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Please note that there will be no Group Meeting this issue.

EDITORIAL : Groups and Networks

Many EUFOSG members only know of the role that we play in Ufology, being receivers of just this one magazine. I therefore thought that it would be a good idea to briefly describe the situation regarding UFO groups in the rest of the country, together with one or two changes that may possibly come about.

In the U.K. there are, in the main, two large, recognised organisations that cover the whole country, and many many smaller groups that generally cover their own immediate surroundings. The two largest, though, are CONTACT (UK) and BUFORA (British Unidentified Flying Object Research Association), CONTACT (UK) being recommended for research details, world flap reports, etc., while BUFORA mildly cater for the person with a general interest and £5.00 (subscription) to spare. However, one may view these national organisations - particularly as regards the value one gets for one's money - it is a fact that both have over 500 members - healthy figures indeed!

It is difficult to count the small, local groups for they are constantly forming, collapsing or just lying dormant. (Some parts of the U.K. are not even adequately covered by such groups, notable areas being Ireland (North and South), Sootland and Cornwall.

Some small groups like to remain independent (or become independent of the national organisations) and keep themselves to themselves, ufology then assuming the role of a business. Sometimes, people in one particular group are not happy with either the way the group is run, or other members! They then form another group which operates in the same area and causes intense rivalry. The EUFOSG has seen this happen, as other groups must have.

In the north of England UFO groups are very many (much more so than here in the south), but they have sorted out their problems and created a network to which they nearly all belong: the Northern UFO Network (NUFON), run by the indefatigable Ms. Jenny Randles. This Network is necessary in order to gather together its groups' UFO reports, otherwise no-one would know just what was being reported in other groups' areas, the reports being necessary for research. This all sounds very nice in theory, but although it appears to work for the NUFON, will it work for the proposed Southern UFO Network (SUFON)? There are moves afoot to start such a network, Mr. John Makin of the Hampshire Group WATSUP handling the situation at present. Although UFO associations in the U.K. have been around a long time, it is only very recently that there have been successful moves towards some sort of unification.

Eventually it is hoped that everyone will be linked together in a British UFO Network, but there is a long way to go. Anyway, the EUFOSG has taken the plunge and expressed their wish to be involved in a SUFON, and we hope to report the results of such a venture in a future issue.

Other Associations and their publications

1. CONTACT (UK) "Awareness". Quarterly. £3.00 membership.
Write: 19 Cumnor Road, Wootton, Boars Hill, Oxon.
2. Northern UFO Network. Newsletter. Monthly. £2.00 subs.
Write: 23 Sunningdale Drive, Irlam, Greater Manchester M30 6NJ.
3. British UFO Documentation Centre. Bulletin. Quarterly. £2.00 subs.
Write: 10 Park Court, Park Hall Road, London, S.E.21.
4. Nottingham UFO Investigation Society. "UFO Research Review". Quarterly.
£0.25 single copy. Write: 443 Meadow Lane, Nottingham NG2 3GB.

- INVESTIGATIONS
- You will notice in addition to the reports this issue, This is an investigation level which indicates the depth of investigation of each case. Network, and Mr. J.S. Deane of COTT. Correspondence: Given: Following: results.
5. Borderline Science Investigation Group. "Lantern". Quarterly. £0.85 subs. Write: 3 Dunwich Way, Lowestoft, Suffolk.
 6. Wessex Association for the Study of Unexplained Phenomena. Journal. Sporadic. £0.25 single copy. Write: 9 Norman Road, Southsea, Hants.
 7. "Flying Saucer Review". Bi-monthly. £4.20 subs. Write: The Editor, FSR Publications Ltd., West Malling, Maidstone, Kent.

GROUP MEETING - 24th June 1977, 8.00 to 11.00 pm.,
Harts Lane Hall, Cowbridge Lane, Barking, Essex.

Guest Speaker at this Meeting was Mr. Norman Oliver, Editor of BUFORA Journal. We were pleased that Mr. Oliver accepted our invitation for this evening, for 24th June 1977 marked the 30th birthday of that immortal phrase, "flying saucers", and was an occasion that could only be befitted by a Speaker of Mr. Oliver's calibre.

The Acting Chairman, Mr. Ron Ridger, introduced Mr. Oliver to a large audience, nearly half of which were non-members, some having travelled a long way to be present.

Mr. Oliver commenced with a talk on UFO flaps - a greater number than usual, geographically confined appearances of UFO's. Different countries experience flaps when world-wide waves of UFO's come over, the waves usually occurring in ten year intervals (1957, '67 and (we hope) '77).

