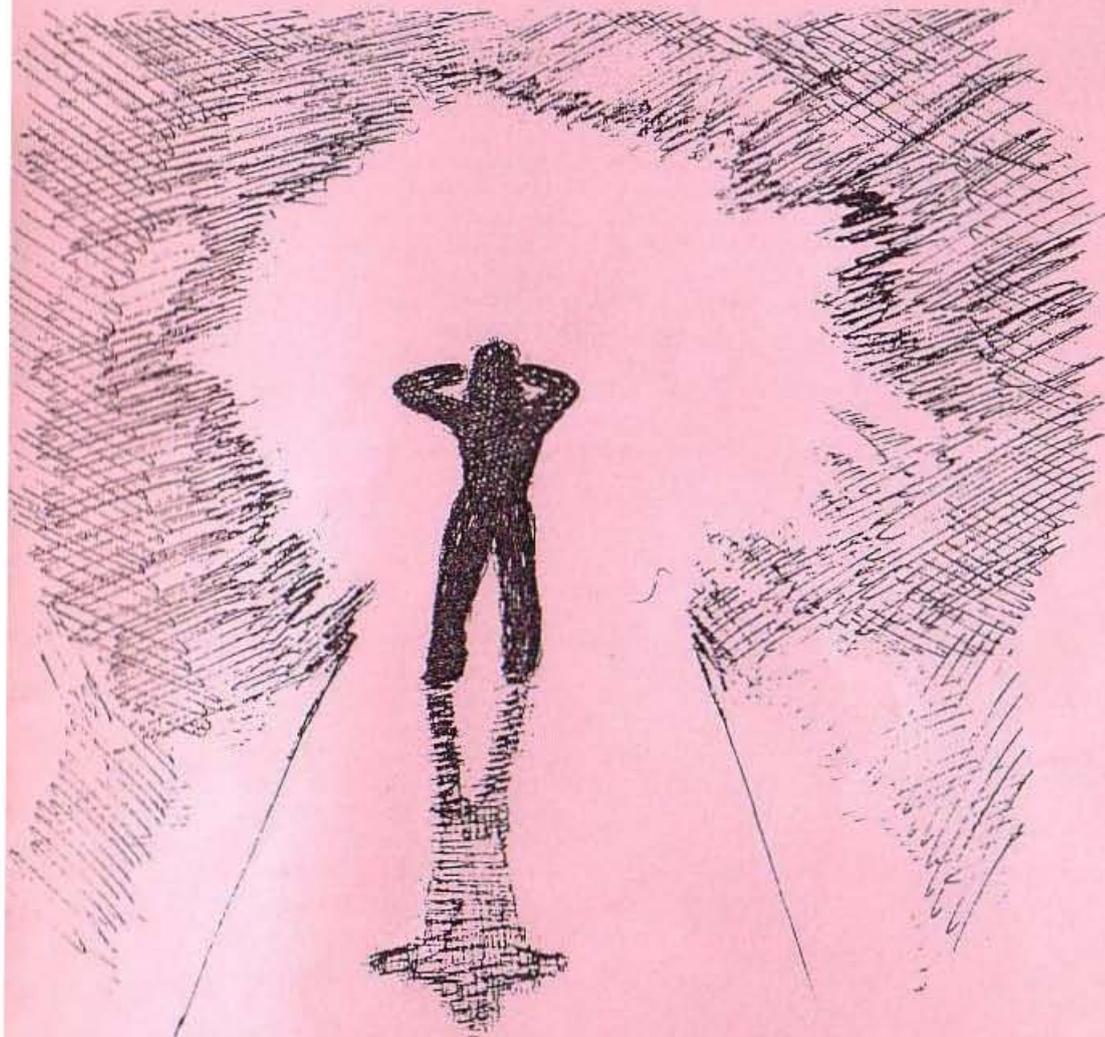


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J. R. Comments. . .

Readers may recall the stories carried in NUN over the past 18 months about mass sightings in Staffordshire. MP Bill Cash got involved and was annoyed at reports by the MoD that the lights were merely holiday air traffic into Birmingham. We, ourselves, reached slightly different conclusions. The local paper (the Staffordshire Newsletter) featured this story a good deal - and in fact first contacted NUN for a quote. Now comes a disturbing sequel.

Barry Heafield (who was the man who first phoned me when the sightings occurred in Spring 1988) published a lengthy article on 15 December 1989, entitled 'Staffordshire UFOs not consistent with aircraft says author'. This is in the guise of a review of Tim Good's book 'UFO Report 1990' (see this issue). However, it contains some curious allegations.

To recap the situation. In NUN 131 (1988) 'UFO, F-19 or VC-10?' reports briefly on the 16 May sightings in and around Stafford. I had suggested an F-19 (Stealth) on test from RAF Alconbury because the 'two white headlamps' seen matched earlier sightings that we believe possibly were F-19 flights. Aircraft activity was strongly hinted in this case by the spread of witnesses and the steady flightpath. The VC-10 suggestion came from an aviation enthusiast who was also a witness and who tracked an exercise from RAF Brize Norton that passed over the area. It moved very slowly and included an array of lights for mid-air refuelling. We noted how Clive Potter of LUFOIC and BUFORA was investigating but felt "some form of aircraft explanation is involved in these multi witness (sightings)."

Simple enough, you might think. In the next issue (132) I added how Bill Cash had made his public appeal for witnesses, had found some (who seemed to be reporting new unconnected UFO sightings) and was taking the matter up with the MoD. Meanwhile some aviation experts had supported our suggestion that stealth testing might be going on under the convenient cover of 'if anyone sees it they'll report a UFO and nobody believes in them!' It was suggested that local UFOlogists should assist Bill Cash in his quest. Clive Potter did exactly that, but despite a brief note from the MP promising to report back when he had an answer from the MoD all Potter's future letters to Westminster disappeared into the usual bureaucratic black hole.

Next - in NUN 134 - the debate between Stealth and refuelling exercise raged and I pinned my colours now to the refuelling exercise. We also reported that Bill Cash had got his answer about 'holiday air traffic' and mooted "I suppose we should also believe that (the MoD under-secretary) has the tooth fairy as a grannie" - which more or less shows what I thought of the Birmingham Airport connection. MP Cash was praised for not giving up.

Finally, in NUN 137 (1989) a more detailed account of the 'Night of 16 May' indicated the help the MoD had offered us, providing Clive Potter with copies of other reports for that night. From this a plot could be made of the course of the objects and the aircraft refuelling exercise from RAF Brize Norton - flying VC-10s and smaller jets in convoy - fitted far better than anything else proposed. Clive rightly questioned why the MoD were unable to reach this conclusion, given all their resources. Ergo case closed.

For me this was sensible, first class UFOlogy, concluded by an excellent case file from Clive Potter now logged with BUFORA for anybody who is interested to see. Copies of several of these NUNs went to the Staffordshire Newsletter to report our findings. So it is puzzling to now discover this recent 'book review' which comments in an atrocious manner on our work.

The paper note that "no satisfactory explanation has been forthcoming from any quarter, including the British UFO Research Association..." (which one must take to mean that our conclusion of the refuelling exercise KNOWN to be on that night and KNOWN to be over the area at the time in question is regarded as unsatisfactory; although no reason for this is offered).

