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This should be the last month of delay as I have now finished my year's training at college and I am now looking for a job on a newspaper. Thank you all for bearing with me and now we can hopefully get back to normal.

I have been to see Gilbert Bonner again and to hear some more of his voices. I hope to print a report of my two visits in a future newsletter.

I have just received the latest newsletter from the Survival Research Foundation in America. Most of the HOTLINE is devoted to the EVP and it includes some fascinating articles. There are details from Richard Sheargold on his experiment. This determined that the voices are an audio frequency phenomena and in no way related to radio frequencies. An article by Bill Weisensale on the modulated noise theory and on a possible circuit to obtain voices. Raymond Cass also writes about his work. HOTLINE is available from SRF, 1615 Aberdeen Road, Towson, MD 21204, USA for those contributing a minimum donation of \$4.50.

I have also been hearing about the Revd. Thomas Maddock's work on evp in Tasmania and it's good to know that someone is keeping evp interest alive down below. As far as I know he is the only worker so Good Luck. He has sent me some interesting data on the Jurgenson frequency - a special frequency used by him. I will mention more of this in time but if anyone wants more info on the frequency now please write to me.

Please ignore my Winter Road address from now on as I have left there. Until further notice my address is:  
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"It is interesting to notice the different view points of researchers like Vinter, Sheargold, Jurgenson, Cass etc and also the points of close agreement, obviously only by research will we learn the truth. I have rejected the unconscious PK theory as 'source' of voices, but not as mechanism through which this might work and I am aware as student of psychology in 40's of the abilities still not understood of the unconscious and that we do not know how PK works although one assumes by biological energies existing within nervous system (brain) etc.

Cass has pointed out that no one appears to have produced a voice on tape under hypnosis and as I ran after the war the first clinic for treatment by hypnotherapy and published before the 50's numerous articles on hypnosis I think I can speak with some knowledge on this subject. Under hypnosis we have the ability to tap the unconscious with some degree of control and it therefore should be possible if the unconscious is the source of the voices to manifest them on command via hypnosis (in trance stage). There is no evidence this has been done, therefore I feel something more takes place in the EVP and this from the voice entities which are another dimensional phenomena. Whether all the voices are manufactured from noise or remodulated puzzles me and I know from experiments using pure noise and the 'Doppler' effect that (1) voices can be produced this way (2) either manufactured from noise/sound vibrations (or both). This does not rule out the existence of real voices at times manifesting in some manner. Whether they are beamed at a particular set or recorder from space (or hyperspace) via some force or transmitter, or modulate electromagnetic waves close by, we do not know, and so we cannot develop special techniques to perfect such reception.

From what Cass and I have recorded, it would appear that the voices also use recordings (just how is not said) and I have several times recorded the same voice saying the same thing months and years later. This is quite strange to hear. One recording repeated for 30 minutes like a needle stuck in a groove. So we are faced with many strange possibilities. Certainly the Ellis report that suggests the voices are either all radio intrusions or mechanical noises mistaken for voices is a gross misrepresentation of a few instances of which every researcher is aware can happen and in no way accounts for 'genuine' voice recordings. It may be asked why do we not ask the voice entities HOW they come in. I have. The answers are conflicting because of the possibility of two interpretations in some cases and poor quality in others. It seems clear that I was heard and replies received. I hope further analysis of these recordings may clarify matters and want to get further opinions on them. Meantime work continues but in a general atmosphere in which one is aware of the suppression of data by the media on the EVP and in which parapsychologists do not like to become involved because they have not the answers in psychological theories."

Gilbert Bonner, April 1979.

Cyril Luck replies to Alan Gregg :-

Having read with great interest the contribution by Alan Gregg (issue 10) may I ask for his further comments on the point of prayer.

Mr Gregg's circle asked "Whether prayer is correct and effective" and received a reply "that petitionary prayer was a form of self indulgence". I assume this referred to a prayer concerning oneself (in order to be "self indulgent") which seems reasonable enough. What I cannot understand is, following the enquiry "was it right to pray for others" the reply was "are you willing to take on the burden of the other ?" As Mr Gregg forms part of a healing circle I would have imagined (as in Spiritualist Churches) the healing session would have started with a prayer, also that a prayer of thanks might have been offered for those who were found to be receiving benefit from absent healing.

Personally I feel that Alan Gregg is right in his opinion that EVP researchers need to have in mind a purpose not wholly devoted to science, yet it occurs to me that of researchers who did receive or who are receiving the strongest EVP voices, eg. Jurgenson, Raudive, Cass, Bonner, Vinter etc not one of these have to my knowledge ever opened a taping session with prayer, in fact when I first corresponded with Mike Vinter the first thing he told me was that no prayer or incantation was necessary or beneficial.

Supposing Alan Gregg and myself, with others are wrong ! and there is no reason why we should not communicate as a perfectly normal procedure with the Spirit World -- the only reason why we have difficulty at present being that we are spiritually immature and have not generally reached a level of intelligence where such communication would do any good.

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Continuing the interview between the magazine Esotera and the discoverer of the electronic voice phenomenon, Friedrich Jurgenson:

Esotera: Have technical experts come up with a scientific explanation of the phenomenon ?

