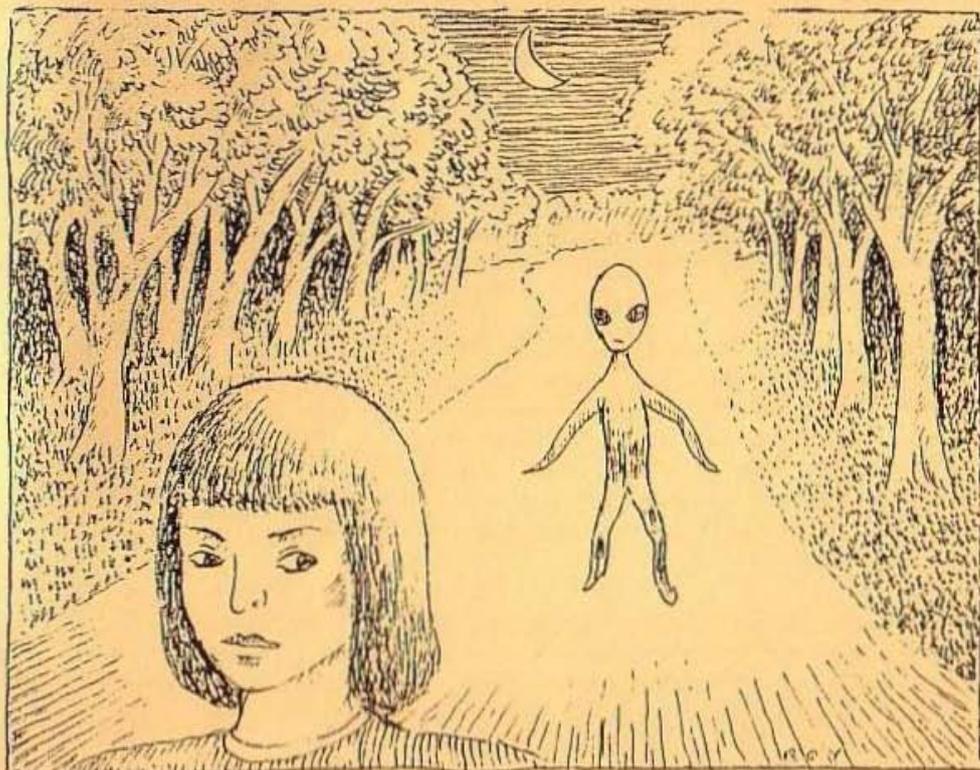


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*J. R. Comments. . . In September I was fortunate enough to spend some time in Hungary whilst promoting a couple of translations of my books that have been released over there. What is the UFO subject like in this once heavily repressed Eastern European nation state?*

My main purpose in visiting was to do radio, TV and other features in connection with the translation of a Hungarian edition of 'Crop Circles: A Mystery Solved' which Paul Fuller and I published in the UK two years ago. It was certainly an interesting experience seeing how the crop circle mystery had manifested there this year literally out of nowhere. As I have written a detailed review of this side of things which will probably appear in a forthcoming edition of 'The Crop Watcher' I will not elaborate here.

However, UFOlogy is certainly alive and well. Until 1990, when freedom from Communist rule took effect, the subject was very limited in scope and a bit of a subversive pursuit. You will find only brief mentions even in the classic book by Hobana and Weverbergh (UFOs from behind the iron curtain: - Corgi, 1972). Most of these accounts seem to describe meteors or balloons and there is little trace of more colourful goings on.

Things have really changed. Strieber, Hopkins and I have all had books out. They even have a prolific writer of several native books - Karoly Hargitali - and had organised the first Hungarian UFO conference in Budapest for the end of October. I was invited to participate but sadly had to decline as it clashed with a lecture I had already agreed to give in the equally exotic Birmingham (!) From what I heard about the plans for this event it has some fascinating material to debate.

Of course, the country has a share of lights in the sky, but for a land of only 10 million people (many of whom live in and around the capital) it has also generated a recent spate of extraordinary close encounters.

In 'Crop Watcher' I will discuss one case where an abduction was actually linked with a crop circle - in remarkably similar fashion to the odd goings on at Preston Brook in Cheshire (see more on this area of the UK later in this issue). However, possibly the most bizarre case I have ever come across was described to me by Karoly and is ongoing right now. His research into this tale promises to be of considerable fascination.

It began with a fairly routine UFO sighting of an orange light in the sky. This spiralled downwards towards the garden of a house not unlike a flare and a seemingly entranced woman in her mid 20's watched it. She then suddenly 'lost' half an hour and when she came to her senses had wandered away from the house and was in a bit of a daze.

This was just the start of her experiences. About a year later she observed what was described as the holographic image of alien being inside her home. Immediately afterwards the wall of the house was seen to be covered in a 'blotch' that resembled a montage of alien entities! According to the investigator there were eight of these. One was very human in appearance, another was tall and thin, there was also a classic 'grey' (similar to the being she saw) and others. The 'effect' was like plastic to the touch and could actually be removed from the wall. Karoly says that analysis work on this is underway.

However, no sooner had this peculiar event taken place than the woman found that she was unexpectedly pregnant. After 7 weeks her doctor confirmed this and sent her to the hospital for a check up. But disaster struck. She began to spot and became very fearful that she had suffered a miscarriage. Her visit to the hospital confirmed her worst nightmare. The gynaecologist told her that there was no baby there.

In fact, in most cases of this type which have become surprisingly common in American UFO lore there is usually some suggestion that the woman was never pregnant in the first place - which she rejects but cannot prove, of course. Nonetheless, the doctor in Budapest did an ultrasound check, allegedly confirmed the diagnosis of no pregnancy but reputedly looked aghast when he took a picture of the ultrasound screen.

