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EDITORIAL

This addition of AWARENESS is the first for several years under new editorship and it is fitting for the new editor to thank the old for his distinguished efforts in producing AWARENESS and UFO REGISTER through thick and thin for so long, sometimes in very difficult conditions. It should be pointed out that Bernard Delair is alive and well and is still adding invaluable contributions to the research side of CONTACT plus his book reviews and magazine articles.

On the production side, again thanks are due to Bernard for typing out the stencils required for duplicating the magazines and to your retiring Chairman, Fred Passey, who rolled out the pages for many editions on CONTACT's duplicator, which he kept and maintained on his own premises.

It has been very difficult to replace Bernard and Fred in their respective capacities, but we have now assembled a new team (with grateful thanks to Derek Mansell for a recruiting drive) which it is hoped will be able to produce the magazines in the foreseeable future. The names of the editorial team are listed after the editorial.

The first problem which faces us is the ravages of inflation. There is no need to elaborate! It is hoped that the extra subscription money this year will improve CONTACT's liquidity, but cost saving exercises will have to be carried out for a while and some of these may be apparent in this edition. Savings on presentation and packaging have been made, but the total reading content remains unchanged.

Given that we now have the "tools" to produce a magazine, we now require you, the membership, to supply some of the articles. The more wide-ranging the material content, clearly the more interesting the whole becomes. This edition has not been too difficult to produce, but we cannot be certain of the next one. Letters in response to articles are also required and we regret no letters have arrived in time for publication of the Summer 1980 AWARENESS. Paul Flatman is anxious to get plenty of letters for study and analysis in future editions.

The 1980 UFO scene has not been as impressive as the start of 1979, but of course we still have the ever-present enigmas to investigate such as government "cover-ups", aliens under wraps in America and stricken space ships in orbit round the earth! Please keep us informed at Data Research of any sightings from press clippings particularly those in the small local papers, ensuring the full date of the sighting is contained somewhere on the clipping.

Good hunting!

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SELECTED UFO REPORTS

by

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4th March, 1979. Time 1.28 pm. Welling, Kent, England.

A husband, wife and young son, noticed a metallic object going past the window. The husband had been watching an aircraft, when he first spotted this object. It was round, but possibly, because the object was rotating, its colour appeared metallic-chrome or gun metal finish, and was the size of a football. It was visible for about one minute and gradually disappeared out of view, travelling on a straight course.

Investigator: Margaret Fry

5th March, 1979. Time 12.30 a.m. Long Wittenham, Oxon., England.

The witness a 22 years old electrician, was travelling westwards in a car, when he noticed an orange object in the sky. His first reaction was that the object was the moon. However on coming within half a mile of the object, it seemed to change shape by breaking in the middle. The shape was like a new moon. On travelling towards it, the witness lost the object behind some trees, but could still see an orange glow. When he was about 200 yards south of the object, all he could see was a spot of light, travelling northwest at immense speed.

Investigated by Data Research

6th March, 1979. Time 11.20 p.m. Cleave Hill Common, Glos., England.

The witness observed from an open window, a very bright white, large round object. It was visible for about sixteen seconds. The witness has not seen so large a light in the area before.

7th March, 1979. Time 6.50 p.m. Radway, Warwickshire, England.

The witness, a young man, was walking in Radway, when he happened to look up and saw a yellow-orange light rotating in the sky. After watching it hover for about 40 seconds, a small light shot upwards from the main object and then started to descend towards the ground. The larger light then changed to oblong shape and started to move off in an easterly direction, at which point the witness heard a sound like a low tone jet.

12th March, 1979. Time 12.30 a.m. Renown Park, Australia.

A large sphere was seen hovering for about 30 minutes. Object was yellow and made a whirring noise.

"PROBING THE PSYCHIC FACTORS"

by

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(The author is a member of the Wolverhampton based PARASEARCH team, a body of researchers and investigators who probe such topics as UFO's, Parapsychology and the Occult. Working as a student chemist in the Staffs. area, he is responsible for the preparation of many in-depth reports from this sector of Great Britain and he is also involved in research into psychic phenomena. Involved with both BUFORA and UFCIN for some time, Stephen has recently started to investigate for CONTACT U.K. as well.)

Following on from the advent of The 'New Ufology' in the late 1960's and early 1970's, came the snowball effect of the parapsychological modes of thought in relation to our study. Unfortunately, such concepts are treated in one of two ways by most interested parties:- open hostility usually from the pro-Extra Terrestrial Hypothesis school, or complete and subjective adoption and promulgation of these hypotheses by others. In this polarised situation very little rational thought has been given to the solution of the base problem.

After the novel work of Keel (1) and others, a multitude of more respected authors proposed unifying theories concerning UFOs, poltergeist phenomena and the like. Amongst them, the erudite Pierre Guerin wrote a piercing and most effective article in the respected journal, "Flying Saucer Review"(2). In it he put forward ideas concerning the similarity of contactees etc. to those with mediumistic traits and the likelihood that the 'Extra-Terrestrials' are merely the modern form of a phenomenon as old as Man himself.

Whilst many read with interest and absorbed these thoughtful points, others blithely ignored the portentous stirrings in the bowels of Ufology. Luckily, a few of the more dedicated researchers and investigators in this country were already beginning to sound out witnesses' experiences in these other twilight zones. Some even found directly correlative events, such as poltergeist phenomena occurring at times of intense UFO activity in the percipient's vicinity. It was into this atmosphere of 'for and against' the UFO-Psychic link that I became embroiled, and in late 1977 I became an investigator.

My very first thoughts were that I must determine my own viewpoints on the topic by introducing into the investigation questions concerning the witness' background psychic events, if any had allegedly occurred. Over the past two years much valuable information has come my way through the adoption of such procedures. Thus, with the aid of a number of cases(3), I hope to indicate some of the concepts involved. It seems evident that many witnesses have archetypal psychic experiences and that they do not think of them as being linked in any way with their UFO experiences. Other cases, in contrast, seem to lack any psychic factors whatsoever. This is a problem, but it soon became apparent that repeater witnesses and contact percipients always had 'paranormal' scenarios in their lives. From my own research and that of the team with which I work, I can conclude that nearly all close encounter witnesses of genuinely Unidentified phenomena hold character traits of an undeniably para-

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psychological nature.

