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## GEMINI ON TV

During the brief trailer from next year's summer that occurred this August, GEMINI made a concerted effort to communicate ufology to the public at large. Mark Stenhoff and David Oakley-Hill were able to promote the subject when they appeared on Greenwich CableVision, Britain's first independent local TV station. The programme was recorded on August 14 and screened on September 3. They were interviewed for about 25 minutes, during which time they answered questions, put in a few good words for ufology generally, described some south-east London sightings, and also outlined in detail the Lakenheath report.\* Mrs Lee, whose sighting of a UFO at close quarters was described in GEMINI 2, was also interviewed for 10 minutes, and gave a good impression.

GEMINI also had stands at the Thamesmead Town Show on August 28 and the Greenwich Show on September 9, and received many enquiries and several reports.

\* See "Scientific Study of UFOs" and FSR 16/2.

## Apology

The contact reports mentioned in GEMINI 2's "Sex and Saucers" article have not yet been printed due to heavy calls on "spare" time. Will readers interested in receiving copies when available please let us know so that the number of copies required may be estimated. We also hope to have excerpts prepared from the various Scoriton tapes - again please let us know if you are interested. Price will probably be 15p or 20p per item, but send no money yet. Enquiries to our Registered Office (address on inside front cover).

## Congratulations

...to Margaret Collins of GEMINI's "Lick, stick and despatch" dept on her engagement in September to Mr Neil Ferrigan.

# UFO buzzes powerlines near Norwich

INVESTIGATIONS: Barry P Marsh and Peter Johnson REPORT: Barry P Marsh

## Editor's note:

Barry Marsh is a 24-yr-old schoolteacher at Taverham Hall School, Taverham, nr Norwich, Norfolk. The witnesses to this near-landing were pupils at the school, and he rapidly secured taped interviews. He called in Peter Johnson, a good friend of his, and of GEMINI's Editors, who is an experienced investigator for FSR and BUFORA.

Barry, who was Chairman of SIRIUS, was married on 19 August to Miss Linda Marshall, and we are sure readers will join us in congratulating them and wishing them every happiness. We are also pleased to announce that Peter Johnson has now recovered from a nasty bout of pneumonia earlier in the year.

We thank Messrs Marsh & Johnson for a very competent investigation.

## Outline details

Date: Wednesday May 24 1972 Time: 1845hrs approx, BST  
Weather: Gusty wind, low cumulus clouds, bright intervals. The following morning at about 0400-0500hrs there was a thunderstorm.  
Description: Object the size of a rigger-ball at approx 15ft away, and the shape of a rigger-ball "with the bottom cut off" and a band of coloured lights  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the way down in three rows. Colours of lights: orange (4\*), yellow or yellowish-white (4), red (4), white (3), blue (1). The object itself was light grey or silver on top, reflecting light, and the bottom was said by one witness to be coppery in colour.  
Sound: a buzzing or humming (perhaps like an aeroplane).  
Other features: spiky protuberance on top (antennae?)  
Travel: rotating (4\*), est. speed 25-30 mi/h. Further detail below.  
Altitude: maximum - above woods at less than 50ft, then onto ground.  
Location: south of Red Woods, above Taverham Hall Farm, Grid 61383149, travelling SW to NE. Distance covered whilst under observation - some 300yds from end to end of the wood.  
Other comments: Whilst "in flight", object was dipping continuously and flashing its lights at regular intervals (one witness says this STARTED in the wood). At each U-turn (at ends of wood) a hover of a few seconds was noted.

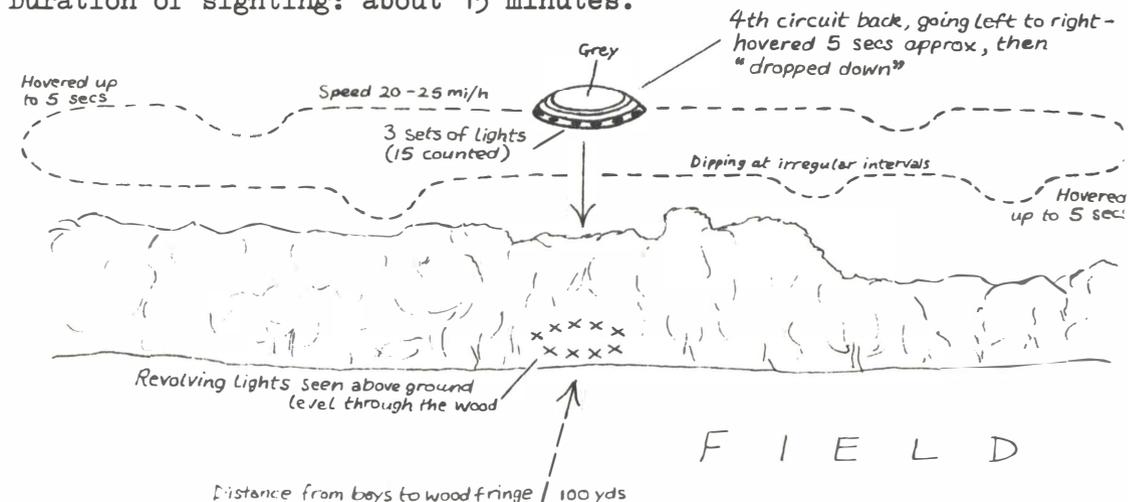
\*Note: numbers in brackets indicate number of witnesses agreeing on each point - Ed.

## Investigation reports - Barry Marsh

### Report 1: The event

I interviewed the witnesses the morning after the occurrence. The average age of the boys was 8 years, and their story was as follows - At about 6.40pm several boys from Form 1 of Taverham Hall School were building huts in Red Wood (south of the estate and 300yds from the main school building) when some of them heard a high-pitched humming sound. David Bedford and John Conway (who had been playing football) ran over and reached the wood in time to see an object moving right to left above the woods 100yds away. There was a wind, but both boys noticed a greater disturbance than usual coming from the treetops over which the object was passing. (Another witness who later saw the object, James Hood, saw only the lights flashing around it, and the bushes in its vicinity "moving about a lot"-Ed.) 3 sets of lights were noticed of various colours (see "Outline Details".) Throughout its flight, the object was spinning (4\*), and dipping (Conway said it dipped about 20 times). When it reached the eastern end of the wood it hovered for about 5 seconds then executed a quick U-turn. This manoeuvre was repeated "3" (Conway) or "4" (Bedford) times, and the following time the object reached the middle of the wood line and suddenly descended into it. Other boys: Christopher Luddington & Jeremy Andrewes (who had been building a hut with Bedford & Colling), and James Hood & Martin Bastow (who had been playing football with Conway) now arrived, and could see lights flashing in a gap through the trees - "6 or 7 of them" (Andrewes), or "15" (Luddington) and "3 visible at a time" (Hood). They watched the lights for 5 minutes, but then had to go to bed because of the time. The object was not seen to rise from the wood.

Duration of sighting: about 15 minutes.



Report 2: The witnesses

It is to be remembered at the outset of this investigation that one is dealing with very young boys who have probably been inundated with sweet-cigarette packets bearing illustrations from the TV series "UFO". However, it takes an occurrence of some importance to prompt a young boy to go immediately to his headmaster and tell him excitedly what he has seen. Eight is an impressionable age and youngsters forget only that which has not been of interest to them.

Each boy was interviewed separately (and a tape of the interviews was supplied to GEMINI-Ed). Conclusions were that descriptions of size, shape and colour of lights all tallied (to the greatest expected extent -Ed) as did the flight path of the object in the case of Conway/Bedford, as well as the positions of all the witnesses.

On Thursday afternoon (day after sighting) the boys took me to the site and there retold their stories. Despite deliberate traps involving different shapes and colours of lights, there remained no variation of the report from each boy.

John Conway, 8: A serious, thoughtful boy, not given to over-dramatisation. He was very insistent that I should get the details right when I tried to trap him into changing his description.

David Bedford, 8: Not very intelligent - can hardly write. He is hesitant, but has shown that he saw something unusual.

Christopher Luddington, 8: Humorous; interested in aircraft. Only flaw is when he told the others to "come and see the UFO".

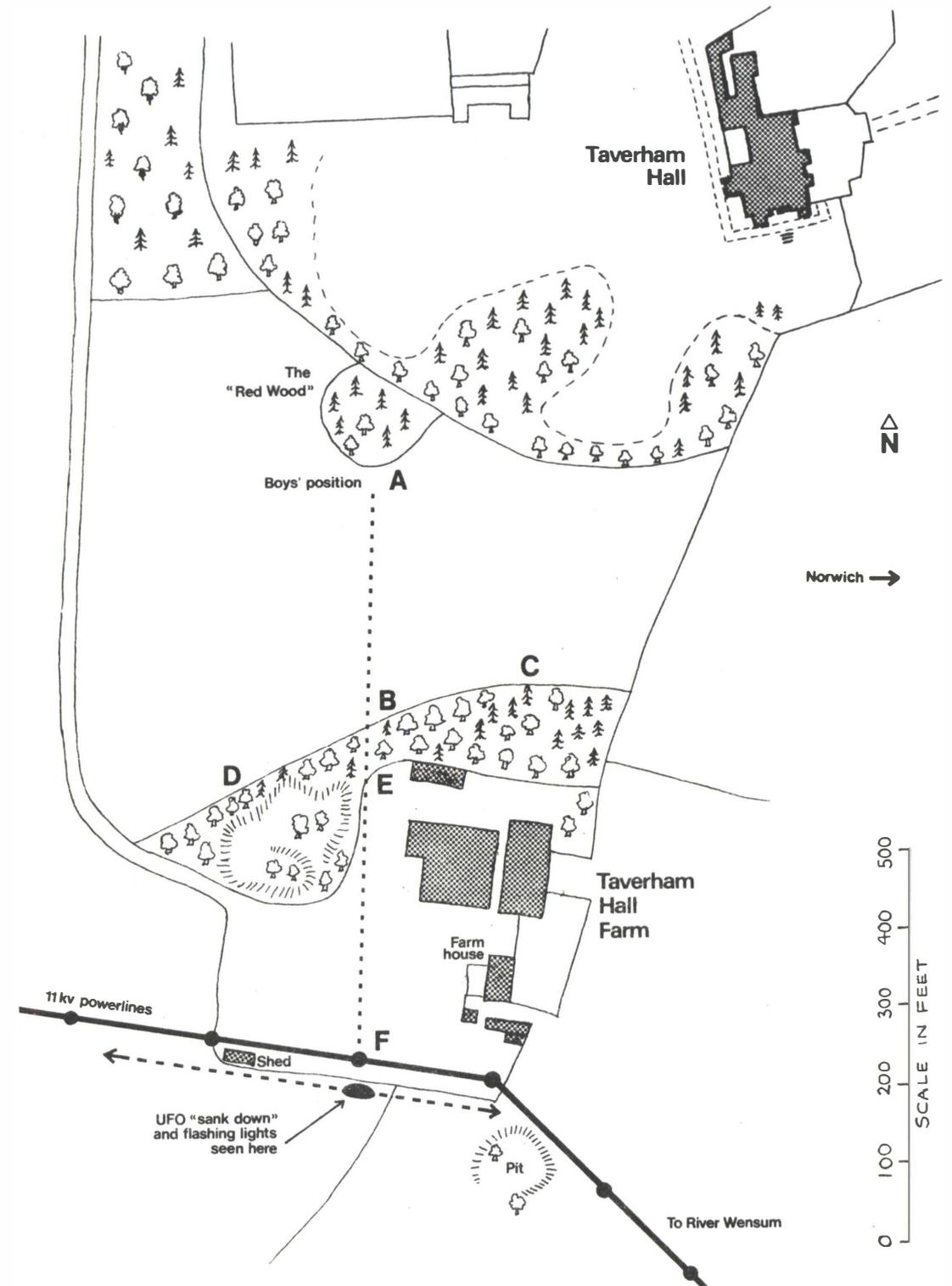
Martin Bastow, 8: Timid, rather uncertain. Parts of his account may have been gleaned from the others as he is rather easily led.

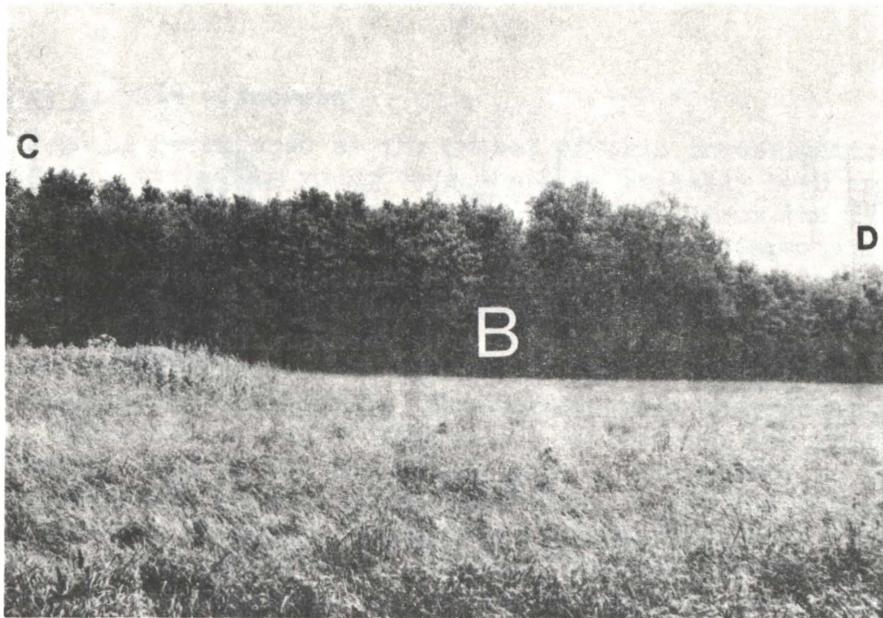
James Hood, 7½: Very intelligent. His account never varies, and he remains insistent.

Jeremy Andrewes, 8: Inclined towards silliness, but not when talking about the sighting, when he becomes rather grown-up for his age.

(Colling: The other boy mentioned seems to have seen the UFO, but Mr Marsh informs us that this boy is not intelligent, gives a poor account, and mistook a water-trough for a UFO in the field-investigation. He was trying to give the impression the sighting had continued, together with over-imaginative accounts of "little green men", which Mr Marsh felt could be ignored. The boy was not formally interviewed for this reason - Ed.)

**Summary:** All of these boys had heard of UFOs, but prior to this there had been no games based on such an idea. Sweet-cigarette cards bear images of the TV series, but drawings done on the Thursday in class show little resemblance to these packets. On each drawing the lights also appear in the same order. On a psychological note: children of eight tend to equate everything with what they know and recognise, so it was natural for them to equate their object with the next best thing, i.e. a picture on a card.





*Photo 1*

From boys' observation point A on the map, looking towards point B

Report 3: Teacher's comments

Lorna Dunn, the boys' teacher, got the children to write about the sighting as part of an English lesson. Her comments are that, for the amount written by each of the witnesses she is convinced that they saw something, particularly since (a) the descriptions tally with each other and (b) the witnesses have little imagination in written English at this age. Miss Dunn is a confirmed sceptic.

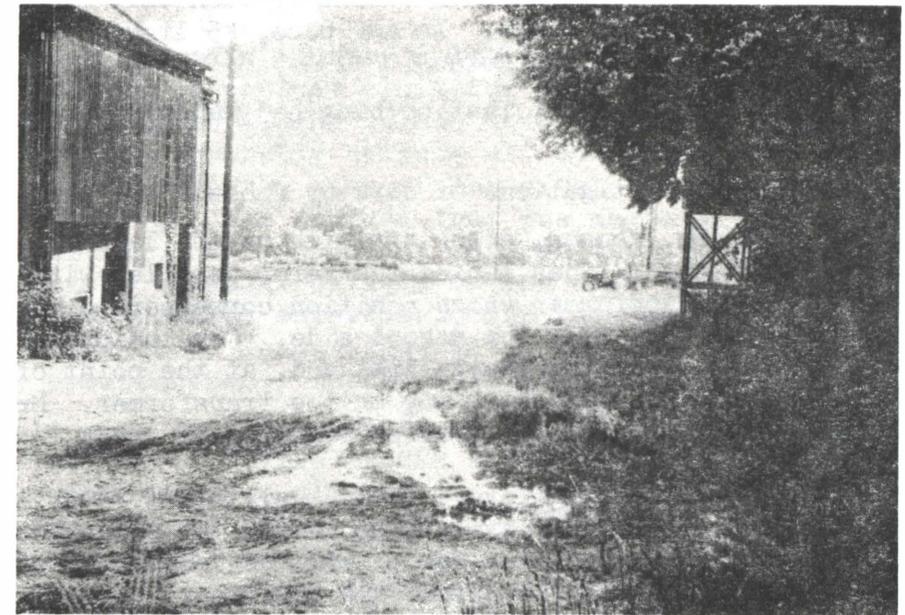
Report 4: Taverham Hall Farm

Residents of Taverham Hall Farm, Easton Estates, were interviewed on the afternoon of 25th. At 1845, the evening of the sighting, the farmer went to make a phone call but noted nothing unusual. His wife was watching television but noticed no interference.

