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EDITORIAL - 'New Years Resolutions'

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Firstly may I take this opportunity of wishing Ufologists everywhere all the best for 1976. May it be a progressive year. It is customary at this time to look ahead. So in true clairvoyant fashion what will British Ufology do in 1976? Perhaps we should make some resolutions for ourselves and the subject in general. Let us try, for example, to forge ahead with a new national structure with more emphasis on local groups and researchers. In the past NUFON has explained how it is in favour of coordination between the two national associations, BUFORA and CONTACT, and also between the various other regional networks being implemented. Our long term goal is scientific respectability - but this cannot be achieved without putting our own house in order. Our emphasis in '76, therefore, should be to MAKE THE MOST OF WHAT WE HAVE AVAILABLE. Another resolution which we might like to consider making, though it depends on having the people to do it, is to put more effort into research work. Are you not personally frustrated and conscious of the fact that we seem to be making little progress towards an understanding of UFOs? We are fast approaching the point, I fear, where there is going to be little point in adding 'one more' sighting report to our growing data bank (which is becoming overburdened with too much superficial information). Really what does it tell us to add one more account of a 'white light bulb'. We need to reconsider matters and perhaps do a bit of an about face. Of course, it will still be of importance to collect the data, particularly on those cases which have additional peculiarities, but we must also step up our research work. Taking the data and looking at various aspects of the phenomenon, testing hypotheses or setting about directly chasing these things, rather than sitting around waiting for them! (AND THAT DOES NOT NECESSARILY MEAN ORGANISING SKYWATCHES). NUFON will make the resolution to publish more research papers, but groups must resolve to look at themselves and see what they can do with their special knowledge or interests inherent within their membership. We can also make the promise that we shall continue to publish a monthly newsletter, to ensure speedy transfer of sighting data to all persons interested in it, BUT we must also recognise that detailed case studies are the really vital aspect of our publications work and continue to produce them (provided, of course, that groups are prepared to continue preparing them for publication).

All these things are fairly standard, and no more than an extension of current NUFON activity, but perhaps the time is ripe to consider going even further. If you think back to early 1974, as NUFON was formed (those of you who have been involved in the project since the outset) you will recall that the original idea was to set up a northern monitor station, permanently manned and well equipped. Obviously NUFON is NOT in a position to do this, nor will it ever be, owing to its non-official status. Yet do we need to become a little more official? It could be done without jeopardising the basic independence of groups and researchers, which exists as a fundamental aspect of our constitution. Naturally not every group is willing, or in a position, to become involved in more official research yet there are a few within NUFON who are so thoroughly immersed within Ufology that they would, I am sure, be keen to develop more fully cooperation. We COULD, for example, continue NUFON association on its present basis but also introduce MEMBERSHIP. This would be limited in extent, of course, but could involve more ACTIVE research work. It could involve more complex project work and build up of technical equipment (both through self development within NUFON and through purchase). It could also work towards the setting up and operation of a research monitor station. More complex material and data, which is unsuited for the newsletter, could then be circulated to those Ufologists who are a little more involved than others. I think some sort of two-tier structure is essential if we ever hope to 1) progress on complex work 2) produce professional publication material and 3) attract the involvement of qualified scientific personnel. NUFON would like your comments!!!

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MEETINGS:

JAN 14 NAPRA & WUFOS - joint talk to the Merseyside Parapsychical Soc
 JAN 24 NUFON GC Meeting - Star & Garter, Central Manchester 2 pm
 FEB 7 BUFORA RESEARCH EVENING - Kensington Library, LONDON 7pm
 FEB 13 DIGAP meeting - Friends Meeting House Manchester 7-4.5pm

ELSEWHERE THIS MONTH

Flying Saucer Review:- Report on the NUFON TV appearance. Special double issue with Pöher & Vallee statistics

Skylink (WUFOS):- An article taken from the APEN(!) magazine.

Skywatch (MAPIT):- UFOs and parapsychology.

SPUR:- Latest space developments.

AD ASTRA (BYUFOIG):- articles on UFO activity around Liverpool.

Copies may be available from the group concerned.

Note also the Merseyside UFO Bulletin has been reborn.