It then goes on to support Tim Good's charges of a cover-up - but not just from the MoD! No - "One only has to telephone the police after a rash of sightings or try to get any kind of real explanations out of the government or BUFORA to know that UFO information is routinely covered up as soon as it has happened"...Worse still, we find that... "Whilst HM government wanted everybody to believe a UFO which burnt a bush last September was really only aircraft lights over Birmingham and BUFORA insisted the May sightings were the Americans test flying their new multi million dollar Stealth bomber, Mr Good is a bit more honest. In dealing with a variety of UFO investigators over the last couple of years I have been left wondering who is sane and who is not..."

But for the desire not to engage in the current mania for lawsuits that threatens to destroy what little credibility UFology has left, BUFORA might by now have taken legal advice over this slur. To allege that we have covered up information and been dishonest because we did not give the paper another sort of answer requires explanation and apology. I am sending the paper a copy of this editorial, so they will have that chance. Heafield knows perfectly well that the 'stealth' suggestion was given off the cuff when he first called me to report the sightings and long before we had any chance to investigate them. Had he read our many reports (in NUN, UFO Brigantia, or elsewhere) (wonderful cover-up!!!) he would have known that our ultimate conclusion favoured the refuelling exercise on 16 May for extensive reasons that seem difficult to refute. As for the other sightings, he should have read our comments on the 'burnt bush' case - as we accepted this was a 'UFO' after EXTENSIVE investigation, involving scientists and sample analysis studies. This, again, has been noted in depth (eg in Brigantia) and my book 'Mind Monsters' published in March features a detailed report.

Sadly, the newspaper are not blameless, because they have distorted some of the facts. The bush was NOT burnt, merely crushed and dehydrated by some force. It happened in August, not September as alleged. The MoD gave an aircraft verdict on the earlier sightings not that particular case.

Indeed, it is interesting to note that in a frank letter to Clive Potter (dated 20 September 1989) Clive Neville of Air Staff 2 (the MoD 'UFO department') says; "In our correspondence with William Cash, MP, to which you refer, I think it would be fairer to say that we merely suggested that the sighting could have been caused by extra air traffic around Birmingham, rather than we concluded positively that this was the case...Indeed, from the description of the sighting (in your report) we would agree that it could also have been caused by a tanker exercise, but I regret that due to a lack of time and resources I have been unable to establish this definitely. I was also disappointed to read that our response to Mr Cash was treated as 'yet another' example of MoD secrecy...We do not attempt to cover up the phenomena, and I would suggest that our sometimes rudimentary replies are a product of the lack of significance the subject holds within (the) MOD compared to other more pressing matters..."

It is a shame that the media, UFologists and MPs cannot combine forces more effectively than this, because the truth is usually the first casualty of any needless emotive battle. We are, after all, only trying to find out what goes on here - and to start crying 'cover-up' gets us nowhere.

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NEWS ROUND UP:

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:: For those in the USA keen to get the many new BUFORA publications a supply is now available direct from ARCTURUS BOOKS PO Box 831383 Stone Mountain GA 30083-0023 USA.

UFO CALL IS STILL GOING STRONG

:: The appeal for help from Mr & Mrs Mair in the last NUN was successful and they would like to thank all readers who offered assistance; including Andy Roberts of Brighthouse who supplied the book and Mr Pritchard of Stockport who would have loaned his copy. Now we need copies of "The Pennine UFO Mystery". I have tried (and failed) myself. Grafton have sold out and do not plan a reprint. If anybody can help Mr E Harris (of 33 Tynwald Walk Leeds LS17 5NP) to find one to purchase, he is desperate for a copy.

:: Finally, some news on up and coming TV shows. Sorry I was unable to notify of my appearance on the cult Channel 4 TV series 'The Secret Cabaret' alongside James (The Amazing) Randi and other assorted magicians. But I did not know myself until the last minute. For those who found my (blink and you've missed it) discussion of UFO photographs a mite skeptical, remember that was the point of the show and this was one minute taken out of a full 45 minute interview - the rest of which was left on the cutting room floor. I have had several people comment on my 'sell out' to CSICOP. No - I haven't defected, but I do not apologise for criticising when criticism is due. Those with a dish or cable TV able to receive the new BSB programmes on launch should watch out for one of the very first shows (due in April, we think) entitled 'A Particular Passion'. Devoted to Science Fiction the last third (around 12-15 minutes) is given over to UFOs, featuring a three-way debate between Hilary Evans, Tim Good and myself. The Aetherius Society chip in at the end. More easily obtainable (provided you are an insomniac or have a VCR) is 'Stories in the Night', made by Thames and going out scattered all over the schedules (but on some day and at some time literally in the middle of the night in every ITV region). Each week features a 25 minute dialogue on some paranormal topic and UFOs crop up in April. The battling experts are Hilary Evans and Tim Good and a witness for verbal dissection is a sort of contactee from the north-west. More than that I dare not say.

FOR YOUR PERUSAL

Major articles elsewhere

UFO Times (6 issues, with BUFORA Sub £16.50, 103 Hove Ave London E17 7NG)
Improving each issue and now looking slick and glossy under Mike Wootten's editorship. Nov - Gordon Millington on the OOBE-Abduction interface, JR on the best way to investigate complex photographic cases... Jan - John Spencer's first part of his 'witness centred' methodology review.

J. of Meteorology (£45 for 12, 54 Frome Rd Bradford on Avon Wilts BA15 1LD)
Dec - *New eyewitness of circle being formed by wind vortex in Avon... Jan - Yet more new eyewitness accounts of circles being formed by apparent wind vortices from Kent and Wiltshire... The evidence now seems undeniable.*

AWARENESS Jan (Unknown price - CONTACT UK 11 Ouseley Close Oxford OX3 0JS)
Rambling statistical analysis of crop circles but an interesting 'Wanted' offer of £100 for capture of the crop circle hoaxer - complete with a description! May be a spoof but its good fun... If its serious get hunting!!

SPI Dec (£6,5 issues; 15 Cotton Street Balfron Scotland G63 0PE)
Usual packed issue of all kinds of spooky stuff, notable for reprint of Ralph Noyes' Country Life piece on circles and Margaret Fry defending the Eduard 'Billy' Meier case.

Ley Hunter 110 (£6,4 issues; PO Box 92 Penzance Cornwall TR18 2XL)
Not to be missed if you want to keep up with the latest Paul Devereux news on earthlights, leys and stone circles.

IUR Nov/Dec 1989 (\$35 for 6, 2457 W Peterson Av, Chicago, IL 60659 USA)
Schmitt and Randle preview their forthcoming 'epic' new investigation of the Roswell crash. American UFOlogy believes this will be a major work. Eddie Bullard on folklore versions of aliens and Greg Long on underground noises and UFOs (the 'hummadrz' returns).

