the writer to probe and deal with the extraordinary events described in the foregoing, will visit "Batt's Cottage" and re-interview Mrs Bogart and her cowitnesses independently, in an effort to unravel the meaning of the amazing events at and near her home. The present writer wishes to go on record as stating that, to the best of his knowledge, at least some of the events detailed above really did happen as reported but that no rational explanation for them is presently forthcoming.

At the time of writing it seems likely that Captain Ivar Mackay, who needs no introduction here as one of Britain's leading ufologists and investigator of psychic phenomena, will shortly be able to undertake the first of these further investigations, while other individuals also well versed in these apparently interwoven subjects have already signalled their interest in the whole affair. Hopefully proper accounts of these additional enquiries will become available in the not too distant future, when this magazine will be proud to report them, and that a really exhaustive study will be made of the Maresfield in order to discover, if that is currently possible, why it seemingly possesses attractions for both psychic and ufological phenomena. In closing it is, perhaps, extremely pertinent to what has just been reviewed that Keel has postulated that Sussex is one of the "windows" through which ufos enter our world from theirs.

BETWEEN YOU AND ME

by

Brinsley Le Poer Trench.

In my last article, I discussed the intriguing Maury Island affair, which occurred just before Kenneth Arnold's classic sighting of June 1947, and suggested that, because slag or slag-like material had been dropped from one of the six doughnut-shaped ufos involved, the case had officially been written-off as a hoax.

John A. Keel, the well known American ufo-writer and researcher, has stated that ufos, and their occupants, have been consistently dropping "earthly" substances and artifacts (as opposed to "out of this world" materials) all over our planet for years (1).

In this and some late articles, I intend exploring some of these cases in a little more detail. Interestingly, various authorities have dismissed many of these cases as hoaxes too, again because "earthly" substances were deposited at sites where ufos were seen and, in several instances, are reputed to have actually landed.

In 1964, at an alleged landing site at Glassboro, New Jersey, U.S.A., a small quantity of potassium nitrate was found by investigators dealing with the case. For this reason, the U.S. Air Force investigators discredited the entire incident, even though there were also holes in the ground there, identical in almost every respect, including size and shape, to holes found at other alleged landing sites, and the surrounding trees were damaged in a way consistent with the eyewitness accounts. For reasons known only to itself, the U.S. Air Force decided that the potassium nitrate -- commonly used in explosives, by the way -- was proof of a human hoax.

Similar chemicals have been discovered at other supposed landing sites in other parts of the world.

The next case centres at Kuusamo, Saapunki, in northern Finland, where, in January 1971, a blinding light appeared to the local residents at tree-top level. Snow on the ground below the spot where the object had hovered was afterwards found to have melted and then refrozen into strange, dark green crystals. A Finnish engineer, Ahti J. Karivieri, collected samples of this green ice for analysis. An expensive chemical analysis of the ice was disappointing, for it revealed nothing unusual apart from the presence of aluminium. Although present in only a small quantity, the presence of aluminium was most unusual in snow.

A systematic analysis of substances left at several ufo landing sites in Brazil has recently been completed by Professor Hulvio B. Aleixo, of Belo Horizonte, Brazil. His findings were equally disappointing, insofar as the materials identified were of a peculiarly "earthly" character, and by no stretch of the imagination could be described as "out of this world" or of extraterrestrial origin.

An unpleasant smelling, crumbling black powder was found on a football field at Baleia, Brazil, shortly after a ufo allegedly landed on 14th September, 1967. This material was submitted to the Central Institute of Geo-Sciences at the Federal University of Minas Gerais, where an analysis, which included radiation tests, was performed on it. The results showed that the substance contained iron, aluminium, magnesium, and silica. A similar material found at an alleged landing site near the town of Villa Constitucion contained magnesium, carbon, aluminium, iron, nickel and copper.

Way back in 1948, Otaviano A.Souza Bueno said that he had watched a luminous aerial object land on a stream bank near Campo Grande, also in Brazil, and three entities climb out and dig up soil samples. A subsequent analysis of the soil immediately adjacent to the excavations left by the three entities was conducted by the Institute of Technological Research at Sao Paulo, Brazil, and showed that it contained 61% silica, 19% magnesium, and 11% alumina.

Thousands of miles away on October 27th., 1954, a crowded football stadium was the setting for the fly-over of a formation of strange glowing objects. The stadium was at Florence, in Italy. A shower of shining flakes fell on the crowd from the sky as the mysterious aerial craft passed overhead. When these were afterwards analysed by the Chemical Institute of Milan, the flakes were found to be composed of quite ordinary substances, such as iron, calcium, magnesium, and silicon. Silica is the base material of common sand: heat it, then cool it, and you produce glass. Silicon can also be made into all kinds of plastic objects. It is, therefore, of the highest significance that an almost endless variety of silicon objects and substances have been found at ufo landing sites, or alleged landing sites, during the last 25 years.

