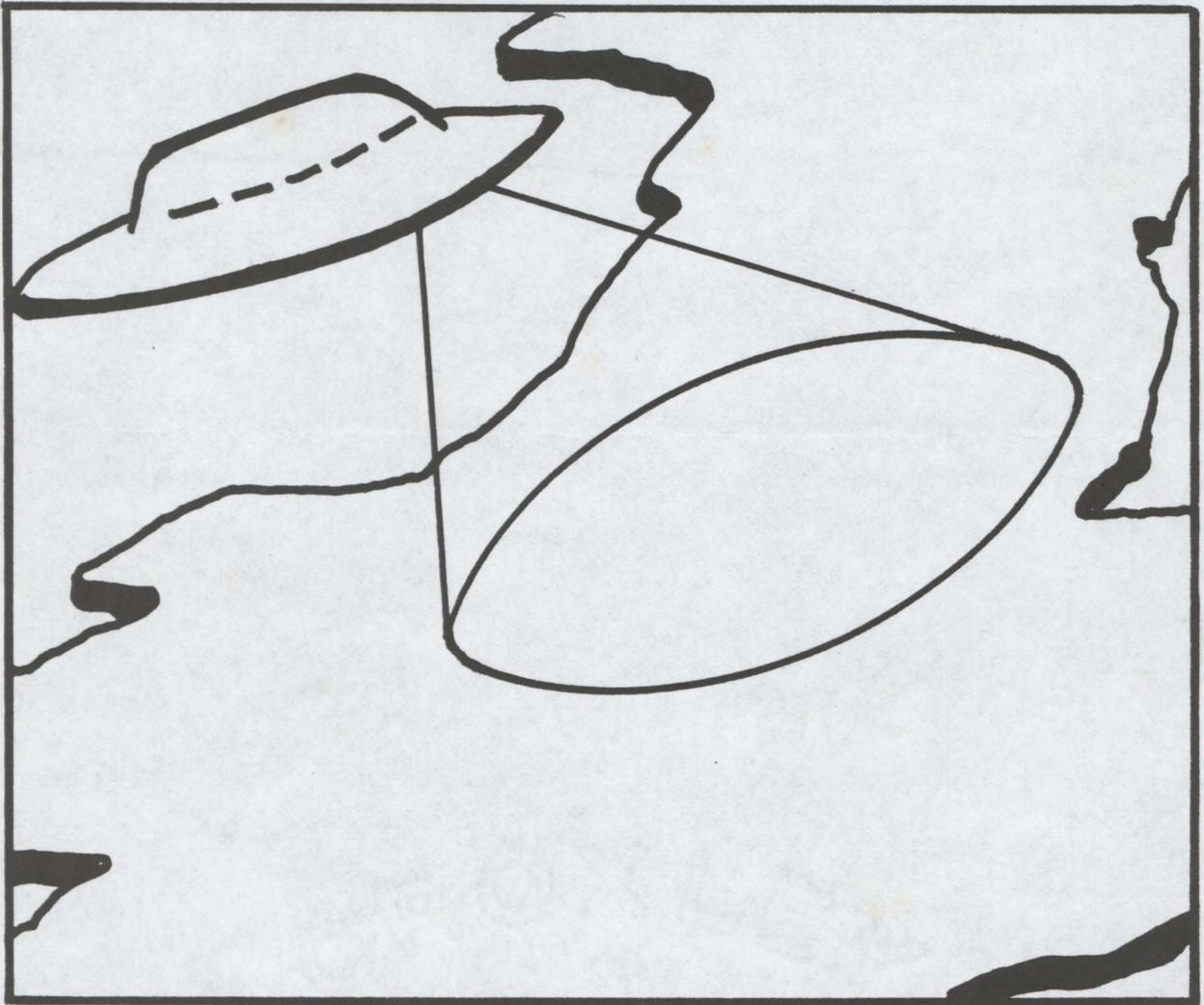


NORTHERN UFO NEWS



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EDITORIAL: "Out of this world - or out of his depth?"

