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EDITORIAL: UFO Spotting for the Beginner

Many times people have asked me: "Where do I go to see UFOs?" Most regrettably this is a question that cannot be positively answered. There are many areas where UFOs have been frequently reported, but one can't guarantee that the prospective UFO spotter will see one even in the best 'UFO country'.

Many times the Group has held Skywatches, usually where UFOs are most active at the time, but only on a few occasions have participants seen anything out of the ordinary, and even then at a considerable distance. However, there is always the chance that something really impressive will be seen and this can make all the difference to those who have little more than just an 'open mind', or a vague belief in the subject.

If one is prepared to travel, and a surprising number of skywatchers are, then I would recommend one of Warminster's skywatch points as the place to go for the best chance of seeing something. For those who don't want to travel far, look out when there's a clear sky after sunset - preferably from a high vantage point or from a field - and in an area where UFOs have been seen either recently or regularly. Beware of aircraft, satellites and other common and natural objects/phenomenon which are frequently mistaken for UFOs, but don't be disappointed and put off if you see no real UFOs - keep trying!

Remember that if you do see an UFO, try and obtain witnesses, note times and other factors and draw what you see. We would like to receive news of your sighting, when we would ask you to complete one of our own sighting report forms.

Local Readers: At the time of writing (October), Dagenham, Barking, East Ham and Ilford are undergoing an intense UFO 'flap' - see "EUFOSG UFO Sightings for 1978" in this issue for details.

THE CATTLE MUTILATION MYSTERY

They started in the autumn of 1973 - cattle found horribly mutilated, eyeballs, tongues, genitals and udders missing, cut away with almost surgical precision. At first only forty animals were involved, all in the state of Kansas, U.S.A. By the end of 1975 the number had risen to over a thousand, and twenty-two states were feeling the first waves of fear. What made the mutilations particularly frightening was the absence of footprints near the scene of the "operations" and the fast-growing conviction that the persons responsible must be either sexual deviates or, even worse, Satanists.

The Teton Valley News, published in Idaho, warned its readers: "Parents, please be sure you know where your children are at night, and especially Halloween night. On Halloween night, with the happenings in your own area, it would be advisable to have the younger children home before dark and the older ones home immediately after the football game scheduled on that night."

Strange lights

Idaho had over a hundred mutilations, or "mutes" as they were beginning to be known, between June and September. Police tried roadblocks, radio and aircraft surveillance in an attempt to catch the mutilators. But to no avail.

The same thing was happening all over America. In mutilation areas, people began to report mysterious, unmarked helicopters hovering at night near cattle ranges. Others saw hooded figures, flying saucers, strange lights. And the butchered carcasses, some now with the blood drained carefully away, kept turning up with horrifying regularity. It sounded like some twisted science fiction story. But Americans were scared because it was really happening. And it still is.

Author Ed Sanders, whose book "The Family" - dealing with the Charles Manson clan and the Sharon Tate murders - received world-wide critical acclaim, has been conducting his own investigation into the cattle mutilations during the last year. And he believes that he may have stumbled upon the truth behind the 1,500-odd incidents recorded to date. If he's right, America may be on the brink of another major scandal. One which could have international implications, and make Watergate look like a chimp's tea party by comparison.

Sanders has managed to eliminate Satanists, Flying Saucers, sexual deviants, and animal predators as likely culprits. Writing in this month's "Oui" magazine, the author sets out evidence to show that the surgical removal of eyeballs, udders and sexual organs was carried out by another agency altogether.

The Satanist/sexual deviant theory fell apart when it was discovered that the originators of the story were two convicts who had tried to trade fictitious information to the authorities in return for transfer to a low-security jail near their home. Both convicts later made escape attempts from their new prisons.

The UFO angle did not stand up to investigation by a special agent from the American Treasury Department's Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Donald E. Flickinger. The agent, working with an astronomy professor who was also an expert on UFO phenomena, discovered that so-called Flying Saucer marks found near a Minnesota mutilation were watering-holes chopped in an iced-over pond. No substantiated UFO involvement could be found in any other mutilation case either.

There were several bits of evidence that pointed away from predators. There was the absence of blood and footprints, for example. One cow was even found in a large mudhole, but still there were no tracks, Sanders writes in "Oui". Then, there was a peculiar absence of dangling guts and hunks of flesh. Also, though many animals were found in secluded areas, others were found near barns or a few feet from sleeping farmers' windows - closer to civilisation than predators usually roam."

Sanders came upon his first clue to the real culprits in Minnesota. "On Friday night, October 4, 1974, a 400 lb bull was mutilated at the Charles Metzger farm in the extreme southwestern tip of the state. Both of the bull's ears were chewed/cut off and its hind end was 'damaged'. The local vet said that the cause of death was blackleg, a disease of the Clostridia family of bacteria."

"The vet added, however, that there was no sign of struggle, as is usual in cases of blackleg, nor was there much blood left in the carcass. In fact, the animal had apparently been mutilated after death caused by disease."

Heart removed

"The 'copter-cruising satanist hypothesis was so compelling, however, that no one was yet ready to entertain the theory that the bull had been injected with Clostridia bacteria or toxin - perhaps for experimental purposes."

With that clue to go on, Sanders set out to piece together the gory jigsaw puzzle out of the mutes. Which were themselves taking on strange new aspects. Two dead cows found near Walsenburg, Colorado, had their hearts removed. Dr. Susan Colter, director of the Trinidad, Colorado, Animal Clinic, conducted a field autopsy on one of the heifers and found that the hearts had been removed through a thoracic incision. Only trouble was, the incision was so small that a bovine heart could not have been extracted through it. So how did the mutilators remove the organ? Dr. Colter couldn't say.

What she could say was that a culture of Clostridia bacteria had been found in the dead animal.

In Montana and New Mexico wounds in the mutilated animals were found to have serrated edges.

"In Utah, a United States Department of Agriculture veterinarian announced that an animal he had autopsied had been injected with bacteria or a toxin. His superiors told him if he didn't shut up he would be fired," said Sanders.

"There had been mutilations on opposite sides of Colorado in November 1974. They spread in the spring of 1975, and by the fall, animals were being carved up all over the state. Elbert County, in particular, experienced a summer and fall of terror of the sort that talk-show comedians ascribe to the streets of New York City. People were afraid to venture far abroad in the country where helicopters hovered at night and cattle lay stiff and mutilated in the dawn. Despite the organised efforts of law-enforcement officials, the mutilations continued unchecked in Colorado until the first snows fell in the fall, then they came to a virtual halt."

Found at dawn

"The investigators had got wiser over the year. They now tended to discount any involvement of blood-drinkers or sex-crazed Satanists; if such weirdos were involved, the thinking went, it was only peripherally, and as a cover for the real villains in the chop-ups," said Sanders.

By the autumn of 1975 the mutilations wave had broken in 13 states and there was terror in dozens of counties throughout the West. There were reports of phantom helicopters and UFOs. There were few footprints. Some butchered animals were found to have mysterious round burns on their legs. No one was caught. Sanders, however, was coming close to completing his investigations.

On September 30, 1975, two miles outside Emery, Utah, a pregnant heifer was found just before dawn, mutilated. By chance, Dr. Robert Hedelius, a highly trained and experienced veterinary medical officer for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, who specialised in foreign animal diseases, was in the area at the time. Local police asked him to perform a field autopsy on the dead animal. His report to the Emery County Sheriff said that the heifer's anus and vulva were missing, the uterus had been cut in two and was lying on the ground next to the three months old foetus, which had been removed. The tip of the heifer's tail had also been removed. "Just an average mute," said Ed Sanders.

But a subsequent investigation by the author turned up more information. "What caused the actual death of the heifer? 'It was a disease of the Clostridia family,' Hedelius told me. 'When I did the autopsy it was apparent that the disease was extremely localised in the neck; an area about the size of a baseball'."

Hedelius also went on Salt Lake City TV to say that in his opinion, someone had injected a toxin or a disease into the heifer. After his television interview, Hedelius told Sanders that he was 'muzzled by State and Federal people'. He was instructed not to talk to any of the news media. A campaign was also launched by the authorities to discredit his evidence. Sanders: "When I talked to him, Hedelius stood firmly behind his findings. I'm sure that whoever did this, shot the animal with a dart gun, and that he used either a culture of the bacteria or a dose of the toxin produced by the bacteria'."

"'Do you think', I asked, 'that there's some sort of research going on?'" "Yeah, I think so. And just why it's being done is the question'." Parallel investigations by Sanders were also turning up some strange facts about the phantom helicopters nearly always seen near the scene of mutilations. One Colorado sheriff's office told him that the choppers were so hard to locate because the pilots were using a technique of landscape-hugging taught to the Air Force and army in Vietnam.

And a Colorado journalist filed disturbing reports of chasing helicopters which disappeared near US government missile sites or defence installations. He had police witnesses, too. Government involvement in the mutilations was beginning to sound like a possibility. It was G.C. Erianne who made it sound more like a probability. "For a number of years, Erianne was an employee of one of the clandestine intelligence services; he was stationed in Europe as, he says, a specialist in Russian affairs; later, in the early sixties, he was based for a short time in Washington, D.C., with the office of the Secretary of Defence."

Oriental warfare

"Erianne has assured me that he has no current connection with the Agency; in fact, he seems to have joined the ever-growing roster of patriotic-but-critical former employees of Government intelligence agencies," writes Sanders. Some of Erianne's Government experiences lead him to suspect that the recent mutilations are really the work of rogue researchers. In 1961, Erianne claims, he learned that secret research was being conducted by the U.S. 'in regard to bacteria'. He says; 'There was a meeting at the Bethesda Naval Hospital in 1961. One of the people there was (Secretary of Defence Robert) McNamara. At the time I worked for the Secretary's Office, so it's pretty well substantiated that they did have a meeting in regard to some type of bacteria'. 'What kind of bacteria,' I asked. 'Well, in regard to Oriental warfare,' Erianne replied."

"I had long heard it rumoured that there had been a Government germ-warfare programme that had been targeted against. It was a bit disgusting to contemplate, I must say, but not let's forget that the United States has not hesitated to use defoliants, napalm, and the A-bomb against these people. Is it unreasonable to think the United States is capable of developing a germ, or toxin, or nerve-agent, that

picked on the enzymes of a particular race?"

In 1970, after an incident in Utah two years earlier when thousands of sheep had been accidentally killed by deadly VX Nerve Gas that had floated away from the Dugway Proving Grounds, President Richard Nixon ordered a halt to the biological and chemical programmes currently in use, and the destruction of existing stockpiles.

However, it was later discovered that not all agencies complied with the Presidential order. A Senate Select Committee on Intelligence discovered earlier this year that the CIA, for instance, had stored a quantity of cobra venom and enough shell-fish toxin to kill hundreds of thousands of humans.

Animal testing

The Senate Select Committee on Intelligence also found that the CIA had put away many canisters of toxin and bacteria of the Clostridia genus. Which had later turned up in such great quantity in the bodies of mutilated cattle throughout 22 states of America. Sanders made his own deductions. "One of the grim possibilities is that, while once supposedly targeted against Orientals, the research may not be aimed against a different human target. One hears talk amongst mutilation investigators that the mucous membranes of a cow's eye possess properties similar to the mucous membranes of a particular race, and that the cow, therefore, is a perfect subject on which to test the effects of a bacteriological agent," he writes.

His theory was backed up later by Salt Lake City TV reporter Bill Hendrix, who confirmed that during the Sixties the Utah Dugway Proving Ground did work on an anti-Oriental germ or toxin, and that it had been tested on animals.

"Was the anti-Oriental germ or toxin a Clostridia? Very possibly. While Clostridia is very common, it has, according to scientists, the potential for sophisticated development against specific targets. As far as I have been able to determine, it was investigators in Colorado who first suggested that bacteriological warfare research was behind the mutilations - that animals were being injected with bacteria or toxins and that glands and other parts were being removed to test the effects of the agents. The mutilators, the theory went, were deliberately trying to put the blame on UFO's or satanists or predators as a cover for what was really going on," said Sanders. According to the bacteriological-warfare theory, the group behind the mutilations consists of scientists who were fired in 1970 when the Nixon ban on bacteriological-warfare research went into effect, somehow the story goes, these apostles of germ war subsequently obtained clandestine funding from the government. There has also been speculation that a private corporation stepped in to fund the research, perhaps in anticipation of the day when the Government ban would be dropped."

Sanders also answers the obvious questions. Why did the mutilators not just rent a ranch and buy a herd of cattle for their experiments? Why did they set out to cause terror? "One theory, supplied by a Colorado newspaper editor named Dane Edwards, is that the researchers need to experiment at different altitudes, climates and seasons of the year, apparently to see if this particular strain will work in the various parts of the world where the target race dwells."

The chief investigator at the District Attorney's Office in Trinidad, Colorado, Louis Girodo - himself a subscriber to bacteriological warfare theory - told Sanders that the mutilators might want to cause terror simply to give people the idea that the butchery was somehow connected with the occult.

Salt Lake City reporter told Sanders that he had learned from an official at Dugway Proving Ground that an elite group at the bacteriological-research facilities in the Eastern states had been working on an anti-race germ weapon. "They usually worked under laboratory conditions, but on two occasions, the scientists went to Texas and possibly Minnesota, where they illegally injected range animals," said Hendrix.

If Sanders theory turns out to be true - and a Government-funded agency is found to be testing a bacteriological weapon on cattle throughout the U.S., the resulting furore would not only have serious domestic effects, perhaps on a Watergate scale, but would also provoke international outcry at America's violation of the United Nations germ warfare ban.

Cont/over...

Meanwhile, American farmers are still finding dead cows at dawn, with eyeballs missing, and genitals cut away with surgical precision and gallons of blood simply not there. And the phantom, unmarked helicopters remain in the sky.

