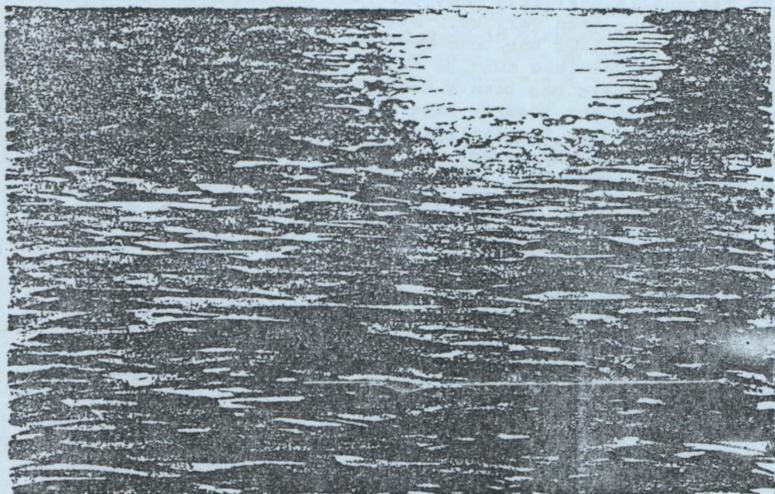
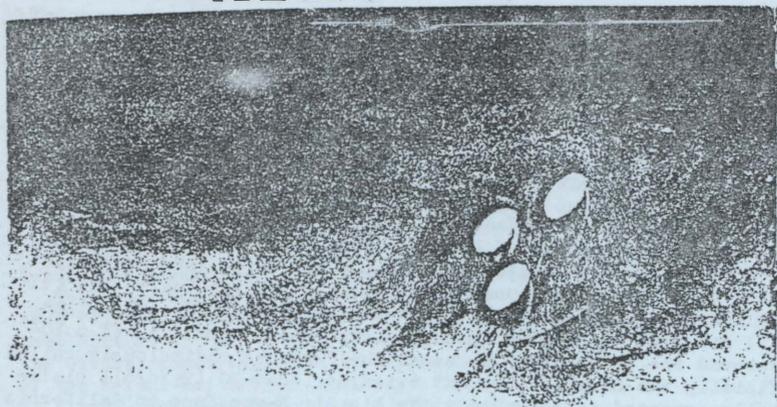


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J.R. Comments...

In a most important article in the Jul/Aug 86 issue of Quest, Graham Birdsall talks at some length about the use of the Lockheed F-19 new 'Stealth' aircraft in the UK. His sources are not clear, and appear better than most press reports! But the F-19 is of great significance to UFO study.

Several of the highbrow papers (eg the Times and Telegraph) have recently carried news of this revolutionary USAF plane. Its secrecy is through the roof and a lot of what we know about it is guesswork. On 20 Mar the Telegraph alleged that some of these super secret aircraft "looking like a stingray" are operated from USAF bases in East Anglia. It included a sketch of what the F-19 is supposed to be like, and some of its claimed (incredible) capabilities...1500 mph, near radar invisibility, almost total silence, and the most weird of all - a suggested 'chameleon' skin controlled by computer so that the plane looks yellow over desert, grey over the sea and green over forests!

All of this sounds like a plot from a James Bond movie, and the USAF (surprise, surprise) deny it all. A spokesman at USAF Mildenhall was quoted as saying, "there certainly has not been one here". However, the saga took a new twist (and even made TV news telecasts) when on 11 July what must have been an F-19 (or 'Stealth' as it is nicknamed) crashed near the known testing site in the American desert. Flight International (26 Jul) reported on the highly unusual decision to cordon off a 10-mile exclusion zone around the crash site - an event the Pentagon ridiculously called "normal"! Whilst officially the Stealth does not exist, at least 30 (Birdsall claims even more) are generally accepted to be based at Nellis Air Force Base in California and the funding 'hidden' in the records for Cruise missiles. Even the firemen at the crash site had to sign documents agreeing to keep silent. The pilot died.

As soon as I first saw artists impressions of Stealth a year or so ago it did occur to me that several recent UFO sightings fitted the description. However, until recent serious sources (who have no interest in UFOs) began to speculate that the plane has been flying in the UK for some while my suspicions were just that. Now, I think, we can say with reasonable certainty that the F-19 has crossed British skies on covert nocturnal missions, has been very well observed by witnesses and the false assumption that these people saw UFOs has been more than gratefully received by the US government and probably the MoD (who must be aware of the missions - one trusts!)

The masquerade as 'flying saucers' has been a terrific advantage to the MoD and USAF. Aviation experts guessing about Stealth have not taken the slightest bit of notice of such stories (swallowed up in little magazines like this). Sadly - this has been to their great loss. Nobody has ever seen Stealth in flight - the story goes wrong. Dozens of British people have! It is time we cleared these reports from our files.

I am conscious that there might be those who say this is assisting the enemies of the west. However, I would argue that, despite the denials, nobody is under any illusions about Stealth - and the fact that we can recognise it in our case files only shows that the guesses are pretty accurate anyhow. It also - incidentally - is a significant boost for UFO investigators. For it again shows the generally superb observational skills of witnesses. The debunkers who say everyone is grossly distorting mundane stimuli will have to explain why Stealth has been seen so well.

According to the Times the F-19 was first flown in 1977 - which is fascinating. The spate of "manta-ray" UFO sightings seems to have begun towards the end of that year. Any investigator with access to old copies of NUN, FSR and other UK mags and an interest in aviation could (I suspect) have great fun (and possibly end up under MoD surveillance) by seeking out these 'Manta-Ray' UFOs and sticking them onto a micro computer. I'd like to bet some pretty interesting patterns will emerge.

Here are a few cases to be on the look out for. Pennine UFO Mystery (p.96) - the Shell Oil UFO. You will note how this is tied on over the next couple of pages with sightings a year later (26-28 November 1978) across Britain - all describing what new looks with hindsight very like an F-19. Readers of NUN 101 (a few copies are still available at 60p) will recall the 23 October 1978 "Silent Vulcan" case investigated by Clive Potter and co. That was doubly important because what may well have been Stealth was captured on movie film!

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And still the cases flood in. More 'manta-rays', 'stingrays' and similar UFOs have been observed since 1978. UFO Reality, p 126-9, gives a more detailed account of a classic close encounter with what seems to have been Stealth at Sproston Green in Cheshire. This is remarkably close to the location of the very similar 1983 case reported on page 10 of the last NUN (on which, incidentally, Peter Hough and I have recently been able to do first hand interviews and it seems to hold up)

There are more cases still. What about the classic NUFOS case, reported in FSR (26-6) on 31 August 1980 around Ashbourne in Derbyshire. If you look I predict you will find a few others. There seems little doubt this radical aircraft has been witnessed.

So - if the F-19 has been (and still is) flying over Britain (see the September '85 case reported by Clive Potter later in this issue!) then what is our duty? To keep quiet? To alert aviation experts? To simply purge our records and be alert in the future but do nothing else? That is for your own conscience to decide. What interests me is the possibility that Stealth might have been involved in the Rendlesham Forest case. The aircraft is alleged to simply hum like a UFO in flight.

