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EDITORIAL

1977 is showing increased UFO activity and it is hoped that everything is "go" for the big flap expected at the end of the year.

The Journal has been doing very well lately and has received many favourable remarks from readers. An increasing number of the Group's members now subscribe from other counties and countries, and reports and articles from areas other than Essex are being included in the Journal. This being so, UFO reports and related events from other parts of the world are urgently required and anything that you can send will receive full credit if published. Thanks go to those who have already submitted such material.

All editorials are going to be kept short and sweet in order to give as much space as possible to the other entries. At the moment it is not practicable to increase the thickness of the Journal to any great extent as we would then have to increase the subscription (something we are trying to avoid).

NEXT GROUP MEETING

The Group's next Meeting will be held on Friday, 15th April 1977, at Harts Lane Lecture Hall, Cowbridge Lane, Barking, from 8.00 to 11.00 p.m.

Included in this Meeting will be a lecture on the hollow earth theory. Also, a detailed account of the abduction near Winchester (Mrs. Bowles and Mr. Pratt).

SPECIAL MEETING - 14th February 1977. (8-11 p.m.) Harts Lane Hall, Barking.

Guest speaker at this, the Group's first Meeting in 1977, was Mr. Rex Dutta - author, lecturer and Director of "Viewpoint Aquarius".

Mr. Ron Rider, the Acting Chairman, introduced Mr. Dutta (who was accompanied by Mrs. Jean Coulsting, Editor of "Viewpoint Aquarius") to an audience of nearly 80 people - some of whom had travelled a great distance to be present.

Mr. Dutta's talk was concerned with the whole flying saucer phenomenon, from its earliest indications many thousands of years ago to the present. (At various points Mrs. Coulsting read out selected passages from "Viewpoint Aquarius".)

The phenomenon began for us in 1947 with Kenneth Arnold's sighting in Washington State, U.S.A. Mr. Dutta went over much of the material concerning the early sightings which were made by reputable U.S.A.F. pilots, etc., and brought some emphasis to bear on the fact that all these sightings were hushed-up after 1954. (not only in the U.S.A. but all around the world!).

The intelligencies behind the saucers were explained by Mr. Dutta as being more "mind" than physical beings, and that they operate on a much higher "plane" than our conscienceness realises. An understanding of Theosophy, though, is necessary to really appreciate their existence and purpose in coming here. This is a side of the saucers that is generally left alone by many UFO enthusiasts, but which will probably have to be considered in the long run.

A long coffee-break meant much socialising for all concerned, and great interest was expressed in both Mr. Dutta's and the EUFOG's work.

The second half of the Meeting was left open for questions - a fair number being concerned with the actual "workings" of the UFO's. This was a difficult question to answer: it may be that the craft themselves are merely a "front" for our benefit - manipulations of matter by pure thought. Whatever their method of "working", though, they were certainly not to be thought of as "nuts and bolts" machines (a view which Mr. Dutta repeatedly gave throughout the evening).

In answer to another question, it was interesting to hear that there may be as many as 100,000 contactee cases in the world today, but only 3,000 of them are known to us. This led on to the sighting near Winchester, Southern England, of an entity, in November 1976, by Mrs. Bowles and her friend Mr. Pratt, who were in a mini-car at the time. Apparently, Mrs. Bowles, Mr. Pratt and the car were abducted in December last year by the same (or appearing as such) beings.

A number of rather basic questions were asked of Mr. Dutta and all were met with confident answers. To many of the people present Mr. Dutta was undoubtedly giving, in the main, a side of the UFO phenomenon that was new to them.

At the end of a very interesting (and for some, rather controversial) evening, the Chairman thanked Mr. Dutta and Mrs. Coulsting for coming along and giving such an interesting talk. The audience then showed their appreciation. After much applause the Meeting was adjourned.

Editor.

INVESTIGATIONS

In the January, 1977, Journal the case "UFO's over Harlow, Essex" was presented (Case No's. 1976-10-6,7,8). Mrs. Draper, one of the principal witnesses, took ten photographs of the objects. The negatives were posted to Mr. D. Canning, but he didn't receive them (not an uncommon occurrence in Ufology), and a thorough search by the Post Office still hasn't revealed their whereabouts. Obviously, there is now little hope of their recovery.

For the record the camera used by the witness was a "Hanimex" Instamatic No. 126 (colour film) and flashcubes were used for all the photo's.

In many of the following cases the witnesses have requested anonymity and therefore their real names have been replaced with a letter.

Please remember that if you see a newspaper report of an UFO having been seen anywhere, please inform us, and if possible pass on the clipping with the name and date of issue of the paper.

Editor

Strange light over Enfield

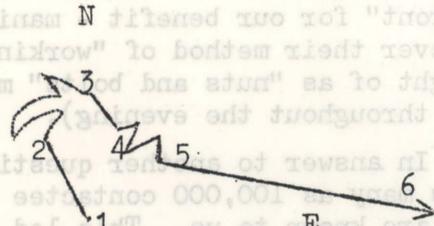
One fine Sunday evening during August, 1976, Mr. and Mrs. K. were relaxing in the rear garden of their home in Ambleside Crescent, Enfield, Middlesex. The sky was very clear and it was very warm.