At the moment there appears to be a flap in South-West Wales, and Mr. Oliver described some cases from the area. He then went on to contactee cases where people actually meet and communicate with the aliens. One particularly interesting case mentioned was that of a Mr. Lancashire. His contact was in 1942 when he was on guard duty in his sentry box at a railway station. One night a light shone down on him from 30ft. above, the light surrounding a black object. Then the yellow light shone back on itself, and another light shone a few yards away. He then felt himself walking along a beam into a craft, and then remembered laying on a couch looking up. This recollection came back afterwards over a period of time (a few years). He remembers a "man" with thick glasses or goggles and a "skull cap" bending over him on the couch. After this event he had more psychic experiences, which were mainly faces and lights appearing on the inside of his sentry box. A year or so ago his daughter saw him walk into the house and out of it while he was still in his sentry box (in his physical body). There was no mention given him of a place or planet or origin of the space-craft. Mr. Oliver had met Mr. Lancashire and was rather impressed by him.

At 9.15 pm, Mr. Oliver gave way to the coffee break, which was followed with a two-prize raffle.

Mr. Oliver then continued with the second part of his talk, which was accompanied by many fine coloured slides of UFO's and drawings of other cases reported in the past. Most contactees are psychic, remarked Mr. Oliver, and are involved in telepathic contact.

At 10.10 pm, Mr. Ron Markwick, the Group's Technical Advisor, carried on the Meeting by covering Kenneth Arnold's sighting of 30 years ago to the day, and passed around a detailed drawing of the type of craft which Ken Arnold saw. He also showed slides and talked about other cases of the same period.

At 10.50 pm, the Acting Chairman thanked the two Speakers for coming along, and then closed the Meeting.

INVESTIGATIONS

You will notice an addition to the reports this issue. This is an Investigation Level, which indicates the depth of investigation of each case. This stems from discussions between Ms. Jenny Randles of the Northern UFO Network, and Mr. J.B. Delair of CONTACT (UK), both of whom are excellent correspondents with the EUFOSG.

Given below is the code system that will apply to all cases featured in forthcoming journals, a system that will greatly assist and improve researchers' results.

- Level A: An on-site investigation by experienced investigators.
- Level B: Interview with the witness by experienced investigator.
- Level C: No interview, but witness fills out special UFO report form of some type.
- Level D: Letter or written account from witness but no special follow-up.
- Level E: Unconfirmed report - e.g. newspaper cutting, verbal account only.

At the time of writing there hasn't been any marked increase in the amount of UFO activity present. There have been a few cases, but nothing, really, to indicate the onset of the big flap expected to culminate at or near the end of this year. We may have better news next issue!

Apparently, there have been newspaper reports of UFO's in some parts of Essex that no-one has bothered to tell us about. Please don't assume that we see all these reports; we even miss some nationwide reports at times! Any report is gratefully accepted, so please send it to us if your newspaper carries it (send to Head Office).

Editor

Report No.1 (Case No. 1975-S-1)