This idea was first mooted to me some months ago when an aviation expert (of some repute - but he has asked me to withhold his name at present) read the paper back edition of 'Sky Crash' and suggested that the witness accounts seemed to be the best yet of the F-19. I was not particularly impressed at first... but I am beginning to wonder. There is no doubt that an accident involving an F-19 in that forest would fit a lot of the facts. It would also certainly account for the incredible secrecy that has dominated the affair and the rather suspicious leaking of data. My only qualm is how an air crash could be hidden so successfully. It seems difficult to imagine anything but a total disaster, as a controlled landing in that pine wood is unthinkable. Yet F-19s are said to be radioactive.

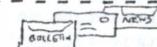
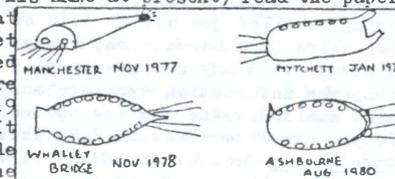
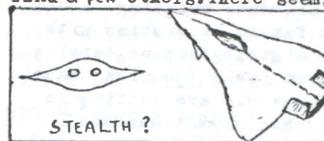
Perhaps this is taking the F-19 idea too far, and that remains to be seen. But I have no doubt this is a subject relevant to ufology, as Graham Birdsall recognised but few others, so far, appear to have done. Lets go softly, softly on this one.

NEWS ROUND-UP:

:: From a Quest success to a non-success. They also publish a report by a man from Chesterfield who tells of an air spotting trip to East Anglia where he saw rum goings on involving orientals, cameras, cars, dogs and a frantic woman. These sinister happenings are actually quite explicable, as I told the witness when he wrote to me. Pity YUFOS did not ask. The dog and car belonged to Brenda Butler (who was the rather frantic lady) and the orientals were a Japanese film crew headed by Jun Ichi Yaai (who also translated Sky Crash into Japanese). They were making the second of two documentaries transmitted on the case by Nippon TV. Sorry - no MIBs.

:: John Cotten (WAFIT) asks to make two pleas. His idea for "UFO Scene North" - to feature comments you want to make on issues raised by NUN still needs support. Do contact him at the WAFIT address! And - he tells me sadly - LCUFOS have closed down. I am not sure of reasons but recall the fine night they threw when MUFORA lectured there earlier in the year. Why not offer your help to Stephen Brown (23 Queen Victoria Rd Burnley Lancs BB10 3DH). John, quite rightly, points out we should stick together.

:: Albert Rydden tells me the Russians have been studying weather conditions prior to earthquakes and found high temperature, wind velocity, humidity but low rain most often seem to 'trigger' them. This suggests interesting research lines for the Devereux style 'earthlights'. Pennine UFO Mystery noted some frontal system passages seemed to be linked on with UAP spates. Perhaps 'Project Pennine' will find a lead? (See over) * (Funnily enough - moments after I typed this, Gary (the alien), who long term NUN readers or UFOs: A British Viewpoint addicts will remember, called to talk about Nostradamus and the link between weather systems and earthquakes in his prophecies!... Now I am just off to interview Ray Leonard about his novel - "The Nostradamus Inheritance". For those understandably sceptical, this is the sort of synchronicity that has cropped up again and again since Gary first arrived in 1975.)



PROJECT PENNINE:

An exciting new scheme is being organised by the West Yorkshire UFO Research Group and researcher David Clarke. I have already pledged my full support and the NUFON archives. In addition the BUFORA council recently voted its total support for the idea and Mike Wooten is making the computer-based records available. There is scope for you to help out too - and the final results, in a year or so, will be published via Hilary Evans' BOLIDE initiative.

The concept for the Project is to collect and collate all data relating to UAP observations in one area (viz the Pennine Hills) and look for relationships with similar data sets on folklore, geographical and geological distribution, meteorological trends, stone circle distributions and any other bright ideas YOU might have! This mammoth task will require a lot of dedication from those who are putting in their time, but as David Clarke says "it will achieve more than skywatches or speculation".

This genuine hard research project should be able to give a true independent test of the Devereux 'Earthlights' thesis and he too has offered his support. If you feel that you can assist, then contact WYUFOG (see address on page 16). Help in securing detailed geological data on the counties in question (North, West and South Yorkshire, East Lancashire, Greater Manchester and Derbyshire) will be of particular value, but any assistance will aid the project.

BOLIDE (the information exchange on UAP events) has, incidentally, just produced its second mailing. There are now two dozen participants, including some fairly well-known names. If you are interested in UAPs then there is no excuse for not requesting details immediately from Hilary Evans 1 Tranquil Vale London SE3 0BU

FOR YOUR PERUSAL:-

Major articles elsewhere



NUN started a couple of new exchanges this month. Anyone interested in the cover-up or American Freedom of Information actions for UFO data would do worse than invest \$20 US (seems to be no extra for UK purchase) in FOCUS - the monthly 4-8 page (it varies) output of the "Fair Witness Project" (to whom cheques etc should presumably be addressed). This is edited by Bill Moore, who you should know as the author of "The Roswell Incident" (and several other dossiers not published in the UK unhappily). If you thought Charles Berlitz wrote that book - shame on you! Aside from letters of interest, issues to hand cover Einstein's research into PTL travel and released papers on the Scandinavian 'ghost bombs' of 1946. Seems good value to me... 4219 W. Olive St. Suite 247 Burbank California 91505 USA.

Also new is SVLT, in Flemish! However, there is a 10 page English summary at the back of each issue, so this is the ideal way to keep in touch with Belgian ufology. 400 Belgian Francs brings 4 issues:- Wim van Utrecht Oever 28 B-2000 Antwerpen

Back on the news-stands, the October OMNI (not yet in the UK) has a piece by JR in its UFO column on the controversy over the Peter Day movie film. Exploring the Supernatural has brought out issues 2 and 3 (although 3 was very late). At 90 p it remains the cheapest UK magazine and its monthly news columns about events and meetings (a free service which you can all use) is alone worth the money. You have to put up with the astrology etc, but there are usually interesting pieces in there. (Sept:-JR interview profile of Dr Jacques Vallee: Oct:-She starts a 3 part series on the links between the Near Death Experience and other phenomena, including UFOs. Peter Hough writes on animal mutilations and Kevin Carlyon discusses the strangeness of Beachy Head and its UFO connections).

Meanwhile, The Unknown, at 99 p, continues to keep time and is a very similar magazine, without the astrology. You are likely to find more of a pure UFO nature in here each month (Sept:- APEN, the Aetherius Society answer back to JR, 'devastating attack', Peter Hough looks at Lancashire CE 3 cases, the McMinnville photos are assessed... Oct:- its the turn of the Trindade Island pictures, Richard Lawrence ends his sermon on the Aetherians and there's a look at UFO events in Canada)

BUFORA Bulletin Jul 1986 (In BUFORA Sub:-£14 pa 16 Southway Burgess Hill RH15 9ST) Important for JR and Bob Morrell's independent (yet complementary) attack on the "Star Books" fiasco over the "Uninvited" series. Leaves little doubt through new information that these books are hoaxes and the publishers know it. If you have the books you ought to read these articles. More on the Stuart Campbell "its all stars" affair. Mike Wooten describes the BUFORA computer data base. A major look at the Green Stone/Eye of Fire story and plenty of new oases from Australia. Good stuff again.

FSR 31 - 5 (£2, or £9.50 for six: FSR Publications Snodland Kent ME6 5HJ) I wish I could say this was good stuff too. Sadly it's no such thing. Creighton even turns his editorial obituary on Allen Hynek into his usual mad waddle about the "take over" by "the Mendacious Brigade". Disgusting. Five full pages are then given over to photos of the "mystery circles", plus lots of text. No mention of the BUFORA publication though. There is some interesting Bill Chalker material from Australia - but it's a reprint of a review he did on 'Clear Intent' some time ago and the Maralinga case which Bill has found through Northern UFO News No 105 in 1984! 'Nuff said.