At 11.15 p.m., Mrs. K. brought her husband's attention to a "falling star" high up in the sky. Mr. K., who was lying down, gazed upwards and saw the meteor carry out some rather unexpected movements.

First of all it stopped, changed colour from white to red, and then zigzagged about. It stopped again, changed colour back to white, carried on a little way and then executed a similar initial set of movements before finally flying "off at a great speed towards the east."

Key

- 1. Start, elevation 70°.
- 2,4. Changed colour from white to red.
- 3,5. Changed colour from red to white.
- 6. Disappeared, elevation 20°.



The course of the "meteor"

The total length of the sighting was about 30 seconds. and the object had the brightness of an "average star"

Inv: D. Goring

The next four cases all occurred early on Christmas Day/Boxing Day, and are the result of an appeal in local newspapers.

Report No. 2. (Case No. 1976-12-7)

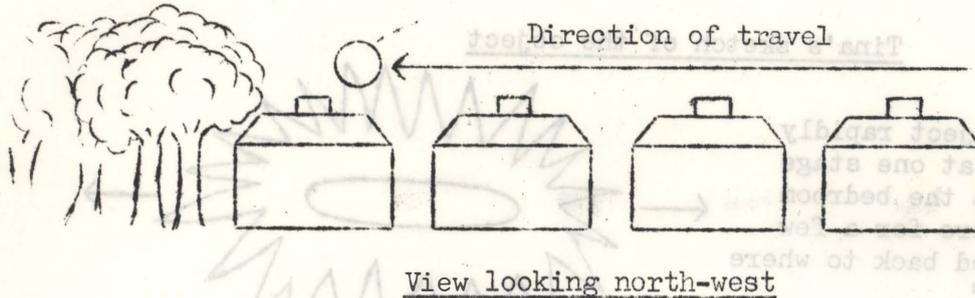
UFO over Hoddesdon, Hertfordshire.

At approximately 1.00 a.m. on Christmas Day, 1976, Mrs. H. of Ranworth Avenue, Hoddesdon, Hertfordshire, observed, with her husband, a spherical, sharply defined and intensely pink object travelling from north to south (and parallel to the ground) over the rooftops of some houses a little way away.

Mrs. H. was standing just outside the door to her back garden when she saw it. She called to her husband and together they watched for about half a minute before the object passed behind some trees, rooftops, etc., and disappeared. The sky was clear at the time and it was very cold. It was such an incredible sight, though, that the cold didn't deter them from watching for as long as it was in sight.

The apparent size was astonishing - an object 1" (2.54 cm) across held at arm's length would have been equivalent to the size of this "thing" (approximately equal to an object in the sky five times the diameter of the Moon). Although appearing to move slowly, Mrs. H. explained that she believed it to have been travelling quite fast because its distance was thought to have been in the order of one mile.

One other point worth mentioning is that Mrs. H. thought the "thing" had an antenna more or less on top, but Mr. H. disagreed and thought that it had a tail.



Dr. Keith Hindley, a recorder of and specialist in fireball phenomena (exceptionally bright meteors), has no record of this particular object. It is possible, therefore, that this object was not a natural phenomena. Such a bright object would have been visible for hundreds of miles along its path if it had been a real fireball, but if, as the witnesses believe, the object was only a mile or so away, its altitude would have been very low and consequently not visible to very many people. (The path of this object would have lain over open countryside.)

Inv. D. Goring.

Report No. 3. (Case No. 1976-12-10)

UFO over Edmonton, North London.

Mrs. J., of Latymer Way, Edmonton, North London, had just gone to bed early on Christmas Day, 1976, when she became aware of a bright white light in the sky through her bedroom window.

At first she thought that it was a star, but quickly decided otherwise as it was much too big and bright. The light seemed to dim and brighten alternately, but when it dimmed she could see a "reflection of a shape."

At about 1.30 a.m., after watching for a quarter of an hour, Mrs. J. called her daughter, Tina. Together they observed (through the window, unfortunately) the light zigzag occasionally and pulsate, but it didn't lose altitude or elevation.

Both witnesses agreed that when the light dimmed a "saucer" or "squashed oval shape" became visible. Mrs. J. described the object as cigar shaped with a green light on one end and an orange light on the other.

Tina only watched for some 12 minutes, but Mrs. J. was so "struck" with what she saw that she continued observing until 2.30 a.m., by which time the object had moved to the west a little and diminished in size.

It must be noted that Mrs. J. is long-sighted, and what effect this has had on this sighting is not easy to say (she doesn't wear spectacles).

Additional Data

Estimated altitude: Unknown (thought to be very high).