"Sunday News" (Belfast), 26th September, 1977.

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POLICE CHIEF LINKS UFOs TO MUTILATION OF ANIMALS

Reported sightings of glowing, pulsating and saucer-shaped UFOs near St. Louis, Mo., have been linked to a terrifying rash of bizarre animal mutilations.

"It seems to me you can tie UFOs and cow mutilations together," concluded Jon Livengood, police chief of the farming community of Elsberry, Mo., where six cows were found dead - drained of all blood - and their eyes, ears, tongues and reproductive organs removed with surgical precision. "I think we're dealing with something we just can't comprehend!" The animals were discovered mutilated in their pastures during a period of widely reported UFO activity - similar to the strange mutilations and UFO sightings reported in Logan County, Colo. (reported in the Oct. 11, 1977, issue of The Enquirer).

The mystery in Missouri deepened as baffled farmers reported predators and scavengers - such as coyotes and buzzards - who are normally attracted to dead livestock, refused to even touch the dissected carcasses.

What's more, all the animals were killed inside fenced areas. Police could find no trace of intruders, and in no case could they find bullet holes or stab wounds. Leading local citizens reported UFOs in the area directly around Elsberry about the time the cows were found dead. On June 17, dead cows were found on three local farms. The next night, shining UFOs were reported over Elsberry. "It looked like your traditional flying saucers," recalled Elsberry water superintendent Manford Hammond, who spotted a brilliant UFO on June 18. "It looked like if you took two saucers and would turn one on top of the other. It was tremendously bright and hovering - as bright as the brightest of fluorescent lamps. It was so bright that when it would go down behind trees you could see it shine behind them!"

Also on the night of June 18, Mrs. Gail Gilchrist, a retired Army communications specialist, watched in amazement through binoculars as a UFO "flashing red, blue and green" floated around the sky inside a "triangle of smaller lights. The bright object was definitely communicating with the lights around it."

Farmer Forrest Gladney and his entire family saw a glowing UFO the night of June 9 - one day after he found a dead calf in his pasture. "I saw this big orange light," he remembered, "It was as big as a full moon and it wasn't too high above the ground." Gladney told The Enquirer that two other bright lights appeared in the night sky. And for one-and-a-half hours he said the three lights - pulsating colourfully - staged a spectacular aerial display over his farm "like they were giving themselves signals."

Gladney also noted that even two days after it had been found dead, the calf's body remained untouched by scavengers.

On June 16 - the night before a mutilated cow and calf were discovered on her farm - Mrs. Mary Louise Hagemeyer said her son told her he saw "a bright, red-orange light making a half-circle around the farm. It made no noise and it was something he had never seen before."

The weird story is still unfolding, according to Margaret Watts, editor of the Elsberry Democrat, who told The Enquirer:

"More and more people living in this area are admitting now they have seen things ... they wouldn't say anything before because they were afraid they would be ridiculed."

- Mel Luna.

Cr. Mr. P. Bannister.

The "National Enquirer", August 29, 1978.

(Please see comments on the above stories further on in this issue).

WARMINSTER !

Introduction: The small English town of Warminster, Wiltshire was, as many of you know, the scene of great UFO activity in the mid 1960s, the phenomenon really making itself felt from Christmas Day 1964 onwards. Although UFO sightings in the area have very much declined since those marvellous days, Warminster still attracts many people who journey there in the hope of seeing for themselves these elusive objects. Over the years all sorts of weird and wonderful things have been seen and heard in and around the town, but the following story goes somewhat further than an ordinary sighting and tells of what may have actually been an attempt by an alien representative to make some form of contact with human beings. On September 17, 1977, the EUFOSG staged a skywatch in Hainault, Essex, which attracted some 50 or so people. Rather late in the evening a new group of people appeared, one of whom related a most remarkable tale of an encounter with a being from another world. Many subsequent interviews revealed the following story.

THE WARMINSTER "THING" SPEAKS by D.J. Goring

In 1973, Paul Bowes and his friend Bob Todd (pseudonyms) became so intrigued with the UFO subject - due to good coverage in newspapers, etc. - that they decided to visit Warminster, stopping at Stonehenge along the way. Paul and Bob are in their late thirties (1978) and hail from Dagenham, Essex, and Streatham, South London, respectively.

On the evening of Saturday, September 8, 1973, they drove to their first port of call - Stonehenge - before making their way over to Warminster, some 20 miles (32 km.) away. This particular day, as it turned out, was very warm and sunny, and the evening was an exceptionally fine one, ideal for skywatching.

Around about midnight Paul and Bob arrived at Cradle Hill, Warminster, one of the best skywatching points there is. Cradle Hill lies about one mile north of the town centre and is accessible by way of Elm Hill, a small turning off the A350 Warminster to Westbury road. At the top of Elm Hill, white metal gates prevent the car user driving any further and so this is where all skywatchers park. Beyond the white gates lies Army territory and the firing ranges of Salisbury Plain. (Although the road both sides of the gates is open to the public, the Army seem to think differently and sometimes attempts to dislodge skywatchers.)

Even at this late hour there were simply hordes of people at Cradle Hill, including a young girl who began flashing a large hand lamp into the sky and carrying out what Paul and Bob thought was some sort of ritual. Anyway, Paul got into conversation with the girl, who was Polish but had lived in England for many years and whose name was Maria, and discovered that she was talking to a spirit of the "Great White Brotherhood", for she believed that space people belonged to this sect.

Well, it sounded a bit silly to Paul and Bob, but everyone else - some 20-30 people hailing from places like the Midlands, Bristol, Bournemouth, etc. - absolutely "lapped it up." Maria was using a certain code, though, to make contact: first she formed a circle with her flashlight followed by a cross inside the circle and then nine flashes, nine being the code number for Warminster(1). Although it sounds incredible, from a certain point in the sky came regular bright flashes of silver-white light like sheet lightning. Maria then asked simple questions and received answers in the form of one flash for "Yes" and two flashes for "No"! She soon asked if 'he' would show himself to her and the others. "Yes", came the reply, and then, after saying various times, narrowed the time of the appearance down to 2.30 a.m. Sunday.

In the meantime Paul and Bob went up to Cradle Hill Copse, a notorious area for strange happenings about a quarter-of-a-mile (0.4 km) away up a small side road. In the next few hours they went up to the Copse several times as well as mingling with the other people present. Paul in particular is a tall, very chatty likable chap always ready to have a laugh and who generally enjoys life to the full. Bob is a little more reserved.

Somewhere around 1.30 - 2.00 a.m., found Paul, Bob and many of the others walking in and out of the Copse with Maria flashing into the sky from the adjacent field. The area within the Copse is quite dark, little outside illumination penetrating the trees. Around 2 o'clock, most people saw a new skywatcher in their midst - a very tall man who went walking right by at times but in long peculiar strides. However, no-one took much notice and joined Maria in the adjacent field to see her continue flashing signals into the sky.

At about 2.30 a.m. approximately, a dozen people saw a bright orange ball come straight down out of the sky and land in the Copse. Paul didn't see this as it was over in a second - whether anyone went to where it landed or not he didn't know, but he doubted if they did.

Paul and one or two of the others shortly began to wonder if they were wasting their time: Paul wasn't too happy anyway for he had been nominated by Maria to greet the spaceman! Paul then began to enquire about the tall man who was still pacing about in and out of the Copse, and who wasn't speaking to anybody.

"Who's this person walking up and down, Maria?" asked Paul. "Well, isn't he with you?" she replied. "No, he's certainly not with me," said Paul.

They then turned to the other people and asked if the tall man was with them. Apparently the tall man was on his own, ... and then Maria 'saw the light' and shouted out, "Oh my God, it's him!!"

Up to now, of course, everyone was highly suspicious of the tall stranger, and it only needed a few well-chosen words to throw everyone into a panic-stricken state - and Maria had just uttered them! According to Paul, all around him and Bob simply fled from the far side of the Copse, past the tall figure standing by the side of the path, and then full speed down the hill which leads to the white gates!

Paul and Bob were 'left standing' and although they're the sort of men who aren't really afraid of much, they thought they'd better follow the others. Now Paul believed that the tall figure could have been the farmer who owns the surrounding fields and, like the Army, was unhappy about all the people present. Anyway, Bob walked briskly by the figure, who was situated on the right side of the path where the road turns to go down the hill, but Paul wanted a real good look at this person, so he approached as close as he dared go, looking into the figure's face(2). Try as he might, Paul couldn't make out any facial features, but he was able to give a fair description of the rest of 'him' despite the darkness in the Copse.

The 'Man': The figure was quite slim, about 6ft.6ins. - 7ft. (1.98. - 2.13m.) tall, and while Paul looked at 'him' he stood as still as a statue with his arms down by his sides. On his head he wore a "black balaclava helmet," on his feet were dark-looking knee-length boots, and the rest of him was clothed in what Paul could only describe as a "two-piece army jungle denim suit" of a "dark olive-green" colour(3). No-one recalled seeing details pertaining to the figure's hands, but in the right hand was a massive torch-like object which Paul thought was about 18" (46cm.) long, and had a large head to it.

Even Paul soon retreated down the hill after the others for as brave as he was and with the idea that the figure was an ordinary man, he had grave doubts. One hundred yards or so down the hill everyone else was assembled huddled together and visibly shaking! Maria then called back to the 'man', whom she called "Captain Valiant,"(?) and virtually apologised for her running away! The 'man' who was quite visible in silhouette at the top of the path, then "glided" - or at the very least performed a "most peculiar" walk," not really touching the ground - into the Copse.

At this point Bob got rather frustrated and said to the others, "I'm going back to sort him out!" for he believed a hoaxer was having a game with them. As Bob neared the bend at the top of the road, a 'voice' unlike anything any of them had ever heard before emanated from the Copse. Actually, Paul couldn't really call it a voice because his "ears weren't tuned in to understand such sounds." The voice, which was a "computerised sort of mechanical sound," boomed out at some considerable volume over the entire hillside and said, according to many of those present, "Stand clear!"

At the same time, Bob, who was going to carry out what seemed to the others a suicidal action, saw hiding amongst the trees and bushes of the Copse a number of people who were observing the 'man'. When the voice came booming out, however, these people fled in terror, their torches flashing all over the place as they practically fell over themselves in their rush to get away!

Paul was with the main party who again shook and gasped in terror when they heard the strange voice. A young man from Bournemouth then called out: "Are you going to harm us?" The 'man' then said, in the same strange voice, "I shall be back!" With that the 'man' disappeared, and a subsequent immediate search of the whole Copse revealed no trace of him!

Although Paul thought the whole affair hilariously funny, he was upset in a way to think of all those people travelling from far and wide expecting to see something, and then when they did, run away. He was also upset to discover that his cassette tape recorder had not worked during the crucial parts of the sighting. For some reason the tape had not seated in the recorder properly and consequently nothing came out(4).

Everyone naturally discussed what had been seen and Paul was surprised to hear one person say, "Did you see his large nose?" and another person - a lady - say, "Did you see his enormous big eyes?" Now Paul was certain that he had approached the nearest to the 'man', but had been unable to make out any facial features. He subsequently feels, therefore, that they were drawing upon their imaginations(5).

Since the night was so fine Paul, Bob, Maria and a lot of the others stayed on Cradle Hill 2-3 hours longer, but nothing else happened. Before they all left Warminster, though, Maria made a tape recording of all that had occurred and put it through Mr. Arthur Shuttlewood's letter-box, Mr. Shuttlewood being the author of numerous books relating to the town's UFO phenomenon. They then agreed to meet on Cradle Hill the next Saturday night, for they remembered that the 'man' had promised to return - when they didn't know, but they might just strike lucky.

The following Saturday, however, was an awful day and nothing was seen.

According to Paul, a UFO group presented something of the case in their magazine and it was spoken about one afternoon on the T.V. Subsequent conversations with a number of people related to Paul confirmed his story to a considerable extent, but key people like Maria and the chap from Bournemouth were not tracable. Bob was reluctant to divulge much on the sightings, for he thought it was all just a big hoax. However, his side of the story was very similar to Paul's, but the sequence of events was a little different in places.

Appeal: Anyone who can throw any more light on this case is most welcome to do so.

