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EDITORIAL - 'Some ideas for future research'

On February 7th BUFORA staged an important evening, where various ideas for the future development of research were to be discussed in an open meeting. I was invited to speak, but owing to problems with house removal was unable to do so. I should like to summarise here, however, what I had intended to say.

One of the major things I believe we must get over to people is that because they know nothing of electronics or physics does not mean they have nothing to contribute in the research field. All seasoned Ufo investigators must reach the point where they need to DO something with the data collected. Few will be content to just continue gathering it. Electronics and Physics have not solved the UFO phenomenon yet. MAYBE we have made little progress because we have not applied the right ideas to our subject. It could be the key lies in YOUR interest or experience. Something seemingly irrelevant, which you have never dreamed to apply to UFOs. How can anyone decide what is irrelevant to UFOs when we dont know what they are? Maybe you should start thinking of ways to utilise your talents.

Another great problem is the sad lack of concentration on detailed attacks on cases of express interest. It is almost horrifying to see as much time devoted to some sightings of almost nil value as to reports which offer tantalising prospects for future research. It is research. There is no clear dividing line with investigation in such sightings where intensive work is cried out for. We MUST develop systems of early warning and recognition. Groups and individuals MUST overcome their inborn desire to 'possess' a sighting. There are times when if they called for help quickly it would come, to the overwhelming benefit of everyone. Yet they do not call. They are afraid the case will be 'taken' from them. Of course it would not. Local experience is absolutely essential in all investigation work, yet so on occasion is experience of other kinds not available to all but existant somewhere closeby IF IT IS ASKED FOR. How many good quality reports over the years have gone down the drain because of this jealousy syndrome? If it were just one - THE important one - it could be an ir-replacable disaster.

Perhaps we can do a little to reconcile this, and here I request the help of all NUFON groups and researchers for a project BUFORA is hoping to initiate shortly. This is an analysis of British close-encounter cases. The primary idea is to produce a catalogue, putting them all together in one place. Such work has been done in other countries and needs to be done here. True such cases of true interest are not very numerous, but it may be that patterns will emerge or that more work will be possible on some of them which suffered from this superficiality in the past. Maybe, therefore, you could start looking and thinking. Searching your files for cases which may be candidates for inclusion. The term close encounter may be a little too vague, and you should think (initially at least) only in terms of cases involving contacts, landings, ground or environmental effects, and physiological effects. Suggestions on this project would be welcome.

There is yet another type of project work which can utilise everybodys talents, be they administrative, scientific or sociological. Look at the preliminary notes about 'Project Pennine' on page 4. So you see there are ways YOU can help. Of course report collection and collation is important - but if that were all we ever did then it would be like stocking the lader with food every day and going on hunger strike. The foodstuffs are there - but we never eat them!

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APEN - Have you any copy material or thoughts or suggestions on them????? Serious researchers working to track them down would like to hear from you please write care of BOX 10

NEXT MONTH: ....

Report on BUFORA Research evening and plans for a regional conference 1976. Investigating daytime sightings, Latest sighting activity reports. The Hough Green Sound - NAPRA Report.

ELSEWHERE THIS MONTH:

SHEFFIELD UFO have produced their first group magazine. Contact them for details

MUFORA are now producing 'Link' a news-sheet. It is NON subscription but will be exchanged with groups who publish a magazine. Write c/o NUFON for details

Watch out for news on NUFON in latest CNK - Cosmology Newslink.

Meetings:

DIGAP - hold public meetings at Friends Meeting House, Manchester on second Friday of each month 7-45pm. All welcome

BUFORA Yorks invite NUFON members to their meetings on first Monday of each month.

BUFORA lecture (non members welcome) "Ministry of Defence, Parliament & UFOs" Lionel Beer Kensington Library MARCH 6th 7pm.

