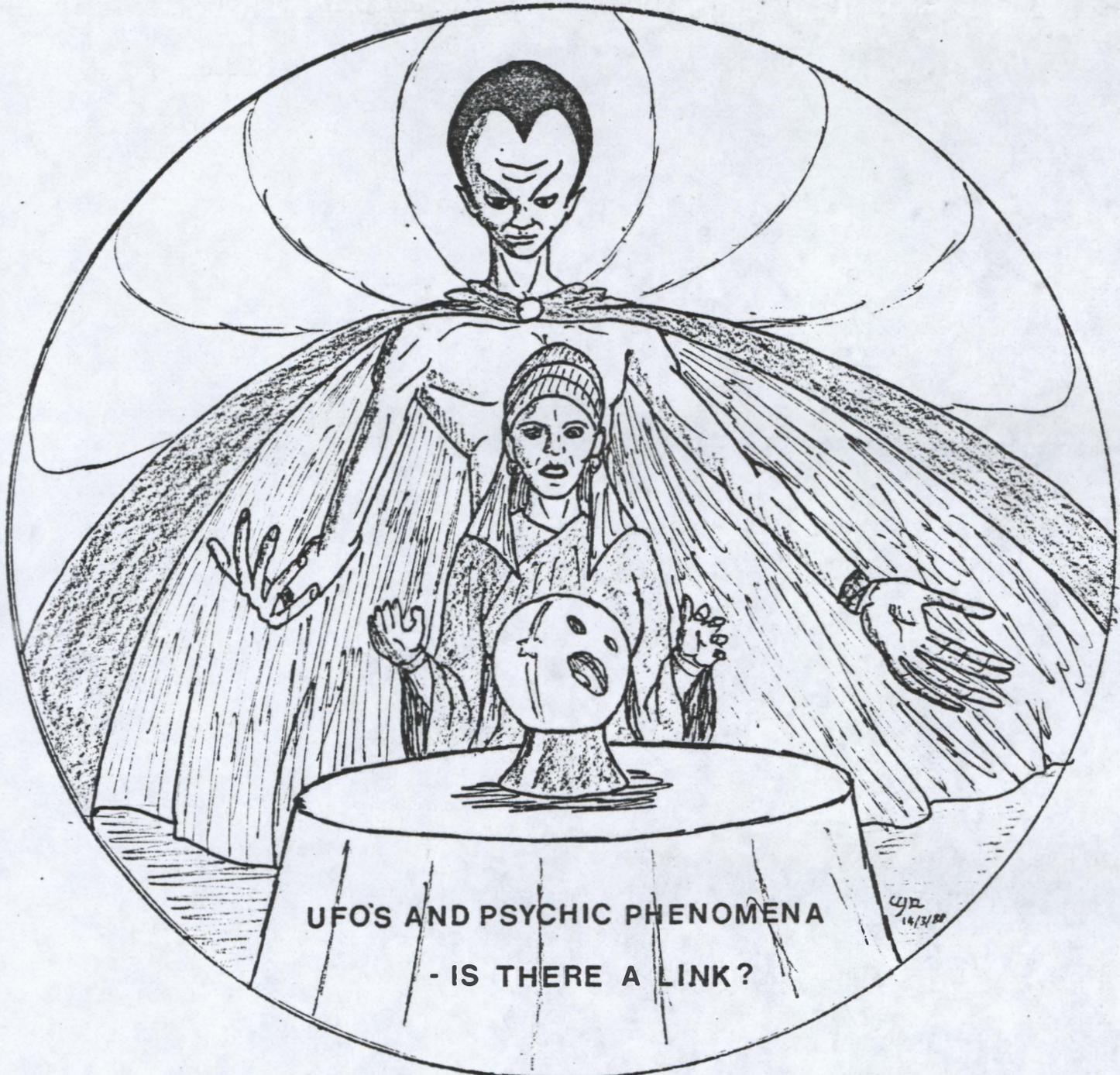


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Apologies for the delay in the production of this issue, due to circumstances which you are aware of. The next NUN will be due about mid July and the next NORTHERN UFOLOGY will be the August issue. The theme will be PHYSICAL EVIDENCE- Its extent and validity (which could include those "Retrievals of the third kind") Send in your contributions by July 31 please.

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EDITORIAL: "No doubt about it?"

It is perhaps a mark of how much Ufology is engraining itself into the human consciousness. We are even having hit pop songs written about the subject! This title comes from the current HOT CHOCOLATE single (with just the addition of a much needed question mark!) This song, incidentally, was composed by the group after a cigar shaped UFO flew low over their van following a concert in London.

According to the words of these musicians there is no doubt that UFOs are real, and the only question is "Does it come from outer space?" Yet is it really that clear cut? Are we so sure UFOs are real? That question might seem like a strange one coming from the editor of a UFO magazine! Yet, you must remember that we are all so ready to see things that we want to see, and interpret them in just the way that we want to interpret them. Several ufologists have recently taken the plunge and concluded (some openly, some not so openly) that we have blown the enigma out of all proportion. IF TRUE UFOs exist then they are not nearly so incredible as we like to believe.

Bob Morrell in an interesting review of UFOs: A BRITISH VIEWPOINT says that the swing towards paranormalism (as reflected by the articles in this issue) is a last desperate attempt from the new generation ufologists who, having sensed that the hopes for alien salvation have gone, now seek to perpetuate the mystique of the subject by clinging to a new (difficult to refute) hypothesis. Whilst I take his point, and to some extent believe he is correct, I am not at all sure that he has read the motives of many "new" Ufologists correctly. Certainly from my point of view (and I co-wrote the book so I suppose I should know!), and I am pretty positive from that of several others who are looking at paranormal overlaps, this is not a "last hope" but a fruitful new area of exploration. IF the evidence proves lacking then I will be quite happy to stand up and say so. Yet, I believe that there is the chance of arguing out a case, setting up tests for that case and assessing the results (as several of the papers in this issue hint towards) Whilst this remains a possibility I do not accept that psychism is a bane to Ufology.