Memo to Mr Hugh Burnett, Documentary Features BBC:

"Dear Mr Burnett, With reference to your documentary 'Out of this World' to be screened on May 10 1977 at 9.55pm, I would inform you that the programme length is to be increased from 45 minutes to 60 minutes. You will be expected to utilise the extra time to show that:

- a) The film highlights the lunatic element of the ufo phenomenon
- b) The film inspires no confidence in the public to report sightings and
- c) It convinces nobody that there is anything worth studying."

D. Bunker (Planning Dpt)

This message is, of course, FICTICIOUS. Yet is it out of the question that something like this occurred? Many people are beginning to feel that someone, somewhere makes quite certain that public attitudes towards the phenomenon are controlled. If there was a government policy to play down the importance of the subject it would have to involve influencing television, as a strong motivator in our society. Personally, I have never had much faith in cries of 'secrecy' but this charade makes me wonder.

My first contact with Hugh Burnett was in July 1976, when he first mooted the idea of the programme, having had lunch with Charles Bowen and others at FSR. Since then we have been in constant communication until late 1976 (during filming) and on and off ever since. Last Summer he spent a few days in Manchester with Peter Warrington and myself. We both found him sincere, interested and dedicated towards producing a straightforward film. Right until screening I would have been quite sure we would be treated fairly. On the Friday before transmission I had a long conversation with him, and he was able to discuss very knowledgably theories of ufo origin. There is no doubt that he did his homework.

From the outset all of us involved in the film were unhappy at his insistence on the theme of 'Contact' reports only, because of the paucity of UK material. The decided top heaviness of the programme towards expert prognosis as opposed to witness testimony was due to his refusal to visit France or Belgium (where some excellent CE-3s have occurred). He could not be persuaded to interview Msr Robert Galley (French Minister of Defence) and edited out all reference to this vital man and his support of the phenomenon from both Charles Bowen and Gordon Creighton. He also would not film either Ted Bloecher, the CE=3 expert, or Allan Hynek (though both were over here late last year and he knew it). Hynek in fact went into the BBC studios where he filmed an item for 'Film Night' to be kept in storage until the release of 'Close Encounters of the Third Kind' around Christmas.

Still, despite all these problems and his personal fad for Biblical connections we were happy to carry on, although at one stage Charles, Gordon, Peter and I came very close to a joint walk-out because we could not find suitable cases. Apart from the Jennie Roestenberg case (thank heavens for her) and the dubious Bowles/Pratt affair he filmed an entity case from Hertfordshire and 'Gary' (see MUFORA LINK March 77). Both were omitted because they did not come over as credible enough. One might have said the same about much of the rest.

Shortly before screening the programme became an hour long instead of the 45 or 50 minutes originally planned. It seems suspiciously as if the lunatic element of the two hunting for mother ships on Box Hill and George King's fanatical 'disciples' praying to a box of wires had been tacked on at a very late stage.

There is some evidence for this suggestion, and I know there are strong suspicions (not all from ufologists) that 'Dud and Pete' at the beginning were ACTORS. The only comment Burnett made when I challenged him on these two and their critical beginning and end placement on the film, in view of the fact nobody has ever heard of them, was 'They were very sincere'. Even so Robert Chapman, editor of science features in the Express and author of one of the better UK books on the subject, is now considering the probability that there IS a clampdown.

Have we suffered from this farce? Reaction from the public has been mixed. Many have seen through the facade to the serious aspects. Others no doubt switched off or missed the sensible bits (mostly from Charles Bowen) because they were laughing too much at what had gone before. FSR had over 150 calls from people who traced them. Despite a direct link with the BBC switchboard I received only one call following the programme and Betty Revill of FSR none. Hugh Burnett claims the BBC had no calls!!! He has promised us the letters, but it will be a miracle if we ever see them. Nonetheless it has created an impetus. People have been stimulated. Charles Bowen tells me he had people staring at him in the train for days afterwards. Most of you will no doubt have felt the reaction at work. The next day on my way into Manchester to appear on radio I had a copy of FSR on the bus. The guard waylaid me for the whole journey and Greater Manchester Transport lost some money I suspect! The ball is in our court to follow the tide.