There was no burning around the trees, and investigation showed that no object of the size reported could have broken through the treetops without doing extensive damage. The ground was also undisturbed. Conclusion at this stage was that (a) the boys had reported lights in the wrong position from their own vantage point; (b) they had seen the reflectors of a lorry pulling into the farmyard; or (c) they had seen car lights coming down the Ringland Hills road.

(a) discounted as the boys independently came back to the same gap that evening of investigation (25th). A pit nearby looked ideal for landing, but impossible to see from the boys' vantage point.

(b) discounted as farmer reported all lorries in by 1830hrs. Red reflectors/brake-lights only, and not revolving!

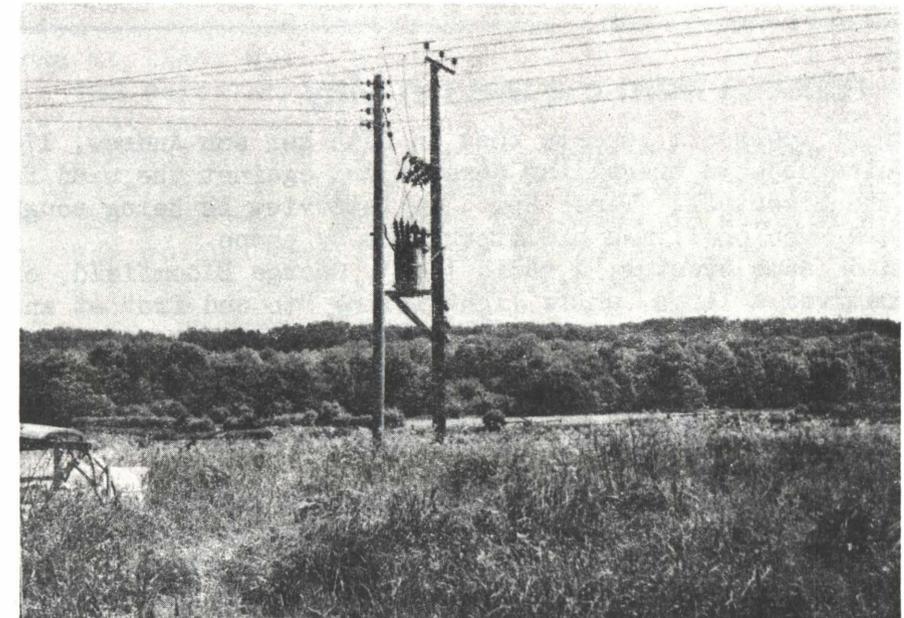


*Photo 2*

From point E on map, looking towards point F

*Photo 3*  
Point F

*All photographs courtesy of Peter Johnson*



(c) discounted as Ringland Hills road can be seen only from the pit, and not from boys' vantage point. In any case, 15 lights or so were reported, and of more than one colour.

Conclusion on evening of 25th: that nothing had landed in the wood.

Report 5: Further investigations of site by Johnson and Marsh.

Afternoon of 27th: Mr Johnson, after agreeing on the lack of space in the woods, spotted power lines behind the farm, parallel with the woods, and a power transformer whose position corresponded with the gap in the woods as seen from the school side. Conclusions: that the object was cruising along the power lines and, at the point of hovering and "dropping down", was concentrating on the transformer. Mr Johnson compared the occurrence with the Caistor sighting of 1967.

Final verdict of the investigators: An unusual, sizeable object was seen on the evening of May 24, travelling behind the woods and farm but appearing to observers on the school side as "above the wood", that being their only gauge for height and position. When it was seen to drop down, they could see through the gap towards the transformer area (although not directly visible, lights could be easily discerned between the trees) and so witnessed the object over the transformer. Final height estimated as being lower than 50 feet.

Footnote: Norwich Electricity Board informed Mr Johnson that no power reduction was noted on the evening of the sighting.

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## Further reports from the area in May

Mrs Jermy of Lowestoft reports that on 27th her son Andrew, 17, saw 4 round, white objects travelling abreast and against the wind from Bradwell to Lowestoft. Time: 8pm. An interview is being sought with the witness, who confirmed his experience by phone.

At 10pm on same evening, a radio 'ham', George Bloomfield, of Halesworth, observed a large, white light moving "to and fro" at an elevation of about 30°. Suspected to be Venus. Further correspondence is ensuing.

At 3am on Thursday 25th, Mrs Amis, of Horning, reported a large, orange "dish" above her house. Humming noise heard. An investigation is in progress.

Friday 26th, at 9pm. Weather rough with low clouds. White object seen between clouds. Discounting this sighting as Venus, although witness writes that he took a fix on a greenhouse strut.

29th: Borderline Science Group, Lowestoft, have investigated a sighting at Gorleston, near Yarmouth. No details yet released.

Though many of this country's leading ufologists have known of the following contact claim for some considerable time, to the best of my knowledge it has never appeared in any "Saucer" magazine, probably because all concerned have appreciated and respected the wish of the witness for no publicity. GEMINI, however, has learned that one magazine (not FLYING SAUCER REVIEW) now intends to publish the details, and since we have more relevant details on the case than most, we have decided to go ahead ourselves. The lady concerned will just be referred to as Joan, since we do not wish to cause unnecessary embarrassment, though full details are on file.

We would also like to make it quite clear that Waveney Girvan - late editor of FLYING SAUCER REVIEW referred to in the text - was a man for whom all had the utmost admiration and respect: one classed amongst the "greats" of ufology. His involvement in the case was slight, though it might have gone considerably deeper but for his untimely death in Oct 1964. In turn, no reflection is cast upon his successor, Charles Bowen, who has rendered ufology sterling service indeed by his "marathon" editorship of FLYING SAUCER REVIEW since that date. Whether Waveney Girvan would have decided this could have been a genuine claim and subsequently published is an imponderable factor, and in Charles Bowen's position I would have felt similarly that any reference then to the case would have been in very bad taste: indeed, some of the details did not come to light until a much later date. Charles Bowen - and all the voluntary staff of FLYING SAUCER REVIEW perform an excellent and time-consuming job in their self-imposed task of presenting the world's UFO news and finding some solution to the enigma. We in GEMINI, exerting our own efforts towards the same ends, are only too aware of what this involves, and do not wish to imply in any way that this contact should have been publicised at an earlier date. NTO.

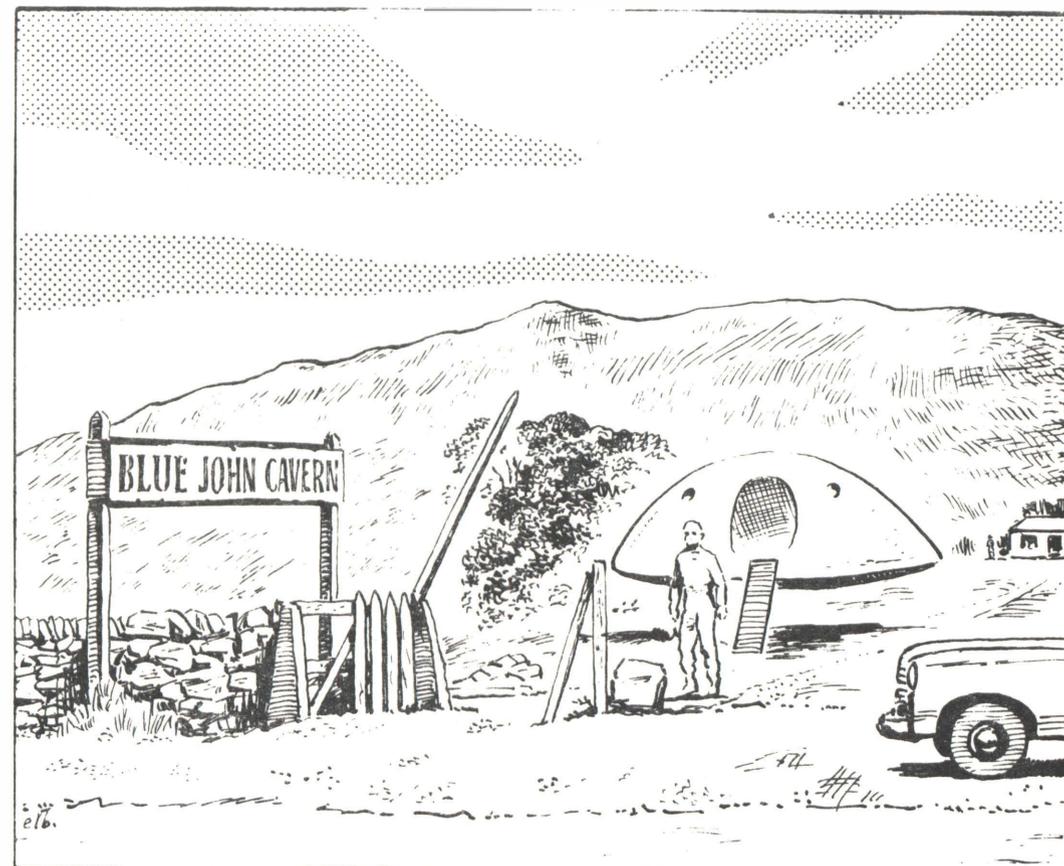
# BLUE JOHN

In the autumn of 1963, our witness, whom we shall call Joan, called at a house in a town in north-east England in connection with her job in market research and was invited in by the lady of the house whose husband was out. Joan was shown

into a room where there was a large control panel, apparently radio-communication of some sort; she commented on this, and was told by the wife that her husband kept in touch with his company's overseas branches by this method. The wife went out of the room to make a cup of tea, seemingly not realising the apparatus was left switched on. Morse signals came over: Joan already had a pencil and pad on her lap and took down the message (she had learnt Morse in the Guides). The message read:- MARK WILL BE ARRIVING 4.30 TOMORROW. BLUE JOHN. WILL REPEAT MESSAGE AT 8.30.

When the wife returned with the tea Joan passed the message on; the woman turned very white and Joan was ushered out. Now, this was a Friday, and on the Saturday morning Joan was calling on houses in another town where she was told by one of the occupants of a "short cut" with "marvellous scenery" which would take her to her "base" town on the other side of the Pennines. She took this short cut and was astounded when, driving up a winding mountain road, she saw a sign reading BLUE JOHN CAVERN. Startled by the coincidence, and not really knowing what to expect, she was sufficiently intrigued to return to the spot at 4.30 (the time mentioned in the message) and was astonished to see a saucer land nearby. A ramp was let down and a space-suited man came out. The ramp was then withdrawn and the saucer took off, the whole episode lasting about a minute. The spaceman walked to a car Joan recognised as belonging to the lady of the house where the Morse message had been received. Later Joan returned to this house on the pretext of completing forms she had left earlier and was let in by the wife, whose husband was there also together with the spaceman, the latter still with part of his suit on.

The spaceman acknowledged Joan - the others appeared shaken by her discovery - and agreed he was from another planet, but wouldn't say which, telling her that he and others were here to help us scientifically. He also said that she was a good telepathist and once interrupted her thoughts as she was thinking, "Hell! What's all this about!", saying with a smile, "You should not think of Hell." Joan had subsequent meetings with all three, but didn't give further details beyond saying that this spaceman was allegedly for sending another to see Waveney Girvan, then editor of FLYING SAUCER Review, shortly before his death.



" A RAMP WAS LET DOWN AND A SPACE-SUITED MAN CAME OUT..... "

A feature of the story was that although there were a lot of cars on the road that day, around the time of the landing none came along for several minutes.....

COMMENTS:

1. The spot referred to is the BLUE JOHN CAVERN (one of several groups of caves in the area) opposite Mam Tor near Castleton in the Peak District of Derbyshire.
2. I and others have skywatched around BLUE JOHN and in the nearby Winnats Pass - without conspicuous success. It is

not recommended as a spot for the faint-hearted, as, apart from a rather awesome gorge, there are possible rock falls and the ghost of a headless horseman to consider also!

3. Our witness was adamant about the clearness of the road, (seemingly a weak link in the story, as there is usually quite a reasonable amount of traffic on this road, especially at weekends - a point confirmed by subsequent visits) However, she was also adamant that a "souvenir" hut at the entrance to the cavern was shut when she was there. On a later visit to the spot in 1968 we found this "hut" open and doing a flourishing trade, but, on looking at a souvenir postcard, it seemed a different hut was depicted, and it was found that the present erection had been built around the old hut which would, in fact, have been unused and shut at the time of the alleged landing exactly as had been stated by the witness.

4. It was not until 1970 that I was told, quite out of the blue by a speaker who had come down to a Kensington meeting, of a luncheon engagement kept with Waveney Girvan some weeks only before his untimely death. He had then told his two guests that he had been visited by a man who alleged he was an extra-terrestrial, and who had related the BLUE JOHN episode to him. Waveney had been enthusiastic about this possible "lead" whilst keeping an open mind as to its outcome.

To me, this was a most remarkable coincidence unless, of course, a "contrived" one with the object of perpetrating a hoax. This seems a little unlikely to me however, and would I am sure, if it were the case, have been discovered by Waveney could he have continued investigations. It is quite possible also that he never mentioned this man to others, the visit coming, as it did, so shortly before his final illness.

One of those in whom Waveney confided details of his visitor is a contributor in this issue of GEMINI: the other is equally well-known.

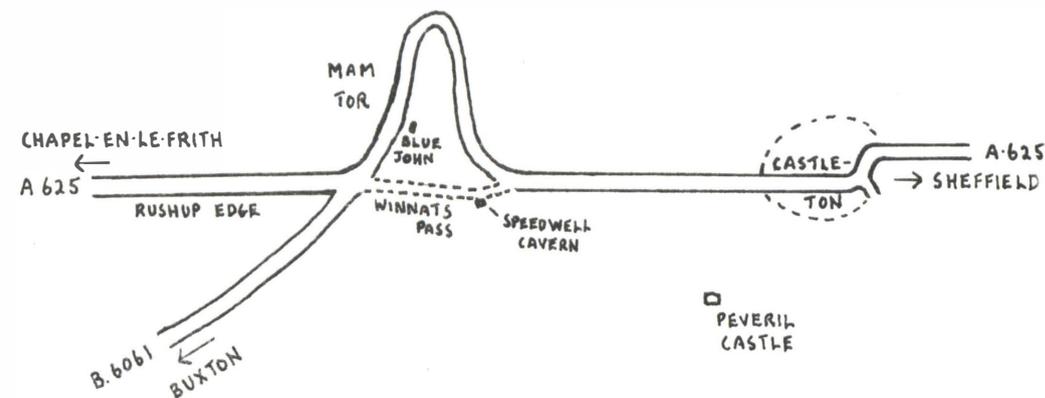
5. Unsuccessful attempts were made to trace the husband and wife in the hope they were registered radio-hams. It must be borne in mind, though, that Joan believed they had gone to the US some years before enquiries were made.

6. Hypnosis and a space hoax have been suggested as possible

explanations of Joan's contact experience. The broad facts as related by the witness - I am not claiming absolute accuracy of detail - are as the foregoing. I leave readers to reach their own conclusions.

#### 7. DIAGRAM OF THE AREA

*Norman Oliver*



Subscribers who received the COS-MOS/SIRIUS 'joint' magazine may remember my review of Arthur C Clarke's article in the Daily Mail of 6 7 71 entitled "Whatever happened to Flying Saucers?" Arthur Clarke told me recently that this article had in fact been submitted some years previously, and he had been unaware of its impending publication. Whilst accepting the inherent possibility that we could be visited by extra-terrestrial craft and that some UFO reports remain difficult of explanation, he considers more solid evidence is required before accepting their actuality.

Breathe it not on the surface of Venus, but it is rumoured a book may shortly be published entitled "Can you speak Venusian", by a perhaps not-unheard-of astronomer owing to the name of Patrick Moore. Imagination boggles at the mental picture of PM holding forth to the equivalent on Venus of the British Astronomical Association at the rate of 180 words per minute in Pidgin Venusian!! Sorry Patrick! We know it couldn't really happen.....could it?? NTC

# FLAP 71 Banbury Round-up

By C David Oakley-Hill

All investigations by Richard Colborne and C David Oakley-Hill

Since our last issue we have received from all over Britain many reports which occurred in the flap period of Aug-Oct 1971. However, in this issue we shall attempt only to clear the backlog (mainly new to print) of reports from Banbury, the only localised flap area. All these reports occurred in October, after which sightings seemed, in Britain at least, to grind to a sudden halt.

Much has been said about the object seen widely (the number of witnesses runs into treble figures) and filmed in the Banbury area on Oct 26.\* We shall deal with just two reports new to print, the first typical, the second suggesting a pointer to the true nature of the "spherical orange" UFO.

74. Oct 26 1200hrs

## Cherwell Heights, Banbury

Mr William Sparkes, of Bear Garden Road, Banbury, is retired. He used to be the District-Supt of the local bus company. On 26 Oct he was looking out of the window of his daughter's house when he saw a reddish-orange object in the sky. His daughter, Mrs Blaise-Smith, heard a rumbling noise before she saw the object. Mr Sparkes, who has quite good hearing, heard no noise. The object was round, with clear edges. It seemed to be spinning anti-clockwise, and was a uniform shade of orange.