GROUP NEWS::

..... It was mentioned last month that UFOSIS had had some considerable success in their contacts with officialdom. How can you do the same??? I can do no better than directly quote from their report, "One of the earliest, and in fact most pleasant, experiences involving the establishing of contact with 'officialdom' was with the West Midlands Police. I was not sneered or laughed at (incidentally I took note of Jeff Porters comments at the Warrington NUFON meeting of official approaches getting official replies). When I went along to the HQ in Birmingham I was conducted into the office concerning public relations, where UFOSIS was immediately registered as a group. I was given opportunity to chat to the head of that department - a Superintendent no less - who was very informal and showed particular interest in the subject of UFOs. He had in fact a note of the NUFON telephone number (given on TV) in his diary! The same Superintendent has since been to my home, met the group and has kindly issued circulars to all police stations under his jurisdiction giving basic information about the group and where we can be contacted. I think the key to our success lay in 1) Our personal approach and 2) The fact that WE were offering assistance to the police, if and when they should require it, rather than the other way around. "

It was nice to see BYUIG coming back into contact, with good news of their progress. They hope to become the centre for international youth investigation of the phenomenon and are well on the way to this with over 30 branches now in existence. If you know of any youngsters who would like to join an organisation of this type then put them in touch with BYUIG. It is certainly a good idea to foster the interest of the young and set them on the right course in the subject. This is something BUFORA are now planning to develop by means of active encouragement and I am sure BYUIGs efforts will be most appreciated. The group also hopes to have a full time office in operation by the Summer. With MURO planning to open theirs in Mansfield shortly there seems a distinct move in this, commendable, direction.

The January DIGAP meeting was most interesting with attending ufologists having chance to study an alleged movie film taken late last year in Rossendale. The film and witness are not of high reportative quality but something is there. There are two orange ellipsoids at one point (speculated as possible street lamps?) and a yellow/white disc, looking just like a telescopic image of the Sun. These seem to vanish instantly from frame to frame. The film has been analysed and the effects are not film faults BUT it is possible they are stray reflections. The witness does, however, claim he saw something at the time - though he cannot remember when it was or describe it especially well. An interesting evening even so.

GENERAL NEWS::

..... Positive developments on the national front with the formation of SUFON - the southern counterpart taking a step towards formalisation. Well known investigator and coordinator of the Dagenham Paranormal Group, Barry King, is to initiate the system in conjunction with BUFORAs Southern Liaison Officer, Alan Fossey. The set up is planned to be similar to NUFON, but doubtless we can both learn from each others progress. A national meeting of the networks, with BUFORA and CONTACT represented may now be a little closer. Let us hope so.

BUFORA have now commenced the issue of regular press releases. The first invited reporters to BUFORAs Research Evening on February 7th. This was a most promising evening of open discussion on future research ideas. NUFON is also working with CONTACT on the transfer of data to computerised catalogues in the USA. A further meeting between the two national associations is imminent.

If it has not already come to your attention then I suggest you earnestly seek out a new American glossy magazine entitled OFFICIAL UFO. The January 1976 issue is number 5 (it is published nine times a year) and contains non-sensational stuff for the hard core Ufologist eg full reports on recent cases, appraisals of the Robertson Panel, a detailed history of APRO and an article on investigating UFO sightings. Contributors include Richard Hall and Raymond Fowler and it is well worth 40p for 66 large size pages. It is around in bookshops and is marketed by: David Gold & Son, Rich Industrial Estate, Crimscott St, LONDON.

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:: NOTE THE CHANGE OF EDITORIAL ADDRESS. THIS IS NOW OFFICIAL. THE NEW GENERAL NUFON PHONE NUMBER IS 061- 775 - 4749 (FROM FEB 11th 1976) FOR GROUP USE ONLY, THANK YOU

:: JUST RECEIVED FROM NAPRA IS A FULL REPORT ON FIELD KIT REQUIREMENTS AND A SET OF PROCEDURES FOR USING THEM. THIS HAS BEEN WORKED OUT IN CONJUNCTION WITH TONY PACE, BUFORA RESEARCH DIRECTOR, AND WILL BE PUBLISHED SHORTLY. ANY COMMENTS ON THESE TOPICS FOR POSSIBLE INCLUSION SHOULD BE SENT TO NUFON AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. GROUPS ARE ALSO REMINDED, AS PER THE LAST MEETING, TO FORWARD DETAILS OF FULL EQUIPMENT WHICH IS AVAILABLE FOR YOUR USE TO NAPRA (see address on P.2) RIGHT AWAY.

NUFON COMMITTEE MEETING -January 24 1976  
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There is no intention of giving a full report on this meeting. Thanks to the very kind assistance of UFOSIS all groups who had a genuine reason for non attendance will be circularised with a copy report of what transpired. Any individuals or groups who were present but would like a written summary will be supplied with one if they send a SAE to UFOSIS (address P.2). The major arrangement was the setting of a date of MAY 22 for our next convention in Sheffield. It was considered best to run this as NUFON orientated in the afternoon and for the general public in the evening. Any suggestions on format or organisation are most welcome before the next Committee meeting on April 10th - also to be held in Sheffield.