The first case to really convince of such an outlook was a car-chase event from Werrington, near Stoke-on-Trent. This event occurred on 5th March 1979 and was witnessed by step-brothers, Stanley and Tommy Austin, who live in the town. It was their custom to go to a country hotel at nearby Mooreville Hall for a drink on most weekday evenings, giving Tommy (a paraplegic since a road accident some years ago) a chance to get out of his home. They usually consume a couple of pints, leaving around midnight (they arrive late) and return in Tommy's specially converted Ford Granada Ghia.

After spending their usual two hour stay and quiet drink at the hotel, they left and proceeded to travel back at a steady 50 mph, the comfort of the car and the warmth of the heater lulling them into a sleepy state. At Cellarhead, one of the bleakest villages on the North Staffs. moors, they turned left for their abodes in Werrington, a mile or so distant. At this point Tommy noticed a large orange disc with a light above it manoeuvring to the north-west. Tommy accelerated from his position at the traffic lights and they continued to watch and keep pace with the object for a mile.

Turning and moving towards the disc, they temporarily stopped at the gates of Mooreside School before moving off again in pursuit. On accelerating once more to close the gap between them and the object, it shot off to the west-north-west and the two men decided to turn off the main road and follow down a side street. After a period of travelling parallel to the dome/disc, by now quite immense in apparent size, it neatly flipped out of sight over some houses blocking their way. It passed over with only a hundred or so feet to spare, the object being easily as wide as the two sets of semi-detached houses, i.e. some 60 feet in width. This object had caused two sane and sober individuals to travel out of their way in the dead of the night, causing the only other car on the road to swerve wildly onto the kerbside. It then left Tommy and Stanley gasping as the disc seemingly dematerialised in front of them. On probing further though, the event was more than merely a good UFO sighting. Other factors began to drop into place too. Stanley had seen a human form shrouded in mist, not far removed from an entity sighting of today, just before the death of his grandfather.

Tommy claims no experience of this nature, but with brother John he had seen another disc-shaped object several years previously, when a white object passed over an hotel, causing a temporary blackout on the premises. John also told of several other sightings of his and of some rather disturbing paranormal events in his life. The most incredible was a chance meeting with a long-dead ex-soldier friend, killed in Northern Ireland, at a service station, whilst on holiday. Also witnessed by his wife, the spectre and the car it was in both dematerialised in front of them. Further probing extracted a host of events that seemed indicative of a meaningful psychic element being involved in the family as a whole.

With a now 'open mind' I tackled another case, or series of cases, hoping for more data in this area. Luckily, the next witness was a man of alert intelligence, a fully trained electronics engineer and a member of the staff of one of the large circulation Hi-Fi magazines. Based in London, his experiences occurred near Watford in Herts. and involved three separate UFO sightings, covering the years 1946 to 1978, and many psychic events. This was almost too good to be true!

Involving a ball of light in 1946, a globe in 1965 and a droning object in July 1978, the UFO sightings proved quite a mixed bunch. The paranormal events were even more eclectic, with precognitive dreams well to the fore. Further instances involved poltergeist phenomena and Electro-Magnetic effects on electrical appliances and equipment, especially at work. By now, common symptoms and a series of ideas were forming in my mind.

A meeting with a family(4) nearer home, in Little Haywood, cemented these postulations. Here was the typical psychic-UFO series of events. The family has been plagued by mysterious phenomena for many years. A haunting of an amazing kind, a series of presences in bedrooms and cars, ouija board predictions and other factors run the gamut of amazing experiences of this family. Moreover, the UFO link was given more credence here too. Both of the children had observed an object with angel hair forms and the mother had witnessed a large, glowing disc at close quarters with her husband. This sighting occurred in January 1979, although the other strange events have lasted over many years.

More recent investigations have turned up yet more evidence for the contention that UFOs and the paranormal are inextricably linked. To serve up endless cases would only serve to bore the reader. Perhaps it is better to look at several sightings where no psychic factors are involved at all and note the differences.

One case that I investigated in Stafford occurred on 16th September, 1979 and involved a sighting of a red disc with red circumferential lights. The object moved from side to side and then sped off soundlessly. Terry Faulkner, witness, felt no reaction to the object except that of absolute surprise, a factor consistent with other impersonal sightings. In most events with a list of psychic overtones the percipient often senses a feeling of enlightenment or some other such personalised reaction.

Perhaps the most satisfying case, from a personal view, came from a woman in Northants., who had seemingly had a time-loss experience and who was regressed by G.S. Phillips (a psychologist in our team) in the summer of 1979. Whilst eliciting the details we became aware that a potential abduction experience had been stopped after a scanning procedure of the witness in her stalled automobile. Regression brought out this scanning process, interviewing the lack of any previous sightings or paranormal background and conversation the fact that she thought that she had been "selected, scanned and rejected", in her own words. The implications of that fact remain quite staggering, even in the cold light of day, as it were. Was the absence of any psychic 'symptoms' in her character etc, the reason for the premature annulment of her experience? This seems to be the case when one looks in comparison at the events experienced by the Avis family of Aveley Abduction fame (5).

Answers to our questions concerning the UFO and paranormal event links seem to be forthcoming. In recent texts(6) authors have been open-minded and noted that certain people, call them "sensitives", psychics or what you will, are the focus for events of an as-yet inexplicable nature. From the research of Andy Collins and others, we are able to draw up a short list of archetypal events that UFO percipients claim to experience, traits in their character and physiological nature etc. Repeater witnesses, who claim several UFO events in their lives, and contactees also exhibit these most forcefully and are in the fore-front of the 'personalised sightings' log.

In dealing with such people one becomes aware that, as usual in this sphere, the reported events are without any evidential weight. As in other areas of psychical research (and Ufology too!), the "Will o' the Wisp" nature of such experiences defies scientific study, under laboratory conditions. Moreover, the fact that such subjects are, by their very nature and outlook, very suggestible lends credence to the commonly held, but wholly unproven, belief that they are suffering from psychopathological disorders.

Whether the stimuli to such events are external, as some mode of intelligent monitoring etc., or internal, perhaps through a collective unconscious approach, it is without doubt verifiable that the witnesses to the vast bulk of true unknowns are in possession, or claim to be in possession, of a measure of psychic ability or are a focus for events of such a kind. This seems to be an inherited factor and is due to some mental capacity as yet uncategorisable within the bounds of contemporary knowledge. Those percipients to single cases do not possess this faculty and never claim personalised affairs. Many 'facts' in Ufology are openly debatable and unproven in any truly scientific sense, but it is the contention of many of the more enquiring that the psychic UFO witness is the most easily documentable and potentially most important factor in the phenomenon. It is with the hope of furthering our knowledge of this large sector of the puzzle, that I earnestly urge all investigators to probe the psychic claims of the witnesses, if they exist. It is well to remember that by adopting a pre-chosen hypothesis, as many involved in the subject do, one cannot hope to progress beyond the present bickering and pro- and anti- format of Ufology in this country.

