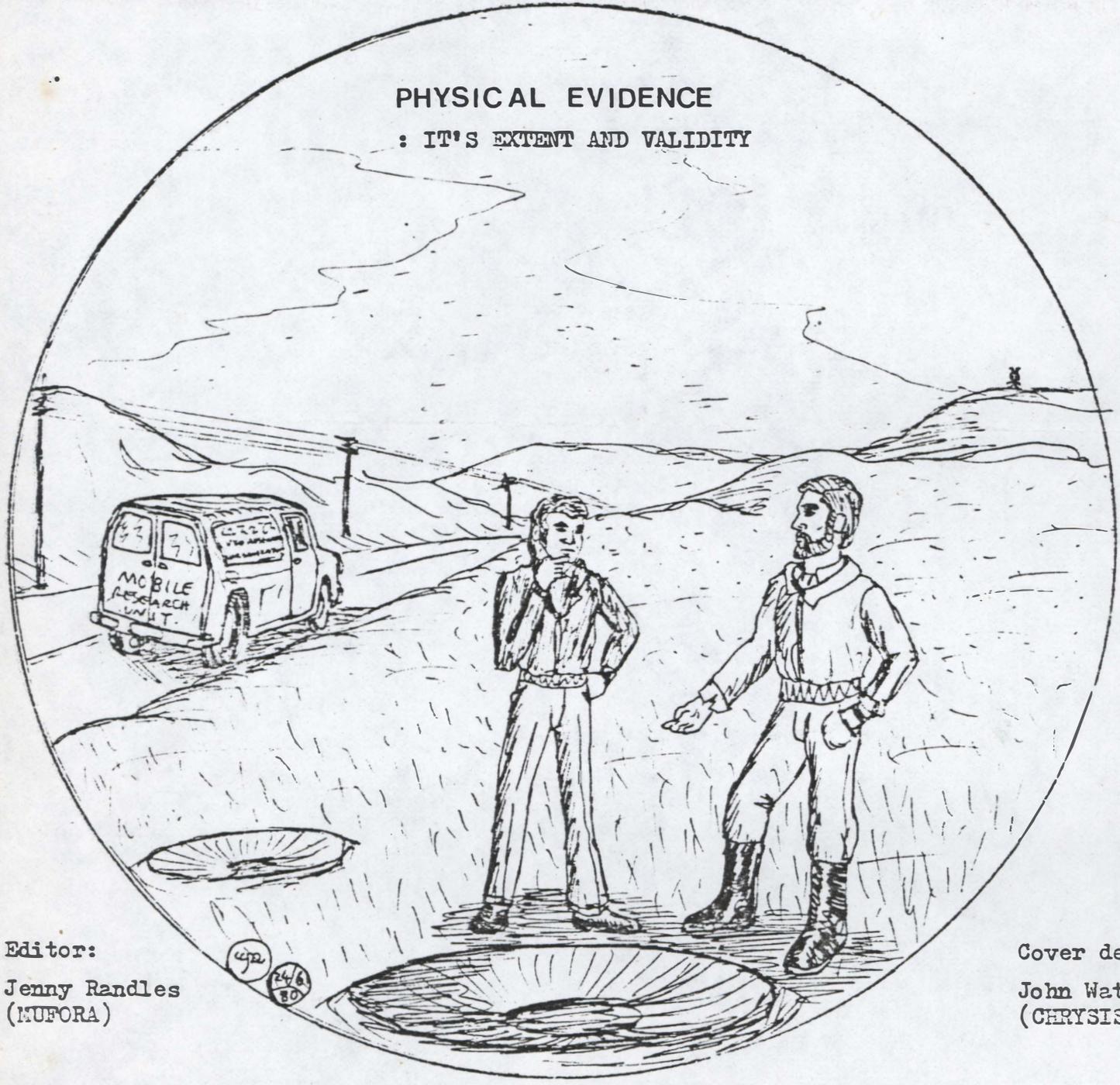


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October Issue... The next Northern Ufology will be out in October. The theme will be... UFOs IN THE PUBLIC EYE (How can we present a good image to scientists and the public?... What about media relationships: - good and bad?) Articles for inclusion should be submitted by September 30..... get those thinking caps on!

EDITORIAL: "The Dallas Connection"

I had never been a fan of the incredibly popular TV series "Dallas"; at least not until various "J.R." inuendos started to surround my initials. So I thought I had best find out just what this J.R. namesake was really like. Having now seen the point of these power-mad, empire-building jokes (and found them quite amusing) I have accidentally discovered that the series has a surprising concept to offer about Ufology. No, Sue-Ellen has not been abducted.... bear with me. Rather I think one can envisage an interesting parallel.

For those who have not become hooked on this Texas oil-family saga (and I suppose there must be somebody out there who has been to the north pole lately) I should explain that the strength of "Dallas" lies in its individual characterisations. The interplay between the numerous personalities and their response to varying situations is what gives the series its compulsiveness. Each role has specific strengths and weaknesses, no doubt some more so than others, but it is not a straightforward "goodies" versus "baddies" set-up. It is often hard to tell from week to week who is in the right and who is in the wrong. Usually it is a case of either or neither... just like life, and just like Ufology.