MUFON Journal (\$30 for 12, 103 Oldtowne Rd Seguin Texas 78159-4099 USA)
Nov - *Bill Moore describes in depth his association with the US authorities, the dramatic revelation that set American UFOlogy into a frenzy. Also the MUFON involvement in Voronezh. Updated in Dec ... although as this NUN goes to press we learn from those fonts of truth and wisdom 'Daytime Live' and 'Wogan' on BBC-1 that Voronezh was a practical joke by an American joker who has gone around the world setting up major hoaxes... or so he says. Stay tuned! Also in Dec - John Spencer responds to both Betty Hill and John G Fuller who attack his new analysis of the case.*

Caveat Emptor 20 (\$16, for 4 PO Box 4533 Metuchen NJ 08840-4533 USA)
One of the most 'British' of American journals and refreshingly critical. Its pretty esoteric in parts but the in-depth interviews, book and conference reviews and 'illuminati' letters are always fun and fascinating.

LDLN (185 FF for 6; LDLN 5 rue Lamartine 91220 Bretigny Sur Orge France)
If you read French and can afford what comes to about £18 then dont miss six glossy FSR style issues of the best French UFO mag .LDLN - Lumiers dans la nuit (ie lights in the night) has now reached 300 issues. Félicitations.*

BOOKS OF THE MOMENT

My thanks to Tim Good who, after last issue's comments, arranged for a review copy of his new book to be speedily delivered. So here is a speedy review. There is also a new book from one of the co-editors of 'Phenomenon'.

The UFO Report 1990 (Ed) Tim Good Sidgwick & Jackson Softback 224pp £7.99

In a sense this is a similar concept to BUFORAs 'UFO World' series begun three years ago...but that comparison is only superficial. 'UFO World' is a cheap magazine that reviews the major cases, books and articles of the past 12 months. Tim has put together a series of articles by UFOlogists more akin to 'Phenomenon' in intent; although rather less varied in approach.

The book swings from one extreme to the other. There are good and bad chapters. The chapter from the Birdsalls and YUFOS is fun for playing 'spot the innuendo' as to who is being impugned without names. Amidst the usual 'we are the greatest' bravado that peppers some of this groups work one finds Yorkshire cases from the year - assorted LITS and the like - a number of which have been evaluated quite differently by other investigators. Paragraph 3 on page 2 is a wonderful morass of hypocrisy attacking the faults of British UFOlogy - which, of course, YUFOS do not share.

The chapter by George Wingfield on crop circles also has problems, being filled with assorted mystical ideas and attacking the meteorological hypothesis (although giving it more thought than Andrews and Delgado in their book). Unfortunately, the chapter has factual inaccuracies and mistaken assumptions which fundamentally effect any view of the circles phenomenon.

Ralph Noyes contributes a piece on the Rendlesham Forest case which is actually not bad. There is no space to respond in detail here to his various valid points, the mistakes which are also included and the gratuitous swipes at 'Sky Crash' and Brenda Butler and Dot Street which are meted out. However, whilst it contributes little new, is wide of the mark in my opinion on several counts and also has one or two inferential errors it does at least stand as one of the worthwhile contributions in this book.

Useful, too, are the catalogue of 1987-1988 cases from China (by Paul Dong) and the USSR (by Nikolai Lebedev) even if the sightings are pretty tepid. Beyond that there is some fairly one-sided material on crash-retrievals, the Gulf Breeze photographs from Florida and the Mundrabilla case from Australia - but these do again, at least, add to the debate.

The book has been heavily criticised in places and I understand why. Judged by the lofty standards of 'Phenomenon' it is much too lightweight. However, as a general introduction to 'ETH' style UFOlogy it could certainly have been worse. Unfortunately, you need some discrimination about UFOlogy to really benefit from its chapters and most readers will be fresh off the streets and UFOlogically naive. This is a problem and hard to surmount.

Perspectives John Spencer MacDonald/Futura Hardback 1990 256pp £12.95

This is the first book actually written by the co-editor of BUFORAs two recent mammoth encyclopedic 'compilations'. With that pedigree great things were expected and I have to say that I felt somewhat disappointed by the resultant curio. Not that it is a bad book. Far from it. It has a very particular line which, however much one may disagree, needs to be aired. The problems stem from the way in which this ultra-sceptical hypothesis is served up to the reader, often needlessly over-the-top and tough to digest.

Even describing the basic ethos of the book is a problem as the strange conclusions in the last few pages almost seem to have come from another work and barely gell with the near anti-UFO nature of the bulk of the text. Make no mistake, this is a critical work. But not one wholly debunking of the phenomenon, merely of the popular solutions (such as the ETH) and the way in which UFOlogy has handled the subject - with a particularly vindictive attack on investigators who are in one place characterised as having treated witnesses like victims of a witch hunt!

I will not spoil the ending by explaining John's theory (described in a sub-title as 'radical'). It bears striking similarity with the suggestions that Peter Warrington and I made at the end of 'UFOs: A British Viewpoint' back in 1979. In any case, what matters more than what he ultimately proposes to explain the close encounter is the road he takes to get there.

Although nothing very original is said (and at times he seems unaware of where it has been said before) much criticism is quite valid. This is especially true of the mania for abduction research and hypnotic regression. But it seems like a sledgehammer is being used to swat a fly one thousand times until sure that it is really dead. For instance, he chides British UFOlogy at least twice for what he calls "blindly follow(ing) the Americans" - which is about as unfair a comment as I can imagine. There is a near war in UFOlogy at the moment BECAUSE of the dramatic differences between British and American approaches and, regardless of who is right or who is wrong (and I suspect we both might be up to a point) this is so undeniable one wonders where such a misleading impression comes from.

I think it comes from the fact that John Spencer is not, and never really has been, a UFO investigator. That can be useful - as it gives him an outsiders 'perspective' whilst being an 'insider' as a member of the UFO community (eg he is a long standing fellow BUFORA council colleague) - but, on the other hand, it makes him unfamiliar with the part of UFOlogy you can only learn by going out there for many years and interviewing hundreds of eye witnesses and grappling with the implications of what they say.

This tends to be the major flaw in most critical books. They generalise from just a couple of examples. The author has bothered to personally investigate two or three cases, but this is nowhere near enough. John Spencer is no Philip Klass, having far more tolerance of 'real' UFOs, but he displays the symptoms because he has simply not yet had the grounding in the field.

Unfortunately, UFOlogy is just not so simple as to be understood from a psychoanalysis of a few witnesses. It is immensely complex, probably because it reflects a whole range of different phenomena that are erroneously lumped together under the rag-bag title of the mythical 'UFO' that we have recently invented. This is why the best parts of 'Perspectives' come when John starts asking questions rather than attempting to answer them.

Would there be any abductions without abduction researchers? What would happen if a witness thought to have a hidden abduction memory were taken to a past-life investigator instead? Should we turn investigation over to the witness and stop imposing OUR methods? Fascinating posers. So - whilst the book fell somewhat flat for me, and got me angry in places when I thought the commentary far too severe and incorrect, the very fact that it provoked such reaction is a big plus. Many recent titles add nothing to our subject - just rehashing cold leftovers. This is certainly not one of them.

BUFORA titles still available (from the NUN address) include: - Controversy of the circles (now in its fourth reprint!)(price £4), Fire in the sky (the Peter Day case)(price £1.50) and UFO World '89 (price £2).. Cheques 'BUFORA'

MEDIA MATTERS

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A look at UFOs in the public eye

Plenty of new groups have been announced in the media lately. One of our old BUFORA friends - Bob Easton (who had a role in the Bentwaters case during 1981) is back launching TPR (Technical Phenomenon Research). According to the Basildon Echo (30 Jan) they have left other groups because "of frustration with the way they see the subject being sensationalised... We want to draw it into an accepted science."

