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I have never been particularly sold on the idea that 'someone', up there, is having a go at us, but fate, destiny (call it what you will) obviously does exist. Events comprise the juxtaposition in time and at specific locations of various interacting forces. If one gets the right mix of these then one may 'experience' the events. It also depends upon one's motives, movements and abilities at a given time as to whether one survives, surmounts or ignores these events. As one's state of being changes hourly, the ifs and buts of a situation are very wide ranging - if not actually limitless. So maybe there is someone up there putting us on the anvil of life and hammering away at us with different situations - to see how we react or, perhaps, to develop certain characteristics?

Viewed in this way it is tantamount to our being guinea pigs or microbe cultures undergoing experiment inside our own laboratories. In this case we are the victims. Perhaps this is why abductions are apparently becoming more frequent. They may be part of the checking phase of some grand development programme, to see how certain elements within us are reacting or developing. So perhaps all our movements and reactions are being monitored. I have suspected that they are for a long while now.

If we examine the known instances of UFO and UFO-naut behaviour (in all of its diverse but recognised forms) we find it proceeding in definite phases. I have recently completed a quick review of 'angel hair' falls ('AWARENESS' Spring 1979 pp16-17). This was relative to data recently released from Portugal that a fall there in 1959 contained alien organisms, subsequently collected and kept alive in laboratory conditions for up to 2 years. Now the time distribution of known 'angel hair' falls is confined principally to the late 1940's and 1950's. Exceedingly few have occurred in more recent years (see FSR Vol 24 No 2 piii for a possible example) So why a temporal concentration? Is it part of a programme? If the Portuguese evidence stands up then angel hair was not UFO waste, as some writers speculated, but alien matter associated with alien lightweight organisms introduced into the terrestrial environment. Many skyfalls of lower class animals are of, or include, types unknown on earth (so far as the often meagre details indicate). Recently we have had spates of animal mutilations, and an increase in Bigfoot/Sasquatch type sightings. Again all in phases. Human abductions are seemingly increasing - the latest phase?

This all adds up (collectively) to some programme of biological development or hybridization - or both? Human mental response, under external stimuli, may also be involved. Individually, these phases are too far apart temporally or too dissimilar if acting contemporaneously, to be recognisable for what they might (shockingly) be. Maybe there was more than a little truth in the oft quoted words of Charles Fort..... 'We are property' (!)

Comment..... These ideas which Bernard Delair expresses are certainly, as he intended, thought provoking. As he recognises, they tie in with some of the concepts expressed by others in the APRIL 'Northern Ufology'. Contacts do seem to be mainly hallucinatory in nature, which means there is either an internal or external stimulus for them. If Bernard is right then we might expect that one phase would be the use of 'sensitives' to expand human potential and awaken the vast unused capacity of the brain. What a nice way to do this they may have chosen. If you have any comments to make about Bernard's ideas please do so..... Jenny Randles.

REMINDER: Next month 'Northern Ufology' has as its theme 'The Government & UFOs' - what are they doing, not doing, should be doing etc. We already have several items but if you want to contribute to the debate articles are needed by JUNE 21st.

A. Lee, En advises me that he will be back next month!

APEN Again

It seems that our old friends APEN are back in action. Remember them from three years ago, when they attempted to stir up a hornets nest within ufology? Their rather dubious methodology involved proclamations that they were a top secret UFO organisation (never divulging names or addresses), and attempts to implicate several well known figures in the process. Their efforts at disruption brought them much infamy.

Twice in recent weeks (when out) I have had mysterious calls from a woman who at first simply called herself J.R. (what an interesting choice of initials as APEN use to love them) Latterly she called herself Janice Rees (see the piece on the name Rees in AWARENESS, Spring 1979). Apparently, she claimed, she had to contact me in order to join APEN. On the second occasion I had left a prepared message. When told APEN did not exist she laughed and said 'yes they do' the local paper says so. She then named another, very well known person, whom she says the paper implicated.