The woman saw this picture, which allegedly still exists according to Karoly. Despite the astonishing image that was on there, the gynaecologist told the woman she needed to be scraped and cleaned to ensure there was nothing left of the foetus inside her womb and which could effect her health. In so far as the gynaecologist was concerned that was it. She had been pregnant, miscarried at a very early stage and was now free of all trace. This remains the stance. The ultrasound showed 'nothing unusual'.

Not so, if we are to believe Karoly Hargitai. He says that the ultrasound shows a figure some 3 or 4 times the size of a normal foetus for the relevant age. It was broad shouldered and had alien features akin to a 'grey' around the head!

Lest you think this is some Hungarian equivalent of the Sunday Sport in the offing (wouldn't they love this one!) I am satisfied that the account is being made quite sincerely. That does not necessarily mean we should interpret it exactly as it appears on the surface. I believe there is a thankfully rare deformity that can occur in certain pregnancies which might produce an image not unlike the one described. In any case a foetus by its nature resembles the popular image of a 'grey' in certain aspects of the head. Possibly this case only seems strange because we do not know enough about the full medical details. That has up until now always been the problem with these 'missing baby' abduction stories. But if here we do have an ultrasound photo of the foetus, perhaps we may make some real progress.

If this story does hold up it is a further example of the dramatic way in which the phenomenon has changed since the late 1980's. UFO sightings have plunged in overall numbers and familiar close encounter types like car-stops, landings and the like have become endangered species. Yet alongside this demise there have now been three or four utterly remarkable cases which in their own way are so unusual and offer such unprecedented types of evidence that they almost make up for the loss.

In the USA a town generates UFOs so frequently that virtually the entire population now go out and film them. Whilst meaningful UFO photos have vanished everywhere else in Gulf Breeze they are turning up by the truckload (and that is without debating Mr Ed and his pictures - these are pictures from many other, diverse, often very reliable sources.) In the UK an abductee has actually photographed the being he claims abducted him - itself an unrivaled claim, whatever its status. There is also the Budd Hopkins 'witnessed' abduction in New York, where not only were the aliens reputedly seen floating a woman out of her apartment window but were allegedly seen doing so by three independent sets of witnesses - including a world renowned statesman! Now this year we have the Hungarian allegation that suggests an alien hybrid baby has been photographed in the womb!

Possibly there are more prosaic reasons why, as with crop circles, the UFO subject simply had to metamorphose away from repetitive encounters on a broad scale to a much more restricted diet of far more incredible cases. Yet (to some extent) these are all hard-evidence based phenomena. Do they reflect a real change in the way that the subject is behaving? Are we seeing the next phase in the UFO story which has led from foo fighters via contactees to abductees? If so, the years ahead promise to be exciting.

## NEWS ROUND UP:



:: As usual a wave of new book catalogues has arrived for the autumn season. Arcturus (just after I have plugged their address in my UFOs and how to see them) have upped sticks and moved! Their new home is 1443 SE Port St. Lucie Boulevard Port St Lucie Florida FL34952. Their October catalogue injects the usual culture shock when you see some of the amazing new books that the America UFO movement is generating. If you want to discover the inner secrets of celebrity (?) Dick Gregory, learn how President Kennedy was assassinated because of UFOs or purchase volume eight (yes eight) of the riveting series that is decoding the language of the crop circles, you will find it all here - plus one or two books that might have even persuaded a British publisher they deserved an airing.

Deja Vu (31 Trafalgar Street Brighton BN1 4ED) has a new release too. Mostly pretty rare old titles and mainly esoteric, rather than UFOs. The few UFO books (eg old John Keel originals) are interesting but don't come cheap (eg £20 for 'Strange creatures from time and space')

More a mail list than a catalogue Excalibur (1 Hillside Gardens Bangor Co Down N. Ireland BT19 6SJ) also offer second hand stuff with a few more UFO titles (eg The Janos People, £10; and the first copy of 'The Pennine UFO Mystery' I've seen in a while for £2.50)

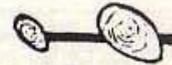
:: George Fawcett (602 Battleground Rd Lincolnton North Carolina NC 28092 USA) has a 10 page 'resources listing' available for \$5 plus a big envelope. It gives details of (mostly American) resources such as T-shirt suppliers, newsclip services, even a place to get a UFO detector (thought they went the way of the Sinclair C 5 when the first Star Trek series was new!)

:: The new free society in eastern Europe (see editorial) has reached the former USSR now. Seems that Russia, once home of some amazing KGB inspired psychic research, is to launch the Aura-Z Research Centre, complete with a new quarterly journal. Due to start in March 1993 this hi-tech glossy mag promises 100 pages per issue reporting activity in UFOs and the paranormal within 'Russia and the former USSR republics'. Astonishingly it will be issued simultaneously in SIX languages (English being one). Sounds like an invaluable venture and I hope to review issue one when it appears. But if you want to get in early the one year UK sub will include a free year end supplement that digests reports in journals and newspapers in the new CIS. It seems like a real bargain at just \$33 (must be sent in US dollars or a bank cheque drawn by a bank or international money order). Send address, phone number and specify language you want to: - Aura-Z c/o OVNI Presence Case Postale 25 CH-1800 Vevey 1 Switzerland (a respected UFO group and publishers who seem to imply a sound endorsement for this exciting venture)

:: Meanwhile late October saw the opening of the first International UFO Museum at 400 North Main PO Box 2221 Roswell New Mexico NM 88202 USA. Walter Haut (famed of the Roswell case itself) is president. They are (surprise, surprise) looking for money to build it up. \$25 makes you a member but if you fancy forking out \$1000 you can be a lifetime member with 'special invites to meetings with authors, TV personalities, etc'.