Different aims seem to dominate ex NLUFOIG member and founder of a new group called SPOOKS (ie Stockport Paranormal, Occult and Other Things Klub). One hopes their investigations are better than their spelling. Apparently on the lookout for yetis (not a lot of them in Stockport) they also want to bring laughter into UFology. According to the Manchester Evening News (22 Nov) - "Peter Massey wants to hear more about close encounters with aliens after examining a torch allegedly melted by an extraterrestrial beings laser beam near Kendal" (the infamous Mario Luisi case, of course)... Massey adds "I know we'll get some weirdos" - but wants "to bring the fun back".

I thought the Sport had all that cornered. Their hello 1990 greeting (3 Jan) was ... "beings from a dying planet have sent a dire New Year warning message to earth". This 45 second garbled transmission was supposedly detected by US tracking stations. Dr Helmut Kranz commented "they said that the earth must learn by their mistakes" and a mercifully un-named 'British UFO expert' said; "This could do more to stop a nuclear war than Glasnost".

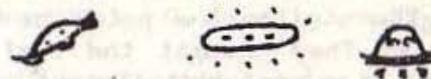
On 4 Feb the Sunday Sport named names. Their banner headline front page yarn complete with numerous out of focus photos, hilarious exclusives and drivel text saddled the IUN with glory again. Last time I commented on this one member got irate and I learnt that it was the Sport in disguise who had conned quotes from them. So I do not criticise, merely express sincere concern. David Barclay and the IUN are cited discussing tripe headlined "Alien baby snatch" (cover) and "Baby alien on loose in Britain" (inside). We get colour portraits of ET (oddly similar to the Ilkey Moor 'entity' but so awful as to make even that dim fuzzy effort a candidate for a royal photographic prize). The text explains (and we even have photos of this!) that a secret handover exclusively to the Sport came from a disgruntled boffin (whose white coat looks about as credible as the alien in the other photographs). David is claimed to have said there have been no British alien photos and that "This little guy could be the proof we have all been waiting for. Perhaps this is the first evidence they are here."

I greatly respect the IUN and urge them to get to the bottom of this. If they have been misrepresented, as it seems, then for goodness sake STOP this paper once and for all and let's end this rampant abuse of UFology.

Finally, who noticed something about the Fylde UFO conference at the Strand in Blackpool last November? My talk (amongst others) was about abductions. At the time Britain's most-watched TV show Coronation Street featured a story where Rita Fairclough had 'vanished' off the face of the earth. Had she been captured by aliens or (the most popular theory) murdered by rogue Alan Bradley? In fact, as shown by episodes a couple of weeks later (and filmed just days before that conference) she had lost her memory, was in a strange altered state of consciousness having regressed back in time and was singing at a tiny seaside hotel - one of the hundreds to be found in Blackpool. When Bradley caught her he was flattened by a tram right outside the front door. The hotel - where else - but that same Strand.

BRIEF CASES

Some current investigations

UFOs Invade Weatherfield - It's Official!

One particular type of IFO has been a real nuisance of late. This began on 30 October when calls via Jodrell Bank reported sightings over Stafford around 20.00; including sightings of 'green flashes' in the sky near the hospital. One man was an MoD worker who said he intended to "check it out via my electronic equipment". Luckily, experience allowed me to suggest a solution to these witnesses right away, which the events of the next day vindicated. The Stoke Sentinel reported how a laser show miles away at Telford in Shropshire was reflecting off clouds creating the weird effects.

A month later things really happened. Heywood became the focus of UFO activity. In the early hours of 1 December the Manchester Evening News was swamped with calls from areas north and east of the city. One Heywood police officer reported the darting lights officially as a flying saucer! As far out as Derbyshire the LITS were plaguing ramblers (according to the Derby Evening Telegraph). One man said; "They were impressive, absolutely huge and going quicker than a phantom jet." But the Oldham Chronicle explained it was just the town Christmas lights with powerful lasers and spotbeams.

Not that this stopped guess who - the Sunday Sport (thankfully WITHOUT knowing about the Strand/UFO/Coronation Street connection mentioned on page 8 and which occurred just six days earlier!). The Sport noted (3 Dec) that the actress who plays Bet Gilroy in the show lives in Heywood (along with tens of thousands of other people). Dredging up those irrelevant LITS from earlier in 1989 (see NUN 138) and adding the Oldham Xmas lights (sorry 'spaceships') top UFO boffin "Tony Francis" (???) is quoted saying that "I believe the (Heywood) sightings have great significance. Alien forms are attracted to our culture. Coronation Street is part of that culture."

The Sport actually suggest that "Bet ... is besieged by aliens who want her to star in a space soap opera." Under the outrageously false headline "UFOs spotted over Coronation Street - ET plan to kidnap soap star" they cite a spokesman for the show as saying that such a fate would "have dire consequences on the thrilling plot we have at the moment".

One supposes that in the Sport's version of what constitutes truth, the fact that the Coronation Street set is 10 miles from Heywood, nobody ever claimed to see aliens, 'Bet' never saw any of the dancing lights - and none of them were even UFOs anyway is all irrelevant!

MERSEY MIXTURE (1)

Cases by Margaret Fry

The following cases came to Margaret after a BBC Radio Merseyside phone-in with Tim Good. She asks me to point out; "I think the majority of these cases make a nonsense of David Clarke's shuttered mind on unusual natural phenomena and all the younger set who are rudely and passionately decrying the ETH. None of them are really listening to witnesses. Most intelligent human beings know when they have seen something truly unexplained."

The first case occurred about 10 December 1957. Mrs B (then in her early '20's) and a teenage cousin saw a shiny metal oval object below clouds, hovering above Bowring park in Liverpool. This was at 18.30 hrs.

About half an hour later she went out for the evening and only saw a glow at the same point in the sky. Next day she phoned the met office from work. They thought the oval (which changed shape a little during the few minutes visibility) might have been a weather balloon. She does not think it was. In September 1987 she saw a second object "(like) a large helicopter with the usual red, white and green lights". It hovered above a railway line and then took off vertically. She thought it might be a VTOL aircraft.

The next case comes from Pensby on the Wirral and is dated 19 September 1969. It was approximately 19.00 when Mr K (then just a child), his parents, brother and grandfather (whom he did not wish Margaret Fry to contact) all saw 'the moon' in daylight. As Mr K says; "(seeing the moon) is not unheard of on the Wirral in autumn so I glanced at it and ate my meal." After half an hour he noticed 'the moon' (ie a 'half moon' shaped silver mass) was moving very slowly NW. It then remained stationary for another 20 mins or so (being visible all told for 1 hr 15 mins). It vanished by "shuddering slightly before noticeably 'shrinking'".