It came from over the house, moving west-east toward Overthorpe, and travelling quite fast, like a plane. After only a few seconds a trail started with a puff, terminated, began again, and repeated this about 2 or 3 times. Mr Sparkes thinks there was a slight gap between object and trail. When the trail stopped, the object seemed to disappear, then re-appeared as clearly as before without trail, then the trail would start again. It was fairly thick but patchy and intermittent. Ribbons of trail were visible with breaks, in a straight line, but the trail disappeared quicker than a normal vapour trail. The 2 witnesses watched it for 2 or 3 minutes. They could look up under the object, despite the low elevation restriction of the porch outside the window (closed), so the object must have been quite close. They thought it might be reflecting light, similar to observing a new penny, rather than drifting or gliding. Mr Sparkes wears glasses for reading. Un-

fortunately there were no binoculars available. There was a clear blue sky, and the sun was at the back of the house, behind the witnesses. Neither had seen a UFO previously.

75. Oct 26 1200hrs

## Banbury market-place

Frank Miles, 65, is a car park attendant. He used to be a special constable in the Thames Valley Police. He told the Man Alive team of his sighting when they parked their cars in the market-place. At midday on Oct 26 he was chatting to Mr Collison and Mr Heritage, employees of an insurance company over the road, about the Banbury football team. Mr Miles had not met them previously. He noticed a cigar-shaped, aluminium-coloured object in the sky, with the sun reflecting on its surface. He did not mention it for some seconds as he thought it must be a plane but it burst into flames when (from where they were standing) it was over the chemists. It then tilted or nosedived and began to leave a smoke or vapour trail. After about a minute, when over a teashop, it swooped back up again and levelled out. After about 2 more minutes it nosedived again over Banbury Station and disappeared - in the air, not behind buildings. All three witnesses watched the object

through binoculars after the flames appeared. Mr Miles said that through the flames the object appeared to be a rocket-shape, and he could see no wings. He has seen zeppelins in World War I. This appeared to be about half that length - possibly over 100ft. Mr Miles had never seen a UFO before. He often observes planes from Heyford.

Mr Heritage (in his middle 20s) says "Mr Collison and I got the binoculars from the car. I first noticed flames with a trail back across the sky. A smoketrail came from it when the flames ceased. When this happened, its course and speed were consistent. It was going away noiselessly from left to right (west-east). Through binoculars it was too high to distinguish properly shape or features - it was just a dark shape, you couldn't see nose, tail or wings. The flames came from the back, not all over. I don't think it went as far as the station. The elevation was approximately 30-40°. The time was about 1215 and the total sighting time was about 4 or 5 minutes."

Mr Collison (about 30) said: "It wasn't an aircraft. There was smoke and flame from the object simultaneously. I first noticed it over the teashop. It was a round ball of orange fire. When the smoke ceased, it zig-zagged for only a couple of seconds then went back "on course",

\*See GEMINI 1, reports 33-8; also BUFORA journal 3/6, Ufolog reports 3/6/15, 3/6/16.

starting a trail again, which was a greyish-white vapour. The trail was as long as the total distance travelled, back to the left...I watched it through binoculars too...it made no noise." Mr Collison didn't see the ATV film. He once saw a bomber crash nearby.

The inevitable discrepancies occur between the accounts above, but one can gain a fairly clear picture of what took place - almost exactly that shown by the "impromptu" ATV film taken at Enstone. To me the unusual characteristics, and erratic, apparently uncertain behaviour of the UFO spells "experimental". Mr Miles described it as "rocket-shaped" and other witnesses as "missile-shaped". I shall say no more, especially as, even on all the reports received to date, I feel an accurate evaluation is still impossible.

No less important than the Oct 26 midday sightings are the following reports from the next day.

43. Oct 27 1800hrs  
Charlton, south-east of Banbury  
OS 360527 (Holloway)  
OS 361527 (Kimberley)

This report was mentioned (as No.43) in GEMINI 1. Report 76 (which follows) seems collaborative. There were several others.\*

\* See BUFORA journal 3/6, Ufolog reports 3/6/18, 3/6/19.

Elaine Holloway is married and in her thirties. She is probably the most pleasant, helpful and intelligent witness I have encountered. (She also led us to at least 8 other UFO witnesses.) Friends of the Holloway family, an elderly couple named Mr & Mrs Kimberley, who live 50yds away, telephoned Mrs Holloway and said "Go into the garden and look at the sky." Her husband was out at the time, but she went into the garden with her 10-yr-old son Jonathan. She took one look, ran back to the telephone and said "What do you make of that, then?" And Mrs Kimberley said "Quick, go back - there's another one!"

In the following excerpt from the taped interview, the letter Q represents questions from Richard or myself, and A = comments from Mrs Holloway.

Q: Could you describe briefly what happened?

A: Well, my friend telephoned me and said 'Quick, go out and look at those things going over the trees at the cricket field -'

Q: So she could see over the same trees that you see from here?

A: Yes, only she's at a slightly different angle - more south-west.

Q: How far are the trees?

A: About half a mile away - on the horizon.

Q: When you first saw the objects, were they nearer than the trees?

A: I would have said the nearer one was about the same distance as the trees.



Sketch by Elaine Holloway; the top object was the nearer, with "bits of vapour coming away", and the lower UFO was further away. The plane that passed during the sighting is depicted centre right.

Q: How high up would you say?  
A: My guess is that they would be - oh, somewhere between 45 and 60 degrees - higher than low-flying jets...not as high as high-flying aircraft. As they were still in the sky a jet came underneath the nearer one, but that was low as it was landing at Heyford.  
Q: And you could hear the sound?  
A: Yes. But these things were silent. In fact, if somebody had looked up quickly and just seen one, they might have thought it was a cloud.  
Q: We're south-east of Banbury here, aren't we?  
A: Yes.  
Q: So you were looking north-west, towards Banbury?  
A: Yes, I would be.  
Q: You said you saw a metallic-looking patch on this object?  
A: It was something very bright - shining.  
Q: And the orange halo below it was fairly well-defined - a bit clearer?  
A: Yes. It wasn't like a normal cloud. I thought it was reflecting the sun until it went behind a dark cloud, then I thought this was very unlikely because if the sun had been reflecting on the object it would also have reflected on the cloud.  
Q: How long did you watch for?  
A: Between five and ten minutes.  
Q: Interesting that your son has a different impression of its shape. (Rounder, with short tail pointing up at about 30°.) It's very common for people to apparently see different things. (Jonathan only saw the nearer one.)

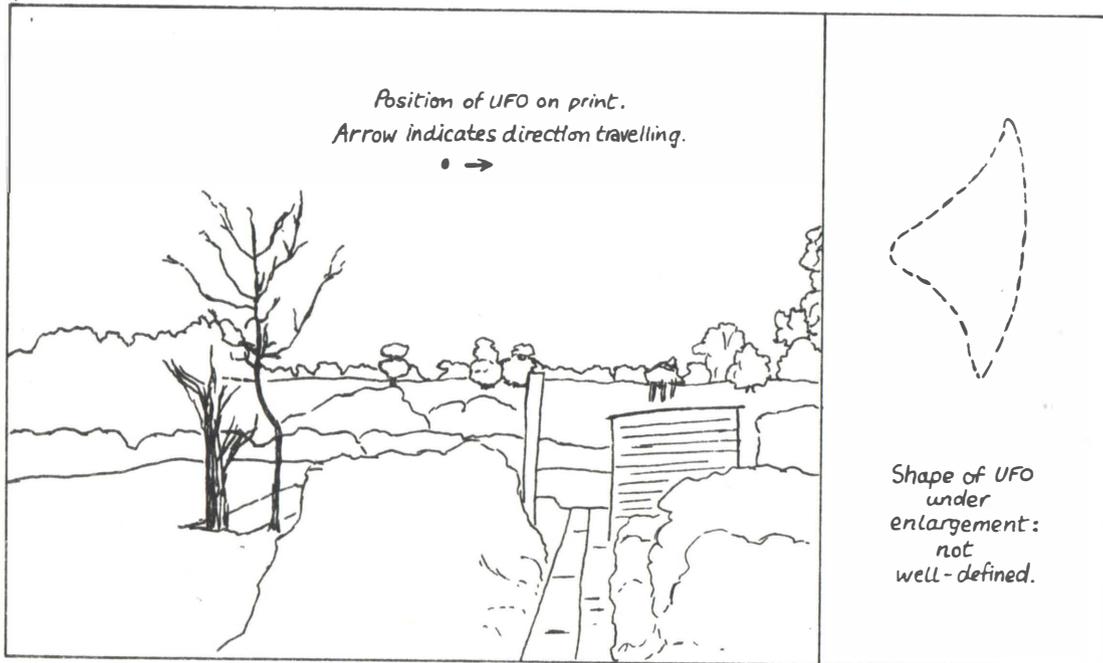
A: Well, I think the Kimberleys' description is different again. Mr K's eyesight isn't at all good - but they saw them first and possibly had a better view than I did - so who's the most accurate I wouldn't like to say.  
Q: How bright was this orange vapour or cloud?  
A: As I say, it was like the sun on a cloud - so that's what I thought it was - it wasn't a brilliant orange, it was a sort of pale orange. It wasn't red.  
Q: Did you look through binoculars at all?  
A: No - I haven't any.  
Q: Can you give some idea of how large these things were in comparison with something you know the size of at approximately that distance, like the trees for instance?  
A: I could go by the jet - I should say they were much the same size, perhaps...  
Q: We don't know how close the jet was; if you compared the nearer object with the sun, what proportion do you think it would be?  
A: About one sixth.  
Q: And the one in the background?  
A: Half of that.  
Q: Did it travel in a straight line, or from side to side at all?  
A: No - it seemed to go very straight.  
Q: It seemed definitive about it?  
A: Yes. It definitely had some sort of control. I mean, it wasn't a cloud, wobbling about - it went on a direct course.  
Q: By contrast, it wasn't something that was trying to be con-

trolled, or out of control, perhaps wavering a bit?  
A: Oh no. They both went in straight lines - in the same direction.  
Q: So as you were looking north-west, were these things actually travelling towards Banbury?  
A: Roughly - perhaps slightly south of Banbury.  
Q: Did you see the film on ATV, the day before?  
A: Yes - only in black and white - but I thought that was more like an aircraft than those things I saw.

Mr & Mrs Kimberley were reluctant to be interviewed as they were just going out, but they were kind enough to spare 10 minutes to get the basic details of their sighting onto tape.

Q: Could you show us the position from which you saw the objects?  
Mrs K: They went right across there (there is a panoramic window in the back room) just above those trees. The first one disappeared behind a huge tree - by then the second one had appeared. The two little cigar ones went very, very slowly, then the long stream came after them. That went much quicker. (Almost certainly a plane's vapour trail.) The first little one disappeared behind that large tree, the other just was gone without warning.  
Q: How high in the sky was it?  
Mrs K: It was low over the trees.  
Q: Did you go outside, or did you watch from the window all the time?  
Mrs K: No, we didn't go outside to look at it.

Mr K: There was a good sunset that evening.  
Q: Had the sun actually gone behind the horizon?  
Mr K: Yes - it had gone and there was just the setting.  
Q: Did you actually manage to take a snap?  
Mr K: Well, of course, I'm not sure if it'll come out. It was very small. It's a colour film which should help.  
Q: Have you sent it away for processing yet?  
Mr K: No, I've another to take.  
Q: When you've finished the film, could you possibly send us a duplicate of it and a duplicate negative?  
Mr K: Yes, certainly.  
Q: Can you go over the sequence of events briefly for us?  
Mr K: Well I can't tell you much, as I'm nearly blind, but my wife will.  
Q: Thank you. Incidentally, did you tell anyone else besides Mrs Holloway?  
Mrs K: We didn't tell anyone else that evening.  
Q: Could you tell us where the third object appeared in relation to the other two?  
Mrs K: Behind the other two. It was more or less the same height.  
Q: Travelling the same way?  
Mrs K: Yes.  
Q: Did they seem to be leaving vapour trails?  
Mrs K: No, nothing - and they didn't make a noise, and they didn't flash - they were just tiny little cigars.  
Q: What colour were they?  
Mrs K: Reddy-gold. And the



Sketch of the photograph taken by Mr Kimberley from the back window. (The original photograph is unsuitable for reproduction)

third thing was reddy-gold. Only that was a long, long trail of vapour, about 20 yards (?) Nothing to do with the other two.  
Q: How many objects were visible when you took the photo, sir?  
Mr K: Just the first one.

Our consultant Dr Geoffrey Doel very kindly had the photograph processed professionally, and sent me an analysis of the result. The UFO shows up as a tiny yellow-orange spot, which is not an artefact on the photo. It is probably larger and brighter than an evening star. Its position in the sky is about  $20^\circ$  in the NE, and at 1800hrs Dr Doel suggests

that the UFO is most unlikely to be reflecting sunlight, so presumably it is glowing.

From the directions given by the Charlton witnesses, the objects appear to have been travelling approximately E-W (the opposite direction to, and south of, the UFO seen widely over the Banbury area at midday the day before, and filmed by the ATV camera crew. This is supported by the following report of a sighting which occurred at about the same time, 11 miles to the WSW of Charlton.

76. Oct 27 1800-1830hrs  
Hook Norton, SW of Banbury  
Witnesses: 4 boys and a girl, all about 13 years old.  
John, Richard and Tracy Fox  
Mark Boss  
Michael Austin

On Feb 21 1972 we interviewed Michael Austin, an intelligent 13-yr-old (12 at the time of the sighting). He wears glasses for long sight.

Between 1800 and 1830 the youngsters were outside John Fox's house looking for aircraft. In the direction of Hook Norton church they saw a short, fat, bright cigar in the sky, receding in a westerly direction. Its colour was gold, and it was wider than the sun. It had more colour, but not as much light, as a street light. It was at an elevation of about  $35-40^\circ$ , and there was a radio "signal-bouncer" mast to the left of the object. Michael is of the opinion that it was travelling level, possibly at the same speed as an aircraft. Its speed and shape were constant, and there was no vapour trail. However, it had slightly fuzzy edges. The sighting lasted about 5 minutes, after which it was lost from sight behind trees and houses that formed the horizon. About a minute afterwards they all saw a jet going in the same direction. It was high, but distinct, and silvery white, with a vapour trail.

Meteorological conditions: The

sun had just set; the weather was mild with not much cloud.

Michael and his friend Richard Fisher, also 13, telephoned the police. They were put through to a "UFO expert". Richard's name and address were given and subsequently appeared in the Banbury Guardian and Oxford Mail. We thus visited Richard, who invited Michael round, enabling us to obtain his story. While at Richard's we interviewed his mother, Mrs Kathleen Hunt, who had seen a UFO on a different occasion.

77. November 1620hrs approx  
Hook Norton, SW of Banbury  
Date of sighting uncertain, but not before the second week of November 1971.

Mrs Kathleen Hunt, 28, (in our opinion a very intelligent person) was in her front garden at about 4.20pm (before sunset) when she noticed a pale orange cigar-shaped object at about  $25^\circ$  elevation, moving noiselessly west to east. It appeared to be about twice as long as an aircraft, and seemed to be "drifting" horizontally, gliding rather than flying. Its edges were diffuse, but the object was a definite shape. She watched it for about 2 minutes, then took her eyes off it. When she looked up about 15 seconds later it had disappeared. She hurried through the house to the back garden but it had gone. Before the sighting there had

been a clear, pale blue sky. She noticed after that it was rather pink, and did not think this was attributable to the impending sunset. Shortly after the sighting she saw an aircraft going in the opposite direction, which looked perfectly normal, and nothing like her UFO.

78. 1950hrs Oct 26 1971  
Shutford, SW of Banbury

This report, although totally different in character, occurred on the evening of the same day as the midday sightings. Some details have been published \* already, but it is an interesting report, some details have previously been omitted, and a co-witness has since been located.

Mr & Mrs Alfred Burton had driven about  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile from the pub of which they are the proprietors when, 100yds before a cross-roads, they noticed Kevin Heath, one of their customers, standing by his parked car, looking over the 7-foot hedge to their right. Looking in the same direction, they saw, low over the hedge, a row of about 8-12 "windowframe" lights. They slowed down and watched from the car, then parked a short way past Kevin's car and got out. They then realised that the row of lights were over halfway round a stationary, dark, solid, cigar-shaped object, perhaps 50yds long, with a sharp edge. On the left was a bright orange-red light flashing at least 3 or 4 times a second. There was no sound. The elevation of the ob-

ject was about 5-10°, and though the horizon was invisible as it was too dark (they do not remember seeing the moon or stars), when we returned with Mr Burton to the site he indicated the far side of the field, about 150yds distant, and backed by a row of trees, as the approximate area over which the phenomenon had appeared to be "hovering", possibly at about 400ft.

A few seconds after the Burtons got out of the car, the object began rising very slowly, "drifting" to the right (west) and disappeared suddenly. Kevin had since left "in a hurry". The evening was dry and warmish with no wind. The Burtons do not wear glasses. The object was visible for not more than 3 minutes: 2 stationary, 1 moving. Mr Burton reported the sighting to the Banbury Guardian by telephone.