NEXT MONTH

Investigating LITS, The NUFON GC Meeting, NUFON Convention details (Spring 76) Latest News

GROUP NEWS::

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Sad news to relate this month tells of the demise of two well known UFO organisations from the Midlands. Both the BUFORA Staffs branch and the Leicester Aerial Phenomena Research Organisation have been disbanded owing to lack of support. In both instances there is hope, however, that a new association may spring forth in the coming months. NUFON will of course do all it can to assist in this.

On a brighter note two groups have been enjoying some favourable publicity. UFOSIS have been taking to the Birmingham airwaves (both BBC and Commercial) with programmes of their own. They also have had considerable success in their efforts to forge a good link with the local police, and details of their group has been passed round for them to all local officers!!! The Sheffield Group have been loaned a camera by Cablevision, the local TV station, to film their activities - presumably for transmission. They are currently organising things for the next NUFON convention in the Spring. Finally MUFORA held their first experimental 'Investigator Training Evening' on an informal basis in early January. A report on this interesting new venture will be featured next month.

GENERAL NEWS::

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The BUFORA AGM on December 6th went off smoothly. Your editor, Jenny Randles, was elected onto the Council as Northern Liaison officer and so fortunately the links which have been set up in the past by Jeff Porter (the previous official) still remain. Many new ideas are being planned, including a complete reshaping of the associations image, with a full scale publicity drive. The data systems are also being revitalised with the implementation of a punch card system for easy data extraction. Coupling this with the financing of external research projects by means of grants there is hope that some progress will at last be made towards making BUFORA a truly national organisation. NUFON, of course, continues in its totally independent status. The Contact UK AGM was held on the same day and also went well. Liaison work between the two groups is already underway on the investigation side and it is hoped that shortly agreement will be reached on joint research work. The two organisations will remain quite independent of each other and NUFON also hopes to improve its contact with the latter association also. It is hoped, through them, to arrange transfer of NUFON data to Dr. Saunders in America - where he computerises and catalogues UFO information.

Mike Dean, of WUFOS, has very kindly agreed to take on the work involved in building up NUFONs overseas connections. He is, of course, ideally suited for this with his many existing contacts and ability to speak several other languages. Two links already operating are with UFO-NYT in Scandinavia (thanks to the spade-work of Bryan Hartley our Fylde correspondent) and, as previously noted, with the Tasmanian UFO Centre (which is publishing a series of articles in current issues of FSR). Mike also, hopefully, will be helping to coordinate with the French organisation Lumiers Dans La Nuit. Thanks to the assistance of Bryan Jefferey of the Cambridge UFO Society (who is LDLN British representative) the way is now open for NUFON material to be published regularly in this well respected European magazine.

Work is now underway on the NUFON 1975 report, which we hope to be able to print professionally. It is also possible that later on in 1976 a complete catalogue of all NUFON reports 1970-75 will be published, on the same basis as a catalogue of historical northern cases which is at present being worked on by Ian Cresswell (our Morecambe correspondent) and Bernard Delair (Secretary of CONTACT). Offers of assistance on this first project would be appreciated. A team of four people has also been gathered together now to work on the comprehensive publication, the working title of which is 'The UFO Phenomenon over Northern Britain'. This document, which we hope to submit to a publisher, will cover all aspects of ufology in relation to this part of the world. With Mike Dean working on a revised edition of his Sociological Study Report and the promise of more detailed case studies our publications output seems to be quite promising, but there is always room for more worthwhile studies by NUFON groups or individuals. After all that is what we are all about - isn't it?

SUBSCRIPTIONS:

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In order to standardise our financial arrangements (since we do not have an official treasurer or financial accounts), and in order to secure material stocks for 1976 at the cheapest possible prices subscriptions will be rationalised to run from January - December. We would be very grateful, therefore, if all those who paid subscriptions during the first quarter of last year would re-subscribe now. The standard yearly subscription is £2 and the adjusted rate due from you is shown according to a code letter (depending on the month in which you subscribed in 1975). This code letter is shown here
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NB:: PLEASE NOTE THAT OWING TO NO CERTAIN DATE IN JANUARY YET BEING AVAILABLE FOR CHANGE IN EDITORIAL ADDRESS IT IS REQUESTED THE OLD ADDRESS BE USED UNTIL THE END OF THE MONTH. UNDERSTANDING CONCERNING THE PHONE NUMBER IS REQUESTED FOR NOW