:: Finally, Operation Right to Know want your help to march on the White House next 5 July and thus 'end UFO secrecy'. I am sure you will be chartering jumbos as I write. Contact: - Box 2911 Hyattsville MD 20784 USA

## CIRCULAR LOGIC



As Cereology enters its winter hibernation it is amazing to see how much of the old-style community still clings on by its fingernails, despite a mass exodus from exotic alien theories now impersonating the SS Titanic.

This summer has been notable for the virtual disappearance of media attention (best news in ages) but still there are those who continue to believe that nothing has changed in the wake of Doug and Dave and clear proof that hoaxing is endemic. In a fascinating piece ('Rolling their own' - Independent colour supplement 29 August) Jim Schnabel, fast becoming the Lex Luther of the crop circle world, exposed a new long term hoaxing team via personal interviews and thus reinforced the unmistakable evidence that most (indeed in my view ALL) of the pictograms and complex shapes are the result of human engineering, nothing more. Which is NOT to say there are no real circles at all, this being quite a different matter as I have always made clear. Schnabel won second prize in the Guardian hoax competition with a creation so good it got praise from one organiser - Dr Rupert Sheldrake, now presumably holding a reasonable view of what is possible by fakery. Schnabel's efforts were all the more important in that he was NOT part of a team. His fabricated pictogram was literally all his own handiwork.

Terence Meaden broke his silence in August to denounce the 1992 season as a 'circus' (Swindon Advertiser). He spoke angrily of how the tricksters were depleting the resources of serious scientific research and urged those who exposed hoaxers to ensure that the police prosecuted them. George Wingfield challenged Meaden to provide evidence of hoaxing arguing a view that seems not to be shared by many researchers I have spoken to. Qouth the Advertiser - 'many of this years circles are genuine'. I wonder if Tim Good again asks George Wingfield to summarise this field via his annual UFO report (1993 edition out in November) and if so whether anyone in the UFO community then asks Tim Good why he makes this choice? ... Probably not.

This years circles were ever more cornier. We had the Alton Barnes 'snail', Olympic 'rings' in Devon, the symbol for wheelchair access in Dorset and shameless adverts in the guise of crop messages, like one plugging a top Sunday newspaper! Meanwhile the top cereology conference had as star speaker David Icke, which may look to some like a desperate grab for the dwindling punters rather than selection on the grounds of past serious contributions to the field. Icke, predictably, called the circles 'a last cry for help from mother earth'. The point was to visit circles and so produce a more caring, thinking world from the social changes thus unleashed. But does this new world also include hordes of hoaxers wreaking destruction on people's private property, rampant commercialism and capitalistic schemes and doses of wishful thinking? If so then mother earth really is in trouble.

Time Out, 23 Sept, attempted to cheer up disillusioned circle hunters. It told how, according to the CPR group, Professor Gerald Hawkins (of earth mysteries fame) has found a mathematical relationship between circles and musical tones - apparently the various sizes relating to the white keys, or something. I wonder if anyone has attempted to relate the size of crop circles to other things. For instance, could we measure the I. Q. of a random sample of cereologists, check circle diameters and... well, maybe not.

Of course, anyone who dares suggest that circles are more mundane works for MI 5. Spies at 'Europes top UFO group' conference tell me they heard that major UK UFO and circle bodies are now infiltrated by government agents who use brainwashing. As one such alleged Mata Hari I only wish this were possible.... Sadly, I rather doubt the government has a brain to wash.

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ECLIPSING THE UNKNOWN (2) *by Robert France*

My analysis of contactees (see last issue of NUN) has shown that there is without doubt a gulf between what we see with many of them and what the consequences of the scenario they reflect should represent. How can a person with no ability, training or appropriate background be 'chosen' by a higher intelligence to save mankind from virtual extinction. Indeed, some of the people that I have met have demonstrated health or mentality which would exclude them as acceptable candidates in such a scenario. This is not to be detrimental to such people, simply my reaction to their voiced claims of lofty ambition or promise from the aliens. Is the above really indicative of an advanced extraterrestrial civilisation? In many cases it is doubtful.

None of this is to suggest that there is no true incursion by a higher intelligence - there is reason to suspect that there is - but the majority of cases are not of this type. These are the ones that UFOlogy investigates. Ultimately we will require a hypothesis that might be instrumental in resolving much of the contradictory nature of the phenomena that we see.

Consider the themes that run through these cases; salvation, chosen messianic figures, the leading of mankind into a 'new world' or new spiritual order. I do not wish to disparage this subject too much, but if (for example) all the psychic questing evidence were to be accepted at face value then Britain is suddenly an island full of mystic artefacts.

Of course, extraterrestrials in an advanced technological state might be at a level we at present call 'paranormal'. But the fundamental problem seems to be why these navigators of the cosmos are unable to identify where they originate from. They have been coming here for hundreds, possibly thousands, of years and are seen or spoken to almost every day. In which case we might expect these beings to be very close to humanity indeed. True enough, as Arthur C Clarke noted, any sufficiently advanced technology would seem to us like magic. But would it hinge itself upon grail legends, chosen figures, false prophecies, etc?

Ultimately the contactee, and elements of the abduction phenomenon, pivots around deeply subconscious aspects of fear, desire, belief and above all faith, engrained within human mentality. The technology seems, if anything 'magickal' (as spelt in the occult sense - JR) in concept and operation.

In the next issue we will begin to explore this by looking at a human power we might call multi-reality.

