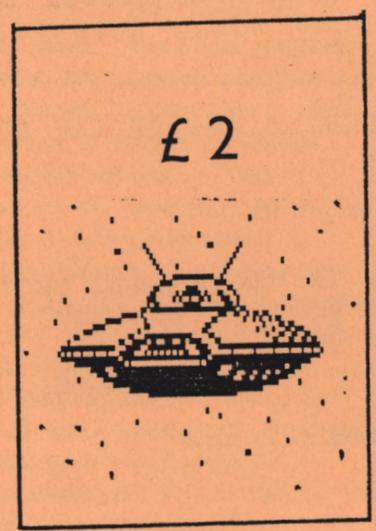
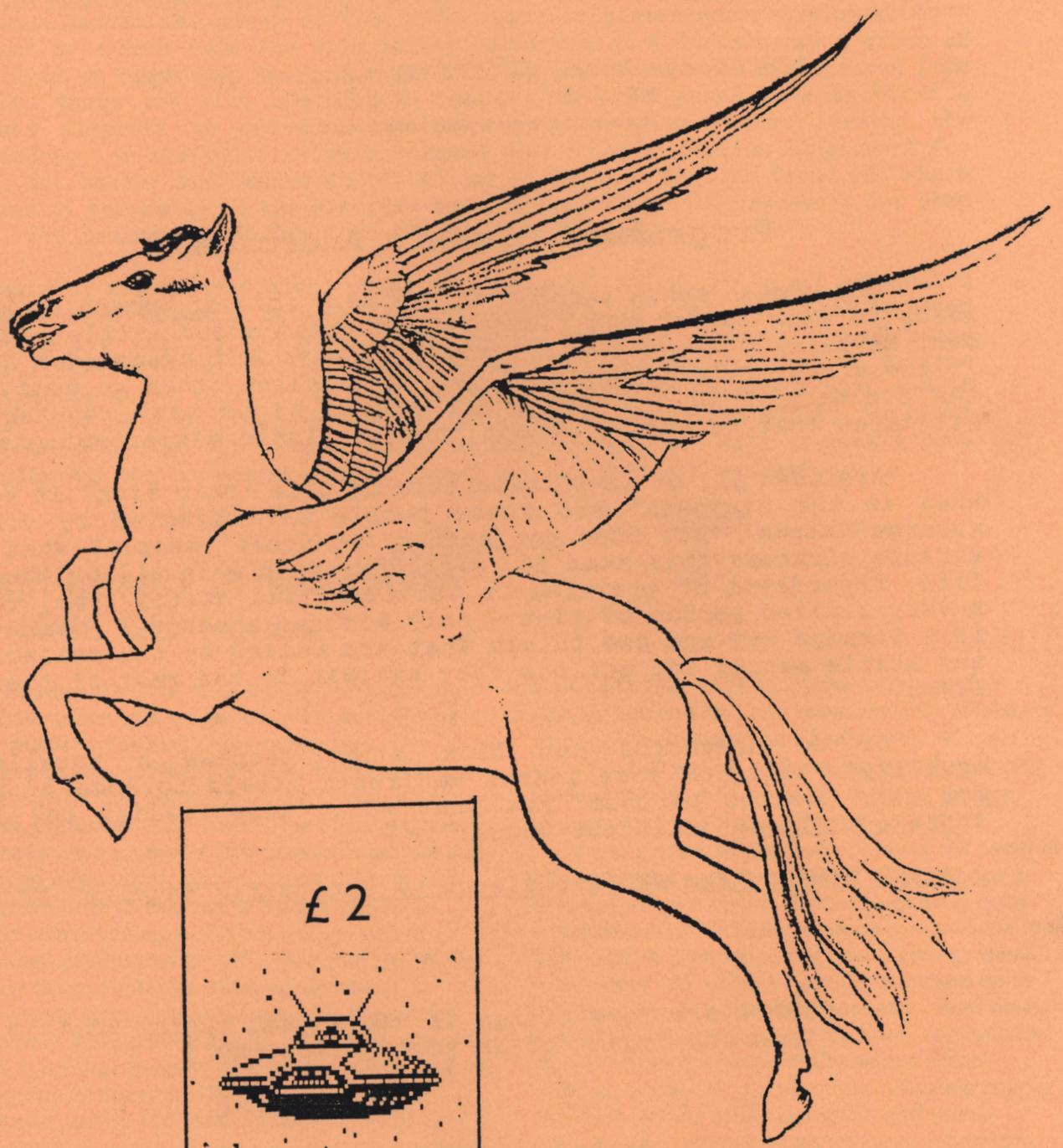


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Programmed Organic Androids?

"Our common sense recoils at the very idea of humanoids and leads to much banter and ridicule and jokes about little green men. Maybe UFOs could really exist, we say, but humanoids? And if these are truly figments of our imagination, then so must be the ordinary UFOs. But these are backed by so many reputable witnesses that we cannot accept them as simple misperceptions.