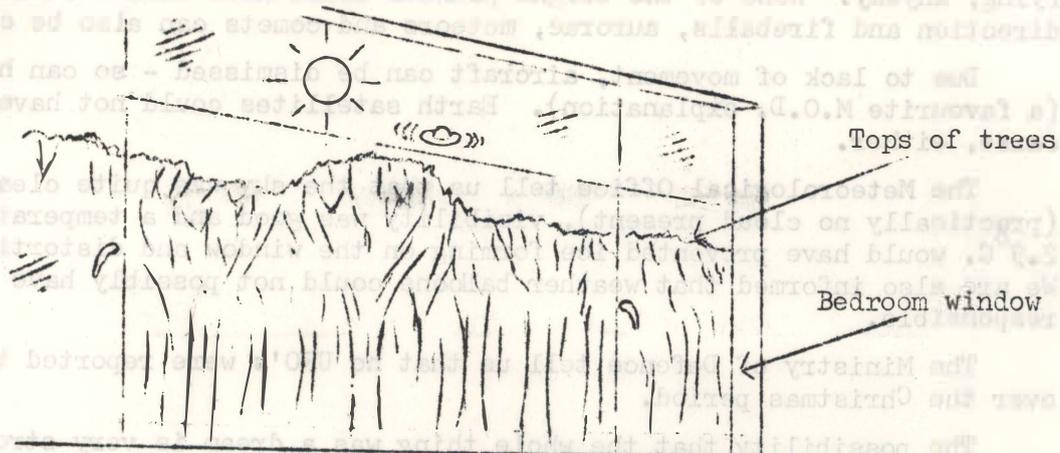
Greatest apparent size: Equivalent, perhaps, to a half pence coin (Tina); ping-pong ball (Mrs. J), held at arm's length.

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For at least 10 minutes Teresa lay there watching this strange, spinning object. By now she had become a little frightened and so she got out of bed, left the room and went into the toilet.

When she returned at 3.15 a.m., the flying saucer had gone, but the Moon was still there. Teresa's elder sister was asleep in the same room and knew nothing of what was happening.

Throughout the rest of that night Teresa couldn't sleep, although this was still mainly due to the excitement concerning her Christmas presents.



Teresa's view of the UFO's through her (upstairs) bedroom window

Teresa's father recalled that he met her on the landing at the top of the stairs after he heard her movements. However, she only told him that she couldn't sleep, and it was a few days later before he found out about her sighting after Teresa's sister told him all that Teresa had told her.

A month later Mr. M. saw a short EUFOSG article in the "Walthamstow Guardian" newspaper regarding UFO's, and this included an appeal for witnesses to telephone the Group. After Mr. M's call Mr. Doug Canning visited Teresa and took note of the details.

After checking the Moon's phase for 25th December, I (Ed.) was astonished to discover that the Moon was only visible for a short time after sunset (the Moon was four days old and still in the crescent phase). The "Full-Moon" that Teresa saw was subsequently found to be another UFO!

When questioned again, Teresa told me (Ed.) that the "Full-Moon" was white and didn't look any different from a normal Full-Moon. However, there were none of the dark patches (maria, or seas) visible on its face as there are on the real Moon. Obviously, Teresa hadn't looked at the real Moon in the past closely enough to establish any difference between what she saw and the real thing! Exactly how this object disappeared was not noticed.

Both the "Full-Moon" and the flying saucer were stationary in the sky throughout the sighting and the only movement noticed was the spinning of the dome-topped saucer. Through a series of varying drawings it was determined that the saucer was tilted towards the witness at an angle of 15° to her line of sight.

Additional Information (for both UFO's)

Estimated altitudes and real sizes: Unknown.

Greatest apparent sizes: The "Full-Moon" looked about the same size as the real Full-Moon and the saucer was about one-half the size of the "Full-Moon" (it is possible that these estimates are too small).

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Objects first seen (and last seen) in the east-south-east.
Elevation of objects: Approximately 55°.
Audible emissions: None.

There are no possible man-made light sources in the vicinity outside Teresa's window that could account for the objects that she saw (Epping Forest cuts off any lights from cars, street lighting, etc.). As for astronomical possibilities - the region of the sky in question was devoid of any noticeable stars, the nearest bright star (Arcturus) would have been hidden by the trees and wouldn't have been visible from where Teresa was lying, anyway. None of the bright planets would have been visible in this direction and fireballs, aurorae, meteors and comets can also be eliminated.

Due to lack of movement, aircraft can be dismissed - so can helicopters (a favourite M.O.D. explanation). Earth satellites could not have been the cause, either.

The Meteorological Office tell us that the sky was quite clear (practically no cloud present), visibility was good and a temperature of 2.9°C would have prevented ice forming on the window and distorting things. We are also informed that weather balloons could not possibly have been responsible.

The Ministry of Defence tell us that no UFO's were reported to them over the Christmas period.

The possibility that the whole thing was a dream is very strongly denied and Teresa sticks to her story rigidly. Her eyesight, by the way, is good.

We are told that Teresa is a very truthful girl and has never had any knowledge of UFO's. Since the story and the facts seem very convincing, it would appear that she did indeed see something extraordinary that morning.

The only comment that Teresa has on all this is that she feels they'll come back again!

Inv. D. Canning & D. Goring.