MUFORA STAGE INVESTIGATOR TRAINING EVENING:  
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On January 6th MUFORA held a special meeting in Manchester where several hours were spent with less experienced investigators discussing methods of sighting follow up with those who have had more years in the field. It proved a most fruitful evening, and certainly a fore-runner of more. Examples of interview techniques were shown and some of the problems of identifying natural phenomena illustrated. Trevor Whitakers highly informative talk on investigation (available through the NUFON tape scheme operated by WUFOS) was also used to advantage. Let us hope more local groups follow this lead in an effort to improve the general standard of investigation.

PROJECT PENNINE: Peter Warrington (Chairman MUFORA)  
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For some time now the Manchester UFO Research Association has been aware that certain areas in the region seem to generate more than the average percentage of UFO incidents and reports. One of these areas, to the east of Manchester and into West Yorkshire, has been known to us since at least 1971 when the 'Mystery Helicopter' and its exploits made front page news in the national press. Since then (and probably before) associate NUFON groups have received dozens of reports from a clearly defined area. In an attempt to further our understanding of the reasons for this concentration of sightings MUFORA (in co-operation with any other interested parties) is to mount an in depth research programme into the area and its reported UFO incidents. To further this objective we would welcome new reports, comments, suggestions, theories and offers of assistance. Those genuinely interested in assisting with 'Project Pennine' may get further details from me at 125 Beresford St. MANCHESTER M14 4RY, SAE please. Only those sincerely interested in spending time and effort on the project need apply.

INVESTIGATION PROCEDURES:: - 3) Lights in the sky  
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The light in the sky (or LITS) is the bug-bear of all Ufologists. It is so hard to track down, yet one knows it almost certainly HAS a natural explanation, and even so it is so common. Indeed it represents by far the largest percentage of all UFO sightings. This is one reason why it is so hard to 'ignore' at times, in favour of one sighting of 'harder' data. It is not easy to file away five or six LITS, so far unexplained, and concentrate on that one case - but such a priority MUST be recognised. Quite frankly if you get a report from someone that they have seen a steady white light moving slowly across the sky - and nothing more - it is best to file it W.B. (waste basket!) The chances that time spent on it will produce something valuable are virtually NIL. Even if it was a UFO it was so poorly visible that it adds little to our knowledge. Of course if you have nothing other to do ... but how many 'good' cases do you have on file (daylight discs, multi witness)? Do you not think you could be more profitably engaged in re-examining these and trying to get fresh data and witnesses? There are times when LITS do need some examination. The colour may be very distinctive. It may make erratic changes in direction. There may be several witnesses (preferably NOT together at the time). The obvious first check is a satellite. It is amazing how few people really would recognise one. There are so many of these things floating around up there that if you look hard enough on any clear night you are almost certain to see you within a few minutes. Small wonder people think they are seeing UFOs, especially when they vanish suddenly (as they do on entering the earth's shadow) or flash at varying intervals (due to reflection of sunlight on uneven surfaces). You can check for the bright ones via the Daily Mail (who have a column each day with transit times). It is well worth cutting this out methodically. NUFON has a file of these back to August 1974 - so do not hesitate to request information. If your 'UFO' is not immediately identified it does not mean it is not a satellite. There are many, many more than recorded in the press. Your single white light may well be an aircraft at high altitude. It might be very difficult to hear any sound, even for people with radar ears - and not all witnesses have those! Check with a member who is interested in aircraft. He will have maps which pin point airways. Simple directional checks will rule out many a visitor from the stars as coming from Gatwick or Heathrow!

Aircraft nearer the ground can appear as red lights moving slowly - at a distance the characteristic flashing might not be noticed. Then sometimes pilots like to play at ufonauts by switching on landing lights miles away from touchdown and scaring some less sceptical individuals into thinking they are being watched by a 'thing from up there'. Don't forget astronomical explanations too. Cut out the piece from the March 1975 N.U.N. and stick on your wall the horrifying reminder that even good old Venus and Jupiter, two innoxious little pin points of light which never hurt anyone, can sprout wings and portholes and send hundreds of people to the phone reporting an 'nvasion from Mars'. Not just schoolchildren either. Remember the PC from Staffordshire, who was obviously no fool, who sincerely took pictures of a UFO which was a plain ordinary street lamp, he having seen the planet Mars. Need I say more? Treat LITS with caution. To have anytmeaning they need to be really special.