No doubt new efforts are underway to cause unrest are in the offing. For the record there is no evidence for their factual existence and no ufologists of any integrity are involved. If you receive any memos consign them to the waste bin. We learnt in 1976 if we ignore them they go and play their silly games elsewhere. (if interested see 'The strange affair of APEN', Randles, J MUFOP Summer 1976)

Letter to the editor:

Dear Miss Randles, With reference to Mr Andrew Collins article entitled 'The Contact Concept' in the April 1979 Northern Ufology, I should like to point out that his assumption that the aptly named 'bad egg smell' occasionally encountered at the site of an alleged UFO materialisation may be due to the presence of Sulphur Dioxide gas is undoubtedly incorrect. Had the author referred to any basic chemistry text he would have found that Sulphur Dioxide is colourless with an acrid, choking smell. It is far more likely that the highly toxic Hydrogen Sulphide would be responsible for the odour in question. I am sure that I am not alone in my belief that this lack of simple research leads the layman to assume, not unjustly, that UFO investigation is highly unscientific. Rosalind Parsons, MUFORA

Temporal Coincidences

Found by Bernard Delair

The following pairs of sightings relate NUFON cases to others. They occurred at the same time (relative to a normal 24 hour day) and involve the same kind of object: May 13 1978 02.00 Burtonwood, Cheshire & Outschoorn, Sth Africa; Oct 23 1978 23.00 Dudley, W. Mid. & New Hampshire, USA; Jan 18 1979 Bagueley, Gtr M/Cr & Quebec, Canada. Is there any meaning to this?

NEWS

!! A fascinating new group is associating itself with us and will be the most northerly to exist in Britain. Apart from investigating cases in North Scotland it intends to study UFO shapes by graphic reconstructions using varying artistic techniques. This they will do for all interesting cases. If you wish to discuss the idea contact UFOMAT via Ian Taylor D.A. 47 Hammersmith Rd, Aberdeen, AB1 6NA

!! Yet another new group to record is MIGAP (Merseyside Investigation Group on Aerial Phenomena) Formed by already well known NUFON and UFOIN investigator Brian Fishwick it already records pleasing support from Merseyside and Clwyd. Contact Brian at: 133 Hinckley Rd, Islands Brow, St Helens, Merseyside WA11 9JX

!! UFO INFO apparently staged their second group conference on May 12. They say it was well attended, but so far I have found nobody who knew of it. However, they intend to set up a 'joint' report form and a group directory and want ideas and information from you. Write to 8 Eden Grove, Melksham, Wilts SN12 8QJ

*** THE SALFORD LECTURES JUNE 16 1979 (Sat) starts 2pm until 5.30pm

Salford University, Main Campus, Chapman Building Lecture Theatre 2

Admission £1 (senior citizens & students 50p - union cards must be shown) Accompanied children (limit 2) will be allowed in free.

Lectures include still & movie films of UFOs ("The Nature of the Humanoids" by Charles Bowen, "Film as Evidence" by Peter Warrington, "UFOs - What are they?" by Jenny Randles) All welcome (capacity 250, car park facilities) For directions contact 061-775-4749 or 597 Mauldeth Rd West, Chorlton, Manchester 21 (see top P.4)

PLEASE NOTE A NUFON meeting will be held (same place) from 12.30-1.45pm. PLEASE NOTE

UFO TERMINOLOGY

Nigel Watson mentioned in a recent NE region UFOIN report a letter received from Brian Straight of CHRYSIS, where he spoke of the need for 'unloaded' terms to be used in UFO investigation. "landing", "entity" even "UFO" all make unwarranted assumptions. It would be interesting to hear your comments. Following a discussion on this point, which Brian raised at the NUFON meeting in February, BUFORA and CONTACT were circulated suggesting an 'all-party' discussion on the question of terminology. Neither responded, but now it is being announced that the problem will be discussed at the BUFORA conference in August. Take that as you will.