At the time of writing no other reports have come in relating to the same object, but a letter was received by Mr. Canning from a gentleman who lives only a short distance from Teresa's house, and he also is very close to Epping Forest. His letter is printed below.

Case No. 1977-1-7

29th January 1977.

"Dear Sir,

January 11th, 1977.

In the early hours I was awakened by a noise. Noises in the head are not uncommon and I laid for a minute expecting it to go in the usual way.

The noise did not go. It did not vary. It was relatively powerful and consistent, but not unpleasant. I had experienced and heard of similar noises in the Chingford area, but had not given them any significance.

On this occasion I got up to see if there was any external reason. I checked the time, it was exactly 3 a.m.

I looked out of the window and saw that it was very misty with about 100 yds. visibility. Apart from the persistent noise there was no visible external activity. My window is parallel with Chingford Lane facing the forest. Street lighting was dulled by the low cloud.

I looked up to my right and fairly high in the sky was a very bright light. Standing at the top of The Avenue and facing the forest the position would be about 2 o'clock.

I looked at the light very carefully to check for movement. There was none. I watched for about 5 minutes. I then looked around the sky for anything else. Nothing was visible. The thin mist blanked the sky out.

I wondered whether it could be a reflection of any street lighting against cloud. It was not so. It was too high. Any street lighting would have been diffused anyway. This was a positive bright light. It stayed stationary. It was brighter than any star or group of stars might have been on a clear night.

If I was asked to estimate the height I would say about 2000ft., although this would be pure speculation as I had nothing to compare or judge by.

I moved away from the window and went out of the bedroom, down the passage to the bathroom. The noise was still present and did not change in intensity as one would expect from an external noise.

This indicated to me that it would be a modulated radio signal. I am an Electronics Engineer specialising in audio. I then attempted to calculate the frequency and decided it was about 1000hz. (I believe that rectification of radio signals can occur in our brain or similar sense).

I watched the light for another 5 minutes and decided I could not stop up all night and went back to bed. As a final test I put my head under the pillow but the noise did not vary.

I went to sleep with the noise still present. It was certainly not a ringing noise.

When I awoke at dawn the noise and bright light were gone. I would define the light as representing a fairly large object. In the distance it appeared like a group of lights very close together."

Yours faithfully,

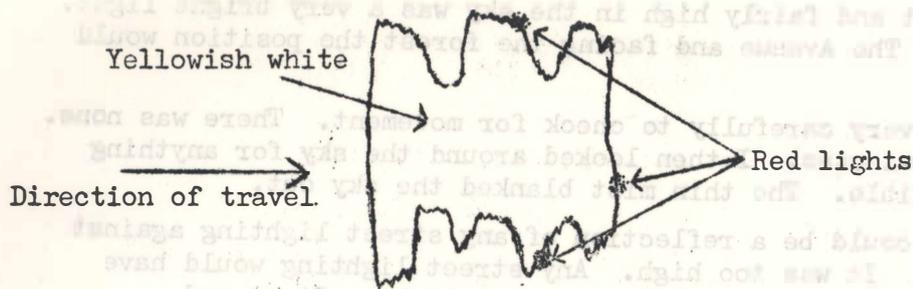
H.J.A.

Report No. 5 (Case No. 1976-12-4)

Early on the morning of Boxing Day 1976, a young girl (aged 10) and her mother, Mrs. S., were outside the front door of their home in Westmoor Road, Enfield, Middlesex, waving goodbye to some friends who had visited them on Christmas Day.

It was Mrs. S's daughter who first noticed a brightly lit, yellowish-white object high up in the south-east, moving slowly across the sky from left to right. Unfortunately, they didn't wait around to see more than a minute of its passage and their friends had departed just before it was noticed.

Mrs. S. described the object as a "distorted rectangle" with possibly some red lights dotted around the edges. Both witnesses did drawings of the object and these agreed quite closely.



The UFO witnessed by Mrs. S. and her daughter

The time of this sighting was between one and one-thirty a.m.

Additional Information:

Estimated altitude and velocity: Unknown.

Greatest apparent size: Equivalent to a ping-pong ball held at arm's length.

Elevation of object when first and last seen: Approximately 60°.

Audible emissions: None.

Weather conditions: Cold, with a clear sky (virtually identical to Christmas Day).

Inv. D. Canning.

RESULT OF A STUDY - PART I

UFO reports on their own give little information about the phenomenon as a whole. The cases do, however, make exciting reading and the bulk of UFO books are generally made up of these.

Over the next three issues of the Journal (at least), results, albeit of a rather restricted nature, of our study of the UFO material received for Essex during 1976 will be given. UFO reports for 1975 are few in comparison because of the (then) poor coverage of the Essex area. They should, therefore, not be looked upon as representing a year of very low UFO activity. (The 1976 results do suggest, however, an increase since 1975 in the number of UFO's sighted).

Only a small percentage of all the UFO activity that occurs is ever received by UFO groups. Consequently, the analysis of this material is restricted to a certain extent, although not enough to destroy the overall picture that the results suggest.