UFO Brigantia Sep/Oct (£5.50, six issues, 84 Elland Rd Righthouse W. Yorks HD6 2QR) I really admire the neat text of this journal, easy on the eye. Super graphics too. And what you read is interesting. Anyone who forks out nearly twice as much for FSR and doesn't get this deserves Gordon Creighton. Aside from more on earthlights from Paul Devereux, David Clarke's "Haunted Hills" article is significant in that it finds a pre-run of the classic Nelson car stop case near Pendle Hill - in 1914!

QUEST (YUFOS £6, six issues, 68 Buller Crescent Leeds LS9 6LJ) Yorkshire's other mag is so different there's no overlap. It plays "Private Eye" to Brigantia's "New Scientist". You've heard some of the things in the Jul/Aug issue already (there's the usual MoD and sightings content as well). May/Jun was a Hynek special with a collection of obituary comments that must be the best collated in the world. Some nice touching anecdotes and most of the main US newspaper stories on his death reprinted. Oh - and "The Dreamer Awakes" by JR is worth a look too!

FOLKLORE FRONTIERS 3 (£3, four issues, 5 Egton Dr Seaton Carew Hartlepool TS25 2AT) A wacky collection of modern folk tales, press cuttings:- people looked in power stations, the crying boy curse, Greenham Common paranoia. If you love Fortean Times then you'll love this. I think the editor needs a new typewriter ribbon though!

EARTH 2 (£4, six issues, 61 Ranelagh Ave Ravenscliffe Bradford W. Yorks BD10 0HF) Must be the cheapest mag around that's professionally printed. The views of Paul Bennett (all cheques to him) (repeater witness and contactee extraordinaire). Very different and hard to describe (Vampires in Shipley for a start). The biggest and best paranormal clue crossword I've ever seen. That'll keep you busy till the next issue.

IUR (International UFO Reporter) (\$32 US, 6 issues, 1955 Johns Dr, Glenview, Ill 60025) May/Jun was CUFO's own tribute to Allen Hynek. David Jacobs reviews his career. Jerome Clark takes a retrospective look at the book "The UFO Experience" and there is a host of tributes from all those in American ufology you would expect. I think it was a bad mistake to include "the last photograph" (as it is billed) - taken just a month before he died. Allen looks the sick man he was, and CUFO's ought to have left us all with memories of the vibrant, cheerful pioneer. That photograph is not Allen. But, this quibble aside, CUFO's do him proud by renaming the organisation the "J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies". No more than he deserves. Its back to business (and a far nicer photo) with the Jul/Aug issue. Dr Willy Smith offers the first detailed account of the 19 May 1986 Brazilian Air Force UFO case (which made UK press stories). Pilot accounts are quoted. Apparently the Brazilian president himself ordered the story be made public, via press conference at which all witnesses were present. But the most important item in the issue is a long article by Bill Moore on new data about the Roswell crash, which (guess what?) the sceptics (Phil Klass in this case) don't believe.

MUFON Journal (\$30 US, 12 issues:- 103 Oldtowne Rd Seguin Texas 78155-4099 USA) Jul:- New data on the Cash-Landrum case which blows Stuart Campbell out of the water (he reckons the helicopters never existed and the radiating UFO was a star!) YUFOS tell the tale of the Churchill papers and there is yet another object found now alleged to be the original on the Adamski UFO photo 'fakes'. I very much doubt it somehow.

BOOKS OF THE MOMENT

LONDON WALKABOUT By Andy Collins 1986 34pp booklet £1.10 inc post

Latest in Andy's long line of self-published "Earthquest" books (from 19 St Davids Way Wickford Essex SS11 8EX). A simple idea - a guided walk around the Fleet Street/St Pauls area of London. Lots of photos and anecdotes/information about the legends associated with each spot. If you ever attend a HUFORA or ASSAP lecture or conference, go off to Garfunkles afterwards for the traditional grub and chat - but this walk could be a perfect way to burn up the calories the next day. Smashing.

PS:- The new Dr Lyall Watson epic "Beyond Supernature" is out from Hodder at £10.95. It's an updated sequel to his 1973 global best-seller. If you know his other books you are sure to find this interesting. The Devereux/Gaia research into earth energy gets quite a look in. (If you're undecided I interviewed Dr Watson and the December issue of 'Exploring the Supernatural' will feature the full story)

Uri Geller is back too (with Guy Playfair) in a Cape book "The Geller Effect" (£10.95) which is selling like hot cakes. A good read, but the super computer "Hoova" and the mysterious alien mentors that dominated his original autobiography in 1974 have gone the way of the rest of the UFOs of late. Not a trace. Harry Harris, who tells me he turned down an offer from Geller to be his lawyer, knows the man quite well but says he has never talked about UFOs, despite knowing his interest. On the Terry Wogan TV chat show Geller also ran away from questions about UFOs in an odd manner. But he did admit he'd seen and photographed them. The new book tells how the psychic or conjurer (depends on how charitable you are) has made a million by using psi to find minerals and oil. You can't really argue with that, I guess. Unless Randi, Klass and Ian Ridpath will now go and do the same and prove it is all trickery!

 JOSEPH AND HIS AMAZING MULTI-FACETTED DREAMCOAT: (1) Glive Potter

A reply to Raymond Broderick on the "Mrs B" CE 4 case from Coventry. (See NUN 119)

Phenomena perceived by CE 4 witnesses like Mrs B are very subjective, which clearly restricts any reasonable objective assessment of the case. This is not, as Broderick suggests, tantamount to dismissing such reports as hoaxes or fantasies. One must study all the evidence, no matter how bizarre or divorced from one's personal interests, if we are to look for patterns. As the saying goes - it only takes one white crow to prove that all crows are not necessarily black.

My own long term monitoring of Mrs B is an essential process in such cases if one hopes to study the totality of the phenomena. It has shown me that she is sincere, sane and stable. In fact Mrs B shows a great tendency to withhold information she considers unacceptable, and despite being a Spiritualist is most critical of the various experiences she has had. I am fully convinced that the voices and visions she endures are automatic and completely beyond the control of her consciousness.

From comparisons with psychological literature it seems logical to conclude that the phenomena manifesting through Mrs B derive from the right hand side of the brain, which tends to be very alien to the left side (which controls the waking conscious, rational thought patterns) and 'awakens' rarely, except during sleep. Such 'awakenings' are marked by visions dredged from the depths of the psyche.

One simply cannot separate UFO phenomena from other areas of the paranormal which appear to overlap. The connections between CE 4 reports, religious visions, near death experiences, drug induced hallucinations, imaginary abductions under hypnosis and schizophrenia are so distinct as to indicate either a common origin or common symptoms of the altered state of consciousness which enables them to take place.

Broderick's arguments about the Joseph entity being male, whilst Mrs B is female, do not weaken the suggestion that it was a sub-element of her own personality. Many spirit controls that manifest through mediums tend to show mirror-images of the personality of the psychic, not only in gender but most other aspects. If the right brain is suggestible enough to conjure up 'spirits' (as parapsychological research has implied) then it not a big step to propose it can also conjure up 'aliens'.