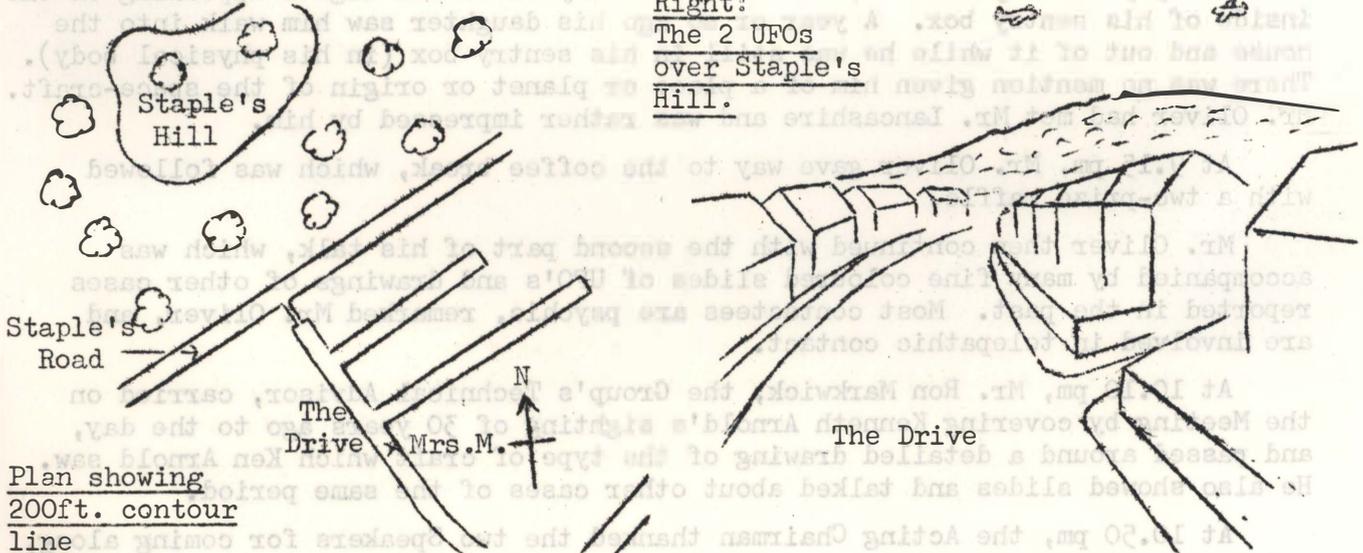
Level A

When UFOs Collide

One fine summer's afternoon during 1975 found Mrs. May (fictitious - real name on file) walking home from work along The Drive, a side road off the A121 High Road, which runs through Loughton, West Essex.

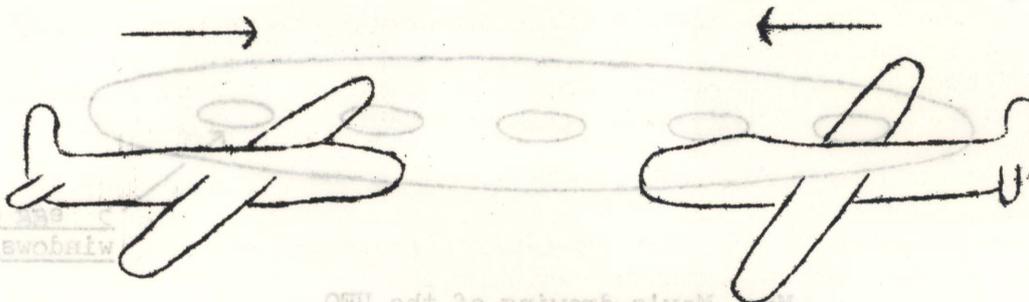
In front of her (and bordering Loughton to the west) lay Epping Forest which rises to over 200 feet (61m.) above sea level on Staple's Hill, about 1/4 mile (.4km.) away.

Right:
The 2 UFOs
over Staple's
Hill.



Plan showing
200ft. contour
line

The time was 5.10 p.m. when she noticed just above the tree line of Staple's Hill two identical aeroplanes approaching each other at a normal cruising speed, one from the left and the other from the right. There was something a little odd about these planes, though. Although they were of the light aircraft type with wings, fuselage and tail-plane, they appeared black even though the Sun was shining on them, and, most mysteriously, lacked all engine noise - they were perfectly silent. In addition, there was no propeller, no wheels and no insignia of any kind visible. Neither was there any smoke or vapour trail.



The two "aeroplanes" as drawn by Mrs. May

Mrs. May comments: "All lines on planes were rounded, no sharp points or slopes."

What really concerned Mrs. May, though, was their flight paths, for they were approaching each other on a collision course. Mrs. May actually squealed out loud just before the expected (and inevitable) impact, but then something very weird occurred. The "aeroplane" approaching from the right emitted a loud engine noise which she described as being like a jet aircraft landing (i.e. throttling back or reversing engine thrust). This aeroplane then vanished into thin air! It didn't fly away suddenly or disintegrate, etc., it just wasn't there any more. The noise disappeared at the same time, this having lasted for only a few seconds. Mr. Peter Spink, an EUFOSG investigator, related that Mrs. May had the brief impression that the craft "folded in on itself." *The other craft continued on its way as though nothing had happened at all, and disappeared into the distance. Neither craft varied their velocity at any time.

Mrs. May immediately looked around for other witnesses, but unusually for that time of day there was no-one about. Also rather strange was the length of time the two craft were in sight. Three minutes was her unshakeable estimate, a time that is thought to be far too long considering how close the objects were when first noticed.

Additional information

Objects seen in the north-north-west.

Elevation of objects: 20° constant.

Weather: Clear blue sky, warm and very sunny.

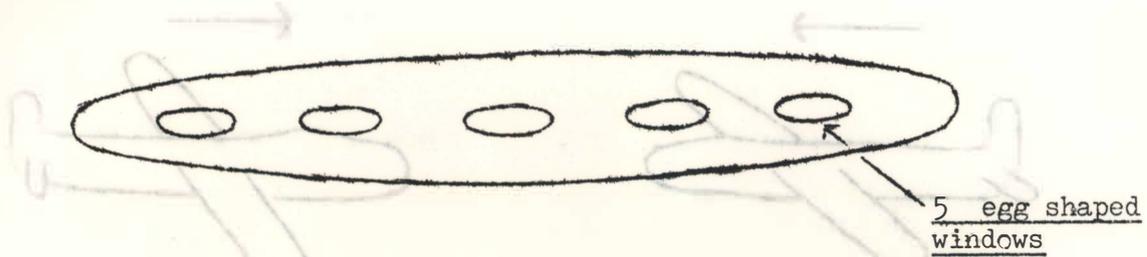
(Actual sizes, altitudes, velocities, etc., were not really known.)