If Ufology is to progress at all, then we must look in an objective and detached manner at every facet of the phenomenon and data collected on the psychic facet if present. Pet theories must take a back-seat to research. There is no doubt that we shall find a substantial, if not total, parapsychological base to the subject and that much less exotic sources than 'hollow Pluto', Zeta Reticuli etc. are involved.

References:

- (1) Amongst others, "Operation Trojan Horse", "Our Haunted Planet", "Cosmic Question", "Creatures From Time and Space", etc.
- (2) "Flying Saucer Review", Vol. 21 no. 5, "Concerning The Profound Unity of All Paranormal Phenomena".
- (3) All cases on BUFORA, UFOIN (NUFON) and soon CONTACT 1979 files.
- (4) Family's name on file for serious researchers.
- (5) Documented in abridged form in two issues of "Flying Saucer Review", Vol. 23 no. 6 and Vol. 24 no. 1.
- (6) See "UFOs, A British Viewpoint", J. Randles and P. Warrington, Robert Hale 1979 etc.

Editor:

A thought provoking article which we hope will generate lots of correspondence.

Several possible hypotheses come to mind based on the UFO-Psychic link. Simply expressed these are:-

- (1) Only persons with psychic powers can see UFOs;
- (2) The psychic persons acts as a 'catalyst' attracting the UFO by some unknown homing signal. Once attracted, other persons are then able to see the UFO in the immediate vicinity of the psychic. Multi-witness sightings may be explained in this light - with just one witness in several hundred acting as the 'catalyst', even unknown to him/herself;
- (3) Psychics have an over-stretched imagination and create UFOs from simple natural phenomena. We know that many distinguished ufologists with a highly scientific and objective approach, have never claimed to have had more than one UFO encounter, whereas less reliable witnesses claim multi-sightings and close encounters by the dozen.

FACT OR FICTION?

by

Derek Mansell

It happened on a very foggy day in May 1951, on a lonely, nearly deserted airfield, somewhere in Southern England.

The time was approximately 8.30 a.m., there were three men working in the Control Tower, one was manning the tele-communication and Radar equipment, one was on the roof, checking meteorology equipment, the other was in a separate room making coffee. All of a sudden the man on the roof yelled down that he could hear an aircraft circling the airfield slowly, but his colleague in control replied scathingly that nobody could possibly be airborne in that weather, and besides there was no radar indication or radio communication to the control tower. Convinced of the validity of what he heard, the man on the roof persuaded the dubious controller to come up and listen. Sure enough, they heard the aircraft. Both agreed that it must be a small light aircraft manned by a raving lunatic.

The aircraft continued to circle the airfield for at least 30 minutes and at long last, decided to land. It came to rest on the grass surrounds, choosing to avoid the concrete runway and a long way from the tower. The sanity of the pilot was again questioned by the witnesses.

The controllers saw it was an antiquated biplane, with markings they did not recognise and the aircraft seemed to have a gun mounted on it. At last two figures clambered out of the aircraft and started to walk towards the tower, as they got nearer, one controller observed that they were dressed in very old fashioned leathers, and approached them to see what they wanted.

The two occupants turned out to be French and none of the controllers could speak French, so after lots of sign language and swearing, the senior controller phoned through to the immigration people and customs and asked for an interpreter from intelligence to come down.

At 11.00 a.m., two customs officers and an immigration officer arrived, plus a Colonel from the intelligence service, who could speak French fluently. Both men

were brought down to be questioned, more arguments developed, and the Frenchmen began to get very tired, however they kept persisting in their story, which no one believed.

The crew stated that they had taken off from an airfield in France at 8.00 a.m., but the intelligence officer pointed out, that no such airfield existed. They insisted it did, then for some reason, the senior controller asked the interpreter to ask them to go through all times and dates again. This they did and came out with 8.00 a.m. 21st May, 1917. There was a roar of laughter from the British team at this preposterous statement, knowing the date was 21st May, 1951, and after further questioning, they decided to adjourn for lunch and see if they could get some experts on old aircraft and World War 1 to come up and see the crew and aircraft.

It was finally arranged that such a person would come up at 3.00 p.m. He duly arrived, examined the aircraft, took some ammunition and parts of a gun and declared as far as he was concerned, the machine was a genuine World War 1 combat aircraft. After establishing this fact, the intelligence and immigration officers were completely baffled, so they decided the best action was to let the veteran return to its base, followed by a British aircraft. Two major snags emerged; one they needed a special fuel for the old aircraft; and two, they needed a really slow pursuer, which had the range to go to France and back, and still keep behind the French aircraft. Help was enlisted from a large petroleum company and a special fuel was made up. The expert on old aircraft who ran an aviation museum supplied a machine which could pace the Frenchmen.

It was decided to have two patrol boats available in the channel, one near the British Coast and the other nearer the French Coast, both on the course of the aircraft. At 11.00 a.m. on the 23rd, the Frenchmen were ordered to take off with escort and return to their base. The escort plane had radio contact, the French did not. The flight began very well; the escort aircraft was above and behind the Frenchmen, about 15 miles from the French coast. One patrol boat picked up both aircraft, the British pilot keeping in radio contact. It was then that a fog bank loomed up and the British pilot said he was dropping below the level of the French and further behind, in case of a collision. The British plane and patrol boat came out of the fog bank, but no French aircraft appeared. Both decided to search the area, but could find nothing, so the aircraft decided to return to England, leaving the first patrol boat, plus the other patrol boat, which had now caught up, to search the area.

One member of the crew, thought he heard an aircraft, above the noise of the boat engines, so both boats decided to cut their engines and listen. This they did and all heard an aircraft circling in the fog, this went on for two and a half hours, until the noise gradually faded out. At this stage, the search was given up and both boats returned to England.

In the meantime, the intelligence officer had established that such an aircraft base in France had existed in 1917, but now had a small town built over it. Final checking was made and it was established that the aircraft had taken off at 8.00 a.m. on 21st May 1917, but had been lost in action. The graves of the Lieutenant and Sergeant crew members were found, but are the two still flying around and around, hoping eventually to locate their landing site?

Editor:

We understand that this account is true, but locations have been kept secret.

A number of these 'time-lapse' happenings associated with World War 1 and II have been reported, usually filed under "ghost-stories". UFO encounters involving 'time-lapse' may be related in some way.