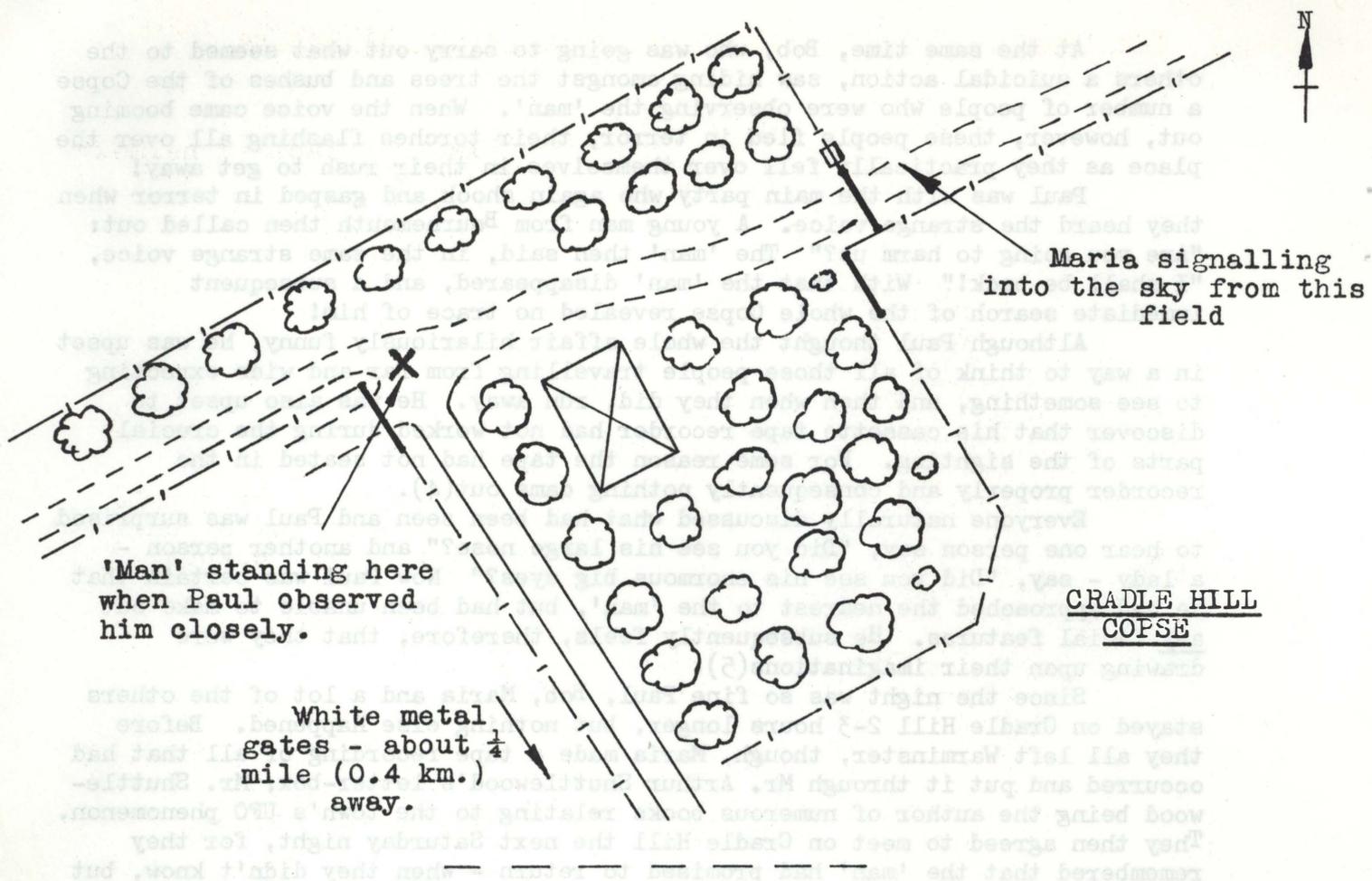
Notes:

(1) Just why Maria was using this particular code (with nine flashes) was never ascertained. Certain numbers, though, do seem to have some significance - especially three and nine - in Warminster sightings and experiences. Arthur Shuttlewood makes special reference to them in his books "UFOs - Key to the New Age" and "The Flying Saucerers". Indeed, Maria herself made reference to the particular date on which the 'man' was sighted, 9/9/73, which to her had some special meaning as she kept referring to it.

(2) It would appear that Paul had approached to within 3ft. (91 cm.) of the 'man'.

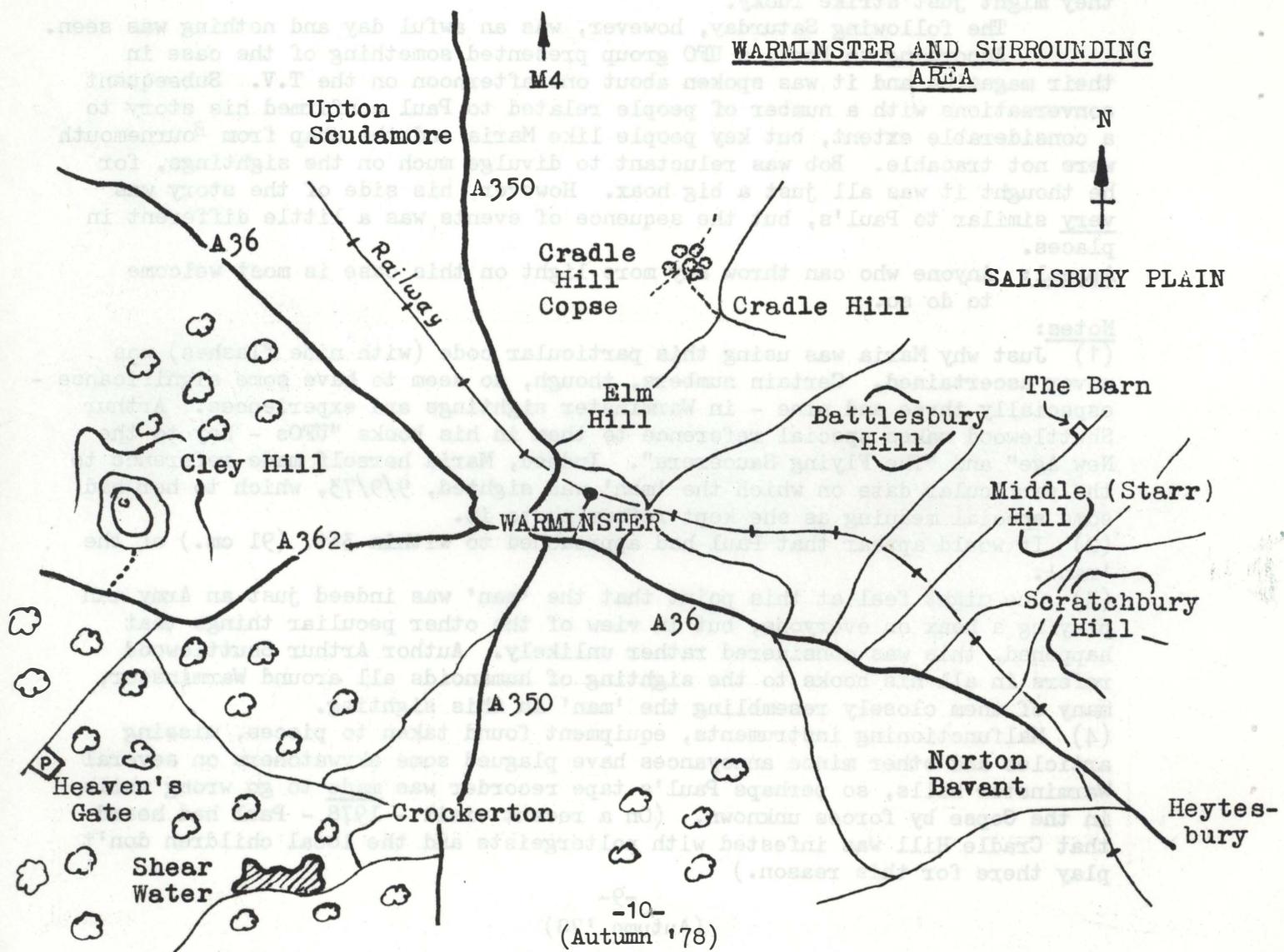
(3) One might feel at this point that the 'man' was indeed just an Army man playing a hoax on everyone, but in view of the other peculiar things that happened, this was considered rather unlikely. Author Arthur Shuttlewood refers in all his books to the sighting of humanoids all around Warminster, many of them closely resembling the 'man' in this sighting.

(4) Malfunctioning instruments, equipment found taken to pieces, missing articles and other minoe annoyances have plagued some skywatchers on several Warminster hills, so perhaps Paul's tape recorder was made to go wrong while in the Copse by forces unknown. (On a recent visit - 1978 - Paul had heard that Cradle Hill was infested with poltergeists and the local children don't play there for this reason.)

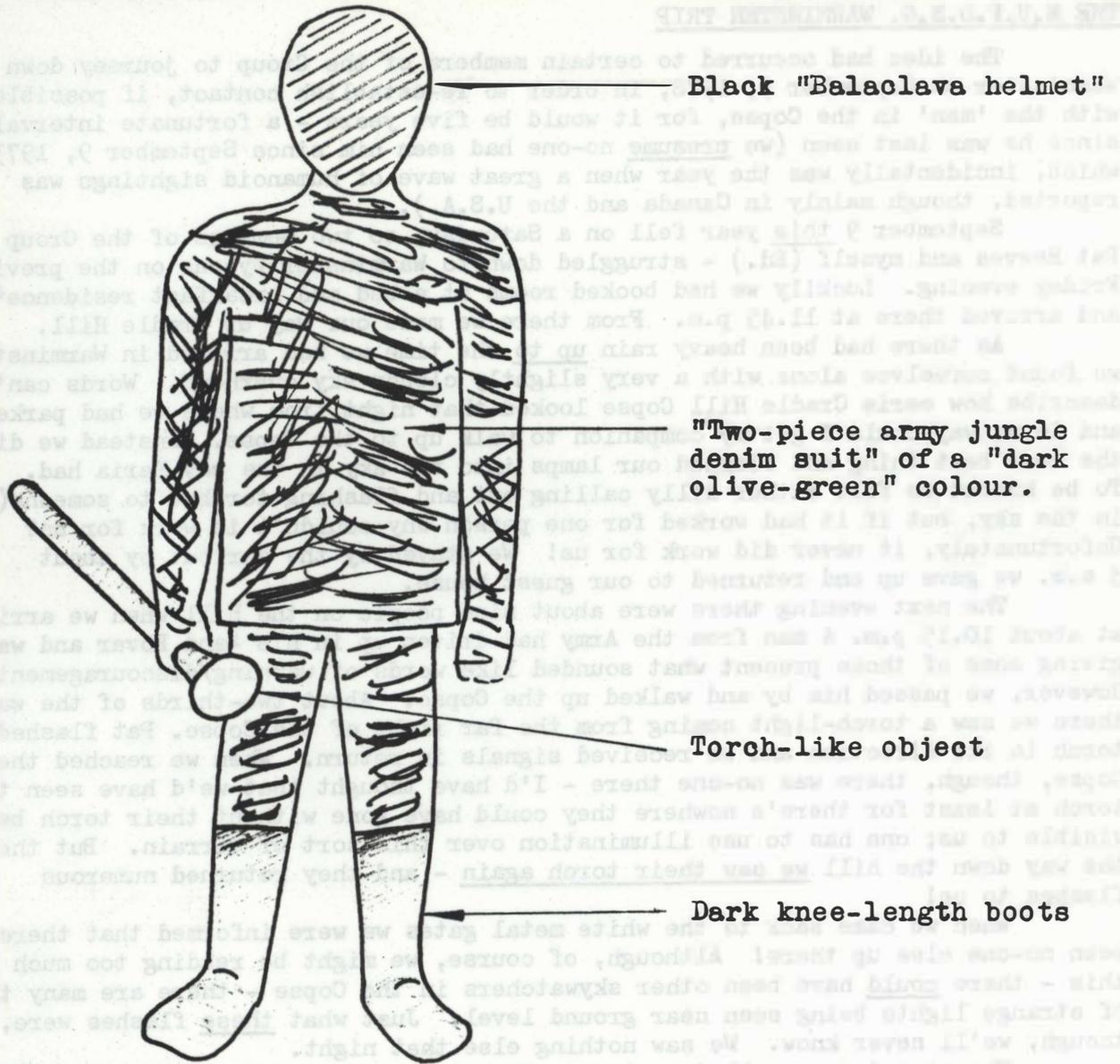


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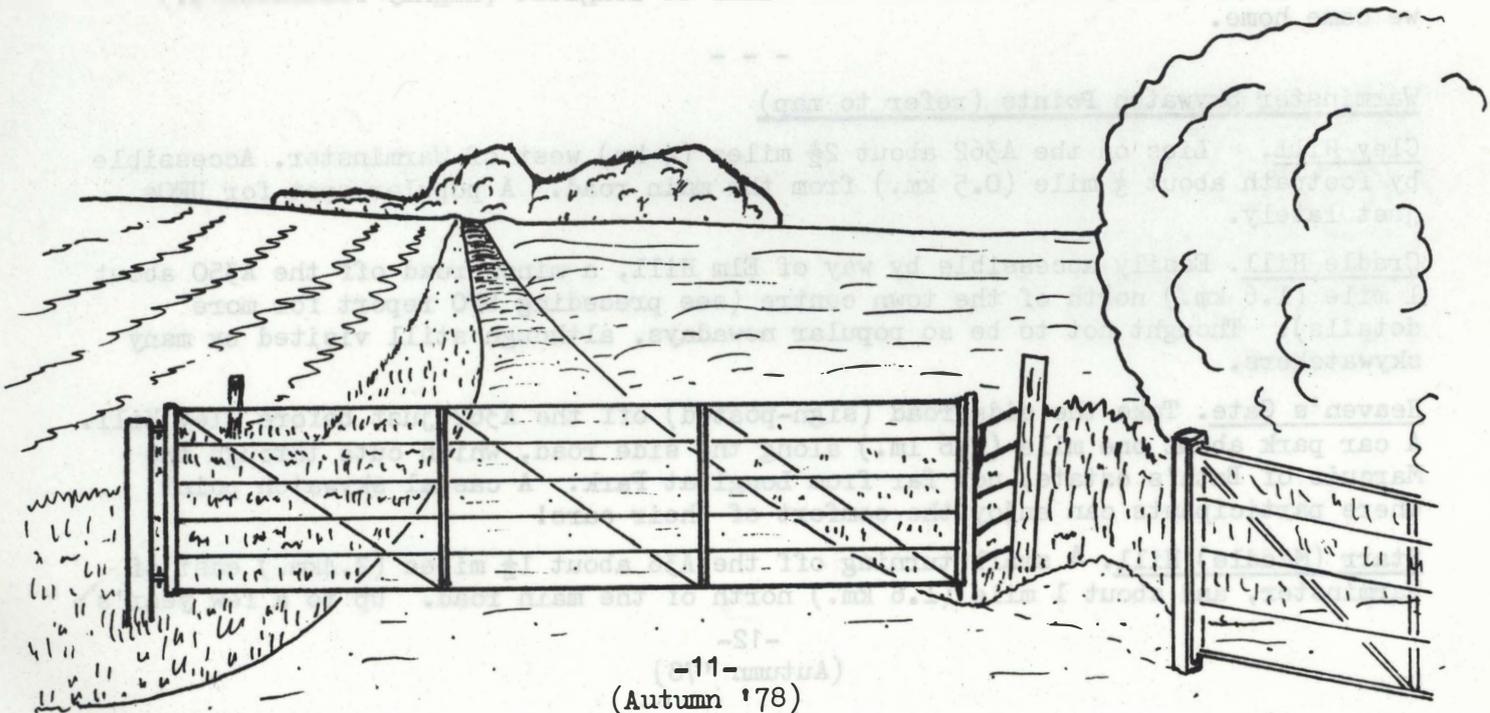
WARMINSTER AND SURROUNDING
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The 'man' in Cradle Hill Copse, Warminster, Wiltshire



Cradle Hill with the Copse in the background



THE E.U.F.O.S.G. WARMINSTER TRIP

The idea had occurred to certain members of the Group to journey down to Warminster on September 9, 1978, in order to re-establish contact, if possible, with the 'man' in the Copse, for it would be five years - a fortunate interval? - since he was last seen (we presume no-one had seen him since September 9, 1973, which, incidentally was the year when a great wave of humanoid sightings was reported, though mainly in Canada and the U.S.A.).