Another interesting sighting by Mrs. May also occurred over Staple's Hill, and this is outlined on page 6.

Landing in Epping Forest?

The exact date of this sighting is not known but it occurred between 11.00 p.m. and midnight in early 1976 (January to March).

A cigar-shaped object was visible from Mrs. May's upstairs bedroom window, but through thin net curtains. This object had five oval windows through which yellow light was streaming and illuminating the outside of the craft, which seemed very dull.



Mrs. May's drawing of the UFO

The object was moving slowly from right to left and was situated just above Staple's Hill tree line, no more than $\frac{1}{4}$ mile (.4km.) away.

After some 10 to 15 seconds the object suddenly dropped vertically down and was lost to sight behind the trees. There was no noise, smoke or vapour trail and the sky was clear with no Moon visible. The object appeared quite large and was equal to $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches (3 cm.) long at arm's length.

Mrs. May (aged 37) and her husband are psychic, especially Mr. May who has seen a number of UFOs himself. They have talked over their sightings with friends but had never told anyone else until they read about the EUFOSG.

It is interesting to note that a friend of the family knows a man who works for N.A.T.O. and whose job is connected with UFOs. He doesn't discuss the subject with friends, much, but was not surprised to hear of Mr. and Mrs. May's sightings. According to him, the area over the part of Loughton is a known UFO air-corridor! (From another source comes news that N.A.T.O. has one enormous file especially for UFOs!).

Inv. Peter Spink

*An alternative, here, could be that the craft disappeared behind something - a dimensional "curtain", perhaps? The other craft was necessary, no doubt, to perform this "trick".

Editor

RESULT OF A STUDY - PART III

In previous issues, graphs were given for various factors of the UFO phenomenon in Essex during 1975 and 1976. These included monthly UFO distributions, UFOs during hours of the day, days of the week and the daylight hours.

Now we will consider other factors, the first of these being "UFO Shapes".

U.F.O. Shapes (Essex area only)

misid. = misidentification, hoax, etc.

Probable UFO	54	15	12	11	10	6	5
Possible misid.	10	1	5	0	0	0	1
	LITS	Various	circ. or sphere	cigar	Disc	Bird	Egg or Pear

Note 1. Fig's used from cases 1/11/75 to 31/12/76.
 2. Percentages mentioned below are only calculated for "probable UFO" figures.

"LITS" (lights in the sky) undoubtedly constitute the bulk of UFO shapes (48%), but these are generally far removed objects which could, in reality, be any one of the other types. Only when an object is resolveable into a definite shape is it relegated to another category.

It can be seen that the disc or classical "flying saucer" shape constitutes only 17% of the remaining definable shapes. (World-wide, 25% to 50% of all definable objects sighted are disc-shaped.)

Different types of UFO sightings

Perhaps one of the best and well known systems to use in order to categorise UFO sightings according to their type is that of the Centre for UFO Studies (CUFOS), the Organisation in the USA associated with the doyen of ufology, Dr. J. Allen Hynek.

CUFOS adopts the following notation:

- NL - Nocturnal Light. A distant 'light' type of UFO seen in the night sky.
- DD - Daylight Disc. A distant object seen during the day.
- RV - Radar/visual. UFO seen by radar and vision simultaneously.
- CE I - Close Encounter of the First Kind. UFO seen within 500 feet.
- CE II - Close Encounter of the Second Kind. A CE I that leaves behind a physical trace.
- CE III - Close Encounter of the Third Kind. A CE I with humanoid(s) seen.

The CUFOS system applied to sightings in Essex

	NL	DD	RV	CE I	CE II	CE III
Probably UFO	99	10	0	3	1	0
Possible misid.	17	0	0	0	0	0

Fig's used from cases 1/11/75 to 31/12/76.

Duration of sightings

(Essex area only)

	0	1	2	4	8	16	32	64	128	256
Probable UFO	17	6	15	13	9	5	1	2	1	
Possible misid.	3	2	5	2	2	0	0	0	0	

Time elapsed (in minutes) since UFO sighted

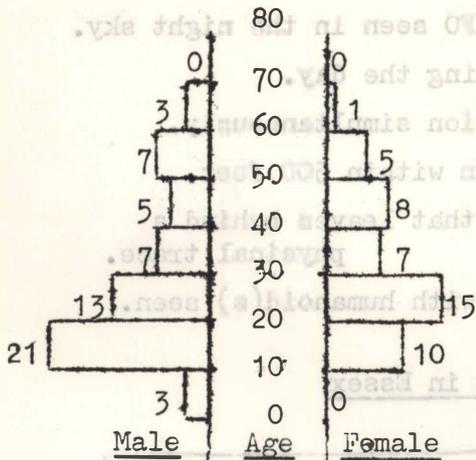
One cannot say a great deal about the results tabulated above, except that over half (54%) of all these sightings lasted for less than four minutes, and nearly one quarter (24%) lasted for less than one minute.