Science Fiction authors in UFO circles are usually thought to be naughty sceptics, after all they people the universe with the wonders of their own dirty little minds - and make a fortune out of it!! If people begin to believe a part of their stories the result is mass insanity!! As witness the extreme example of the radio broadcast of "The War of the Worlds" which caused panic over the whole of the Eastern USA in 1938. That is the power of good SF. Although rather prosaic, take this from Arthur C Clarke's "Voices from the Sky" (Mayflower paperback P.163)

"One of the factors, ironically enough, which has contributed to popular willingness to accept the incredible is the success of modern science. Because so many technical marvels have been achieved, the public believes that the scientist is a magician who can make anything happen. It does not know where to draw the line between the possible, plausible, improbable and the frankly absurd. Admittedly this is often extremely difficult, and even the experts sometimes fall flat on their faces. But usually all that is required is a little common sense."

However, the choleric menace of the moron still abounds, I impart upon you the following excerpt from an article by Peter Rogerson entitled "Future Shock as a factor in the development of quasi-religious UFO cults," (MUFOB Vol 6 No 2): "Recently I read..." "...a copy of Arthur C. Clarke's 'Report on Planet Three'" At the end of a somewhat critical article on Flying Saucers someone had scribbled: THIS PROVES THAT ARTHUR C CLARKE DOES NOT KNOW WHAT HE IS TALKING ABOUT. FLYING SAUCERS ARE REAL. THE DAY WILL COME WHEN THE IRRELEVANCE OF HIS IDIOTIC STATEMENTS WILL BE SHOWN. "This printed rendering cannot convey the frenzy carried in the original. The words 'FLYING SAUCERS ARE REAL' are in giant screaming capitals which give a disturbing impression of insane fury. Nor is this the only specimen of this UFO cultists views. Others include: THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM WAS A FLYING SAUCER. THAT IS NOT TRUE. WHAT ABOUT PRECOGNITION WHITCH (Sic) IS A FACT. "These pieces of graffiti are evidence of the deep emotional impact that the UFO phenomenon and the rumours it generates can have on some people. The impression given was that the writer acted as though his deeply held religious beliefs were under attack."

So we know people interested in UFOs are nearly all mad, except me and a few others.... What about the UFO witness? I'll let Jacques Bergier answer my question and quote from his short article printed in FSR Vol 17 No2 which weighed in with the title "UFOs and SF":

"Let us consider the UFOs as stories. It then becomes apparent that these stories have been told before. All the situations in UFO accounts, including the shapes in the sky, contacts, landings, kidnappings, teleportation are to be found in detail in SF stories printed ten, twenty or thirty years before the same events are described as real. What are we to think of that? The absolute sceptic (my kind) will say: 'All these stories are invented by people who have read too much science fiction'

True to a certain extent, this answer is too simple. A British group said the same thing in 1969, according to them ALL UFO witnesses are readers of science fiction. The last I heard they were checking their findings, 'Just in case'. This SF theory certainly does not take account of the physical evidence such as the reported radar visual cases and the real hard core of UFO reports. But then, what is one theory in a sea of lies? I have painted a gloomy picture because there are mad ufologists and not so mad UFO witnesses, and combinations thereof. Study into ufology, on the other hand, can be very rewarding. I am all for the study of UFOs, or anything else for that matter - from bat droppings to the sex life of a cucumber. So long as common sense, and a sense of purpose and proportion prevail. What you may ask of Clark and Bergier? Well an American (what else) publication, Sage's UFO Special Vol 3 ticked Arthur off for telling British press in July 1971 that the hysteria about flying saucers was finally over. What of naughty boy Jacques? "he considers all tales of UFOs to be lies or SF stories. Both Clark and Bergier have an excellent chance of being called the top goats of history if UFOs are someday proved a fact." Unfortunately they don't say what they will be called if UFOs are NOT someday proved a fact!!