(After last months article it is plain this series is causing a stir of feeling. Ian Creswell comments that the classification system was 'not nearly so precise as it nedds to be'. He then gives the system that he and Bernard Delair are working from for their catalogue which is very commendable and detailed. The point is that this was a RESEARCH classification. The system outlined last month was an INVESTIGATION one. Its purpose was merely to simply and rapidly sub-divide cases at the time of discovery. Considering the comments being made when the series is complete it may be updated and solicited with further mateial which people seem prepared to contribute for production as a special issue. It cannot do any harm, but we shall await the outcome of BUFORAs INVESTIGATORS HANDBOOK due out shortly.)

INVESTIGATION SECTION  
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The series of slides taken near Preston on October 17th 1975 have been secured by PULSE. Thirteen of the fifteen seem to show a flare shaped yellowish object, as reported by the witnesses at the time. MUFORA have examined them and Peter Warrington notes, "Projected to size 4' x 2½' object gave image about seven sixteenths of an inch. Object reduces in size, suggesting receding motion. The time factor of eleven minutes observation time seems to rule out an aircraft trail, though I would not do so entirely. A suggestion is a whisp of very high cloud. This would presuppose it being further away than the main bulk of cloud, which moves in the OPPOSITE direction to the object." A full analysis report is being prepared by BUFORAs photographic analyst who will be able to comment on any possible explanatiobs.

It is not possible to include more details on report 75/112 since UFORA Staffs are still investigating. It involves the sighting of an object with 'huge windows' on October 24th in Derbyshire. Since there is a back up witness, who is a Geologist, and saw it really close up, a full report will be issued when the data is collated.

Finally BUFORA Yorks report that sighting 75/106 on November 19th was caused by a normal ground source. More details will be published shortly.

REPORTS FROM THE PAST:  
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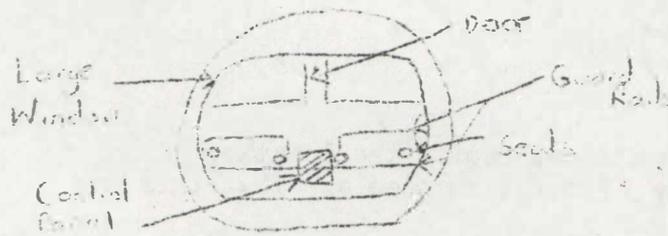
1) MATLOCKS SPINNING DISH - November 21 1970: Reported by Ian Creswell

Three people within the space of an hour reported a sighting of a spinning dish shaped object, metallic grey in colour. It had a flat underside with white lights at each end and a row of red lights underneath. It was in view a few seconds between 20.00 and 21.00 on a clear starlit night.

2) UFONAUTS SEEN IN 1945: - Report by Sheffield UFORA

Sadly we do not have full details of this intriguing case. It is not known WHERE or WHEN it ocured, save it was about 1945. I hope the Sheffield group will write a full summary on the case for publication. The drawing opposite of the front side of the craft was made supposedly as it had approached within 75 yards at a height of 50 feet. It moved very slowly. The overall diameter was claimed to be 35 feet. There is one large window which was made of a thin plastic material which gave everything green/blue tinge. Seats, a rear door and a guard rail are all indicated. There was no

visible propulsion system. The base had cross girder floor strengthening with a central cavity for crew entrance. Its diameter was estimated at 12 feet (and the witness in later statement felt that the overall diameter may have only been 25 feet). The beings were height about 5' 10", humanoid with a one piece suit, ordinary shoes and short back and sides haircut. Nothing is known of the validity of the witness. He says the reason he has kept quiet was because, "who would believe it?". I hope SDR UFORA are able to supply a more detailed account of what may be an important case, even in view of the length of time which has elapsed.



CURRENT SIGHTING REPORTS:

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Report 75/114 June 6th 1975 Morecambe Investigated by Ian Cresswell

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Although only a LITS report it has a slightly unusual beginning. A man and wife at 02.28 noted interference on their radio and the house lights dipping. Thinking an electrical storm was coming they went outside but it was a clear night. They then saw a brilliant round white light, brighter than any star. It was in the south west moving towards them, but turned east and then south east before vanishing. No satellite or aircraft has been found to explain it.