The witnesses (Essex area only)

Taking UFO sightings from 1/11/75 to 31/12/76, it was found that the following number of cases were witnessed by the listed number of people.

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|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 27 (12) cases with 1 witness. | 3 cases with 5 witnesses. |
| 27 (5) " " 2 witnesses. | 1 case " 6 " |
| 5 " " 3 " | (Note: misid's have been placed |
| 5 " " 4 " | in brackets). |

Although one cannot say too much about the above findings, it is clear that UFO sightings are not totally in the mind of just one person.



Plotting the witnesses' ages reveals that mostly young people see, or bother to report, UFOs. In the graph (left) there is a noticeable absence of girl witnesses under 10 years of age. This could well be due, though, to our poor sample. In the graph, no distinction has been made between supposed genuine sightings and misidentifications, etc.

(Note: In some reports not all the required information exists)

This ends the "Result of a Study". Although there are many other graphs that can be produced, it is felt that enough time has already been allocated to these.

Although we have not been able to produce any real answers to the UFO phenomenon (and quite frankly, do not expect to), we feel that readers will have noticed from the graphs that the phenomenon does, at least, have some degree of credibility.

Editor

ABDUCTION BY A MASSIVE UFO

Investigation conducted by MUFON (Mutual UFO Network) U.S.A.

In one of the strangest, most terrifying UFO encounters of all time, three Kentucky women were taken out of their car and subjected to torturous physical examination by mysterious beings.

Their incredible ordeal has been verified by police lie detector tests and separate hypnosis sessions conducted by a top university professor.

The women - all lifelong churchgoers with excellent reputations - remember seeing a huge flying saucer swoop down toward them as they were driving along a country road. Suddenly they felt an awesome force take control of their car - until it was hurtling along at 85 miles an hour.

Then came a strange 80-minute blank in their lives - a baffling gap that the women found impossible to explain. The gap ended with their next conscious memory ... driving into a town eight miles away from the original sighting.

It took deep hypnosis to unlock the secrets of those missing 80 minutes. The explanation that emerged was a fascinating story of abduction.

In a trance, each woman told of being removed from the car and held prisoner in a strange chamber. Each also was forced to undergo a frightening and painful examination before finding herself back in the car.

And investigators who probed the case found there was physical evidence to confirm the trio's experience - each woman suffered a bizarre three-inch burn on her neck.

"This is one of the most convincing UFO cases on record," declared UFO expert Len Stringfield, a director of the Mutual UFO Network and an investigator for the prestigious Center for UFO Studies.

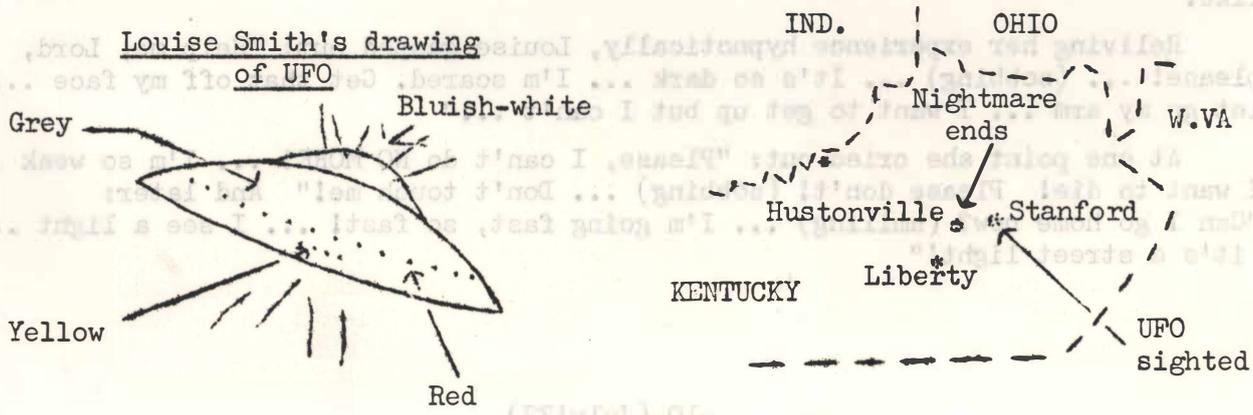
Dr. R. Leo Sprinkle, a veteran hypnotist who conducted the hypnosis sessions, said he firmly believes the women described "real" experiences while hypnotized.