THE GREAT PARADOX OF THE FLYING SAUCERS

by

Philippe SCHEYDER

President of the C.N.R.O.V.N.I.(S)

Amongst the innumerable paradoxes which characterise the immense problem of the flying-saucer phenomenon, by no means the least resides in the following statement.

Indeed, whereas in all probability there is reason for considering that, on a planetary level, the question of UFO(s) (Unidentified Flying Object(s)) clearly constitutes the first and foremost problem of our time - with due respect to all the chauvinists, rationalists and troubled spirits who think we could economise on this as on the struggle for the conquest and control of space - Humanity does not particularly give the impression of according to it the no doubt capital importance it deserves, beginning by those who should precisely be concerned by vocation.

There are several reasons for this amazing situation which, on the whole, have escaped till now the notice of the majority of the public and for good reason; but, prompted by personal reflection over a number of years, we shall attempt to resume them by setting out the following four principal points.

Point One:

The first point involves what is commonly known today as the "mass-media". Now the respect we owe to the simple truth obliges us here to state plainly that ever since Anglo-Saxon journalists started to use the unfortunate expression "flying saucer" after Kenneth ARNOLD's famous observation at Mount Rainer in 1947, there has always been an ever widening separation between journalists and the respect due to current-event problems of all sorts and, naturally, the respect equally due to the public.

Briefly, we claim to affirm that - save several exceptions which precisely confirm the rule - news reports, whether written, spoken or televised, and journalists have never really made the effort to deal seriously and honestly with the problem which so rightly preoccupies us.

It is true that the attitude of jeering mockery which rapidly established itself or, in contrast, the farcical and grotesque "space opera" style which also became so popular are not the fault of journalists and newspapers alone This inevitably and

logically leads us to points two and three where we shall see that the journalistic tribe thus fortunately finds itself exonerated of part of the sins of which we accuse it.

Point two concerns intellectuals and point three the secret services of the two great nations.

Point Two:

It is well known and obvious that, when analysing the mysterious "Flying Saucer" phenomenon somewhat in the manner of the thesis defended by Dr. David Michael JACOBS at the University of Indiana, intellectual spheres and, first and foremost, the scientific community refused for a long time to tackle what they considered to be a myth or phantasm unworthy of enlightened minds.

Only very gradually did American or European intelligentsia consent to take a good look at this formidable puzzle which they strongly suspected of being a diabolical trap, set for all those whose profession of faith or thought was in sympathy with established dogmas. Our friend, Jean-François GILLE, eminent physician and ufologist, showed this clearly in his recent article "The intellectuals' great fear of flying saucers" ("Le Monde", Aug. 17th 1979), meaning the fear of an intelligence exterior to our World, visiting or supervising the Earth and, without doubt, master of a transcendental, non-human technology or at any rate one very much superior to our own. This is also the point of view of the astrophysician Pierre GUERIN.

We shall not revert to this beyond pointing out that, in view of the immovable, sceptical and anthropocentric spirit of our Masters of thought (or Master-thinkers?), it was evidently more comfortable to relegate Flying Saucers to the cloakroom by preferring the arguments of the American Carl SAGAN or Scotsman Duncan LUNAN, or even of the Frenchman Albert DUCROCQ, on inter-stellar communications by radio telescopes which themselves relegate the hypothetical "little green men" to thousands if not millions of light-years away from us. (Likewise, when Pierre BENOIT, champion adventure-novelist between the two wars, situates his mysterious "Atlantide" in the heart of the Sahara, no one is upset.) One must, however, observe in passing the obvious seriousness of this conjunction between, on this one hand, the clumsiness and incompetence of the mass-media and, on the other, the refusal a priori by prominent intellectuals to examine the documents.

Point Three

The third point offers another explanation of the scandalous discredit suffered for so long by the "F.S." phenomenon within a large part of public opinion. Indeed, very rapidly and intimately believing in the physical or psycho-physical reality of the UFO(s) phenomenon, the American and Soviet Secret Services (C.I.A. and K.G.B.), especially the former and near proof of this exists today, brought pressure to bear on military authorities and even on parliamentary and governmental quarters so that nothing, or at least the minimum, filtered through to the public or, more precisely, to the principal channels of opinion concerning the reality of the UFO's "nuts and bolts", as the American SPRINGFIELD would say, and of their occasional occupants.

It is not necessary to seek elsewhere the explanation of the intentional and pre-meditated failure of the majority of American boards of enquiry, from the "PROJECT SIGN" to the more recent CONDON Committee.

We shall not revert to this either, for all those more or less involved with the problem know today what gigantic practical jokes were unhesitatingly resorted to in order to disguise the truth, a truth which became more and more embarrassing. Scientists themselves, including James MacDONALD and J. Allan HYNEK, were hoodwinked at the beginning. Did they not publicly admit so later?

Faced with such an accumulation of negative and unfavourable factors, we must admit that a BLACK-OUT of this type and importance deserved to hold good as it has done, whether we like it or not, for 25 years, and this in the face of numerous and virulent attacks directed by ufologists, scientists, Members of Parliament and journalists.

Point Four:

The fourth and last point completes our demonstration in so far as the majority of responsible ufologists, in spite of inevitable divergences over details, agree on one thing at least: that AGENT X (meaning the behaviour of the F.S. phenomenon) leads us astray intentionally. Indeed, whether ostentatious or elusive, the F.S. phenomenon has one typical particularity: its quality which is both evanescent, fleeting and remanent. We know personally of cases of alleged "landings" where traces coincide (oh horror!) with "fairy rings", easily identified and very much of this earth. This in order to say that everything happens consequently as though we were dealing with a magic phenomenon, even though in other respects we all pertinently know that this same perennial, obstinate and even repetitive phenomenon can be picked up by radar and photographed and also that it leaves traces which are often indelible, especially on vegetation, animals and even on certain human beings.

None the less, we know that henceforward we are confronted with a phenomenon really, as Bertrand MEHEUST would say, "unyielding to the human psychism" which is playing with us by trying to be accepted for what it is not, in other words: an ILLUSION.

Here then is the great word, the master-word: CAMOUFLAGE. Well, when we can find out what exactly is behind the curtain of smoke, we shall then most certainly be approaching the truth.

At present we are still groping There is no reason to do so blindly or masochistically, veiling our eyes knowingly before a possible danger. Who knows? There are other methods of approaching a phenomenon, attested by nearly 90 million observations during 30 years (provisional figure), which will be of capital importance to future generations.