UFOs may or may not be 'Out of this world' but the BBC were quite obviously out of their depth.

JENNY RANGLES

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UFOs IN THE NEWS

The BBC programme has caused a furore in the press. Previews appeared in most national dailies, with the BBILY MAIL labelling the ufologists as '..monsters, affable, intelligent, deeply informed and daft as brushes.' You can be sure that Charles Bowen was not impressed by that. He managed to get a reply to a letter he sent in response to this from no less than David English (the editor). The Mail somewhat made amends with their lengthy review of the film, by seeing through the 'sniggers' to the 'extraordinary stories' and lambasting Burnett gently for allowing people to 'boast juicy eccentrics, eager to testify while blissfully unaware that they are pillorying themselves'. Meanwhile the publicity for the South Wales flap continues unabated with Randall Jones*Pugh becoming more featured on Welsh TV than Crossroads and getting articles in the Observer Colour Supplement and a full page feature in the Sun and the Express. Even Captain Woods of the Trident Radar/Visual case has got into the act, after deciding to release the story to the press. He was given serious treatment on the ITV news (although a subsequent retraction occurred). The media latched onto this over-rated case eagerly. One even said that Captain Woods wanted 'ufo experts' to investigate. (It was of course mentioned in NUN last Autumn and fully featured in FSR Vol 22 No 4). One thing it does prove. Few people must watch 'Good Afternoon' on ITV for Captain Woods was on there with Charles Bowen in April!! No doubt several of you were also on radio following the programme. Peter Warrington and I were invited to give our opinions on Radio Manchester, and Gordon Creighton had some strong words to say on Radio London. He even walked out on them!

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ANOTHER, PEOPLE, COMMUNICATION & NAMES: Nigel Watson

After the publication of my last article (NUN February 77) I feel I ought to elaborate a little on what I was trying to get at.

First of all, NUFON has changed, or my comprehension of it has - take your pick. In the beginning NUFON was completely independent, and it had some new ideas on ufo group organisation. Most of all NUFON actually worked, local groups began to join NUFON until it became a legitimate organisation. A dialogue between NUFON, BUFORA and CONTACT was soon established. This in itself was not a bad thing. There has to be some sort of cooperation - though I must admit I do get anarchistic feelings sometimes!

ANOTHER PEOPLE, COMMUNICATION & NAMES Cont...

The point is that somewhere along the line NUFON lost it's identity and some thing of its purpose. Also there has since emerged two new organisations, namely the secretive BUDC and the newborn UFOIN. Are there enough people interested to support five national organisations? Personally I should like to see such a smart juggling act on display, but so far as I can see not many of these organisations are going to take to the air.

BUFORA is a perfect example of what happens to a national organisation. In the past it has belted out its journal every now and again. It has held conferences and meetings and an administration of sorts. Mainly it has sadly neglected the actual ufo investigation and local ufo groups. If it were not for this neglect I doubt if NUFON could have, or need have, been formed. Personally, BUFORA has treated me in a shabby, or more accurately arrogant, manner. If we are honest we must say that BUFORA is a lame duck, BUDC is a child of Alan Fossey's mind and NUFON is acting like a rudderless ship.

NUFON should solely concentrate on investigation, research and the publication and communication of such. This brings me to my point on the distribution of 'raw' ufo report details. In her reply to my comments Jenny Randles wrote, "The files are available on loan or photocopy to associate groups who need them for research. Of course, there are problems. You cannot send copies of 700 reports to every group - but it is a cornerstone of NUFON policy that the material not be hidden away but that it is made available".