"It is very difficult for people to lie under hypnosis," noted Dr. Sprinkle, associate professor of psychology at the University of Wyoming.

"And when three people in separate hypnotic sessions all agree on the essential parts in their account, the chance they have lied is beyond all reasonable possibility."

The three women - Elaine Thomas, 48; Louise Smith, 44; and Mona Stafford, 35; have lived in and near Liberty, Kentucky, most of their lives. Two are grandmothers and the third, Mona Stafford, is the mother of a 17-year-old.

They were returning from a late supper in Stanford, 29 miles from home, when their nightmare began at 11.30 p.m. last January 6, 1976. Suddenly, a mile west of the city, a large disc-shaped object hurtled into view.



"It was as big as a football field!" recalled Louise, who was driving. "It was metallic grey with a glowing white dome, a row of red lights around the middle and three or four red and yellow lights underneath." The UFO stopped ahead of them - and then circled around behind their car. Suddenly the auto picked up speed. Louise found she couldn't control it.

"The speedometer registered 85 miles an hour! The others screamed to slow down - but I held my foot in the air to show them it wasn't even on the gas pedal!" Louise said.

Then some awesome force began dragging the car backward ... and at that point came the 80-minute gap in the trio's memories. Their next conscious memory was of seeing a street light as they entered Hustonville - eight miles from where they'd seen the UFO.

The frightened women immediately drove to Louise's home in Liberty. They should have arrived around midnight - but it was 1.25 a.m. "An hour and 20 minutes, maybe longer, was missing - time we couldn't account for," Louise said.

Louise's neck hurt, so she asked Mona to look at it. Mona found a strange red mark "like a fresh burn that hadn't blistered, three inches long and an inch wide. Elaine's neck had the same mark and so did mine."

The terrified women summoned a next-door neighbour, Lowell Lee, and told him their story. He sent them into separate rooms to draw a sketch of the UFO. The drawings were almost identical.

The red marks vanished two days later. But the hour and twenty minutes they'd lost continued to puzzle them ... until the "Enquirer" had them hypnotized on two separate occasions in July.

During the hypnotic sessions, all three vividly recalled what had happened to them from the time their car was pulled backward until they reached Hustonville.

Elaine Thomas remembered lying on her back in a long, narrow incubator-like chamber while beings - "dark figures, small, looked about four feet high" - kept passing by and looking in at her.

She said a blunt instrument was pressed hard against her chest, causing considerable pain. At the same time, something was encircling her throat - and each time she tried to talk, she was choked into silence. Elaine cried softly at times under hypnosis.

"Something is pressing on my throat! Like hands all over, all around ... I see shadows as they pass by ... pressure on my chest ... they won't let me breathe! I can't get away!"

Louise Smith said she was in a "hot, dark" place and something was placed over her face. She begged the beings to let her see them, and once she was allowed to look - but quickly closed her eyes because whatever she saw was frightening. Even under hypnosis Louise can't remember what the beings looked like.

Reliving her experience hypnotically, Louise gasped out: "Help me, Lord, please! ... (sobbing) ... It's so dark ... I'm scared. Get that off my face ... let go my arm ... I want to get up but I can't ..."

At one point she cried out: "Please, I can't do NO MORE! ... I'm so weak .. I want to die! Please don't! (sobbing) ... Don't touch me!" And later: "Can I go home now? (smiling) ... I'm going fast, so fast! ... I see a light ... it's a street light!"

Mona Stafford remembered lying on a bed in what seemed to be an operating room, her right arm pinned down by some invisible force, while three or four figures in white gowns sat around her bed. She doesn't recall their features.

Mona believed she was being tortured. She said that once her eyes felt as though they were being jerked out of her head, and another time her stomach felt as if it were being blown up like a balloon.

"My head hurts, my eyes hurt so bad ..." she said. "... I see an eye ... it's kinda like crystal ... it just bursts out into light or something ... My hand feels like it's tied down ... it's hurting, it's numb ..."

At one point she screamed: "Ooh! He's coming at me. ... Ooh, they're pulling at me, they're pulling my feet! My feet are being bent backwards. Twisted. I CAN'T TAKE NO MORE!"

The women were given lie detector tests by Detective James Young, senior polygraph examiner for the Lexington, Ky., Police Dept., and vice-president of the state polygraph association. Afterward, Young said in a signed statement:

"It is my opinion that these women actually believe they did experience an encounter."