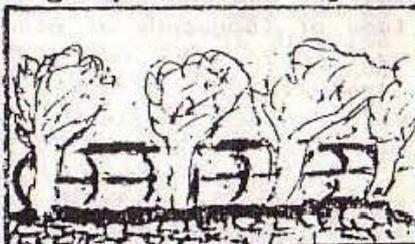
Although Mr K is certain this was not just the moon and Margaret Fry attests to his sincerity it does have some similarities with this seen through hazy cloud. Plotting the astronomical situation at the time I found that the moon WAS half full and WAS visible in the right part of the sky.

LANDED UFO IN WEST YORKSHIRE - HELP REQUIRED

Case 6733 Summer 1967 Halifax, West Yorks

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Mrs C wrote to JR to describe an incident that occurred when she was just 7. She was playing alone by the Wainhouse Tower - a local folly - on a fine sunny afternoon just after lunch. Suddenly a group of trees began to shake despite the lack of wind. Being inquisitive she went to see what was happening and found a large cigar shaped object hovering almost on the ground. It was dull bronze in colour and being so close she could clearly see it was made of metal and could even see the rivet heads on the panels at the side! Suddenly it rose higher and drifted away. As it did so she got a spectacular view and felt a curious happy sensation. She actually chased after the object waving and shouting at it! It vanished over a place called Devil's Rock, which might suggest legends of other strange episodes in the area. There were many other people in the fields who seemed to see it. Some even took photographs. She ran home to tell her mother, but was disbelieved. Yet the memory has remained vivid ever since.



Mrs C has had several other paranormal experiences. In 1988 at her mother in laws she visited the bathroom and saw a hand come round the door of the bedroom in which her father in law had just died. Soon afterwards, back at home, a tall figure dressed in black and with the face covered by a hood materialised in her bedroom at 3 am. She shook her husband awake, but the figure had vanished. Others say she has "an over active imagination - but I am positive I experienced it". She requested help.

We did try. Obviously, if this daylight sighting HAD occurred somebody would surely recall it and we wanted to see the photographs. I wrote to the Halifax Courier who published an appeal for witnesses to come forward (Mrs C had left Halifax at age 10). Sadly nobody did come forward, despite efforts by Andy Roberts to trace them also. If you have heard of a case like this from around that time - do let us know.

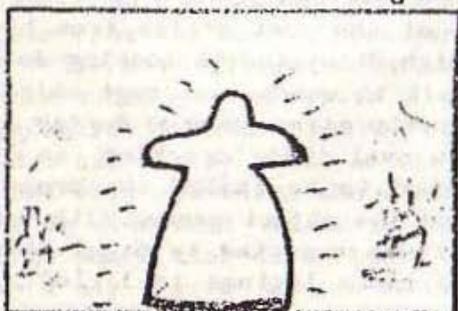
BEDROOM VISITORS

Case 7480 Fylde UFO Circa 1974 Salford, Lancashire Colleen Innes B5-4

Mr F was aged 9 when the incident occurred. He kept experiencing 'weird things' in his small bedroom - the walls whirling and a feeling of being hypnotised. This suggests hypnagogic effects. Then he 'woke' one night at 3 am to find "unusual looking people all in black" standing by his bed. He felt himself to be naked (he was not undressed in bed) and being watched. He was 'drawn' towards the curtains which were filled with colour patterns and then 'an explosion of fear' caused him to faint. He recalls nothing until morning - believes there is missing time ("something tells me") and that he was woken by a sharp crack in the back of his head. The case was logged but no further action was recommended as this seems to be an altered state of consciousness with dubious direct relevance to the UFO phenomenon.

CASE 76-180 MUFORA October 1976 Macclesfield, Cheshire Harry Hudson B4-3

On the day Voronezh occurred (two weeks before it was reported) the local paper cited a 77 year old named 'Gladys' who had seen many UFOs and aliens since 1976. Her first was of a 'great golden ball' trailing across the sky which came toward her. She waved and it flew back into the clouds. The same ball recurred many times later. In 1979 she felt a common 'psychic' belief that there was 'something strange at the bottom of a friends garden'. So she



went out there and confronted a ten foot tall silver man with no face and a much smaller head than body... exactly what was supposedly appearing in the USSR as this story was being put in print! She sensed 'electricity' coming out of 'the man' and trees were lit up by its glow all around. It vanished in a flash. In the summer of 1985 she saw one of her golden ball things when walking over the hills between the town and Bollington. Her sightings of LITS

still go on today. When Harry visited her on behalf of MUFORA she said many of the media details were inaccurate, but it was not easy getting a coherent story from her. He was convinced that most of her sightings relate to aircraft navigation lights; since planes going into Manchester are very common over the area. He cannot account for her brief observation of the 'silver man', nor its odd link with Voronezh; although it should be added that Gladys has what he calls a 'butterfly mind' and is VERY familiar with UFOs (even to the extent of receiving new books direct from the USA).

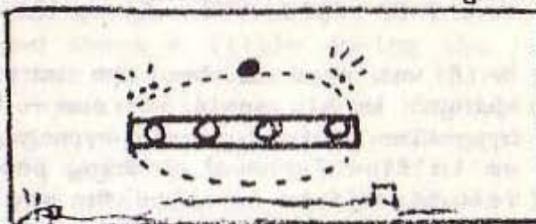
CASE 78-287 MUFORA 8 May 1978 Clayton, Manchester C 3-3

At about 21.30 on a cool, clear night Mr Y was returning from hospital and a visit to his pregnant wife. Suddenly he felt an urge to look up and in the NE saw a yellowish-orange ball. It moved like an aircraft and disappeared in the E. He is unable to give more details and this case cannot be evaluated.

CASE 80-102 UFORM 26 March 1980 Hinckley, Leics R. Burton B 6-5

The sighting began at 19.45 when Mrs L saw a yellow light over some gardens near the busy A47. On closer look it resolved into several hovering lights.

As Mrs L approached the object (dimly perceived behind the mass of lights) began to drift across the Coventry Road. Further lights were now seen beneath the disc-like object and these were flashing in sequence red-green-blue. A central red light was pulsating. Stopping at a cross roads Mrs L wound down the car window to hear a faint humming sound. The craft was seen to be silver-grey behind the lights and about 20 feet in diameter. The object now descended behind houses, tilting from side to side as it did so. After about 2 minutes it rose up again into view; although a 'glow' was notable behind the houses even when it was unseen. It then drifted away, gaining height and she followed it some way until it flew away 'sideways'. The night was oddly quiet and Mrs L professes some unrelated mild psychic experiences which she has never reported for fear of ridicule. The landing occurred near the British Gas Boards Receiving centre pylons. This might suggest (just a thought -JR) a helicopter conducting line surveying; but the investigator thinks the manouvers and 'generator hum' rule that out and has concluded that this represents a genuine unknown.



ANOTHER LATE NOVEMBER 80 U F O
CASE 80-103 CONNECT Late Nov 1980 Otley Chevin, W Yorks N. Mortimer B2-4

It was 03.30 and Mr S was travelling to work at the post office from his home near Leeds. This took him past the 1000' high Otley Chevin looking down on the Wharfe Valley. He pulled his car to a halt to watch a strange object move from the woods near Weston heading SW over the river towards Burley in Wharfedale. The object seen was a bright orange oval that 'crackled' as if surrounded by lightning. A gray-green mass seemed to be INSIDE the orange aura. Reflected glow appeared on the treetops as the object passed. Although we only have an approximate date, as the story was reported to Nigel when the witness sat next to him at an Arthur Tomlinson lecture in Ilkley in November 1989, it is remarkably akin to the sighting BY the investigator which began his personal interest in UFOs. This was on 23 November 1980 from Otley and could well be the same object. Nov 1980 was the time of an intense flap in this highly active window area (note also the Alan Godfrey CE 4 that same week). Mr S reported the sighting to Otley Police. They advised at the time that some of their officers had followed the UFO in a patrol car.

