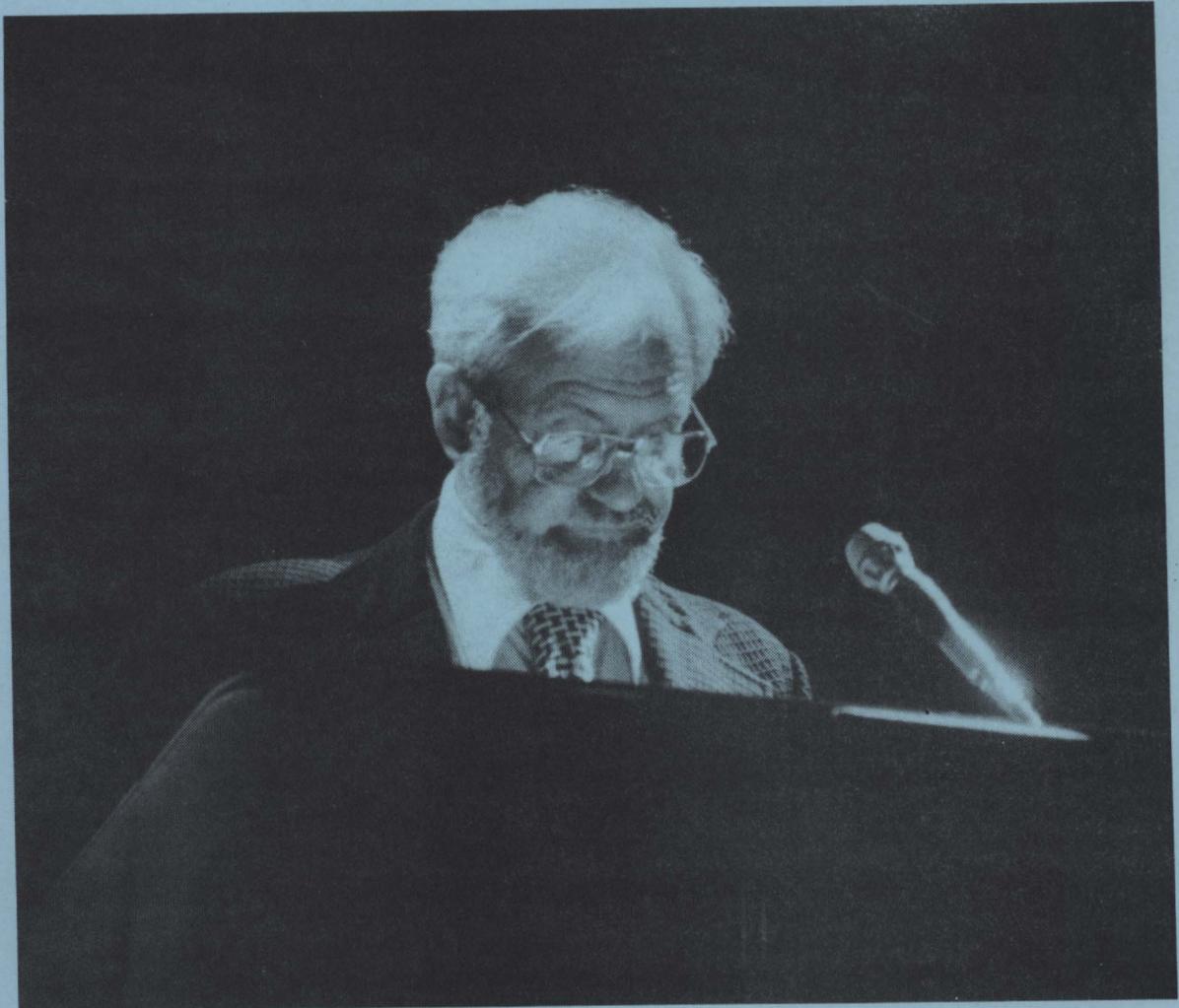


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(A Summary Report)

I welcome the opportunity to participate in this congress and I salute BUFORA for recognising the crisis in Ufology today and convening a workshop on UFO classification, which in itself is recognition of the prime factor in this crisis - the lack of a truly scientific ordering and systematic arrangement of our subject matter. We are in a crisis situation today, we are a long way from having our subject recognised as a science and we continually face the derisive charge that our subject is without substance, with very little to show in an organised way for our efforts over the last three decades.