I would refer readers to the editorial in the December 1979 issue where I talked of the need for a PROJECT UAP. This hardly illustrates a desire to perpetuate the mystique. Since that editorial John Hind and I have discussed its practicalities and have circulated those who originally expressed an interest in it (UFOIN members Stephen Banks, Martin Keatman, Peter Warrington and John Watson). Bob Morrell has been invited also, and the offer remains open to anyone else who thinks it is an important prerequisite to prove once and for all whether there is or is not data to support the existance of novel stimuli to TRUE UFO reports. The full details of how the project will be organised are still under discussion, but it is likely to act as a commission which will issue a challenge to all ufologists. If you believe that there is a novel stimulus then come up with a report (to standards set by the commission) which, to your satisfaction at least, proves this. The facts will have to be checkable, by what John Hind calls the "Sceptic Tank", and amenable to analysis by the various specialists that will be called upon.

Provided this project is entered into with an open mind - in both directions - the results should prove rather interesting. If we are right and there is (or are) stimuli then at least we have taken the right step in the right order. If we are wrong, and there is no apparant proof of one after reasonable time, then we must be willing to stand up and say so. It is the intention of the project to do that.

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 Further to the theme of this issue I gather that ALPHA in conjunction with the Society for Psychical Research is to stage a one day symposium on the UFO/Psychic link in London (a date of Saturday, November 15 is planned) More details later.  
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- :: At last - I am pleased to say - your editor has moved! My new address is now as shown on the cover (Birchwood; Warrington) and all correspondence should be sent here. For emergency purposes the new phone number is PADGATE (STD 0925) 824036
- :: Hearty congratulations are due to UFOIN member Shirley McIver, well known for her psychological advice on CE3 and CE4 cases. She has now been awarded a grant to study UFO related fields for her Ph.D. at York University. Following her degree thesis on UFO topics (which she passed) this is a significant breakthrough in British Ufology, and scientific evaluation thereof. Well done Shirley!
- :: NUFOIS ask it to be pointed out that the cost of photocopying NUFON and UFOIN reports (which they offer at a cost price service to you) is to rise shortly with an increase in costs at the library. Travel costs will also now have to be added. This will mean that in the near future the cost of copying a 30 pp UFOIN report will rise to about £3. This makes it all the more urgent that we find our own copier. We have had one external £50 donation towards this fund. If all NUFON groups were to put their heads together and come up with fund raising ideas they could surely make a donation. Please think on this carefully. The result will certainly be in your best interests.

Any donations plus requests for copying will be handled more efficiently if sent to SYD HENLEY direct at:- 5 Frederick Ave; Carlton; Nottingham NG4 1HP

Syd also asks it to be noted that blue or green ink does not copy well. Please ensure your submissions to the files are in BLACK.

- :: Plans are under development for upgrading of the index facilities at the HQ. A new index sheet is being produced and should be available for discussion at the next NUFON meeting (planned for early September in Wolverhampton). A full index of the 100 UFOIN reports and 1500 NUFON cases is being prepared and this will be individually available when completed (at cost price)

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PLANS DRAWN UP FOR A BRITISH GROUP CONFERENCE

Recently Peter Warrington and Jenny Randles met with Geoff Bird of the BFSB (Bristol); one of the leading lights in the new MAUFOG southern group system. The possibility of a joint conference (Ufologists only and based in the midlands) was discussed. The matter is to be debated at the next MAUFOG meeting (July 12... Southampton) and if approved will be taken up in more detail in this newsletter.

The initial proposal is for a full weekend affair (to allow time for socialising and clearing away mistrust) with a set theme (the establishment of a code of ethics for UFO investigation has been suggested as one possibility; and "avenues of UFO research" another) Papers would be requested in advance, with abstracts published before the conference so delegates will be prepared for the discussions. The suggestion is that a team of 4 or 6 from NUFON link up with a similar number from MAUFOG to organise this step forward in UK liaison (presumably for around January 1981) However, it seems that SUFON (the Southern UFO Network), as originally formed in 1978 by John Makin of WATSUP, is still alive and covering a different part of the south (MAUFOG is almost exclusively South West)...SUFON are discussing the idea at their next meeting (July... Wells, Somerset) Consequently, it may turn out to be a three way venture and therefore truly representative of British Ufology.

At the moment we require volunteers (one per group at present, maximum two per group) willing to sit on the working party and organise the conference. Please advise me by July 20 if interested. More details when available.

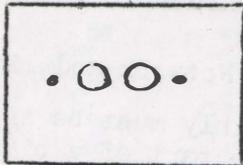
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MAGAZINE REVIEWS

FSR produce two issues almost together following a change of printers. 25-5 has a full UFOIN report on the Llanerchymedd case; 25-6 the first part of the extensive UFOIN report on the Livingston, Scotland, CE3 UFO RESEARCH REVIEW (NUFOIS) has some interesting views on terminology which will be commented on next month. MAGIC SAUCER (Apr/May), that marvellous childrens UFO publication, continues its series of stories and articles and is attracting contributions from some big names in Ufology. ASWR 10 reviews more earth mystery books. UFO INSIGHT 4 from FUFOR has an interesting interview with Allen Hynek and a review of FUFOR unknowns for 1977 (I found it intriguing that one third of them were seen by FUFOR members... wish I was as lucky) LANTERN Spring 1980 has a nice round up of East Anglia mysteries. FORTEAN TIMES (Spring 1980) is as indispensable as ever with its Fortean round-up. LEY HUNTER (PO Box 152 London N10) has a new format - excellent value too for "loyal men! Editor Paul Deveraux tells me he has a UFO book due in 1981 and promises "a new paradigm" (That's 6 new British books due out in the next year!!)

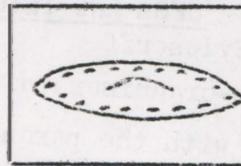
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75-159	DEC 9	18.15	Manchester, Gt Mcr	MUFORA (J.Porter)	D	Insuff
Four white lights in a line seen stationary in SW by Granada TV employee. Changed formation and moved away slowly before disappearing. In view 12 minutes.						
76-167	FEB 29	23.15	Burton Joyce, Notts	NUFOIS (S.Henley)	A	Flare??
Red light falling slowly to horizon, turning amber. Seen for 20 secs man & woman						

MEDIUM DEFINITION

7135	NOV 19	14.00	Accrington, Lanes	MUFORA (P.Warrington)	D	Insuff
Silver cone with blue/red haze round it. Hovered, turned and shot off W (agst wind)						
77-323	FEB 26	21.00	Leicester, Leics	NUFOIS (J.Molloy)	C	Venus??
Or/red cigar/cross, changing shape, bobbing up & down, stationary for 1 hour.						
8018	MAR 19	20.45	Huyton, Merseyside	MIGAP (W.Alcock)	C	Insuff
Man going into pub saw "huge bus" in sky. Silver grey disc with slight dome and surrounded by W LITS. Stationary. Came outside 3 mins later and saw it move off S.						
8019	MAR 21	20.50	Willeston, Wirral	MIGAP (A.Bell)	A	UFO
Woman going to bed observed silver "meat loaf" moving SW to NE on steady course. In view 2½ mins. Bright oblong windows emitting W light on sides. Object low but nò sound. Liverpool ATC told witness it was a new test aircraft! MIGAP investigation appears to negate this possibility. Seen again 11 days later, same time.						