"Are then all of these reporters of UFOs truly sick? If so, what is the sickness? Are these people all affected by some strange 'virus' that does not attack 'sensible' people? What a strange sickness this must be, attacking people in all walks of life, regardless of training or vocation, and making them, for a very limited period of time - only minutes sometimes - behave in a strange way and see things that are belied by the reliable and stable manner and actions they exhibit in the rest of their lives.

"Or do humanoids and UFOs alike bespeak a parallel 'reality', that for some reason manifests itself to some of us for very limited periods? But what would this reality be? Is there a philosopher in the house?" -

J.ALLEN HYNEK. "The UFO Experience. A Scientific Enquiry".1972

"There are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio
Than are dreamt of in your philosophy".

- SHAKESPEARE.

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JUST AN ORDINARY AMERICAN FAMILY ...

In February 1991 my associate and I were driving a Ryder moving truck from Melbourne, Florida, to Manchester, New Hampshire. I had recently completed a science fiction novel about UFOs, and Manny and I had discussed them many times; however, at the moment, we were more concerned with making the long trip ahead of us. According to Manny and my wife and son, we had left the apartment complex parking lot just after 6 pm.

Manny was driving; I sat in the passenger seat. Melbourne is near an Air Force base and, of course, Cape Kennedy is not far away, so we often see interesting lights in the sky. But my attention was drawn to a red light which seemed to be falling away from a blue light. The blue light, which was about ten degrees over the horizon, looked normal enough, but I wondered what it had dropped, or if the red light was another, unrelated vehicle. Then, as the blue light came closer, it definitely emitted another red light which also began falling towards the ground.

At this time Manny said, "What is that?" I thought he meant the blue light. I said, "I don't know...it probably is not a UFO, but I don't know what it is, or what it's dropping."

Manny said he had not noticed anything dropping from it, so I don't know why it caught his attention. By now it was much closer, about thirty degrees above the horizon, and the single blue light was seen to be two lights, which I assumed were on the ends of opposite wings. Another red light dropped from between them. Manny pulled into the emergency lane and slowed to a halt, as I rolled down my window and leaned out, facing skywards. The two blue lights were now quite far apart, and I thought if it was a plane, it was a hell of a big one. Then, for a brief moment, the object caught the reflection of the lights of Melbourne on its underside, and I saw its true shape. I yelled to Manny, who was still stopping the truck, "Holy s__t--it's a disk!" The blue lights were on opposite sides of the disk. There were no lights in front or back.

Having researched all those missing time accounts, I made a mental note which song was playing on the radio. Manny finally got the truck stopped. I nearly killed myself trying to get out the window, get the door opened, and jump out. When my feet hit the ground I immediately looked upward to locate the blue lights, but they were gone. I scanned the whole sky but nothing was moving. I listened again to the radio and believed it was playing the same song; but for some reason by the time we got to Manchester I could not remember what song that was. This is odd for me; I remember what street I was on when I first heard "Bridge Over Troubled Waters" and Carpenters' version of "Ticket to Ride" (Tampa, in both cases) in 1969. I am very musically oriented and the only aspect of this affair which actually bothers me is not being able to remember what song was playing.

Anyway, we got back in the truck and continued our drive. Manny had paid no attention to the radio but believed the clock showed no discontinuity. He hadn't seen the disk-shaped reflection and wasn't sure he'd seen any red lights drop from the thing. We heard no sound from the object, though it would have to have been pretty loud to hear it over the roar of the traffic and the truck and the radio. When we got to Manchester and unpacked we did not notice anything unusual. But over the next two or three weeks, each morning when Manny or I opened the silverware drawer, we would find another spoon or fork had twisted or bent. We had a hodgepodge of flatware and this happened only

to pieces from a particular set, of a kind you can pick up at K-Mart. The pieces are stainless steel with a blue plastic grip. The bends, as they appeared, were not up and down (the easy way) but, rather, sideways, and the plastic where the bend occurs was not marked or stretched in any way. When I discovered the first piece, I tried to bend it back manually but couldn't. Manny thought the pieces were being bent by the heat of the dishwasher (not that he would know; he never did the dishes). One of the spoons did, in fact, fall to the bottom of the dishwasher and rested against the heating element. In that case the plastic grip melted and bubbled where the heating element touched it, but the bend did not appear to change.

I don't know why I associate the UFO with the bent silverware, except that they are two strange occurrences which happened together very close in time. (Note: In the last two years, the silverware has disappeared.) After the sighting Manny and I shared, he's had two other sightings, one of which ended with him in his apartment complex parking lot at two in the morning, clad in just his underwear. At his wedding a few weeks ago he showed me a mark that appeared on his neck after a missing time episode.

I started my novel because I was looking for a hobby that would let me think about something other than computer programming, but that wouldn't require me to actually change clothes. That way I could take little breaks without disrupting my tight work schedule. At that time I had no interest in UFOs, although I have always been interested in astronomy and science fiction. To give an idea of the extent of my lack of interest, I had read every book by Larry Niven except "Footfall." In spite of my enjoyment of his writing, I could not bring myself to spend money on a book about an alien invasion, no matter who wrote it. Nevertheless, I thought it might be fun to put together what I assumed would be a bunch of accounts by imbeciles about their "close encounters", and come up with a rational explanation that would tie them all together. This was intended as a mental challenge, you see, with the written novel that included the explanation as the goal.