September 9 this year fell on a Saturday, so two members of the Group - Pat Reeves and myself (Ed.) - struggled down to Warminster by car on the previous Friday evening. Luckily we had booked rooms at a bed and breakfast residence* and arrived there at 11.45 p.m. From there we made our way up Cradle Hill.

As there had been heavy rain up to the time we had arrived in Warminster, we found ourselves alone with a very slightly cloudy sky overhead. Words can't describe how eerie Cradle Hill Copse looked that night from where we had parked, and in no way could I get my companion to walk up to the Copse. Instead we did the next best thing and flashed our lamps into the sky in the way Maria had. To be honest we felt rather silly calling out and flashing torches to someone(?) in the sky, but if it had worked for one person why couldn't it work for us? Unfortunately, it never did work for us! We stayed by the car but by about 3 a.m. we gave up and returned to our guest house.

The next evening there were about nine people on the hill when we arrived at about 10.15 p.m. A man from the Army had driven up in his Land Rover and was giving some of those present what sounded like words of warning/discouragement. However, we passed him by and walked up the Copse. About two-thirds of the way there we saw a torch-light coming from the far right of the Copse. Pat flashed a torch in its direction and we received signals in return. When we reached the Copse, though, there was no-one there - I'd have thought that we'd have seen their torch at least for there's nowhere they could have gone without their torch being visible to us; one has to use illumination over this sort of terrain. But then on the way down the hill we saw their torch again - and they returned numerous flashes to us!

When we came back to the white metal gates we were informed that there had been no-one else up there! Although, of course, we might be reading too much into this - there could have been other skywatchers in the Copse - there are many tales of strange lights being seen near ground level. Just what these flashes were, though, we'll never know. We saw nothing else that night.

The next day we called on Arthur Shuttlewood in Portway, near Elm/Cradle Hill. We were dismayed to learn, though, from his wife/house-keeper(?) that he is once again very ill. A speedy recovery Arthur, let's see some more of your books in the book-shops!

After a very nice visit to the Lions of Longleat (highly recommended!) we came home.

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Warminster Skywatch Points (refer to map)

Cley Hill. Lies on the A362 about 2½ miles (4 km) west of Warminster. Accessible by footpath about ¼ mile (0.5 km.) from the main road. A popular spot for UFOs just lately.

Cradle Hill. Easily accessible by way of Elm Hill, a minor road off the A350 about 1 mile (1.6 km.) north of the town centre (see preceding UFO report for more details). Thought not to be so popular nowadays, although still visited by many skywatchers.

Heaven's Gate. Take the side road (sign-posted) off the A362 just before Cley Hill. A car park about one mile (1.6 km.) along the side road, which cuts through the Marquis of Bath's estate, not far from Longleat Park. A casual skywatch point where participants can enjoy the comfort of their cars!

Starr (Middle) Hill. A small turning off the A36 about 1½ miles (2.4 km.) east of Warminster, and about 1 mile (1.6 km.) north of the main road. Up to a few year's

ago skywatchers could drive along the approach road to the Barn - a sort of focal point for strange happenings - but now the skywatcher is persuaded to walk, for the Barn was set ablaze by vandals and the farmer has now blocked the road with a locked gate. Nevertheless, still a very popular spot!

*In case YOU require accommodation in Warminster, may we recommend the 'Stoneleigh' Guest House, 8 Boreham Road, Warminster. Tel. Warminster (0985) 213419.

Last Note

Many who have visited Warminster - psychics especially - will have noticed that the place has a special kind of lure - for some a feeling of belonging, but for most a feeling that they would like to return for future skywatches, etc. Warminster is reputed, in fact, to be a great psychic centre, this going hand-in-hand with the UFO phenomenon, the UFOs being only the visible side of what must really be a very involved affair indeed.

SOME REMARKABLE UFO SIGHTINGS FROM N.W. KENT

We are indebted to Mrs. Margaret Fry, UFO investigator for CONTACT (UK) in the Bexleyheath, N.W. Kent area, for the following remarkable sightings reported and investigated this year.

Mrs. Fry has spent a great deal of time interviewing the numerous witnesses to these cases, and we can well appreciate the extreme effort required in this line of work.

It should be added that Mrs. Fry, unlike some investigators, has witnessed a number of UFOs - some at close range - herself over the years, and included here are a few more to add to her personal list!

(1) Phantom Aircraft? 1.05 p.m., March 29, 1978.

Mr. and Mrs. Fry were in a car park at Broadway, Bexleyheath, N.W. Kent, when they saw a Piper Apache light aircraft flying far too low over nearby Christchurch. They then saw a white blob playing tag with the 'plane, swooping over and under the wings, body, tail, and cockpit with the pilot seemingly unaware of this going on. Mrs. Fry shouted to other people in the car park, all of whom looked up and watched as the blob made a final swoop over the 'plane and then flew off rapidly, but not extra fast, in the direction of Woolwich(N.W.) leaving a vapour trail behind. The 'plane had the marking "G 98" clearly shown on the fuselage. The blob was thought to be 3-4 ft. (91.122cm.) across (see sketch 1). Mrs. Fry immediately contacted the MOD and Biggin Hill Airfield, neither of whom could really help.

(2) Terrifying Journey Home. 1.10 a.m., June 26, 1978.

Mrs. Robinson was taking her sister, Brenda, home by car after visiting their third sister in Dartford, Kent, when at 1.10 a.m. an object the colour of the Moon and the size of a saloon car descended to about 3ft. (91 cm.) off the road surface and flew alongside their car. The object - a half-Moon shape - would tilt on its side at times (sketch 2A) but would turn flat side down when just above the road (sketch 2B).

The two girls were terrified and made erratic, sudden turns down side roads in an effort to lose it, but to no avail. At times the object would move on ahead slightly and wait for them to arrive, and when another car passed by it would rise up into the sky and return afterwards.

The two sisters then saw the landlord of the Bell Public House in Crayford taking beer crates inside, so they stopped and appealed for help. The landlord looked up and saw the object - flat side down - and told the girls that it was only the Moon! However, in statement he made to Mrs. Margaret Fry later, he admitted that he didn't really know what it was, he just didn't want to get involved.

The girls drove on, shaking, hoping the object would now go away. But the object wouldn't go away, for on arriving at their parent's home in Barnehurst everyone was asleep, and on coming back outside again the object was awaiting them! Driving off, the object again flew alongside the car, Mrs. Robinson being so scared that she was barely able to drive. Once again she tried sudden turns into side roads but the object could not be shaken off, ranging its height from 3 to 10ft. (0.91-3.0m.) above the road surface.

Arriving at Mrs. Robinson's home the two girls pounded on the front door until Mr. Robinson let them in, but he refused to look outside even though the girls were hysterical. Both girls then went to bed in the back bedroom but saw the object outside (now over the garden) beaming light down into the room. Pulling the bed clothes over their heads they finally fell asleep by 3.30 a.m., the object still lurking around outside!

Note: Although Brenda lives with her parents, neither of the girls would leave the other to face the 'nightmare' on her own, thereby explaining their trip back to Mrs. Robinson's home in Dartford (at the other end of town to where their third sister lives). In all the object had paced the girls for about 10 miles (16 km.) and lingered around for at least 2 hours.

(3) UFO Abducts Derelict Car. 9.00 p.m. July 16, 1978.

Mr. Carr (pseudonym) told Mrs. Fry about a sighting experienced by a work colleague of his. Apparently the man was motoring along the A2 main road past Farningham, Kent, when just off the road on the grass verge he saw a derelict car. Suddenly, a grey, metallic cigar-shaped object swooped down across the road and stood still for some seconds. The object beamed down an invisible but very strong force which stopped the man's car and made him feel paralysed. The UFO then lifted the derelict car into the air and sucked it into an opening in the underside, which then closed. The object then zoomed off, the whole affair being over in seconds.

Mrs. Fry reported the incident to the Bexleyheath Police, who seemed very interested. It is quite possible that the Police keep records of abandoned vehicles and had noted that this one had gone. The witness himself returned to the area afterwards to see if he had dreamt it all, but saw traces of the missing car still on the grass. However, he refused to give a report to the Police or anyone else for he said that "If that's what they can do, they could do it with a car with people in it next time and I don't want to be one of those people."

(4) UFO Display. 9.10 p.m., July 26, 1978.

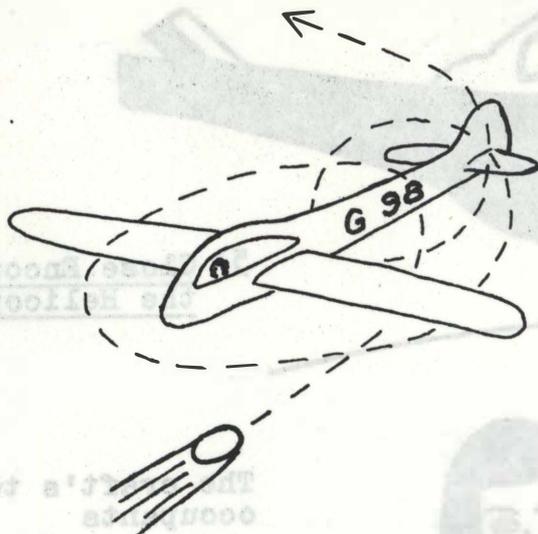
At 9.00 p.m., a flaming red-orange area with thick black clouds rolling from it was seen by almost everyone in Bexleyheath and commented on. This all cleared within minutes.

At about 9.10 p.m., Mrs. Fry saw a flash of silverlight from her living room and thinking it was lightning went to draw the curtains. She then saw a "large blotch of silver which suddenly exploded out into two objects." One of these, which was elongated, flew rapidly away while the other approached the house and came to rest above the chimney on the opposite side of the road. Mrs. Fry fetched her binoculars and saw a cobweb-shaped object with myriads of small silver lights on its edges and radiating lines, slowly turn over, upside down, and then turn back again.

Mrs. Fry banged on her neighbour's door and they too watched it through other binoculars. The phone then rang and a lady told Mrs. Fry that her son had rushed in and told her that a flying saucer was over the Green! Mrs. Fry told her to take her family outside to watch it. When Mrs. Fry joined her neighbours another young girl came out and soon there were quite a few people observing the object from the Green.

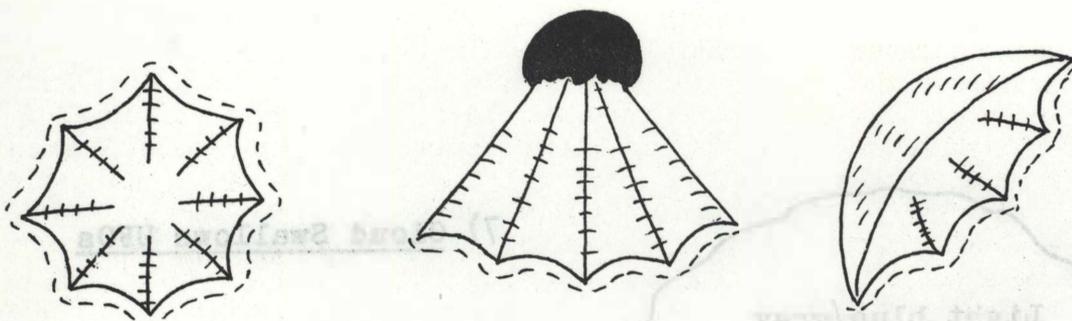
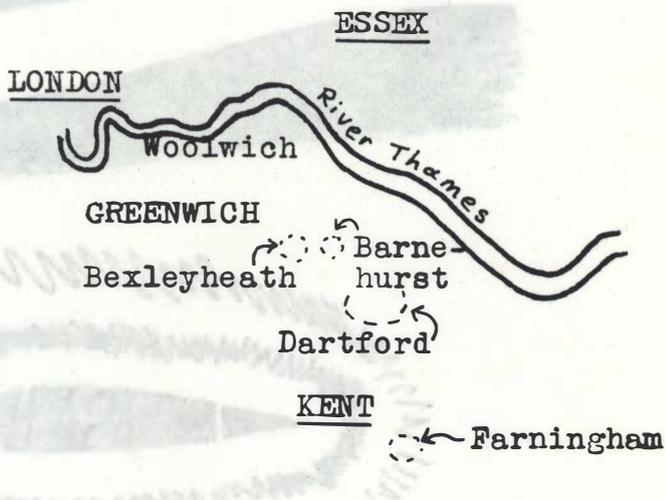
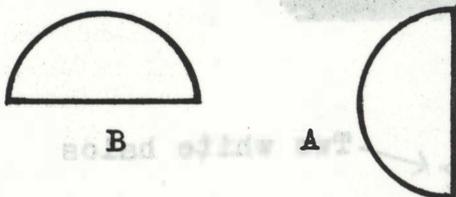
The UFO was about 1,000 ft. (305m.) high, twisting and tumbling over (see sketches). Every time comments were made to the effect that they'd like the object to come down lower, it appeared to monitor their voices or thoughts, for it flashed down powerful beams of light at the observers. People in their cars hooted, got out and watched for a while and drove off continuously during the time the object was visible. At 10.26 p.m., a light aircraft passed over and above the object, the latter taking no notice for it was seemingly intent on putting up a performance for everyone. Then within seconds it was joined by a very slow moving black cylindrical object which positioned itself over the silver UFO. Then together they started moving backwards - very slowly, barely moving - until they both disappeared in the distance.