This, we believe, is what should be recalled when the sinister black-out on the M.I.B. (men in black), previously referred to, begins to crack before disintegration which will not now be long we hope.

UFOS - THE 20TH CENTURY ENIGMA

Review of the UFO Study Course

by

Lionel Beer FRAS *

Morley College achieved some distinction last autumn by being the first college in London to sponsor a full UFO study course**. While classes have been held at an evening institute in the Bristol area since 1974, and there have been short courses in other parts of the country, it has long been a puzzle as to why this significant subject has lacked attention for so long in the metropolis! Even American universities have held introductory courses. The subject, ufology, became generally recognised as an established area for study as long ago as 1947! This followed Kenneth Arnold's sighting of nine gleaming discoid objects, while flying solo in his private 'plane in clear weather conditions over the Cascade Mountains in Washington State, USA.

The UFO course at Morley was proclaimed in no lesser publications than the "New Scientist" and the "Illustrated London News", the latter including a photograph of the tutor. On the first evening, a television crew from Shepherd's Bush TV Centre, set up shop in the class causing some bemusement. They left at 7.30 pm, and it says something for their skill, that their film showing both the College and the Class was developed, out and edited in time for the BBC News on 2 at 10.40 pm the same evening. Consequently there was high initial interest and after the 'one-nighters' (mostly non-paying) had come and gone, the attendance averaged 25-35 students.

In one term it was only possible to scratch the surface of the subject, which ranges from defining its parameters and looking at historical analogues to various government sponsored research projects and attitudes. Even the UN has held sessions to discuss the subject in recent years. The Morley syllabus was divided into segments, dealing with photographic evidence, ground traces (sometimes implying landing marks), radar-visual cases, investigation procedures etc, and eventually the highly controversial aspects of the many worldwide reports of UFO occupants. Curiously, bug-eyed monsters, much beloved by science fiction writers, are notable by their absence from witness accounts. There is not space to run over the theories or possible stimuli for these accounts. However it is notable that most occupants are basically anthropoid in form. Some are alleged to wear light-weight garments, while others have heavy-duty suits like divers or astronauts, and all have been popularly dubbed 'humanoids'.

Of course any subject can be studied superficially, but it would require a course of at least two terms to provide a basic introduction, so that UFO case histories could then be studied with reasonable understanding and depth. Feedback from students

(**It is also worth noting that in 1979, Anthony Pace FRAS, ran a UFO course sponsored by the Workers Educational Association, and was held in Crewe.)

indicated that this experimental course was very successful despite its one-term duration. In fact at the end of term party, a number of them said that they would like it to continue. Morley over to you!

THE UFO PHENOMENA AND ESP

by

Clive Morris*

On Friday 2nd May 1980, I had the pleasure of appearing on a live television programme on Tyne-Tees television. The programme was called "Friday Live" and is on every Friday night at 10.30 till 12.00. It is a discussion programme and each week has a topical subject to discuss and debate with guest stars, so called experts and a studio audience. The subject this week was "The UFO phenomena and ESP". Its star guests were Jenny Linden, actress from "Doctor Who and the Daleks" and David Burglass, magician, who claims to have paranormal powers. The so called experts were many, so I will come to them one at a time.

The programme began with the two presenters Miss Joan Shenton, fame of "Money Go Round" and Mr. Chris Kelly, fame of "Clapper-board", being beamed down off the studio roof, silver capes and all, into the studio. Joan Shenton explained that what viewers at home had just seen, was in fact not real - it was television technology, but could two people from another planet possibly land on our planet? She asked our first expert, a Mr. Timothy Drake. "Most certainly, it has been going on for hundreds of years, certainly for the last thirty years," he said.

Chris Kelly then turned to a member of the audience, a Mrs. Margaret Kilford, who had claimed to have had an encounter with a UFO and asked her to describe her sighting. She said that on the 24th September 1979 she was awoken by a child next door. She got out of bed and went and looked out of the window, when she saw a bright light coming through the sky. At first she thought it was the Moon, but realised it was too bright and the wrong shape. She said it was coming from the west in a straight line and it was eight times as big as a plane. There was no noise and if it had continued in the direction it was moving it would have gone out to sea in the east. When it got to a certain height it just reared off towards the north. She said it was very bright, like a fluorescent light, very white. She watched it for about two minutes before it disappeared. The next day she reported it to the Evening Chronicle and the reporter said he would look in to it. A couple of days later she rang the paper and asked to speak to the reporter who spoke to her. She overheard his colleague say, "You're not going to tell her that they got it on the scanner are you?". The official explanation she was given, was that it was a low star in the west.

Chris Kelly then turned to a Mr. Hinshaw and asked him if he would describe his sighting. He said that on the night of the Queen's Jubilee, three years ago, he was returning from a friends house on his motorbike, when he had a feeling that he was being watched from behind. He looked around and saw a pink purple light following him. Just as he was being overtaken by a Jaguar, the light shone on him and the Jaguar. He said that at that moment his bike and the Jaguar cut out, as if the engines had been switched off and they both of them ground to a halt. The light then moved away and out of sight and both his bike and the Jaguar started up again. Till this day he has never been able to understand what had happened.

Joan Shenton continued by saying that the problem with alleged UFO sightings, to people who haven't experienced one is that they tend to sound like the wildest form of science fiction - "but could they be valid?" she asked. She then turned to Professor Paul Davies of Newcastle University, who is head of Theoretical Physics and author of a book called "Other Worlds". She asked Professor Davies if he could put us into the context of the vastness of the Universe we live in. He said that the party line amongst Astro-Physists, is that there is nothing remarkable about life on Earth. It was generally conceded, he said, that there would be life throughout the Universe, but because the Universe is so big and other planets so far away, we don't really know how densely populated our own galaxy would be with life forms. There is every possibility, he said, that life forms from other planets would try and contact us, but he didn't believe they would do it by coming here themselves. He believes they would try radio contact first.

Chris Kelly then spoke to Dr. Carl Sargent of Cambridge University who is doing experimental research into ESP and asked if he thought it was totally far fetched into believing that we might be able to contact and communicate with beings from other planets, using ESP. Dr. Sargent said that the suggestion seemed highly possible if the beings were highly evolved. There are many ifs and buts, he said, but it doesn't seem a ridiculous idea.

After we had seen a few tricks with cards, from David Burglass, we were shown a fascinating film of a UFO. The film was shot by an ATV television crew, who had gone to interview a shepherd on an Oxford farm. Suddenly a strange object appeared in the sky and the alert crew were able to film it. The film showed a very bright cylindrical object in a clear blue sky. It moved in a zig-zag motion, emitting a smoke or vapour trail from time to time. The film was put through every test available and was judged to be perfectly authentic. The sighting was backed up by over a dozen people in three neighbouring counties.