Although I appreciate the problems of distributing information (even though the NUN is doing an excellent job in it's own right) I was basing my views on negative comments made by Peter Warrington at the October 76 NUFON meeting. After all the sighting reports and associated material of an investigation can be far more helpful and informative than the material that can be squeezed into NUN or farmed out to FSR and other publications. Even ufo reports in FSR can be glamorised, but 'raw data' is essential to research. I did not mean to imply that 700 reports should be sent out to every group - merely that the files should be more available.

Perhaps I am not being fair to people who have worked hard. Perhaps I am being too negative and not constructive. Send comments and threats to me, via the NUN!!

(COMMENT: I accept that NUFON lost its identity somewhat, but I know that NUFON has a tremendous amount of respect in this country and abroad, and that is some thing to cling to. Perhaps Nigel's comments about BUFORA were prophetic - see below - and perhaps we now do have the chance to re-assert our identity. I do not fully accept that the BUDC is non-productive. The two issues of BUDC Bulletin, which Nigel obviously has missed, have provided some first rate research articles and both they and UFOIN are specialist organisations with highly restrictive membership. Indeed the BUDC does not have a ufological membership, purely a scientific one. I feel that there is no overlap created by either of these two. Where the central problem lies is with the NUFON/BUFORA/CONTACT situation - again see below. As for the files I do not see how 'more available' they can be than on loan or photocopy to associates, whichever is most suitable. However, we are reappraising the situation and the files have now been taken over by NUFOIS, the Nottingham group. They have their own building in which they are housed, and are therefore even more directly available for examination by anyone who wishes to use them. The new address of the NUFON files, to which enquiries should go, is:-

NUFON Files 443 Meadow Lane Nottingham NG2 / 3GB

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BUFORA - A SAD APPRAISAL:

As many of you will know, having received a photocopy, I have received a letter from BUFORA Chairman Lionel Beer making direct accusations against me and calling upon me to resign as your representative on the BUFORA Council. This has, of course,

occured because I have supported your grievances against BUFORA and, perhaps outspokenly, written about what I felt was wrong and how it could be improved. Whilst always wishing to see a better ufological system it appears that one is not allowed to be inside BUFORA and criticise it at the same time. A sad reflection on its organisation.

I will not reiterate my many suggestions about BUFORA, nor attempt to defend the totally unjustified accusations against me. If anyone wishes to see both sides (Mr Beer's letter and my reply) they may get a copy from me on request. What it boils down to is this.

I have been asked to resign, Peter Warrington, NUFON Resources officer, has been asked to resign as RIC for the North West. We have been told that no further communication is requested from me, and Lionel Beer has told Ken Green that NUFON IS JENNY RANGLES. Full stop. This means that BUFORA has severed all links with us.

Of course, it is ridiculous to state that I am NUFON. I doubt if Ken (who works hard on the tape library), or Bryan Hartley (who puts in hours of work on overseas liaison), or Ian Cresswell (who transfers historic cases onto file), or UFOSIS (who look after minutes of meetings and edit special publications), or NUFOIS (who now look after the report files) or all of the groups and individuals (YOU) who contribute material to these files will feel very pleased about that comment.

We have now been given a definite opportunity to do, as Nigel Watson suggests, a re-emphasis of our identity. I think dis-satisfaction with BUFORA has grown in a lot of minds (not incited by myself either), and there is a feeling that we can do better ourselves. Well let us try, and show one or two people that we are able to act as a community and produce worthwhile results. Let us not be insulted by the arrogance and contempt which appears now to pervade BUFORA. Let us get on with the job!

The possibilities at the moment are that we can re-assert NUFON as a fully independant northern association, with individual membership or very much as it is now. Or we can work with the southern groups to instigate a nationwide network along the lines of NUFON, keeping ourselves as a separate regional element (with a counterpart southern section linked into one overall system). Which of those do YOU prefer - write in and let us know.