THE NUFON CASSETTE TAPE LIBRARY::

As previously noted in NUFON News the library is now fully operational thanks to the efforts of Ken Green and his colleagues of the Wirral UFO Society. In order to secure a lecture a cassette of suitable length (most lectures are between 60 and 120 minutes in length) plus 5p should be sent to NUFON CASSETTE LIBRARY c/o 760 New Chester Rd, Bromborough, Wirral L62 7HD. (Phone 051-334-1291 ext 62 in emergencies). Return postage (BOTH WAYS) should also be sent. Tapes may be loaned subject to the same financial arrangements and certain regulations. Tapes include:- "ETH- Little Green Men or Large Red Herring?" (Tim O'Brien), Some Singular Cases (Lionel Beer), Great Balls of Fire (Oliver), Changing World of UFOs (Bowen), Satellite Tracking (Childerhouse), Wilder Shores of Ufology (Wood), Aspects of BUFORA research (Pace), UFOs- Whence & Why (Delair), Ufology as a fringe science (Grattan-Guinness), Ufology in Belgium (De Groot). Also most lectures from the BUFORA Conference at Hanley eg, Kueitner, Cramp, Whitaker.

INVESTIGATION PROCEDURES:- 2) Categorising Reports

There have been many suggestions as to how sighting reports should be categorised once they have been discovered. Some form of classification is of great importance, since it is becoming increasingly apparent that we should devote far more time to intrinsically high class reports than to vague or ill-defined ones. The methods of treatment of each specific type should vary considerably, as we hope to show over the next few articles.

Perhaps the most famous classification systems are those of Vallee and Hynek. Both are similar in format and based upon logical premises. However, they do seem more relevant to the USA, where reports are greater in number and close encounters or landings are more frequent occurrences than in these islands. They are still worthy of careful consideration by all active ufologists even so. Yet it is possible to produce a fairly simple categorisation, which will enable sightings to be subdivided as they are received for investigation.

The first category, Type A, is probably the most common. It consists of a light in the sky (LITS) seen by a single witness of any age. The basic characteristic of this type is the lack of definition or obvious reality of a physical object. Normally there is very little to be gained by spending too much time on such a case UNLESS unusual motions or other factors are involved. The next gradation is Type B, and involves a similar object but with more than one witness. This can be subdivided into B(i) - where the witnesses are together during the observation (bringing all kinds of psychological factors into play), and B(ii) - where there are groups of independent witnesses at various locations. Of these first three types only B(ii) has any real value for a full investigation. It must be borne in mind, however, that both A and B(i) cases can possibly be turned into B(ii) cases by local publicity. In this instance great care must be taken not to give away too many details which would spoil the value of any potential cooperative reports.

Type C brings us to a vast group of sightings which involve objects with a clearly defined shape - whatever it may be. Again we return to single witness observations, but often they have more value than all the previous groups since there are more physical parameters which can be checked. Type D again expands this class of report into subdivisions D(i) and D(ii) depending on the independence or non-independence of the multiple witnesses. Type D(ii) cases, especially if occurring in daylight, are reasonably rare - but are very significant. Finally we come to Type E which is again subdivided. Both groups involve peculiar environmental effects - ground marks, radar trackings, physiological effects, psychological effects, E-M disturbance, animal effects, photographic evidence etc etc. E(i) does NOT involve the observation of an object whereas E(ii) does. This last type is obviously the most important of all, and even type A or B sightings can immediately be upgraded in significance IF one or other of these environmental effects is discovered in relation. It must be noted carefully that for type E(i) to merit any serious consideration there must be some justification for suspecting the involvement of a physical object. In this type the number of witnesses is not specifically relevant since there are other forms of evidence to take into account.

It ought to be obvious to UFO groups (though from experience it sadly does not appear to be so) that if there are several cases under investigation at one time then they ought to be placed in some relative order of merit. All cases in the categories B(ii) upwards deserve full treatment - NO MATTER HOW LONG IT TAKES. D(ii) and E cases should receive the full attention of a group for some period of time with the various specialities of its members being utilised in their investigation. Since they are potentially so important this is true EVEN IF IT MEANS NEGLECTING OTHER LESS IMPORTANT SIGHTINGS TOTALLY FOR A WHILE. It is of the utmost importance that groups recognise the necessity for full reports to be published on these high grade cases. Such detailed reports at least in as much depth as those which NUFON is now freely publishing and circulating to the associate groups MUST be done on these cases. Some of them will involve much, much more thorough a treatment still. It is an old maxim, but one very true, that one case from the D(ii) or E categories fully investigated and published is worth a hundred of the lower grade investigations. If your group spends all year investigating just one good quality report then it has done something worthwhile. If we are to build scientific credibility for our subject it is not going to be by means of reeling of page after page of innocuous lights in the sky but by producing high quality reports with full documentation on all aspects of the investigation into cases which intrinsically offer more than just single witness testimony of an indistinct event.