Joan Shenton then turned to Mr. Ian Ridparth, another expert and asked him if he believed in Extra-Terrestrial life, or was there something closer? He said he believed in the possibility of Extra-Terrestrial life, but is very hard to prove. He said that despite what people have written and said, we still had no proof of life in the Universe. He was then asked what he thought of UFO sightings. He said he thought they were great fun but he didn't really believe in them because there was insufficient evidence.

During the programme members of the public were invited to phone in and contribute to the discussion. We had our first caller on the line, he was a Policeman, a Mr. James Lowrie. He told us of a sighting he had seen himself. He said he saw two lights joined together, the top light being red and flickering and the other being white and constant. He watched them for about thirty seconds before they were lost in the night sky. He said he had checked out his sighting with the Civil Aviation Authority and with his local RAF station, they had no explanation, nor had his own Police Force, who control private planes and helicopters.

Chris Kelly asked Professor Paul Davies, that if it is a probability that life evolves on other planets, is it foolish to believe that they could travel to our Earth in space vehicles and also why are we so sceptical about UFOs? Professor Davies said it isn't foolish to believe it, it is just questionable that what is being spotted in the sky is in fact evidence. Just because it is unexplained doesn't prove there are Extra-Terrestrial spacecraft. Professor Davies went on to say that people are notorious in their inability to estimate such things as distance, speed and duration. To prove this, he asked Chris Kelly, what size object, if held at arms length, would just cover the Sun? Chris Kelly said an orange. Professor Davies said that was the usual answer, but in fact it was a shirt button.

Joan Shenton continued by asking Alan West, author of "Close Encounters: The Strange Truth About UFOs", why he had written a book on the UFO phenomena? He said for money, why does anyone write a book? When he first became interested in UFOs, he said, it wasn't with the intention of writing a book, it was because he was genuinely interested. Along with other people who were interested in UFOs, he was deluded in believing there was something serious, deep and mystic about them. Generally he felt that there is an Extra-Terrestrial Phenomenon at work in our skies and that it is something physical and most reports were genuine. Joan Shenton asked him whether he believed there was a government cover up, and if so, why? He said he did believe there was a government cover up, the reason being that they simply don't know how to deal with UFO reports.

Chris Kelly then turned to Mr. Raymond Drake, author of nine books, one entitled "Gods or Spacemen", which preceded Erich von Daniken by four years, with similar theories. Raymond Drake began by saying that bizarre as it may seem, he believed Earth had been colonised by spacemen many years ago. He believed there had been four civilizations before ours. All ancient history, he said, tells of great wars in the sky between Gods or Gods and Men. They say that they destroyed themselves with missiles from space ships, just as Russia and America would do today if there was war.

We had another phone call, about a possible government cover up. The lady gave her name as Mrs. X, from Washington, Co. Durham. She used to work for the MOD at the Royal Observer Corps in Lincolnshire. Mrs. X said she managed to get some keys that opened a cabinet containing information she wasn't supposed to see on Aerial Phenomena. In the file were reports of how members of the Observer Corps had gone out and investigated UFO sightings, taking measurements and speeds etc. and how they had told the people concerned not to go to the press, After they had

said that their reports were not of UFOs Chris Kelly asked Timothy Good what his reaction was to that. He said he was quite sure it was absolutely true about the MOD because he had heard it all before and not just in this country. He was convinced that the government were embarrassed by UFOs.

Chris Kelly then spoke to Mr. Richard Laurence of the Aetherius Society and asked him for his remarks. He started by saying that in 1962 all reports in the MOD file on UFOs were destroyed and he had absolute proof of this on a taped telephone call. According to Mr. Laurence, under the Public Records Act, after 30 years such documents become available for public scrutiny. He remarked that he was very, very suspicious that the UFO reports were destroyed because they should now be available to the public.

Dr. Carl Sargent said he certainly believed governments would cover up any UFO reports. Governments he said, are generally defensive and not just about UFOs; civil servants love covering things up. Ask any self employed man about the Inland Revenue who are the masters of secrecy!

Dr. Molyneux, who is reading into Physical Instrumentation at Newcastle University jumped in and said that the sightings are not UFOs at all, but military aircraft being kept secret.

Dr. Carl Sargent said he didn't really trust people who believe UFOs were from other planets, neither did he trust people, who have not examined all the evidence and say it's just military aircraft. He asked Dr. Molyneux if he had in fact studied any UFO evidence. Dr. Molyneux said he hadn't got the time and he didn't believe they existed anyway. "That's the point", said Dr. Sargent, "sceptics are always ignorant."

We were then introduced to our star guest of the evening, Jenny Linden, actress, who appeared in the film "Dr. Who and the Daleks" and believes she saw a UFO. She said in mid March 1979 in Bedfordshire, she was decorating upstairs in her new house, when looking out of the window she saw a cigar shaped object which was dark at the bottom and on the top had a perfect "V", which was orange. She called her husband to bring some binoculars upstairs. It was static in the sky, and hadn't moved for about two minutes. Suddenly it shot to the right, stopped and stayed there. Then it just disappeared. She said that they didn't report it, but some days later they found out other people had seen it on the same day.

Next we were treated to a record by Hot Chocolate called "No Doubt About It". It is based on a true UFO sighting by the writer of the song, Mike Burns. He saw the UFO over Hampstead Heath on January 1980. He said after seeing this bright light in the sky, for some time, it had effected him and he felt he had to write a song about it.

We had another phone call. It was from a Mr. Bill Franklin, who used to be in the American Army. He said that in September 1952, he was on guard duty on an Air-Force base in Suffolk. On that night at 2 am he was sitting in his jeep, when he saw a bright light across the sky. At first he thought it was a shooting star, but it then deflected, like a ping-pong ball hitting a wall. After a short time he saw two or three

more of these lights acting the same way. Then one of them flew down one of the runways and out of sight. After this happened he called out the guard, all 24 of them. They were all looking skyward, when three of these lights came back down the runway towards them. He then called out the Duty Office, who in turn scrambled a flight of F82 Shooting-Stars, but by the time they got into the air these objects were out of eye sight. Joan Shenton jumped in and asked Dr. Molyneux for his remarks. Dr. Molyneux said he thought it was a load of old rubbish, just a TV game in the sky. "You can make these things up for ever", he said, "there is nothing, there are no UFOs coming to this planet from anywhere else, positively not", he ended. Bill Franklin had stayed on the phone and came back by saying to Dr. Molyneux, that the difference between those who believe in UFOs and those who don't, are those who have seen one and those who have not. This raised loud applause from the audience. Bill Franklin went on to say that he wasn't the only one to have seen them, there were 24 qualified technicians, also the objects were tracked at 10,000 mph on radar. He said the pilots reported seeing these things, but not being able to catch them. All of this is on record with the USA Military, who had told them to say nothing to no one. He concluded by saying that it is something he will remember for the rest of his life. As he put the phone down, he was given another round of applause.