The particular entity that was observed by Mrs B, whom she calls Joseph, is an archetypal figure (the wise, old man who personifies goodness and wisdom - exactly the kind of symbol that might be used to dramatise a message of hope). Indeed it may be no coincidence that it is the opposite of the 'Man in Black' image in UFO folklore, which conveys precisely different messages.

Further circumstantial evidence emerges when you look at the conditions under which Mrs B's experiences occur. Generally these are in isolation, when sensory input is reduced, often when she is relaxed or preoccupied with something automatic. These are ideal circumstances for the conscious mind to be vulnerable to intrusions from the right brain. A message is conveyed.

We see amongst several modern ufologists the idea that it is the message that matters. The phenomenon has the inherent ability to change, in a cultural metamorphosis. But the message (using the current socio-technological matrix) stays constant across time and space, like Joseph's multi-coloured dreamcoat in the legend.

One can in this way view the experiences of Mrs B and psychic visionaries as part of a spectrum of awareness. An awareness of an intelligence either within or without mankind and which acts, either intentionally or as a by-product, as a conditioning process that expresses itself through manipulation of the perception systems of the individuals themselves.

There are few alternate theories that account for the facts. Compare Mrs B with the medium Helene Smith, for example. At the end of the last century she claimed contact with Martians. In the mid sixties a Hinckley UFO group were in automatic writing communication with alleged extra-terrestrials. The Geller contacts with "space computers" is another update on the theme. Belief in extra-terrestrials no doubt brings a degree of comfort when the percipient is faced with experiences that are beyond comprehension. In psychology there is something called "need determined perception" which fits well here. People tend to see what they expect, partly because of their needs at the time. Aliens may be an important need for a CE 4 percipient.

Another comparison comes with the dissociative state of mind (comas, trances, fainting fits) often reported by poltergeist victims. Not only has Mrs B been the centre of poltergeist attacks in the past but she too suffers dissociative states. (It is interesting here to note that, as explained in 'The Pennine UFO Mystery', CE 4 witness Alan Godfrey - the other 'Joseph' percipient - also suffered unexplained black outs similar to narcolepsy or epileptic attacks - JR)

These similarities in state of mind between poltergeist and CE 4 percipients leads to the implication that they are one and the same. Even though the majority of CE 4s tend to be single witness, multi-witness events like Betty and Barney Hill, the Andreasson affair or Aveley abduction leave one uneasy. Similarly, the remarkable correlations between CE 4s around the world do suggest rather more than a global psychosis. However, it might be suggested that the primary witness (like the focus of a poltergeist) could trigger similar imagery in others beside them, especially if those others are generically or emotionally related to them (as in all the cases just cited and virtually every CE 4 case known).

If telepathy is at work in CE 4s then we have a further possible mechanism. They may be similar to 'crisis apparitions', where a 'sender' transmits an image that is detected by others. It is interesting in the Mrs B case that she contends her 'living ghost' has been seen by others some distance from her "physical body" without Mrs B knowing this was occurring. Perhaps her "entities" can be so transmitted as well?

However, whilst we may be heading in the right direction by looking at cases as a personal dramatisation of a message, the number of apparently manufactured aerial devices being seen around the world still creates a problem. Whether the message derives from the mind or an outside agency is perhaps incidental to these core sightings. Is it enough to talk of possible sources for the message (warnings from the future? divine intervention? real ETs?) using the mind to create induced illusions clothed in individual fashion? Triggering the Oz Factor as a means of altering the state of consciousness that facilitates the experience.

This may all be true - but it fails to resolve the question of where the message comes from and what these apparent 'aerial craft' are.

(The final part of this article will appear in the next issue)

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MEDIA MATTERS
A look at UFOs in the eye

There have been some sightings around - mostly in Yorkshire (where else?). No doubt WYUFORMG will report on them in due course. Bradford Argus (20 Aug) tells of an "Afternoon cuppa disturbed by UFO" when two Keighley pensioners saw a buzzing oval outside. The details make this sound an interesting daylight sighting. However next day (21 Aug) in "Rain theory over that silver UFO" David Barclay "who writes about UFOs" and "is currently forming a group in the Aire Valley" (another one!) says, "as the sighting occurred just before a downpour it could be linked to the theory of barometric pressure...in rocks (producing) electricity, which in terms produces a glowing aeroform." A somewhat dubious interpretation of the earthlights theory and arrived at rather too fast for my liking. Lets wait and see what WYUFORMG have to say.

Likewise impressive, and being investigated, is the "Encounter of the blurred kind" (I thought we'd heard all the CE 3 K jokes by now). Barnsley Chronicle (29 Aug) tells how a witness was hit by a lightbeam from a 60 ft wide oval and felt a "tingling sensation" all over. The object had red and purple lights on the side. This too sounds like a case worth waiting to hear more on.

But the case that made most stories (even BBC TV "News at Nine" coverage - why do they always mention the UFOs and ignore the real cases? answers on a postcard please!) - featured just about everywhere. Oddly, the Irish press gave best coverage. Belfast Newsletter (24 Sep) told how early morning police, air traffic controllers and commuters in Luxembourg and Belgium saw several green blobs cross the sky. One ATC man ("Maro Mitten") said "It didn't show up on the radar screen. I don't know what it was...It was like a rocket but far too fast." The event occurred at around 6am on the 23rd and was seen from several eastern counties in England too - which makes Belgian police statements that it was "at the relatively low altitude of 600 feet" as silly as they sound. NORAD pointed out ("UFOs just space rubbish" - Irish Times, 24 Sep) that "debris from two Soviet rockets which had launched space satellites into orbit was expected in mid-September" - ergo, as none of you would-be UFO investigators should have failed to spot, this was yet another big re-entry (barely worthy of a mention in NUN, let alone on the BBC TV news. Did they mention Rendlesham Forest on their bulletins? Nope!)

And you thought we had escaped the dreaded circles, did you? No chance. A story appeared in many places (eg "Corny Riddle" - YUK! - Nuneaton Tribune, 27 Aug) based on an original item in the Hampshire Chronicle (22 Aug). This began with the EUFORA book title (plainly quoting it, as it used it in inverted commas!) and added that a third circle has turned up at Cheesefoot Head. Pat Delgado was cited as calling them an IUFF (??) ("Invisible Unknown Force Field") and linked them with poltergeists! Then the "British UFO Association" (sic!) booklet is plugged. However, all was not yet done. Paul Fuller tells me someone went to the enormous trouble of writing "We are not alone" in giant letters near the circles! One would have to believe in an alien crew of stand-up comedians or incredibly devious IUFFs to say that was not done by human hands. It was almost immediately harvested out by the farmer who was photographed first. Then, on 8 Sep in the Southern Echo along came John Dodd to prove the circles were hoaxes, by making one in front of the paper and a TV crew. Paul Fuller (who will relate the full tale in the next EUFORA Bulletin) warns not to be deceived. This was a real rip-off and put-on by Mr Dodd and co.

The Aug 14 issue of New Scientist gave much prominence to Chris Allan and Stu Campbell for their Patrick Moore hoax of the Cedric Allington "novel" (I still haven't been sued by the way). Fair comment, except the sentence "Like much of the literature on the subject, the book is a clumsy fake". I take much offence to that as author of eight books! But New Scientist can get away with anything, can't they?

There was a very nice detailed interview with your editor in the Cheshire Guardian series (12 Sep). Congratulations to Pat Gill Bolton for a perceptive report. Far better than the lead story codswallop in the Mr Manchester's Diary column of the Manchester Evening News (4 Sep) "Jenny hears some grave words" - a joke (?) about some of the stuff in Beyond Explanation? No mention of UFOs, thank goodness.