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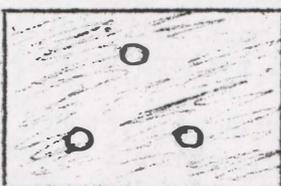


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POSTSCRIPT TO THE RAINHILL LANDING

One of the classic cases of the early days of NUFON was the Rainhill landing (where footprints were found at the site). The case is number 7531 at the HQ. (See: NUN 15 August 1975; and BUFORA JOURNAL Sept/Oct 1975... plus coil at the site analysed, NUN 17 October 1975; final sample appraisal NUN 23 April 1976 .. or a case summary in "UFOs: A British Viewpoint" pp 130-132 )

Following publication of the book Daniel Chevaux of Great Sutton, Wirral (whom I havemet since as he has joined MIGAP) wrote to explain that he, his mother and father saw what appears to be the same object on that night MAY 18 1975.. 22.50 (about 50 minutes after the Rainhill encounter). They have kindly supplied extensive details and sketches which will be added to the Rainhill case file.



The apex light apparantly led the fofmation, which moved SE-NW (which would take it from Chester to Liverpool) Rainhill is about 12 miles W of Great Sutton, which is in a rural area. The lights passed over at the height of a light aircraft and were steady. They emitted no sound. They were observed through binoculars but no structure was observed behind them. Danny is convinced this was no conventional phenomenon. He recorded the details of his observation right away on the rear of a cupboard in his house - hence his firm knowledge of the date of the sighting! A most interesting cooberation.

Case 7134 August 14 1971 23.30 Tarvin, Cheshire MUFORA Report Level C  
This case should be classified as CEL Psycho, although it is of low interest.

The witness (aged 16 at the time) was interested in astronomy and observed a white light which she could not identify. It moved slowly and steadily on a NE course and was in view for 2-3 minutes. The opinion of the investigator was that she had seen a satellite. The reason for the CEL rating is that she says that during the sighting she felt strangely relaxed despite a strong sensing that there was someone looking at her from behind her back. There was nobody there. The area is close to Manchester Airport and she is very familiar with all types of aircraft.

REPORT STATISTICS: CASES 9 Insuff (4) Venus (1) Flare (1) Satellite (1)  
UFO 2 (22%)

READERS MIGHT LIKE TO KNOW THAT THE NUFON ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1978 IS IN PREPARATION

The witness, whom we shall just call Simon, lives in Handsworth, Sheffield. He is now 11 and was 7 at the time of his first experience - April 1976. He awoke at 2am feeling that something was watching him. Pivoting round he saw an orange globe 19 feet across and 12 feet above the garden, bathing it in a yellow glow. He closed his eyes and opened them again. It was still there. Then he went back to bed and saw it move away. A few days later he got out of bed at 1am to get a drink and saw a hand (nothing else!) at the foot of the stairs. It was normal looking but silvery white. By its side, but not connected, was a silvery figure with a blank face. Its arms stretched out in front like Frankenstein! It took a step up the stairs and Simon dropped his water. He told his mother but the figure had gone. On October 4 1979 he had his last experience (to date) It was 17.30 and he was in his garden when he saw a 7' tall figure all in silver (no face). It bent over and knelt down in the bushes and drilled a hole into the ground with a tube. Simon moved and the figure seemed startled to see him. He vanished suddenly in a puff of pink smoke. As it happened David met the witness within minutes and investigated the site. He found 4 footprints about 2½ feet by 4 inches with traces of burning inside. They did not look human. David tried to take plastercasts but a heavy overnight storm obliterated them (he was not then in correspondance with NUFON), as it did a small hole found at the site of the drilling. Some nearby leaves were burnt black and David took samples. However the whole box of these disappeared mysteriously from his house before he could have them analysed. They were never found.

UFOs AND PSYCHIC PHENOMENA- IS THERE A LINK?

JIGSAW

David Sydeserff

David is one of the co-organisers of the Scottish UFO Network and lives at Tranent

Are UFOs connected with the paranormal? They certainly must be included as a part of these Fortean phenomena, but are they a single part of a big picture?

I have but a general knowledge of Fortean as compared with UFOs - so you can take that as you will - but I feel that many paranormal phenomena have just as much going for them (according to the evidence) as UFOs do.

I would regard parapsychology as the most important feature of the paranormal, if one takes this to include ghosts, hauntings, poltergeists and extraordinary capabilities of the mind (such as ESP) When I select UFO cases for investigation (from CE4s down to LOW definition) I take special note of those involving sudden (dis) appearances, levitation and "psychic overlaps". I often find a connection. Could this be a psychological "trick" by an external intelligence? Or perhaps no more than the mind affected by weather conditions, surrounding locality etc? The phenomenon observed might then be seen either as a UFO or through a PSI effect, with the connection represented by a common factor - a pivot.

Notice how some governments make no effort to disguise their research into ESP and PK (particularly Russia - who do nothing for fun) Nor have there been any serious PSI films to rate with CLOSE ENCOUNTERS, nor as much media publicity. If there is a UFO department at the Ministry of Defence then perhaps there is a PSI department at the Ministry of Health.

Then there are the "falls from the sky" (FAFROTSKIES) - fish, sand, stones etc. I always think of the Maury Island UFO case and its Fafrotskies when I think of this. The mystery animals, such as Sasquatch, so nicely examined by Janet & Colin Bord in FSR Vol 25 No 3, leading towards a UFO connection (1) I know four areas of Scotland which have had, or still have, mystery Pumas reported (2) I cannot say I know of any UFO connection - but there may be so.