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Major articles elsewhere



Nice to welcome back Pegasus, the magazine of SIGAP (Surrey Investigation Group on Aerial Phenomena), for many years masterminded by Omar Fowler and now under the guidance of BUFORA AI Gordon Millington. Can't find any subscription details but write to:- 126 Grange Rd Guildford Surrey GU2 6QP... Also new is issue 1 of the World UFO Journal (my vote for unpretentious title of the year!). Put together by stalwart mag editor Ed Harris (of Cosmology Newslink - which continues) you get what you might expect, sensational press stories and news pieces with headings like 'crashed UFOs and where to find them?'... in other words old fashioned UFOlogy alive and well at:- 16 Newton Green Great Dunmow Essex CM6 1DU. Ed (who tells me mysteriously 'I am now in regular contact with Scotland' (?) offers a sample issue for £1.45 or £5 for 4 (£2.50 and £9 respectively outside UK)... Slightly more broadly based press cuttings appear in the latest digest of UK media coverage, UFO Newsfile 9, £6 for 6 (£5 to BUFORA members) from:- 16 South Way Burgess Hill Sussex RH15 9ST

UFO Times May (With BUFORA Sub:- Suite 1 2C Leyton Rd Harpenden AL5 2TL)  
Better late than never! Its a pity this well designed and usually very good mag slips backward as its news gets outdated. This issue has several pieces not really new or obviously relevant (eg an SPR ESP experiment)(eh?)

UFO Debate Oct (£8 for 6:- 46 Prospect Walk Shipley W Yorks BD18 2LR)  
Interested in Robert France's pieces in NUN? Here you'll find more from him; including a CE3 in Wiltshire. Debate has become an excellent pot pourri of the more avant garde philosophical ideas relating to UFOlogy. Good stuff.

OVNI Sep (??? for 12:- 12 Tilton Grove Kirk Hallam Ilkeston DE7 4GR)  
The PRA newsletter features Derbyshire sightings and news of group activities. Here it reviews the Sheffield conference and Manchester lectures

Wild Places 5 (£6 for 4:- 42 Victoria Rd Mt. Charles St Austell PL25 4QD)  
The original cross-subject serious discussion magazine ranges freely as ever over the paranormal. Nigel Watson has an interesting deep rooted piece on the way in which memories of close encounter experiences might develop.

The Ley Hunter 117 (£7 for 4:- Box 92 Penzance Cornwall TR18 2XL)  
Paul Devereux is publishing more books than I am at present (and that's going some!) Meanwhile TLH covers peripheral areas of earth mysteries, which range wide enough to be relevant to UFOlogy in several areas, not just earthlights. A focus this issue is on energy paths across the earth.

Fortean Times 65 (£2, major newsagents: Sub via:- 20 Paul St Frome BA11 1DX)  
New A4 format but still the old FT, packed with all the delights of the strange and wonderful in our world. The mars face. Sleepwalking. UFO/IFOs. Odd weather events and a mean interview with John Keel in which he alleges that nearly all UFOlogists are nuts, cranks and snakes...! Indispensible.

Rattlers Tales 15 (£8 for 4:- BCM Keyhole London WC1N 3XX)  
80 pages of short stories, strange world musings and days of bedtime reading

UFO Afrinews 6 (c/o Spacelink Books 115 Hollybush Lane Hampton TW12 2QY)  
*The always fascinating occasional magazine from Cynthia Hind which features all the latest news and sightings from the African continent.*

A E (\$20 CAN cash 2 St Clair Ave West Suite 607 Toronto Canada M4V 1L5)  
*Relatively new magazine by psychologist David Gotlib AE (Anomalous Experience) is a significant contribution to serious research into abductions with debating points and feedback from most of the key people.*

Just Cause Sep (\$15 for 4: - PO Box 218 Coventry CT 06238 USA)  
*Barry Greenwood and Larry Fawcett continue their excellent and objective look at the government data on UFOs with coverage of more Foo fighter data.*

IUR Aug (\$30 for 6: - 2457 W. Peterson Ave Chicago IL 60659 USA)  
*A sad editorial and vital commentary by Kevin Randle/Don Schmitt about the Roswell case of which I dare not say more. Famed Harvard psychologist John Mack on how to help abductees. Dave Gotlib with a detailed analysis of the Ken Ring 'imaginal world' hypothesis and a sensible US perspective on the 1992 crop circles from a researcher who toured them. Top UFO mag of 1992.*

MUFON Journal Aug (\$30 for 12: - 103 Oldtowne Rd Seguin TX 78155-4099 USA)  
*The usual mix, very different from the above, with a detailed review of MUFONs annual and heavily ET orientated conference this year in Albuquerque*

UFO Nyt (US \$35 Box 6 DK 2820 Gentofte Denmark)  
*This is in Danish but each issue has a free English summary insert and subscribers get a semi-regular full English mag with the 'best of' articles in full - the latest reviewing 1988 and 1989 cases and featuring detailed articles on the more interesting cases in UFO Nyt lately.*

OVNI Presence (4 for 65 FS CP 25 CH-1800 Vevey 1 Switzerland)  
 Phenomena (6 for 120 FF BP 324 13611 Aix-en-Provence Cedex 1 France)  
*Both issued by SOS OVNI but requiring separate subs via France and Switzerland. If you read French you shouldn't miss them. French speaking UFOlogy is very different and interesting. OVNI has a special on the amazing UMMO story (through the mail contacts that knock spots off APEN) plus a new interview with the French Minister of Defence, Robert Galley, who in 1974 became the first modern government figure to public admit that unsolved UFO cases were being investigated. Phenomena has an English summary added now.*

## BOOKS OF THE MOMENT



Now available in a mass market edition from Arrow books is another Andy Collins 'factual novel' (thats about the best way to describe his unique, but highly entertaining style). 'The Black Alchemist' (£5.99 for 416 pages) is a wierd one. If you did not get it when brought out in 1988 as one of Andy's own ABC Books specials (see review in NUN 134, Dec 1988) then treat yourself now. You'll need to suspend all disbelief when following this account of magic and mayhem, psychic questing and the real truth about the devastating hurricane that struck southern England in October 1987, but you will turn the pages fast enough and note occasional references to UFOs. The cover says everything; hailed a 'cult classic' by the New Musical Express!!