Yes, all of this does have hidden relevance for Ufology, believe me! You see I have found from talking to other followers that they tend to be in resonance with the aims and personality of one of the characters above all others, and they display remarkable ingenuity in justifying the faults (or what others see as faults) in "their" characters make-up. Of course, this is just the kind of thing that we find in our subject.

Someone who is dedicated to the ETH will be in sympathetic resonance with it and will conjure up weird and wonderful solutions to its disadvantages.... The distance between stars is so vast that travel from one to another is meaningless.... OK, they answer, a "new" invention will one day create a super-fast lightship.... But there are just too many "different" aliens, we might counter. They cannot come from millions of stars just to see us.... No, of course not, comes the swift reply, these are super-advanced holographic images because their true form is too horrible for us to visualise. Lest it be thought that I have a personal grudge against the ETH let me affirm that this behaviour is not confined to one species of Ufologist. We all do it - the parapsychic supporters, the hollow earthers, even the "UFOs are demons" lot.

Looking at it this way we see how theories take on the characteristics of their supporters, just like the fictional people in "Dallas", and those who resonate with them, find their personalities merging into a complex embryo. We might also ponder if there is any true theory about UFOs. The question could be just as pointless as arguing whether J.R. or Bobby Ewing is "right". It depends on which attitude you take, the surrounding circumstances, and your personal set of parameters. Might it not be that each theory of UFO origin is "right", under its own conditions, but with relevance only to a limited number of individuals?

I think it would be extremely illuminating to see a study of the psychological background of Ufologists themselves, related to their theories about UFOs and the kind of data that they appear to attract for processing and ultimate distribution to an oft-quoted, but mythical, "ufo community at large". Are there any psychologists or sociologists out there who can see what I am getting at?

In conclusion I expect it would be unfair to "Dallas" affecanados not to say which character I sympathise with most. Actually it's not J.R.! Rather it's Cliff Barnes. His desire is for change and improvement, whilst under great pressure to play dirty instead of fair, and his realisation is that he has an important job to do whilst above him "the big boys" try to bribe him, blacken his name and create general misunderstanding of his motives. That strikes a chord and, to a psychologist, may say something about me personally, or the overall state of British Ufology!

NEWS OF THE MONTH

:: More details are to hand on the "court-room" style battle to be fought out in defence of Ufology, at BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY (Faculty of Arts) on NOVEMBER 8. The morning session from 11.00 onwards will be presented by science writer IAN RIDPATH (author of "Messages from the Stars") who will try to prove UFOs do not exist. After lunch Peter Warrington and Jenny Randles will provide the other side of the debate and after a break for refreshments there will be $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours to 5.30 for an open forum debate on the issue.... Obviously for this to succeed widespread support from active Ufologists is needed. This is a big opportunity for us to promote the serious nature of our subject in scientific circles, let us not waste it.... Tickets cost £2.00, and lunch can be ordered there (in advance), details:-

UFO SYMPOSIUM; NOV 8; University of Birmingham, Dept of Extramural Studies;
PO Box 363 Birmingham B15 2TT

:: Nigel Watson of SUFORS now has a new address. Please amend the group directory: Westfield Cottage; Crowle Bank Rd; Althorpe; Sth Humberside DN17 3HZ

:: MIGAP recently took a field weekend in Warminster and did succeed in viewing and photographing a phenomenon not at present identified. UFOIN evaluation of the case is proceeding and more details will be published in due course.

:: Following the last issue of Northern Ufology Bob Morrell of NUFOIS submitted a detailed counter to the pro UFO-Psychic link-up articles. His paper was too lengthy to include in Northern UFO News, but I would urge all readers to watch for it in the next issue of UFOINs irregular journal INVESTIGATION.

:: I thought I should bring to your attention the following service offered:- UFO DIRECTORY... worldwide, updated, comprehensive directory of UFO groups, centres and publications etc. Send £1 (inc postage) to 2 St Ivian Crt; Colneyhatch Lane; London N10 (Overseas \$5 US, inc Airmail)... A good idea to keep in touch.

:: Regular readers will know that this is the seventh issue of Northern Ufology and since January 1979 John Watson has been delighting us with his covers. John always places a trademark (an alien) somewhere in his illustration and for those of you with nothing better to do whilst on holiday we thought you might like to look for him... No prizes but the locations will be published next month. (Be warned on two issues he is not there!)

ELSEWHERE THIS MONTH

Demon inflation has forced the price of FSR up again from Vol 26 No 2 (just out). Yet even at £1 or £5.70 for 6 issues it is indispensable value. The new issue features close encounters from Spain, USA, Canada and the UK, an update on the New Zealand film and more on the New Elgin CE3 (FSR; West Malling; Maidstone; Kent) MAGONIA (£1.75 pa from 64 Alric Ave, New Malden, Surrey, KT3 4JW) has its Spring 80 issue out with a piece on the Airship wave in the UK from Nigel Watson and the Wallasey CE4 case from Jenny Randles & Paul Whetnall. NORTHERN EARTH MYSTERIES 7 (£2 pa from 61 Clumber St Hull HU5 3RH) is out with an impressive set of abstracts on northern mysteries (leys, circles etc)... an exhibition of theirs is on at Pier Hall, Halifax from Oct 23 to Nov 5 and later in Rotherham, Manchester and Leeds. a similar vein, but further south and including UFO news is LINCOLNSHIRE DRAGON 2 (£2 pa from 16 Packhorse Lne, Swineshead, Boston, Lincs PE20 3JE) Sigap have a new issue of PEGASUS out with an impressive EM effects case reported therein (149 Mytchett Rd, Mytchett, Camberley, Surrey.... 50p per issue or in exchange)