I cannot profess to know more than a scratch on the iceberg about paranormal phenomena. Even if one could dismiss the connection then the mere fact that such things are mysteries should mean that they should be examined with the customary intent to disprove. I fear a lot of serious researchers ignore reports if they do not reckon they are worthwhile or regard them as too down to earth.

Of course it would be nice if it all joined together like a giant hydra-headed jigsaw, but I cannot help thinking of Arthur C Clarke's "Nine Billion names of God!"

(3) Still I do feel sure that Ufology is not the most important piece of the puzzle.

(1) See also their new book "Alien Animals" Bord, J & C, Granada, 1980

(2) My comments on the Scottish Pumas are to be featured in FORTEAN TIMES no 32

(3) When the computer finally fits all the pieces together the universe ends and the stars all go out! (How's that for a research incentive....Ed!)

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In all recorded history our century is the most cynical. It is the only one during which the majority of our 'civilised' society refuses to believe in fairies! Well into the last century a great number of less educated people believed in them and a host of other denizens of the spirit world. Indeed they saw them, and I have not found as a rule that people make a habit of saying they saw things they did not. Even today members of certain societies accept the existence of an 'other world' where spirits, which appear to just certain people, are alleged to dwell.

It used to be recognised in Britain that some people had second sight or were "fey". They were only a minority (the seventh son of the seventh son was a simple way of suggesting this) For them spirits became visible. Information was available through something other than the five normal senses. They possessed a sixth. Today we call them psychic.

Such a designation may sometimes be derogatory, but in general it instills a sense of envy or admiration. It means that some people under certain not-understood circumstances can gain access to information directly, as if their brain were acting as a receiver tuned to the wavelength of other brains. Similarly many CE3 cases refer to information by-passing the normal senses and passed directly into the brain of the percipient.

The term psychic also implies that that person can, under special circumstances again not understood, see things that others cannot. Ghosts and UFOs have often been seen by one person but not another close by. This seems to imply that there was no retinal stimulus, but a direct input into the brain.

Occasionally psychic has a stranger meaning. It implies that a person has the capacity (although again we do not understand when or how) to affect the very bedrock of reality - matter. Frustrated teenagers find that material objects fly around in their presence, even heavy things have been known to fly through windows without the application of a conventional force. It seems the best current solution is that these frustrated, and often unhappy, people apply kinetic force or a very intense magnetic field from their brain or nervous system.

Here is a crucial point in the apparant link. Many close encounter percipients have already experienced these things or find them brought into their reality framework by the UFO contact. I suggest that the special function of the brain or nervous system which is responsible has perhaps been triggered by an external stimulus - possibly having something to do with an intense magnetic field.

Some outstanding psychics like Uri Geller or Mathew Manning find that they can manipulate matter in even more extraordinary ways. Objects are transferred from one place to another as if by magic, things fall from the air in closed places. I find the UFO link less simple to show here. It is a matter for debate whether some people manipulate or even create UFOs in such a way as to leave physical traces (as Jenny Randles and Peter Warrington suggest in "UFOs: A British Viewpoint") What this would all do to our concept of reality or of the universe is mind-blowing to contemplate, but it is an ancient idea. Holy men, such as Jesus Christ, were apparantly capable of just such things.

Students of ancient Llama religion in pre-Chinese Tibet had to learn a series of answers to questions. They would be asked "When a flag flutters in the wind what moves the flag or the wind?" Answer: The mind is moving (1)

Another area of psychic phenomena linked with UFOs is healing. Beams of light from UFOs have passed over witnesses and cured them of often long term ailments. They speak of a feeling of warmth and tranquility over their bodies, just as those clients do who are fortunate enough to feel the benefits of some of today's healers. Jesus Christ is reported to have said about his miracles, "Whatever I do, shall ye do also". He would not have said that had not the brains of ourselves, or at least the psychic percentage, possessed the capability to manipulate matter.

What is the external stimulus that triggers off psychic experiences and is it linked to the UFOs? Such a trigger must exist or psychic experiences would be an everyday occurrence. There are many more frustrated teenagers around than there are reported poltergeist phenomena. The philosopher Carl Jung thought that the sighting of a UFO was a spontaneous creation of the human mind, in response to a deeply felt imbalance of the psyche. However, without an external trigger (something not commonly experienced) UFO sightings and psychic phenomena would be commonplace. Such happenings would also occur far more frequently in areas of dense population yet it is a truism to observe that the opposite is the case.

Stanley Singer has discussed the possible nature of strange balls of fire seen often in association with thunderstorms (ball lightning). (2) He suggests that these forces may be an intensification of the atmospheric field after a storm combining with the induced magnetic field. I suggest that conditions conducive to the forming of ball lightning are also conducive to the stimulation of the psychic centre in the brain.

Hindu wise men speak of the need to "raise Kundalini" before performing feats of matter manipulation. Might this not be intensifying ones personal magnetic field?

There is a profound unity between psychic and physical things. They are all part of the strangeness of the universe. Its dimensions and its complexity are beyond the comprehension of our five senses, but fortunately we have a sixth. It can give access to the information we need for survival if we can only learn to identify the conditions and laws which govern its operation.

- (1) "Magic & mystery in Tibet" David-Neel, A Abacus Press  
 (2) "The nature of ball lightning" Singer, S Plenum Press 1971

#### COMPARING UFOLOGY & PARAPSYCHOLOGY

Kevin McClure

Kevin is a UFOIN member, BUFORA RIC, and associate of the Society for Psychical Research, serving on their UFO sub-committee.

These two fields are beyond definition and so I shall assume that we all know what we mean - thus avoiding presumption! What seems to matter is to establish where it is worth sharing skills and experience, and why. I am speaking on behalf of "the paranormal", but not too strongly, and I will stress that I am discussing in parapsychology what are referred to as "spontaneous" phenomena, rather than actual constructed experiments.

Our problems in initial investigation and fact gathering are very much the same. We are likely to have only one or two witnesses, with a subjective report of a past event - active poltergeists are just as rare as positive ground traces from a landed UFO! The event will often have been fleetingly and vaguely observed, and in many cases the mental state of the witness will still be fragile. The experience is likely to have been traumatic and unique in the memory of the witness, who will have been unable to establish parameters by which to judge the nature of it.