Report 75/115 June 25th 1975 Mansfield Investigated by M.U.R.O.

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A ten year old son of a policeman and policewoman reported to the local press his observation of a 'Fairy Liquid bottle' which he saw at 10.45 am from the playground of his school. It was silver, and he drew it for MURO investigators as a cylinder with rounded ends. It moved right to left in the north western sky at a low elevation. It was in view for only a few seconds (as MUROs simulated exercise with the witness indicates). MURO were only able to conclude that it could have been a balloon or freight aircraft (such as a Galaxy which was seen over the area a few days later). They did not pursue the investigation further.

Report 75/116 August 13th 1975 Cheadle Hulme Investigated by MUFORA

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The witness to this sighting is an aircraft engineer working for a major airline at Manchester Airport. He is therefore familiar with types of aircraft. He was in his garden on a warm sunny day looking at a high flying Victor aircraft leaving a trail. He then noticed adjacent to it a peculiar metallic 'boomerang' shaped object which remained in a stationary position during the course of his 7-8 minutes observation. It seemed to become covered by vapour (he is not sure if this was generated by the object itself). When this cleared the object was still there and it finally disappeared when high Cirrus cloud covered it. It seems possible that this was a high altitude weather balloon.

Report 75/117 September 2nd 1975 Anfield, Liverpool Investigated by WUFORO

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Unfortunately little information is to hand on this case, and I hope WUFORO will supply a more detailed report. An undescribed object was apparently seen over the area at 14.15. It remained stationary for fifteen minutes and then shot straight upwards into the sky. Aircraft overflew the area and then the object returned to its original position for ten minutes at 14.50. During this latter period Jonathan Hughes of 24 Sunbury Rd took two photographs of it. It is not known what they show.

Report 75/121 December 17th 1975 Leicester Investigated by BUFORA

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The witness to this case is a cook in the merchant services. He was walking in the town centre at 15.21 when he had a sudden urge to look upwards. He then saw a glowing metallic object like two spheres stuck together. There were no visible wings or protruberances and it was silent. (With City traffic noise???) It moved slowly northwards reflecting sunlight off a polished surface. After three minutes it disappeared behind buildings. The witness has served in the RAF and is sure it was not an aircraft.

Report 75/123 December 21 1975 Saddleworth Moor Investigated by MUFORA

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A woman living in Delph saw what she thought may have been a UFO (though she was not too pleased about it and seemed keen to explain it away naturally). It was seen over the moors travelling low on a south south east course towards Ashton. It was in view for several minutes and appeared as indicated in the diagram opposite. Its colour was a dullish grey metallic, but the visibility was poor that day and the possibility that she was a little mistaken in her observation is self admitted. Despite the location of the report on what seems 'old hunting ground' for UFOs the chances are that this was an aircraft or helicopter.



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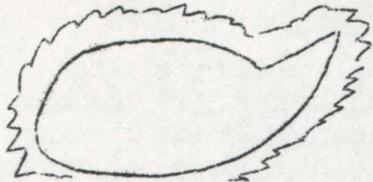
A new report has just come to our attention from BUFORA. It occurred in Leicester on December 13th 1975 at 17.10. Reference to the detailed sighting report circulated to groups with this month's newsletter will show the relevance of this factor. It involves three witnesses. The oldest, who is 21, says she had a strange magnetic compulsion to look up (see Leicester report 75/121). In the south east was a hazy red oval the size of a half penny at arms length. It moved northwards quite slowly and turned golden and dulled. Without changing speed it altered course and moved upwards disappearing at a high elevation after about 4-5 minutes.

UFOSIS CASE STUDIES:

Our thanks to Ufosis for the detailed reports on the following cases.

Report 75/118 August 14th 1975 Solihull, Warwickshire

Between 00.30 and 00.45 the witness was entering her bedroom. An object shaped like the peculiar drawing underneath passed by the window moving north west to south



east. It was only in view a few seconds and seemed to almost fill half the window area. There was no discernable colour to the dull shape but there was a surrounding hazy white glow which appeared to come from a source behind the visible portion of the object.

The object moved forward in the direction of the pointed end.