I am very pleased to say that relationships with CONTACT UK are still excellent and we now have a much closer link (via UFOIN) with FSR (see p.8). It appears to be BUFORA who is isolating itself. I have proposed that this Summer we have a conference of the various aspects of ufology in the country to rationalise these somewhat. I think you will all agree that this could be most profitable, as there does appear to be growing fragmentation - something we do not want.

Again we seem to be at an exciting crossroads point for NUFON. It is up to you to say where you want it to go - because it is not I, but you, who are NUFON.

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CURRENT REPORTS

REPORT 6102 ?? 1961 Swinton, Gtr M/Cr EUFOSC Level C

Thanks are due to the Essex UFO Study Group for relating this story of a man who, with his mother, saw a stationary red ball of light in the southern sky over the Bridgewater canal. After 2/3 minutes it changed colour to blue/green and was in view a further 7/8 minutes before suddenly accelerating up into the sky.

REPORT 6205 ?? 1962 Langley, Gtr M/Cr MUFORA Level D

A woman reports seeing a brilliant white ball of light suddenly materialise over the rooftop opposite. It was about one third the apparant size of the house. It was in view 2/3 seconds and then vanished. She called her mother who saw it reappear at the side of its first position, vanish after several seconds, and then do the same again in a new position adjacent to the first two.

Mr Bolton, a railway clerk, was recovering from an accident and was in his garden lying flat and looking upwards on a fine, sunny afternoon. He spotted a shiny metallic object hovering in the sky at some height. It was a classical disc shape with a small cupola on top. After hovering in this position for some fifteen minutes it suddenly flipped on edge and shot upwards, accelerating out of sight. No explanation has been found to this sighting.



ENTITY IN HULL STREET? Report 6809 Autumn 1968/69 Derick Shelton Level D

This story was related to Derick in a letter by the witness, John Scarah, who is a practical man. It is not certain whether it relates to the ufo phenomenon, but is by no means an unheard of type of story and occurred in an area where ufo events have been recorded in the past. It occurred at 00.30 on a fine night. Mr Scarah was walking to work along St Nicholas Avenue, Hull, when he saw a strange man. He was 5' 10" or 6' tall, dressed in a boiler suit, tightly fitted at the ankles. His hair was brushed right back. As he confronted Mr Scarah he gave a look of surprise and stared at him for a few seconds. He then turned round and just vanished. Mr Scarah was frightened, thinking he had hidden in the shadows to way-lay him, but when nothing happened he looked closely at the spot. There was no way in which the man could have escaped, but also there was not the slightest trace of him. The witness has never had psychic experiences and insists that this man was solid, and reacted very strangely upon meeting him. The description, of course, does tally well with that of ufo entities and such disappearing acts have been reported before.

REPORT 7467 ?? 1974

Halifax, W. Yorks

MUFORA Level D

Although only a LITS incident this case has some interesting elements. It concerns Miss Rushton and her boyfriend, who were staying at a country cottage and looking at the clear sky at about 01.00. They saw two white stars close together, by the side of another. The formation was stationary for several minutes and was viewed as quite ordinary until the two stars began to move, keeping formation, across the sky. There was no sound. A few minutes later the third star began to climb upwards in a zig-zag fashion, stopping by the side of several stars and "never passing over one". The witness emphasises this point, although it should be obvious that the effect was purely one of perceptual alignment. If the object truly did stop astride each star (assuming they were stars) then it implies a direct performance for the witness (involving incredible skills of alignment) or more probably an induced cause by the witness who autokinetically controlled the movements.