Into this confused and sensitive situation we wish, because of our interests, to introduce an investigator. We have to find and train a careful, sympathetic and intelligent individual, of a reasonable age and without fixed ideas and prejudices, who will intend to bring to us clear and accurate information from the mind and memory of a stranger. Only two disciplines - those under discussion - have to deal with this, not inconsiderable, problem. Psychical research (as opposed to Ufology) would tend to avoid tricks such as hypnotic regression, and I would think this is correct because it seems right to establish facts while both witness and investigator are fully conscious.

Given that the witness problems are so similar it is hardly surprising that the conclusions drawn from investigation should often also be alike. Between interview and conclusion each discipline will go its own way and consider aircraft and water pipes, lenticular clouds, cats and ball lightning. Each has its own hard earned skills with regard to conventional explanations. It is the residue - unexplained and yet well-witnessed - that brings the two fields together once again. There are few indications of ET visitation - few high strangeness cases refer solely to aerial phenomena (if the right questions are asked), and few paranormal case studies refer solely to the presence of entities from "beyond the grave". Ever more increasingly in Ufology we hear of "witness-inspired events", and in parapsychology of the "experimenter effect", the latter usually in specialist journals. Perhaps we ought to consider more carefully those who undertake our investigations and establish their true motives.

Writing in this magazine I am largely speaking to the converted, but it is nonetheless worth pointing out that in view of the clearly mental elements of many reports we are bound, by all reason, to approach each and every mystery by first considering the psychological make-up of the individual, including abnormality and ESP. It seems practical to specialise in one discipline or the other only where this is advantageous, that is where specific knowledge needs to be brought to bear. In both the collection and verification of information, and in the drawing of conclusions from the unidentified data, there seem not only to be links but a continuous and consistent source of phenomena and characteristics.

THE UFO PARADOX: Can Poltergeists Help?

Hilary Evans

Hilary is one of the principals of the Society for Psychical Research UFO team, and he is also associated with the popular paranormal magazine ALPHA. Last year he saw publication of UFOs, a coffee-time UFO book with lavish illustrations.

Quixotic it may seem, to call in one unexplained mystery to help another. But the comparative method has proved its worth in other fields; indeed lateral thinking is all the rage; and so if psychical researchers and ufologists can overcome their mutual suspicions they may find that sharing a sorrow does better than halve it.

Poltergeists and UFOs have several things in common, but one is especially significant: their restraint. Restraint? Yes - because it's a fact, is it not, that, strange though poltergeist behaviour frequently is, and UFO behaviour likewise, both - for all this strangeness- keep within the limits of what could be termed potential reality. That is, what we can now conceive of as being feasible, even if right now we may not know how to do it. Yet this - and no more than this.

Poltergeist phenomena frequently defy known physical laws: we have instances of alleged teleportation, spontaneous combustion, remote activation of electrical circuits and so forth. Yet in all cases, although we cannot explain how it is done what is done is not particularly bizarre. We do not, for instance, have poltergeist cases where a whole building is rotated on its axis, or a car is found painted the wrong colour.

If what poltergeists do is limited, this suggests that what they can do is also limited; and these limits appear to be human ones. The things that are done are all theoretically within the competence of the traditional "naughty little girl" who, in pre-scientific days was generally made to carry the can. The only problem usually was that she could not have done them because she was in another room at the time or there was a wall in the way or there simply was no time; and so on. Yet at the same time we have in such cases no doubt that the NLG, or her equivalent, is surely involved somehow, but before considering how lets look at UFOs.

Well, of course, UFO phenomena are not in the same class as poltergeists and yet they too generally fall within the limits of what is potentially feasible. UFOs move a sight faster than conventional aircraft, and manoeuvre more capably, but we may reasonably suppose that the technological expertise which has brought us from the Wright biplane to moonflights in seventy years will make comparable advances in the decades ahead. As for the alleged ufonauts, it is a notorious paradox of Ufology that in both appearance and behaviour they are just "too human to be true". Like medieval theologians, ufologists have fallen over backwards to devise reasonable explanations for the suspicion-provoking fact that virtually everything UFO occupants are alleged to do, from soil sampling to buzzing cars, from treating abductees to a physical to delivering patronising sermons from the Cosmic brotherhood, is so dismally down to earth in its nature.

I suggest that both poltergeist behaviour and UFO behaviour are bound by these human limitations for an obvious and simple reason: both are human in origin.

That is not to say that either is a mere figment of the imagination. No, they are both real enough (according to some definitions of reality at least). But I am inclined to believe that the UFO phenomenon has some kind of double-decker construct comprising (1) a basic, neutral, 'real' phenomenon overlaid by (2), in some cases if not all, and varying according to the circumstances and characteristics of the individual percipient. In which case what both ufologists and psychical researchers, and particularly those of us who are both, should be looking for is some kind of force or entity which is autonomous to act without conscious human control, but at the same time not so independent as to be able to manifest in ways which go beyond our concept of potential reality: capable of going beyond our present physical limits but not our intellectual capacity to foresee such limits.

This all rather suggests, does it not, either a force that is in some way an extension of ourselves, or an entity free to act only within limits we dictate. (Here I do not imply conscious control but some kind of unconscious control, as appears to be utilised by the NLG in the poltergeist case)

Next question: How do we set about hunting down this mysterious force/entity? Well that's another matter; although I do insist that if poltergeist investigator and ufologist approach the problem hand in hand they may find each others experience of value. But a further thought occurs to me, as if it were not bad enough

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yoking psychical researcher and ufologist together, and that is that it might not be a bad idea inviting an occultist onto the team. His experience could be very handy. Trouble is, what self respecting ufologist or psychical researcher would care to be seen in public holding hands with an occultist?

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PSYGENICS - One answer to the enigma?

Andy Collins

Andy is well known as a UFOIN investigator on cases such as the Aveley abduction. He is currently "somewhere in Staffordshire" writing his book, "The Chosen":

UFOs and psychic abilities - what is the link? Easy; it is man and his mind. The integral part of any UFO claim has got to be the percipients involved, as without them no UFO claim would exist. Forget exhausted ETH theories for a moment and recall if you would that investigators are dealing with people who say that they have experienced phenomena that, according to the scientific establishment, just do not exist. If we accept this then why is it that the UFO fraternity basically comprises of UFO report collectors and spotters clubs who decide to get cold on a different hilltop every so often? Surely we are talking about psychology (the study of the human mind), and sociology (the study of mans interaction with society and his place in evolution).