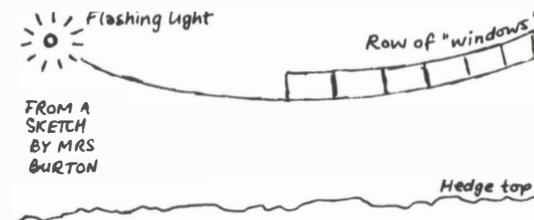
The "Man Alive" team filmed Mr & Mrs Burton for at least 2 hours on Dec 2. There was a shake-up in personnel immediately following this. The film was not used.

Kevin has since been interviewed. He is a shy, rural young man. He left in a hurry before the thing departed, as he admits he was rather nervous. (The Burtons did not think of this until later, when they realised that they had had no fear, only excitement and curiosity.) Kevin's account substantiates that of the Burtons

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\* FSR 18/1; BUFORA journal 3/6, Ufolog rpt 3/6/17; PEGASUS 4/2.

except that he is of the opinion that there was a sequence of flashing lights around the craft, which would continue around the "visible" side, disappear as if going round the far side, then reappear. It is believed that there was at least one other witness, a girl who saw it over the pub (!) but it has as yet proved impossible to locate her.

It is interesting to note that in a letter to John Llewellyn, a BUFORA investigator from Stratford-on-Avon, Mr Burton said that "the rest of the machine was hidden by the lights which were yellow". Perhaps he had formed some kind of conclusion in his own mind at this stage, which he later altered, about it being a machine, for there is no direct evidence to support this, and although he says "the rest" he had not previously mentioned any visible part of the phenomenon in this letter. The comments about a cigar-shaped object with "sharp edges" were given verbally to Richard Colborne and myself in February and could have been a natural progression of thought by Mr Burton. We both received the impression that the couple were quite sincere. Mr Burton said in his letter to Mr John Llewellyn: "...I am a person with an extremely logical mind and am not one to enlarge or let my imagination play a part." Mr Burton suggested to Richard and myself that it could have been a (US?) airship, perhaps letting someone down on a rope. (A manor nearby, ownership unknown to the village inhabitants,



used to have military helicopters landing in the grounds.) He thinks that the UFO could have turned on its axis, giving the impression of disappearance - or perhaps the lights just went out.

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On the strength of the preceding reports and the fact that the Ministry were sufficiently concerned to send an official to the Banbury "Man Alive" programme\* in a specific (but unconvincing) attempt to explain all the Banbury reports as afterburners from F111 jets, I make no claims in this respect, but I feel the suggestion must be made that the culprit of the majority of the collaborative Banbury sightings could be some kind of experimental rocket-type craft, whether or not of our own government. In all cases except report 78, the UFO was sufficiently distant that suggestions by witnesses of stopping or disappearing in mid-air can probably be put down to difficulty in focussing or adapting to a sudden change from a sizeable orange "ball" to a tiny (cigar or rocket-shaped) speck. However, the following reports do not appear to fit this explanation at all.

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\* See GEMINI 2

The next two independent reports of the same phenomena were mentioned briefly as report 32 in GEMINI 1. Here are the full accounts:

32A. 19 Oct 1971 2300-2330hrs  
Charlton, Northants, SE of Ban-  
bury, OS 359527. Interview 12 Nov  
Mrs Curtis is in her late 30s. She lives about 40yds from Mrs Holloway, the opposite side from the Kimberleys.

Her husband was driving her home from the pictures when, at Overthorpe, there was an intense blue-white flash. They thought at first it was lightning, but the night was clear and starry (no moon). On the 20 minute journey home to Charlton there were about 4 more flashes - "the kind where you wait for an explosion". When they got home they watched from the garden for about 10 minutes. They could not see the centre or focal point of the light. It seemed to be below the horizon, as if in the valley. "It would flash about 4 or 5 times and stop, then there would be an interval of, say, 5 minutes, then it would appear further down the valley and flash again. It had appeared behind, almost alongside, then ahead of us while driving. It seemed to be anywhere in the Cherwell Valley area - it was coming from one point each time, but the points were different. I would say I could see distinct beams - you know how the sunlight dif-fuses in rays sometimes when it's going behind a cloud - but it was so intense, it was rather like sheet lightning. The beams were

stationary at each point, but then the light came from another direction on this parallel - always on the same level, as though whatever it was was moving horizontally at the same distance from the ground, stopping and flashing. What I don't understand is why more people didn't see it, as pubs were turning out and people were going home..." (Good reason for not reporting it? - Ed.)

The next morning Mrs Curtis went to see a friend, whose aunt was there. Her daughter and two friends apparently saw it too. Mrs Curtis obtained the girl's address for us...

32B. 19 Oct 1971 2250-2330hrs  
Aynho, Northants, SE of Banbury  
OS 335514 Interview 12 Nov  
Lois Tilbury, her boyfriend Gregory Turczak and their American friend Lothor Drosd, all in their early 20s, were coming up a hill on the Bicester to Banbury road when they saw a brilliant white flash that lit up the whole sky for a split second. They took no real notice at first, but after several flashes they drove onto a side road commanding a good view, and looked over a wall.

After about 5 minutes there was another flash - and another. They were coming from 3 definite spots: W, NW and N. All were on or near ground level, and there seemed to be a ball-like centre, but the intensity was such that it was impossible to see clearly. Gregory thought it was more of a heart-shape with a blank centre. Lois thought she could see the "sides" rather than the "bottom" of it. Lothor agreed there was some sort

of shape to the centre one, but he couldn't describe it.

The flashes would occur perhaps 2 or 3 times in a matter of seconds in the same place, then about 5 minutes later in the other 2 places. They tried to time it but there was no simple pattern. One flashed every 30 seconds for 2 minutes then again after 10 or 12 minutes. Or it would just go once then a lapse, while it was flashing in other places. The one on the right, between (to them) Charlton and Banbury seemed fairly close but its nucleus was obscured, probably by undulating terrain. The other two were closer together. Lothor thought the left one was closest - in the daylight you can see a ridge to the left, and it seemed as if it was just over the ridge.

Weather conditions: cold, clear, starry, perhaps a slight breeze.

The witnesses were sure it was not lightning, although it seemed the "natural" explanation. The source was too small. Gregory: "It was very quick. Lightning usually hangs around a second or two but this was quicker than a flashbulb". There was still the occasional flash as they drove away.

Banbury Police Station had received no reports, and Banbury Council Highways Dept knew nothing about it. The flashes were unlikely to have been due to electric railways as it is a diesel area, and in any case would be insufficient to explain this phenomenon.

COMMENT ON REPORT 32 BY ALAN WATTS, BSc, FRMetS:

Briefly the witnesses saw intense blue-white flashes of light at more-or-less regular intervals, apparently from three points between 11 and 1130 at night. The witnesses generally agreed that the source of the flashes was below the level of the horizon.

Let us dispose of the theory that these flashes were atmospheric lightning. Lightning might have come from a cold front. However this had passed at around 4pm and thus had moved on about 7 hours previously. It was not slow-moving as the weather cleared suddenly to cold clear polar air and was fine thereafter. Assuming the normal average speed of movement of cold fronts then the latter would have moved on some 200 miles in the time interval.

Was the lightning from cumulo-nimbus clouds that could not otherwise be seen? As the lights appeared to be in a valley rather than on a hilltop horizon this can be ruled out.

This leaves the possibility of clear-air discharges. If such, then (1) why were they only in this relatively small area, and (2) why were the flashes so regular? On neither count does it seem feasible that the phenomena observed were aspects of natural lightning.

The witnesses agreed that the lights were intense enough to light up everything. Gregory Turczak reports seeing a bright ball of light. Lois Tilbury confirmed that the lights were

brilliant, which quite disposes of any lightning-at-a-distance theory. Also some centres were observed from which the lights emanated. Let us conjecture another possibility. The apparent ability of UFOs to manipulate the electromagnetic properties of the space about them is frequently implied by the reports. Those that exhibit very strong electromagnetic effects might produce a charge in free space by creating matter and separating it into pools of opposite charge. There would be neighbouring pools of free electrons and free positrons, acting as charge concentrations do in electric storms, and could spark over, producing flashes akin to lightning. The positron pool that is not discharged and annihilated in this way forms the familiar ball lightning.

From reports I have read I am convinced that UFOs can produce the required separation of charge, so inducing the kind of effects that were observed at Charlton & Aynho

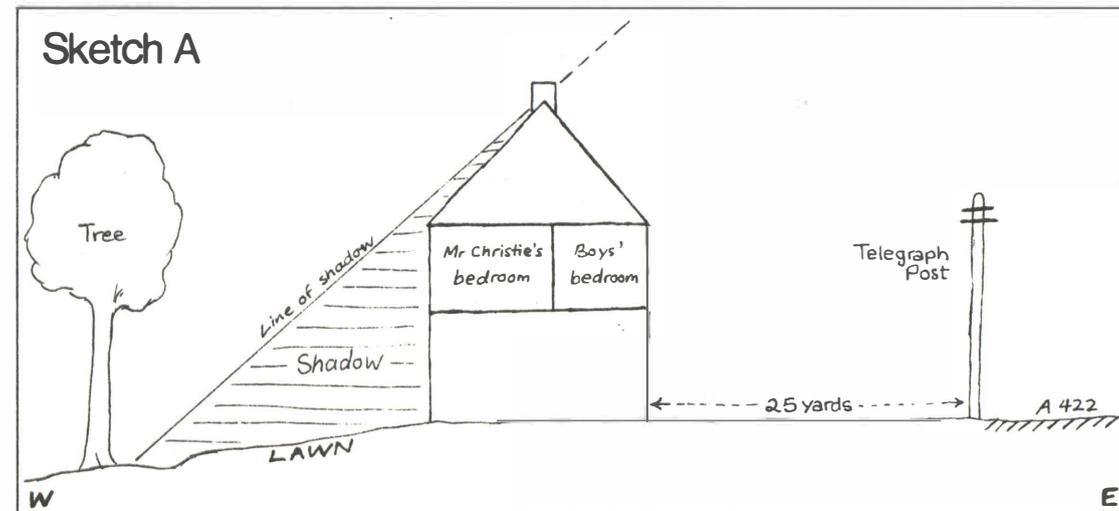
where the UFOs responsible could have been on or near the ground and the Shaldon form of incident (see GEMINI 2) where the object is not seen but the antimatter pool explodes violently when it touches any form of earth.

When Mr Watts made these comments he had not seen the following report.

79. 18, 19 or 20 Oct 0145-0215

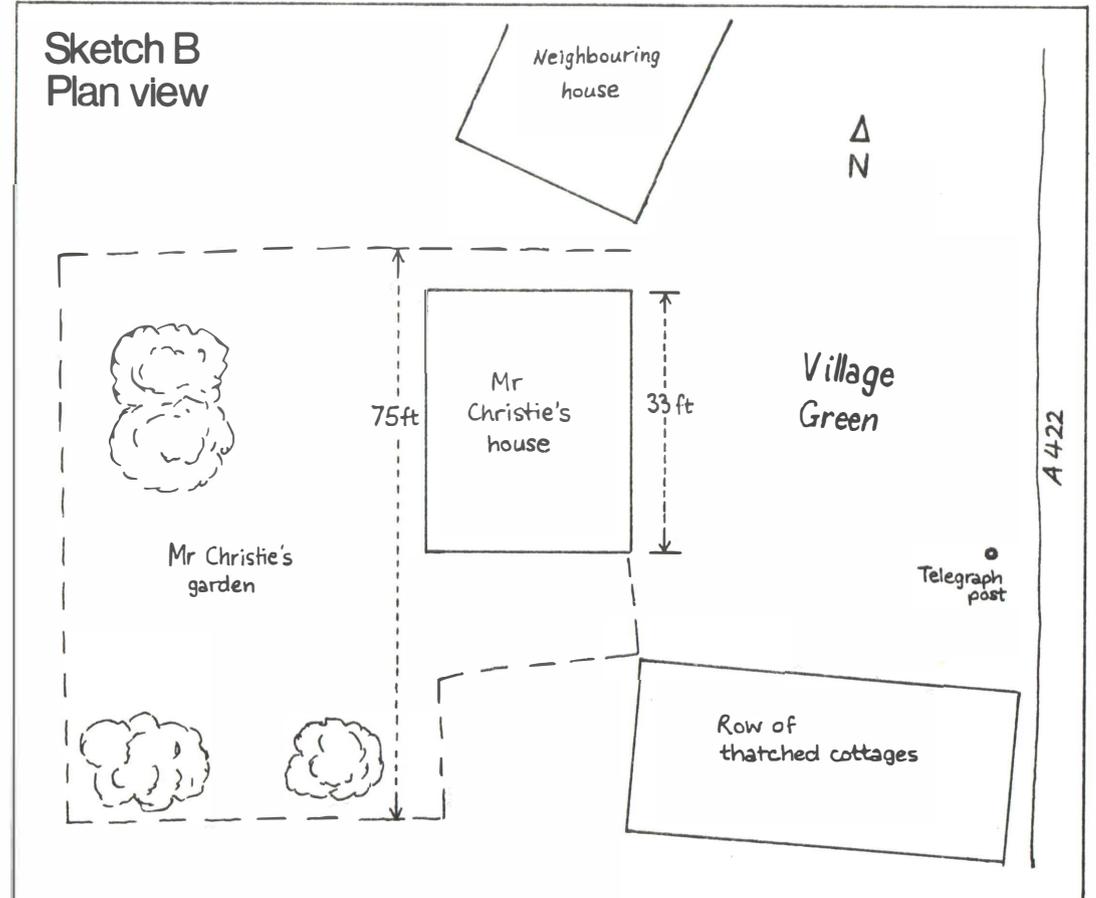
Middleton Cheney, nr Banbury  
Cliff Christie, 36, is a shop manager in Banbury. For several years before this he was an engineer. He and his wife cannot be more precise about the date, but here in Mr Christie's own words is what occurred on the night in question:

"I can't remember if it was raining when we went to bed but when I woke it was pouring. It continued until we went back to sleep. Why I awoke I don't know, although I am a light

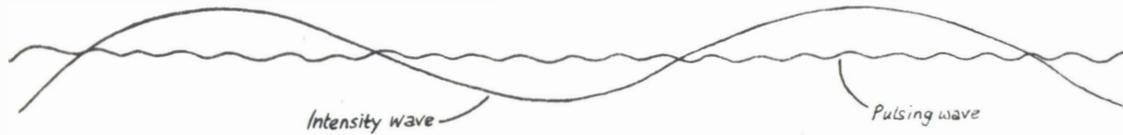


Mr Christie's house (centre)

Sketches A, B and C are from sketches by Mr Christie. Photographs are by Richard Colborne

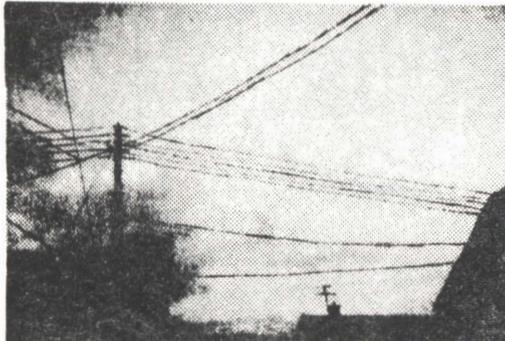


## Sketch C



sleeper, but as I resettled for sleep I wondered why I could clearly see the time on the clock some 6 feet away on a pouring wet night (I could also hear it ticking). I sat up in bed and realised the whole immediate area was bathed in very powerful light and when I went to the window (sketch A) I could even see worms on the lawn although the shadow (clear and distinct) of the house took up most of the lawn. The bedroom occupied by my two sons faces due east and it was obvious from the shadows that I would see the light source if I looked from their window. I hadn't reached the adjoining landing before there was suddenly total darkness again. I woke my wife to tell her what had happened, then just

Power lines (and of course telephone lines) outside Mr Christie's house: could they be connected with his experience? (See Norwich report in this issue)



as suddenly the light was "switched on". This time the light source had moved to a position slightly east of due north, again preventing a direct view (Sketch B). This time it remained for seconds rather than minutes and as soon as it ceased an earsplitting, pulsating whine began - rather like a radio off station but much more intense and with a definite rhythm. Even with our hands clasped firmly over our ears the noise was unbearable. As well as the regular pulsing quality of the noise it also varied in intensity with another set rhythm, something like (Sketch C).

The noise continued for several minutes but it was so disturbing as to make a clear memory of time impossible. It stopped briefly and then adopted a single note tone and at the same time we saw a light in the west, about the size a normal street lamp may look at perhaps 100 yards, but much more intense. The light source was now too far away to have much effect in the bedroom but it increased in intensity and with tremendous speed disappeared due west, rising from the original position of just above rooftop level at about 35-40°. The actual departure was phenomenally quick, taking only a portion of a second.

We checked and none of the children had woken and apparently none of the neighbours - a thing we found totally incredible."