MAGAZINE REVIEWS

BUFORA Journal (April 79); - press cuttings, letters & cases; AWARENESS (Spring 79) :- South Africa news, latest developments, UFO shapes, coincidences UFO RESEARCH REVIEW (Vol 4 No 3) ETH, origin of life, parapsychology debate, UFO structures MAGIC SAUCER (Apr/May 79) articles by Robbyn Collins, David Rees, Jenny Randles, Arthur Shuttlewood, children's ufo stories, delightful cartoons; LANTERN (Spring 79) UFOs, fairies and antiquities in E. Anglia; CNK (Apr 79) Metaphysics & UFOs EARTHLINK (Winter 78-79) UFOs & science, traumas, contactees.

FUFOR have published a limited edition 16pp report on the Llanerchymedd case Encounters 79 is a new magazine which reckons it is going to be controversial and criticise everyone and everything! (Including its own lack of content? - Ed) Strange Phenomena - the first news-stand issue is now available - articles on ghosts, astral projection, reincarnation, atlantis, plus UFO encounters.

A full address list of UK magazines will be issued in an early issue

INVESTIGATIONS SECTION

A Fair Cop!: Detective Inspector Norman Collinson (CID), a MUFORA member, has sent an extract from 'On the Road' - a Greater Manchester Police magazine. It concerns the use of a new electronic siren, plus mirrors and blue flashing lights, which wherever it has been used seems to have coincided with a spate of UFO sightings (eg it seems it was responsible for the East Lancs Road cases last October - see relevant NUNs). So if you hear of UFOs with odd noises and blue lights check with your local police, since they may now have this new siren.

The Stonehenge Film - A final word: It was not intended that Peter Warrington and I should comment about the 'allegedly true facts' FUFOR present in their current local magazine concerning the 'Stonehenge Movie Film case'. Peter and I outlined our investigation in detail in FSR Vol 24 No4 and we feel our objectivity and honest intentions should be apparent from that. However, one or two people have queried the rather outrageous allegations made by FUFOR. We realise it is pointless starting a debate - as it will simply be one word against another - and so we issue just a statement. However, we feel our points are borne out by statements made at the time (eg NUN, May 1978) and it is odd that only now (a year after the events) are FUFOR making these claims.

- 1) FUFOR admit that they did not release information on the case to anyone (including us). When we discovered the case we did not know of their involvement.
- 2) As soon as we did we contacted FUFOR and discussed it with them. They offered no evidence of the contradictions they now claim they knew of.
- 3) As we have several times illustrated, at no time did we seek publicity over the case. We endorse FUFOR's view that it was a very bad thing to have happened, but we do not accept that it could have been 'easily avoided' - except had they made known details of their five months investigation before this publicity.
- 4) At no time did we discourage further involvement of FUFOR in the case in any way.
- 5) The policy of NUFON and UFOIN is, by definition, one of cooperation. Had FUFOR shown willing to do this, instead of keeping what they say they knew to themselves, this would presumably have occurred naturally.
- 6) The report in FSR gives the results of our long investigation and, although it is still inconclusive, it indicates that the private opinion of Peter and myself is that the case is a result of possible observation of flares coupled with inconsistent witness testimony.

SALFORD LECTURES (see P.2) The University is on the A6 main road into Manchester about 1½ miles from Victoria Station (buses 28,30,31 or 38) and 2 miles from Piccadilly Station (buses 56,57,64,66,67,68). It is also close to junction 12 of the M62 and M63. The Chapman Building is on University Rd running north off the A6 at the edge of the university. Parking is in the Northern Car park behind the university adjacent to the River Irwell. (Fuller directions available as P.2)

LOW DEFINITION PHENOMENA

Another Airship sighting: Thanks are due to Granville Oldroyd of NLUFOIG for discovering this report in the Craven Herald for Feb 28 and Mar 7 1913. A mystery light was seen west of Skipton, North Yorks by several people between 20.30 and 21.00. One witness says "it was not a star, it was not a meteor, it was not a comet. It was simply a steadily burning light. It moved relatively fast east to west and seemed to be attached to some body that had 'power over the elements'. Date: Feb 27.