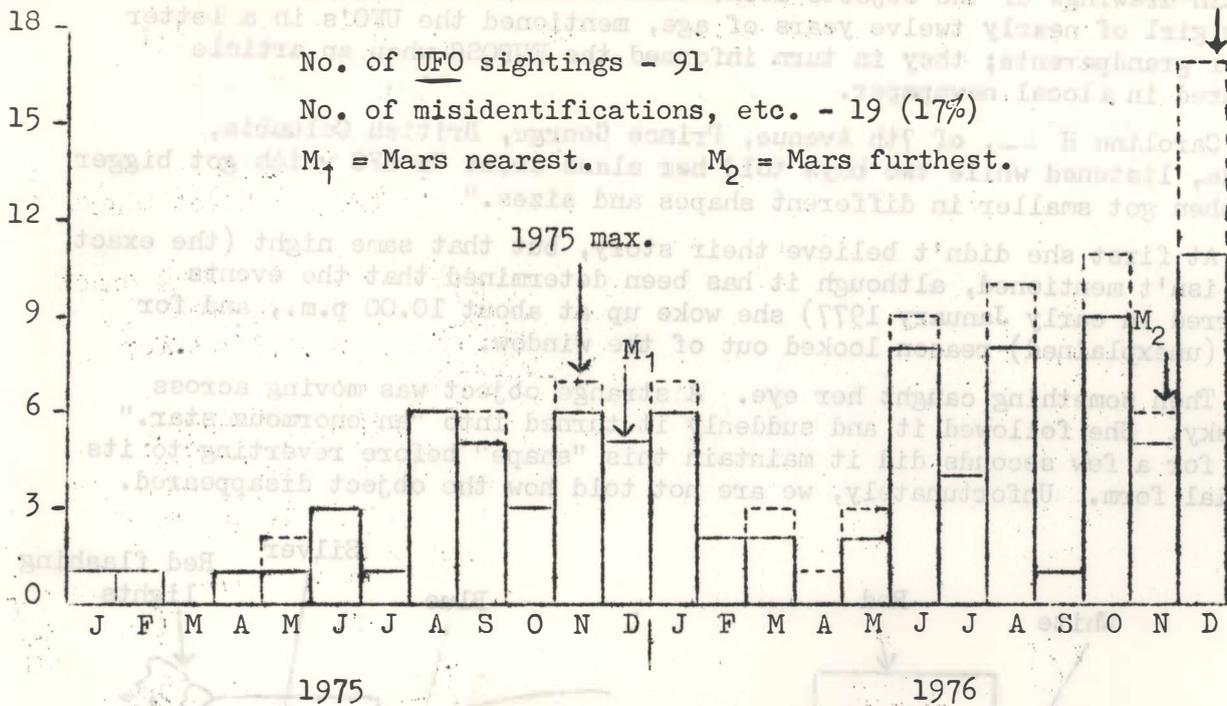
Occasionally, UFO reports from just outside Essex have been received and these have been used in our study. Obviously, UFO activity is on a global scale and we cannot possibly hope to provide results that will be valid for everywhere. Some graphical results do seem to agree with other area's graphs, however.

Editor.

JFO sightings

Monthly UFO distributions, 1975 & 1976.

1976 max.



Above figures for Essex area only

In the above graph, solid lines indicate an object for which a natural explanation could not be found, and broken lines indicate a possible misidentification, etc. Thus in January 1976, there was one possible misidentification and six probable UFO sightings.

Comparing the shape of the graph for 1975 against 1976, one can see a general trend for the sightings to increase near the end of the year and then drop to a minimum in the following March or April. The results for 1977 seem to be following this pattern and a large wave of UFO's is therefore expected from the Summer of 1977 onward. There is a faint suggestion of a 13 month period between UFO maxima, in which case January 1978, is indicated as the next month of maximum UFO visitations.

Just why UFO's follow this pattern is not really known, although, as was mentioned in the January 1977 Journal, the Sun could well have something to do with it. Also, perhaps, the planet Mars, which in the past was noted to be near the Earth when flaps occurred (these close approaches are marked on the graph with arrows). The next close approach of Mars is in January 1978!

The relative paucity of UFO's reported for September 1976, may indicate that for that month they were visiting places other than Essex. (With so many reports for adjacent months it is difficult to think otherwise!)

Taking the graph as a whole - could its shape be explained in terms of the witnesses' varying activities throughout the year (due mainly to the weather)? In addition, what variations would there be between graphs produced for town and country dwellers? These are difficult questions to answer - one would have to derive graphs for these situations (and many others) and then combine them all. This procedure, if carried out by UFO groups in all parts of the world, when combined might produce a more meaningful picture.

In the next issue, graphwork concerning UFO sightings versus time and UFO's on days of the week will be looked at.

Editor.