## 80. Sep 1-2, 2-3 et seq. Great Bourton, 3m N. of Banbury

The Rev Donald Thomas investigated a report by a Mrs "A" of unusual light phenomena of a different nature: 12-14 strange egg-shaped balls of light appeared in her bedroom on two consecutive nights. This was accompanied by her fridge and cooker behaving abnormally (e.g. milk was frozen solid). Also her central heating system with a 24hr clock and control switch (about 12ft below the position of the balls of light) behaved erratically from September onwards; towards the end of October (the peak of the flap period in Banbury) the house

suddenly became very hot. A sudden wave of heat was also reported on a different day by Margaret and Robert Bones from Claydon, further north. Since early November Mrs A's central heating has functioned normally. It is interesting to note that the strange occurrences had ceased by early November - the end of the flap period (except that all the lights went off inexplicably in early December). A full report appears in FSR 18/4, July-Aug 1972.

As a tail-piece, I include this report, reprinted from FSR 6/2 (Mar-Apr 1960) -

### Banbury folk see UFO

Many people in Banbury and the surrounding area saw an unidentified object travelling across the sky in a westerly direction on December 7, 1959. The police received a number of calls reporting the incident.

The object first appeared in the evening over the Adderbury and Twyford area. Lord Elton's son, the Hon. Rodney Elton, was one of those who got in touch with the police. He said that the object was a "pear-shaped, bright light with a trail of vapour at the rear."

Two police officers, P.C. Eric Prescott and P.C. Charles Boland, were patrolling the Banbury-Oxford road and they saw the object at Twyford. To them it appeared as a very bright blue flash. A railwayman working near Banbury station gave this description: "It was a flashing light with a vapour trail and it looked like one of the space-ships we hear so much about."

This report is taken from the *Oxford Times* of December 11, 1959, and from other sources.



# UFO 'inspects' airfield

This incident took place on Friday Jan 21 1972 near Leknes airfield which is on Vetvag Island near Narvik, Norway, (68°7'N. 13°30'E.) The witnesses were the husband, wife, mother-in-law, three children and another man who have requested to remain anonymous. They watched the UFOs from their home in Napp, on the neighbouring island.

## The sighting

At 1806 hours a large oval object was seen hovering over the mountain which is about 4 km east of the airfield. It was emitting a blue-white light which was so strong that it illuminated the mountain peak. Then it ejected three smaller oval objects of which two positioned themselves either side of the large one and the other flew down towards the airfield. This one hovered over the airfield a short while then returned to the large object and all three went back inside it. The large object then gave off two very bright flashes, went dark and disappeared towards the ENE. The sighting had lasted a total of seven minutes.

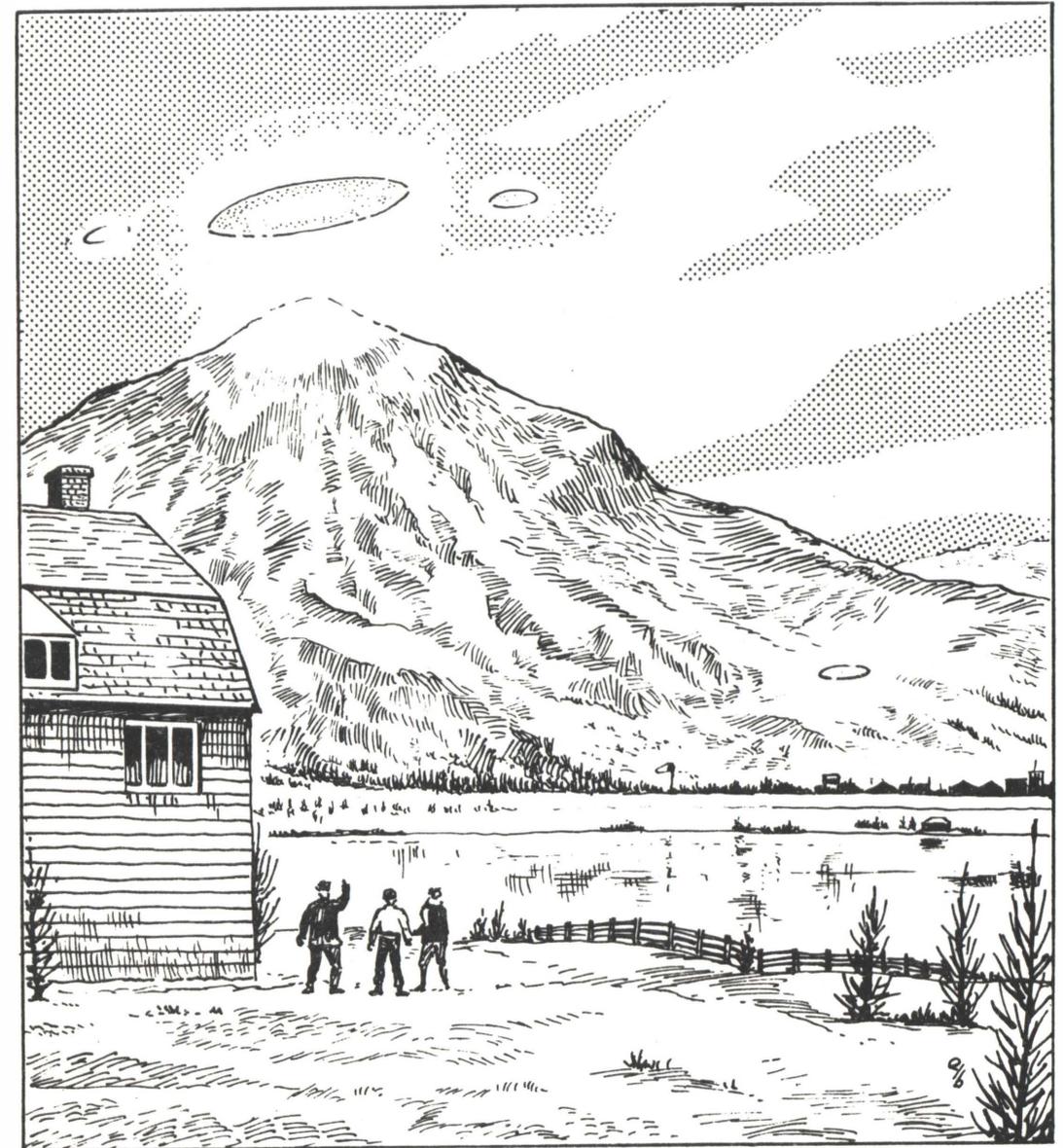
## Effect on the witnesses

The family first saw the objects through the window. The 80 year old mother-in-law was frightened and ran from the kitchen to the living room where she stayed throughout the sighting. The husband ran out to the barn to call his son to see the phenomenon. When the son saw it he went quite pale and said nothing. The wife was unable to sleep at all that night. The eldest daughter (15) went outside onto the steps to look at it through 7 x 50 binoculars. She cried out, "Oh, daddy, it's burning my eyes." The following day she had a red rash around her eyes where the binoculars had rested. She also had a very bad headache. She went to the doctor a few days later but he was unable to say what kind of rash it was. She did not tell him of the UFOs.

Three days later a large military plane circled four times round the mountain top where the UFOs had hovered.

Source: Norges UFO-Informasjon, Oslo

Translation: Richard Farrow.



"... A LARGE OVAL OBJECT HOVERING OVER THE MOUNTAINS... ILLUMINATED THE PEAK  
... EJECTED 3 SMALLER ONES... TWO EITHER SIDE... ONE HOVERED OVER THE AIRFIELD."

# New Year's Day Flap over Scandinavia

— Richard Farrow

During the early hours of New Year's Day 1972 hundreds of people saw unusual illuminated objects travelling through the sky over southern Norway and Sweden. From northern Denmark there were a number of reports of objects seen in the north, probably over Sweden. I have studied the reports of 180 witnesses, of which I found that over 80% appeared to be the same object and a number of the others had a natural explanation.

## The main sighting

A formation of objects was seen from 0415-0420 hours (0315-0320 GMT) travelling approximately northwest to southeast beginning west of Bergen, passing over Oslo and disappearing over southeast Sweden. They appeared as six or seven objects in close formation which spread out as they travelled at high speed on a near horizontal plane. These round objects were bright white with glowing red-brown tails. The daily newspaper "Dagbladet" published two excellent photographs which had been taken by engineer Einar Hotvedt of Oslo. He and his friends were driving through Moss on their way from one party to another when they saw the objects. Hotvedt jumped out of the car and managed to take three photos before the objects disappeared. These were enlarged several hundred times with the aid of a microscope and clearly show the object breaking up.

It is almost certain these sightings were of a bolide or the re-entry of space debris. The Swedish UFO society "GICOFF"<sup>1</sup> have concluded it was the re-entry of the Russian rocket COSMOS 453. Engineer Sven Grahm found that COSMOS 453, which was launched on 19 10 71, was expected to re-enter the atmosphere on 1 1 72 at 03h 14m 36s ± 1m GMT over southern Norway.

## The unidentified sightings

As far as I have been able to find out, the only unidentified sightings on this night were over Norway. I have

obtained details of nine such sightings, but I know there are many more of which I have not as yet seen detailed reports.

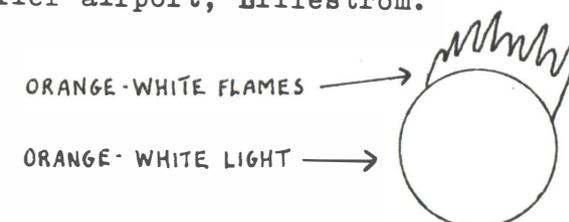
Time: 0010 - 0020

Place: Akershus central hospital, Nordbyhagen. (60°N. 11°E.)

Witnesses: Ole Christian Olstad, Spro, Nesodden. 14. student.

Ivar Mikalsen, Nordbyhagavn 19, Fjellhamar.

Installations: Kjeller airport, Lillestrom.

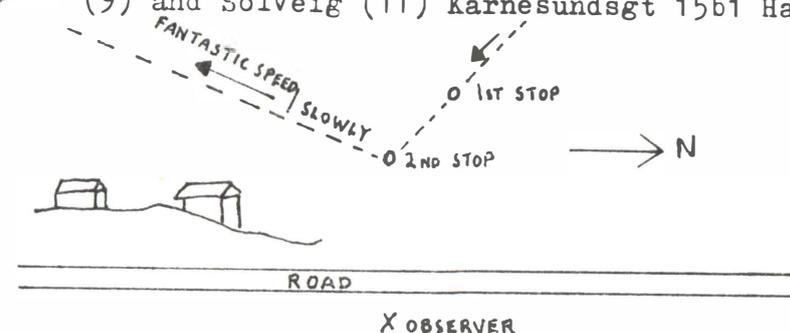


The witnesses' attention was first caught by a bright flaming sphere which was travelling slowly from the NNW. It was orange-white with orange-white flames on the top part: was quite silent and had an apparent diameter  $\frac{2}{3}$  that of the moon. About three minutes later another similar object came into view also travelling slowly NNW to SSE. One of the objects changed direction slightly towards the SE. The witnesses estimated that both objects passed them at a distance of about 200 metres. Source: Norges UFO-Infomasjon, Oslo.<sup>2</sup>

Time: 0040 - 0050

Place: South Haugesund (59°22'N. 5°15'E) looking west.

Witnesses: Mr & Mrs Jan Honning and their children - Terje (9) and Solveig (11) Karnesundsgt 15b1 Haugesund.



The family were standing at the window looking for New Year's Eve rockets when they saw a flashing orange light approaching them from the WNW. As it slowly came nearer it suddenly stopped for a while, then continued towards them.

When it stopped a second time Mr Honning fetched his binoculars and found it looked just like a clear star. It remained stationary for about two minutes then moved slowly due south. Its speed increased until it went from sight at a fantastic rate. Mr Honning contacted Sola airport who informed him there were no planes or helicopters in the area that night. Source: Norges UFO-Informasjon, Oslo.

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Time: 0230 - 0245

Place: Askim (59°35'N. 11°10'E.)

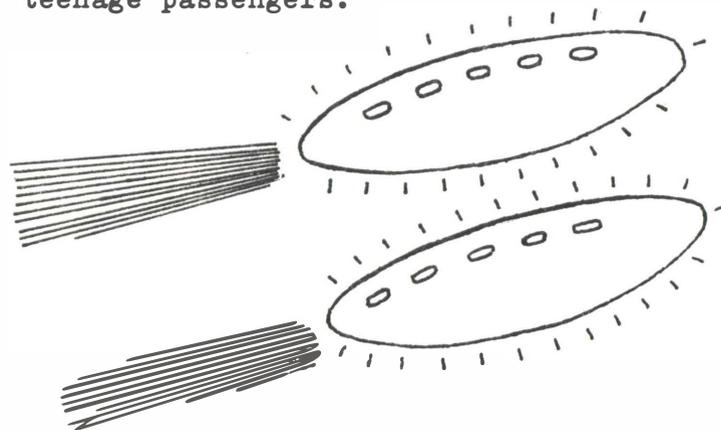
Witnesses: Oivind Johansen, Trippestadlia 46, Askim. 25. welder. Also two or three friends from Askim.

A formation of 6 or 7 illuminated objects came into view from the NNE and travelled steadily towards the SSE without changing formation or light intensity at all. The formation looked like one large round object with five or six smaller ones behind, all with brightly glowing tails. The whole group had an apparent diameter  $\frac{3}{4}$  that of the Moon and was silent. The witnesses watched through an open window for 15 minutes. Source: Personal contact.

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Time: Around 0400

Place: Borregaard, Sarpsborg. (59°17'N. 11°08'E.)

Witnesses: Roald Stensrud, Sarpsborg. Taxi Driver. Also two teenage passengers.



Roald Stensrud was driving two passengers from Skjeberg to Greaker in Sarpsborg. When they were at Borregaard Hill the car's headlights began to pulsate, becoming dimmer till

they finally went out. He noticed that the ammeter was indicating a high discharge so he stopped the car and turned off the engine. (The engine did not fail whilst he was driving as was reported in the newspapers.) He glanced out of the window and was shocked to see two enormous oval objects hovering one over the other at 45° only 150 metres away and about 150 metres high. He opened the nearside window to get a clearer view and hear if there was any noise. The objects looked like two airships about 40 metres long and 3 metres in diameter with what looked like oval windows along the sides. They were emitting a bright white light and there was no sound to be heard. Up to this time the passengers had not noticed anything as they were "preoccupied" in the back seat, so the driver asked them if they could see anything unusual outside. They saw the objects just as they began to move off towards Karbiden. The sighting lasted 3 or 4 minutes. The driver has since found that his dynamo does not charge as well as it used to.

Source: Norges UFO-Informasjon, Oslo.

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Time: Around 0400

Place: Approaching Bergen at 10,000 feet.

Witnesses: Oddmund Karlsen. Plane captain. 3 pilots and several passengers.

The plane was approaching Flesland airport, Bergen, on route from the Canary Islands with 134 passengers when the pilots and some passengers saw seven bright objects travelling at an estimated height of 70,000 - 80,000 feet, flying SSE at about mach 2. The pilots watched them for 6 or 7 minutes through binoculars before landing at Flesland. They held a steady formation the whole time: two groups of three brightly illuminated objects with glowing tails with one a bit further back. Captain Oddmund said that in all his years of flying he has never seen anything like it, saying they were not planes, satellites or meteors.

Source: Daily newspapers Dagbladet and Arbeiderbladet.

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Time: 0410 - 0413

Place: Vestlandsheimen, Breistein (60°29'N. 5°21'E.)

Witnesses: Anny Rolland

Anny Rolland was looking out of the window when she noticed three objects approaching over Sorfjorden (the south fiord)

from the north. They were like two large lights with a smaller one between, but whether or not they were all part of one object she was unable to tell. She stated that they bore no relation to the lights on aircraft. Something like spiralling light was coming from behind the two large lights which she thinks could have been smoke reflecting the moonlight. (It was a perfectly clear night with full moon and temperature of -10C.) At one point the objects passed within 500 metres of the witness yet there was no noise to be heard, and they were so low over the fiord that the mountains, which are 500 metres high, acted as a background. They continued along the fiord, then ascended and turned towards the southeast to fly over the mountains.

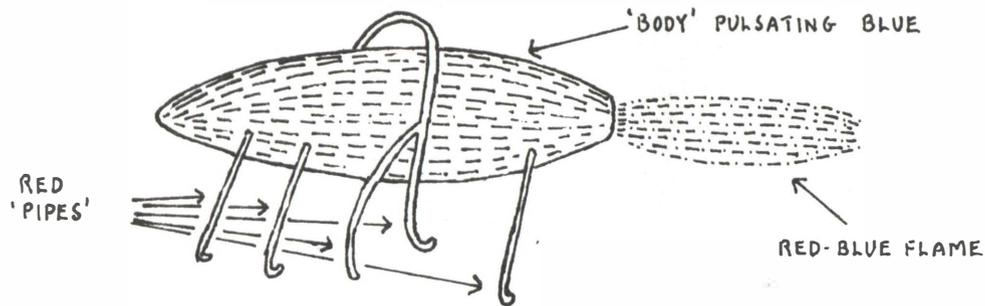
Source: UFO-Bergen<sup>3</sup>

Time: 0413 - 0416

Place: Kongsvinger (60°12'N. 12°E.)

Witnesses: Alfred Rundgren, Vingesjovn, Kongsvinger. 68. Retired railman. 8 friends.

Installations: Vardasen army installations. Kongsvinger fort.