THE HEART OF THE MYSTERY? "The Andreasson Affair" by Raymond Fowler
Bantam paperback, 1980, 241 pp 95p (on import)

This book is a summarisation of a UFOIN style investigation from the USA into a classic CE4 case involving abduction by entities, medicals, visions, messages and even an awful MIB sequel which resulted in death. All the ingredients, one might think, for a quick stab into the heart of the UFO mystery. Unfortunately the book hardly tries to answer the questions it poses, which is fair enough. The case is interesting enough in its own right, but the dry transcript from regressions was in some senses padding. The style was very much by Ufologists for Ufologists, and, I suppose, one will get out of much of value to one's own theories. For me it amply demonstrated the fallacy of regression hypnosis data as fact, and left me wondering about much in the background of the Andreasson family. I would have liked to see at least an attempt at analysis, but as this is virtually the only book of a sadly-lacking type within Ufology I cannot complain too much. Essential reading.

Terry is a long-standing UFOIN investigator and former BUFORA RIC working in the Devon and Cornwall area. His most famous investigation is the Newmill CE2 case.

My initiation into Infra-Red photography began in 1978 when I felt a strong desire to attempt the photography of UFOs on the unseen planes of being which I thought must undoubtedly exist around us. In this way I hoped to achieve regular and repeatable physical evidence experimentation. At the back of my mind was a vague memory of such a project mentioned in an old issue of FSR, which diligent researching revealed was the brainchild of one Trevor James Constable. I then found that he was now the author of two books ("They live in the sky" and "The Cosmic Pulse of Life"). The latter, I learned, was available in paperback and I obtained a copy. This set me on the road as regards to necessary equipment and ideas.

My wife and myself spent some time visiting remote areas of Cornwall in order to conduct my photographic experiments. These simply required the photographing of the sky or the sites using the infra-red equipment. My very first film was exposed on a nearby Tor and gave quite startling results. In fact it was to prove probably the most interesting of all my work, showing both a UFO-like object in the sky on one shot and a perfectly round phenomenon I dubbed "the black hole" on another.

Later I caught a strange image at Glastonbury in a sunny period between showers. This was a shaft of light or a solid-lightbeam-like pillar. It must have been a fleeting visitation as the frame before and after this shot showed nothing despite being just seconds apart in exposure time. Earlier in 1980 a visit to Warminster proved rather disappointing; only one frame showing any phenomena (ie floating points of light either too small or too far away for satisfactory enlargement) This shows how unpredictable this phenomenon is. It will appear in casual shots of your own locale (and I have taken many intriguing images in my own garden) but will disappoint in areas where you feel confident of results (eg UFOCALs).

A peculiarity of practically all the sky-objects I have photographed is that they appear to "burn" their images onto the film emulsion; which is a fact that Constable also noted in his research. In fact I was pleasantly surprised to find some of my objects identical to those photographed by him in his work.

These objects are not visible to the naked eye, although it is of interest to note that my wife (but not I) is usually aware of their presence, glimpsing a tiny flash of light in their direction in the case of sky phenomena. However, these are not the only objects of my cameras attention as I appear to have captured elemental beings on film and a rather spooky ephemeral object at ground level. Unfortunately due to technical factors (involving film contrast) these images do not reproduce very well in print, although the sky-objects are easily visible and quite spectacular in appearance on occasion. They look totally unlike any kind of film or camera defect, with which adept photographers will be familiar.

I do not pretend to know exactly what I am filming, although I tend to agree with Constable that the air could be likened to the ocean depths in containing life that is normally invisible to us but can be uncovered by Infra-Red techniques. The fact that these experiments are reproducible by anyone and their similarity to UFO shapes suggests that we might have a means of made-to-order physical evidence.

Technically the equipment used is standard for black & white IR photography, HIE 135 - 20 film, Wratten 88A filter to admit invisible light only, plus a deep red filter or Hoya R72 filter for occasional usage as conditions dictate. Otherwise standard camera and photographic equipment is utilised, eg an SLR camera. There is a very good publication available from Kodak, "Applied Infra-Red Photography", which deals in detail with both black & white and colour work. The latter can use an Ektachrome colour-reversal film (using a yellow filter for best rendition). Do not forget that Infra-Red film is ultra-sensitive to light and must be loaded and removed from the camera in total darkness.

Self development is recommended using Kodak HC 110 developer for the film, 6 minutes in a 1:30 solution at 20 degrees C. Printing I find best done on a fairly hard grade of paper, but avoid too hard a grade as the film is by nature grainy.

To anyone willing to apply this technique to paranormal research I say good luck. Persevere and you may produce some intriguing results that offer evidence for something important. Please let me know of any interesting things that transpire:- Terry Cox..... The Ashram; Redmoor; Bodmin; Cornwall.

(Terry has sent examples of his work and I hope to include some of these alongside an article on this topic in my RESEARCH REPORT column in a forthcoming FSR.... JR)

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DO FLYING SAUCERS GO CLANG?