No	Date	Time	Location	Description	Level
78-226	Nov	21.00	Galgate, Lancs	Or LITS, Gr LITS dancing around it 20mins	B <u>Insuff</u>
78-227	Dec	16 00.25	Gildersome, W.Y	Two separate W stars shooting to earth	C <u>Meteor</u>
78-228	Dec	31 18.30	Blackpool, Lancs	Humming LITS dropping other LITS	E <u>Aircraft</u>
7932	Jan	5 23.15	Stoke, Staffs	W LITS plus R flashing LITS	C <u>A/C</u>
7935	Feb	6 11.28	Bromsgrove, Worc	W LITS stationary 10 secs	C <u>Insuff</u>
7942	May	3 03.00	Bryn, Gtr Mcr	2 Or LITS a/c like noise. 2 mins	A <u>A/C</u>

Cases: 226,228 (NLUFOIG); 227 (G. Birdsall); 32 (UFORA); 35 (UFOSIS); 42 (MUFORA)

6 Reports: 3 Aircraft, 2 Insufficient data, 1 meteors UFO = NIL

MEDIUM DEFINITION PHENOMENA

78-223 Mar 13 20.00 Leeds, W. Yorks (3 witnesses (2 sets) duration 5 mins) B Cloud
Oval pink cloud hovered then moved off. Person in one house over which it hovered died 15 minutes after it had gone. Possible noctilucent cloud. Inv: G. Birdsall

7933 Jan 13 14.30 Cheddleton, Staffs (2 girl witnesses) (duration 20sec) B Insuff
Silver sphere v. high. Hovered then shot off. RCM= 9S Inv: UFORA

7936 Feb 8 18.45 Bramley, W. Yorks (Multiple witnesses) (duration 2 min) C Insuff
W LITS hovered and moved off slowly to NW as oval with windows round edge. Under-side central W LITS plus 8 round lits on edge. Leeds/Bradford Airport said it was vapour trail of aircraft inbound for Manchester(?) Inv: G. Birdsall

7937 Mar 19.00 Galgate, Lancs (2 witnesses) (duration 3 secs) B meteor
Or ball with tail ½ full moon size. Investigators not positive of fireball explanation due to size and motion, but seems feasible. Inv: NLUFOIG

7938 Apr 2 09.10 Elmesthorpe, Leics (I witness) (duration 1 min) C A/C
Silver cigar, no wings etc, moving v. high at aircraft speed. Making loud drone like heavy bomber aircraft. Inv: UFOSIS

8 Reports: 2 Insufficient data, 1 meteor, 1 aircraft, 1 cloud UFO= 3 (37.5%)

MULTI-WITNESS EVENT IN LEICESTERSHIRE Aug 26 1978 Hinckley, Leics Level A

At 16.45 the first report was made. A couple from Burbage saw a yellowish oval hovering over a college in the SW. It seemed to be hazy. They watched for a few seconds. At 17.15 on return past the same spot there was no sign of it. At 17.00 a little to the N a schoolteacher saw an oval object, coloured red, moving slowly. He called HAPI right away and they dispatched an investigator to the area at 17.00 but there was no trace of the object. At 17.30 but there was no trace of the object. At 18.00 the last report came in from three girls (aged 12 to 18) driving to a riding stables 1 mile east of the previous area. They saw a silver sphere hover and descend into woods. The path drawn from these observations indicates that the object back-tracked. The most feasible explanation of a balloon was ruled out by the total lack of wind indicated by weather, the change in direction and lack of any balloons released despite stringent checks. Inv: Graham Hall (HAPI) RCM= 9MS (78-224) UFO