But there was in the Sun (30 Aug) when "Dave's close encounter lands him in the drink". David Littlewood of Hull wandered off, staring at the sky lit by green beams and muttering about UFOs. He walked on "entranced" straight into the docks! The UFOs were a hotel laser show! Poor Dave ended up full of smelly water and in the local hospital.

NORTH WALES FLAP (2) Margaret Fry

The last issue reported how the wave began in late December (indeed 28 December was a key date for English reports as well). However, it really took off in January 1986 (weirdly - in the precise manner that my 21-month cycle, proposed in "The Penine UFO Mystery", should predict) (Look out Sept/Oct 1987!) It is also very worth noting that many of these January Welsh dates coincide with the Hartlepool flap of sightings also referenced in the last issue.

On 3 January (Case 8608) Mr and Mrs Edwards and their three adult sons (all over 25) witnessed something strange over Moel Parc mountain from their farm at Bodfari, Clwyd, near Denbigh. (I know this area well as my brother used to live at Henllan, a village close by. It is quite hilly and remote - JR). First observation was at about 19.45 hours. The light seemed to be above the television reception mast on the mountain. It was red at the bottom (hazy) with a white top and remained stationary. This would place it in the east. After watching it intermittently for more than an hour they climbed onto the road above their farm (which is surrounded by forest) and saw it pass directly over them and away. The bottom comprised a central white light and a mass of coloured lights in a ring around this (blue, red, green, yellow, white) which was rotating. It was a cold night with many stars visible, but it snowed towards dawn. The event was reported to the Denbigh police (who contacted Margaret). She approached the RAF, who had no activity that night - they said.

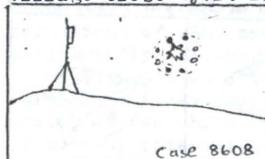
At 01.15 that same night (onto 4 January) Miss J, a local government officer, was driving home (a few miles north of the above location). On the A 547 she was going towards Rhuddlan. The moon was to her left. On the right she saw a red oval that was descending into a gap between Coed Cwm and Moel Maenefa mountains. As it "landed" into tree cover it lit up the whole ground around it. (Case 8609)

Later that same day, at 17.06 another red oval (or the same one?) appeared to Miss P, a lady farmer at Trelawnyd, a hamlet just a couple of miles east of the previous location. She was in the forecourt of her cow sheds, ready to start mucking out, when she saw the rugby football shape in an adjacent field apparently very close by. It was between two pine trees and their height and distance allowed fairly accurate guesses to be made about the objects size. This estimates length & height above ground as about 40 feet. After a few moments in which the object did not move it "went smaller and smaller and became a dot before disappearing". (Case 8610). This sighting was reported by the witnesses (4 farmers) in a farm next door to this because they thought Miss P had seen the same object as them. However, it transpired that their sighting took place at 20.30 the same night. It consisted of an oval containing a central red light and two white lights to each side. These flashed. The object hovered over some electricity lines on the farmland.

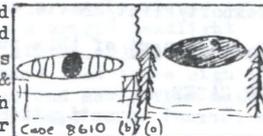
Case 8611 occurred on 10 January 1986 and lasted three hours from 23.30. It was at Prestatyn on the coast (four or five miles north of Trelawnyd). About 20 people reported seeing it. One stayed awake to watch the show! It was seen over Meliden (to the south) and changed shape during the observation. Mostly these involved red balls, lines etc that joined and separated. It 'faded away' in the end.

There is no doubt that if you look at these cases objectively the long duration, manner of disappearance and consistent 'red glow' appearance suggests an astronomical solution. It is hard to envisage how a star or planet could fly over the farm (as in case 8608) - but I feel someone with access to a computer file should check to see if anything might have been responsible - let us know please.

However, that said, the next two cases have no such escape route. On 22 January at 21.00 one of the witnesses to case 8611, plus four others (an adult and three child-ren) took part in case 8612. A bizarre object traversed the length of the middle of a Prestatyn street at an estimated 25 feet off the ground. It made a pulsing,



Case 8608



Case 8610 (b) (c)

humming sound and consisted of what seemed to be three saucer shapes stuck together

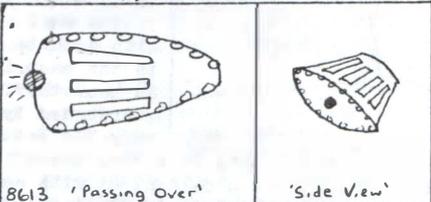


with a red 'V' in the middle. It was dull metallic and had multi-coloured lights underneath (red, blue and yellow). It then flew south to the Meliden Hills and began to do a fantastic display of loop de loops, until it travelled into Snowdonia and disappeared. Seen from beneath it was oval, ringed by lights, and with a triple set of bumps inset into the base in a kind of tripod formation.

Whilst Valley denied anything unusual flying about (indeed, saying they have no coverage by radar in this area - only about 30 miles from them!) it does sound like some secret aircraft. And YUFOS have recently been commenting about triple bumps seen under many North Yorkshire UFOs. Any connection, I wonder?

To end January with a bang, on the 26th case 8613 occurred. This was at Connahs Quay (about 2 miles from where the Sunderland family live), near a former steel works and a major power station on the Dee Estuary. At

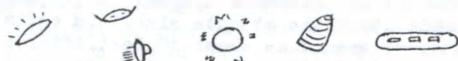
20.20, Mr P a taxi driver got from his car as it traversed across. The UFO was about 3-4 car lengths in size and very low. It was made of dull metal and had a brilliant blue light at the rear, of a distinctly 'Stealth' like oval shape (see the editorial). From the underside three lighted windows were seen, like long slits giving out a white light and a ring of white lights were on the edge. No sound was heard. But at about the same time, on the town's High Street, several people (including another taxi driver) saw what was evidently the same thing. It was seen from the side (not underside) and looked like a jelly mould with vertical slits or windows. The brilliant blue light was in the centre of the base and the ring of white lights round the edge. The windows seemed 'frosted' and the surface metallic. Margaret has three independent sketches from witnesses. It is impossible to conclude other than they all saw a very extraordinary object.



Readers are directed to NUN issue 119 and the Shotton close encounter. This has a number of similarities and is yet another of the many sightings of note in the "Oakenholt/Flint/Shotton/Connahs Quay" area.

(The final part of this report will be featured in the next issue)

BRIEF CASES:-
Some current investigations



A couple of anecdotal Welsh cases to record for which no real investigation has been possible. First a press cutting from the North Wales Weekly News dates an event to 7 December 1976. It reports how an un-named man and wife were driving from Llan dudno to Deganwy through Conwy, when over the famous suspension bridge they saw a brilliant ball of white light. To quote Mr X "It dropped something into the river and then drifted north-east leaving a trail of smoke". Valley denied all responsibility (as usual) and North Wales police had no other reports. One might speculate about helicopters and flares - but there are interesting comparisons here with a case over the Rawtenstall ski-slope (reported in "Pennine UFO Mystery") and the Gblborne, reservoir, sighting of August 1982.

The second story comes to me direct from Mr M - a prisoner in a Leicestershire jail. Whilst I did communicate with him, and he promised to try to obtain dates and details from those with him, he has not done so. We, therefore, only have his story on a very intriguing UAP.