As parapsychologists do not really play any active part in amateur UFO "research" then it is hardly suprising that most people smirk, deny, suppress or ignore the suggestion that psychic abilities and paranormal events play a part in the UFO enigma. Yet this is strange. The evidence in dozens of books on the open market today shows that some kind of interaction must exist.

Even investigators who lack and background in psychology can begin to note that various similarities exist between UFO percipients; the most notable being their claimed range of psychic abilities:- seeing ghosts, being subjected to poltergeist outbreaks and experiencing haunted house effects are common place. In fact in UFO cases where the phenomenon involved is not readily explainable over 50% of the percipients to "impersonal sightings" and 75% in the case of "personalised" or close encounter claims, could be termed psychic. (1)

To elaborate we must define "psychic". These are many and varied, but primarily it is someone who, either by intense training, inducement, accidental development or genetical inheritance, possesses a heightened state of mind and body and thus experiences reality on a slightly different level. Paranormal experiences are thus the work of their subconscious mind. Any witness can be checked for psychic traits simply by using a "psychic top 30" form (2) If used, this allows accurate assessment of their psychic, psychological and physiological background. Parasearch, the group who have promoted this concept, believe that anyone who scores over 50% (ie has over half the answers correct) could be classed as psychic. Fun it may be, but it is effective.

Yet things get more baffling to the nonchalant investigator, for nearly all of those psychic witnesses who see UFOs fall into the category of the genetically inherited. They are, you could say, natural or hereditary psychics. In Britain, and in most Indo-European nations these hereditary psychics are remarkably similar to each other both in mind and body. They tend to look similar; they suffer from the same ailments; they have the same likes and dislikes - almost as if they were one part of a big family. Traits such as weak wrists, knee cartilage problems, stomach cramp, a cast in the left eye and affinities for specific periods in our history crop up beyond statistical chance; as work carried out in 1975 at London University proved. This is not some paranormal freak of nature. It means that through genetical evolutionary patterns various individuals have evolved in a certain way, and one of the by-products seems to be a more heightened state of mind. We at Parasearch have called these people "psygenic" (from psychic genetics) About one person in ten seems to have a considerable number of psygenic traits. Not all of these experience paranormal phenomena; but then again policemen wear blue hats but not everyone wearing a blue hat is a policeman! Yet psygenics are certainly more prone to UFO encounters than others. To substantiate this let me just quote a few well known vases where tests have shown that the witnesses involved are of a decidedly psygenic nature.

We have John and Sue Day and their three children, from the Aveley abduction (3) We have Gaynor and Darren Sunderland, along with their mother Marion (4) The infamous Paul Grant, record holder for CE3 encounters, is psygenic. (4) Mince-pie

contactee Jean Hingley possesses nearly all of the traits. (5) Others to quote are famous ones from the USA such as Betty Hill, Stella Lansing, David Stephens etc. In fact nearly every case of alleged contact which I have personally found has the percipient with psygenic traits. That does not seem to be a coincidence!

To go into any great detail explaining why these people attract UFOs and occupants would be out of place here (my book will cover this field) but consider such questions: Are psygenic people, or those who are psychic in general, more able to perceive the phenomenon? Or are our UFO "friends" particularly interested in them? Remember we are not just dealing with nocturnal lights, but often examples of an apparant physical nature:- both the Sunderland family and Jean Hingley cases left ground traces and involved other physical effects.

The psygenic theories are attracting the interest of the more dynamic researchers in the UFO community, but sadly many others still pass them off as fantasy. It is true that in science no theory can be considered valid unless cooerated by independant research. Can we find cooeration for the psygenic theories?

During 1979 Brad Steiger released details concerning his latest work. He has termed a certain variant of the populus "Star People". These, he says, possess alarming psychic abilities and are prone to experiencing paranormal phenomena, especially UFO encounters. He found various physiological and psychological traits in common between these people, and it is beyond doubt that he is talking about the psygenics - the chosen. Steiger intends to release his results in a book which is to be called "The Star People".

Confirmation? It would appear so. So where then is the working theory?

For some time Parasearch investigations have included a complex series (of seemingly irrelevant) questions that allow a better understanding of the witness. With an affirmative answer to such questions as "Do you get palpitations of the heart?" it has often helped us get a foot in the door of an apprehensive witness. How can we know so much about him? It also helps sort the wheat from the chaff in interviews. Surely that must be an advancement in UFO study.

Yet regardless of these breakthroughs many still refuse to consider the parapsychological implications of Ufology. Just as most officials within the SPR (Society for Psychical Research) do not even accept that UFOs exist!! It may just be ignorance, but in most cases it seems to be a stubbornness to accept progress. Collecting report forms is easier, and standing on hilltops (it seems) is more fun to most. Many groups and individuals cannot accept new ideas because they will inevitably make their own preconceived theories obsolete. Yet obsolete they are!

- (1) See "The Contact Concept" Collins, A NORTHERN UFOLOGY April 1979, No 59
  - (2) Available from PARASEARCH 19 Oaks Crescent; Chapel Ash; Wolverhampton WV3 9SA
  - (3) See "The Aveley Abduction" Collins, A FSR Vol 23 No 6, 24 No 1, 1978
  - (4) See "The Sunderland Family Encounters" Randles, J & Whetnall, P FSR Vol 25 No 3 & 4, 1979
- UFOIN case report, as is the unpublished PAUL GRANT affair.  
(see "In the Shadows of Ufology", Randles, J NORTHERN UFOLOGY Jan 1979, No 56)
- (5) See "The Winged beings of Bluestone Walk" Morris, E FSR Vol 25 No 6, 1980
  - (6) For more details on Psygenics see STRANGE PHENOMENA, no 2, 1979.

#### OBJECTIVITY - the key to the mystery

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Parapsychology is the science of psychic phenomena. It is essentially a division of psychology, and in keeping with all psychological events PSI phenomena are either subjective experiences or objective effects. On the subjective side we have ESP, which appears to function without the known senses and includes clairvoyance, telepathy and precognition. The objective effects are psychokientic. The individual produces an effect on an object without physical contact.