What I didn't expect to happen, though, was that I found the various accounts were not the disjointed ramblings of publicity seekers, but coherent reports of an apparently widespread phenomenon. The other thing I didn't expect to find was that either I, or one of my sisters, seemed to fit into the pattern as well. I have an excellent memory. I can describe the apartment we moved out of when I was a year-and-a-half old, and I remember sitting in my high chair watching Pinky Lee on television. My very oldest memory is disjointed, though. I was in a white place, yet I could see through the whiteness to my parents' car down below. My baby sister was with them. I cried for them to get me, but they didn't hear. I have always been profoundly disturbed by this memory.

When I was four or maybe five, my Dad, who worked evenings, would come home at eleven and he and my Mom would watch TV. They left my bedroom door open and I could see the flickering blue light from the television. However, one night I awoke to see a figure at the end of my bed. To me it looked like the statue of the Blessed Virgin at church. I thought my parents were still awake because I could see the blue light, but I was too terrified to say anything or move. I shut my eyes. Later, I screamed for my Mom, who took forever to get to me - she hadn't been up, after all. I told her the Blessed Virgin had been in my room - at that age, I thought the statue was the Blessed Virgin - and of course she said I was only dreaming. She no longer remembers the incident, but I'll never be able to forget it. And it was not a dream.

One night my mother called us to the window to see the Northern Lights. She and my sisters stared out the window, but I couldn't see anything. They remained fixed at the window for ages. I've seen the Northern Lights since, just once, and they're beautiful but very subtle. I don't see how you could see them from a hall window; but if you could, they'd have to be pretty spectacular, so why didn't I see them, too? Anyway, I eventually gave up and went to bed, leaving them transfixed and silent, at the window.

In St. Augustine, Florida, we were coming home from some sort of school thing. My Mom was driving, I was in the front passenger seat, and my sisters were in the back. We were just a few houses from home, at a place where the housing development had not yet been completed and there was jungle next to the car. Mom was driving very slowly. Suddenly she said, "Paul - I think I see a flying saucer!" At that, the rear door opened and my sister Louise jumped out and either ran towards the woods or started to. I either grabbed her sleeve before she got out of the car, or jumped out and grabbed her just before she ploughed into the brush. (Disconcertingly, I remember it both ways.) My mother then said it was just an airplane. Louise and I both remember the incident, although we differ on details. My mother does not remember it at all.

We all knew my sister Louise sleepwalked. We only saw her do it once, but several times when she woke in the morning there were blades of grass in her bed. She and our other sister, Mary Joan, shared a bedroom with twin beds. One morning Louise woke up in Mary Joan's bed, between her and the wall, with neither one knowing how she got there. My room was apart from the other bedrooms. One night I went to bed early; I took off my glasses and put them on my bedside stand. Then, as I often did, I knelt on my pillow to take a last look out at the back yard. This particular evening, I saw an intense white light blinking on and off. Without my glasses, I could only make out a white blob. I thought it might be just a fire fly, but, if it was, it was a heck of a bright one! Without my glasses it looked about as bright as a 100 watt bulb would, if it were suspended in the middle of the back yard. However, when it reached the tree line, it went behind the trees--I could still see the glow, but dimmed. When I finally went for my glasses, it was gone. I ran into the main part of the house to tell my mother. Her automatic response to that (as well as any other problem anyone ever had) was that I had imagined it. Just then Louise walked into the hallway and asked for a towel because she was "cold". That was the only time we ever saw her sleepwalking.

When I turned off the light in my room I could always see by the light of a streetlight on the corner. On two occasions I awakened in the middle of night, paralyzed, in terror and in total darkness. I knew that if I could just turn on my room light, I would be okay; but I was paralyzed. I also couldn't remember where the wall switch was in relation to my bed. Finally I got up and fumbled at each wall until I found the light switch. After I caught my breath and calmed down, I turned it back off. The street light was on and my room was back to normal. I'm pretty sure this whole thing happened twice; yet I know the second time it happened I did not remember the first. (My ex-mother-in-law has a very similar story.) I remember many times going to sleep in terror as a game. I pretended that two men were going to break into my room and take something, but as long as I pretended I was asleep they wouldn't hurt me. I followed this "game" to the point of trying to breathe and shift in bed naturally, as a person who was truly asleep might do. But the terror was real. I would actually lie in a cold sweat; even though I had made them up, I felt like the "men" were on the other side of my door, waiting to come in.

During our teenage years, all you had to do to make my sister freak out was point at an imaginary UFO. At parties we would take turns interrupting the conversation to point out the window and yell, "Look! A UFO!" and Louise would literally dive under a table. We could (and did) do this time after time, until we made her cry. (I'm so ashamed I was ever such a jerk!)