Also new from UFORA (PO Box 302, Modbury North, South Australia 5092) is a 'Catalogue of Australian and New Zealand 'abduction' and 'potential abduction' cases compiled by Keith Basterfield. This summarises in a paragraph or so each 49 cases between 1955 and 1990. No price is quoted but you can contact the author directly at the address given to enquire.

Finally, my new book 'UFOs and how to see them' was released on 26 October. A large format 144 page publication from Anaya Books it has 100 photos (many in colour) and is aimed squarely at trying to offer the best advice on what to do if you've seen a UFO or how to increase your chances if you haven't seen one but would like to do so. A US edition from Sterling Books of New York is released just before Christmas. UK price is £14.99.

GHOSTS AND LEGENDS OF YORKSHIRE by Andy Roberts 128 pp well illustrated Jarrold Books Price £5.50 (inc post) via 84 Elland Rd Brighouse HD6 2QR

*Brigantia* editor Andy Roberts is on very familiar territory with this entertaining book. A Yorkshireman and expert in earth mysteries, legends and folklore (as well as an investigator of phenomena such as UFOs) he has merged these all neatly together into a chatty ramble over the moors. In the process you encounter everything from Robin Hood's deathbed to spooky inns or mysterious stone heads meeting phantom cats and dogs. UFOs naturally pop up from time to time; although some cases will be familiar to UFOlogists and are mostly mentioned but in passing. This book is not designed to discuss anything in depth but is to be packed in a rucksack with a flask and some sarnies as you take in the beauty of the hills and dales, no doubt plotting a route between assorted pubs. Along the way you will come across some of the richness of folklore, both ancient and modern, which makes Britain special and this book will help you to get the most out of it.

THE UFO ENCYCLOPEDIA VOLUME 2 by Jerome Clark 434 pp Omnigraphics 1992

Readers may recall that in NUN 146 (Dec 1990) I reviewed Volume 1 of the promised trilogy of encyclopedia from the most erudite American writer on the subject. Oddly, Volume 1 covered the 1980's, this new edition takes us from the 1890's to 1959 and Volume 3 (due in 1993) will cover the period 1960 - 1979. Why such a haphazard order is being followed I don't know, but it is only a minor distraction when compared with the fact that the work being compiled is quite unprecedented and in my view unsurpassable. This is the ultimate in UFO encyclopedia projects which largely makes anybody's else who may think about doing one in the foreseeable future engaging in a complete waste of time. They simply could not do better than this.

Where Volume 1 had some contributions from others (including me - it would be unfair not to point out - although I assure you it doesn't make me in the least bit biased) it was mostly the writing of the compiler. Volume 2 takes this concept much further and the three hundred thousand words or so in this huge book are almost all Jerry's own thoughts and results of his research through mountains of archive material.

Whilst Volume 1 was good it did cover relatively familiar ground you would find in most responsible UFO books these days (eg Gulf Breeze, earthlights, abductions, etc). The real strength of Volume 2 is that this exclusively reports a lost era - the genesis of UFOlogy up to the start of the space age just after the Russians launched Sputnik. A library of material exists out there, notably in the USA, in archives, group files, extinct magazines, which few of us will have seen, let alone have access to.

Now, Jerry has opened up that world to us all. He has taken the key issues - such as foo fighters, Adamski, the airship waves, etc - and uncovered masses of data from his searches - often new or very obscure data. Having the space to write at length on each topic, much of this can be included.

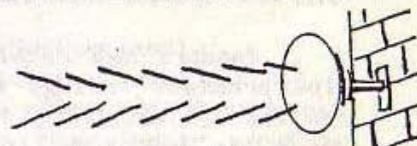
Being given the scope of what must be pushing a million words to digest UFOlogy in this project is a luxury any devoted researcher and writer would appreciate. But Jerry Clark is making the most of that. I was lucky enough to see the manuscript last autumn in Sydney and as I perused it in Jerry's hotel room and we shared stories of UFOlogy late into the night I got then the sense that I was seeing the birth of one of our subject's truly great books. That sense remains. I believe this to be a masterpiece of research and that if any awards are anywhere on offer for the UFO contribution of 1992 and Jerry Clark fails to win them with this publication then that award does not deserve to be taken seriously.

However, there is a down side. The book is visually identical to Volume 1 (a dull and monotonous purple hardcover with little style or taste). The production too is one of great austerity and no internal richness. I do not think this matters, as these are not books to sell to the masses or to vie for bestsellerdom with trivial tales of alien kidnap. These books are clearly designed for libraries and researchers to use in their offices - not to sit on a coffee table and look good when the neighbours call. Sadly, as a result of this, the books are horrendously expensive. You will pay over £150 (yes you read right) if you want all three (that's near enough £50 each!) I cannot see that many people in the UK will be able to afford such sums which, particularly in the case of Volume 2, is a real tragedy. Even if you have to buy no other UFO book for the next 12 months I don't think you could do better than save up for this one at \$85 US (plus, I suspect, some postage). It is about as close as they come to definitive UFOlogy.