BUFORA has recognised that the first step in such an organisation of subject matter, one that will stand up to examination by the outside world, is a viable classification system for that subject matter. We face fires on both sides of us, the barrage of criticism from the scientific fraternity and the equally dilatorious barrage of nonsense from the lunatic fringe, the cultists and pseudo religious nuts, who have the singular propensity of distorting and warping UFO data to their own peculiar psychotic ends. To our detriment, these fires unite. The scientific fraternity, blithely neglects to look at the serious data we do have and dotes heavily on the ammunition furnished by the lunatic fringe. If we are really honest with ourselves, we will note that not all the ammuniton used by the scientific fraternity is supplied by the "crazies", but partly by wishful thinkers in our own ranks. I believe that BUFORA has recognised this and in one sense, we have been fighting a losing game. A famous tennis champion of years ago said "never change a winning game, always change a losing game". I propose that we definitely change our game to a winning game and this call by BUFORA and its associates to start at the very foundations of our subject and re-formulate the classification system , is a very basic step in changing our game.

Let us turn to the task at hand, the classification of UFO reports , not UFO's, but UFO reports.... reports which are, we always hope, are true accounts of UFO experiences. This is the elusive UFO phenomena. Let us be clear on one paramount consideration, the system we seek must in itself, be a research tool. It is so utterly important that we agree that any system of classification must serve a positive purpose to advance research in the field, otherwise we fall into the morass of classification for classifications sake.



Dr, Allen Hynek with "Tim" O'Brien, President of BUFORA.



Omar Fowler, Chairman of SIGAP, discussing a point with Dr.Allen Hynek at the International UFO Congress.

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So then, what is the fundamental purpose of classification in Ufology? It must be fashioned and created to be a tool of research, to help solve the problem of the origin of the UFO phenomenon. This means that we must not aim for a mere "finding list", a library type catalogue that helps us locate a given item, as in the case of locating a book or particular case. I believe we can come up with a system that can serve both purposes, without sacrificing the aims of research.

I believe that a computer must be an integral part of the classification system itself and of its use. We must not fall into the error of thinking that just because a computer will be used, that makes it scientific. It is how the computer is used that makes it scientific or not. This does not mean that every Ufologist must have a computer terminal in his home, but that the system must be geared to using a computer as a research tool.

Now we have a problem. Usually in other sciences there is already a foundation on which to build a classification system, there is general agreement about what one is talking about, particularly about the nature and origin of the subject matter, but unfortunately, not so with UFO's. So we have an added job, an added responsibility to make sure that whatever classification system we work for, that it does not presume an origin, that it does not by very terminology, suggest that UFO's are visitors from space, or that they are entirely psychic, or that they come from another dimension. I would suggest in the strongest possible terms that whatever system evolves from this conference, and it will be a process of evolution, that this be free of assumptions, it should be based solely on the characteristics of what is observed and reported minus interpretation.

As an astronomer let me give you an example of a classification system which started out with nothing, in fact less than nothing and ended up by being the golden key to the evolution of stars, to white dwarfs, to neutron stars, to pulsars and yes, even black holes. It all started out this way, no this will not be a lecture in astronomy, but purely an illustration. It starts as a matter of fact with a French Philosopher August Caen, who stated that "You will never find out anything about the stars, because you can never get hold of any part of them, they didn't send us any part of themselves", but of course they do send us something of themselves... starlight. It still seems like nothing, but as you all know, when starlight is spread out in its spectrum, a very great deal can be learned from it.

This is because the spectrum is crossed by numerous lines, called absorption lines, we know today the details of their origin, but this was a total mystery when the first spectra of the stars began to be obtained. So what was the first step? Classify of course, but how? Simply according to the appearance, the characteristics of the spectrum, without any regard to any theory of their origin. Some stars have few lines or gaps in their spectra, well why not call these type A, then there were those that were not quite as strong, well let us call those type B and so on, down the alphabet. Finally a theory came along and showed the physical reasons why some lines were strong and others were not, but observation then showed that the intrinsic brightness of a star also had an effect and then that was incorporated into the stellar classification system and so the system evolved.

Let us hope that a proper classification of UFO characteristics will also pay off, but note that the astronomers did not burden their new classification system with preconceived ideas about stars and we must not introduce preconceived ideas about UFO's.

When I was writing "The UFO Experience", I desperately needed some simple purely observational way of organising the best number of reports on hand, I wanted a first step, not a final system. What could be simpler than to divide all reports into two large classes, those reports that were concerned with UFO's from a distance and those observed close up "close encounters". Now note that this was not intended as a system for classification of the characteristics of the UFO, but apparently it was observed, now this was a serious flaw. It is the characteristics of the UFO or object that we want, but as I said, my classification was a first step, largely for my own convenience.