I saw three UFOs over St. Augustine around 1:00 am on the night of my senior prom (1969). I had just dropped my date off and was still fuming because she wouldn't kiss me goodnight on the lips. It had been raining earlier, and I looked up to see if it had cleared. It had, and the stars were brilliant, but as I started into the house I realized I had seen something move and I looked up again. I expected to see a seagull caught in the lights of the town, but instead I saw three ovals travelling due east at an irregular speed: first one would lead, then another, then the other. In just fifteen seconds they had gone from straight overhead to below the tree line. I went inside and wrote a three-page description to the Air Force, which I never sent. I also didn't keep it, which is odd for me: I still have things I wrote in first grade. In any case, I remember going to sleep after 3 am, not thinking that that was an awful long time for me to write three crummy pages of description.

I have a "scoop" mark on my right shin. It's not as pronounced as some I've seen photographed, but it's there. I also have an odd red mark on one knee which suddenly showed up when I was a teenager. Louise does not have a scoop mark--but Mary Joan does. So does my mother, but she says she got hers when she fell "up" her porch step as a teenager. Starting a year ago, for six months I went through an intense period of activity and terror. I was awakened, paralyzed, dragged off my bed. I awakened paralyzed another time but shook it off in time to see one of the grey guys walking through the wall into my closet. I awakened with scars, bruises, burns, a bloody eye, and every three days a new puncture on my index finger where blood appeared to have been drawn. My finger hurt so bad it brought tears to my eyes; I could hardly type. The last paralysis was January 2. I shook it off, but somehow I knew it would not occur again.

I travel a lot, and usually at least once a week I'll have a "feeling" I'll find a fellow abductee in the jacuzzi. I'm never wrong. UFOs make great late-night jacuzzi conversation and it's easy to check for scoop marks. One night a few months ago I had a dream. (It felt like a dream, and had dream-like elements.) I was with the grey guy I call my "caseworker". The conversation was telepathic, but as near as I can remember it went something like this.

First, he marvelled that I was so calm. I explained I had been doing desensitization exercises, imagining myself in their presence, so I wouldn't be so panicky. He said, "We can't communicate when you're panicky. We can't hear you and you can't hear us." I told him we wouldn't be so panicky if they'd call and let us know they were coming, but he shrugged it off. He said, "Many of you find you have a great feeling of love for us (the caseworkers)."

I considered carefully what I was feeling for him right then. "I have strong feelings for you," I admitted. "But it's not exactly love. I don't know what it is." I told him I wasn't completely sure that his people were doing were in my best interests, or those of my species.

"We've been working with you for fifty million years," he said. "It's our job to see that you become what you are to become. Don't you think if we were after some short-term benefit, we'd have gotten it by now and left?" (The argument sounds weak on paper, but I was completely convinced at the time.)

I accept dogs, cetaceans and other primates as being as intelligent as me and worth dealing with as equals (I do not believe technological prowess is the only worthwhile indicator of intelligence). I should certainly be willing to do the same with aliens. And I don't expect non-humans to adhere to Western rules of conduct. But they'd better not expect me to behave in a non-human fashion, either. The one thing our species excels at is in its use of tools, and we have always treated other species as tools. We learn that species' behaviors and turn them to our advantage. We did it with dogs, horses, cattle and even silkworms. We can do it again, I'm sure - and I intend to. I'll stay anonymous, too, if you don't mind. Those little guys probably read *PEGASUS*, every issue!

(If they'll send us a subscription, we'll mail it to them! - Ed.)

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CRI DU COEUR

People who insist on ridiculing witnesses because they "know" there are no such things as UFOs cause unnecessary mental suffering, especially to children, as is shown by the following letter.

"I am writing to you about something that has worried me for some months now. I am certain that last November (1995) I saw three UFOs. However, nobody at school believed me. I am nearly thirteen years old and a boarder at the Sacred Heart School, (location omitted). I am a Christian and would like to write about what I saw. Please record my details because they are true.

"It was a dark night in November, around 9.45 p.m. "Lights Off" had been called. There were just a few lights that had been left on. The curtains to my dormitory were left open as nobody had bothered to close them! At about 9.45 p.m. I saw three shapes with green, red and white lights flashing. They just seemed to appear from nowhere.

"They started to descend and they circled around. Then they went slightly higher. Then two of the UFOs flew away at an incredibly high speed. There was now one left ... and then that disappeared. It did not fly away. It was like seeing a house at one moment and then an empty space the next. It was very strange.

"I tried to alert the others in the dormitory and make them look, but as it was already past "lights out" nobody dared get out of bed and come to the window. Mine was the only bed in the dormitory with a clear view through the window.

"I am only writing to you for record purposes. Nobody believes me at school, but I am telling the truth.

Yours faithfully, Cecily."

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SUBJECT: AUTOPSY REPORT # 1
DATE: 7/14/47
COPY ONE OF THREE

INITIAL FINDINGS UPON EXAMINATION AND AUTOPSY OF THE BODY OF AN APPARENT ALIEN CREATURE

1. External Appearance

This body was observed to be in a state of significant deterioration. It had been preserved with formaldehyde solution but not otherwise dissected. The cadaver was 44 inches long with a weight of 27 pounds when the preservative solution had been drained.

The external appearance of this cadaver was of a human embryo with an enlarged cranium. Hands and feet were normal. Fingers and toenails had been had been pared. Fingerprints of a swirl-left pattern were observed and taken. All ten fingers and toes were apparent. There was some vestigial webbing between first and second fingers and toes.