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## MEDIA MATTERS

A look at UFOs in the public eye



The big light of August 16 created a wave of newspaper stories around the country, many assuming it was only seen locally. 'ET invaders fear' said the Welshpool County Times (22 Aug) and cited numerous witnesses who had seen the blue ball of light late Sunday night. The Western Mail (18 Aug) even had a wholly misleading map of the ball whizzing across Wales alone from Newport to Anglesey and claimed (quite correctly but in a pretty misleading way!) that 'UFO investigators believe the object was from outer space'. Thomas Orton in the Gloucestershire paper suggested a solution for BUFORA and I did local radio news reports in the north west explaining what it was after sightings in the Wigan area. The ball, in fact, appeared over most of Britain and clearly WAS from outer space - a fireball meteor.

The Guardian (26 Sep) had an incredibly wierd preview of a recent UFO conference where 'double agents who have helped brand us a load of idiots' were to be exclusively revealed. This international team of spies have the code name 'The Birds' and, citing Graham Bird-sall (who isn't one of them), One Bird is 'a very well known Briton'. The Birds apparently penetrate major UFO groups, giving out stories that are totally different from anything else. One UFOlogist said of the unnamed secret agents; 'We want to get even'

No doubt the Observer Magazine pull-out (20 Sep) was what such sources may term Bird droppings. Attributed to two writers I've never heard of, some photos were provided by three well known UFOlogists who run picture libraries. They (as I) are no doubt now in someones 'Bird watchers handbook' for daring to offer help with this piece... In birdland conspiracy rules AOK.

What did the supplement do? Entitled 'Science Fictions' it purported to tackle hot issues of the paranormal and assess their credibility in the light of science. Of 'corn circles' (the use of that term alone showing how out of touch the writers are with the realities of the subject) they say (pretty unfairly) that 'there is no evidence that crop circle experts can tell the difference between circles made by self confessed hoaxers and those so far 'unexplained'. If so - how come nearly ALL the dozens of proven hoaxes we have on file were exposed by such useless people, starting with the Westbury case in 1983, rather than by the sceptics movement or critical journalists? There is not a single mention in this (er) objective discussion of circles linked to atmospheric phenomena, merely a daft analogy that just because we know toys are made in factories we cannot prove that none of them are made by elves in Santa Claus's grotto! This, sadly, is all too typical of the calibre of sceptical writing on the paranormal.

What of UFOs? As you might expect these well informed researchers trot out Adamski's photos as their key example and make further absurd statements like 'evidence for flying saucers is regrettably short and what there is of it is highly suspect' (no doubt true, if you tell readers that Adamski's romantic tales represent what UFOlogy calls evidence). The article goes on to make the same, weary (and extremely annoying) allegation that 99% of sceptics make - arguing in the usual crass way that, of course, UFOs exist BUT 'the question is whether they are alien visitors from outer space or aircraft, weather balloons... (etc, etc). What rubbish.

Anyone who had bothered to do any serious research on these subjects would know statements like that are used again and again by debunkers and inevitably suggest to sensible readers they have examined the issues they debate. But its easy to do that when you set the exam questions yourself and so know all of the answers up front. In this case, not only do they not know the answers to the real questions facing UFOlogy or cereology, but, sadly, they probably don't even realise that any such questions exist!

Yet, after parading stuff like this in front of 716,000 readers the pull out has the nerve to write that; 'Authors of innumerable 'occult' books make a small fortune by peddling nonsense to the gullible and the naive.' I can think of people that this sentence might aptly describe.

#### MAGPIE SPEAKS OUT

Last issues media column upset a few people. But it is important that these serious allegations of spies in our midst be adequately aired, not hidden like dirty laundry. I tend to think you have only really come to terms with UFOlogy when you start getting accused of being a government secret agent because the fantasy probably has an important genesis.

The realities of UFOlogy are different from the romantic notions most of us had when we were first attracted to the subject. When we come to see that we do one of two things. We either take it on board and talk rationally about the subject, clearing away the many misconceptions that exist and yet stressing the strange realities that remain, or else we find something new to expend our wishful thinking energies upon. Every UFOlogist reaches this crisis point. Not many realise it even after it has happened to them.

Over the years I have seen totally honest, dedicated researchers like J Allen Hynek branded a 'spy'. Last year at a Sydney conference one of Australia's best UFologists (Bill Chalker) - who had done great work and actually secured once secret files from his government - was accused of the 'crime' and Jerry Clark (who is a committed believer in the ETH and whose superb research is credited elsewhere in this issue) was also asked to explain himself by a member of the audience who seemed amazed by Jerry's inability to accept some wild tales circulating amongst UFology today.

Inevitably, I have been singled out more than once. I gather I am regarded by some unnamed sources as a prime candidate for bird-dom in the new witchhunt that has seized UFology. I don't think my record provides anything that needs defending, so I won't dignify the allegation with a reply. But, it is fair I publish what Mike Jones of the Rochdale UFO Research Group wrote to me after my comments in Media Matters last issue.

He says that 'you claim to have had the (Heywood) case wrapped up by breakfast time' (but if you read what I actually said on page 14 viz 'by breakfast time we were interviewing witnesses and working with Jodrell Bank' this is not exactly true). As it happens, the investigation was carried out by others in both MUFORA and the IUN. My role was very minor, but I do agree with their conclusions as published in NUN at the time of this 1989 sighting. Mike Jones calls this solution 'neither plausible, practical or truthful' and says that 'you have never been very good (at trying to fool people)' and that he knows I 'know full well what happened that night'. Sadly, as I wasn't there, nor I think was he, this is far from being true.

Mr Jones continues in his no-nonsense tone that; 'We are in the information business, YOU are in the suppression business...the subject is far too big for premeddonas and egotists'. (sic).