Now the first class of the six categories just logically fell into three groups, again apart from any idea of their origin, but simply how they were observed. In the night time, the nocturnal light, in the daytime, the daylight disc and by radar. Not at all mutually exclusive, that is another flaw. It could easily be that what appears as a light at night, might appear as a disc during the day and either might be detected by radar. This was an observational, operational, classification and not a classification of UFO's in themselves. We must now go beyond this. I am very happy that my classification has had such wide acceptance, but it is really not a very good scientific classification. The close encounters also divided nicely into three

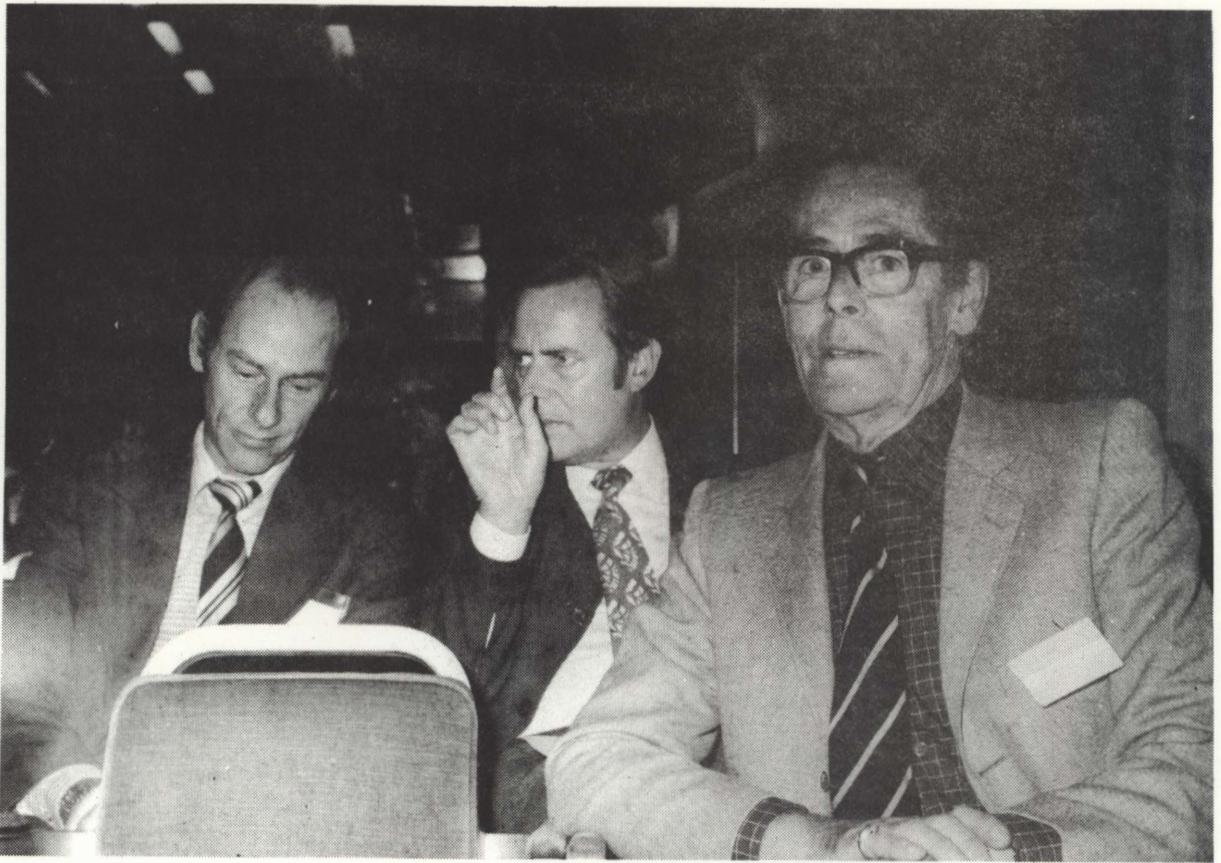
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classes, again depending on what was observed by the witness and not one bit on the theory of UFO origins. Here I borrowed a long standing designation from physics, collisions of the first kind and collisions of the second kind, having to do with the distinction between elastic and non elastic collisions. I merely added a "Third Kind", little knowing what effect that would have..... I had no idea that this terminology would have such wide play. The first kind by the absence of physical effects, the second by the presence of physical effects and the third by the presence of 'entities'.