It occurred in the mid-seventies somewhere in Dyfed. Mr M was living in an isolated farm house with a married couple. This was on the side of a mountain. It was late autumn or winter, and evening after a "changeable" day. From the living room all were drawn to a series of lights and loud bangs in the farmyard adjoining it. Through the window they could see bluish/pink balls about six feet in diameter bouncing around. This persisted for several minutes and the housewife became rather upset.

Mr M was less concerned and, with the balls still bouncing around, went out to get some firewood from a stockpile by the door. As he bent down to pick some wood he was "enveloped in a ball of light" and he "felt a presence" (which seems to be a sort of tingling). After a few seconds there was a "pop or explosion" and it went out. He returned indoors and the couple pointed out that his hair was standing on end as if filled with static. He suffered no ill effects and, in fact, was charged up with vigour and well being - taking interest in leys, folklore etc of the area.

Whilst we have no corroboration and few details this is an interesting UAP case that has similarities with the Aveyron, France, encounters.

RETURN OF THE SILENT VULCAN Clive Potter SP Rating 4-8
Case 8537 27 September 1985 Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire LUFOIC Level A

This case should be read in conjunction with this issues editorial and the Leicestershire movie film case there cited. There are in fact three separate observations of what appears to be the same thing. The first two will be considered only briefly (although they are in more detail on the BUFORA case file)

On 7 August at around 23.00 SW (aged 22) was driving his girlfriend home to Melton when they stopped (near an outskirts village of Kirby Bellars) because a number of red-white lights were seen. These appear to have been coincidental and of no real interest, except (as the witnesses say) had they not stopped to watch them, the passage overhead of a strange triangular object would have been missed. It crossed heading very slowly NNW and made only a "humming" like an electricity sub-station. A motorcycle passing by was totally different and much more audible; although the object was low "looked like a vulcan bomber" and was surrounded by white lights. Melton police were called out and the story made the local press.

According to Quest the home base of 'Stealth' in the UK is RAF Alconbury, about 35 miles SE of this location on the line of flight of the UFO.

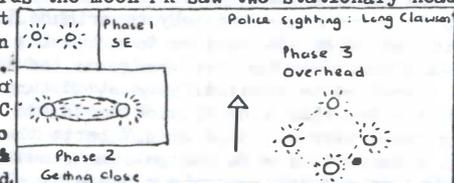
The story appeared in the local press and Mrs C and her 15 year old granddaughter called the witness to say they too had seen the object. However, it turns out that they had their sighting at about 00.15 on 15 August, from Huncote, near Leicester. Even so, there are many similarities with what these two people saw. The object was again a metallic triangle ringed by flashing lights, and there was a bright headlight beam projecting from the fore of the object that pointed up into the sky. Beyond noting that these sightings all seemed to match the famous "Silent Vulcan" mass witness and movie-film case from the same area in October 1978 there was little LUFOIC could do.

But then a police officer wrote to BUFORA directly. He and a colleague had also seen the UFO, on 27 September at 19.55. It was a classic.

Police officers PR and JP were on foot patrol at Long Clawson, a village about five miles north of Melton. Looking SE towards the moon PR saw two stationary head lights to the right of there. After about 30 seconds observation it was clear that in fact the beams were moving NW towards them. Detailed matching accounts and transcripts of what was written in the log books of the PCs are available. They agree that as the two lights approached they resolved into red & white inset into a diamond. Both forward and

underside views agree with the proposed F-19 configuration. No sound was heard until the craft was almost directly overhead and then it was just a very unusual low hum "like a generator". Speed was remarkably slow. Several measurements of height (around 1500 ft) have been possible and speed must have been below 100 mph (probably well below) to facilitate the 5-7 minutes reconstructed duration. The lack of noise is one of the most consistent features of these cases and at Long Clawson was very important as there was hardly any wind and they were in a very rural outside spot.

LUFOIC, even before seeing the F-19 data, concluded this could well be a secret military aircraft. The flightpath is again consistent with it being a Stealth from RAF Alconbury. Alconbury was not checked by police enquiries (although other RAF bases were). Perhaps the MoD would have something to say. Don't hold your breath!



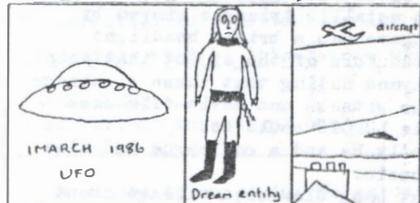
WUFORG Case 8538 18 December 1985 Brighouse/Bradford, W. Yorks SP 3-9 Lev: A

Two independent reports of what may well be the same UFO. A 12 yr old boy at Brighouse at 20.45 heard 'voices' in his head and felt 'compelled' to go to his room upstairs. Here he saw a bright white light move north. Going outside with binoculars he reported seeing a classic disc with dome and flashing coloured lights. The object hovered over Odsall stadium, was seen in distance by the boys grandfather and was then obscured by cloud. The investigator (Andy Roberts) was not happy with the case but a coincidental YUFOS story from the same night (reinvestigated by Andy later) seems to have resolved the matter. Two men out on a hill at Bolton, Bradford, at 20.55 saw a light approach from the south, go into and emerge from cloud and then 'hover' and 'jiggle', although otherwise looking like aircraft lights. Two aircraft were seen by the men. YUFOS had ascertained from Leeds/Bradford that three aircraft were inbound at this time. The course matches a possible one onto Yeadon and there is little reason to doubt the men saw the third plane. That said - there is also little reason to doubt the Brighouse witnesses did too. The course fits perfectly. This is a fine example of how a twist of luck is needed to solve cases and how the same UFO can be perceived differently according to the quality and belief systems of the witness.

ONE MORE PHOTO HITES THE DUST!

MUFORA Case 8614 May 1986 Esh Village, Co Durham Level B SP 5-6

School boy JY (aged 16) wrote to advise of sightings by himself and his mother. We obtained accounts of these: On 12 August 1985 at 23.45 (a clear night) JY, his mum, and two adult brothers watched for an hour as dozens of little twinkling lights of multiple colours appeared on the ground or just above it to the SE. They did not move, except to jiggle about. They went to bed and left them. This was almost certainly an atmospheric haze effect on ground lights causing optical distortions. The family are certainly UFO-philes and JY relates several dreams and tales of lights seen. His father saw an object that was clearly a fireball meteor in February 1986. JY has himself seen bright lights streaking across the sky which he cannot explain. But the most important event befell his mother, who is 43 and called Valerie. We obtained her own account. On 1 March 1986 she was woken by her dog at 05.15. It was very unsettled,



and she had to go downstairs to settle the animal. On arrival back in bed a red glow caught her eye in the SW through the window. "I could not take in what I was seeing," Valerie says. "It was huge and seemed to be pulsating. It was the colour of a cigarette end (dome shaped) with portholes along the side of it. After watching it for 3-5 mins it shot off at tremendous speed SE". She told JY, as she knew of his interest. In addition she now had a stinging pain over her eyes and developed a sick headache that morning. This is by no means her only experience. In about 1984 she had a "dream" (which was very lucid) in which she woke up to a humming sound and went downstairs to find out what it was. There were two loud bangs on the kitchen door and, despite wishing not to, she was compelled to open it. There stood three figures, 6 feet tall, wearing tight fitting silver suits with a belt, thick boots and a collar. Their faces were white, they had long blond hair and huge eyes. Valerie then felt herself travelling upwards and with a bump "like when you go over something in a car and leave your stomach behind" she was on a metal bench in a room with sliding doors and control panels. There were two men with her and a woman in a nightie with grey, curly hair. Child like entities were stood by the panels. Then, with no continuity break, she was back in the kitchen feeling cold. It was 3am, two hours having passed, and the electricity worked (it had not before). JY says "I bet if you found the woman with the grey, curly hair she would say it was just a dream as well."