Alfred Rundgren and a friend went outside at 0410 and had stood talking for a while when a large cigar-shaped object floated silently over the nearby treetops. He told his friend to go inside and get everybody out to watch it. The object passed very slowly about 200 metres from the nine observers who estimated it to be 30 metres long. The whole object was pulsating and its blue colour could only be seen each time it brightened. A number of red things like pipes were hanging from the body, and from the rear came a long red-blue flame. It stood perfectly still for about half a minute, then continued until lost from sight in the southeast. Source: Norges UFO-Informasjon, Oslo.

Time: 0415

Place: Strand, Florvag, Askoy. (60°25'N. 5°11'E.)

Witnesses: Reidun & Bjarne Stenfeldt Nilsen.

Installations: Those which would normally be found in a coastal city (oil storage, power stations.)

The couple saw a formation of 10 - 12 objects come into view from behind a house roof and travel steadily over the outskirts of Bergen until they went from view behind Ulriken mountain (660 metres high). They were quite clear and held the same formation the whole time. Reddish sparks were trailing from the two leading objects. They estimated that the formation was travelling at the apparent speed of a jet plane: they had seen a plane flying in the same direction only a couple of minutes before. Source: UFO-Bergen.

Time: 2203 - 2215

Place: Haugesund. (59°23'N. 5°15'E.)

Witnesses: Mrs Gerd W Vallersnes, Kopervik gate 1b, Haugesund. 53. Doctor's secretary. Mr Odd M Vallersnes (same address). Eye specialist.

Installations: Those required for shipping and industry.

Mr & Mrs Vallersnes had just driven into their garage at home when they saw two red lights moving slowly on a north to south course. The lights appeared a bit unusual, so they went onto their veranda to observe them through binoculars. Through the binoculars they looked as if they had "a kind of red gas beneath but it could have been a reflection on sea mist." When they first came into view one object was a great distance from the other, but this one stopped first and started swinging like a pendulum for 4 - 5 minutes. Both objects then went away due west.

Source: UFO - Informasjon, Oslo.

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# LOST CIVILISATIONS — 2

by W RAYMOND DRAKE

The controversial Italian writer, Renato Vesco, suggests that Spacemen from a dying planet with an attenuated atmosphere have an oxygen deficiency in their blood giving them that bluish tinge noted in cardiac patients. Traditions among all peoples associate blue blood with Royalty, implying that the earliest kings of Earth really had blue blood because they originated from Space.

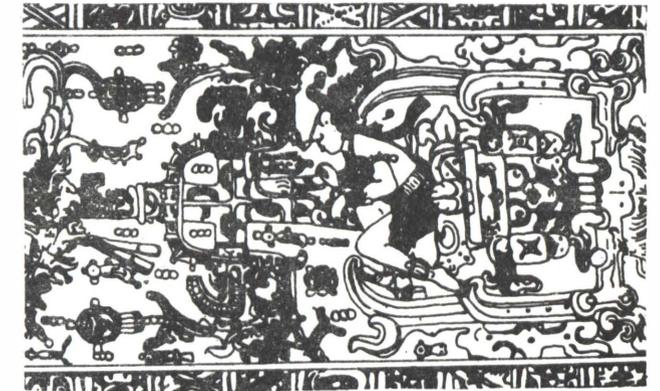
Fragments of knowledge from the old civilisations were preserved by initiates in many lands. Astrology, even in its present fanciful form echoes some universal science which measured radiations from the stars and their influence on the mind of Man now suspected by psychiatrists. The Kabbala, Hermetic writings and books of magic studied by the Alchemists associated metallurgy with theosophy; metals were said to possess elemental spirits, not such a bizarre conception since all matter is reducible to electric potentials. The Alchemists distilled and re-distilled a metal over and over again, eventually from the soul of the subtle distillate achieving transformations like our nuclear reactions. Thousands of years ago, the Chinese isolated hormones and by acupuncture wrought cures baffling Western medicine like the strange powers of witch-doctors today, whose use of herbs and drugs suggests a pharmacopia millenia old.

The siting of the Great Pyramid in the exact centre of the world's land-mass implies an aerial survey of our Earth long ago. Intriguing links between East and West surely prove some common culture. The Incas like the Ancient Egyptians were ruled by a Priest King; they shared similar religion and theocracy, utilised identical metallurgical and agricultural techniques; they mummified their dead. That notorious curse laid by Egyptian Priests against tomb-robbers suggests some radio-active poison persisting for centuries like the alleged cold light. A cult of the dead was practised by Neanderthal Man more than two million years ago, evidence of a sublime theology. Mayan astronomers rivalled in skill the Magi of Babylon, their precise observations impress us as much by the incredible accuracy as by the science required. Stonehenge built four thousand

years ago was an observatory of immense complexity for studying eclipses of the Sun and Moon, the erection of its great trilithons poses problems still unsolved. The Druids, the Etruscans and peoples all over the Earth anxiously scanned the skies for centuries with a vigilance like our own world-wide radar-watch. Did the Ancients fear Invaders from Space, the return of the Sky Gods?

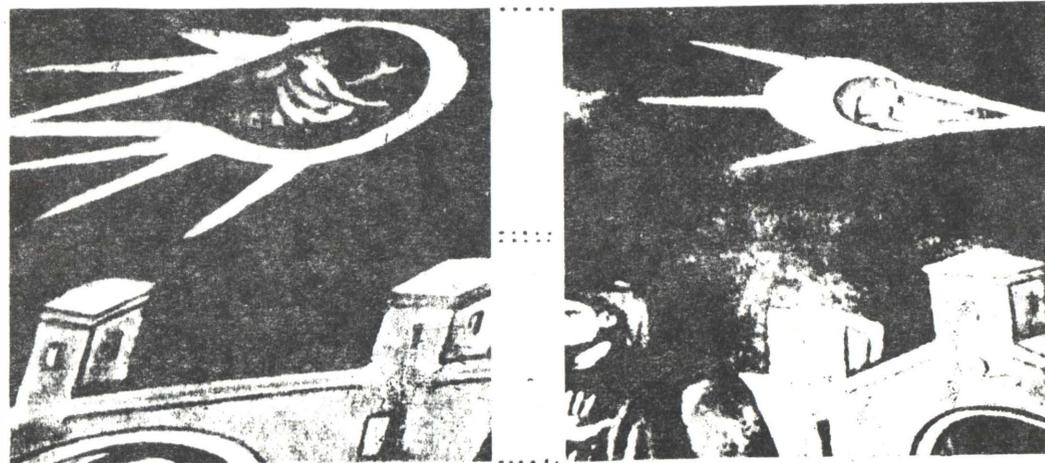
From this far age no intelligible records are recognised, as all documents have long since perished by cataclysms, wars, vandalism and in the destruction of the great libraries at Alexandria, Pergamus and Tenochtitlan; a few weather-eroded petroglyphs all over the world still baffle comprehension. Future generations will store information on magnetic-tape or miniaturised into micro-dots. Suppose the savants of that psycho-civilisation bequeathed their data in electric circuits or time-capsules as legends suggest? Psychics claim that arch-types, noumena of terrestrial phenomena, exist in a fifth-dimension, matrices in thought of objects on Earth: occultists tell of akashic records reflecting everything that has ever happened: psychiatrists suspect a Universal Mind from which sensitives receive memories of the past; a gifted seer may obtain accurate information by methods unknown to science. Edgar Cayce in Reading 378-16 revealed that a record of Atlantis from its beginnings to final destruction will be found in an underground chamber between the paws of the Sphinx.

Legends from all over the world strain our belief by telling of Gods and Heroes winging down from Space like our own cosmonauts. The Gods of China rode fiery dragons: Padma Sambhava visited Tibet on a winged horse: Rama flew across India in a palatial flying-car: Those August Deities honoured Japan in a Heavenly Rocking-Boat:



"THE SLAB OF A TOMB AT PALENQUE.....  
A YOUNG MAN APPARENTLY PILOTING A SPACESHIP"

Quetzalcoatl sailed on a serpent-raft: the Eskimos marvelled at great white birds: the Red Indians told of Great Spirits on Thunderbirds: the Hawaiians remembered flying cherubs: African tribes treasured white Teachers descending from huge birds: Athene alighted gracefully in Greece with winged sandals: Odin roared over Scandinavia in an aerial car: Cuchulain dazzled the Celts with his Enchanted Chariot: Horus sped through Egyptian skies in a solar boat: Shamash touched down near Babylon from a winged disc: Jehovah astounded the Israelites in his "Power and Glory". Many of these celestial visitants came in peace, others blasted Earth with lightnings and thunderbolts, weapons evoking our nuclear bombs. Our wonder is enhanced by a remarkable translation from an old Sanskrit text by Maharshi Bharaduraja of Mysore called "Aeronautics, A Manuscript from the Prehistoric Past", which confounds us by describing Vimanas flying to the planets with techniques like radar and aerial photography, even detailing the diet of their pilots. Teotihuacan in the ancient Nahuatl language of Mexico is said to mean "The place where men flew like God".



"FREScoes IN THE JUGOSLAV MONASTERY OF VISOKI DECANI....."

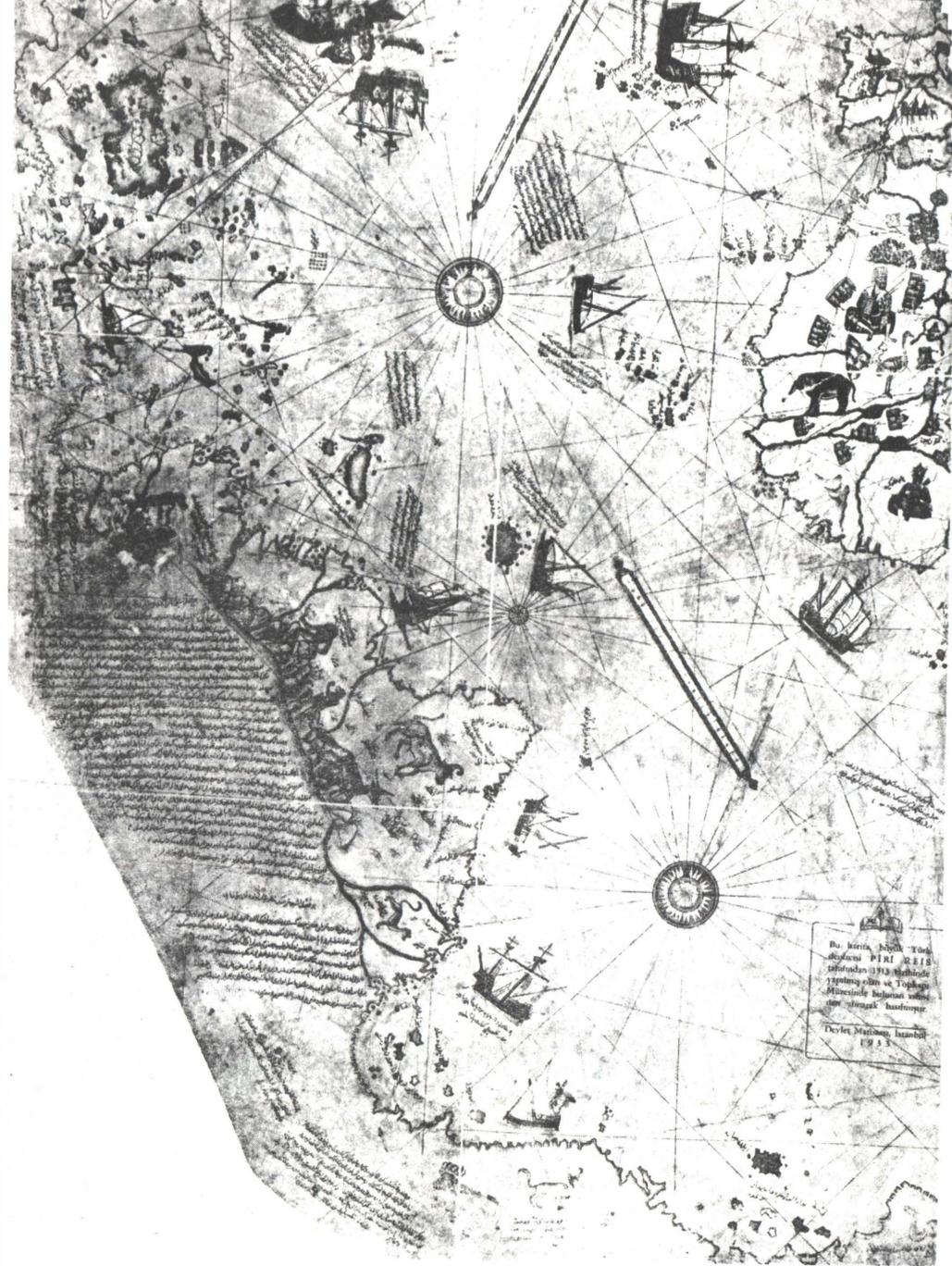
The flying machines were all destroyed ages ago and their secret lost, but surprising evidence still remains to bewilder us. Frescoes in the Yugoslav monastery of Visoki Decani depict astronauts flying craft apparently propelled by rockets: the Phoenix, the mythical bird which perishes

in a flame to be reborn could conceivably be some memory of a missile-launch. The slab of a tomb at Palenque in Mexico bears a stylised drawing of a young man apparently piloting a Spaceship. A clay vase in San Salvador is decorated with palm trees over which fly men in a strange machine emitting smoke and flames. In the State Bank at Bogota is a golden trinket only 38mm long, once thought to represent a curious bird or fish; on re-examination experts now discern an aerial craft showing the captain's cabin, its triangular wings and tail which give a startling likeness to the Concorde.

The Explorer satellites discovered around our Earth vast bands of most powerful radiation known as the Van Allen Belts with a broad neutral corridor near the North and the South poles. UFOs traversing this sector could account for those frequent visitations of the Gods recorded by the Red Indians, Aztecs and Incas, also the Spacemen haunting America today. Many psychics confirm the prophecies of Nostradamus that wars and cataclysms will ravage our Earth before this century ends, much of America will sink and Atlantis arise from the sea. Already earthquakes are causing increasing destruction in California and Peru. On Good Friday 1966 when a great tremor destroyed Anchorage in Alaska our Earth rang like a bell and most of the American eastern sea-board arose two inches then fell. Seismologists fear that quakes along the notorious San Andread fault zone may shatter the continent like Lemuria and Atlantis. Before final destruction the White Gods of Montezuma will land again.....America's fate may depend once more on those Spacemen in the Ancient West.

Part 2 of an excerpt from SPACEMEN IN THE ANCIENT WEST by W Raymond Drake.....

<p>NEW MEXICO 1963</p>	<p>COSMOLOGY NEWSLINK</p>
	<p>Issue No 2 contains documented evidence of satellite interference: tales of strange robots from outer space: philosophical viewpoints etc. 4 issues 60p (US \$1.52c.) or 15p per copy. Edward Harris 37 The Close Dunmow Essex England.</p>
<p>THE 'TED HEATH' SAUCER?</p>	



The Piri Reis map, dated 1513 but compiled from world maps of ancient times. The bottom of the map indicates land areas of the Antarctic continent apparently drawn when Antarctica was relatively free of ice. Correlation of points of longitude on this and other ancient maps indicate that some peoples of pre-history had a means of establishing longitude, enabling them to undertake sea voyages throughout the world.

## HARD FACT

C David Oakley-Hill

The more I read of relevance to UFO phenomena, in "flying saucer" publications and elsewhere, the more chance there seems to be of rational explanations - firstly for "classic" cases, and secondly for signs which over-enthusiastic "alien spaceship fans" read immediately as flying saucer symptoms.

Flying Saucer Review reports some very interesting cases, many of which suggest immediate explanations to me (alas, in one or two cases, hoaxes) the possibilities of which do not appear to have been examined by the investigators, who otherwise give a general impression of thoroughness. Also most of their new reports from "World round-up" are from cuttings and therefore in the main uninvestigated by anyone other than a newspaper reporter, which renders them near-valueless. I emphasise that I do not wish to denigrate FSR over this: they, like GEMINI, are just a journal - and an admirably long-standing one at that; obviously it is impractical for them to run an investigation team, and until this is done nationally (and internationally) on a far larger scale than BUFORA and CONTACT can hope to muster under their present systems (which should in any case be not two, but one), the situation cannot improve to any substantial degree.

Reverting to my first paragraph: with regard to "classic" cases, two recent "exposés" come to mind, both excellently presented in FSR. These are the dubious qualities newly revealed about the Lifjell film taken from an aeroplane over the Arctic in 1954<sup>1</sup>, and the exaggeration surrounding the (according to Daniken), "aerial" Piri-Reis map, c1520 (opposite).<sup>2</sup> Now, also, a new theory emerges concerning the NICAP bomber photo.<sup>7</sup>

And so to the "signs". I reproduce a letter<sup>3</sup> and an extract from "Weather"<sup>4</sup>, which came as something of a surprise to me.

### Vortices

Sir,—Referring to the items concerning the hazard of aircraft wing vortices (Technology review, 29 June, p 744 and 28 May, p 428), it seems worth mentioning that, under favourable conditions, these vortices can also produce whirlwinds which are noticeable to a ground-based observer.