Why has this simple scheme had such wide usage? I think for one and only one reason and that is nothing to do with me personally, it is simply because each category can be easily visualized, it suggests a picture. "Daylight Disc" conveys the picture of a traditional "flying Saucer", CE2 Marks on the ground & EM effect and the "Third Kind" creatures. Now this is hardly scientific in a sense, these categories can and do overlap, but it appeals, because the public can use it without a guide book, the picture springs to mind for each category. I was actually surprised at the wide acceptance of this simple system, but I never intended it to be a scientific classification system.

Now it is time to get down to work. There is a demand for a truly scientific classification system, rather than an extension of any particular system, but let me say just a word about the extension for a continued popular use and the concept of close encounters of the "Fourth Kind". Already there have been many suggestions for CE4 and CE5. It has been suggested that CE4 be reserved for abduction cases or for cases where communication has taken place, or for "contactee" cases, or for cases where entities have interfered with the environment and yes, it has been suggested that CE4 be reserved for purely sexual encounters with aliens. In point of fact, all of these are sub types of CE3, which by original definition are close encounters in which humanoids, entities, are included in the report - no matter what they are engaged in doing.

Now a system we must look at , which is so far at least, the most comprehensive system and also because it is in active use today, having been used in the systematic classification of over 100,000 entries, is the UFOCAT system. For those of you who are not acquainted with it, this is the system developed by Dr. David Saunders for a UFO catalogue, which started when Saunders was still a member of the Condon Committee. It is a flexible system and capable of further development.



Above: Bill Fishwick, Ron Harman (SIGAP), with Ivor McKay (BUFORA).



Chairman of the Congress Working Party, Peter Hill BUFORA & SIGAP member, addressing the the International UFO Congress (Monday Aug.27th).

Hynek: Conclusion.

Dr. Hynek went on to expand on his ideas concerning a new classification system, but owing to limitations of space, we are unable to print the complete talk. However we do have the talk on cassette, which will be available, on request to members of SIGAP only.

BOOK REVIEW by Ron Harman.

THE UNINVITED by Clive Harold

This book is a must for anyone interested in UFO's, Humanoids or Teleportations. I found that once starting it, I just could not put it down.

It is an account of the happenings at Ripperstone Farm, Pembrokeshire and the experiences of an ordinary farming family who were subjected to some of the most frightening things I have ever read about. I do not think for one moment that it could have been a hoax, as Billy and Pauline Coombs have children and it would have been very difficult to perpetrate such a story with children, plus the fact that so many other sightings were being reported around the area. It would have been a very elaborate conspiracy.

The most frustrating thing about the book is the lack of photographic evidence, I would have thought that at least Mr Coombs would have carried a camera around with him, also the indifference shown by the Police and the armed forces. Nevertheless it is an enthralling book, please read it.

MYSTERY LIGHT AT BLACKWATER :
Case S926. Investigator D. Piper.

On the night of July 30th 1979 at 2255, Mr R.P. Yeomans B.Sc. saw an intense white light moving upwards through the sky and coming in his direction. The light which had now taken up the form of twin headlights, was moving in a N.E. direction through patchy cloud. The speed was estimated at approx. 200mph and the height approx 1,000 ft. The light was observed for an estimated time of two minutes, before it faded from sight. There were no red or green lights visible, which could have indicated navigation lights of an aircraft. Mr Yeomans wife also observed the latter part of the sighting.

When first seen, the single light appeared elliptical in a vertical direction and seemed stationary. Possibly, the two lights seen after

Mr Yeomans went indoors to call his wife, were not part of the original sighting. The two lights seen by both of them kept the same distance apart, although the object was moving away. The distance apart, would tend to rule out aircraft landing lights.

(Classification LITS) N.B. Mr D.Piper works at London Airport.

A PULSATING LIGHT OVER WEYBRIDGE
Case S925. Investigator L.Spencer.

In the early hours of 25th July this year, a pulsating light was seen over Weybridge, Surrey. The primary witness Mr Paul Wigmore (Student), stated that the light, when viewed through binoculars, had red, green and white lights going from left to right, in that order.

The light which appeared to be at high altitude, was visible for several hours and viewed by a number of witnesses, including the parents of Mr Wigmore (father was ex-RAF Pilot) and a police patrol. At one stage, the witnesses drove to a higher area of ground (Woburn Hill) to have a clearer view.