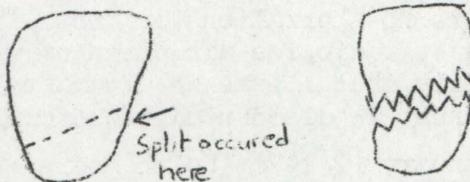
Report 75/119 October 8th 1975 Essington, Nr Wolverhampton

This case has been briefly mentioned before in N.U.N., but it is a most intriguing one. The witnesses were both teenage girls, but of excellent testimony. They did not appear to have any interest in UFOs. They were out picking mushrooms in a field

when a redish oval shape was seen over the fields to the south about 1/2 mile away

It moved very slowly westwards and then split diagonally into two pieces as shown

- with jagged edges. The light became dimmer and colour changed to white. The two objects continued to move and joined together again, becoming red. This procedure was repeated before the red object was



lost behind a tree. On changing vantage point it was not to be seen. In all it was visible from 19.00 hours for about fifteen minutes.

Report 75/120 November 7th 1975 Penkridge, Staffs.

The witness to this case has had training in Astronomy and aviation. He was driving north along the M6 and saw two purple red spheres in open fields to the south west. The larger upper one remained stationary and the lower one descended to the ground. Both were low down over open country. After about 20 seconds both dematerialised.

Report 75/122 December 19 1975 Redditch, Worcestershire.

This report involves two separate sightings in the same area on the same day. The area is man made green belt with an unrestricted view. At 07-50 two men were driving to work. In the south east, ahead of them, they saw a golden yellow disc or dome like structure which appeared twice the size of an airliner. They drove on for a moment or two with the object hovering well below cloud level of 5,000'. They pulled up the car and wound down the window but heard no sound. After about two minutes observation all told the object accelerated away to the south west, banking as it went out of view.



At 14.00 an employee of the Redditch Indicator took four photographs of a somewhat different object which performed similar motions. The photos, showing a hazy shape quite clearly over waste land, and the previous report were printed in the paper on December 29th. All checks by UFOSIS failed to find a natural explanation.

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Report 7601      January 4 1976      York      Investigation BUFORA Yorks.

A group of seven amateur observers at the observatory just outside York were keeping a watch for meteors. Just after midnight they saw a 'moving star' which changed from a reddish colour to white. They had the foresight to tape record comments as the sighting was occurring. Investigation proceeding.

Report 7602      January 5 1976      Sale (OS Ref 101 795926)      Investigation MUFORA

The witness to this event is a technician. He had just passed Sale railway station in his car when the radio began to hiss and crackle intermittently for 8-10 seconds. Coincident with this there were flashes on the top of his windscreen. It was raining heavily and there was a good deal of traffic as the time was 18.20. He does not know, therefore, if the interference continued after this but immediately he saw ahead two ice cold blue lights. They were one above the other with an angular separation equivalent to a Swan Vestas match box (maximum sized edge). They were as bright as Venus and appeared large. Elevation was about 35 degrees and they moved steadily across his vision eastwards. The lights remained visible moving steadily as the car drove through about 1000 yards at 30 mph. During this period they covered an angle of about 30 degrees of sky. The witness is familiar with aircraft and has excellent eye sight. There were no aberrations or tints in the car windscreen, nor permanent effects on the car or radio. The direction of view was towards Altrincham to the south. The possibility that it was an aircraft (Ringway airport is about 5 1/2 miles in that direction) cannot be discounted, therefore. No identification was made by MUFORA

Report 7603      January 17 1976      Delph Moors

A report was received by MUFORA that a 'helicopter' had been seen landing on the open moorland and three men getting out. Checks were made into this incident but no unusual indications were found and the investigation was closed as a 'non-event'

Report 7607      January 31 1976      Chorlton, Manchester      Investigation MUFORA.

Investigation into this case is still pending. The witness is a hospital porter who reports seeing two aircraft in the eastern sky leaving vapour trails. In front of them was an object as shown with a curved top and flat underside. It was the apparant size of a match at arms length and was shiny metallic. The aircraft seemed to surround it as it flew northwards at a speed similar to an ordinary aircraft. It was in view for two minutes. No sound,



**BOLTON/BLACKBURN FIAP**

The Bolton Evening News and the Lancashire Evening Post carried several UFO reports during late January and early February. Two girls were interviewed on Granada TV about a sighting in Bolton on January 25th. Initial investigation has uncovered two reports from January 23 and January 30 which are far more interesting than this publicised one. There are interesting correlations emerging in descriptions and environmental factors. DIGAP and RIGAP are jointly investigating the reports and it is hoped to publish a full report from them in the March newsletter.

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