At these places it most often occurs as a purplish leaflet, which to the unaided eye resembles ordinary fuel oil. Indeed, it is sometimes actually mistaken for oil.

When a fertilizer salesman, by name Reinhold Schmidt, reported seeing a ufo land in a field near Kearney, Nebraska, in 1957, investigating police officers discovered a puddle of this oil-like fluid at the spot where the ufo allegedly touched down, and accused Schmidt of putting it there himself in order to substantiate his claims.

Another outstanding case occurred on August 19th, when 16 year-old Harold Butcher, suddenly noticed that the portable radio he had with him while he milked cows in a barn on a farm outside Cherry Creek, New York State, U.S.A., was drowned out by static. Simultaneously, the tractor used to run the milking machinery also abruptly stopped. Butcher went to the window and looked out to see if he could locate the source of the disturbance. He saw a large egg-shaped object touched down in a nearby field, all the while trailing a reddish vapour and emitting a beep-beep sound. Moments later it flew away, leaving behind it a strange odour and several globs of a shimmering purplish liquid on the ground. The Kaweck

Chemical Company later performed a scientific analysis of this liquid, and determined that it was composed of silicon, aluminium, and iron.

Now, what are we to make of all this? Before attempting an explanation, however, there is another strange aspect connected with many of the aforementioned incidents, and with others like them omitted here for reasons of brevity, and this should engage our attention immediately. This aspect concerns the "foreign looking men", looking generally like normal human beings and dressed in clothes resembling ours. On many occasions these "men" have been known to turn up at landing sites, or alleged landing sites, and to take photographs and make measurements --- even before the original eyewitnesses have had time to report their observations to anyone.

To illustrate just how long this has been going on, the well known American ufologist, John Keel, in his book "Strange Creatures From Time and Space", quotes from the Daily Mail for May 20th., 1909. At that time a Mr Lethbridge came across a large cylindrical object which had landed, and five "foreigners" were busy taking photographs and making measurements of it (2).

It will be recalled that there was also a UFO "flap" in the U.S.A. during 1897. In March that year, a farmer, George Parks, and his wife, of Pennfield, Michigan, saw an extremely bright aerial object approaching them. It made a humming sound. As it passed overhead, it dropped a wheel or wheel-like object, which on inspection after retrieval proved to be composed of aluminium.

So, the ufonauts have been dropping substances and garbage on us for decades, and much of this material, be it solid or fluid, is essentially of an "earthly" character.

Before closing this installment of what, I trust, is a subject of as much interest to our readers as it is to me, I should like to refer to the strange Umno business, which is of more recent occurrence. It is, of course, only possible here to provide a brief outline of the main points in this affair, especially as a fuller account can be found in my book The Eternal Subject (3).

The Umno affair has been baffling Spanish ufologists for quite some time, since they claim in some instances to have actually corresponded with Umnoans. Umno, by the way, is the name of a planet supposed to be orbiting a star called Wolf 424, which is some 11 light-years from our solar system. Certain Spanish ufologists have received letters on paper or paper-like material headed with a symbol claimed to be that signifying Umno and used by the Umnoans. Now this symbol, or one closely like it, has been observed on ufos, as a type of insignia, by different observers in different places at different times. In my next article I will discuss some of these cases in more detail. The point is, however, if these letters received by certain Spanish ufologists really do come from Umno, then the Umnoans write on very "earthly" paper!

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RE-ENTERED SATELLITES.