These then are the basic types of psychic phenomena. Because our conception of the physical universe is based on laws and inferences from sensory and "physical" experience such phenomena have been little studied. They had no part in the universe as science formerly conceived it.

It would be pointless furnishing evidence for psychic phenomena since the majority of readers will already hold strong views about their actuality or otherwise

The recent resurgence of the old argument between the ETH ufologists and the PLH (psychic linked) Ufologist is most intriguing when we examine the root causes of the fracas. Since the main objections to the psychic link comes from the ETH ufologist it is logical that we examine the foundations of their argument.

Their reasons seem threefold. Primarily, they have never had or encountered a psychic experience. Thus realising that they have not, and possibly cannot, they condemn and ignore those who have. This is an instinctive reaction, and an understandable one, but it can hardly be called objective.

Secondly, there is an inherent psychological need to believe in beings from outer space (which, of course, may not be without a factual basis) Subconsciously this influences decisions and makes research less complex and with a scientific pretence.

Finally, they may never have come across a case with psychic overtones. Quite possibly they have, but the former reasons led to them brushing such stories under the proverbial carpet. We could question whether the ETH ufologist ever asks a witness about psychic experiences. It would be unfair to state that they have not, but conversations and inferences imply that they do not. Their main objections seem to be a) such experiences do not exist and b) if they did they have no connection with UFOs. This, I feel, is hopelessly subjective. It is just a simple way of ignoring data that is not liked whilst pretending to be objective. Sadly this has a nasty side effect. When many ufologists do not probe into psychic background events that data is lacking from reports. In other words a large proportion of research is either invalid or extremely biased.

Ufologists must realise that they cannot ignore data because it does not fit their theories. The same must be said about the PLH ufologist. He will ignore the "crashed saucer" data supplied by Leonard Stringfield as fanciful rumours and nonsense. (1) This, too, is subjective. If both sides continue to adopt this approach they have little hope of discovering the true nature and motivation of this perplexing phenomenon. Only a multi-angled study will do this.

Since all we usually have to examine in a UFO case is the witness no scientific report can be acceptable without an examination of the claimant; his psychological, physiological and sociological position. Another element of subjectivity.

At this point I will consider a few British cases which show conclusively that, whether a psychic link exists or not, many close encounter UFO percipients have also claimed psychic experiences.

Norman Oliver tells of a repeater contact whose experiences and abilities include psychometry, UFO contacts and numerous psychic experiences (2) Joyce Bowles, witness to the classic Hampshire CE4 in 1976, had poltergeist experiences before it. (3) Pauline Coombes at Ripperston Farm, as portrayed vividly in the book "The Uninvited" by Clive Harold. The list could no doubt be continued if only investigators took the trouble to ask. Of course it could be said that most people have the odd experience or two throughout their lives but never see a UFO. This is valid comment. However, most UFO percipients we have interviewed have experienced many, different psychic events, whereas none-UFO witnesses usually only ever had sporadic and isolated experiences. This seems to indicate something is there.

There will always be those who will not listen so I have not attempted to convince the ETH ufologist of anything. This evidence is just the tip of an iceberg and each investigator must discover its true depth for himself. It is time that investigators and researchers started investigating and researching before they pass uninformed comment. Otherwise they will continue to appear subjective and ill-informed; just the sort of picture the media and general public love to see!

(1) See "Retrievals of the Third Kind" FSR Vol 25 Nos 4, 5 & 6 1979 - 1980

(2) See "Contact - with Pluto!" Oliver, N BUFORA JOURNAL Vol 8 Nos 5 & 6, 1979

(3) See "UFOs & Silver suited entity seen near Winchester" Harris, L FSR 22-5, 1977

#### THE MODERN APPROACH TO UFOLOGY

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Nothing arouses passionate debate in UFO circles to quite the same extent as the concept of a "psychic" UFO phenomenon. Usually rival arguments are tossed about with scant regard for essentially constructive and objective treatment of the problem. When one looks at the data collected by ufologists the world over, however, a self evident answer arises.

For well over a century psychic phenomena have been probed by a mixture of rank amateurs, zealous academics and, today, by specialists in the fields of psychology and parapsychology. A study of information collated by bodies such as the Society for Psychical Research indicates that a hard core residue of inexplicable events have been catalogued over a considerable length of time. It is inescapable that a number of "genuinely unfathomable" classes of phenomena have been recorded.

My research has indicated that 80-90% of TRUE UFO witnesses have claimed a host of paranormal experiences, although it is not always easy extracting such data from witnesses. They tend not to see immediately the potential importance of the correlation of these factors. Independent researchers the world over are now probing in depth this side of the enigma, much to the chagrin of a residue of ufologists who see this as nothing short of a "mindless perversion" of their science.

Yet the cries of "unobjective" that echo when a case with paranormal overtones is published appear farcial. It is the investigator who delves into these areas, not the one who ignores them, who is being objective. Psi orientated theories have well to the fore highly critical psycho-sociological viewpoints. It seems ironic that those who attack these methods, which usually employ in-depth appraisals of the witness, often openly promulgate hypotheses based on an externalised, objective phenomenon (frequently from an extraterrestrial source) - the evidence for which is shamefully absent. The minimum of good radar-visual cases is an obvious pointer against the nuts and bolts theories, but then we are told by the "objective" ufologist that this is because the "cover-up" prevents us from hearing about them.

The most important factor to have emerged from all this in the last few years is the way that the top grade investigators in the UK now regard the witness as the most important feature of any UFO report. This witness orientated approach has offered ammunition for the pro-psychic standpoint. It has given credence to the concept of a psychic or sensitive as being the archetypal repeater witness.

For too long Ufology has been a quasi-religious affair, with many participants involved for the need of some contemporary belief system. The schism opened in the early 70's when, along with the formation of the invisible college, several revolutionary books (although not all without potential scientific rebuke) gave fresh standpoints which brought the wind of change needed to revive flagging interest. Keel (1) and Vallee (2), amongst them, gave fascinating attempts to analyse the frame of reference that runs the gamut of experiences and seemingly ties in such diverse affairs as fairy lore, incubus succubus, spiritualism and the like.