Sexual organs appeared to be those of a male. They were in an embryonic state and revealed no evidence of pubescence.

Ears were partially formed, and showed some evidence of surgical intervention. Folds of skin had been drawn out from the surface of the scalp in an apparent attempt to create the impression of a more fully developed ear than was actually present.

Lips were vestigial and the mouth contained no erupted teeth. The nose was also in an incomplete state of growth and had also received surgical intervention, resulting in what appeared to be a very thin a delicate organ. Eyes were distinguished by extensive surgical intervention. They were almond-shaped and by far the most prominent facial feature. The eyeballs were not matured and appeared to have been sutured with artificial lenses of an unknown type. Because of their extremely unusual condition, dissection of these eyes was not attempted.

2. Dissection

An incision was made from the thorax to the scrotum. The skin was first extended from the fascia and the fascia was observed to be consistent with the appearance of an immature human male. The fascia were then dissected and the internal organs were observed. The position of the heart was observed to be vertical, as would be consistent with a very early fetus, prior to the fourth month. The organ was prominent and was weighed to be 1/70th of the mass of the body. When the organ was dissected it was found that there was direct communication between the two auricles through the foramen ovale. The Eustachian valve was observed to be large. A ductus arteriosus was observed to communicate between the pulmonary artery and the descending aorta. This ductus opened into the descending aorta just below the origin of the left subclavian artery.

Alterations in the structure of the circulatory system suggested that this body had been surgically corrected to detach it from placental dependence in an artificial manner. The stomach was opened and found to be free of any food substances. The cardiac orifice was apparently atrophied, although the deterioration of the corpus made this difficult to determine. It is possible that this individual did not eat.

The liver was prominent and it was clear that the blood of the umbilical vein would traverse it before entering the inferior cava. The umbilical vein

itself had been severed of its placental crown and returned to the circulatory system by a means that was beyond the scope of this dissection to establish. The lungs were not developed. There were lateral pouches on either side of the central diverticulum, open through into the pharynx. The larynx was somewhat cartilaginous and the trachea was developed.

It is probable that this individual did not breathe and doubtful than he ate. The means of sustaining life is unknown, if he was ever alive in any practical sense.

The cranium was dissected and it was found that the skull was formed of exceptionally thin and pliant cartilaginous material, appearing to be bone precursor that had been affected in some manner, making it more than usually thin and delicate. The brain itself was extensively and surprisingly formed. There was an unknown cortex superimposed on the forebrain and extending as far back as the fissure of Ralando.

Because of this extraordinary formation it was decided not to pursue dissection of the brain at this time. The organ was extracted and placed in fluid preservation pending further study.

Overall, this corpus presented the appearance of a human embryo of three to four months duration that had been the subject of considerable alteration and modification, some of it obviously surgical. Other modifications, such as that of the brain, were harder to understand. In addition to the alterations, there was the matter of the size of the body and the relatively mature condition of the epidermis and nails. It would appear that this fetus was separated from its mother and brought to a semi-functional state by artificial means.

3. Conclusion

This is a human fetus that has been subjected to forced maturation without normal gestation. Its degree of functionality while living if it ever was alive is unknown.

Sex



aliens

UFO kidnap stories

IT is a question that has split the highest American academic circles.

Yet it sounds like it would be more at home in the pages of the sensational supermarket tabloids.

Are there aliens out there ravishing our women?

UFOs and SCIENCE

by "SENEX"

This is an essay in which I try to point out the short comings of various scientific explanations for the reported characteristics of UFO experiences. I offer an alternative explanation involving subtle energies. I hope to generate some good feedback from readers, so your comments are encouraged. Please bear in mind that I do not deny the physical reality of UFOs and their occupants. I just think that science and technology will fall short of a completely satisfying explanation.

THE PROBLEM

In my opinion, the scientific explanations I have heard to explain UFOs must assume that the UFOs are physically real and from another planet, the extraterrestrial (ET) hypothesis. For the ET hypothesis to be true, however, our scientific understanding of the universe must come under serious challenge. I believe that this is the reason mainstream science has, for the most part, been embarrassed by the UFO problem. I am also aware that some people are attempting to explain UFOs within the parameters of conventional science. I believe these attempts will fail.

The problem with the ET hypothesis is relativity. When relativity is used to challenge UFO reports, it is usually done by invoking the effects of relativistic travel on time. Relativity also affects mass, however. For me, the problem is not relativistic time, but relativistic mass. As a particle approaches the speed of light, its mass increases, with the limit at the speed of light being infinite mass. For a UFO to travel at translight speeds, it would have to do so without accelerating. How could fields be generated by a UFO to produce relativistic effects yet be undetectable to our instruments? How can relativistic effects account for the reported variable interior size of UFOs? How can relativistic effects account for the reality shift, the sense of expanded consciousness, experienced in most close encounters?

The notion of space travel and other planets appears to be a recurring and important element of close encounters. It certainly appears that the UFO occupants are encouraging this explanation of their origin. I do not rule out the inclusion of space travel and other planets in the universe of visitor experiences, but I am skeptical that technology alone is the path to understanding.