Dr. Sprinkle, who hypnotized all three women twice, added: "It is quite obvious these women have specific impressions which indicate to them that they were being observed and handled by strange beings.

"In my opinion, it would be very difficult if not impossible for these women to fake their impressions. The impressions during the "loss-of-time" experience are similar to those of other UFO witnesses who apparently have experienced abduction and examination."

Sheriff Bill Norris of Lincoln County where the women saw the UFO, told "The Enquirer" that during January there had been "a number of UFO sightings in the county."

Bob Pratt.

(Taken from "The National Enquirer", U.S.A. - 19th October, 1976.
via. "Viewpoint Aquarius")

U F O S T A T I O N

From a member of the Danish IGAP group (International Get Acquainted Programme), founded by the late George Adamski, we have received the following report.

"At the end of 1974 we decided to try and start a research department which would investigate theories about UFOs and other UFO problems. This department, now called DELTA 76, has begun investigating the so called "Grid theory", first published in two books, "Harmonic 33" and "Harmonic 695", written by Air Captain Bruce Cathie from New Zealand. This theory is derived from the plotted observation points on maps of large numbers of UFO reports, from which Mr. Cathie found that UFOs are tracking special routes. From this plotting he calculated a grid system where the grid lines should contain a sort of energy, or flow of energy, that the UFOs possibly pick up during their flights.

Mr. Cathie also tried to establish a theory as to what sort of energy was to be found in the grid-lines, and in his opinion it should be based on the reciprocal value of the speed of light and mass acceleration. If these elements are represented in the grid-lines then the energy will simulate magnetic energy, which appears to be correct. To find out if there is a flow it would be necessary to build a special type of aerial in which the length of the wires will correspond with the elements already mentioned. Mr. Cathie has calculated this aerial length and we have built such an aerial and placed it at a specific point where two grid lines cross each other.

The aerial was set up at the beginning of 1976 and we have been able to check its performance for more than seven months. In this period we have measured a rise in temperature from 9.2°C. to 10.4°C. This may well have a natural explanation, though, but until this has been verified we expect the increase in temperature to be attributable to the theory.

During 1977 we will continue this interesting experiment and, in addition, run our own UFO tracking station, where we hope, in the case of a passing UFO, to be able to measure the change in the local magnetic field and in the gravity. We are using a number of instruments from a simple and popular type of UFO alert unit with a compass needle, to more sophisticated electronic units such as magnetometric meters and gravity meters. These instruments are connected to a print-out unit so that any variations will be recorded on paper with exact time and date of change. In addition, we plan to build an ultrasonic device to enable us to hear a passing UFO's "engine". If this sound can be recorded we might be able to determine if the "engine" is working in terms of rotation (turbine) or magnetic (induction) principles.

This programme is unique in Europe and we are pleased that so many people are supporting it with their donations.

Up to now we have had few results and so we are not able to say if it is UFO signals we have registered or not, but we do hope that by the end of this year we will be able to say one way or the other. If we achieve our ambition we, in our opinion, will be the first private group to have done so. Only time will tell if we are on the right track!"

Niels Sarnov, IGAP, Leck Fischersvej 15, 6000 Kolding, Denmark.

(If anyone is interested in financially supporting this project, or helping in any other way, please write to the above address.)

U F O STATION

LETTERS

The following are extracts from a reader's letter dated 10/12/76.

"Dear Mr. Goring,

..... on pages 2 to 3 of this journal (November 1976 - Ed.) you record the sighting of a UFO from 1944/5 ("UFO Inspects V-1's"). It would seem that you can safely dispose of this sighting in the "interesting but inconsistent" file. Going by the information extracted from the various authorities and bodies concerned with air space protection during that period, the information given by the witnesses, Mr. and Mrs. Smith, is partly incorrect: what's more, almost impossible. There are no records of four V-1 buzzbombs flying in line within yards of one another, this is a practical impossibility owing to the machines' aeronautical and navigational technology. The experts say "maybe two of these machines can fly within a reasonable distance of each other, parallel flightpaths, but never in line."

Cont...

.....on pages 8 to 9 of the same journal ("UFO from Germany"), the investigation I carried out last year (1975-Ed.). You state that the object could have been the small "spy" saucer made by Shorts of Belfast, perhaps undergoing tests.

The argument against this is a strong one. The small disc seen by Mr. H. was perfectly silent, whereas the Short's aircraft is powered by a noisy and smoky two-stroke engine. The Mr. H. object hovered silently outside his bedroom window on two occasions, again the "spy" aircraft would have been very audible and more important, it cannot hover completely motionless, these facts being verified by Shorts Ltd., themselves (Queens Island, Belfast).