N.W. KENT UFO SIGHTINGS



1) Phantom Aircraft?

2) Terrifying Journey Home.

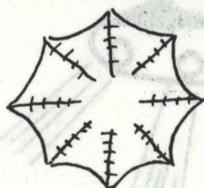


Silver outline & hundreds of silver lights

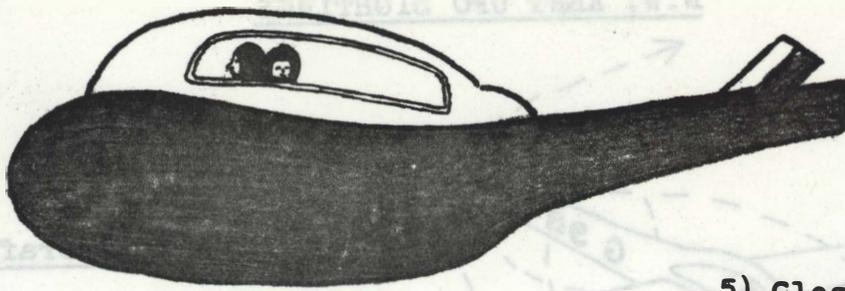
Upside down

Sideways

4) UFO Display



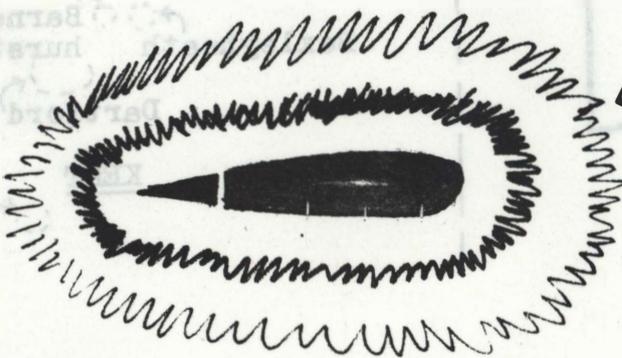
Finale:
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5) Close Encounter of the Helicopter Kind!

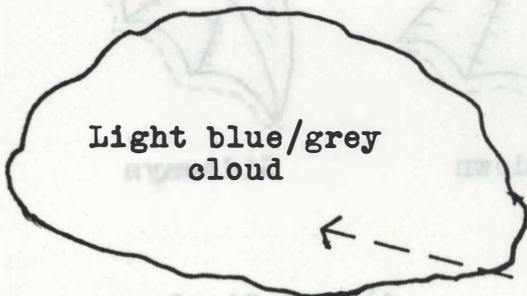


The craft's two occupants



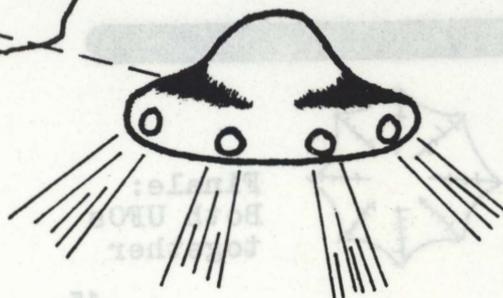
Two white halos

6) Children Witness UFO at Close Range



Light blue/grey cloud

7) Cloud Swallows UFOs



(5) Close Encounter of the Helicopter Kind! 2.00-3.00 p.m., July 26,* 1978.

Mrs. Clark, 50, of Park Side Avenue, Barnehurst, N.W. Kent, had a rare surprise awaiting her as she was doing some gardening one sunny afternoon in July. The story is best told by Mrs. Clark herself:-

"I was startled suddenly by this helicopter just above the clothes-line, which made me duck down and fall over. From this position on the ground I looked up and saw two men distinctly - one was looking down at me but the other, who was slightly behind, looked ahead. I got up - still looking at him and him at me - and then I started to walk up the path, and from that moment I did not think of it again and did not see it go.

When my husband came home I told him about this helicopter that was flying so low that it made me fall over, and he then started to ask me such questions as, "Was I deafened by the sound?" and "Did the rotors blow everything about?"

It was only then that I realised there must have been something strange about it, for when he was asking these questions I realised that there had been no sound and no down-draught from the rotors, which I had not noticed. The two men looked ordinary beings and so did the helicopter.

The window (of the helicopter) was all in one and I did not notice any landing gear - skids or wheels. No markings at all. And I do normally notice aircraft and helicopters as I am always looking through binoculars at them.

So now I am beginning to wonder if it was some type of UFO."

Mrs. Margaret Fry found Mrs. Clark meticulous in her description of the craft and occupants (see sketches). The whole affair lasted about half-a-minute with the craft just hovering in the same position just 16ft. (4.9m.) off the ground! Its colour was brownish-black and was of the same shape and size of a normal helicopter - apart from having important parts missing and being quite silent. The two men inside the craft were wearing leather brown helmets and reminded Mrs. Clark of World War I pilots. Unfortunately, and as is quite often the case, there was no-one around to corroborate Mrs. Clark's account.

This, unless Mrs. Clark is incredibly mistaken or hallucinating, is a typical 'Close Encounter of the Third Kind'. The effect that the sighting, or more likely the influence that the 'pilots' had on Mrs. Clark's memory, is most interesting. Did something else transpire that Mrs. Clark has no recollection of?

*Possibly 27 July, 1978.

(6) Children Witness UFO at Close Range. 8.45 p.m., August 12, 1978.

Young Clare and Lynne Murray had just returned to Barnehurst, following a Devon holiday with their parents, and were all unpacking their car. The children then went through to the rear garden to talk to their friend, Laura, next door. While the children were talking, Clare saw a small lit-up object pass directly over a line of bushes at the back of the house. The object then came over Laura's garden and passed over her head before moving off between two houses at just below the height of the guttering. The children watched the flight without comment and the two youngest shouted as the object went between the houses and ran indoors calling to their father. Although everyone then rushed to the front of the house the object had 'flown away'.

Mrs. Fry went over every inch of the object's path and found that it had been only 17-18ft. (5.2-5.5m.) off the ground. The object itself was determined as being 3ft. (91 cm.) long x 18ins. (46cm) in height. Fortunately, Mrs. Murray made the children sit down and draw what they had seen immediately afterwards.

(7) Cloud 'swallows' UFOs. Afternoon, September 13, 1978.

Mrs. Mann of Plumstead Common, nr. Woolwich, was in her garden when she noticed a solitary odd-shaped cloud in a clear dark-blue sky. Then, coming from the direction of Thamesmead (N.E.) she saw a silver/grey object with reddish lights (see sketch) which then flew into the cloud. Minutes later another object flew across and entered the cloud at the same point. (Also watching the objects were Mrs. Mann's two teenage sons.) When the object went into the cloud it turned brilliant orange, then dark orange. The cloud then receded into the distance towards the Woolwich area (N.W.).

The foregoing reports have been just 7 out of well-in-excess of 30 cases investigated by Mrs. Fry, many of these reports probably belonging to 'mini-flaps', as the sightings have occurred on or around the same days. Although there is little more that can be said, really, about the above cases, it is astonishing to think that these are typical of sightings happening every day throughout the world!

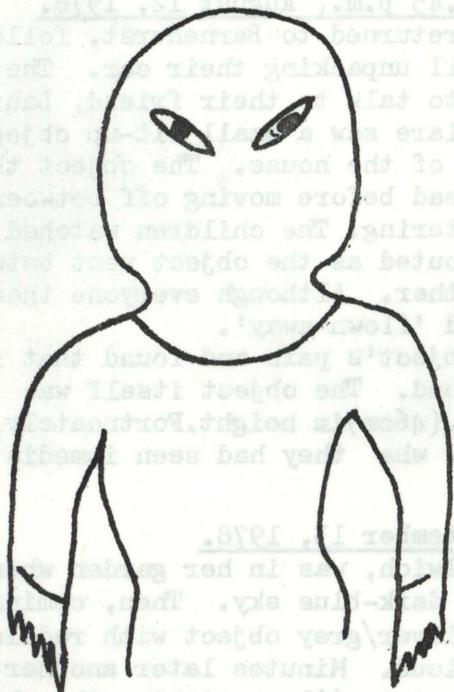
HYPNOSIS REVEALS DETAILS OF ABDUCTIONS

On January 6, 1976, near the town of Stanford, Kentucky, U.S.A., three women who were motoring home along a country road encountered a gigantic UFO, and were subsequently taken on board for various examinations. The following (translated) account concerns a meeting for a polygraph test which took place at Liberty, U.S.A. on 23rd June 1976, at the Brown Motel. Present were Bob Pratt, a well-known reporter for the 'National Enquirer' and a veteran of UFO research; James Young, police detective from Lexington and an expert in the field of polygraphs who conducted the test; Dr. Leo Sprinkle (hypnotist) and the three women who were abducted: Elaine Thomas, 48; Louise Smith, 44; and Mona Stafford, 35; all of whom have lived in or near Liberty, Kentucky, for most of their lives.

After each test was completed, with each of the three women separately and privately, the expression on Young's face was one of success and amazement. Although Young was a sceptic of UFOs, he said after the experiments that the women were quite distressed after their accounts of their incredible story but he was able to vouch for their honesty. In the space of a few hours he admitted that his views on UFOs had changed and that he believed the women had told the truth and discounted the fact that they could have invented it for publicity and financial gain.

Dr. Sprinkle hypnotised the women but the article did not publish the word for word account of the questions and answers registered. But Dr. Sprinkle carefully conducted the hypnosis of each of the women according to their own emotions and at the end was satisfied that the secrets of 'the kidnapping' and of their amnesia (?CLN) had given credible evidence.

The first hypnotic test was on Mrs. Smith the following evening after the the polygraph test, the following day all three women were hypnotised, each one recounting twice their experience of the 'kidnapping'.



Louise Smith's drawing of one of the humanoids.
(Drawn October 1, 1976)

Dr. Sprinkle relates:-"Sitting next to Mona, Louise and Elaine during the hypnosis experiments, I observed their psycho-physical shocks, as slowly, very painfully and near to tears, they recounted their ordeal. From time to time there were long pauses, punctuated by a sudden, horrible remembrance of a particular incident, which caused the subject's body to twist and writhe in pain. Understandably the treatment each of the women received inside the dark room, when each described her captive ordeal, was really very hard and probably nearly torture for them."

Although no sexual violence to them was revealed, each of the women complained of the brutality they had suffered at the hands of their humanoid captors, during which time they had been unable to move whilst their bodies were examined on the craft. For Mrs. Smith this was in a capsule, tied by a noose around her neck which was tightened whenever she tried to speak; and for Mrs. Stafford in a kind of armchair.

They were each examined by their captors (having, however, no recollection of being undressed) and instruments used, exerting great pressure on their limbs. Mrs. Thomas remembers a steel tube apparatus being used to examine her breast, and both she and Mrs. Stafford remember a warm liquid being applied to their faces and bodies. During each of the two hypnosis tests done on each woman, the characteristic details of the humanoids were never clearly obtained. They each describe them as 'ghosts' floating or gliding near them, or an apparition with one or two eyes floating over them.

A strange sequence was reported by Mona; being the view of a light at the end of a shaft or tunnel that she described as a volcano with serrated edges. This was during a time lapse when she complained of intense pressure on her eyes, "as if they had been torn out." Following this, Mona was impressed by a brilliant red eye which seemed to radiate flashes.

Elaine remembers a form with two eyes, resembling a round head in a profound darkness (?CLN). One of the eyes - she said - was of a magnificent blue surrounded by a blue membranous eyelid, like that of a tortoise, and the other eye seemed more sombre (?CLN).

During the hypnosis Louise said she had seen many forms, but she was so frightened that she didn't keep her eyes open long enough to remember any details. It was some months later that she was able to form a picture of her captors. Of their appearance, at the same time identical to the humanoids seen by her companions, she was able to add that their hands were indented (or serrated (?CLN) like the ends of birds wings (see sketch).

It was Elaine, who under hypnosis, remembered the most details of the beings present in the cabin. "There were many small silhouettes about 1.20 metres high," she said.

All three women stated that their captors communicated telepathically, never verbally. Not one of them remembers a being with a mouth! Perhaps the most startling revelation about the craft was observed by Mona, the Sunday morning following the hypnosis tests of the previous day. We were all seated, going back over the 'kidnapping'. I asked Mona if she could give more precise details of her reference to a volcano whilst she had been under hypnosis. Without hesitation she recounted that she could now see a room through a tunnel, at the end of which was a brilliant light. Gradually, as the scene appeared, she could see a square table on which was laid out the body of a woman surrounded by a group of four small beings dressed in white. They seemed to be studying or examining the woman under a brilliant white light. She said, "I am not sure if the person was Elaine or Louise, or even perhaps myself."