I have replied to his allegations, rather than run screaming to a lawyer and freely record here what Mr Jones seems to believe. I am more than happy for readers to look at the MUFORA/IUN report on the case (either in the NUFON archives or as summarised in NUN 137 and 138 in 1989). Judge for yourself whether this was an objective investigation of a low-grade LITS sighting and if the conclusions reached by the experienced investigators were warranted. I certainly believe they were. Or were they instead the disinformative twitterings of a flock of birds? After you choose, ask yourself whether these loud chirpings about UFO groups being taken over by refugees from MI 5 really belong in UFology, or in the bin.

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## BRIEF CASES

Some current investigations




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76-183 Nov 1976 Llandymog Moors, Cambrian Mountains, Wales Margaret Fry

During late 1976 there was a spate of entity sightings across Britain. This case, discovered many years later by fortune through a visitor to Margaret Fry's house is similar to several others (including one at Ewloe in Clwyd). A couple were driving across this remote moorland road from Aberystwyth at about 2 am. Suddenly they saw two strange human-like figures dressed in white jump suits. They carried large open boxes or crates. The couple drove past and at the time assumed they were connected with the IRA. UFOs never entered their heads. Could a military exercise be involved?

All UFOs great and small: Two UFO chases involving RAF jets

8662 Late November 1986 Wick, Caithness, Scotland

B5-5

Mr G was walking his dog by the river side at 19.00 looking at the clear sky and 'marveling at the vastness of the universe' when he saw a blue light. It was stationary, bright and not twinkling like the stars. To the south he saw two aircraft with navigation lights. As these passed overhead 'their engines roared into life' and they headed straight towards the UFO. As they closed in on the light it suddenly shot towards the horizon and vanished at a fantastic speed. What were now recognised as two RAF jets then banked away towards the south and 'headed home to base at either RAF Kinloss or Leuchars.'

8760 March 1987 Bishop Monkton, North Yorkshire

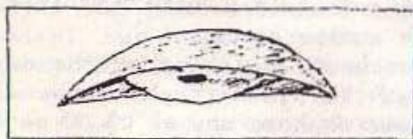
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Mr B is an army communications officer who at around 03.00 was sleeping alone on the moors as he was taking part in a 24 hour exercise. This rural area is amidst the country where the James Herriot ('All creatures great and small') series were filmed. Absolute silence and no lights were strict orders. But a strange red light in the sky was seen by B circling very slowly and silently around him. He watched it for around 20 minutes as it did about three circuits and each one was exactly the same (he was able to check this via line of sight with a tree). The light was steady and seemed very close to him. Then two jets appeared which B recognised as phantoms (as he used to live near RAF Woodbridge!) These clearly saw the UFO and gave chase. However, the light played 'cat and mouse' with them... 'one moment it was in front of one of the pursuers, the next it would move at speed behind them.' This continued for 5 minutes and then the light shot away at great speed. The jets stayed a few more minutes and then broke off to return whence they came. When B returned to his shift in the morning he asked if there had been any problems with communications (without saying why) but was told it had been a trouble free night. He did not file a report.

9121 23 June 1991 Middlesbrough, Cleveland

B6-5

A family were staying at the Prissick Park caravan site. Two boys (in early teens) were washing the outside of the van when two men passing by with their dogs pointed to the sky. All 4 saw an object with a dark underside and



wings or flanges that seemed to be rotating without any sound. It was in view for about 15 seconds before vanishing into cloud. The boys forgot to tell their father when he got home but then he helped them prepare sketches. The

next day one of the men returned to the park with his wife and the father showed him the sketches. He confirmed that this was what he saw. He had also 'forgotten' to tell his wife, who was therefore very surprised! The only idea that springs to mind is a kite. It was apparently a very breezy day.

A car-stop in reverse?

9208 12 January 1992 Waddington Fell, Lancashire

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This is a puzzling case as it seems to represent a car stop in reverse. No hypnosis has been carried out but there is a possibility this may be a CE4.

Mrs T (with university qualifications in law and psychology) was driving home from a Christmas dance on her own. It was 00.40 on a clear frosty night. Near the Moorcock Inn on the fell between Newton and Clitheroe (a location known as Holgate Hill) she saw a bright blue light in the sky to her right and suddenly noticed that her car engine was undergoing a terrific surge of power. As this occurred her headlights glowed intensely and lit up the deserted road as if it were noon. At the same time she felt in an Oz factor state and says 'it was as if it wasn't me driving the car'. The effect lasted some minutes until she reached the edge of the village then all returned to normal. She discussed the incident with her daughters fiance (with the Lancashire police in their motorway section) and he had not come across anything like it before... Any ideas to offer Mrs T?

9209 16 August 1992 All over Britain 'The great blue light'

Countless sightings were made across Britain (from Scotland to East Anglia) of a brilliant blue light with a tail 'breaking up' in the sky. Gary Anthony (BUFORAs astronomical expert) immediately notified anyone who checked with him that it was 'a bright meteor'. Blue/green ones of a spectacular nature are in fact not rare in mid August and every four or five years we get one over Britain and a new wave of UFO sightings results. Howard Miles - the British astronomical association team leader has since confirmed this diagnosis and is collating data on the event (which occurred around 22.30/23.00 on the Sunday night). You can send any reports you have to him at:- Lane Park Pityme St Minver Wadebridge Cornwall PL27 6PN. I am not sure if 'Pityme' is where he lives or what he'll say if he gets swamped by UFO sightings! As is usual with such events the mass publicity has brought in other sightings that night which were NOT the meteor - including one from Wigan at 23.10 of a rotating blue light which seems to be a laser.

## CASE HISTORIES



### INCIDENT AT JUNCTION 36 - Support for the Ilkley Moor entity?

Case 8844 4 (or 11) September 1988 M6, Cumbria FUFOIG investigation team

This is a remarkable case, excellently followed up by Joe Dormer, Paulette Goldstone, John Nuttall and June Reynolds and which, if not a hoax (which must be an option) offers surprise correlation with the infamous photo of an entity taken on Ilkley Moor nine months earlier.