Joan Shenton continued by asking Mr. Chris Boyce, science fiction writer, his views on UFOs. He said that in the past people have seen strange things, which they assumed were Gods or Spirits; these days they happen to be called UFOs. They are always on the borders of conception and they all might be the same thing he said. Personally he thinks we will find evidence of Extra-Terrestrial life within the next 30 years, but it will have nothing to do with UFOs.

Dr. Molyneux jumped in by asking if it wasn't just romance people wanted, something to lift people out of their doldrums! Then Chris Boyce returned by saying that the trouble with UFOs, is that they are boring and so dull.

Chris Kelly then turned to Professor Davies and asked him that if we do accept that UFOs exist and are from other worlds, they couldn't have left last Wednesday; it must have been many light years ago. Professor Davies agreed by saying that according to our present understanding of the law of physics, no material object can travel faster than light, which is Einsteins theory of relativity, of course, He said, "We don't know if his theory is correct, but we have good evidence to suppose so".

Raymond Drake came in and said that Professor Davies and all the other sceptics, would have believed the world was flat, if they had lived some 500 years ago. He said he believed that UFOs could materialise here from other dimensions, which could take no time at all.

Mr. Ken Rogers of the British UFO Society, said one of his theories is that UFOs were time travellers, from our world in the future and wouldn't land for fear of not being able to get back.

Professor Davies said that Ken Rogers theory couldn't be ruled out, but it was pure speculation, without evidence.

Dr. Molyneux was asked if he thought it was dangerous to foster such an idea as UFOs. He said he didn't think there were such things as UFOs, he was sure about that, but he did believe there is a tremendous need in the human race to believe in something. At the moment it is UFOs, in years to come something else will take over.

Dr. Carl Sargent thought Dr. Molyneux was a very silly man indeed. "In the 18th century there was a very eminent chemist in France, who said meteorites did not exist, because there were no stones in the sky, therefore none could fall to earth - and here we have, two hundred years later, another eminent scientist saying he is absolutely certain that UFOs don't exist. Arthur Clarke said that whenever an elderly scientist, over 30 years old, tells you something doesn't exist or is impossible, he is wrong. We really should have learned our lesson by now".

At the end of the programme a vote was taken, firstly how many people believed that life does exist on other planets. Result 50%. Secondly, how many people believed that UFOs exist in our skies Result 40%.

Editor:

A great deal of information is contained here. The unsolicited telephone callers are the ones to watch, as they may be revealing hitherto unknown sightings on the sheer impulse of being on the programme.

Data Research cannot vouch for a great many of the stated sightings but we are fairly certain that the Royal Observer Corps has never undertaken a UFO investigation, being primarily concerned with Nuclear Warfare nowadays. There could be some confusion with "Unidentified Flying Aircraft" of Russian origin which might make impromptu appearances over the UK from time to time. An aircraft recognition role is maintained to some extent in the ROC.

The findings of the Aetherius Society representative are not in accord with Data Research. Obviously 1962 is rather a long time ago, but we do not concur that MOD files were destroyed then. Nonetheless we would clearly love to hear Mr. Laurence's taped telephone call to put the record straight!

REVIEWS

We continue our regular book reviews, but in this edition a TV play and general release film have also been examined.

Book Review"Alien Animals"

by Janet & Colin Bord.

(Paul Elek, Granada Publishing).

Pp. 258 : £7.95.

Previous books by these authors have been characterised by informed texts and excellent illustrations. Their latest, "Alien Animals", is no exception, and is, arguably, their best to date.

In "Alien Animals", Janet and Colin Bord examine the numerous accounts of creatures which, though not officially recognised by science, have been reported for centuries from almost all regions of the world, and for which a large body of accumulated eyewitness testimony now exists. All these animals appear to have much in common, such as an ability to suddenly appear and disappear (often at the same localities), an imperviousness to bullets and blows, and an ability to run, fly, or swim at unnatural speeds. Falling into this class of enigmatical creatures are mystery lake animals, giant birds, black dogs, the "Surrey Puma" and related "cats", flying "men" and Mothman, and Sasquatch/Bigfoot types of anthropoids.

The Bords meticulously document every case (each chapter is replete with an impressive bibliographic section), and provide maps of where each type of mystery creature has been sighted. There are also various photographs - some apparently previously unpublished - and a selection of old prints depicting examples of these animals observed in earlier centuries. My only criticism concerns the largely unrealistic instructions given to would be monster watchers.

It would be spoiling things if I disclosed here the conclusions arrived at by the authors, but I will mention that the parallels they trace with the UFO phenomena are extremely interesting and should be made known to all researching ufologists. Thoroughly entertaining and informative, "Alien Animals" should delight everyone with an enquiring turn of mind.

J.B. Delair.

Film Review"The Bermuda Triangle"

('U' Certificate, colour) Sunn Classic Productions : Directed by Richard Friedenberg; Written by Stephen Lord; Featuring Brad Crandall. Based on Charles Berlitz novel "The Bermuda Triangle".

The film attempts to review the historical incidents in the triangle by means of the well used medium of "dramatized documentary". A continuous narrative is maintained by Brad Crandall who had the delivery of Alan Whicker and the appearance of a rotund Dr. Hynek!

We see Columbus and his crew bemused by passing UFOs in the triangle, and ghost ships of the nineteenth century in the next sequence. The 1945 aircraft incident - the most famous of all - is dealt with in some detail with the emphasis on the unknown

person (or alien) that took the place of the young trainee pilot who ducked the mission on an instinctive feeling that something terrible was going to happen. Various boats and aircraft are shown under the influence of an unknown contact - all being bathed in a giant halo of sickly yellow light. A time lapse of ten minutes on a commercial flight over the triangle is shown with severe dramatization.