JY sent us several "UFO photos" during our investigation. These stemmed from his hobby and were really very good hoaxes using optical tricks (including a lovely moon and chimneys silhouette that looked like a landed UFO with occupants). All of these he admitted to be fake up front. But one picture he sent showed a light plane taken from his mother's bedroom. Beneath it was a classic disc like UFO. This, he swore, was real - although he had not seen the object when taking the picture.

We obtained full details. There was no doubt the object was real. It showed all the correct light reflections and was two-thirds the size of the Cessna. However, we suspected the answer and Tony Marshall, the photo analyst at SSPR, studied the case and confirmed. The UFO is a bird frozen in flight - probably a seagull. In this case the witnesses' puzzlement is quite understandable. The object looks very like a UFO.

All in all this is a very strange set of anecdotes - some explicable, others not.

MUFORA Case 8615 27 April 1986 Heywood, Lancs 23.00 Level C SP 2-2

A well known local UFO "spotter" saw his "n"th UFO and reported it as two orange LITS moving W to SE for about 90 seconds at a height of 40-50,000 feet. MUFORA was satisfied the LITS could be anything - and aborted the case when he told us "I always know 5-10 seconds before these objects come into view that I'm about to encounter another one. I know for sure these craft are not man made." Nobody else saw anything strange, despite local press accounts about this affair.

WAPIT Case 8616 19 September 1986 Pemberton, Lancs 21.00 Level C SP 4-5

Three witnesses related to a WAPIT officer observed a series of four lights (three in a triangle and one leading) that were coloured green, red/gold and yellow. They moved southwards towards Manchester and were silent. At first they were dismissed as a plane but at no point displayed any flashing. No obvious explanation here.

CASE HISTORIES

THE MARIO LETTERS... The further adventures of a CE 4 witness Jenny Randles

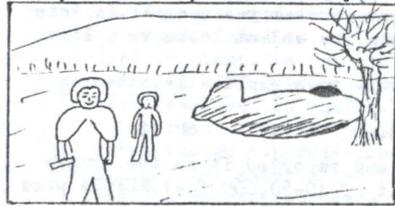
I have thought long and hard before deciding to relate this tale. Recently Janet and Colin Bord asked for my views on the matter, as they wished to discuss the case in their forthcoming book on modern British mysteries. I stopped them. Others have in recent years referred to the affair as a puzzling encounter. And I have, after much heart-searching, concluded that the facts have to be set out so that you can make up your own mind. I MUST do my duty as a ufologist in possibly preventing a myth from spreading.

The principle reason why I held back is because Mario Luisi, the witness, has on all occasions requested that I not discuss his tale publicly, due to the fact that he is trying to "sell" it to a book publishers. Also, certain aspects of his character make it a rather hazardous request to refuse. I dare not say more than that. But - as I have mentioned the case in two of my books, it seems to me that I have little choice but to update the saga. I do not wish others, such as the Bords, to be fooled by this into believing the case to be of prime importance. Although it may well be of interest for rather different reasons to the ones most folk might imagine.

The Pennine UFO Mystery (p.132-33) makes a very brief mention of the story, in the main because of its date (21 November 1980 - exactly a week prior to the most intriguing Alan Godfrey CE 4). The reference is mild, simply describing the facts very briefly and pointing out that analysis of alleged damage to a hand lantern had not substantiated that it was caused by any alien radiation beam. Instead - two independent analyses (one by the police and one by an electrical engineer) both agreed that a blow-torch was the most likely source of the warped metal damage. These are not speculations but facts, paid for at Harry Harris's own expense and made freely available to others.

In my book UFO Reality I give a fuller account of Mario's claim that on a wet night in Burneside, a village near Kendal, Cumbria, the unemployed man had met an object he took to be a cow-shed but which turned out to be a landed UFO of most unusual design. Two entities in dark, shiny suits then fired a beam of radiation at him and melted his lantern. The case was publicised in the "News of the World" (from where MUFORA and Harry Harris - then an independent researcher - first heard of it). A very detailed 80 pp file was completed by the North Lancs UFO Investigation Group, but after determining their negative view on the case they specifically asked me not to house it with the NUFON archives - which I have regrettably had to comply with and do understand their reasons. But I hope they might allow bona-fide workers to see it... as the facts are what counts in this affair.

UFO Reality is fairly ambivalent about the case (as indeed were NLUFOIG). I said, "Of course, all the analyses truthfully could prove was that the effects were caused by something like a blow-torch. Presumably some alien weapon might emit a flame in this way ... The problem comes when one is forced to take sides. Which is easier to believe: that Mario had access to a blow-torch, damaged his own lantern and made up the attendant story, or that some alien force created the damage which looked like it was done by a blow-torch?" This was used as a general point to introduce the difficulties we always face in dealing with physical evidence for purported UFO experiences. And I was very careful not to imply that Mario was a liar. This is a personal choice everyone must make for themselves based on the full story.



Nine months after his sighting Mario wrote to me with some news. He later claimed that on the day of my reply (12 August 1981) "in the evening - my wife, two friends of ours and myself went out, and on our return at about 10.30 pm my car suddenly stopped. About 10 feet in front of the car stood two people dressed in bright silver suits and of course they wore helmets with dark smoked glass around the front. I told them all in the car not to panic and to stay where they were at all costs. The two people raised their arms, as I got out of the car. I slowly went to them and they lead me off." Over a period of an hour he was "with aliens" but "I cannot tell you by letter what we discussed, but it does involve leaders of governments in the world of whom I am going to have to contact..... I really don't know why all this is happening to me all of a sudden, as I am just an ordinary happy-go-lucky guy who always thought that people from outer space were little green men."

Naturally I asked to speak to the three other witnesses for confirmation and in a letter (I Sept 1981) got told "they feel somewhat 'frightened' by their experience and would prefer not to say anything". He then told me that communication should continue only with me and that Harry Harris (who by this time had joined MUFORA) should not be involved. He had informed Mario of the tests on the lantern, and although the wives did not know I had seen them, Mario stopped answering his questions and Harry had (by talking to members of the man's family as a solicitor does by habit) concluded the case to be a hoax.

Mario sent to me 'symbols' on the side of the alien craft which he told me I must not publish. Although they are hardly more than a few squiggles in the first place. He also endeavoured to get me to arrange a meeting with Margaret Thatcher... some thing I explained I had very little likelihood of pulling off. It was clear to me that I could not meet his requests for secret get-togethers with presidents and ministers and I was now aware of the NLUFOIG report and Harry Harris's views. MUFORA had decided to drop the matter. I also found from Tim God that Mario was trying to persuade him to do exactly the same thing - although both of us were being advised that we were the only person Mario trusted! Tim explained that he had planned to meet the witness but he had not showed. Instead Mario's sister had arrived at the hotel and explained that her brother was not to be believed. Tim then lost interest in the case, not surprisingly.

After a break of two years Mario then wrote to me in September 1983 explaining he had read The Pennine UFO Mystery (but not UFO Reality). Despite the utterly innocuous mention of his first experience in 'Pennine', Mario told me "I am seeing my solicitor over this matter to see if anything can be done." He then told me to talk to Harry Harris, because he would advise that "I did have a second encounter one year after my first time... I have all the proof I need. In 1980 I was put under and was satisfactory". He had evidently quite forgotten that he had exchanged letters with me about his 1981 encounter, which my letter to him had supposedly been a trigger for!