Mr D had even allegedly by pure chance been in Ilkley on the day of the incident but claims he did NOT know of the photographic case until after he reported to FUFOIG. He hitchhiked towards home and at 23.30 on this Sunday was on the A 65 at the junction with the M 6 motorway sliproad near the somewhat ominously named Crooklands. It had rained heavily during the day but was dull and dry by then. There was no wind at all, a fact of which he is certain as he was soaked through and longed for a drying breeze.

The witness was standing beside a lighted signpost with M 6 on it and across the road was another lighted sign pointing to 'South Lakes' and 'Lancaster' in different directions. Suddenly in the NNE he became aware of a white light that began to disappear and reappear in pulses. Mr D stared at this trying to figure out what it might be.

As he was doing so the lights on the road sign opposite went out. However, those on the light immediately by him remained lit. Then he heard a rustling sound and turned to see the bushes shaking violently as if in a strong wind. Standing right next to here and only feet from him was a figure some 4 feet tall looking like a goblin with gangling arms that almost touched the ground. Feeling terrified and a sensation of 'being watched' D threw a lit cigarette towards it and rushed blindly onto the road and out onto the traffic bound carriageways of one of Britain's busiest motorways!

This impulsive act was stopped a few minutes later by a police patrol which picked him up and questioned him about his dangerous behaviour. He only told them that a 'figure' had come out of the bushes after him, not what it looked like! The story was reported three years later, not in any UFO context, but after a FUFIOIG appeal for supernatural experiences.

When at the home of one of the investigators having by now related the story in full a copy of the Ilkley entity photo fell from a folder by coincidence. D became very excited and alleged 'That's exactly what I saw!'

Investigation took the team to the site, where they verified the details as described by the witness and that no ground lights or hillsides fit the location of the UFO. They checked with the motorway patrol police who had no record of having picked up a man. Cumbria County Highways department also searched their records for August through October 1988 and had no trace of any power outages or faults on the Junction 36 road sign.

Paulette Goldstone reports that NLUFOIG have records on their groups files of strange events in this area, including a green light chased through junction 36. The famous nocturnal encounter with entities in the rain by a stream at Burneside, Kendal, in 1980 also occurred quite nearby.

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#### A UFO HAUNTED HOUSE      Report from Southern England by Paul Fuller

This case is still under investigation and the witnesses require complete anonymity. So no names or exact locations are here given. They are a married couple (with children - not involved in the encounters) and of good educational background and social standing. Hoaxing seems not an issue.

A and B, as we shall call them, have several odd experiences to relate which may connect with the fact that they live very close (within half a mile in fact) of a military base. However, Paul Fuller has checked here and they stress their desire not to offend locals and that they would not be responsible for the events described. Equally, there are no other reports of such activity locally and the 'repeater' nature of this case might also argue against the suggested options of flares or similar such causes.

The first incident occurred in Spring 1989 around 02.30 when B (the wife) was awoken from a difficult sleep (having just had surgery in hospital). She thought lightning was the cause but through the window to the east saw a large oval 'brighter than anything I'd seen before' which left an after image on her retina. It was very large and drifted over nearby houses for several minutes, being joined by two even brighter lights which lined up astern and oscillated up and down. She tried and failed to wake her husband (A) but then the lights just went out.

Another incident occurred at 03.00 on 5 January 1990 but this time the light was bright yellow with a black rim and a tail or cord stretching downwards from it. She cannot recall anything about how the light vanished.

There were other odd effects in the house. The kettle 'descaled itself' overnight. The washing machine caught fire in a way that baffled an electrician who was called out. All these things occurred in 1990.

However, the most bizarre event of all was witnessed by both A and B on 8 April 1991 as they stood by the kitchen sink preparing to wash up. A turned on the tap and a blue/yellow ball of light about 5 inches in diameter appeared in mid air between the plug hole and the tap. A instinctively put his arms round his wife and stepped back but the ball of light shot at speed towards B and clearly hit her full on in the stomach. Both describe a pungent, burning smell and B says it felt like she had been 'shot', but the ball passed right through her leaving no ill effects or marks. A saw it shoot out from her back through a closed window beside the microwave and power socket, again with no marks or damage left.

This certainly sounds like a rare ball lightning case, but the lack of physical effects is odd as is the possible link with the other lights outside the house and unusual electrical incidents within. There seems to be more to this case to come and Paul Fuller intends to proceed with study.



## Final Words...



If you read French you should get hold of the proceedings from the May 1992 Lyon conference (that nations top annual UFO event). The 60 pp A4 close spaced publication has some fascinating papers such as 19th century cases from a French revue and a reinvestigation of the famous landing (and circle) case at Premanon in 1954. Cost is 100 FF from:- OVNI BP 324 13611 Aix-en-Provence Cedex 1 France. The group are also inviting papers for the next conference (10-12 April 1993) - and English contributors are welcome.

Upcoming BUFORA lectures at the London Business School (Regents Park Outer Circle near Baker St tube) are Sat: 7 Nov Alan Mayne (UFO theories) 5 Dec Michael Buhler (UFOs in art) and 9 Jan 1993 Maria Korn (personal account of contactee and MIB meeting). All lectures start at 6.30 pm and cost £1.50 for members and double that for non-members.

There is also a regional BUFORA one day event at the Friends Meeting House, Wellington St, Northampton (starts 1.30 pm). Date:- Sat: 16 Jan 1993 (no details of the lectures on offer as yet). Call BUFORA on 0582-763218)

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