(Comments on this article - or any others in the series - are more than welcome since it is a very important subject which your group OUGHT to have views on)

INVESTIGATION SECTION::

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Before commencing on new cases a couple of points are necessary concerning previously recorded data. Firstly the Rainhill possible landing case, investigated by NAPRA (see NUN 15 & 17), which occurred in May 1975 has taken a further step with the eventual securing of soil samples from the site. These have been submitted to David Bailey, a Scientist at University College London, for further analysis. It should also be noted that contrary to statements made by one or two people MUFORA is NOT withholding data on the July 11th photographic case from Rochdale. A report in the NUN issue 18 gave as much detail as is currently available. Further analysis work on the negative IS being done and a full report will be published as soon as it is possible to do so.

REPORTS FROM THE PAST

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1) MURO REPORT ON MINI-FLAP November 1970:

Owing to the passage of time only brief notes are hereby given, but the cases remain unidentified. On November 5th at 07-10 a milkman observed a golden orange star like light moving smoothly from Mansfield to hover over some fields. There were three other sets of witnesses to the phenomenon also. On the 22nd at 21-15 a man and wife observed the passage of a green light moving very fast. It was also seen by police at Alferton, who dealt with several calls from the public also.

2) AUTO STOP CASE May 25 1971 Reported by Ian Cresswell:

The witness to this case was driving home to Oddstone, Leicestershire at 22-50 along a country road. She saw a glow like an upturned car headlight. It persisted and eventually a brightly lit object about the size of a double decker bus flew over the road ahead of her car. As it did so the engine began to fade and the car headlights also. A transistor radio which was playing also faded out. She was apparently so frightened by the incident that the hair on the back of her head stood on end (a fact which may have been due to some other cause). It is not known whether this case was ever investigated further but the witness is known to be a Mrs Eunice Rose of 26 Welwyn Rd., Hinckley.

3) STRAW SUCKED UP BY OBJECT Summer 1973:

This report came to NUFON following the TV programme and was passed on to the BUFORA Staffs branch, where Derek James the local RIC informed that several such reports were investigated at the time. It occurred in a field near Jodrell Bank on a warm, sunny day with no wind. Many cars were pulled up by the roadside watching a column of straw rising vertically into the air where a black indistinct shape was hovering about 750' up. The object remained stationary for fifteen minutes and photographs were allegedly taken, which the BUFORA Staffs branch are trying to chase. One man apparently walked into the centre of the field with straw rising all around him, but felt nothing. This was only one of many such occurrences at that time (mid afternoon) and they were subsequently 'explained' as whirlwinds - a theory not looked on too favourably by those who have investigated the reports.

CURRENT SIGHTING REPORTS::

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Report 7598 June 1st 1975 Morecambe Investigated Ian Cresswell

At 01-24 three men reported a white ball shaped light moving northwards over Morecambe bay. It seemed to stop and start on several occasions, moving very slowly, and was lost to view after six minutes in low cloud. Investigation has not revealed an aircraft or satellite to account for the object

Report 7599 June 1st 1975 Bare, Morecambe Investigated Ian Cresswell

At 03-05 on the same night two further men reported a similar object moving East - West at a very fast speed. This was in view less than a minute before going into cloud. There were no irregularities in motion and it remains unidentified.

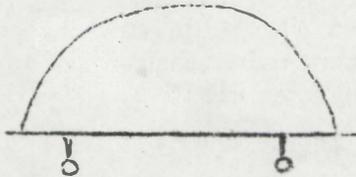
Report 75/103 Sept 13 or 20 1975 Midlands

This is an unusual observation and unfortunately little in the way of an investigation seems possible, since there is little information and the witnesses are undoubtedly subject to security regulations. It concerns a picked up airwave broadcast between London Airways and a British Airways BAC 1-11 flying at 27,000' somewhere between Daventry and Lichfield. The flight was London-Glasgow but the time is only known to have been BEFORE 10am but in daylight. ATC asked the aircraft to report any unusual observations, presumably owing to strange radar tracings. The aircraft radioed back to the effect that two bright lights had just been seen moving away from them. If anyone has any suggestions or how to get any more information out of this report then please do so.