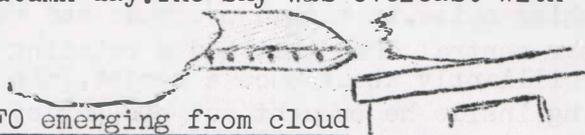


NOTES: The figure (eg 78-224) is the NUFON file reference at the HQ. The RCM often quoted is number of A4 pages plus M (maps), P (photos), S (sketches) so you can work out copy costs from the HQ (ie 5p x, plus post). Level is the Randles/Delair level of investigation (fully explained in FSR Vol 24 No 2, p 22)

LOW LEVEL DISC OVER NORTH WALES

Autumn 1978 Llandulas, Clwyd Level 4

The witness has considerable military experience and now works in a senior position for British Rail. It was 1pm on an Autumn day. The sky was overcast with moderate easterly wind. The witness was idly gazing from his window when he saw a break appear in the clouds. A very large disc was visible hovering or moving very slowly in the break. After a matter of seconds it was covered again by the thick cloud. However, it was in view long enough to judge that it was very grand in size (up to hundreds of feet). It was metallic and a mellow bronze colour. The bottom was rounded and the top more rounded still. In the base were twelve jet black square vertical windows. There was no sound. The investigator has provided extensive detail on the witness and has no reason to doubt him. Inv: Martin Roberts RCM=6MS



UFC OR MILITARY JET?

April 25 1979 St Helens, Msy Level 4

Two independent sightings are included here although a great number of people in the St Helens area testify to hearing a low-level jet between 00.00 and 00.30. At close to 00.00, perhaps just before, two men were driving through Crank a mile NNE of the town they stopped to observe a brilliant green 'lozenge' move NW towards Rainford. It did not flash and a ballpoint pen held at arms length would have been needed to cover it. Despite the country surrounds and the low height of the object no sound at all was heard. Speed was very fast and it was in view only about 30 seconds. At 00.05 a man in St Helens decided to exercise his dog in a local park.



Object at Crank



St Helens

The surrounds were quiet and when he first saw the object (in the N) he assumed it was a helicopter, but when it remained silent despite a close approach he realised it was not. The object was a red ball with a boomerang shaped leg on top. On this

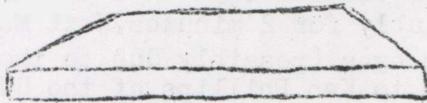
were two blue/green lights. The object came towards him and stopped, seemingly low. It then moved E, then back to its initial position (at no time altering the angle of view presented to him). It then moved N and he lost sight of it for a few seconds. Calling the dog back he saw it move NW now. It then moved back to its initial position and suddenly made a terrific roar and shot off at a tremendous speed NE. The dog sat down and pricked up his ears at this. Police claimed this was a jet from RAF Valley performing low level manoeuvres but RAF Valley could not confirm. Also Liverpool ATC (who had heavy diverted traffic from Manchester) knew of no low level aircraft over the town although it is on their regular fly-in route! Investigated by Brian Fishwick of MIGAP RCM= 6MS (794) UFO

CLOSE ENCOUNTER I: PHENOMENA

Reports 4: 1 Aircraft, 1 Flare, 1 Mist UFO = 1 (25%)

DOMED MISTY UFO IN STONE (CE1 An) Jun 11 1977 Stone, Staffs Level 4

Two teenagers walking home at 00.40 across the 'Common Plot' - open land - were confronted with a strange area of light just 2-3" above ground. About 250 feet from them they saw a misty white dome with sharp edges. It looked like a section cut precisely from a square. It looked to be about 2' thick and 60' wide and was a milky colour. There was no wobble or vibration or swirling. A faint light was cast onto the ground. Some bulls in a nearby field were running about madly. They watched for 30 seconds and then approached. As they did it faded out. They backtracked to see if it was a trick of the light or illuminated mist, but it did not reappear. Weather was mild with no wind. It is possible this was some local weather phenomenon. Inv: Martin Keatman of UFORA RCM= 6MS (77-319) Poss: Mist