FACES IN THE NIGHT Case 8658 Lancashire & Birmingham, West Midlands

These reports come from Mrs C - a young woman from Birmingham who read ABDUCTION and admits to having read other books on the subject some 9 years ago. She claims to have seen 4 UFOs - the only one she considers 'close' enough to describe in detail being as follows.

On return from a day coach trip to Blackpool (August 1986) at about midnight she saw a bright light in the NE 'skipping' through clouds and illuminating these before vanishing. MUFORA, evaluating the report could see no reason to discount the probability that this was a bright star or planet and the motion was induced by the motion of the bus.

However, Mrs C also mentioned a track record of 'strange dreams' and these turned out to be more the reason she had contacted UFOlogists in the first place as they were vivid (with all senses involved) and are often 'flying' or out-of-body type experiences.

In these OOBES she experiences strange bright lands, tugging sensations and voices talking to her. Her parents report that in these states she is often so deeply asleep that once or twice they have thought she was dead.

Other dreams include 'holocaust' dreams, where the aliens destroy the earth for the good of mankind. She survives but her boyfriend does not. Also she has had Budd Hopkins style 'wise baby' dreams, where she gives birth to an intelligent alien-human hybrid child. Her most recent of many over several years involved being given a baby with wrinkly skin, thin hair and ugly features to look after for a while so 'they' can monitor human response to it. She claims to have discovered Hopkins work only in 1988.

At just 18 months she scared the household by waking in the middle of the night screaming that a 'man' was looking in through the bedroom window. This was on the third floor. She has been terrified of standing near open windows at night ever since. At age 8 she had a vivid dream that remains with her still of being on the verandah with a horrible white face with tiny mouth and coal black eyes (slanted cat style) staring at her.

Other recent dreams include one of "ugly creatures coming in through my window at night... they had long faces with expressionless eyes and were grey and naked and extremely thin". To keep them away she sprayed hair lacquer at them! Her father also (about 1987) awoke with a blinding light pouring in through the bedroom. Then it vanished and when he got the courage to go to the window all the streetlamps were switched off. Mr C - who is a sceptic so far as the paranormal is concerned - described it as akin to a scene from the movie 'Close encounters of the third kind'.

There is little doubt that Mrs C is very sincere and has undergone a whole catalogue of vivid altered states and dream/reality mixes. Possibly regression hypnosis would 'reveal' deeper 'memories' behind these stories and a new Kitley Woods or Strieber type adventure would unfold. However, when faced with a witness who clearly has a great gift for visual creativity and who is also well versed in modern UFOlogy - abductions and all - just what value would such experiments bring? Would the witness feel better? Would we learn any 'facts' we can be certain are facts, not perceptions?

In the end, we decided just to record this information and go no further. Possibly somebody else will take Mrs C in a different direction.

CASE 8659 MUFORA October 1986 Parbold, Wigan, Lancs Colleen Innes A5-5

Mrs D was keeping her eye on a neighbour's rubbish-burning bonfire at 20.00 when she saw two brilliant lights. Going inside she phoned a friend and asked her to come over to skywatch. Her friend announced that she had already viewed the lights for some time. Her friend arrived and they continued to observe from Mrs D's back yard. The objects now appeared as yellow discs with red, blue and white lights, basically hovering. Mrs D's teenage son and daughter came out but soon lost interest and went back indoors. The dog equally refused to stay in the yard! Mrs D had a camera but decided it was too complicated to use. Attempts were made to view through binoculars but "it was like trying to focus on the sun". After TWO HOURS one object drifted off west and the other east. Initial appraisal by MUFORA was that this has to be an astronomical event (eg two bright planets), given the long duration. Most members still favour that theory. But the investigator who visited the site changed her mind and considers the women sincerely witnessed something odd. Mrs D confesses to having had premonitions in her life and her friend saw another UFO in August 1987, which was reported in the local paper by other people. The area in question is open countryside.

CASE 8918 Fylde UFO 9 January 1989 Thornton, Lancashire C. Innes B3-6

Mrs C had 'urge' to go outside at 19.00 and observed fuzzy orange 'streetlamp' which then moved. It drifted slowly away towards Blackpool and changed colour until fading away in distance. Other colours (yellow, blue and white - but especially green) were described as "out of our dimension". The witness was a UFOlogist and so called Colleen Innes in Blackpool to announce that UFO was coming her way. Colleen went out and DID see it as an orange light. A friend of her husband (Ali) went out to view it with her. But it had gone. Then Colleen had 'strange feeling' to look behind her and saw it moving to and fro and changing colour blue/white. Her friend went back indoors to see to his young son and the light then moved off back towards Thornton; although Mrs C did not see it again, despite being warned of its possible return. Extensive checks with airport, coast guard and met office revealed nothing BUT it has recently been discovered that a naval college signalling exercise involving helicopters was operational at the time.

CASE 8919 MUFORA 3 February 1989 Chell Heath, Staffordshire D4-4

Mr W was walking to the bus stop to go to work at 17.10 when over the rooftops he saw a 'diamond' light with a red light underneath which drifted slowly downwards and vanished in the vicinity of a golf course. There are no real reasons not to assume this brief sighting was not of an aircraft.

CASE 8920 SKYSCAN 23 February 1989 Burton on Trent, Staffs K Flannery C3-5

It was a clear blue sky morning at 08.20 and Mr S was driving through Woodville when he noticed a bright light, about twice the size of the brightest star. At first he thought it was sunlight bouncing off a helicopter. After about 10 seconds it simply turned and vanished. Kevin Flannery is training as a pilot locally and is convinced (because he has seen the effect himself) that this was sunlight reflecting off a light aircraft from a nearby airfield (Burnaston).

CASE 8921 Fylde UFO 28 March 1989 Blackpool, Lancs Colleen Innes B4-6

After calling Blackpool airport and being passed to Colleen, Mr B (who had been in the town on a family day trip from elsewhere in Lancashire) described having seen something strange with his son at 21.45 from the main promenade. They were looking out to sea and observed 8 balls of orange light in a tight formation moving from the Southport to Morecambe direction (ie S to N). These moved very fast and fuzzy edged and were in view just a few seconds (making a meteor or space debris break-up a possibility; although none is known from this date and time). The Met Office in Stockport (who retain weather data for the whole north west) advised that the sky was unusually clear and that a mirage of ship lighting out to sea or helicopter traffic to the off shore rigs at Morecambe were both possibilities.

CASE 8922 MUFORA 5 July 1989 Failsworth, Manchester D3-3

At 01.00 a very elderly lady was awake through a chest complaint and saw via an open bedroom window a silver cigar and 'tail' with lights reflected off its metallic surface drifting across the sky. Only the lack of sound is unusual; otherwise this seems to be holiday air traffic into Ringway.