Mario added that during the second encounter the aliens had given him something "of which no one will ever get their hands on. I can go to these people anytime. I have seen them often since. No one will ever probably know as much as I do." Modesty apart, he then demanded I "rearrange the paragraph about me to the truth, with an apology from you". That was easy. The paragraph already told the truth!

After I explained all this to Mario I heard nothing further until February 1985 when he wrote to advise that all his previous story after the November 1980 landing "was made up. Why I made it up was because I wanted to see what your reaction would be... I did a similar thing to a man called Timothy God (who) was coming to see me. I got my sister to tell him it was all a fake... for reasons of my own."

But now - he said - he was about to tell me "the truth! The aliens had visited him so often he had been allowed to take dozens of close up photos of them and their UFO. "clear ones... showing their faces". They also explained that they are in close contact with earth governments and have "exterminators on earth" to kill off anyone who gets too close. "This is all done by the SAS", Mario reported. He did not want to talk in detail (all his material was locked away by his solicitor) but "for a very small price" he would give me everything to use as I wished.

I suggested meetings to view the data, or one picture on a week's loan with a written guarantee not to copy it. After endless letters and telling me he had met with his solicitor I got one photograph for three days. It was pathetic. What looked to be a toy soldier stuck in a lump of plasticine at an odd angle was out of focus. It had been clearly so close to the camera atop a stone wall (also out of focus) - although the background scenery was sharp and precise. I wrote to tell him I was not convinced and he tried to justify why the photo looked as it did, then added that he had faked one photo, "which I have no doubt made me look silly". However, the one he sent me was real. The fake had been made because he wanted to show it Tim God and get rid of him. This trick had apparently worked.

Margaret Fry tells me she has met Mario and his daughter. Whilst it is evident he is a rogue and seems to be making things up, both his daughter and Margaret believe his November 1980 CE 4 claim. Whether you do must be left to your own conscience. At least you have the story as I have it to decide for yourself.

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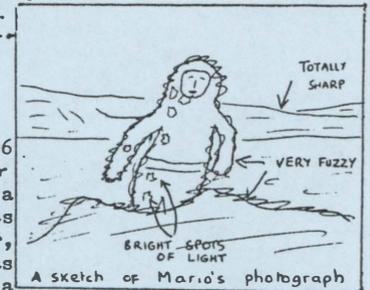
THE CRACOE FELL CASE Nigel Mortimer reports

As I went to press I note that in the Jul/Aug 1986 issue of QUEST, YUFOS make a cryptic point about their next issue containing some destructive evidence on a certain BUFORA investigator. I was aware what this was about (not from YUFOS I hasten to add) - but prefer, wisely I think, not to comment until the article has appeared. However, Nigel Mortimer wishes me to make a few points here for YUFOS members, before they read the QUEST article. I think that is reasonable. No doubt the debate will continue in months to come.

Readers will doubtless know about the Cracoe Fell, North Yorkshire, photographs, first publicised by YUFOS in August 1983 (in national newspaper stories). A bright series of blobs were filmed by an off duty police man against a sheer cliff face in an area of high UFO activity. YUFOS have had them analysed (by Bill Spaulding in the USA and Klaus Welmer in Germany) and frequently show them at lectures and talk of their importance in their magazine.

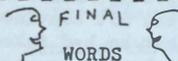
However, as NUN 104 explains, Nigel immediately followed up one press story YUFOS do not seem to refer to. This appeared in the Craven Herald and tells of a local farmer who lived near the police officer who took the pictures. He knew that the blobs of light (stationary for 60 minutes and never seen to 'arrive' or 'fly') were a reflection of light from the cliff face. He had seen it before. NUN explained that the case would be monitored, YUFOS given chance to establish their data and Nigel would observe the matter for BUFORA and NUFON. He has now decided it is time to publish his side of the story. However, it would appear, YUFOS denied him a copy of their case report (being freely offered for sale via their magazine). Following this refusal, in order to access their full data, Nigel obtained a copy by asking a member of the public to apply for it. They were sent it without hesitation! YUFOS appear to regard this as deception, but I am sure others might consider that a rather strange word to describe Nigel's actions. The denial of the report in the first place also requires explanation.

Nigel Mortimer and the West Yorkshire UFO Research Group have many points to make about this case, which need to be heard and they certainly have a right to air them. Any important case is subject to independent evaluation - and should be. Nigel wishes



to inform all YUFOS members, in case they are told otherwise, that all he wants to do is:- (1) exercise that right to comment on a case, using open-minded fair judgement of the facts. He welcomes any help on this from YUFOS... (2) He accuses nobody of making false statements, lying, or attempting a hoax... (3) He will respond to any serious comment about the facts of the case but will ignore any personal references to himself or WYUFORG, such letters being sent back to their author... (4) He and WYUFORG are ready to discuss in the open at any time the facts of this case with any or all YUFOS members and suggests that members try to persuade their administration, as YUFOS have allegedly so far refused WYUFORG's offer in this regard.

I am sure there will be more on this in the next issue and I endorse Nigel's view that this is not a slanging match between groups. It is an honest and quite reasonable debate about the facts behind a case, claimed by YUFOS to be of prime importance. The way to debate such a matter is not to promise destructive attacks on investigators or groups for trying to resolve a sighting. Resolving sightings is the primary function of any investigator, as far as I am concerned.



:: BBC Manchester listeners who want to know why all the dates of my FACT OR FICTION? radio series were not as reported last issue should ask John McManus at the BBC (PO Box 90 Oxford Rd Manchester M60 1SJ). I have no idea why the first programme, on UFOs, was transmitted one week earlier than scheduled, or why the order of programmes 5 and 6 was jumbled. The details as I gave you were the ones agreed and formalised between the BBC and I and distributed in several press releases. All those taking part in the series were told the same dates. However, it is known that information was given to the Radio Times before I confirmed final details for last issue's copy and it is hard to escape the thought that I was deliberately misinformed. I spent four months full-time on the series, at great personal expense, and the BBC never even bothered to tell me the dates had been changed! But for someone showing me the Radio Times an hour or so before transmission I would have missed the UFO programme myself! I pass no comment. There is quite a story behind that UFO programme, which one day I might be rich enough to risk telling. I should have known it was too good to be true to expect complete freedom to make a programme about UFOs for the BBC. Still - if you did hear it - your views would be appreciated. And the offer for transmission on any other BBC local radio station still stands. Get your head of programming to contact BBC Radio Manchester. You never know. They might get somewhere, even though I have given up.

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TP = North London Polytechnic, Huddleston Rd, near Tufnell Park Tube

Nov 1 TP ASSAP "Psychic Quest" conference 10 am - 8 pm... all those involved in the Alien Contact/Green Stone/Eye of Fire saga together in one place.

LBS BUFORA NIC meeting 2pm (all investigators/groups welcome)
Lecture 6.30 pm by Maurice Grosse on "The Enfield Poltergeist"

Nov 29 At the University of Manchester, Catholic Chaplaincy, St Peters House 1.30 pm (Down Oxford Rd from Oxford Rd, city centre station). BUFORA investigations training day on interviewing. I believe Marion Sunderland will be there.
Details from MUFORA address (see below)

Coming LBS lectures Dec 6 (Buddhist Cosmology), Jan 3 (Paul Devereux on earthlights)

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