We are now in the transitional phase of our study. New Ufology replacing the old (although my choice of terms in no sense implies hostility on my part to the old Ufology in general) We are making headway, classic parallels with psychic events are being recorded, archetypes of witnesses are being found and there is a greater acceptance by ufologists that they must be open minded researchers. Links with the SPR, and such bodies, are fostering this progress.

That much is left to be done is obvious but the groundwork is there. When scientists of the calibre of Pierre Guerin (3) and Jacques Vallee begin to query the concepts of modern physics and how great modification may be necessary to encompass all paranormal phenomena we can see that the twin subjects are indeed linked by shared experiences. The nature of reality thus becomes a topic for debate. If Vallee is right, and it seems increasingly likely that he is, cartesian coordinates for space-time may have to enter that bulging file left for obsolete constructs of the universe...

".. my interest in UFOs and other apparantly paranormal events does not come from any expectation of wise visitors from space...I continue to look at these phenomena as occasions to learn about the limitations of the space-time model.." (4)

In summation here are a few things which indicate a strong UFO/psychic link:

- A) Both psychic & UFO experiences often involve a 'release' for a traumatised witness
- B) The nature of the events is moulded to the belief systems of the individual.
- C) Very many UFO witnesses alledge paranormal experiences also - and vice versa
- D) Psygenic traits displayed in both UFO and paranormal witnesses.
- E) Contact with "higher beings" (UFOs, spirits etc) is essentially the same principal
- F) Both phenomena are "will of the wisp" and basically unverifiable in the laboratory
- G) Successive phases of contact with spirits, ufonauts etc are semi-religious
- H) Messages given by both phenomena are spurious and ambiguous.

From my own work and that of others it has become increasingly obvious that there is a strong link between UFOs and psychic phenomena. Indeed I would go further and say that at the present I must conclude that the UFO phenomenon is basically a para-psychological problem; an extension of psychic phenomena of old in a contemporary reference frame. This may seem unacceptable to some but with the facts noted and the addition of the collective subconscious it is indeed the most obvious conclusion.

- (1) "Operation Trojan Horse" Keel, J Souvenir Press, Abacus paperback
- (2) "Passport to Magonia" Vallee, J Spearman 1970, Tandem paperback 1975
- "UFOs: The psychic solution" Vallee, J Panther paperback 1977
- (3) "Concerning the profound unity of paranormal phenomena" Guerin, P FSR 21-5, 1976
- (4) Interview with Jacques Vallee in OMNI magazine, January 1980.

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TWO SIDES OF A BAD PENNY

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I must admit to being suprised. When this topic was chosen as the theme for this issue of NORTHERN UFOLOGY I expected a response. Recognising the controversial nature of this question the extent of this response is not in itself suprising, but its make-up certainly is. Nobody has put up an argument denying a relationship between UFOs and psychic phenomena yet 7 people have produced support.

I wonder if this is a fair reflection of the thoughts of modern day ufologists, or simply the readership of this magazine. Then again it may just be that parapsychological orientated investigators enjoy verbosity more than others!

It would be difficult for me to add substantially to the various fascinating theses propounded; including those of Stephen Banks (a physical scientist do not forget). Peter Warrington and I wrote UFOs: A BRITISH VIEWPOINT not, primarily, to act as an exponent of the UFO-Psychic link. It just turned out that way inevitably. There is no doubt that the answer to the question of a link must be yes. The evidence is undeniable. Indeed the existance of this link has led me to two further books; one looking at paranormal phenomena (other than UFOs) claimed by UFO witnesses and one which runs the gauntlet of most paranormal phenomena (including the odd UFO!) despite being based ostensibly on just one classic case. (1)

Whilst the existance of the link is to me proven a further point should be made. I do not believe that everything we refer to as a UFO has paranormal overtones. I am not exactly sure of the size of the division just yet but I am convinced that two clearly defined categories of UFO phenomena exist. These are:-

- a) Physical phenomena without paranormal overlap, probably natural in origin and amenable to specific scientific analysis. We have many examples in our records of such things, covering most unknowns in the LOW, MEDIUM and INST categories of UFO report. However, some TRUE UFOs in the CE1 and CE2 classes are related to such phenomena, I feel, since there is nothing intrinsically impossible about natural phenomena creating objective effects of a transient or semi-permanent nature. Take lightning. It is photographed. It provokes headaches in some people - or the associated atmospheric conditions do. It does damage to the ground where it strikes. In his review of our book Charles Bown refered to the case of Dr X in France. (2) This is a classic CE2 which appears to be in this category. In no sense would I suggest that this was a "mind created" or psychic UFO. More likely it was physical.
- b) Psychic orientated phenomena, which may be termed subjective if one prefers this less emotive word (I doubt if there is too much difference) These tend to relate to CE3 and CE4 cases (and our classification arose partly because of this obvious division in the phenomenon) On occasion lower definition phenomena can be linked to a subjective causation (and as suggested in BRITISH VIEWPOINT I feel these may well be spin-off events) I will not repeat why I believe in the link. Interested readers will find ample comment in previous articles and the book.

Of course there are problems. Sociology and psychology link both a) and b) with a sticky thread known as "belief in alien intervention" Removing the effects of this is rather like sifting spaghetti from a bowl of cornflakes.

The great danger in suggesting a link with parapsychology is the disdain with which some people hold this field. Yet to me it is irrelevant what one personally feels about ghosts, poltergeists or ESP. People claim such experiences just as they claim to be abducted by UFOs, and the degree of evidence for each is suspiciously similar. What, objectively, is happening is quite another matter of course.

It may be - as we suggested in BRITISH VIEWPOINT - that a human experience is utilised in the experiencing of both UFOs and psychic phenomena. Or it is just about feasible that an external catalyst is responsible (and that proposed by Patricia Austin is more feasible than most) Then again it may just be that our conception of reality equates with stoneage mans insight into nuclear physics. We forget that we are still climbing the mountain of evolution, and as each ridge approaches we think we have reached the top only to find we are as far away as ever. Ufology is like that - science is like that - life is like that. Is it not time we all realised it and shunted our prejudiced thinking into the goodsyards of obscurity.

- (1) To be published by Neville Spearman in May 1981 as "WINDOW ON ANOTHER WORLD"
  - (2) See "Creating one's own UFO" Bowen, C FSR Vol 25 No 4, 1980
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