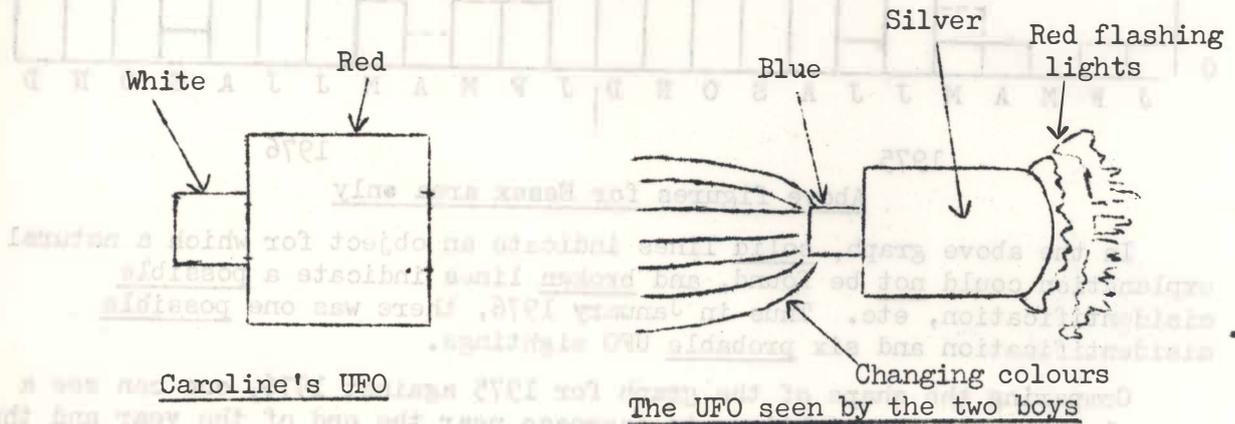
U.F.O. CASE IN CANADA

The following UFO report lacks a certain amount of detail, but does contain drawings of the objects seen. The witness to the second UFO, a young girl of nearly twelve years of age, mentioned the UFO's in a letter to her grandparents; they in turn informed the EUFOSG when an article appeared in a local newspaper.

Caroline H ---, of 7th Avenue, Prince George, British Columbia, Canada, listened while two boys told her class about "a UFO which got bigger and then got smaller in different shapes and sizes."

At first she didn't believe their story, but that same night (the exact date isn't mentioned, although it has been determined that the events occurred in early January 1977) she woke up at about 10.00 p.m., and for some (unexplained) reason looked out of the window.

Then something caught her eye. A strange object was moving across the sky. She followed it and suddenly it turned into "an enormous star." Only for a few seconds did it maintain this "shape" before reverting to its initial form. Unfortunately, we are not told how the object disappeared.



At the time of writing her letter (only four days after the sighting) she explained that she hadn't seen it again.

The Wednesday before the sighting there was a radio programme which broadcast news of a small earthquake in Prince George, but without any "explosion".

I am informed that Caroline knows nothing about UFO's and why she mentioned the preceding earthquake is not known. It may just be extra news that she felt worth telling.

Editor.

GENDARMES OBSERVE AN U.F.O.

The following UFO reports relate to the same case and are direct translations from reports published in two French newspapers.

Mr. W. Ager - EUFOSG member in Brugge, Belgium, kindly translated the reports into English and presented them to us for publication.

The case itself, although a few years old, is a fine example, and the detail given by the newspapers is striking.

"The French Gendarmes are a very highly-trained body of men," writes Mr. Ager, "and are very good observers."

In Haute-Marne and in Aude (departments of France),
members of the "Gendarmerie" see UFO's.

St. Dizier, 26th February, 1974.

Two gendarmes of Haute-Marne, Adjutant Robin, captain of the Chevillon Brigade, and the gendarme Dormay, are adamant they have seen an unidentified flying object.

The adjutant and the gendarme did not have a fugitive vision of this phenomenon. On the contrary, they saw and followed it during nearly 45 minutes.

"The machine", the adjutant recounts, "was perfectly silent. It was moving very slowly from east to west. The back part was very luminous, of a greyish blue colour. The under part was brilliantly lit. We distinctly saw three small luminous crescents of a vivid yellowish orange. As the object got further, that colour changed to a vivid red."

The radar of St. Dizier air base, about 20 kilometres away, did not observe anything.

On the other hand, not far from Carcassonne, Monsieur Calmet, a farmer of a little village near this town in the Aude Department, insists on having seen a UFO three times in a week: the first time on 17th February at about 22.00 hours. "I saw", he states, "at a distance of 200 metres, above the hill, an egg-shaped mass, about 10 metres long, about 2 metres high, with two projectors in front and two projectors at the back." Four days later, as he was coming out of his home with his wife, at about 20.00 hours, Monsieur Calmet saw about 500 metres away, a similar object which was moving, "searching" the ground with its projectors.

Last Sunday at about 22.00 hours, witnessing again the same phenomenon, Monsieur Calmet awoke his son, and both approached to within about 100 metres of the machine: "Its central part reddened at times" they explained. "Sometimes it became blinding and projected a luminous ray which reached as far as 500 metres and lit up the countryside as in full daylight. We also saw fluorescent antennas moving on top of lights."