REPORT 75/147 May 1 1975

Llawrytd Wells, Powys

FUFOR Level B

A family of four were involved in this sighting. Mr Price (aged 44), Mrs Price (38) and their sons, aged 13 and 3. They were travelling by train across the empty hill country of central Wales when they saw two balls of orange/white light over a hill. One was atop the other. They remained absolutely stationary for 15/20 minutes as the train rolled on, and they looked at them through an open window to rule out reflection. In mid sighting a third object appeared to the right, forming a triangle and the lower one faded out temporarily. This subsequently returned to the original brilliance, which was quite intense. The teenage son, interestingly, thought the objects were green. This type of triangular phenomenon has been reported before (see last issue for a Cheshire report) and seems to indicate a strange form of meteorological or optical effect, nonetheless unknown to us at the present time.

REPORT 7757 March 4 1977

Sheffield, S. Yorks

UFORUM Level D

Whilst watching a jet aircraft through binoculars John Emmanuel claims to have seen a white light, as bright as Venus and the size of four jet engines put together. It travelled towards the vapour trail left by the aircraft and then it stopped. He went inside to check for satellites etc. On return it had vanished. This date was remarkably productive of UFO reports - see 7735, 7736, 7737, 7756.

REPORT 7758 March 6 1977

Crewe, Cheshire

FUFOR

Level A

At 22.30 Mr Stubbs, a retired man, was at the top of his stairs glancing out at his garden. He saw a brilliant ball of red light heading towards him, apparently five yards in diameter and quite low. Thinking it was an aircraft about to crash, he stamped on the floor to attract his wife's attention. She hurried upstairs and saw it also. A trail of white light seemed to follow it, and it vanished suddenly as if being switched off. On checking it was found that their neighbour, with her daughter and granddaughter had also seen the object from outside (about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile away). They fully confirm the story. The observation sounds like a fireball, but duration is not known and if Mrs Stubbs had time to come upstairs to see it (she is in her 70's) it seems to have been more than the few seconds normally appropriate to a meteor.

REPORT 7759 March 7 1977

Fearnhead, Cheshire

MUFORA

Level A

The witness is a student at the college attended by your editor. He reports a white oval seen moving slowly across the sky in the south west. Time 21.30. It was lost behind a building and the witness went indoors to try to see it from upstairs but it was not seen again. I feel fairly certain this was an aircraft en route to Liverpool or Manchester airports, as they frequently pass over high enough to be silent.

REPORT 7760 March 11 1977

Wallsend, Tyne & Wear

Bill Muir Level C

This final report from the very decided early March flap (see last two issues also) concerns three young women (although one failed to see the object which was but in view six seconds). The time was 19.15 and the object was brilliant white, surrounded by a pale green mist. It travelled NE-NW very fast and then turned on edge to shoot upwards out of view. This was quite probably a fireball meteor.

REPORT 7761 April 14 1977 (Aprx)

Chester, Cheshire

WUFOS

Level C

Mrs Stamp is a florist. She was locking up the shop with her husband, about 17.30 when they saw an orange white ball in the north north west. It was stationary for about two minutes, slowly fading from view. It was the apparent size of a dishplate at arms length and as brilliant as the moon. It seems to be some kind of optical reflection of the sun. The witnesses have seen it before in the same area.

REPORT 7762 April 24 1977

Sheffield, S. Yorks

UFORUM

Level D

Single witness reports a cigar shaped object surrounded by haze at 22.05. It was only in view $\frac{3}{4}$ seconds, moving silently and very fast. Eight minutes later a second, or the same object, was seen again for 10/12 seconds. Insufficient data to tell.

REPORT 7763 April 26 1977

Sheffield, S. Yorks

UFORUM

Level D

The same witness as before, with his wife, saw an oval object 'moving sideways' from SE to NW. It was in view two to three minutes and moved slowly. Seen at 21.15

REPORT 7765 May 1 1977

Bridlington, N. Humberside

Phil Fergus

Level B

At 05.10 Mr Cuthbert reported a bright yellow ball of light moving very fast out towards the coast over some hills near Carnaby. It was the apparent size of a football. The witness is sure it was not a meteor, but it may well have been a fireball.