LOW LEVEL OBJECT IN WELSH VALLEY (CE1 Physio?) Jan 20 1979 Denbigh, Clwyd Lev A

These events occurred at Brookhouse Mill, a restaurant beside the A525 just outside Denbigh. The chef, 28yr old Keith Jones, observed what he took to be a low-level aircraft on practice through the valley. It was 20.45 and dark, but these exercise flights do often take place. However he realised he was wrong when he saw how fast it was going and how low it was (estimated 100' up), with just a slight



whooshing noise. It banked overhead and revealed an elongated oval underside with a clear central dome that had a rotating 'strobe' light, like a lighthouse, flashing brilliantly about once a second. This illuminated an aluminium like surface. Rushing inside he brought out his employer and a customer who saw it now about 1/2 mile SE down the valley (further down a stream which runs through it). It now performed a ballet for 15 minutes, hovering, shooting rapidly to another position, hovering again and proceeding out of view down the valley still flashing. Unknown at the time two experienced police officers had passed by and seen the object moving SE. A full report on the incident will appear in FSR, plus some lovely pictures of the site taken by Janet and Colin Bord, displaying the picturesque surrounds. The Chief of the Police, Sir John Borthwick, who is 3' in height in recent months but had not connected with his UFO encounter this phenomenon. Comments please? Investigated by Janet & Colin Bord & Martin Roberts RCM= 8PS (7934) UFO

FIREBALL CRASHES ON St HELENS (CE1 Physio) April 16 1979 St Helens, Msy Lev A

A 20 year old man arriving home from his girlfriends at 1.30am was just putting his motorcycle away when he heard a high pitched whistle. Turning to look NE he saw an orange ball with a pear shaped tail of similar colour. It was as big as a football at arms length (!!!) and was travelling at an angle of about 20 degrees downwards, (the tail was in the ten past two position). The object then slowed and shifted with the tail now vertical. It descended in a zig-zag path (not unlike a falling bomb!) and was still whistling. As he watched he became very cold and started shivering, despite the mild night. The object vanished behind terraced housing and the sound disappeared. The police were called immediately and searched the area, but found nothing. The witness called them because he thought he had seen a meteor crashing, but this is most unlikely due to several factors (eg change in direction and duration of 15 secs) A flare is possible (perhaps a playback of a wartime bomb fall?). Liverpool ATC had no record of any other calls, nor did the local police. Investigated by Brian Fishwick for MIGAP 5Ms = RCM (7939) Poss: Flare



BRILLIANT BALL OVER LIVERPOOL (CE1 Physio) April 21 1979 Liverpool, Msy Lev C

Two brothers, aged 17 and 21, were witness to this object over Mossley Hill at 21.50. They describe it as a hazy white ball of light with spikes around it and an aura. When approaching from the SW it was orange, but it dulled through yellow to white. At its closest approach the elder brother flashed a torch at it and it seemingly responded by growing very brilliant white all of a sudden and then moving away to the NW. At no point did it make any sound and it accelerated away from them. Total duration about 2 minutes. The boys checked with Liverpool ATC right away who said they knew of no aircraft, balloons etc over the area at that time. The younger brother says that immediately after the sighting, he was dithering uncontrollably for 2 minutes. Next morning he awoke with a powerful headache behind his eyes (possibly due to the brilliance of the light source). The report was phoned to Ken Phillips of the BUDC hotline, to whom we are indebted for this copy of the report. RCM= 7S (7940) Poss: Aircraft landing light



TOTAL REPORTS: 18 UFO= 4 (22%) From: Clwyd, Gtr Manchester, Lancs, Leics, Merseyside, Staffs, Worcestershire, W, Midlands, N & W Yorkshire.

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