Monsieur Calmet then went to the gendarmerie headquarters, from where two gendarmes came to observe the phenomenon during two hours till it disappeared behind a hill. Monday, the gendarmes studied the ground which had been flown over by the UFO, but could not find any traces.

"Le Soir" 27th February 1974.

A few days later, the following appeared in another paper:-

HERE IS THE "FLYING SAUCER" SEEN BY THE GENDARMES

It is an exclusive testimony that "France Dimanche" adds today to the UFO file, for it emanates from "professional witnesses": Adjutant Robin and the gendarme Dormay of the gendarmerie of Chevillon near Saint-Dizier in Haute-Marne. At 20.13 hours precisely during the evening of Sunday 24th February 1974, they saw with their own eyes a UFO. Our artist has scrupulously reconstituted the appearance of the mysterious object as described by the gendarmes.

And Adjutant Robin graciously told us in detail what he saw. "Sunday the 24th February, during the evening, I was on duty with gendarme Dormay. A little after 20.00 hours, the telephone rang. At the other end of the line I recognised the voice of one of my colleagues of a neighbouring brigade. "There is something queer happening in your sector," he told me. "A certain Monsieur Marechal of Curel states that he has seen a light blue disk in the sky and he finds that strange. It is in your sector: go there!" Without believing in it much, but as my duty obliged me to, I had the patrol car taken out. It was 20.10 hours. I and gendarme Dormay took the road to Curel. It was a moonless night and the starry sky could be clearly perceived. We did not need to go very far. As soon as we left Chevillon, we saw "the thing". It was hovering over a ridge at an altitude of about 170 metres. It was silent. We were struck by its shape. It was not a saucer but a cigar. At first we perceived only one of its extremities which was round, disk-shaped, of a luminous greyish-blue colour. Under this extremity, there were three superimposed disks like plates strewn with points emitting an orangy-yellow light and separated from each other by darker sections. The cigar was of a cylindrical shape, of a bluish-grey colour like the light given off at the end, though a little darker, with queer, dark, zebra stripes. The end of the cylinder was lost in darkness. The thing did not move. We remained struck with amazement during a few seconds. Then I sent gendarme Dormay to get the camera that we carry in our car for use in the course of our duties. He came back after seven or eight minutes. But the object had gone behind the ridge. We immediately decided to follow it. We climbed quickly the slope which takes one up to an immense plateau. There we found it again. The "thing" was moving very slowly, advancing by jerks. I noticed a strange thing. The light of the orange circles, as well as that of the cigar was cold, without any sparkle, as if it was a light coming from inside.

Little by little as our eyes grew accustomed to the dark, we noticed the presence of a dark and shapeless mass under the orange disks, so dark that it was cut out against the night sky. And, an astonishing thing, the light from the orange disks, though bright, did not reflect on it at all. It was as if that mass "absorbed" the light. The movement of the machine was very queer. It zigzagged slightly, then balanced backwards and forwards. Its pace was so cautious that we stopped several times. In any case, there is one thing of which I am sure: this thing was "directed", "governed" by intelligent beings, whoever they may be. The machine advanced in this manner from east to west, seeming to be observing something, I don't quite know what. We followed it for a distance of eleven kilometres to the village of Maigneux. There, it was 20.55 hours, the machine accelerated suddenly and soon disappeared beyond the horizon. We had been able to take photographs. Alas, we had only an amateur camera and these photographs did not come out. However, we had the time to gauge its altitude. Not more than 700 metres. We estimated it by comparing it with the height of the telegraph poles and that of the ridge. Its size? Enormous, if one judges by the diameter of the cigar, which we estimated as about twenty metres. The machine must have been a good hundred metres long and the size of four or five airline planes."

After these words, Adjutant Robin remained silent. Then he added, with an accent of firm conviction in his voice:

"Monsieur, I am not insane. Dormay neither. My years of service prove it. I have observed all manner of atmospheric phenomena. I am used to planes. I can recognise a cloud from a weather balloon. But here, I do not understand. And yet, I saw it, this thing. It was quite real. This sort of adventure sets you thinking."

Pierre Lachkareff.

"France Dimanche" 9th March 1974.

"FLYING GIANTS" AROUND JUPITER

Giant flying creatures, several miles in diameter, may exist in the atmosphere of Jupiter, say Professors Carl Sagan and E. Saltpeter, of Cornell University, New York. They suggest that the redness frequently seen in Jupiter's atmosphere may be caused by floating, balloon-like animals.

In the "Astrophysical Journal Supplement", they say such creatures could grow to huge sizes, and could move by expelling helium gas behind them. Two unmanned craft, Mariners 11 and 12, fly past Jupiter next year and may provide evidence.

"The Daily Telegraph" 10th March, 1977.

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SKYWATCHES

At 8.30 p.m. on Saturday, 23rd April 1977, the EUFOSG will be holding a Skywatch in Coppermill Lane, London, E17. The skywatch point will be at the end of Coppermill Lane where the railway crosses over the road. O.S. Sheet 177, 1:50,000 series. Grid. ref. TQ 350 880. Two further Skywatches will be held at this site on the 28th May, and 4th June next.