REPORT 7766 May 5 1977

Sheffield, S. Yorks

UFORUM

Level B

Two witnesses in a car spotted an object at 23.45 whilst driving south west. It was stationary for $\frac{2}{3}$ minutes and was oval in shape surrounded by a fuzzy red glow. They got out of the car to ensure it was not a reflection. It was the apparent size of a box of Swan Vestas matches at arms length. In an attempt to get closer they turned the car around, but on doing so the object had vanished.

REPORT 7767 May 14 1977

Sheffield, S. Yorks

UFORUM

Level D

Susan Law, secretary of UFORUM, reports an observation of her own. It was at 10.05 and consists of a blue triangular object hovering over rooftops. It descended smoothly out of view. At first she took it to be a kite, but it did not sway in the wind and no string was visible. She walked around the houses but could find no cause for the sighting.

April 28th 1977 seems to have been one of those nights when ufo phenomena abound. Already we have knowledge of five sightings in the north. The first comes from a S.N. Card from Nigel Watson and involves a Level E report of a light seen high in the sky between 01.20 and 02.00. It was classified as a meteor by Yorkshire TV and Radio Humberside, and was seen from several parts of the East. However, in view of later occurrences we may have to think again. At 02.45 we gave a further Level E report (to be followed up by MUFORA) from the Bury Times. A lady at Elton claims she saw a long, shiny cigar shaped object hovering over rooftops and then flying away towards Radcliffe and Manchester. At 03.40 PC Warburton from Middleton police (Gtr Manchester) gives us a level B report. He saw a bright white light the size of a half penny moving north-south, from elevation 40 degrees. It was lost after twenty seconds behind houses. He radioed base, who contacted Manchester Airport. They had no radar traces and no aircraft in the vicinity. The local radar cover was also checked, with nothing on screen. At 04.55, just over an hour later, the same PC was with a colleague, PC Collins, at a different part of Middleton. They again saw a white light moving southwards. At one point in the south the white light was replaced for 4/5 seconds by flashing red lights (7 Or 8). The white object then disappeared over the horizon. A call to base during the sighting enabled two more PCs and a Sergeant to see the object also. They again checked the airport, but once more there was nothing to account for the sighting. Finally we have another S.N. card from Nigel Watson referring to a report from North Scunthorpe at 05.45. This is one of the 'cloud cigar' type phenomena so prevalent in France. It was a vertical cigar which turned horizontal and was then surrounded by mist at each end. The edges then curled up and the object vanished. This is being pursued in more detail.

All in all April 28th was quite a night - a pity nobody thought of a skywatch!

REPORT 7768 May 17 1977 Horbury, W. Yorks BUFORA YORKS Level E

Only a preliminary notification to date of a white object which was seen from the slip road of Junction 39 of the M1 at 02.50. The object was about 4' in diameter and flew over the witnesses car crashing into the grass some 50 yards ahead of it.

REPORT 7769 May 18 1977 Sheffield, W. Yorks UFOFORUM Level D

Two reports from UFOFORUM members of white lights seen moving across the sky very fast around 23.00. They were both probably meteors.

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You may have noted from above that group leaders are reporting sightings. It may be of interest to note that Peter Warrington, Chairman of MUFORA, has had a personal sighting on May 21st (a full account from Peter next month). This is only the second experience in 10 years of involvement which can even remotely be called a UFO. There has also been a sighting from my college (though I was not there at the time - see 7759), and recently one from a few hundred yards from my home in Irlam. Philip Rogers of UFOSIS also tells me of a late May flap of LITS, with one seen from the block of flats where he lives in Birmingham. If the July issue of NUN fails to appear you may assume I have been abducted by a mothership!