CASE 8923 MUFORA 31 July 1989 Salford, Lancashire D3-3

It was 00.05 on a very clear star-lit night when Mr C saw two white ovals of light moving in a 'fluttering' path towards the NW, apparently reflecting light from their surface. They were in view some 12 seconds before disappearing. This seems to have been another example of that unusual IFO type - birds reflecting streetlamps from their underbellies.

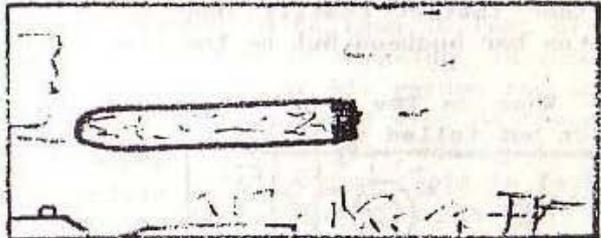
CASE 8925 MUFORA 4 October 1989 Southport, Lancs Peter Hough C3-3

Mrs S lives in a fifth floor flat. At about 18.20 she saw a white patch of light in the NE and called her husbands attention to it. Before they could study it through binoculars it vanished. It was visible only about 15 seconds. Investigation suggests this was caused by a laser show connected with Blackpool illuminations with the beam reflecting off distant cloud.

CASE 8916 MUFORA 3 November 1989 Whitefield, Manchester M. Cookson A4-8

This case came to our attention via Jodrell Bank, whom the witnesses phoned immediately. JR spoke to them within 5-10 minutes of the UFO disappearing and Michael Cookson later visited to conduct an investigation. JR checked the sky in the wake of their phone call and saw nothing save an aircraft which might have been responsible as it would have come from their direction before reaching Stockport.

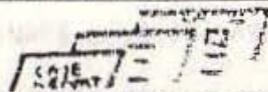
The details are as follows. Mr and Mrs H (retired professional people) were playing with their two young grandchildren when they saw towards the SE a cigar like object that was actually described as a 'test-tube' - fitting the scientific background



of Mr H. All agree that it had a domed nose but a flatter less defined other end and that it was self luminous. It was too large to be a firework, given the date and moved into cloud before vanishing after being visible about 2 minutes. JR notes that although nearly dark it was not impossible that the very low rays of the sun might have reflected from a metallic surface since there was some cloud breaks and at height the sun would not yet have set. Even when talking to her on the phone the two adults disagreed about what they saw. Both were puzzled, but Mr H was adamant it was golden coloured and had 'fluid' inside that was flickering and moving. Mrs H did not see this effect and was more inclined to the theory that it was an aircraft tugging an advertising banner and the fluttering was no more than that. MUFORA were unable to specifically explain this sighting and accept the witnesses sincerity and high level of intelligence and professional expertise.

CASE 8926 NLUFOIG 24 November 1989 Morecambe, Lancs G. Barraclough B5-5

Mr T was looking down from high vantage point NW over bay when he saw a dome with flat base (triangular shape) visible in near dark. Yellow and red lights were studded into side. It remained stationary for 7 minutes whilst he returned home. He then pointed it out to wife and two young children who saw it now moving away to SE below cloud and with red light on top. Mr T has had several paranormal experiences including close encounter with 'ghost' of woman in field who frightened his dogs and vanished suddenly.

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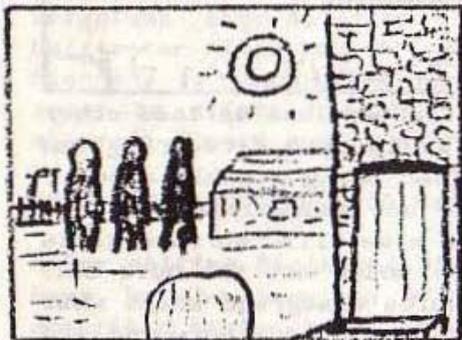
A NEW CE 4 FROM TODMORDEN Connect Report by Nigel Mortimer Case 80-104

Readers will no doubt be well aware of Nigel's interest in cases that occurred in that amazing late November 1980 wave during which he had his own sighting. Indeed another case is referenced in this issue and the most famous is the Alan Godfrey abduction. Here is another dramatic new incident.

The witness (whom we shall call Jayne) was 41 at the time and lived in a rural farm just north of Todmorden. The exact date is unknown but it WAS late November and the time of occurrence was about 01.00.

Jayne was, in fact, woken suddenly from a deep sleep induced by considerable work the previous day. A bright orange light was shining into her window. Shaking her husband, who failed to respond, she got up. Looking outside she saw the light emerging from something hovering above the bottom of an adjacent field - an orange oval or football shaped mass with a white aura round it. Then - suddenly - she found herself walking on the landing and then (in a scene jump) outside the farm house sitting on the grass looking straight at the UFO and three entities beside it. Then there was a further instant reality jump and she was back inside her bed trying to awaken her husband. But by the time she achieved this the UFO had gone.

When on the grass Jayne had felt numb all over and tried to stand twice but failed as if a force were holding her down. The three figures were



about five feet tall and wore 'black coloured diving suits'. They were in the shadows beside an outbuilding. All three remained very still as if watching her; although she could not see details. However she felt a curious impression that they were wearing GREEN suits. When Jayne returned the clock by the bed showed 01.20. It had taken 20 minutes for the events to unfold but they had only seemed to last for moments.

At 06.00 the couple got up for work and were disturbed when at 07.30 their son came in for breakfast after early morning tasks on the farm. He was shocked and reported that over 20 of the chickens in the coup (about half the stock) were dead. These animals had all been outside in the run. The ones inside were unaffected. They had been fed by the same food and water but the run was very close to where the UFO had 'hovered'. When he reported this discovery their son did not apparently know about his mothers nocturnal experience. Jayne added that the dead chickens were smelling with a bad odour as if rotten for days and were not even fit to be sold for consumption, thus representing quite a loss to the farm.

Jayne considers herself to be an untrained psychic who is far more interested in psychic healing and dowsing with a pendulum and rods than with UFOs. She feels these are connected with other dimensions and "I think they were a part of us" she says enigmatically in a recent letter. Her son often skywatches now and is fairly interested in UFOs.

It is odd to note that despite living in the town for so long Jayne claims to have had no knowledge of the Godfrey case until she read 'The Pennine UFO Mystery' in November 1989 (after reporting the sighting to CONNECT). Needless to say, this is a case for which further enquiry is suggested and CONNECT hope to provide a progress report later in the year.

A CONVERSATION WITH A WITTY UFO The Tetbury encounter 24 March 1988

A few weeks after this Gloucestershire encounter took place the witness - 77 year old rural man Mr R - wrote to BUFORA. He said that his story "may have been of the kind you investigate" and "it seems very improbable and I was afraid of joining the ranks of the cranks". He had delayed a couple of months because he suspected it was connected with a US Air Force base at nearby Kemble, but he was now satisfied it was not.

The case was passed to Kevin Owen, a south midlands investigator, who found it impossible to coordinate a meeting with this man in a remote locale as Mr R was in poor health. JR tried later and succeeded in getting some further material, notably a tape where Mr R described his experiences in some detail. Here is a digest of this quite extraordinary story.