Discussion

One problem with the purely scientific explanation of UFOs is that one has to invoke very exotic properties of the natural world to do so, to such an extent that the "explanations" are hardly more satisfactory than the mystery! For example, to circumvent the mass problem with relativistic travel one might postulate theoretical tachyons - a reciprocal universe with inverse properties where tachyons can only travel faster than light. Well, how does this explain anything? If a tachyon universe is truly reciprocal, am I incorrect in thinking that a it would contain mass particles travelling only faster than light, which lose mass as they accelerate? Well, that doesn't work, because the particles would still have infinite mass at the speed of light (the boundary to our universe). If the particles gain mass when they accelerate, as they do in our universe, (although this would no longer be a reciprocal situation) but lose mass as they slow down to the speed of light (to the point where they have zero mass at the speed of light), wouldn't you

still have a paradoxical situation that at some translight speed the particles would have infinite mass.

Finally, a workable tachyon theory would also have to explain the reported "normal" behavior of UFO materials in our universe. Invoking black holes to explain interplanetary travel also only raises more questions than it answers. For example, there are no black holes in the vicinity of earth (close enough to eliminate the need for relativistic travel). So, the UFO would have to create its own artificial mini black hole - but how could it do so near the Earth without detection? Until conventional science can explain how a black hole could accomplish the observed properties of UFOs, black holes explain nothing.

Another problem with the pure technology explanation of UFOs is that many people assume that not only is our scientific knowledge incomplete, it is actually wrong. For this to be true, however, our scientific knowledge would have to be so wrong as to be almost useless. And we know this is not the case. The fact is, science provides a very thorough and reliable description of the natural world. This must be true by definition, because if science didn't work it would have been abandoned long before now. Therefore, I think a more productive assumption is that science is correct.

That leaves us, then, with the inescapable conclusion that our knowledge of the world is incomplete. (Of course, this also assumes that anomalous experiences are real in some way).

I think that those who may reason this far may frequently go astray again, however, by assuming that it is scientific knowledge that is incomplete. While this is unquestionably true, I think that we should have a lot of confidence in the key sciences (primarily maths and physics) which must do yeoman's duty to explain anomalies. These are the foundation sciences which, if they were not reliable, would not have led to the expansion of knowledge in other physical sciences. So, I think we can confidently move on to consider explanations other than scientific, yet not incompatible with science, to describe the world.

A logical place to begin our considerations is to look at the descriptions of the world presently available to us. To streamline our survey, I think we can safely discard mainstream descriptions in the historical tradition from which science arose. (Western culture, Judeo-Christian, Greco-Roman, etc..) Such descriptions were fruitful but have probably been exhausted as a source of new inspiration to explain anomalies like UFOs. I conclude, then, that the most profitable experiences to learn about are alternative descriptions that have survived in spite of, or oblivious to, science, descriptions known from the historical record but outside the mainstream. Three that immediately come to mind are the traditions of native Americans, the Vedic tradition of India, and certain subtle energy practices revived by the New Age movement. Subtle energy as described in vedic literature is a better explanation of UFOs than technology. Vedic literature describes beings and practices which alter reality and appear to accommodate the reported characteristics of UFOs and abductions. Exploration of techniques to manipulate subtle energy will yield testable hypothesis to demonstrate whether or not new physical realities can be accessed by people. Vedic literature also describes a multi-world universe which is consistent with reported UFO experiences. It strikes me that the one universal constant in close encounters with UFOs is an alteration of the percipient's reality. The UFO occupants appear to be able to manipulate reality. This is why I neglected to discuss other dimensions as a possible scientific explanation. To me, invoking other dimensions is the same thing as invoking different realities. A tough nut to crack is the strong conviction many abductees have of the fully real nature of the experience. So real, in fact, that many resist the suggestion that there is any element of extra reality. The strength of this conviction is enough to give me pause in my

multi worlds/subtle energy view - which may appear to place too much importance on the "other reality" notion. To make my view persuasive, I would need to explain how subtle energy can allow for anomalous physical manifestations in our world. Another time, perhaps.

Use of recovered memory in evidence raises controversy

By JEREMY LAURANCE AND FRANCIS GIBB

FALSE memory syndrome is a condition in which patients undergoing psychotherapy recall events from their childhood, often involving sexual abuse, which turn out to be false.

The syndrome is frequently linked with the use of hypnosis to help patients to recall details of their past. There is a risk that the therapist may inadvertently plant a "memory" in the subject's mind.

The use of recovered memory in trials began in America in the Eighties but a series of high-profile cases has brought controversy. In one, a business executive with a Californian wine firm was awarded £335,000 compensation after his daughter accused him of rape when undergoing regression therapy. Gary Ramona claimed that the two therapists had planted the accusations in his daughter's mind using the hypnotic drug sodium amytal.

In another celebrated case Eileen Franklin Lipsker claimed to remember seeing her father rape and murder her eight-year-old friend 20 years after the event. Ms Lipsker "recovered" the memory at the age of 28 while watching her daughter at play. George Thomas Franklin was subsequently arrested, convicted of murder and sentenced to life imprisonment, mainly on the basis of his daughter's recovered memory.