I have carried out an investigation below the flight path of aircraft landing at Heathrow. Subsequent to touch-down

an audible whine above the observer was sometimes followed by a visible circular disturbance pattern upon the grass-covered surface. Loose paper and debris was raised in a spiral manner similar to that observed in a natural whirlwind or dust-devil. Peak gusts of 30-33 mile/h were registered on a portable omnidirectional anemometer as the diameter of the circulation decreased, but this could have occasionally been exceeded

since the observer was several times blown off his feet. At no time were surface whirlwinds noticed subsequent to take-off.

It is not possible to determine exactly how these sloping vortices are able to extend downward since the core pressure reduction is apparently not sufficient to

cause condensed water-droplets to trace the atmospheric motion. However, a somewhat similar phenomenon has been observed to protrude from sloping vortex tubes produced in the wake of large chimneys (Weather, "Funnel cloud observations downwind from a chimney", June 1970, p 289).

J. M. Heighes

### Observations of rotating cloud

Visual and instrumental meteorological observations were made during the passage of active cold fronts between 1960 and 1969 at various locations in southern England. Small areas of incipient vorticity were frequently observed and on a few occasions active rotating clouds were seen.

The best developed example was observed on 29.11.65 between 1358 and 1401 GMT at grid ref. SU 875694 when a cold front (historically an occlusion) passed over the location of the writer. The boundary between the two air masses was clearly marked by continuous condensation occurring during the lifting of warm air by under-cutting of the denser cold air at its leading edge. The rotating cloud mass passed directly over the building from where the author made his observations. As it approached the zenith it appeared to resemble a similar cloud which was photographed in the U.S.A. (Hoecker 1969.) Although it subsequently disappeared from view, several other observers saw a rotating funnel-shaped cloud in a more easterly position. Further investigation revealed that some 70 to 80 small trees had been felled or ruptured along a narrow 200 metre track at grid ref. SU 895694, the damage being similar to that reported after the passage of a tornado in southern England (Gilbert and Walker 1966).

It is interesting to compare these observations with vortices in the laboratory

which develop when a fast-flowing fluid is caused to be diverted by an obstacle (Prandtl 1952). Similar eddies are commonly seen to the lee of river bridge pillars which provide a diffluent exit to the constricted flow of water under the bridge.

On each occasion when atmospheric vortices were visible, surface temperature measurements indicated that the cold air was more than 1°, denser than the warm air and would therefore have acted as an efficient obstacle to the less dense air which was observed to make a detour over and around it.

A brief note based on a separate situation which suggested a somewhat similar conclusion has been published elsewhere (Heighes 1970).

J. M. HEIGHES

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Mr Heighes also wrote, in a letter to me:

"...vortices are produced because the aircraft has a large forward velocity. In the case of a VTOL craft (e.g. the Harrier), no vortex could develop unless a fairly strong wind were to pass over the aerofoil. In either case the aircraft acts as an obstacle to the environmental airflow and vortices are produced in its wake.

'At the time of the Charlton affair near Shaftesbury in Dorset, I visited the cornfield where a UFO was supposed to have landed. Although I recall that three hoaxers claimed to have been responsible, the markings which I examined were consistent with those expected from a vortex circulation which became narrower towards the end of its existence. In the absence of reliable observations,

however, this type of damage could equally well have occurred under entirely natural circumstances, in a manner similar to that which I have described in "Weather" - 'Observations of Rotating Cloud'."

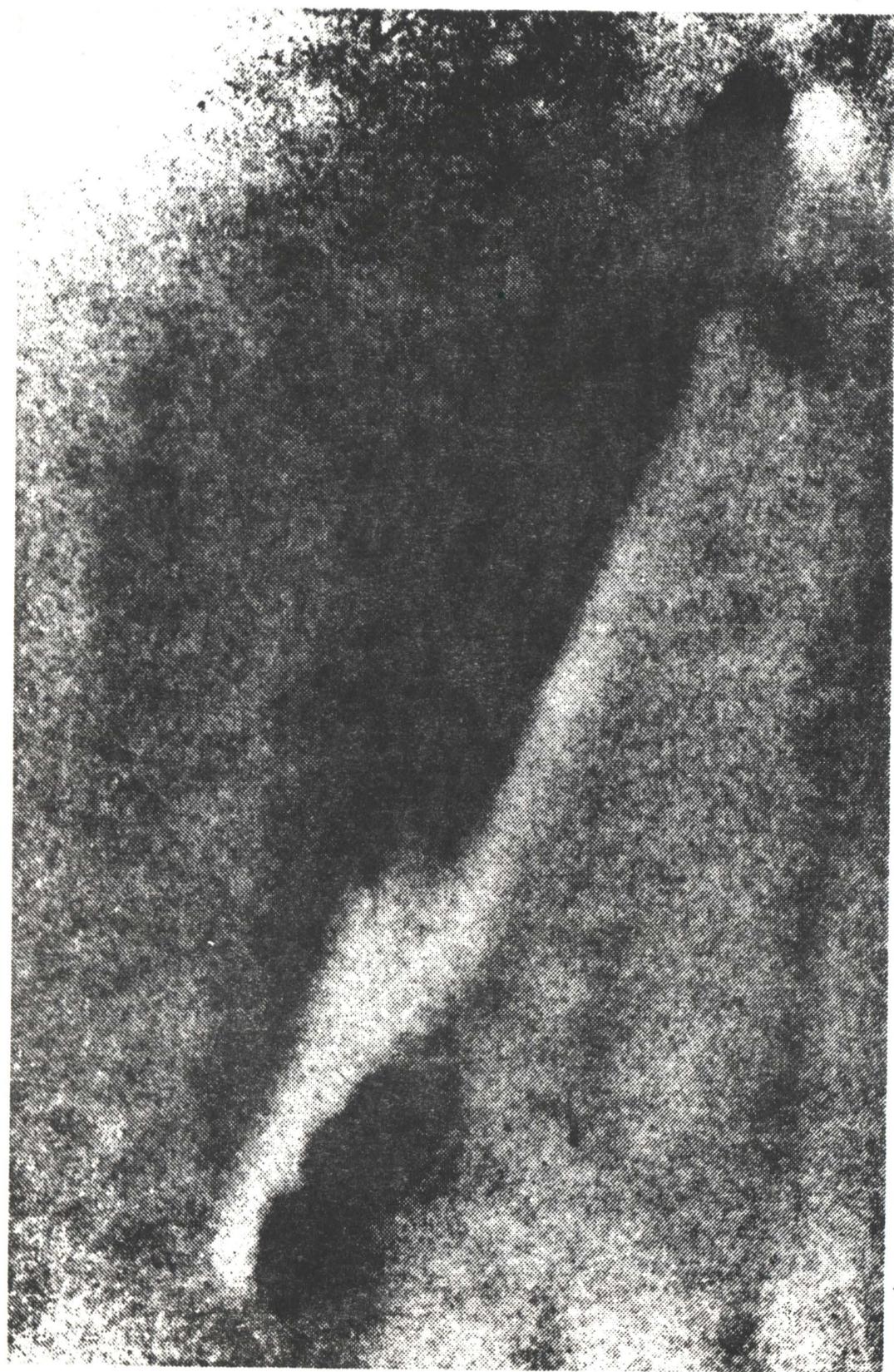
I am indebted to Mr Heighes for providing all the above material. It seems likely that these strong vortices (which are evidently fairly rare - but then so are "UFO nests") caused by low-flying or landing planes/helicopters, or even clouds, could explain many, perhaps even the majority of cases where (usually) circular ground disturbance has appeared. Only in a small proportion of these has a UFO definitely been seen in conjunction with the discovery of the ground effect. The incident of the trees being felled along a narrow 200 metre track is interesting when compared with the ground effects at Whippingham, IOW, in July 1967.<sup>5</sup>

On top of this, despite claims of innocence by the Ministry, I strongly suspect the government of being behind a number of strange goings-on in British skies, possibly including the filmed Banbury object,<sup>6</sup> which was certainly no ordinary jet. And who is to say with what the Americans could be experimenting! For a start, some wingless and tailless planes are known to be in prototype stages. Also there are far more airships about than are laid claim to by the Ministry - or by companies that use them as advertising media!

I, like most readers, derive pleasure from indulging occasionally in the fantasies inevitably conjured up by the UFO phenomena, but sadly it does appear that evidence is gradually emerging to reduce the number of possibly genuine cases to a rather small core. I am afraid I can no longer count myself among the supporters of the notion that "flying saucers" are quite as plentiful as each new collection of reports in each new FSR - or even GEMINI - might lead us to believe.

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7. Having seen both an original unmarked blow-up and the damaged blow-up shown in FSR Case Histories 6, obtained from the Martin Aeroplane Company by Robert Schmidt, I am convinced the object was on the original negative. However, an explanation for the object has been suggested by Mr Ron Markwick of Ilford...



NICAP 10 (a blow-up of NICAP 9, featured on our front cover): a fresh theory about this photograph commences on the opposite page

# A "classic" UFO photo identified?

Ronald G Markwick

Ron is 33 and has worked with computers and on various scientific projects. He has been studying UFOs since his early teens.

Due to reasons physical or psychological, our eyes may occasionally deceive us. Persons experiencing hallucinations, for example, may not merely see things which are non-existent, but also smell and hear things which just do not exist.

Illusions are not confined to faults in the functions of the human body; nature can produce illusory phenomena. A car's headlights turning into the lens of a movie camera would render a different account than if our eyes solely were used. Radar is unaffected by some cloud formations, yet others of high density would produce something on the screen.

With the sun behind an observer, he may see two rainbows at the same time. The primary bow is due to the rays being reflected once inside each raindrop. In the second bow, the rays are reflected twice inside each drop, and the colours are in the reverse order of those in the primary bow. Although the rain may be some way from the observer, there will be a relationship between observer, sun and raindrops, and as the observer moves, so does the rainbow.

When a rocket departs from a launching pad, light rays passing through the exhaust gases cause a display of various coloured circles, with the innermost circle focussed around the rocket's tail.

Our sun in conjunction with cold and warm layers of air is a major source of illusions and aerial phenomena. In altering matter chemically, the sun liberates energy in various forms. When there are violent eruptions on the sun, causing it to increase in brilliance, the powers of penetration through our atmosphere will depend upon the determining factors of frequency and velocity. A form of high-energy corpuscular radiation from the sun could become trapped in a magnetic envelope and appear as fireball or UFO phenomena. Solar flares cause the Northern Lights (Aurora Borealis) and Southern Lights (Aurora Australis), and these sometimes appear as a hanging coloured curtain with large folds, as though swaying gently in the breeze. At such times the Earth experiences magnetic storms and interruptions in radio communication.

One of nature's tricks is the mirage, in which the sun's rays pass through cold then warm layers of air of less density, the latter being the result of air touching the heated land surface and curving

the sun's rays upward through atmospheric refraction.

Now to the NICAP-9 photo of a B-57 bomber in flight over the USA with a UFO at a distance behind the aircraft. I believe the UFO in this photo has the characteristics of a mirage. If a radar set had been in operation at that particular moment, I believe the PPI(plan position indicator) would have revealed no UFO in the vicinity.

It is possible to see a distortion of an object when looking through heat fumes, similar to the result of throwing a pebble at a clear reflection on the surface of water. Since there is no state of equilibrium, and distribution of warm air, density or pressure is unequal in the atmosphere, a distorted mirage becomes feasible. The UFO in NICAP-9 I believe to be nothing more than a distorted "replica" of the B-57, due in particular to layers of warm air caused by the sun and jet exhausts.

Points to note: Of the B-57 itself, around the port jet and trailing edge of the wing and part of the underside of the fuselage, along with the scenery near these outlines there is obliteration due to whiteness. The UFO is not cigar- or saucer-shaped, but has the following similarities in appearance to the B-57: there are two "jets" beyond the "tail-end outlets", of which nothing can be seen, possibly because they are past the critical angle. The "extra-fuel wingtip tanks" are duplicated. The hump of the "canopy" may be observed. The ratio of size of part of the "body" to the "wings" is approximately correct. The UFO is "travelling" in reverse direction to that of the B-57. The reason for the deviation from horizontal to that of the aircraft would be due to the relationship between the observer, the B-57, the incident rays and warm air layers. Just as a rainbow may move and disappear, so could the UFO. The position of the sun may be determined from the tail shadow on the wing of the plane and from the brightness of particular areas on the photograph.

With insufficient data on climate/atmospheric conditions, time of day, season, and actual angle of the sun, no positive angle (i) of incidence, or final emergence (r) can be deduced. I believe that the visual information assessed here is adequate, however, and to classify something as a UFO I would tend to require something a little more positive than that furnished in NICAP-9.

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FSR Case Histories 6, Aug 1971; Penthouse Magazine 3/2, 1968. The recent FSR article describes how the negative appears to have been tampered with since the original story came out. The blow-up featured on the previous page is from a print of the original negative. It is, incidentally, a bigger blow-up than has hitherto been published anywhere - CDOH.

★ "Messages from the Gods?" ★

Are the barriers between our physical world and other worlds which may surround us breaking down? How physical are some of the UFOs and entities that contactees have reported seeing and meeting? From many parts of the world, reports are circulating of messages and teachings received by telepathy, sometimes purporting to come from entities who claim to be transmitting from spacecraft, while others say they exist in another dimension or on other wavelengths than those with which we are normally familiar.

This book, **I, OSIRIS**, is the story of such a communication. It tells of two young people, Miriam and John, who when they were brought together in 1958 by the efforts of otherworldly intelligences experienced a release of psychic abilities and were able to receive telepathic communications from them. The principal intelligences which communicated were Osiris and Isis. These beings live in a state of timelessness and immortality, and in prehistoric ages were in frequent contact with the people on earth. Later they were known of by the Egyptians and were worshipped as gods. Through Miriam, they related the story of Pan, a civilisation on earth 33,000 years ago which flourished just prior to the time when the earth entered into a cosmic cloud of radiation that reduced the frequency of the etheric bodies that men then had, and resulted in the type of physical body we have now. As the earth came under the influence of the radiation cloud so some interplanetary travellers, who inhabited that section of the galaxy and are here termed pirates, took advantage of the situation to infiltrate and take control of the earth. And so the Golden Age passed from the earth and our era of darkness and ignorance began to manifest.

The book is set out as alternate chapters telling the history of Pan as related by Osiris and the mental and emotional experiences of Miriam and John as told by Miriam, who is the author Mary Long, we learn from a note at the end of the book. Though a direct mind-to-mind communication was frequently used, Miriam also experienced automatic writing using a typewriter. Both John and Miriam had visions of past lives and psychic experiences, and John began to paint

strange and colourful symbolic pictures. They were at first in doubt of the true identity and motives of the contacting agency, but over the years became assured of the integrity, beneficence and intelligence of the contacting mind.

This book can be read on a number of different levels, and a familiarity with the ideas embodied in the philosophy of re-incarnation would be a great help to the reader. The visions that Miriam and John experienced and the incidents told to them by Osiris and Isis relate to previous lives of their own, and a karmic 'clearing' seems to have been in process, similar to that which scientology claims to achieve. Miriam and John were brought together because it was karmically necessary that they should meet, as they were affinities or twin souls, and had been together in some previous lives that are spoken of. There are intimations that both personalities are extensions of Osiris, but they never seem to be sure whether Osiris is an individual intelligence or an archetypal force.

For the student of metaphysics, there is much here to study as he follows the adventures of this couple during their re-awakening to their true path of spiritual endeavour on this earth. For the delver into records of forgotten civilisations there are fascinating details of the golden epoch of Pan or Lemuria. The ufologist will find many possibilities springing to mind as he reads. Is there a correlation between the activities of the space pirates and what is known today as the MIB? And where else have we heard mention of space beings with slant eyes and blue skin?

The adventures of this couple into the near-fantasy realms of prehistoric gods and twentieth-century spacemen is subtitled 'A Modern Fable', and it may be read at that level. But in this age of the fabulous, when the previous impenetrable barrier between this world and others is rapidly breaking down, as more and more groups who claim no clairvoyant experience or abilities find themselves in communication with beings who are 'out of this world', you may feel that I, OSIRIS contains truths, depths and subtleties that we cannot afford to ignore as the cusp of the Piscean-Aquarian ages flows through us.

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# Themes of Contact

## SEX & SAUCERS — 2

Norman Oliver

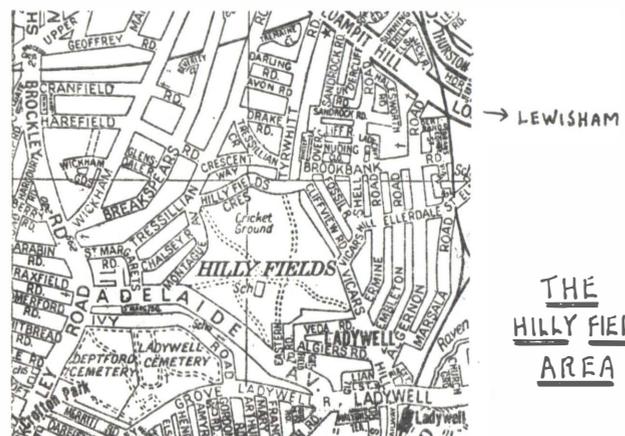
We have been considerably hard-pressed for space in this issue, so, rather than cut down that allotted to our contributors, I decided to reduce the length of "THEMES" this issue and continue with some aspects of sex and saucers not touched on in GEMINI 2. Reaction to the last article was extremely favourable, about the only discordant note struck being one by a reader who berated me because "Venusians don't do that sort of thing!"