Peter Warrington

Peter is well known as UFOIN investigator, chairman of MUFORA, co-author of UFOs: A BRITISH VIEWPOINT and specialist in UFO photographic and radar analysis.

A number of years ago this was the question, above all others, that I was longing to answer. Would a flying saucer go clang if you hit it with a hammer? Why hadn't anyone tried throwing stones at the damn things, hundreds if not thousands had been close enough. There was a tale some years ago about a South African who had emptied his shot gun at a low object... it went clang... or so the sensationalised newspapers of the time would have us believe. To the best of my knowledge the tale was not substantiated. (1)

However, there is an answer to my long-standing question; although it's not a real answer. The people who have been close enough to throw stones have had no reason to, because to them there is no question. Most encounters this close leave no doubt in the mind of the witness, at least on that score. Flying Saucers are real... they are physical... they do exist.

One of the most vivid encounters I have been involved with is that which was experienced by Alan Fallows of Mossley, Greater Manchester (2). Driving across the Pennines in early evening mist he saw a distant light. As he approached it was obvious it was on the road or just off it, so, thinking his way might be blocked, he stopped. The light, now a huge object, moved past him. It was egg shaped and the size of a double-decker bus. He knows this as it came to within a few feet of him; so much so that it towered above him as it rolled by. Alan has no doubt what he saw was real, but I don't think he is quite so sure as to whether it was physical. To him that was a different question. However, by all accounts, there are witnesses to whom both reality and physical structure are accepted without doubt.

Viewed from our side of the fence the question is quite different. For us it has to be: What evidence is there to support witness claims that objects are physical? It has to be said that what appears hard evidence in some peoples eyes is not this in others. Indeed what possible evidence their might be (films such as that taken by Peter Day; radar trackings etc) is both sparse and tenuous. It is not for us who question the existence of hard physical evidence to disprove this. Those who support the opposing view have in the past used poor examples and failed to secure any widespread support for their claims. They have not proved their case. In the meantime the subject has left them behind and gone on to more elaborate models which do not rely only on physical properties. It can be argued that any model for the UFO phenomenon (or phenomena) needs to take in some aspects of the physical evidence (tenuous as it might be). Ball lightning serves as an example. Some would define it as not physical, but it is capable of leaving quite physical effects (3). In this way some current UFO models allow the UFO to be none-physical and yet on occasion to leave definite effects. However, whether one chooses such a modern approach or clings to the old school the evidence remains frail. That better quality evidence for a real phenomenon exists cannot be denied. That the evidence for a physical phenomenon is present remains to be proven. Yet many will continue to build complex theories out of this unproven assumption. Theories are like houses, if they are built on sand they cannot pass the test of time. If we are to avoid subsidence the foundations must prove to be much stronger.

- References
- 1) For Peter's benefit, and no doubt others, it should be said that the case was substantiated, including photos and analysis of traces at the site. The case occurred at Fort Beaufort and articles on it are in FSR Case Histories 11 (Aug 1972) and the Sept-Oct & Nov-Dec 1972 issues (Vol 18 Nos 5 & 6). Shots were fired by police officers.
 - 2) UFOs: A BRITISH VIEWPOINT Ch 7 pp 110-112
 - 3) Eg explosions cause ground traces, its EM field drains power etc.

CONCRETE EVIDENCE, OR IS IT MERELY PUTTY?

Andy Collins

Andy is a well known UFOIN investigator of close encounters, now resident in Essex once more and researching a mammoth book about abductions..... "The Chosen"

A belief in strange alien craft with highly intelligent entities leads one naturally to the assumption that UFOs are physical, that they are visiting us from galaxies afar and, oh of course, they will make open contact one day. Most investigators believe that; most percipients believe that, and nearly every man in the street who accepts the existence of UFOs believes that. Even scientists think it is possible.

5... PHYSICAL EVIDENCE: Its extent and validity Cont...

Open the pages of most UFO books, magazines, or journals and you will find accounts of supposed landings of all manner of weird objects - some leaving traces. Site depressions, broken trees, scorch marks, footprints etc. The investigator cries: They must be real. We can prove it. Yet is this evidence sufficient to prove the objects are physical in origin and thus extra-terrestrial? I once thought so.

In the presence of a London businessman I brought up this "concrete" evidence in the hope of convincing him that UFOs were physically real. Although a cynic, he had experienced a number of paranormal phenomena (including a low definition UFO) Yet to my bafflement he shook his head, and reasoned that if witnesses involved with poltergeist outbreaks could "cause" fires, materialise artifacts, and produce apparantly physical entities then UFOs (physical or not) are the product of our own minds.

Picking myself off the ground I attempted to defend our subject. It was no use. I could find no proof, or even a good theory, to nullify his statement. It was true. Even physical UFOs could be the creation of our own mind. Think of one piece of evidence that would convince an eminent scientist..... go on try it!

Things had gone far enough. I needed proof that there were living entities out there, and I needed it fast before my beliefs were totally shattered. So, to start with, I looked towards the percipients. Luckily, in a number of alleged physical trace reports multiple witnesses crop up more than in CE3 or CE4s. Therefore we do have good grounds to suggest that the phenomena were physically real. Yet in total contrast I found that the psychic percipient turned up too often for pure chance; immediately suggesting a direct link between witness and phenomenon. So the evidence here was contradictory.