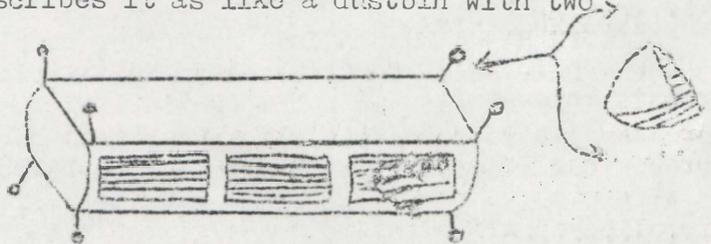
DIGAP CASE REPORTS - September 1975

Report 75/100 : This occurred on September 6th at 00-43. The witness lives in Urmston, Manchester and had just finished watching TV. From his kitchen window, which looks South over River Mersey Meadows. He saw a row of brilliant lights, like an aircraft fuselage brilliantly lit. It was 3-4" long at arms length and moved slowly west east. OS REF 101 SJ 763942. Ringway airport is in the direction indicated.

Report 75/101 : The witness to this and the next case is a nightwatchman, who lives at Cloughfold in the Rossendale Valley. On September 13th at 03-45 he saw an object in the north, which at first appeared as a brilliant white light - at an estimated height of about 200'. It was viewed through binoculars and appeared to circle a large mansion several times before moving off to the SE towards Rochdale. It seemed to be descending towards the hills. At this juncture a brief glimpse of the object was seen and is indicated in the drawing below. He describes it as like a dustbin with two static red lights.



THE OBJECT 13/9/75



THE OBJECT 15/9/75

Report 75/102 : On the following Monday at 05-25 he allegedly saw a further object. This one was long in shape, like a 'dressing table drawer' with three 'loading bays' looking like venetian blinds. These seemed to be coloured 'Dark, Hot Safari'. There were lights on each corner, the ones above have a definite shape (as shown) coloured green and white and the lower ones being silver. As the object moved silently in the first instance it was interesting to note that in this case a sound like 'a diesel train starting up' was faintly heard as the object passed over. There are no railway lines for many miles in this fairly isolated valley and the traffic is very light normally. With the hills around the possibility of aircraft so low seems remote. OS REF SD 215226

DIGAP feel this witness is sincere, and his record is trustworthy. Yet he has reported several lights in the early morning eastern sky which undoubtedly were Venus rising. This planet was very bright at the time and rises at about 04-00 at that time. It is difficult however to reconcile this with the motion of the objects over a period of minutes rather than hours as would be required for a planet.

NORTHERN IRELAND REPORTS: BUFORA N. Ireland branch.

Investigation is still proceeding into the cases of the early November flap as reported last month, but a further report has been discovered for November 4th at 17-10. It comes from a schoolgirl, 15½ years old, who observed a white light moving NE-SE over Belfast. The investigator comments that it seems likely to be a helicopter or satellite, which is probably true, but goes on to say: "I know the witness, she is a typical fuddle-brained female, made keen and without a tremendous amount of rational thought." As he self admits, that qualifies him for the title 'Male Chauvanist Pig of Ufology for 1975'!! A further report, from Dublin, which may be of interest in context with cases 75/108 - 110 (see next page) occurred on December 13th and involves a yellow round object seen moving northwards for four minutes by a young witness. It passed close by the moon, which may account for the colour.

UFOSIS CASE SUMMARIES:

Thanks are due to Ufosis for summarising some of their latest investigation work. The two most interesting cases both come from Staffordshire. On October 3th (a familiar date in a very hectic flap of reports) at Essington two teenage girls reported a bright red egg shaped object at 19-00. The top was flattened out and it moved slowly east to west, about ¼ mile away over some fields. It was in view for fifteen minutes and at one point split in two diagonally, then rejoined and changed red - white - red again in the process. This was repeated before the object was lost to view behind trees and houses. On November 7th at 17-55 a witness was driving north along the M6 near Penkridge when he saw a red purple sphere in a field. It hovered about 20 seconds and a smaller globe of light dropped from the main object. The apparent height was estimated as 500 feet and the object appeared to suddenly dematerialise.