Provided with supplementary evidence of the Stanford affair, there were some people I was able to contact who attested to having seen a UFO on the same evening of 6th January 1976, in the region of Casey County and Lincoln. A couple living several hundred metres from the place of 'the kidnapping' observed through the window of their house a large, luminous object, having the form of a light bulb, passing low over the neighbourhood of Stanford. The time of the observation 11.30 p.m. The couple, who prefer to remain anonymous, said it had a row of red or orange lights around the disc-shaped object.

Two young men told me of having followed a UFO at a low altitude after seeing it hover above the Angel Factory at Stanford. Their chase led them to Danville, Kentucky, where they informed the police.

On the same day at about 7.30 p.m., Mrs. Janet Steward of Bethe, (Minnesota) also had problems with a UFO. She was driving her car to a neighbouring village to pick up a friend. All of a sudden a strange, red glowing object with small, green lights flickering on and off descended to less than 10 metres above her car and followed her until she arrived at her friend's house. The incident over, the two women resumed their journey. After a few moments the UFO re-appeared and followed them again. Upon arriving at their destination it disappeared. The following day the two witnesses had painful cramps, inflammation of the eyes and abnormal menstrual loss.

This second case has certain connections with that of Stanford. The distance not being a problem for UFOs, it is possible that it was the same object. The Stanford case presents much serious evidence. It therefore merits

a particular study. It is without doubt a big new world-wide classic.

Leonard H. Stringfield, M.U.F.O.N.

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Translation from the French by EUFOSG member Mrs. C. Le Neindre, to whom many thanks.
(?CLN) = translation slightly in doubt.

See EUFOSG Journal, July '77, pp. 9-11, for the National Enquirer report by Bob Pratt.

EUFOG COMMENT :

It is our policy to publish any interesting, authenticated UFO case without bias. However, you will notice that a couple of the UFO cases presented in this issue could be rather frightening to the reader, so we would like to make a few points.

First of all, we who run the EUFOSG do not believe that the majority of UFOs are to be feared. Indeed, we believe that UFOs come from many different sources, being controlled by different types of beings, who have different reasons for their visits to Earth. We believe that some are very highly evolved, and spiritual beings (from many well authenticated cases) and others less so. It is the exception to the rule for UFOs to show hostility to humans, and these are the stories which get the most publicity (as in our own newspapers).

In the preceding abduction case, perhaps the beings who examined the three women did not understand pain as we know it. Perhaps their construction is so different from ours that they do not have a nervous system as we do, and do not feel physical pleasure or pain! They sound very nebulous, from the accounts. This is just a thought to be taken into account before we judge them by our own standards. Also, they did return the women to their original place, unharmed, and how many humans do this to the wild life and animals they decide to examine?

In the case of the mutilated animals, the only thing I can say in defence of UFOs here, is that no-one has heard the animals cry out in distress at the times of the acts. If some of the UFOonauts are to blame for these mutilations, again, remember the millions of animals we humans kill each day, not always when necessary for food (sometimes purely for pleasure, i.e. big game hunting, etc.) and not always humanely, either. There may well be evil UFOs visiting us as well, as there is good and evil everywhere.

The more UFO reports I study, the more I think, like Alice in Wonderland, that it gets 'Curiouser and curiouser'. UFOs defy logic. Perhaps some of them are trying to show us that OUR idea of reality is not the only one, and that there are OTHER REALITIES which it is time we became aware of.....gradually.

G. Saville.

GROUP MEETING OF THE EUFOG held Monday, October 16, 1978, at Harts Lane Hall, Barking, Essex. 8.15 - 11.00 p.m.

The Meeting began with a tape-recorded narration outlining the UFO phenomenon, which was accompanied by a selection of slides. The voice behind the narration was our old friend (?) Dr. Frank Stranges of the U.S.A., who gave a good account of UFO sightings down the ages. Although this tape has been played at Meetings in the past, we were sure some members didn't mind hearing it again.

Tony Steel, local area investigator for Barking and Dagenham, then read out a recent selection of UFO reports that he had received, some of which shall appear in the pages of this magazine.

Following the above, another tape was played, this time the voice on the tape was Mr. Gi-lon who, you may remember, was the 'voice from space' who came over Southern ITV during the late afternoon news programme of Saturday, November 26, 1977. This was a three minute recording of various parts of the 5½(total) broadcast.(The full recording will cost you £25.00 from LBC radio!) Following this Mr. Ron Markwick

gave his various reasons for believing that the original broadcast was genuine and not a hoax perpetrated by 'students in a van'. (See the Winter 77/78 EUFOSG Journal for more details of this broadcast.) Ron Markwick carried the Meeting on up to the break with the effects that UFOs can have on witnesses, and an investigator's view of what to look for when going out on more substantial UFO investigations.

Following the break, Ron Markwick held up a copy of the Group's UFO Report Form, which is given to every witness to fill in, and went through each question asked on the form in some detail.

With the slide projector set up, Ron then showed some of his own collection of UFO photographs and gave an account of the story behind each one. When the time came to close the Meeting it was evident that many people would have wished the slide show to have gone on for a lot longer! Thanks, Ron, for a very interesting show!

We were pleased to see so many people - mainly members - turn up, and welcome the four new members who joined that evening. Sorry that refreshments could not be served during the break, but new Council hall rules prevented this.

MY LAW—TIEME RANAPIRI

THE sun may be clouded, yet ever the sun
Will sweep on its course till the Cycle is run.
And when into chaos the system is hurled
Again shall the Builder reshape a new world.

YOUR path may be clouded, uncertain your goal:
Move on—for your orbit is fixed to your soul.
And though it may lead into darkness of night
The torch of the Builder shall give it new light.

YOU were. You will be! Know this while you are:
Your spirit has travelled both long and afar.
It came from the Source, to the Source it returns—
The Spark which was lighted eternally burns.

IT slept in a jewel. It lept in a wave.
It roamed in the forest. It rose from the grave.
It took on strange garbs for long eons of years
And now in the soul of yourself It appears.

FROM body to body your spirit speeds on
It seeks a new form when the old one has gone
And the form that it finds is the fabric you wrought
On the loom of the Mind from the fibre of Thought.
As dew is drawn upwards, in rain to descend
Your thoughts drift away and in Destiny blend.
You cannot escape them, for petty or great,
Or evil or noble, they fashion your Fate.

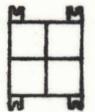
SOMEWHERE on some planet, sometime and somehow
Your life will reflect your thoughts of your Now.
My Law is unerring, no blood can atone—
The structure you built you will live in—alone.
From cycle to cycle, through time and through space
Your lives with your longings will ever keep pace
And all that you ask for, and all you desire
Must come at your bidding, as flame out of fire.

ONCE list' to that Voice and all tumult is done—
Your life is the Life of the Infinite One.
In the hurrying race you are conscious of pause
With love for the purpose, and love for the Cause.

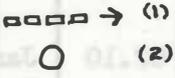
YOU are your own Devil, you are your own God
You fashioned, the paths your footsteps have trod.
And no one can save you from Error or Sin
Until you have hark'd to the Spirit within.

Attributed to a Maori

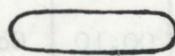
EUFOSG SIGHTINGS FOR 1978
(Up to end October)

Case	Date	Time	Location	Duration	Object	Type	Inv.
1/1	Jan.24	21.37	North Street, Barking.	19 mins.	●	NL	A.S.
1/2	Jan. 6	20.00 & 20.30	Little Walden, Saffron Walden.	5 mins. 5 mins.	① ②	NL* NL*	B.E.
1/3 A	Jan.23	19.15	London, N.17.	?	○	NL*	D.G.
1/3 B	Jan.23	19.15	London, N.17.	?	?	NL*	D.G.
1/4	Jan.25	22.40	Gt. Waltham, Chelmsford.	3 mins.	③○ ④○ ⑤○ ⑥○	NL	B.E.
1/5	Jan.27	18.10	Savernake Road, Chelmsford.	1 min.	●	NL	B.E.
1/6	Jan.29	18.20	Gt. Leighs.	2 mins.	●	NL	B.E.
1/7	Jan.26	Evening	Hilary Close, Chelmsford.	1½ mins.		CE1	B.E.
1/8	Jan.26	22.50	Readers Corner, Chelmsford.	40 secs.		CE1	B.E.
1/9	Jan.26	22.35	Park Way, Chelmsford.	3 mins.		CE1	B.E.
1/10 A	Jan.26	22.30	Rainsford Road, Chelmsford.	2 mins.		CE1	B.E.
1/10 B	Jan.26	22.40	North Avenue, Chelmsford.	10 mins(?)		CE1	B.E.
1/10 C	Jan.26	22.40	Broomfield Road, Chelmsford	3 mins.	○ ○ ○	CE1	B.E.
1/11	Jan.26	22.30	A.130, Rettendon.	3 mins.	○	NL	B.E.
1/12	late Jan.	evening	Purfleet	?		NL	-
1/13	Jan.31	06.45	Writtle Road, Chelmsford.	10 secs.		CE1	B.E.
1/14	Jan.26	evening	Hatfield Peverel, Nr.Chelmsford.	Many mins.	—	NL	-
1/15	Jan.31	06.55	Margaretting, Ingatestone.	15 secs.	*	NL	B.E.
1/16	Jan.30	20.30	Kelvedon, Nr. Colchester.	10 mins.	○ ○ ○	NL	-
1/17	Jan.10	03.00	Bastable Avenue, Barking.	20 mins.		NL?	-

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1/18	Jan.25	18.46	S.W. of Chelmsford.	3 mins.		CE1?	B.E.
1/19	Jan.26	18.15	Mildmay Road, Chelmsford.	3 mins.		NL	B.E.
1/20	Jan. 8	19.45	Gt. Warley, Brentwood .	1 1/4 mins.		NL	B.E.
1/21	Jan. 5	07.30	St. Anns, Barking.	Secs.		NL	A.S.
1/22	mid-Jan. evening		South Ockendon.	3 mins.		NL.	C.M.
2/1	Hoax	-	-	-	-	-	A.S.
2/2	Feb.27	22.30	Everbeek, <u>Belgium</u> .	Over 1/2 hr.	*	NL	-
2/3	Feb.26	06.15	Stapleford Abbots.	4-5 mins.	Illumination only (like moonlight).	NL	-
3/1	Mar.22	01.30	Southbury Road, Enfield, Middx.	20 secs.		NL	D.G.
3/2	Mar.21	20.55	A10, Enfield, Middx.	7-8 mins.	*	NL*	D.G.
3/3	Mar. 8	18.57	North Street, Barking.	12 mins.		NL	A.S.
3/4	Mar.29	16.05	Oakley Road, Dovercourt.	10 secs.		DD*	-
3/5	Mar. 7	21.00	B1007, Laindon.	15 mins.		1	B.E.
3/6	Mar.11	00.05	A12, Chelmsford.	20-30 secs.		NL	B.E.
4/1	Apr.16	00.10	Edmonton, N. London.	4-5 secs.	Meteor	-	D.G.
4/2	Apr. 4 evening		Canvey Island.	3/4 hour?	*	NL	B.E.
4/3	Apr.23	00.30	Bethnal Green, E. London.	25 mins.		CE1?	A.S.
4/4	Apr.16	00.10	Collier Row, Romford.	10 secs.	Fireball	-	B.E.
5/1A	May 1	22.30	Pole Hill, Chingford.	1 min.	Illumination only (red glow).	CE1?	DG & PR.
5/1B	May 1	22.30	Pole Hill, Chingford.	1/2 min.		CE1?	DG & PR.
5/2	May 9	21.39	Plaistow, E. London.	20 mins.		NL	A.S.
5/3	May 24	21.00	Seven Sisters, N. London.	11 mins.	*	NL	-

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5/4	May 25	12.45	Bullsmoor Lane School, Enfield, Middx.	¼ hr.		DD	D.G.
5/5	May 24	20.15	Woodlands Road, Enfield, Middx.	5 mins.	*	NL	-
5/6	May 24	?	Holmwood Road, Enfield, Middx.	40 mins.?	* *	NL	-
5/8	May 25	20.45	Wallbrook House, Edmonton, London, N.9.	10 mins.	*	NL	-
5/9	May 25	22.00	Ordnance Road, Enfield, Middx.	?	*	NL	-
5/10	May 25	21.15	Enfield?	?	*	NL*	-
5/11	May 25	21.45	Dendridge Close, Enfield, Middx.	?	* *	NL*	-
5/12	May 2	00.30	Low Hall Close, Chingford.	secs.		CE1	-
6/1	June 4	22.40	Brickendon, Herts.	8 mins.		CE1?	D.G.
6/2	June 23	22.15.	Hainault	2 mins.		NL	-
6/3	June 8	20.30	Ridge Crest, Enfield, Middx.	?		NL	-
6/4	June 17	02.10	Jane Walker Hospital, Nayland, Colchester.	25 mins.		NL	W.S.
6/5	June 26	01.30	Lodge Lane, Collier Row, Romford.	5 mins.	○	NL	A.S.
6/6	June 20	21.05	Ingatstone.	3 mins.		NL	B.E.
7/1	July 22	22.00	St. Margaret's Church, Barking.	5 mins.	*	NL	A.S.
7/2	July 25	00.35	Hampton Road, Chingford.	10 secs?		CE1?	D.G.
7/3	July 31	22.05	Galleywood Road, Chelmsford.	10 mins.	○	NL	B.E.
8/1	Aug.10	22.00	Salisbury Road, Edmonton, N. London.	3 mins.	○	NL	D.G.
8/2	Aug.20	01.00	Parrymans Farm Road, Barkingside.	2 mins.	*	NL	P.S.