Evidence gleaned from "recovered memory" therapy has increasingly been used in trials in Britain. Last July, a 61-year-old merchant seaman

was charged with rape and assault against his daughter based on evidence from her regression therapy. No other evidence was produced to back the allegation. The jury at Teesside Crown Court took just 27 minutes to throw out the case.

Last year it was reported that Home Office guidelines warning against the use of hypnosis to help witnesses to remember crimes were being ignored in a growing number of sexual abuse cases. The British False Memory Society says it knows of 550 cases of families claiming they have been wrongly accused of abuse by children who have had psychotherapy.

However, psychologists argue that traumatic events in childhood may be suppressed and recalled years later in therapy. An inquiry into the syndrome by the British Psychological Society, which reported earlier this year, said most recovered memories were accurate when they were obtained without inappropriate pressure on the patient.

However, the society gave a warning that the use of hypnosis and suggestion could lead patients to "remember" events that never happened. A survey of 800 psychologists found nine out of ten believed recovered memories were mostly accurate. But two thirds said they could sometimes be false. One in five of those treating a patient who claimed to have recovered memories said they suspected some were false.

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DAILY TELEGRAPH

Top-secret aliens due to appear in Sheffield

A SECRET film allegedly showing dead aliens will receive its first screening this summer in Britain. It will also form the basis of a BBC documentary due to be screened in August.

The 91-minute film, to be shown to an international audience of UFO enthusiasts at a two-day conference at Sheffield Hallam University, has been classified as top secret for almost 50 years.

It was shot by American officials in the New Mexico desert, allegedly after a flying saucer crash-landed in 1947. US Air Force officials sealed off the site and the film, shot by military cameramen, was immediately classified.

The 16mm black and white silent film, shot on 14 reels, was copied by a former military cameraman, now 82 and still living in America, who believed that the cover-up was wrong and that the evidence should be publicly examined.

He passed it to a British film maker, Mr Ray Santilli, who was in America making a documentary about Elvis Presley. The film is alleged to show scientists examining a creature laid on a slab inside a tent at the crash site, guarded by military police. Scientists carry out a post-mortem examination and examine tissue samples.

It is also said to show part of the spaceship wreckage — allegedly made from a material that could not be burned, dented or cut. Experts believe the cover-up was ordered to give American scientists a chance to try to copy the engineering.

The UFO conference is likely to attract more than 500 enthusiasts from as far afield as Russia and South Africa.

JOHN MACK AND THE FALSE MEMORY SYNDROME

The story of "Dave Reynolds" is one of thirteen cases described by Mack in his book *ABDUCTION - Human Encounters with Aliens* (Simon & Schuster 1994). Under the Harvard professor's hypnotic guidance, the young man claimed to remember being repeatedly abducted by aliens into their spacecraft, undergoing unpleasant physical examinations and recalling past lives, including one as an Indian warrior killed in battle. This is but one of Mack's studies of scores of "experiencers", people he believes to have come into contact with extraterrestrial visitors. The striking similarities between the memories recalled by his subjects, together with his academic reputation as a psychotherapist, have led many to proclaim his work as the most important recent step in scientifically validating abduction experiences. There is no doubt that the narratives his experiencers relate can, up to a point, also be paralleled from the work of other researchers, such as Dr. David Jacobs; the question is, how far can those parts of the accounts given by Mack's subjects which are unique to them be accepted?

Caroline McLeod, Mack's research chief, has no doubts about them. "Until now," she says, "if you decided to research alien abductions, you risked being pigeonholed as a lunatic. Until John came along, there wasn't enough credibility for this subject to support a methodological investigation." But it is just this methodology of Mack's, rather than his sanity, which some of his colleagues now challenge. They say that he is misusing hypnotic techniques to shape the memories of his subjects to suit his own vision of a hybrid race inheriting the Earth, and in the process endangering the emotional health of his subjects. "The use of his techniques in counselling is substantially harming a lot of people," says University of California psychologist Richard Ofshe, and there are others in his own faculty at Harvard who would agree. Most of his "experiencers", however, feel that they have been helped: but not all. Dissident voices have been found.

"He had a hidden agenda," said Dave Duclos, who abandoned his counselling with Mack. "He was against anybody who said anything negative about the aliens. Once he said to me: 'If you think the aliens are bad, Mr. Duclos, keep thinking about it until you realise they are good.'" It does indeed, seem, that scientific objectivity was under some strain in these counselling sessions and that Mack's personal predilections may sometimes have unwittingly led him to influence his hypnotic subjects unduly.

There are, however, sceptics who are equally biased in the opposite direction, and will stoop to any deception which they hope can discredit their opponents. One such was Donna Bassett, an undercover debunker who wormed her way into Mack's confidence only to claim that his work was unscientific, that he failed to obtain legally required consent forms from his subjects, and in addition sometimes billed their insurance companies for therapy sessions, and often failed to provide adequate follow up for them.