Next, I took a look at the supposed descriptions of objects and entities reported in connection with trace reports. No two were the same, even in basic data. This is where we really start to hit problems. For it is beginning to be accepted by the more prolific investigators that visual descriptions of UFOs and entities depend upon the percipients subconscious desires and beliefs or what they want to see (the "acceptance level" as it is now sometimes called) This, you may argue, only applies to subjective UFO experiences (eg mind projected images, if possible) How can a person affect shape, size, colour and appearance of physical UFOs and their traces? If the mind plays some part in their creation in the first place, our London businessman would answer.

Thirdly, I glanced at the traces themselves. It is well known in the field of paranormal research that subjects at the centre of poltergeist phenomena often produce EM anomalies, or their watches go haywire, lights flicker, electric circuits go haywire and so forth...all phenomena that are also attributed to UFO traces.

By now you should be able to see how unconscious psychic ability being able to create physical phenomena could well show that even physical traces may stem from the unconscious mind at work. Another point scored by our London businessman.

Now I started to delve into books on psychic research to see just how many correlations did exist between unconsciously produced phenomena and UFO traces. I did not have to look far I'm afraid. The saga of Borley Rectory in Essex, once the most haunted place in the country, was a typical but good example. Phenomena were witnessed over a 40 year period to make any ufologists eyes water. Things appeared out of thin air, bottles changed shape and exploded, writing materialised on walls, a gruesome pig-headed entity attacked a girl and left scratch marks on her. You may call such evidence unbelievable but it is just as valid as much of ours today.

So, the mind is capable of bizarre physical tricks that we cannot presently understand, but a readily available theory on how the mind might manipulate energy into matter is hard to come by. But theories do exist. John Keel in THE COSMIC QUESTION shows how some people are able to channel energies from the psychic levels of the EM spectrum into temporary physical matter. Jenny Randles and Peter Warrington have suggested another possibility in UFOs: A BRITISH VIEWPOINT.

I am not suggesting that the creation of UFOs is entirely the work of our minds, merely that this acts as a catalyst in determining when, where and what is produced. UFOs have no past and no future. They exist only temporarily. Since the dawn of time such experiences have played an integral part in mans development and evolution, and from circumstantial evidence there is much to support the hypothesis that there is a vast cosmic superconscious at work. Yet on the UFO side of things it may have little directly to do with it.

So, yes, our concrete evidence does seem like putty, manipulated by our beliefs. So, with my head low, I had to admit that there may not be ever-watchful, super - intelligent spacemen and it could all be a part of our wanting something to believe in.

6... PHYSICAL EVIDENCE: Its extent and validity Cont...

But, just as I was about to tear up my ETH file, FSR arrived with its articles on crashed saucers, dead aliens and sworn statements to boot. Seeing is believing, and that is what I must do, but it is true... If any one of those retrieval claims is genuine we had all better start to rethink our entire concept on just what UFOs are.

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SOMEWHERE OVER THE RAINBOW

Jenny Randles

To most people the answer to the question posed by this issues theme is the crux of the UFO problem. If physical evidence exists then UFOs are real, but if it is not found UFOs cannot be real. Such an attitude seems perfectly logical. After all how can one have a real thing that is not physical? If we look deeper, however, we begin to see that this apparant statement of the obvious is an over-simplification.

Think for a moment about dreams... Do they exist? I doubt if anyone reading this would think twice on this. Of course they do. Yet if I ask you to prove it how could you? Dreams are a good example of a subjective experience. We accept their reality because most of us have them from time to time (in fact all of us do, but we have varying capacities to recall them on awakening).

Perhaps you would argue that there is experimental evidence about dreams. Most of us have heard about alpha rhythms and EEG machines. Some of us will have had such brain-wave scans conducted in hospital. However, such work can only record brain-wave patterns at the time when someone claims he had a dream. The dream itself is the ultimate single-witness observation. Each one differs from all others and their subject matter is to say the least bizarre. Pink elephants walk through walls and then fly off into the sunset and we don't bat an eyelid (metaphorically that is - literally we do... that's how we tell someone is dreaming!) Most self-respecting Ufologist, let alone a human being, would never accept such material from an isolated observor. Where is your proof? Where is the physical evidence? Yet we happily get by without it in the case of dreams.

Having dispensed with the myth that physical evidence is the be-all and end-all of the UFO phenomenon let us tackle the question of its existence, or otherwise.

What would constitute physical evidence? In many ways this depends upon what UFOs turn out to be. Let us take two possibilities. They may be physical machines from elsewhere or perhaps various kinds of atmospheric phenomena (unknown but not unlike many that are known) Let us further look at two specific known examples which fit our suggested hypothesis. These can be a helicopter and a rainbow.

Now, if a fleet of helicopters were traversing the earth there are numerous ways of proving physical reality. They would be detected on radar, provided certain criteria were met, but this in itself just proves their material existence and not their mechanical nature. We do appear to have some UFO radar-trackings, although not very many. The dearth is partly attributable to the characteristics of modern radar systems in operation. Often these are designed not to record UFOs (unless they behave like helicopters), and those that are form part of secret establishments. Even if they have tracked unknown targets it is hardly likely that these would be released to the public. This need not be because there is a "cover-up" of ufo data, as such, but more probably that the tracking of anything on these systems is secret - for very obvious reasons. UFOs that might be detected in this way could be regarded as fairly insignificant and yet still be covered up for reasons of national security.