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Case	Date	Time	Location	Duration	Object	Type	Inv.
8/3	Aug. 1	?	Hathaways Road, Grays Thurrock.	1 min.		NL	-
8/4	Aug. 5	21.30	Lodge Lane, Collier Row, Romford.	2 mins?		NL	A.S.
8/5	late August	21.30	Pole Hill, Chingford.	1 min.		NL*	-
8/6	Aug.16	20.30	Avelon Road, Collier Row, Romford.	30 secs.		NL	-
9/1	Sept.16	13.30	Priory Court, Walthamstow, London, E.17.	30 secs.		DD	P.R.
9/3/4	Sept.25	18.00	Warrington Road, Dagenham.	1 min.		DD	A.S.
9/5	Sept.23	19.30	Perth Road, Ilford.	15 mins.		NL	A.S.
9/6	Sept.25	19.45	Rush Green Hospital, Romford.	5 mins.		NL	A.S.
					19.45 20.15		
9/7	Sept.25	20.10	Dagenham Football Ground.	2 mins.		NL	A.S.
9/8	Sept.17	21.00	Ilford.	10 mins.		NL	A.S.
9/9	Sept.13	10.30	Gants Hill, Ilford.	?		CELL?D.G.	
					1917 Handley Page British Bomber?		
10/1	Oct.10	02.30	Burnside Road, Dagenham.	10 mins.		NL	A.S.
10/2	Oct.11	19.30	Warrington Road, Dagenham.	3/4 hr. & 1 1/2 hrs.		NL	A.S.
10/3	Oct. 2	18.40	Central Park, East Ham, E.London	?		NL	-
10/4	Oct. 7	19.30	Chelmer Crescent, Barking.	1 1/2 hrs.		NL.	A.S.
10/5	Oct.11	18.45	Chelmer Crescent, Barking.	1 hr.		NL	A.S.
10/6	Oct.17	01.45	Valence Park, Dagenham.	10 mins.		NL	A.S.
10/7	Oct.22	01.00	Eustace Road, East Ham, London, E.6.	35 mins.		NL	A.S.
10/8	Oct.23	19.45	Hunters Square, Dagenham,	20 mins.		CEL? A.S.	

SEE NEXT PAGE FOR 'NOTE' ON THE ABOVE LIST.

EUFOSG SIGHTINGS FOR 1978

N O T E :

1. All times are G.M.T.
2. NL = Nocturnal light, UFO over 500ft. (152m.) away.
DD = Daylight Disc, UFO over 500 ft. (152m.) away.
CEI = Close Encounter 1st Kind, UFO within 500ft. (152m.)
CEII = Close Encounter 2nd Kind, UFO leaves physical trace.

* = possible misidentification.

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D.G., D. Goring.

(Apologies for any errors or miscredits in investigator's names)

AIRCRAFT AND PILOT MISSING IN AUSTRALIA

The following letter is from a member in Australia who has submitted some very interesting material concerning a missing aircraft and pilot thought to have been abducted by an UFO.

Dear Mr. Goring,

6th November 1978.

As you have no doubt heard, we had a UFO incident here in Victoria (Cape Otway area - Bass Strait). It hasn't been resolved yet, the Authorities can't find any trace of Mr. Valentich, the pilot who has gone missing, but they deny it was an UFO, on what grounds they can say that I don't know, ("The Age", 31/10/78). Also, the pilot's girlfriend (Rhonda Rushton) went into a motel after the incident saying she had arranged to meet Mr. Valentich there, according to the motel owner, Mrs. Joyce Ford. Later Miss Rushton denies this. I have spoken to a friend's daughter over here who knew Mr. Valentich at school; she stated he was much too dedicated a man to play a hoax of this kind. This also bears out what the people say of the young man in the papers and recent television coverage - he had too much to lose, he wanted to be a civil airline pilot or something of that nature. Of course he could have been smuggling or stealing the aircraft, but personally I dismiss these notions because he doesn't appear to be that type of character. However, I've collected all the newspaper articles I could get on the incident to send on to you and 'Earthlink' for cataloging, etc. If I can assist more please let me know.

Yours sincerely,
(Mr.) R. Cohen, Maribyrnong,
Victoria, Australia.

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What the Papers Say!

"Pilot tells of UFO then vanishes" ("The Age", Melbourne, October 23, 1978).

by Lindsay Murdoch.

A pilot reported an unidentified flying object hovering over him seconds before his plane disappeared over Bass Strait at the weekend. In a dramatic conversation with a Melbourne air base the pilot told of a long object with green lights which "seems to be playing some sort of game". Seconds later the plane's engine began spluttering, there was a metallic sound, and communication was cut.

Department of Transport officials were last night investigating the mysterious disappearance of pilot Frederick Paul Valentich, 20, and the single-engined Cessna. Valentich's last words to Melbourne Flight Service concerned the "unknown aircraft hovering on top of me". Officials described the six-minute conversation about the UFO as "quite extraordinary".

Valentich, an instructor with the Air Training Corp, was on a flight from Moorabbin to King Island to pick up crayfish. At precisely 7.13 pm on Saturday, between Cape Otway and King Island, he and the plane were lost. An RAAF Orion

sighted an oil slick late yesterday and dropped a beacon. A fishing boat was heading to it late last night. Samples will be taken to establish if the oil is from the plane. Weather conditions were perfect on Saturday evening. It was a clear night and there was little wind. Department of Transport officials working at Flight Service said there was a "sort of metallic sound" over the radio before communication was lost.

A spokesman said last night it was possible Valentich was flying the plane upside down and crashed. "He may have become disoriented and confused by reflection from the Cape Otway and King Island light-houses," the spokesman said. "The light-houses may have reflected off particles of cloud." Officials believe it is the first incident of its kind reported in Victoria.

Valentich got his pilots licence two years ago. He had a night flying licence and intended sitting for his commercial pilot's licence. Mr. Guido Valentich said last night that his son believed in UFOs. "Frederick read about them and I know he believed they existed," Mr. Valentich said from the family's neat brick home in Avern Avenue, Avondale Heights. "He'd never seen one before. But he became interested in them when he started flying."

Mr. Valentich said Frederick was a voluntary instructor with the Air Training Corp in West Melbourne. "He had no trade and wanted to become a commercial pilot," Mr. Valentich said. "He has flown to King Island three or four times before. He was wanting to increase the time he has flown at night. A couple of weeks ago he flew to Echuca to get in four hours of night flying. He would do anything to get the money to be able to fly ... he worked as a shop assistant in Moonee Ponds and even got a job in the foundry at GMH. All he wanted to do since he was 12 was to fly. It was his whole life."

Mr. Valentich said his family had not given up hope that Frederick was alive.

What the pilot said

This is the conversation Frederick Paul Valentich had with Melbourne Flight Service before he vanished:

- 7 pm - Valentich reports flying over Cape Otway, proceeding to King Island.
- 7.06 - Valentich asks Melbourne Flight Service if there are any aircraft flying below 5000 feet in the area. Flight Service: "No known traffic."
Valentich: "Seems to be a large aircraft below 5000 feet." Flight Service: "What type?". Valentich: "I cannot confirm. It has four bright lights. They appear to be landing lights. The aircraft just passed over me about 1000 feet above." Flight Service: "Is large aircraft confirmed?".
Valentich: "Affirmative. At the speed it is travelling. Are there any RAAF aircraft in the vicinity?" Flight Service: "Negative."
- 7.08 - Valentich: "It is approaching from due east towards me...It seems to be playing some sort of game. It's flying at a speed I cannot estimate."
Flight Service: "What is your altitude?" Valentich: "4500 feet." Flight Service: "Confirm you can't identify aircraft." Valentich: "Affirmative."
- 7.09 - Valentich: "It's not an aircraft....."(break in transmission). Flight Service: "Can you describe aircraft?" Valentich: "It is flying past. It is a long shape. I can't identify more than that. Coming for me now."
Flight Service: "How large is it?" Valentich: "It seems to be stationary. I'm orbiting and the thing is orbiting on top of me also. It has a green light and sort of metallic light on the outside." Valentich then reported that the object had vanished. Flight Service: "Confirm it has vanished".
Valentich: "Affirmative, affirmative. Do you know what kind of aircraft I've got? Is it military?" Flight Service: "No. No military traffic in the area."
- 7.12 - Valentich: "Engine is rough-idling and coughing". Flight Service: "What are your intentions?" Valentich: "Proceed to King Island. Unknown aircraft hovering on top of me."
Flight Service acknowledges and reports a sort of metallic noise over the radio before communication lost.

GIRL WAITS FOR UFO PILOT - Mystery not hoax, says angry father.

(Sunday Telegraph, Australia, October 29, 1978) by Tony Stephens & Trevor Munnery.

The girl friend of pilot Fred Valentich, said to have been taken by a UFO, came out of hiding yesterday - and said she was waiting for him to return.

Sixteen-year-old Rhonda Rushton revealed that Valentich had discussed UFOs with her. "He once told me that if a UFO did come to earth he'd go back with it." Rhonda said, "but not without me." But Miss Rushton believes Valentich landed in rugged bushland near Cape Otway and is still alive. The girl's beliefs add intrigue to what is becoming one of Australia's great mystery stories.

Other points to emerge yesterday:

The Pilot's father, Guido, reacted angrily to suggestions that his son's disappearance was an elaborate hoax and the young man would soon return to write a book about a visit to Mars. "What about the family's feelings?" said Mr. Valentich. "What about my son's career? It is outrageous to suggest he is hiding somewhere. I believe he was sucked up into the air by a UFO and then forced back to earth somewhere - perhaps in Central Australia." Mr. Valentich appealed to governments, pilots, coastguards and seamen throughout the world to look out for his son.

The last person to talk to Fred Valentich said he was shocked by the man's disappearance. "I had to force myself to stay as calm as possible," said flight controller Steve Robey. "I was so stunned, but I had to handle it." Robey was at the other end of the radio last Saturday night when Valentich described being buzzed by an unidentified flying object, a long shape with a green light. "Unknown aircraft now hovering on top of me," Valentich said to Robey. They were his last words. Today Robey is haunted by the conversation.

Department of Transport officials still believe Valentich crashed into Bass Strait, although there has been no sign of any debris. Yet some investigators think he either crashed or landed safely in Victoria. Valentich was carrying enough fuel for 300 mins. flying - nearly 1000km. The trip from Moorabin to King Island and back would need only half this amount.

Two other light aircraft have disappeared in the same area in the past 10 years. A Fuji single-engine plane disappeared without trace on December 24, 1969, almost exactly where Valentich reported he was being buzzed. In the other incident, a Tiger Moth with two people on board disappeared a few kilometres south-east of Cape Otway.

The lighthouse keeper at Cape Otway, who would not be named, said he had not heard any aircraft at the time Valentich said he was in the area, despite the clear night and the fact that the pilot's flight plan was almost directly over the lighthouse. Bass Strait fishermen said they saw or heard nothing.

Miss Rushton, of East Preston, said Valentich of Avondale Heights, was supposed to pick her up at 7.30 pm on Saturday night. They were going to a disco. But, according to his flight plan, Valentich could not possibly have been back in Melbourne before 9pm. Valentich did not ask King Island airport controllers to switch on the runway lights. This would have made it impossible for him to land on the tiny strip. Nor have police on King Island found anyone who had arranged to sell crayfish to Valentich - the stated reason for the flight.

Rhonda and Fred met at a dance six months ago. "He was a very happy person and had lots of friends," she said. "His ambition was to become a senior commercial pilot - he loves flying. We talked about UFOs but he wasn't as keen on them as some people have said." Rhonda denied that she had gone to Apollo Bay, near Cape Otway, for a motel rendezvous with her boyfriend. "I only went there to see what the bush was like where he might have landed," she said. "I think he's still alive and we won't stop searching for him until we know for sure what has happened."

Adding to the confusion, Mrs. Joyce Ford, owner of the Bay Pine Motel said: "She came in and asked for Fred Valentich, saying that she had arranged to meet him. When I said there was nobody of that name here she seemed ready to cry."

Asked what he thought had happened to his son, Guido Valentich said: "Your guess is as good as mine. I hope he's alive." The Valentich family - Guido, mother Alberta, 12 year-old brother Richard and twin four-year-old sisters Olivia and Laura were relatively calm earlier in the week. Yesterday Mr. Valentich said they were very worried. He said Fred had told them he had seen classified documents on UFOs at the RAAF base in Sale, while his son was in the Air Training Corps. But RAAF spokesman at Sale, Wing-Commander Colin Chaliss, said: "We have files on unusual aerial sightings but they are not classified and Mr. Valentich did not see them."

Mr. Don Sowman, chief flying instructor at Southern Air Services and Valentich's instructor, said: "He seemed a normal bloke and an average pilot. Unless they find the aeroplane, I don't think we'll ever know the answer." Valentich had flown more than 150 hours, including more than 15 hours at night.

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Steve Robey quashed suggestions that the pilot was flying upside down. "I don't believe he was disoriented because he was communicating quite clearly," said Robey. One report to the Department of Transport says the metallic sound which ended the Valentich-Robey conversation was like two drink cans being banged together. But Robey said: "It sounded like the rapid keying of a mike." Valentich spoke his last words to Robey from the blue and white Cessna, Delta Sierra Juliet, at 7.12 p.m. He said he was over Cape Otway and below 1500m. He was due at King Island at 7.28 p.m.

A friend of Valentich, who would not be named, said near Cape Otway yesterday: "Freddie was too good a pilot to go down in the drink. We believe his radio failed and he must have turned back to land."



Valentich in Air training corps uniform.

MISSING PILOT TAPE KEPT UNDER WRAPS ("The Age", Melbourne, October 31, 1978)
by Peter Roberts.