Jurgenson: They do not know how the voices get onto the tape. They noticed that sometimes when they were rewinding a one-track tape new voices became audible. Such phenomena are above any technical possibility we know of and make a mockery out of our concepts of time and space. The technicians were more astonished by that than they were by the regular voices.

E: Have the experts established that the voices are not of natural origin ?

J: After six to seven years of testing the technicians concluded that it must be paranormal voices which did not come from persons present or from radio sources. Among the experts who testified that the voices are of unknown origin are : Prof. T Laurent from the Stockholm Institute of Technology, a great physicist and electronics expert (he designed and built the most modern underwater telephone cable between Europe and America) and Koell Stenssen, technical manager of the Swedish radio and TV station "Sveriges radio" in Stockholm.

E: How long did these men work with you ?

J: Two to three years. Also the electronic expert Lemke from Munich and Prof. Hans Bender were with me and many others. Over the years I have had so many people with me to investigate that the phenomenon would have been exposed and forgotten long ago if it was not genuine.

E: Have the experts succeeded in narrowing down the technique of the phenomenon, can they say in which area of the recording setup the voices develop ?

J: We recorded within a totally shielded area. We recorded with power connections to batteries only. We went outdoors in the country and in all cases the recordings were just as good. This eliminated influences from power lines and telephones etc. Prof Laurent and Stensson noticed that the voices came through stronger and more clearly on moonlit nights and especially during the phases of a full moon. They investigated the effects of atmospheric interference such as thunderstorms and came to the conclusion that the phenomenon is an electro magnetic process which is influenced by the magnetic fields of the earth. During thunderstorms, solar eruptions and northern lights (caused by particle radiations of the sun which are captured by the earth's magnetic field) the voices are very bad. All these phenomena effect magnetic fields. And again the influence of the moon must be emphasized.

E: What do you think about devices such as the psychophone or similar electronic helpers ?

J: I can not comment on that since I never tested these devices myself. I can only point to my own experiences. I have had excellent results with some miserable old tape recorder, such as one antique Siemens. I believe the results do not depend on the equipment used. The phenomenon manifests spontaneously and does not follow any known rule. It always depends on the relation of the experimenter with those who manifest. A "psychophone" may be an ingenious device but it does not guarantee voice reception. If the dead do not turn on their radar there will be no voices or only weak ones.

E: What advice can you give to the experimenter to improve voice reception.

J: As I said we can hardly influence the quality of the recording that we get. But in playback great improvements can be made by use of proper filters. A mediocre recording can be greatly improved by their use. That's where our technicians come in. They can filter out most noises and boost the voice itself thus making a great improvement on playback.

E: We know there must be at least several hundred so-called voice researchers in Germany and probably several thousand all over the world. Many of these experiment more like amateurs. What is your opinion of such amateur researchers when they unconsciously use their activity as a crutch for their particular ideologies ? Some curious "contacts" have been made with extra terrestrial UFO's angels, mediators with recipes for saving the world etc.

J: Unfortunately there are such things and probably always will be. We can not prevent it. We can not silence these people. It is harmful when they use their activity to undermine an ideology or someones faith. What the voice researcher needs more than anything else is an objective and critical mind. I am therefore not at all convinced that everybody can record voices. This is much too serious a matter, for it concerns death. And if you start speculating ....

E: Would you favour a national or international organisation that would concentrate on the exchange of technical ideas and objective information. Wouldn't that be useful ?

J: Certainly. But we have to make limitations. We really know so little about the phenomenon. Where, how and when does it occur ? We are groping in the dark. If my friends on a higher plane have to struggle with difficulties how shall we manage. It is difficult.

E: Are you saying that the technical experimentation on our side is of little use. That the efforts of your friends are aimed at such control of the phenomenon on their side that our technical conditions are of little importance any more ?

J: Exactly. We could help our friends more by being open-minded by not having any personal ambition. by persevering and by searching intelligently and intuitively. I believe they would not let us down.

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MIKE VINTER .... PARANORMAL VOICES (EVP)

7. Psycho-kinesis is, presently, a property of subconscious areas of the brain. This is my reason for advising speed in the previous paragraphs. There should be no conscious thought before answering the voice entities - let it be an instant response; of any kind; otherwise the process is dominated by the conscious mental areas, and whatever entities control the energy in use will be then unable to employ it to bring about their modulations.

8. All the dangers of delusion can now be seen and understood, but before giving way to the conviction that we have been kidding ourselves all along, the matter must be put thoroughly into perspective. Many of the voices mention names of people known to me. Sometimes, they answer questions put to a living person as opposed to the deceased! The relevance and content of remarks rule out coincidence, though we are always left with a measure of "suspect" cases - and these cannot be ignored.

With practice, one acquires a critical ability to categorise responses and pick out distinguishing characteristics which bear those already noted by Raudive: not all of them are superfast.

I suspect that the methods just described are those developed by Jurgenson, which enabled him to obtain his alleged twenty minute conversations. And I have just heard quite independently from Ray Cass that Herr Graepel, a German experimenter living in Ireland, is using the same technique.

SPECULATIONS We are left with a serious number of possibilities. Most daunting is the obvious fear that the sceptics have been right all along and that the EVP starts and ends in our subconscious. I think there is little evidence of this. But my results do indicate that a form of outside intelligence is utilising a form of energy, generated in that subconscious area, to manufacture communications. My contention is that we have identified a tool and must now consider the user(s).

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