We might also expect photographic proof of helicopters, although the likelihood is that virtually all of these pictures would be poor. If you do not believe this take your instamatic outside and wait for the next helicopter to fly over. Most of you will give up long before one might chance to come nearby but, unless you were very fortunate, the resultant picture would anyway just show a small, out-of-focus blob. An all too familiar sight. Of course UFOs, whatever they are, are much rarer than your local helicopter and there are no UFOports, as there are heliports or airports to seek out and be prepared to get a good close-up shot.

Occasionally bits might fall of the helicopter - it is argued! Fortunately very, very few do. I do not know anyone who has witnessed this or found a rotor-blade in his garden! One presumes that as technology increases this likelihood becomes rather less. Lets hope any alien UFOs do not lose too many thermo-nuclear power plants! Yet what of ground traces; swirled crops or imprint marks from helicopter legs in soft earth. The natural processes of erosion on planet earth would soon remove all of this and such marks are very rare, even for commonplace things like helicopters. So how much more so for the highly illusive UFO? And what would be left in our concrete jungle?

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Consequently, one would expect some degree of physical evidence if UFOs were machines - especially if people set out in the right way to find this evidence. The fact is we do not seem to have this good quality evidence, such as close-up photos.

However, if we consider the possibility that UFOs are not machines and study our rainbow example a great deal of the potential evidence vanishes. There are no radar trackings, no ground marks and only distant photographs (since this atmospheric phenomenon is distant without a solid structure for close-up photographs to reveal.) This ephemeral degree of evidence sounds suspiciously like the UFOs we know so well.

Putting this together I think it seems that we are largely dealing with phenomena akin to dreams and rainbows. There is but scanty evidence for anything more substantial. If we now start to contemplate that problem we see why we are going astray. We are seeking a kind of physical evidence which simply might not exist. Even if it does it forms and relates to just a tiny part of the problem. The vast majority of what we are dealing with - certainly the alleged close encounter experiences - have a reality in the same order as the dream and the rainbow. The next obvious step is to examine how we could scientifically analyse such things and apply this to Ufology. But that must be the subject of another article. For now we must conclude that the search for physical evidence may be just as elusive and illusory as that fabled pot of gold..... somewhere over the rainbow.

INVESTIGATIONS

Missing NUFON reports:

Syd Henley, who is currently indexing all the NUFON and UFOIN reports at the HQ in Nottingham, makes the following request in order to make the files and this index of maximum value to researchers..... "Due to an unfortunate lack of security in the past quite a number of NUFON reports are missing. These have been either lost or have otherwise disappeared over the past 5 years. I can assure readers that since I took over the job of file coordination security has been tightened considerably and it is highly unlikely that further reports will go missing. With Jenny Randles I have been sorting out what I can of the missing files over the past six months but now, with the help of investigation groups within NUFON, I would like to try to replace some (if not all) of the reports that appear to have been lost. It would be appreciated if the groups and individuals below could check their files and send photocopies of the missing cases, or if copies are not available as much detail on each case as they can. Thank you..." It should be noted that this is not the complete list. Some groups have been contacted directly on this matter (eg MUFORA and NUFOIS, for obvious reasons, were readily contactable)... Many thanks.

DIGAP (7 Jun 76...Marple, Chsh; 5 Jul 76...Marple, Chsh); CHRYSLIS (Summer 76... South Shields, Tyne); BUFORA Yorks (Aug 74...Rosedale, W.Yk, 27 Jun 76...Wakefield W.Yk, Unknown 76...Mr L CE4 case, 18 Nov 77...Cowling, W.Yk); UFORA Staffs (Parasearch) (Jun 74...Ringway, Gt Mc, 5 Feb 77...Newcastle, Staffs, 12 Sep 78... Stone, Staffs, 5 Jan 79...Blythe Brge, Staffs, 5 Mar 79...Werrington, Staffs, 6 Aug 79...Winsford, Chsh); UAPROL (11 May 77, Leicester) UFOSIS (Unknown 60 ...Wolverhampton, W M, 14 Aug 75...Solihull, W M, 8 Oct 75...Wolverhampton, W M 21 May 77..Polesworth, Wks, 22 Sep 78..West Mid, Dec 78..Wolverhampton, W M) SMIO (13 Nov 78..Edinburgh, Scot, 17 Nov 78..Livingston, Scot) BUFORG (Jun 77... Coldstream, Scot) Ian Cresswell (6 Aug 65..Ambleside, Cumb, 9 Dec 65..Hull, Humb, 4 Aug 67..Heysham, Lancs, 12 Nov 70..Matlock, Dbys, 8 Jan 71..Dumfries, Scot, 8 Jun 72..Wingate, Durham, 27 Jan 73..Firth of Forth, Scot, 16 Oct 77..Warton, Lancs)

LOW DEFINITION ACTIVITY

Ref	Date	Location	Investigation	Level	Evaluation
78-265	Jan 28	Winsford, Cheshire	Unknown	E	Insuff. data
Single witness observed yellow/or LITS moving slowly W. In view 5 mins.					
8027	Jan 20	Mossley Hill, Msyside	MIGAP (John Morris)	A	<u>UFO</u>
The source of this report is an excellent case file prepared by John (his first). It is surely the best on record with NUFON for a Low Definition event and when it becomes available at the HQ it would be well worthwhile each group obtaining a copy for its instructional value. The report is packaged in a brown folder with a cover sheet and neatly typed. The lay-out conforms to UFOIN standards now adopted including summary sheet, location map, contents list, circulation list, investigation summary, witness data, location data, complete interview transcript, maps, sketches and measurements checks for all feasible sources, letters involved, conclusions and even					

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an appendix analysing leys and other features of the locale. A first class job. 42pp long It will be available from the HQ at usual cost price from October.