Here, I shall be looking at possible associations between sex and saucers from a totally different angle: previously I quoted cases which supported the view that saucer occupants might have had contacts with us which had a sexual connotation: now let us look at a "reverse" possibility - namely whether sexually repressed feelings or adolescent development could be a factor also.

In a recent letter to me Janet Bord neatly summed up the first proposition in writing ".....It has been claimed that certain spiritualist mediums, especially during the Victorian era when mediumship was at its height were sexually repressed, unsatisfied, frustrated etc., and that this bottled up sexual power in some way contributed, or was even fully responsible for the mediums' ability to make contact with other realms, and more especially produce paranormal phenomena, and the finding that in the majority of such cases, an adolescent or else a person with upset or turbulent sexual feelings was present. Extending these facts to UFO cases, it is my theory that many people who see UFOs are to some extent psychic. Does the psychic ability have any link with sexuality or sexual repression? I do not know, but there may be something in the theory worthy of investigation. (Though I don't envy a UFO investigator the task of questioning a witness on such matters!) Those claiming alien contact may also have some sexual anomaly which makes it easier for the aliens to contact, to

imprint false memories on conscious or subconscious minds."

Adolescence.....let us consider as a possible example the sightings of Roy Wood of Lewisham SE London, some of which were reported in the South-East London Mercury of 17 8 67. Roy was then 17 and first spotted a UFO after visiting a friend in Brockley. This appeared as an elliptical bright light, brighter than any star and changed colour..red-green-white. On other occasions Roy had seen a smaller light moving anti-clockwise around a larger one whilst others were seen approaching the larger one from the left, then leaving it from the right.



Many of Roy's sightings were made from Hilly Fields, which, as its name implies, is an open space on a small hillside - about 150 feet high perhaps - in the Ladywell area of Lewisham. These UFOs were frequently seen as small coloured balloon-like objects moving very quickly: friends of his also saw them when they

were with him. One night in fact, four of these objects were observed, apparently quite low, performing quite amazing aerobatics for about a quarter of an hour. An interesting sequel here, was that when Roy and a friend he was with left Hilly Fields late that night, both insisted they had been followed back by MIB types in a large American car: one of the very few MIB reports alleged in this country.

Another interesting feature was that Roy's house was reputedly haunted before his family first went there many years previously, and around the time of his sightings there had been strong indications of poltergeist activity, though not in its most violent form - rather objects being moved from where they had been placed, unaccountable noises, curtain movements etc. Poltergeist activity is, of course, frequently associated with children and adolescents, and it is

interesting here that we have ingredients of adolescence, UFO sightings, MIB activity, poltergeist manifestations and a haunted house all together, which once more highlights the wide range of subjects touched on by the UFO enigma.

My primary intention in these articles is to provoke thought, and perhaps to that end I may here be excused for bringing in a short reference to science fiction. In one story I read many years ago, extra-terrestrials visiting Earth adopted the form of beautiful women, since they realised their indigenous shape would repulse Earth's inhabitants. Could not this be another contact "angle" in some cases, and the "Aura Rhanes" and "Venusian" types reported be in fact a totally different life-form?

It is too long to quote in full, and a shortened precis could result in a distorted picture, but those readers interested in theories about the Fall of Man and the possibilities of our having been sexually manipulated by extra-terrestrials will find interesting material for speculation contained in the chapter in I, OSIRIS (see under) headed The Degradation of Sex.

THEMES OF CONTACT will be back to its normal length in our next issue.....



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# Discussions with **PHILEMON**

----- MOLLIE THOMPSON -----

PARTS 3 and 4 of a series of telepathic contact experiences with an entity of 'great wisdom', whose 'name' - PHILEMON - was an agreed one since the human mind required such a label as a focal point. The Q & A format has been adopted (despite no actual words being spoken) in order to make for an accurate description as possible.....

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## PART 3.

Philemon: I know your question, but as yet I must decline to answer the points concerning the working of natural forces.

Self: Perhaps I shall feel the beginnings of an answer some time.

P: Indeed. Such is my hope for you. But today we will deal with the situation in which you recently found yourself.

S: You mean when.....asked me if UFOs were solid metallic objects. I said I thought they were because they reflected sunlight. Was I right?

P: If you have observed this phenomena you have a perfect right to express an opinion as to its cause.

S: What you are really saying is that on such limited facts I drew a wrong conclusion ?? They are not metallic then?

P: I did not say that. Yours is a typical example of thinking-by-contrast; the human mind so often relies upon assessment of stark opposites. I can best help you to understand by providing you with opportunities to extend your mental faculty.

S: This is really why you talk to me in the first place, isn't it? (There was no reply, just a pause, making me feel as though I ought not interrupt the flow so often.)

P: If you will now look out of your window you will see clouds which appear to be reflecting sunlight onto other clouds. Knowledge tells us that clouds are not solid to the touch even though composed of minute globes of water ....a substance which changes its state under certain circumstances. Now close your eyes. I cause the image of a UFO-reflecting-sunlight to impinge upon your mental visualising apparatus. Which of these three situations persuades you of its validity...visual sight...the complexities of knowledge or mental sight?

S: All three...in different ways.

P: Precisely. And if you were ever in the position to stand within a few yards of a UFO would you trust your vision? .....and if the object disappeared, would you then trust your sanity?

S: I don't quite follow you. Surely sight, sound and imagination are not all the same thing?

P: That would be far too arbitrary a statement. But consider this; you have accepted me as a reality even though you neither "see" me nor "hear" me. I can state that I am not a figment of your imagination...but have you a definite concept as to "what" I am...or why you accept me?

S: No, it is strange. I haven't been able to think my way around what you are, but not-knowing doesn't bother me now.

P: And what of my last question?

S: I suppose I accept you as being real because what you say appeals to my reason.

P: You set great importance upon the power to reason. The reasoning of one mad man might appeal greatly to another mad man.

S: Well, I can't define my acceptance then. You just feel real.

P: Allow me to re-phrase that charmingly simple truth. You have, as have all men, an intuitive response to reality. Some allow it to function but the majority distrust it and attempt to replace it by reasoning. The feeling nature of Man is a reliable compass when tempered by a generous respect for the feeling nature of his fellow-men.

S: We seem to have wandered a long way from talking about the composition of UFOs.

P: I am sorry you view this as a digression. Perhaps if we use the word "essence" rather than "composition" of UFOs you would regain the thread of our discussion.

S: You mean that their essence is a feeling nature? Similar to Love with a capital "L"?

P: Why do you need to qualify the concept "Love", and exhibit this trace of unease? Are you ashamed of the feeling?

S: No, but it is difficult for me to define what the word means; it is used in so many different contexts.

P: Herein lies the main difference between you and me, it would seem. There is a simple definition...a universal one. I suggest that you investigate this matter before our next communication.

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#### PART 4.

Self: Can you now tell me anything more about who you are and the place you come from.

Philemon: Bearing in mind the ease with which you have misinterpreted many of my statements on similar topics - do you still wish to attempt such a taxing exercise?

(I should say here that although the words seemed a little pompous, the accompanying wave of incoming energy was felt as a "chuckle of amusement". It is good to know that beings from elsewhere have a sense of humour.)

S: Well, if you don't tell me something I shall just go on guessing...probably with even less accurate results.

P: You ask who I am. I have been in contact with you over a considerable period, surely you already know many things about me? Certainly those things which are of most importance are already known to you. My individuality and my essence I transmit to you and share with you, and, since I have never withheld this complete mind-energy exchange, all I know has been available to you.

S: I don't wish to sound ungrateful, but some of your

answers have seemed evasive.

P: This is only because of the gap which exists between your comprehension level and mine. At the moment for instance the impulses reaching your brain contain all answers to all questions you have framed; but the "chord" of understanding is only sounded when there are comparable "notes" in your memory of experience.

S: I see, and so if I use the word "alien" to describe you and your language I can't form a mental picture..because if I had such a picture it would no longer be alien.

P: That is an intricate appraisal, and a play on words. It would be simpler to trace out the situation in reverse; instead of making lists of our differences let us start with our similarities. We have awareness of ourselves, and awareness of each other. We experience life and relationships with life. If I ask "Who and what are you" your brain transmits your assessment of yourself..I am sent a "name" and a picture of a two-legged lifeform covered with materials..after that the transmission becomes confused and contradictory, because your own assessment disappoints even you.

S: I remember at the beginning, when you agreed to be called Philemon, you indicated that I would need to move away from a reliance upon names.

P: The nearest thing to a "name" is contained within the energy impulses I transmit..it is a "personality-pattern" which others know relates to this particular individual.

S: Like a radio call-sign, or morse code?

P: Basically, yes. During our first communications I could have caused you to visualise a "conventional space-man image" or an interestingly different creature-shape, for both these lay within your memory section. But since neither would have been entirely true it was wiser to leave the matter in abeyance until your faculty expanded to encompass a fuller comprehension.

S: Since I have all these gaps in experience/memory, how have you managed to increase my understanding...because I can feel that you have done so.

P: Think back over our previous discussions and you will

notice how the gaps were bridged.

S: Oh yes...you always explained on the basis of things with which I was already familiar.

P: In training any mind to release its potential this method is employed and, if you will forgive the analogy, a child works with concrete objects before dealing with abstract concepts.

S: I don't mind being called a child.

P: In your case the mind's ability to bridge its own gaps without too much difficulty is in fact the result of the circumstances of your individual evolution as an entity.

S: I beg your pardon.

P: I have known you throughout many divisions of so-called "time"..indeed we are old friends, so although your 20th century brain is a "child", your essence is far older than you can now imagine.

S: My head is really spinning with questions this time....

P: Do you now realise why I did not wish you to attach too much importance to names and shapes? You "are" as much or as little as you know yourself to be; so it is unwise to limit your viewpoint to one position in time or space.

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The concluding parts - 5 & 6 - of DISCUSSIONS WITH PHILEMON will appear in GEMINI 4.

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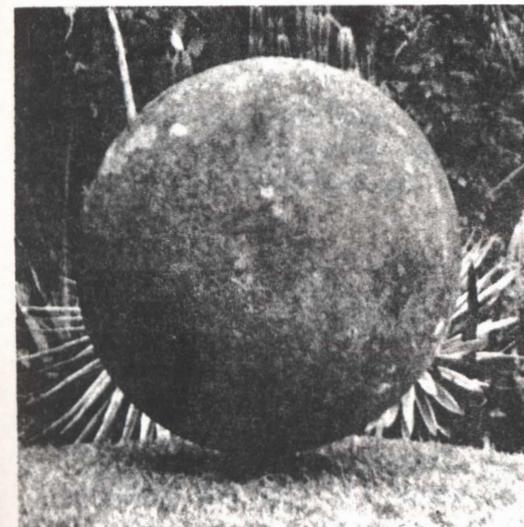
CHARLES BERLITZ

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REVIEW BY C DAVID OAKLEY-HILL

Not directly connected with ufology, this book is spiced with implications. It breaks new ground in the investigation of "prehistoric" civilisations, and should not be overlooked by today's scientists. Items discussed include - A set of instructions from ancient India on how to build your own Hindu flying chariot; the Piri-Reis map (pictured elsewhere in this issue); the "aerial" markings at Nazca;

The mysterious giant spheres of unknown age, originally found in the jungles of Costa Rica and more recently in Mexico, Aruba, and Haiti, are so exactly round that it has been suggested that they are natural formations, although some of them show traces of tool marks. According to one theory they are representations of planets and moons of the solar system or systems and, if they had been left where they were originally placed, would form a gigantic prehistoric planetarium.



a 2000-year-old "computerised" miniature planetarium found on the Aegean seabed; ancient scripts of Easter Island and the Indus Valley, Pakistan, both "unbroken" but almost identical, yet found at opposite points of the Earth; a common memor. among nearly all races of a highly advanced culture pre-dating their own; undersea remains of ancient cities; high land, e.g. in California (1500ft) and Greenland (1700ft) which was beach in the time of civilised man; and a strong argument for the existence of Atlantis, whose remnants are said to survive today in the Azores and Canary Islands.

Everything in the book points to 4 things: (1) Advanced cultures existed in "prehistory", who possessed worldwide communications by sea and possibly even air - also considerable astronomical knowledge. (2) About 12000 BC there was a sudden worldwide catastrophe, possibly causing the Great Flood. (3) This catastrophe might have been caused by an advanced civilisation (this is supported by extensive quotes from ancient Indian manuscripts) (4) Early cultures, e.g. Egypt & South America, seemed to evolve

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without evidence of the usual transitional stages, but this first burst of civilisation, exemplified in the Great Pyramid, did not develop further and eventually retrogressed. Does this not suggest a short visit from a very knowledgeable civilisation, most of whose techniques were soon forgotten?

Charles Berlitz, the grandson of the founder of the Berlitz language schools, utilises his immense linguistic knowledge, his deep-sea diving experience, and the latest archaeological discoveries. Berlitz is a second Velikovsky (and his predictions have come true time and time again). A French saying goes "Those who ignore history are condemned to repeat it". That is pertinent to the theories expressed in this book. Read it.



meetings

Saturday, December 2nd, 1972, 7 p.m.

**THE MYSTERY MACHINE**

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Saturday, November 4th, 1972, 7 p.m.

**SOUNDS FROM THE SKY**

Lecture by Dr. G. G. Doel, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.M.R.E., Acting President of BUFORA, discusses, as the title suggests, the many varieties of sonic phenomena directly attributed to, or possibly associated with, UFOs.

In June-July this year, there was a very large UFO flap in South Africa, sparked off when a small UFO was seen on farmland and was shot at by the landowner, Benny Smit, and two policemen. The full report of this and other extraordinary sightings in the same area will appear in our next issue. (See also FSR Case Histories 11)

**CROSSWORD CLUES DOWN - Continued:** 26. A thousand in the course of help (4) 28. Time for a short piece of music (5) 29. Count this on the fingers of both hands (5) 33. Death of a star (4) 35. Force of flight (3)

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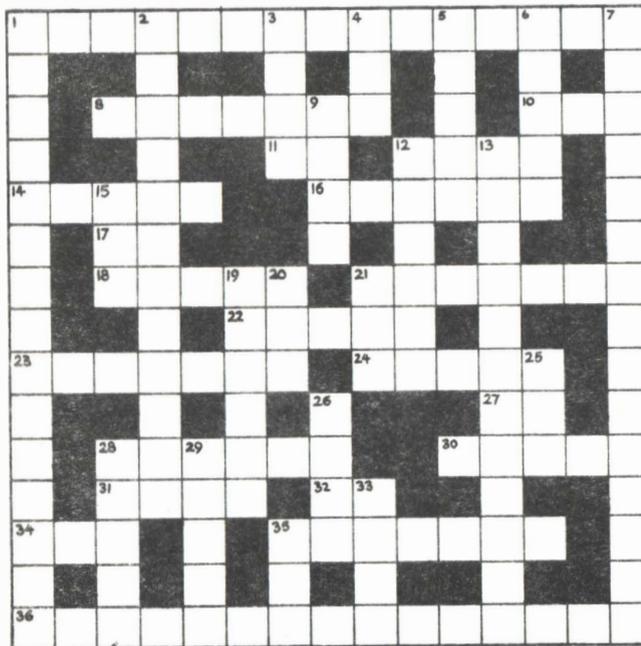
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**ACROSS**

1. Cartoonist's brush flew, as he nearly did (8,2,5) 8. Packing staff on the moon?(7) 10. Confronted at the weather bureau (3) 11. Not to be consumed in mathematical circles (2) 12. Weird lake? (4) 14. 100 in South America were reputedly fabulous (5) 16. Tradition of such as 14 (6) 17. Stratford and 33 up would be incomplete if not connected thus (2) 18. Star of the sea? (5) 21. Varied poem after id complex (7) 22. You might say Cleo's in the pink with bro-mide (5) 23 & 24. There existed a society of preservationists (7,5) 27. Thus wrote Fort (2) 28. Fair go-between (6) 30. What a gas, thought Dr Hynek (5) 31. Sir, I look back to see the rainbow (4) 32. Trendy position (2) 34. Immediate sense of belonging (3) 35. Ned and Dora made things beautiful (7) 36. Destructive action of faulty sewing machine? (15)

**DOWN**

1. Lengthy deception in the sky (10,5) 2. Frequently involved in normal rove on skywatches (6,6) 3. Intense interest in the sea (4) 4. Short friend of Adamski (3) 5. Preferably accompanied by a bit of joi (5) 6. Ned was christened in the morning (5) 7. Bright of a Banbury UFO to show itself thus (7,8) 9. Evoke wrath (4) 12. Encouraging to commute by this method? 13. They're on this side of Jupiter (5,7) 15. A trick short of confidence (3) 19. The game's up in tens (6) 20. Temperature inversion for England! (3) 21. Use one's block in gambling - pass on (3) 25. Rot away on the moor (3) →

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