Another point, you mention a gentleman from Romford who stated, whilst at a recent skywatch, that he had seen an article in a local paper relating to a man who has a revolutionary type of flying saucer shaped aircraft! Checking through most of the local papers going back to 1970 reveals no such article, and contacts working for some of these newspapers have heard of no such "genius"

Yours sincerely,

Barry King, Dagenham, Essex.

EDITOR'S REPLY:

The first part of Mr. King's letter is concerned with the case of a UFO seen during 1944 by a Mrs. Smith in Maida Vale, London.

Briefly, Mrs. Smith witnessed a spinning, spherical object close in and "inspect" each one of four V-1 flying bombs which were passing over, one behind the other. After pacing each bomb for a few seconds it quickly receded out of sight.

In answer to your question, the V-1's only appeared in line and no mention was made of how far apart from each other they were. The diagram included with the report was schematic only, there probably being well over a mile separating the first bomb from the last. Actually, I was in doubt myself as to whether four V-1's could even have been seen in the sky at once. I therefore spoke to the Head of the Reference Dept., at the Imperial War Museum, London, and learnt that it was not impossible to see six V-1's in the sky at once, the Germans being able to launch them in salvos from mobile launching pads!

Your remarks regarding the Shorts "spy" saucer are no doubt correct.

In the case of the "revolutionary type of flying saucer...", I can only add that we now believe that the gentleman from Romford was mistaken and saw an article somewhere else relating, perhaps, to John Searl.

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SKYWATCHES

Saturday, 28th May 1977, was a day to remember for certain members of the EUFOSG. The skywatch held that evening - in Coppermill Lane, London, E.17., produced a total of eight "LITS" type of UFO, which were reported in the local newspaper. The lights were seen one, two and three at a time from 9.39 p.m., to 12.03 a.m. Although we were observing the lights from at least half a mile away, some young men on motorcycles told us that they rode "alongside" one set of lights - three red lights at the rear and one yellow light at the front - which were moving horizontally through the sky. Although these lights remain unidentified, one or two of us still prefer a more mundane explanation for them (flares?).

The Skywatch held on 4th June, yielded nothing unusual, as did those of 2nd July (Pole Hill) and 9th July, (Coppermill Lane). However, 2nd July, saw the largest turn-out ever at our skywatches, more than 50 people attending.

Two future Skywatches will be held as follows.

1. Saturday, 20th August, 1977. 8.30 p.m. Lay-by in Romford Road adjacent to the Recreation Ground at the junction of Lambourne Road and Romford Road, Chigwell, Essex.
2. Saturday, 17th September, 1977. 8.30 p.m. Dog Kennel Hill, Hainault Forest, Hainault, Essex. Car Parking in Fowler Road and access to the summit via footpath from Romford Road (opposite Forest Road).

The dates given above are those on which other groups (mainly in the north*) will be holding their skywatches, and is an effort on their part to try and arrange skywatches for the same evening in different parts of the country. Two more dates (which you may like to reserve) for skywatches will be 15th October and 19th November.

*Belonging to the Northern UFO Network.

AUSTRALIAN YOWIES

An expedition making its base in Scone will attempt to gather conclusive evidence proving the existence of the 8ft tall 600 lb Australian gorilla-man known by Aborigines as the Yowie. Director of the Mount York Natural History Museum at Mt Victoria, NSW, Rex Gilroy, will lead the team into the wild Barrington Tops, which he states the mysterious biped is definitely inhabiting.

Rex Gilroy will be in Gloucester in March, then visit Grafton and Lamington in Queensland. Sightings of Yowies encompass the entire continent, Tas and PNG, but centre on the thickly forested Great Divide in the Eastern States. The Barrington region has a long history of Yowie sightings dating from 1842 and 1848 when settlers saw the things near Careys Peak. Recently great footprints have been found and the creature sighted in the hills near Scone. Rex Gilroy believes the Yowie is related to the Tibetan Yeti and the US Bigfoot through ancient land-bridges.

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The most sensational incident allegedly occurred back in September 1968 at an old sawmilling settlement at Kookaburra on the Carrai Plateau about 80 kilometres west of Kempsey. Mr. George Gray claimed a four-foot tall hairy web-toed creature entered his sleeping quarters and tried to drag him from his bed.

Mr. Gray said:

"We were wrestling on the floor. I was punching it and getting pretty tired. I tried to get my right arm over to put an arm bar on it, but I couldn't hold it. The skin was sort of loose, like it had no muscles. My hands just sank in. It was like trying to hold something slippery. I could feel the bones. I couldn't feel the flesh at all. I could see the hair on it, dirty grey hair, bristly like a pig's. It wasn't a pig. It was a man of some description."

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page 5 Mr. R. Markwick should have been credited for this report.(Report No.2)