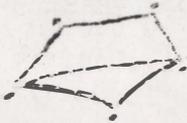
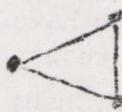


After this the case almost seems superfluous! However, it involves an 18 yr old amateur astronomer and his mother who observed an object in the shape of a triangle of LITS that flashed. There were 4-6 LITS on each side of the triangle coloured orange, red and green. It was stationary for 30 seconds pulsing, then moved off very slowly South East.

There was no sound. The diagram above shows how it looked through the lens of a 60mm telescope on x 15 magnification (both witnesses viewed under these conditions) All checks for an identification proved negative. Weather was cold and clear. This case will probably be filed with UFOIN so quote date and location.

MEDIUM DEFINITION ACTIVITY

Ref	Date	Location	Investigation	Level	Evaluation
7137	Aug 16	Gobowen, Salop	Daily Express	D	Insuff data
This case is interesting because it relates to the famous photograph taken by PC Leek at Aldridge, Staffs, at the same time (02.51) and evaluated by him in FSR as the planet Mars. This witness, RG Stones, is an ex RAF pilot who awoke to find an orange LITS in the S. It resolved as an egg one-fifth the size of the full moon. He fixed himself firmly against the window and proved, to his satisfaction, that it did <u>not</u> move for several minutes and was thus not a celestial object. He did not see it disappear. There were many sightings that night. Mars was close to earth.					
78-266	Nov 27	Chester, Cheshire		E	Insuff data
This case is mentioned due to its close cooperation with MIGAP report 78-165 where a very similar object was seen a few miles north at the same time. UFORA Staffs also investigated a report of a similar object a few hours away in Cheshire, and MUFORA one in Derbyshire. A hospital worker reported this sighting as a dark kite shape with a leading red light and a trailing white one. It was silent and moved W.					
79-140	Sep 28	Spalding, Lincs	LUFOR (A Pickering)	C	Aircraft?/Insuff
Between 20.00 and 23.15 from various villages around the town there were several sightings of a triangular object, red and white lights, and a silence followed by a humming/droning sound as the object picked up speed. Reports were very consistent in this and several mentioned two vertical searchlight beams which scanned the ground and were then switched off. The only discrepancy came from a report at 21.30 at Sutton Bridge where a girl saw a dome like object with a semicircle of orange lights at the base. This hovered over the River Nene for 15 minutes before she fled to the police. Could this be something to do with the RAF bases in the area?					
8026	Jan 12	Spalding, Lincs	LUFOR (A Pickering)	C	Aircraft?/Insuff
A repeat performance between 22.30 and 22.45 on this date involved three sets of witnesses to a phenomenon described as both silent and making a soft whirring sound. It consisted of mainly yellow/white lights and had a rotating red light underneath. One witness saw it pass directly overhead and whilst some with him thought it to be an aircraft he says it was too quiet. It was seen as a diamond shape or irregular pentagon from all locations. One set of witnesses said that it hovered for a time before moving off. Was this also connected with the military bases there?					
8028	Mar 30	Dundee, Scotland	ScUFON	E	Insuff
This case is under investigation from the Scottish network and involves an off-duty police officer who at 04.45 was awoken, with his wife, by a hollow metallic humming. From the window as the noise changed pitch he saw four glows in a diamond formation. One appeared to detach itself and land. Police were called and the first on the scene heard the noise too, as did others in the locality.					



MYSTERIOUS TREMOR AND UFO OVER SCOTLAND

summary of 34pp UFOIN report from David Sydeserff of ScUFON.

Date: Feb 16 1976 20.40 GMT

Many witnesses to the north and south of the Firth of Forth felt a shock-wave (like an earthquake), heard a rumbling and also detected secondary effects (eg doors rattling). One witness claimed a "premonition" of the shock (eg atmospheric fueling as precedes thunder) One witness claimed to see a vapour trail and one witness a yellow rounded object at the time of the disturbance. There was a claim of a TV set

exploding at the time of sighting. Extensive analysis by the Institute of Geological sciences (which recorded the disturbance at several seismological stations) shows it was not an earthquake or satellite or fireball reentry (confirmed by astronomical sources). The Met Office ruled out thunder. The only feasible answer was a "sonic boom" from a jet but allefforts to trace one failed and the RAF said that it was not a jet, was not on radar and the disturbance (felt at RAF Leuchars) was not like a sonic boom. It is hoped FSR will feature a full report on the case.