The Department of Transport is refusing to release its tape recording of missing pilot Frederick Valentich's description of his confrontation with a UFO. A wide search has failed to find any trace of Valentich or the single-engine aircraft in which he disappeared over Bass Strait after describing a UFO. A spokesman for the Minister for Transport, Mr. Nixon, yesterday agreed that the department had already taken extraordinary action by releasing a transcript of part of Valentich's last conversation. But he said there was no possibility of the Press listening to the recording, even confidentially. "We believe that air safety investigators can probably come to better conclusions than the Press," the spokesman said from Canberra. "We have our own views on what happened and they certainly don't include UFOs."

The spokesman would not elaborate publicly on why the tape recording could not be released. The Department transcript does not cover all of Valentich's flight and ends with what is described as a "metallic click". Valentich was on a flight to King Island when he reported "an unknown aircraft hovering over me". A spokesman for the department in Melbourne said the file on the disappearance would remain open. He said the investigation would be finished only when some conclusion could be reached. "We have no new leads on what happened to him when he went, if he went," the Melbourne spokesman said. He said it was department policy not to release tapes.

LETTERS

The following (shortened) letter that I received refers to a phenomena that may or may not be associated with UFOs. I must admit that I haven't heard of its like before and therefore anyone who can throw any light on the case is most welcome to do so. (Cont/over....)

Dear Daniel Goring,

September 16, 1978.

Thanks for your recent letter.....

As you may be well aware, the UFO sightings which reach the newspapers are just the tip of the iceberg, for I've been told of sightings which weren't reported.

An acquaintance of mine told me of the experience he had in the summer of 1971, of the 'Hampstead Heath Explosion.'* He worked in Euston Towers at that time and was in the street when the explosion occurred. There was a great 'woof!' and he took cover behind an Avis rent-a-truck vehicle and then noted changes of light and colour along the street. The colour went from red to orange, orange to mauve, mauve to pink, pink to brilliant white, and he noted that his exposed skin (face and hands) tingled like static electricity had passed over. Sparrows crashed to the ground utterly disorientated, girls became hysterical, Euston Towers moved 9 inches to a foot, and police and fire engines appeared within minutes. Two squadrons of jet fighters circled the area and a police helicopter landed on the Heath.

This chap rang the Evening Standard paper about this, then went back up Euston Towers flats. Everything movable had been flung on to the floor including crockery, papers, etc. He looked in vain in the Evening Standard paper for a report but nothing was reported. When he rang them up again the same man refused to admit that he'd spoken to him earlier. Instead, a small piece appeared in this paper a few days later inferring that there'd been a "gas explosion." This chap said that this was just not on. Also, at this time, a doctor called upon them (his family in Euston Towers?) and asked how they all felt. The chap in question seems to think it was a cover-up. When the explosion occurred, its various colours moved down the street in slow motion, for he was there! He witnessed it all!

I must admit that he's not a UFO buff, but he keeps an open mind upon such matters. He reckons possibly it was an atomic device that rolled off an American plane and exploded, and the powers-that-be placed a 'D' notice upon the Press at that time. Actually, this would explain the doctor's appearance to see how they all were shortly after the event.....(?)

*The chap I speak of has friends who have had UFO experiences.....

Yours sincerely,

Bob Tomlinson,

Stanford-le-Hope, Essex.

*Hampstead Heath lies in North London.

More Australian UFOs.

One of our correspondents in Australia enclosed the following newspaper article with cuttings about the missing Australian pilot, (see p.26). The town of St. George, Queensland, Australia, sounds like their equivalent to our Warminster!

UFOs TERRORISING THE OUTBACK

("Sunday Sun", November 5, 1978).

Bush Lads are Chased by Glowing Orange Object

Australia.

Victoria's UFO mystery - in which a pilot and his light plane disappeared without trace over Bass Strait - is likely to become just another statistic on a growing list of similar bizarre cases. Perhaps even harder to explain is what's been happening right here in Queensland, in the sleepy western town of St. George. For 10 years residents have been spotting more UFOs than the rest of Australia combined. And in the past few months the peculiar happenings around St. George have occurred thicker and faster than ever before. Frank Robson reports:

A peaceful little Queensland country town has been swamped with UFO sightings. And there have been three independent reports of townfolk being pursued by strange flying objects. In one of the most recent sightings a group of youths say they were chased for 12km across country by a glowing football-shaped object the size of a large refrigerator.

The weird happenings at St. George - about 500km west of Brisbane - are not the usual unconfirmed UFO reports. Among those who've seen the UFOs individually and on different dates are a former member of Parliament, a former local shire councillor, and the town's newspaper editor. In every case their descriptions tallied - either an orange to red ball which chases cars at tree-top level, or a stark and uncanny white light which eyewitnesses say affects the electrical systems of vehicles.

The strangest incident in a previously undisclosed series of sightings going back 10 years involves three youths spotlighting for pigs at 9pm on September 29, this year. The mates were on a property near St. George owned by the father of one of them, John Beardmore, a farmer and former alderman. Mr. Beardmore, who later saw the UFO himself, said the boys were suddenly aware of a bright orange shape which descended rapidly and hovered a few metres from their car. "They described it as being the size of a big fridge and oval shaped, like a football*. They were terrified of course, and headed for home, a good seven miles away. The thing followed them along and every now and then it swooped down in front of the car so they had to brake to avoid it."

"On one of these swoops, the boys said, the motor stopped. It took them five minutes to get it going again and the car was running strangely. As they opened the last gate, my son Murray grabbed his rifle and took a shot at the thing. He said it spun around with great speed and lifted off up and to the west."

Mr. Beardmore said when the youths rushed into the house he thought one of them had been shot. "The thing had frightened the devil out of them." John Beardmore went outside and saw the orange ball receding in the west. "It was moonsized by that time. I got in the car and went after it... the boys didn't want to come, I had to talk them into it. We lost sight of the light some miles from the house, but picked it up again later in the east. It disappeared altogether about 11pm." Murray Beardmore's friends were Tony Wilson, 18, and William Strofield, 19.

John Beardmore said he'd seen the same light 18 months earlier in the northern sky. On both occasions the UFO was also spotted by John's father, Mr. Eddie Beardmore, 87, a former Country Party MP for Balonne, who lives with his son.

The editor of the Balonne Beacon, Max Pringle, 43, had a similar experience earlier this year. Driving home with his wife on the edge of town he noticed the orange-red glow following the vehicle. "I saw the thing several times during the following few weeks - once through binoculars," he said. "Through the glasses it seemed to be covered with red and green spots."

Mr. Pringle was in his office one morning 18 months ago when a young couple, roaming hippies, burst in shaking and ashen-faced. "They said they'd been sleeping in their van outside town when they woke but couldn't open their eyes. "When they could open them, they said, the area around the car was illuminated with a painfully bright white light, coming from above. "These kids were terrified," he said.

*Obviously the Australian football is oval-shaped, similar to our rugby ball.

Cr. Clifford Palmer, UFO Research - N.T., Darwin, Australia.

Note: Many thanks to Doug Canning, Ware, Herts, England; David Reneke, UFOR(NSW) Australia; Clifford Palmer, UFO Research, N.T. Australia; and Paul Jackson, TUFOIC, Tasmania, for the material sent in regarding the Australian pilot who is thought to have been abducted by an UFO. Unfortunately, this issue had already gone partly 'to press' by the time this additional material arrived.

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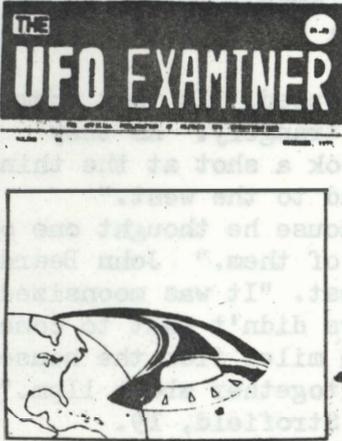
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THE SUPPOSED ADVENTURE OF A MEXICAN WHO HAS BECOME AN EXTRA-TERRESTRIAL

Mexico City, November 3rd (A.F.P.)

A 30 year-old Mexican who claims that he was kidnapped in 1977 by extra-terrestrials in the town of Puebla, has undergone serious physical mutations, states the newspaper EL SOL of Mexico City in its Friday edition.

The blood of the Mexican, whose identity has not been revealed, does not correspond to any known blood group. Moreover, he now possesses six nipples on his chest.

According to the account of the victim, the strange adventure began one day in April 1977, during siesta time. Hearing strange noises in the house next door, he ran to see, and bumped into a man two metres tall who invited him to go to a space ship.

Cont/over...

After a few minutes he found himself walking beside the extra-terrestrial in the street of the town without anybody seeing them apparently. They came into a field in front of a round craft into which they entered.

Inside the spaceship, three other extra-terrestrials began communicating with him by telepathy, and removed his blood by means of a strange apparatus fixed to his thumb. As soon as the operation was over, one of the extra-terrestrials said to him: "Now you are one of us".

Finally the Mexican found himself at home, lying on his bed, his right hand thumb covered in blood.

Four months after his adventure, the hero of this supernatural story began to get pains in his kidneys and it is during the course of a medical examination that it was realised his blood did not correspond to any known blood group. The Mexican is now being examined by three investigators who specialise in extra-terrestrial phenomena.

Mexico has always been the country with a predilection for flying saucers, beings from other worlds and apparently supernatural events. The specialists connect the construction of the pyramids to the existence of space travellers.

"Le Soir" 7th November 1978.

Cr. Mr. and Mrs. W. Ager, Brugge, Belgium.

Grateful thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Ager for kindly translating and sending to us the above and many other UFO reports. Mr. Ager is one of our most valued friends (and members) and has been studying UFOs for many years. In his letter enclosing the above report, Mr. Ager told us of another case:-

"It reminds me of another case about 15 years ago, when blood tests were being taken up in Scotland (I presume for T.B.) and it was found that a woman had a blood group that did not exist. They went to the house where she lived to examine her further, but she had disappeared and was never traced."

ODDS & ENDS

ODD UFO SEEN BY MARINE PILOT

An Arlington, V.A., woman has had a strangely frightening UFO experience which defies conventional explanation. Francine Van Curren, a licensed pilot and airport control tower operator, happened to look into the night sky from her ninth floor balcony. The bizarre events which followed can only be described in her own words.

"This large, strange something went over, travelling from south to north at what I estimate to be above 2,000 feet. There were no flashing lights visible; there was no noise. I saw no tow plane or blimp. I frankly could not identify the object in the possibly 1½ seconds that I had it in sight.

"It must have been 100 feet long or larger. It appeared to be a long luminous arrow, with a long and thin shaft and a blunt, large tip. It appeared to have about 15 to 20 segments, and there was a luminous strip between each segment."

The object itself, Francine observed, was softly luminous and each segment of the shaft was easily seen. The luminous bands dividing the segments of the shaft were glowing a red colour. Miss Van Curren is a U.S. Marine Corps. Chief Warrant Officer.

Cr. Mrs. L. Willens, Rainham, Essex.

"Modern People Special", 1978.
(Iowa, U.S.A. publication)



Witnesses' sketch of flying object

A UFO HITS THE DESERT ("Daily Mirror", November 14, 1978)

Reports of a giant UFO - the size of a jumbo jet - are being investigated in the Middle East. The inquiry was ordered by the Kuwaiti government after the mysterious object was said to have landed at a satellite tracking station. Two Kuwaiti newspapers said technicians looked on in amazement as it descended on the station. The report said that seven men, including an American, walked within 250 yards of the UFO which was dish-shaped. The men said they were "frozen with horror" and were certain no humans were inside the flying saucer. After a few minutes, the object took off vertically at high speed.

UFOs IN PORTUGAL? (Lisbon, Portugal (UPI).

Dozens of Portuguese bombarded the national radio station this week with reports of a large unidentified flying object hovering over Lisbon. According to the callers, the craft was a large round object festooned with bright red and white lights that flew about 50 metres above the ground.

Cr. John B. Musgrave, Alberta, Canada. "The Edmonton Sun", September 1, 1978.

A GENTLEMAN'S WAY OF DEALING WITH UFOs - A Simple Answer

A reader asks me why "posh" people - by which, I suppose, he means members of the upper classes - never see flying saucers. I am glad he asked that question.

The reason (writes "GENUFLEX," "Way of the World" Social Correspondent) is that flying saucers are essentially vulgar, like "space" itself and the belief that there are "millions of solar systems out there, many of them with planets which must have developed" - supreme vulgarity - "civilisations infinitely more advanced in science and technology than our own."

It is worth noting that these objects, as described by those who claim to have seen them, are invariably of garish and tasteless design, made of some kind of cheap plastic material and often accompanied by what are, I believe, called "stroboscopic" lighting effects, as in some low dance hall where young people of the artisan class may be found.

Should a gentleman actually see a flying saucer (and this is most unlikely) he would, of course, ignore it. Should the object actually land in his park, emitting the vulgar creatures of greenish hue, with repulsive antennae on their heads, which those who claim to have seen them usually describe, he would cut them dead and order his gamekeeper to eject them, using whatever force might be needed.

Peter Simple.

(Taken from The Daily Telegraph's "Way of the World" column, July 12, 1978.)

Cr. Mr. K. Dee.

PREHISTORIC MEN SIGHTED

Some thirty remotely situated tribes in Kenya, Africa, have reported sighting creatures that they say are half-man and half-ape. From the various descriptions given, the creatures are covered in hair, walk upright and greatly resemble Man's early ancestors. The tribesmen also report that these man-apes dwell in caves and make use of crude tools. A study of the hominids, therefore, may well provide some clues as to Man's evolution, but prospective scientists and hunters beware: These creatures are reported to be larger and stronger than ordinary humans!

(Information extracted from BBC TV's "John Craven's Newsround", October 3, 1978.)

"THERE ARE MORE THINGS IN HEAVEN AND EARTH THAN THIS WORLD DREAMS OF"

William Shakespeare.

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