It was 22.15 on this March night. Mr R was looking through the kitchen window when he saw a light crossing a field some 300 yards away. He thought it was a shepherd rounding up sheep but it seemed to be some 10 feet off the ground and so he watched it traverse the field, as if scanning, in some bemusement. Mr R decided to go up a slope at the rear of his garden for an elevated view down into the fields, but at the wall he could find no trace of the light. Then, instantly, he was surrounded by a glow coming from directly above. He cried out "What's going on?", expecting no reply. In fact he not only got one but ended up having a full conversation with the UFO!

Mr R is insistent that the voice was real. It sounded tinny and slightly unnatural - as if coming through earphones. There was also a brief delay between his questions and the answers as if every response required careful thought (or relay -JR?). Mr R believes he can reconstruct what was said almost word for word from the answer to that rhetorical question.

"We are just observing your world"

"Well you've come to the wrong part to see anything!"

"We know where we are"

"When you say 'we' who do you mean? Aliens or something?"

"No - no aliens here. What you see is a probe, similar to how your scientists send out to observe other planets"

"How can you understand me?"

"Your voice is recorded on the probe and relayed to us for reply"

"Oh, that's clever. But I'm not sure what's happening. Why are you observing us? What's the matter?"

"You are gaining knowledge so fast and getting to the very basis of the structure of matter and you could cause untold harm if you don't know what you are doing."

"Well I don't know much about that. I'm not a scientific man. I suppose it makes some sense"

"If your species don't learn some sense we will have to take measures against you."

"What do you mean? Are you going to exterminate us?"

"No - nothing like that. We'd have to take action to reduce your activities."

"Could you do that?"

"Oh yes, easily. Wouldn't take much to upset your order of things"

"What would you propose to do then?"

"You are very susceptible to bacteria and viruses. Something like that would cause disorganisation"

"You could introduce this into our world?"

"Yes, of course"

"How will we know its you?"

"You won't know. We don't propose to tell you"

"Where are you operating from? Where are you?"

"Ah well, you're not clever enough to understand that, are you?"

"I quite agree. I'm not an astronomer. Do you come from far away?"

"Well - quite a distance"

"Are you in what we call our solar system?"

"We may be"

"Farther afield?"

"We may be. There's no point in asking such questions"

"What is really the problem? How come you are allowing it to go on? Why not just nip it in the bud?"

"Explain what you mean by 'nip it in the bud'"

"Alter it before it gets too far advanced"

"Oh yes - we could do that"

And that - supposedly - is that. This curious conversation with the wisecracking alien probe ended very suddenly and the light vanished. Mr R added that the probe itself (which he saw only briefly being 'entranced' by the voice) was small - about twice the size and same shape as a rugby (or American) football. It was a physical object emitting light, not just a glow, but did not illuminate the ground just ten feet below.

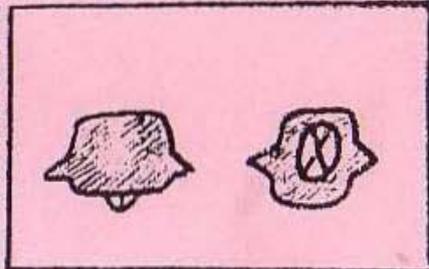
Of course, it could all be an invention or delusion, but it has an odd sort of believability in the way it hangs together. The only similar case I can think of (without the wisecracking chatter!) was the 'flying camera' on the bridge at Stockport (see NUN 124). Let us know of other cases even more like this very peculiar 'alien contact' if you have come across them.

UFO AND THE CIRCLES - A NEW SPURIOUS LINK?

MUFORA Report Case 8924

At 19.20 on 12 August 1989 Mr and Mrs B, both professional people in their mid thirties, were travelling on a fairly cloudy evening from their home at the village of Haltham some 20 miles SE to the city of Lincoln in order to visit relatives. They were travelling S on the A 15 having skirted the city and just passed the road to Saxilby when Mrs B saw a strange effect ahead (in the SE). This was in the vicinity of RAF Waddington and was a reddish glow coming from behind clouds.

In fact the couple had just been talking about UFOs, as Mrs B had recently read several titles and was then reading ABDUCTION. She had a 'feeling' that something was about to happen and, sure enough, after seeing the cloud effect she noticed an object on a S-N course. It flew AT the windscreen and she showed her husband, who drew to a halt. Getting out they both watched the craft fly over and move off to the N. It was "like a pyramid upside down but instead of having a square base it was round and there were small cones either side." Whilst dark it was also shiny as if metallic. There was what might have been a cross in the base. As this odd thing drifted by it swung from side to side as if swaying jerkily in the wind but was completely silent. They wondered about balloons and the like but were satisfied it was nothing they could understand. Of course, the silent UFO with the cross underneath (especially in connection with air bases) has plagued us for some years, leading to suspicions of a secret military airship... although they are hardly going to fly anything secret over a tourist city like Lincoln in broad daylight in August - are they? They tried to turn round and follow the UFO but could not find it again. However, Mrs B says there was a marked unusual absence of birds in the sky.



So far so good. But because of her familiarity with UFOs, Mrs B now started to introduce all sorts of new possibly relevant features. Luckily, being objective and with questions asked of her, they have not become an absolute part of the mystique of this case. But you can see how tempting it is to link them all together and perhaps create more confusion than ever.

Mrs B reports red marks the next day on her abdomen and navel. But it transpires she has had this for years, off and on, and thinks it is a heat rash. Also she has had numerous dreams since childhood that may be OOBES, eg of flying in giant bathtubs into clouds and seeing the earth from space. About 10 years ago she had a vivid dream of floating into the air and meeting a wise man in white who told her she could not go with him yet but they would meet again one day. She felt very sad to have to leave. She has also had many premonitions and provokes jokes that she is a 'witch'. In addition two classic 'crop circles' appeared in fields near their house and Mrs B wondered if these were linked. However, she admits these appeared about one month before the Lincoln encounter (ie mid July) just at the point when the media was full of news about them and they may well have been hoaxed.

After reporting the experience Mrs B saw other LITS - which she accepts are probably explicable - but at 04.30 on 6 September she had a vivid 'dream' of two UFOs circling the house. She was woken up by a cry.

It was her daughter. Waking her husband she looked outside and saw some dark shapes moving in the trees which he said were birds. Next morning she found two puncture marks ("like a blood test") on her inside elbow. They bruised and vanished within a couple of days. Whether any of this is related or due to her familiarity with abduction lore is hard to say, but hopefully Clive Potter will provide the 'sequel' to this case in the near future.

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Last issue's competition (it was close) was won by Roy Sandbach. Yes it WAS very hard! The answers - (a) was not Bill Moore, as most thought, but Kevin Randle (no relation) who worked with USAF intelligence and whose book is fascinating. It was Pat Delgado who says he worked for NASA. The rewritten book came from Scott Rogo and Ann Druffel, updating their excellent 'Tujunga Canyon' report. Dr Terence Meaden was the scientist becoming a UFOlogist. But the last one had you all foxed. I'll give the answer next issue, but those of you with teletext on your TV sets (operating 24 hours a day, 365 days a year) tune to the ITV Oracle service and look at the Problem Panel on page 128 and all will be revealed.

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