A NEW MIB ENCOUNTER? Report by Danny Cheveaux of MIGAP

Spring 1977 at a house in Wavertree, Merseyside, 8.30 am. Mrs Lilian Owens was in the kitchen cooking breakfast when she had a "feeling" to turn round. She saw a man in the doorway (whom she had not heard open the gate or approach). He wore brand new clothes, a small green check suit, white shirt & green tie, and had blonde hair with piercing blue eyes. His skin had a deep tan (despite it only being Spring). He said "Have you got any trousers?" a question Mrs Owens thought odd. She said "No" and went to shut the door but he blocked it with a shiny new black shoe with a steel toe-cap. She said she would call her son (who was not in) and he left. She shut the door but on looking through the window he was not in sight. She went out but he had vanished. She mentioned it to neighbours but only one woman had seen the man. He "materialised" behind her in her living room (despite all doors and windows being locked) and said "Can I have a drink of water?" Frightened she went to the phone to call the police and in the seconds that she moved to pick up the receiver he vanished without trace. This so upset the woman that she had to leave the house and the neighbourhood. That Summer Mrs Owens awoke at 02.00 by a bright light shining through bedroom curtains. She opened them and found a round ball with blue vertical lines on it which was stationary for several minutes. Every now and then a red flash lit up one edge. After a few moments it moved away to the east and was lost to sight. She did not connect the two events although it should be recalled that 1977 was a wave year in the UK (especially May-July, which seems about the time span of these two incidents). Mrs Owens has experienced no unusual phenomena before or since.



PHYSICAL EFFECTS AFTER A CLOSE ENCOUNTER Report by Danny Cheveaux of MIGAP

The fact that their might be "repeater families" is shown by this case which involves Billy Owens (who is married and does not live at home but who is the son of the witness to the above incident). In mid-December 1979 he was returning after night shift in a car factory at Halewood, Merseyside. It was 21.30, with a cold and overcast sky. He was walking towards Netherly along a path surrounded by open country. With the feeling that something was approaching Billy turned to see what he took to be a motorcycle headlight. He moved to the side and went on his way. He heard no noise but as he wore a balaclava hat he put it down to this. As the light came closer he felt the hair on his neck tingle. He then turned to see a weird object. It was like a fluorescent white balloon, seven feet in diameter. It came by within five feet and was five feet off the ground moving on a steady course. It was still silent. When about fifteen feet in front it veered upwards and streaked out of sight. Duration was just seconds. When he reached home his wife noticed that his hair stood on end (like an electrostatic charge) and that he had goose pimples. He was very scared for some time after his close escape and his hair continued to be so effected for two days after the experience. There are some parallels with ball lightning, but there was no thunderstorm and the alleged size is way outside the accepted parameters of this phenomenon (which in many senses is one of sciences few "respectable UFOs" anyway!) If it was ball lightning Billy had a very narrow escape because an object that size would certainly have killed him had it touched his body (note the electrostatic field that was induced in his body) It would be interesting to know from Danny if he suffered any other effects (eg disturbsnces to wristwatches or lack of appetite)



The UFOs are still on holiday it seems as 1980 is turning into the quietest year on record with still just 28 cases on the NUFON files (and the situation persists throughout the UK). Whilst there is nothing much to investigate the chance arises for re-investigation of classics from the past (Stephen Banks of Parasearch tells me they are to restudy the classic 1954 CE3 of Jessie Roestenberg) It is also a good time for research, as Peter Warrington notes in an article to be published in next months issue.....

"...in a number of conferences the programme has been padded with accounts of recent cases, and these (no matter how interesting) have pushed what few research papers there were into the background" We need more research and more origination.

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MARTIN KEATMAN, UFOIN investigator, BUFORA RIC, and one of the most prolific Ufologists in the UK today explains why what we see could be what we desire to see with reference to many recent UK Close Encounters and his new theory of "Acceptance Levels". What is the source for the Close Encounter?

THE FUTURE: Andy Collins, UFOIN investigator of many important UK Close Encounters now working on his book The Chosen. For the first time he presents results of his research with CE witnesses who argue that the earth is heading for a new age and the contacts are paving the way for this. Are contactees chosen, and if so by whom?

John Day, the main percipient in Britain's most famous contact case. In October 1974 he, his wife and their children were abducted on board a UFO near Aveley, Essex, and were given huge amounts of detail about the reason for this contact. Why are abductions occurring? Who is responsible?

Jenny Randles, UFOIN secretary, part of the team of Flying Saucer Review (in its silver jubilee year and the oldest and most respected UFO journal in the world) and author of UFOs: A British Viewpoint (1979) and the forthcoming UFO Study and Window on Another World presents the results of a mammoth world wide study of UFO contact cases in an attempt to comprehend their nature and their meaning. Are we responsible for these contacts, or is there an external source?

There should be more than enough for you to get your teeth into there, and there will be time after each paper to question the views of the presenter. In addition many other leading Ufologists will be present (including a few special guests!) and it is hoped many will stay over to the Sunday, along with the speakers, where more informal discussions (and probably friendly arguments!) will continue.

It will be an ideal day to bring the family, see the groups and view the hard work they do. There will be stalls selling UFO literature, display stands, exhibitions, and a public enquiry desk. It starts early but you will not wish to miss anything. There will be a refreshment stall with drinks and snacks. Advice on overnight accommodation will be available from the organisers.

The programme starts at 10.15 and runs through to 17.30 and tickets (which are available in advance) cost only £1.00.

The venue is Dr Johnson's House Bull Street (by Lewis's) BIRMINGHAM

The event is co-hosted by PARASEARCH (Staffs) and UFOSIS (West Midlands); two associate groups of the NUFON network.

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