It was reported that a number of various objects came towards it, a red light from behind and to the left of it and two white lights from the right hand side. The object also emitted a white hazy beam downwards and to the left. The object was viewed from 1am to 3am, before it faded from sight. It was also stated that the object zig-zagged and moved rapidly up and down. Dogs in the area were also barking, although this may not have been due to the object.

EXPLODING BALL OF LIGHT: FRIMLEY
Case S929. Investigator O.Fowler.

Mr J.Cashmore, a security guard at Johnsons Wax Ltd, Frimley Green, Camberley, noticed an unusual ball of light in the sky at 0345 on 4th September 79. The light, which was described as an oblong ball of light in the Eastern area of the sky, was viewed for approx. 1½ minutes, when it suddenly disintegrated in a pattern of triangular sections from the top of the disc.



An amazing incident that took place over Blackbushe Aerodrome on Monday 27th August is currently under investigation by SIGAP on behalf of BUFORA and UFOIN.

The incident involving the sighting of a small silver disc was widely reported in the national press and is unprecedented in this area. Newspaper cuttings are shown below and a full report of the investigation will be carried in the next issue.

MYSTERY OF TINIEST UFO

31/8/79 Daily Mirror

By MIRROR REPORTER

TWO flying instructors are baffled by a UFO that is just nine inches long.

The pilots have reported close encounters with the UFO over Hampshire.

The first sighting was by chief instructor Laurie Adlington of the Three Counties Aero Club

during a training flight from Blackbushe airport.

He said the object looked like a flattened blob of mercury shining in the sunlight as he approached at 2,500 feet.

"It consisted of little flat hexagonal panels, each about an inch

across," said Mr. Adlington, 58, yesterday.

"It was in two halves and there seemed to be two clasps near the dividing line. There were two short acrials at the top.

"From fifteen feet away it seemed to be motionless, although it

rose to 3,000 feet at one stage.

"It seemed to be rotating. I haven't a clue how it stayed aloft."

The next day a similar object was seen at the same time in the afternoon by pilot Simon Spence, 21, also a Three Counties instructor.

He reported that it flew off towards Farnborough at 150 miles per hour.

The mini-Martians

A FLYING instructor claimed yesterday that he had flown within 15ft. of a very small unidentified flying object shaped like a flattened blob of mercury above Blackbushe Airport in Hampshire. Mr Laurie Adlington, 53, said he and student pilot James Plastow circled the 9in. diameter object for five minutes.

Daily Mail
31/8/79

**** ONE OF THE PILOTS INTERVIEWED, Lt.J.PLASTOW (SANDHURST S.C.) HAS ACCEPTED AN INVITATION TO ATTEND THE NEXT SIGAP MEETING AT THE "PROSPECT CLUB" * ASH VALE ON WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 10th AT 8PM.

STOP PRESS / LATE NEWS.

Mexico City/Richard Colborne reports (28/8/79) there are rumours an area about 1½ hours drive (or 3 days by mule), has been closed off by personnel from NASA (?), since an educated man in the area claimed to have been in contact with alien beings.

Richard is sceptical, but hopes to take a trip to the area shortly to investigate.

Farnborough, Hants/Lance Spencer reports that the UNO' noise has been heard in the area again, on the night of 8th September at 1945hrs.

* The Prospect Club meeting is open to non-members and is situated off Vale Road, leading from Ash Vale Station.

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To investigate the UFO phenomenon locally, a small group of people got together early in 1967. The outcome – the Surrey Investigation Group on Aerial Phenomena. Primarily founded to investigate reports in Surrey and surrounding counties, Sigap has contributed to studies in many parts of Southern England.

News of a sighting – often through the Sigap 'Hot-line' – Farnborough 41012 – triggers an instant and well-established course of action. This preliminary enquiry procedure is designed to eliminate obvious explanations. With so much going on in the sky today – much of it generated by man himself – over 80 per cent of reports can be explained in terms of natural and man-made phenomena.

If Sigap investigators find no immediate explanation as a result of preliminary enquiries, the group will send someone to interview the witnesses, and where possible, will visit the site from which the observation was made. Sigap then calls on the expertise of its own consultants in an effort to explain the sighting. The group liaises with similar organisations throughout the country, and often finds a pattern of activity consistent with that in other areas.

Our most significant reports are sent to the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Illinois, USA. The Center is run by Dr J Allen Hynek, Professor of Astronomy at Northwestern University, and for 20 years, was consultant to the US Air Force on UFOs.

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