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A RELIABILITY FACTOR FOR UFO REPORTS

You will have noticed an addition to the reports this month. This is a Reliability Factor, which indicates the level of investigation. This stems from discussions between myself and Bernard Delair of CONTACT UK. We feel that if all publications would include this with each report from now on it would greatly improve the research results which are based on this data. So we call on ALL ufo journals to use the following codes:

- Level A: An on-site investigation by experienced investigators
- Level B: Interview with the witness by experienced investigator
- Level C: No interview, but witness fills out special ufo report form of some type
- Level D: Letter or written account from witness but no special follow-up.
- Level E: Unconfirmed report - eg newspaper cutting, verbal account only.

UFOIN REPORT

Latest news on the UFO Investigators Network (see last issue). There was a confirmed membership of 26 investigators as this issue went to press, and on-site investigations into several cases have already been launched. These include a field trip to investigate the South Wales CE-3 cases, and a landing with traces seen by Policemen in the South East. We shall be working with the network in future in that only outline details of UFOIN reports will be featured in the NUN since fully detailed versions will be featured in Flying Saucer Review, the sponsors of the network. Volume 23-2 of FSR (due in August) will feature lengthy reports on the Nelson Vehicle Interference case and Bury Police sighting (see last issue), plus the landing with traces from the South East. FSR is available on subscription of £4.20, for six issues (32 pp full glossy with photographs etc) FROM: FSR Publications Ltd West Malling Maidstone Kent. It is regarded as the premier UFO publication in the world, and as such we are pleased to enter into this working relation with them regarding data publication. Those who do not receive FSR are strongly advised of its importance.

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THE CHAIRMAN RESIGNS

Trevor Whitaker, Chairman of NUFON since 1975, has resigned (see last issue). He will, however, continue to organise BUFORA Yorkshire and represent them in the network. I am sure we all wish Trevor well in his semi-retirement, and thank him for all his efforts in the past. In keeping with the NUFON policy of less formal meetings, developed recently, it was decided at the last meeting NOT to appoint a successor (at least for the present). Trevor sends the NUN this message: "Because of the pressure on available time due to business, family and church responsibilities, I find that I have to reduce my involvement in ufo investigation. I have, therefore, decided to resign as NUFON Chairman and relinquish several of my BUFORA positions. I wish the network every success in the future."

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NEWS

:: It is nice to see the two newest members of the network doing well. Susan Law of UFORUM, from South Yorkshire, has submitted several reports to this issue, and Steven Cleaver and Nigel Brown of FUFOR (the mid Cheshire group) have provided some excellent investigation reports to date. It was also pleasing to see the tremendous response to the Crewe exhibition on May 28th. I was sad to miss it due to illness but I gather lively talks were given by Peter Warrington (on the destruction of the E-T Hypothesis) and Tony Pace, and over 500 people attended in the morning. A considerable success for a first effort.

:: Another dynamic newcomer to the network is Paul Whetnall. He has formed a Chester branch of WUFOS c/o 18 Buckingham Ave, Vicars Cross, Chester.

:: I gather from Hugh Burnett that the BBC Documentary had 6½ million watching it, which is above average and an indication of the interest generated. FSR had over 150 enquiries from people who traced them through the London telephone directory.

:: Another contact who wishes correspondants in England: Gene Modgling c/o (wait for it...) Pyramid Pyramidologists, Science Technologists, Observatory UFO Research, Lab, Dripping Spring, Texas 78620 USA.

:: Has anyone any more information on the press report that the Prime Minister of Grenada had called on the U.N. to set up a 'special agency to monitor alien activity from outer space.... at the first international congress on UFOs.'!!!!

:: Current magazines received include an excellent new offering from PULSE concerning leyography. PULSAR is available from 29 Bairstow St, Preston PR1 3TN SKYWATCH, the publication of MAPIT, is available from 92 Hillcrest Rd, Offerton, Stockport Greater Manchester SK2 5SE.

:: The editor would again like to thank all those who once again sent her get well cards during her hospitalisations (which thankfully have not interrupted production of this issue).