Explanations of the phenomena come thick and fast, ranging from legendary Atlantis to UFO activity inevitably. Some rather comical UFOs appear looking like overlit chandeliers! Well known cases from classical ufology are examined - not necessarily connected with the Bermuda Triangle. The Mantell aircraft incident of 1948 is dealt with in detail and a purported metallic relic from the disintegrated aircraft shown riddled with a mass of minute holes. The strange death of Professor Jessop and the Philadelphia experiment are also covered.

The film was extremely entertaining and one or two new facts and ideas emerge. The authenticity of the material in such a film is open to ones own viewpoint and which of the voluminous accounts of the Triangle one adheres to.

(Incidentally, the film is supported by "Encounter with Disaster" - a very good documentary on disasters natural and man-made).

G. E. Ambler.

T.V. Play Review

"Friends in Space"

Play by Ray Hassett and John Ratzenberger

Last December, Norman Oliver, Editor of BUFORA Journal, received a phone call to say that the TV Times was looking for background material for an article on UFOs. The article, in support of "Friends in Space", appeared in the 1-7 March 1980 issue, headed "Close Encounters of the Weirdest Kind" by Alan Kennaugh. It carried pictures of six film or TV sci-fi aliens, and went on to comment on recent sightings, concluding with a list of 13 UFOs investigated by BUFORA.

The play, in the ITV Playhouse series, was screened on Wednesday 5th March, running for nearly an hour. It started with five enthusiastic but assorted members of the "Friends of Space Society" meeting at the rambling old house of their eccentric president, Rex G.X. Thornton. (Did the authors come across contactee enthusiast Rex Dutta I wonder? And Thornton's electrical paraphernalia ought to have made John Searl, alias Lunic Enterprises, green with envy!).

Despite 10 years of Newsletters, this was the first meeting of the Society - dedicated to making contact with extra-terrestrials. FCSS member Mr. Babcock, sporting blazer with embroidered military crest on the upper lefthand pocket, carries the parody further by admiring Rex's electrical junk heap in glowing mumbo-jumbo terms. His loving wife, Esther, is depicted as reacting to situations as his opposite. Don, a parody of an American hamburger merchandiser, drops names and flashes his

saucer-shaped lighter and "Special UFO Investigator" badge. Introvert, Tom, a car mechanic, is encouraged to relate his experience: After the TV went funny there was a knock at the door. Two aliens with big domed heads had landed from Solar Elexis X. "I may have even soiled my trousers I was so scared" he recounted. Inside their space craft which had landed on a marsh, Tom saw a medical operating table. On it was the engine of a Cortina. How did it work the aliens enquired. Tom was equal to the question. However he had become disconcerted about travelling to another planet in his bedroom slippers. The aliens perceived his dilemma, and he awoke in front of his TV set in the early hours of the morning. Clumsy bickering then followed in the script, which was immediately terminated by Rex announcing the real reason for the meeting. A shuddering cigar-shaped object had crashed into the nearby hillside. In the burnt out wreckage he had retrieved - and bedded down in an upstairs bedroom - a green glassy-looking alien, who was accompanied by chemistry-lab. sound effects. (Perhaps the script had given the alien indigestion? It rather looked as though it had escaped from a pond in the BBC's "Life on Earth" episode the previous evening). FOSS members were totally unprepared and Susan (what poor lines for elegant Eleanor Bron) the much travelled intellectual, decides she wants to go home. Babcock also panics and tries to sabotage Rex's equipment, while Rex ineffectually directs his members for the momentous event. All too quickly a blue light appears in the sky. As foretold by Rex, the family of the green alien have come to collect junior - homing in on Rex's lights in the front garden. There is a brief parody of Steven Spielberg's (CEIII) film, complete with inconclusive ending.

This situation parody could have been adapted to various themes, and will probably reinforce some opinions that some ufologists are wellmeaning crackpots. Unlike "Star Trek", I shall not watch a repeat

Lionel Beer.

Selected UFO Reports - continued ...

16th March, 1979. Time 8.55 a.m. Adelaide Airport, Australia.

A large object was seen travelling northeast very fast, when it suddenly stopped for about 20 seconds, then moved off again very fast.

21st March, 1979. Time 7.45 p.m. Elizabeth Downs, Australia.

A red sphere-object hovered, pulsated, and then carried on quite fast, keeping a straight, steady course.

22nd March, 1979. Time 3 a.m. Solihull, West Midlands, England.

The witness was a young woman police constable. She was alone in a police car outside the station, when she noticed the object over a nearby multi-storey car park. It was a brilliant white light surrounding a saucer shaped object, and was descending behind the car park. The saucer was approximately 30 feet in diameter

and it appeared to be brighter than any object she knew, including the sun, the object seemed to have a dome like upper part, most of the light radiating from the under-surface.

Investigated by U. F. O. S. I. S.

13th April, 1979. Time - daytime. Warrington, Cheshire, England.

The witness, a married woman, was sitting in the garden with her husband, looking up at the sky, which was full of vapour trails. However she then noticed a round object very high up and about 20 seconds later, another one came into sight. They were stainless steel in colour, the size of a small pea and disappeared into the region where two vapour trails met.

Investigator: Kathleen Waldron

16th April, 1979. Time 4.50 p.m. Wheatley, Oxon., England.

A whole family saw this object, which was first seen by the 8 year old son, his mother being a member of Data Research. The witnesses went into their garden and saw the object just above them. It was shining very silver in the sunlight. The object appeared to be solid and was moving on a straight easterly course. It seemed to be slightly oval with a flat top in its centre. There was no noise and the size seemed to be about 3 feet, it was about 200 feet up and travelling about 10 m.p.h. It is possible that the object was a balloon, although none were reported.

Investigated by Data Research

18th April, 1979. Time 9.10 p.m. Cambridge, Cambs., England.

The witness, a young man, was waiting outside the council offices for his mother, when he noticed an object in the sky. At first he thought it was a bird. However it started to flash silver on the top half, the lower remaining dark. It was climbing and seemed to be wobbling, but subsequently appeared to float. The object was cone shaped and was the size of a sixpence. There was no sound.

21st April, 1979. Time 9.50 p.m. Liverpool, Lancs., England.

The witness, a young man, was watching the sky, trying to pick out different stars and planets, when he noticed a bright light moving across the sky. He called his brother and they both watched. When first noticed the object appeared to be just above the roof tops and was a yellow-orange-white colour. It moved at constant speed and was silent. The witnesses flashed a torch at the object and as it drew level the colour intensified to a bright white, returning to original colour as it passed. As the object disappeared the witness started to dither, his whole body shaking. This continued for about 20 minutes, but did not affect his brother. The object was the size of a golf ball.

Investigator: Miss Baskerville-Barratt

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