<u>CATALOGUE</u>	<u>SATELLITE</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
<u>NUMBER</u>				<u>DECAYED</u>	
6416.	73.017U.	USSR.	Salyut 2.	April 08.	1973.
6412.	73.017Q.	USSR.	Salyut 2.	08.	
6411.	73.017P.	USSR.	Salyut 2.	08.	
6408.	73.017L.	USSR.	Salyut 2.	08.	
6413.	73.017R.	USSR.	Salyut 2.	08.	
6354.	72.084A.	USSR.	Cosmos 526.	08.	
6401.	73.017D.	USSR.	Salyut 2.	09.	
6417.	73.017V.	USSR.	Salyut 2.	09.	
6422.	73.017W.	USSR.	Salyut 2.	09.	
6397.	73.016C.	USSR.	Cosmos 552.	09.	00.16.
6423.	73.017X.	USSR.	Salyut 2.	10.	
6400.	73.017C.	USSR.	Salyut 2.	10.	
6424.	73.017Y.	USSR.	Salyut 2.	10.	
6415.	73.017T.	USSR.	Salyut 2.	12.	
6402.	73.017E.	USSR.	Salyut 2.	12.	
6174.	72.053F.	USSR.	Cosmos 500.	14.	
6409.	73.017M.	USSR.	Salyut 2.	15.	
6102.	72.053D.	USSR.	Cosmos 500.	15.	
6431.	73.017AB.	USSR.	Salyut 2.	17.	20.34.
6349.	73.004B.	USSR.	Cosmos 545.	21.	0543.
6407.	73.017K.	USSR.	Salyut 2.	22.	
6419.	73.018B.	USSR.	Molniya 2-5.	24.	12.28.
6403.	73.017F.	USSR.	Salyut 2.	24.	
6436.	73.021C.	USSR.	Cosmos 554.	25.	
3865.	69.029Q.	-----	Meteor 1 (debris).	25.	
6434.	73.021B.	USSR.	Cosmos 554.	26.	13.06.
6406.	73.017J.	USSR.	Salyut 2.	26.	
6441.	73.024B.	USSR.	Cosmos 555.	28.	
6442.	73.021D.	USSR.	Cosmos 555.	30.	
6420.	73.018C.	USSR.	Molniya 2-5.	30.	20.55.

(re-entered satellites: continued)

<u>CATALOGUE</u> <u>NUMBER.</u>	<u>SATELLITE.</u>	<u>SOURCE.</u>	<u>NAME.</u>	<u>DATE</u> <u>DECAYED.</u>	<u>TIME.</u>
6404.	73.017G.	USSR.	Salyut 2.	April 30.	1973.
5593.	69.082JC.	USA.	OPS 1807.	May 02.	
3475.	65.082QA.	USA.	Titan 3C-4.	03.	
6444.	73.024C.	USSR.	Cosmos 555.	06.	
4169.	69.082AM.	USA.	OPS 7613.	07.	
4335.	69.082BK.	USA.	OPS 7613.	07.	
4893.	69.082EA.	USA.	OPS 7613.	07.	
6279.	69.082HC.	USA.	OPS 7613.	07.	
6440.	72.090B.	USA.	ANIKI (Telesat)	07.	08.42.
6447.	73.024A.	USSR.	Cosmos 555.	07.	
6445.	73.025D.	USSR.	Cosmos 556.	08.	23.25.
6430.	73.024D.	USSR.	Cosmos 555.	09.	20.16.
6446.	73.017AA.	USSR.	Salyut 2.	12.	
6460.	73.025A.	USSR.	Cosmos 556.	12.	
6429.	73.021T.	USSR.	Cosmos 554.	12.	
6631.	73.017Z.	USSR.	Salyut 2.	13.	
6499.	73.025D.	USSR.	Cosmos 556.	15.	
6632.	73.026B.	USSR.	Cosmos 557.	17.	00.42.
6382.	73.025E.	USA.	Cosmos 556.	17.	
6498.	73.014A.	USSR.	OPS 8410.	19.	
6647.	73.026A.	USSR.	Cosmos 559.	22.	03.01.
6630.	73.030A.	USSR.	Cosmos 556.	23.	
6656.	73.025C.	USA.	Skylab II.	24.	04.34.
6398.	73.032B.	USSR.	Salyut 2.	25.	
6648.	73.017A.	USSR.	Cosmos 559.	28.	
6649.	73.030B.	USSR.	Cosmos 559.	28.	
6654.	73.031C.	USSR.	Cosmos 560.	June 01.	
6653.	73.031B.	USSR.	Cosmos 560.	01.	07.01.
6658.	73.033B.	USSR.	Cosmos 561.	02.	
6652.	73.031A.	USSR.	Cosmos 560.	05.	
6657.	73.033A.	USSR.	Cosmos 561.	06.	
6664.	73.031E.	USSR.	Cosmos 560.	06.	
6661.	73.033C.	USSR.	Cosmos 561.	07.	
1765.	65.082DC.	USA.	Titan 3C-4.	09.	
6100.	72.054B.	USSR.	Cosmos 501.	10.	
2151.	66.035A.	USSR.	Molniya 1-3.	11.	
6650.	73.030D.	USSR.	Cosmos 559.	12.	08.00.
6663.	73.031D.	USSR.	Cosmos 560.	12.	14.32.
6668.	73.036B.	USSR.	Cosmos 563.	13.	
6640.	73.028A.	USA.	OPS 2093.	13.	
3747.	64.074B.	USA.	Explorer 23.	13.	
6674.	73.036C.	USSR.	Cosmos 563.	15.	