Report 75-104 October 8th 1975 Morecambe Investigated Ian Cresswell

At 05-40 a single witness reported a white ball of light moving silently northwards. It was in view less than a minute but no natural explanation has been found to explain it.

Report 75-105 November 17 1975 Saddleworth Moor Investigated by MUFORA

One witness observed a brilliant star like object at 04-30 which grew to a triangular shape (about $1\frac{1}{2}$ " in size at arms length). This occurred after viewing it for 4-5 minutes. It was glowing yellowy white and appeared stationary. After 30 minutes it reduced in size to a pin point and faded from view. Considering weather conditions etc it is felt possible that this was a misinterpretation of a bright planet (Venus or Jupiter) which took on a shape and size due to optical effects and disappeared as the sky clouded over.

Report 75-106 November 19 1975 Huddersfield Investigation BUFORA Yorks

It is hoped that a full report on this case will be printed shortly. It concerns five sets of witnesses in Huddersfield and on opposite sides of the Crossland Moors who saw a blue/white light hovering in the west over Saddleworth Moor (see above report!!!). It appeared to be bobbing up and down and disappeared after a few minutes. Time of sighting 20-15. The weather was very overcast.

Report 75-107 November 29 1975 Less, Oldham Investigation MUFORA

At 01-10 two men were returning home from work with a taxi driver and as they drove over the moors towards Abbey Hill they were all witness to a brilliant white torch light hovering high up. It appeared to be stopping and starting and 'bobbing up and down' (see previous report!!!). They thought it was possibly a helicopter and stopped to get out. The surroundings were very still but there was no sound. After about four minutes viewing the object suddenly accelerated away southwards towards Stockport and vanished in the mist. This increase in activity (once again) over the Pennine moors has spurred MUFORA to progress further on their project investigation into the area. It is hoped to solicit the help of the BUFORA Yorkshire branch, who obviously are very much involved also, and it may be possible to develop the project to the point where a research grant is applied for from BUFORA.

Report 75-108 December 12 1975 Adlington, Lancs Investigation MUFORA

This report is interesting in context with reports 75-109 & 110, although it occurs a few miles to the west and an hour earlier at 17-15. It is also somewhat different in the sense that a POSSIBLE explanation has been found. It concerns three young children, aged 10 and 11, who were walking home from school (S Ref: 600133 (sheet 101)). They saw and drew a Bright white light which was moving quite fast and silently south westwards (towards Manchester Airport). It passed in front of the moon and was illuminated as a cone shape with a red light on top and a white light on the flat underside. They were flashing alternately. It was discovered that a Dart Herald from Blackpool should have passed over the area at about 17-10, landing at Manchester at 17-14, and it seems possible that this was what the children saw.

Report 75-109/110 December 12 and 13 1975 Swinton Investigation MUFORA

Both these cases are potentially important, involving multiple witnesses, and a full investigation report will be prepared for distribution with the February newsletter. The sighting on December 12 at about 18-15 involves three separate sets of witnesses to an oval object with lights which hovered, moved slowly and then accelerated upwards at an incredible speed (possibly leaving a trail of sparks) and vanishing. The next night at 16-45 from only a few hundred yards away five witnesses observed for seven minutes an object which appeared as a silvery dome performing almost the same manoeuvres. Investigation proceeding.

Report 75-111 December 28 1975 Winsford Investigation WUFOS

Three witnesses out in their garden watching model aircraft at 15-16 saw a silvery white dome moving westwards towards Chester. It was in view for 25 secs very high and was lost in cloud. It could well be an aircraft on the Blue 1 air way, but WUFOS are investigating.

Report 75-112 October 24 1975 Longnor, Buxton Investigation BUFORA STAFFS

Investigation into this case is still proceeding and it is hoped to feature more details next month. A man and his girlfriend driving near Longnor in the Peak District. An object as 'big as a bus' passed overhead. It had two huge sets of windows and random flashing lights underneath. It emitted a low humming drone. They set off chasing it but it vanished as if 'switched off'. A possible co-observer witness, a Geologist from nearby Cowdale said that he saw a similar craft so low down he could see inside. Investigation proceeding.