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Note: The LETTERS section will appear again in the May '77 Journal.

UFO LANDING IN SOUTH WALES

At 12.40 p.m. on Friday, 4th February 1977, children at a Broad Haven school near Pembroke, South Wales, witnessed an unusual event - a landed UFO.

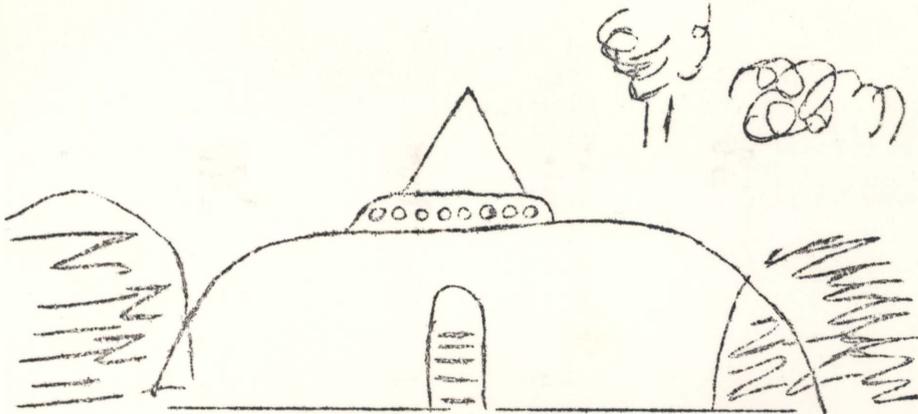
The headmaster, Mr. Richard Llewhelin, related that "The story 'broke' over the weekend to the Press, etc., and I investigated their story on the Monday. They drew what they saw and wrote a few words about it." Mr. Llewhelin would not commit himself by saying that the object was an UFO, although he does say that "The common thread to all stories is that they saw a cigar-shaped, silvery object with a dome and possibly a light on top."

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Actually, there were two sightings of the object in the same place; one at 12.40 p.m., and the other at 3.30 p.m. The former lasted for three minutes and the latter less than one minute. Only one report, it seems, told how the UFO disappeared: "It went backwards behind trees."

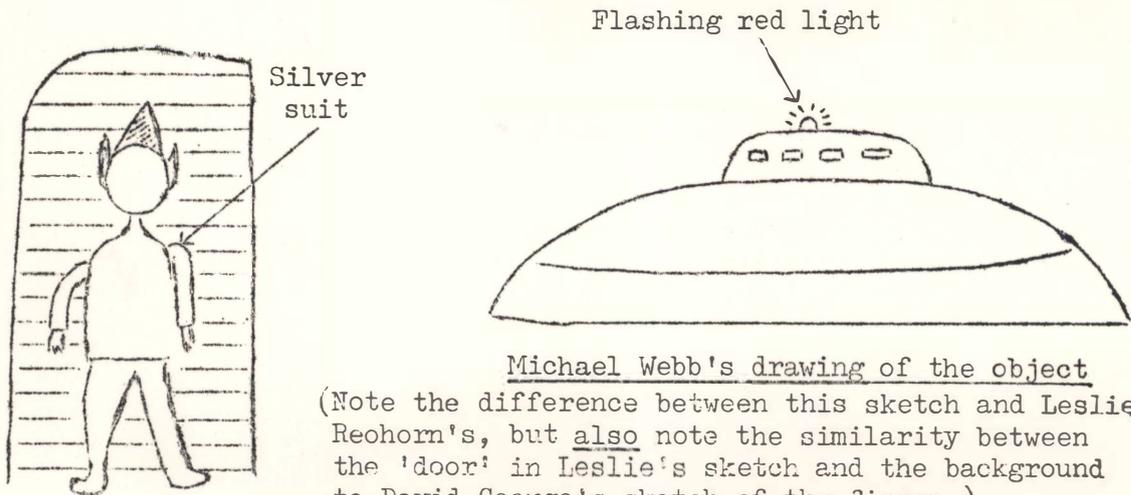
In all some fifteen children from nine to eleven years of age saw the object which was estimated to be 45 feet (13.7m.) long and 15 to 20 feet (4.6 to 6.1m.) high.

A figure or occupant was reported also and the following drawings are those of some of the children relating to both UFO and occupant.



Leslie Rehorn's drawing of the object as he saw it from behind a fence very close by. (Apparently, the object was in a field 200 yards (183m.) from where most of the children were playing. Others, it would appear, came much closer to it.)

Leslie (aged 10) wrote: "At first I thought it was a caravan, then I looked more closely at it. It was a cross between a disc and an upside-down saucer."



Michael Webb's drawing of the object
(Note the difference between this sketch and Leslie Rehorn's, but also note the similarity between the 'door' in Leslie's sketch and the background to David George's sketch of the figure.)

David George (aged 9) wrote: "We were going up to the top of the field. When we got there we looked around - then I saw a figure like the one in the picture (above). We ran and when we came back it had gone."

Unfortunately, this report is just a summary as additional information is not at hand.

Editor

Credit: Russell Smith.