Bassett took part in three hypnotic regression sessions, claiming to use method-acting techniques to fake her responses, and claims that Mack tried to influence her by prescribing the reading of UFO literature prior to her hypnosis sessions. "John made it obvious what he wanted to hear," she said; "I provided the answers." Regarding the evidence produced by other experiencers, who presumably were not faking, Professor Fred Frankel, a Harvard Medical School academic, says: "Hypnosis helps you regain memories that you would not have otherwise recalled ... but some will be true and some

will be false. The expectation of the hypnotist and the expectation of the person who is going to be hypnotised can influence the result."

When confronted by *Time Magazine* with the news that Bassett had faked her abduction experience, Mack declined to discuss it, but in general he insists that there is no evidence that the core memories he elicited are distorted. "When (the subjects) talk about this - and other people in the room with me have witnessed this - the experience is that of a person who has been through something deeply disturbing." Mack scoffs at the debunkers. "The attacks on hypnosis didn't begin until it began to reveal information that the culture didn't want to hear."

He considers that for the true understanding of the UFO phenomenon a philosophical position that rejects "rational scientific explanations" is necessary, one that takes account of a New Age reality beyond the scope of traditional physics. "We have lost the faculties to know other realities that other cultures still can know. The world no longer has spirit, has soul, is sacred. We've lost all that ability to know a world beyond the physical ... I am a bridge between those two worlds." One cannot be without sympathy for such a view if proposed with moderation, and there is little doubt that academic jealousies and prejudice in the small world of university psychology have played their part in the attacks on John Mack and his research. It is mainly funded by a tax-exempt, nonprofit organisation that he founded in 1983, now called the Centre for Psychology and Social Change, based in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Vivienne Simon, the centre's executive director, explains that one of its main goals "is to challenge current scientific method, which is to deny all things you cannot reduce to statistics."

In essence, much of Mack's work is confirmatory of the prior researches conducted by workers such as David Jacobs and Edith Fiore, both of whom made scrupulous use of hypnotism. Neither, however, went so far as to discover human-alien hybrids with memories of past lives in both capacities living among us, or stressed to the same extent the impending doom of our own species and its planetary home. Mack is entitled to acquiesce in the replacement of humanity by alien hybrids and feel it to be an advance for both species, but he will need to produce much more convincing evidence for this view than accounts of hypnotic encounters vulnerable to the False Memory Syndrome. The dust jacket of his book proclaims that the details he provides are "reported in no previous books or television programmes." Precisely so, and unless or until confirmation of the idiosyncratic elements of Mack's presentation is available from a sufficiency of other researchers, we shall be uncertain whether they have their origin in the mind of the subject or of his honest but perhaps self-deluded counsellor.

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REPORTED UFO ABDUCTIONS

SHEILA, a 44-year-old social worker, was woken in her bedroom by flashing lights and noise.

She raised herself to her elbows. 'I saw several small people-like things walking down the hall, one behind the other. They looked as if their whole bodies were silver. They were short with thin arms. As they approached the bedroom, one raised his right hand up. I knew they were coming for me.'

Under hypnosis, she described her body being invaded. 'The beings took my energy. There is power in those eyes. The scary part is you are not in control.' Asked to describe the beings, she said: 'I just saw their eyes, big and intense - and I never once saw them blink. They were in control and I just had to surrender to it.'

JERRY, a 30-year-old housewife, first met aliens when she was seven. At 13, she awoke one night to find her body being invaded by them. In 1990, she was abducted and taken into a room containing metallic-looking equipment. Tests were carried out and she felt pain 'worse than childbirth'. The aliens, tall, blond and human-like, showed her a triangular machine which looked circular when it spun. Next day, she found herself cutting out triangle shapes. In November 1991, she awoke in a room illuminated by orange light and felt 'filled with universal information' and over the next six weeks wrote more than 100 poems. On one visit to a UFO, a foetus was taken from her body after an alien said it was to do with 'creation'.

CATHERINE, a 22-year-old music student, was abducted while driving her car near Boston.

A being with huge almond-shaped eyes took her into a gigantic metallic spaceship. In a room the size of an aircraft hangar, she saw 200 other humans lying on tables. She was placed on a table and examined. When she looked into the eyes of one alien, she felt he knew what she was thinking and cared about her.

An operation was performed to remove a foetus from her - it had alien-type eyes and she was told she should be proud of it. When she asked: 'How many other humans have you done this to?' she was told: 'A very large number.' Soon after, she stepped out of the spaceship and one of the beings floated her back to her car.

TYPES OF ALIEN

by David House

VARIETIES OF ALIEN BEINGS KNOWN TO "INTERACT" WITH HUMANS
AND SUPPOSEDLY INVOLVED IN INFLUENCING HUMAN AFFAIRS.

DISCLAIMER: I make no claims for the accuracy of this list and express no personal opinion on the matter. It was given to me as "accurate information" and I just wanted to pass it along to anyone who might find it interesting or otherwise useful.

ALIEN TYPE 1

THE GREYS. Of this type there are several sub-types. All tend to appear greyish in colour and for this reason are referred to as "greys."

GREY TYPE A: This is the type most commonly referred to as the greys. Also known as Zeta Reticuli from the Zeta Reticulan star system (the Barnard star) neighbouring the Orion area. They function in a mode that is apparently military in nature with a rigidly defined social structure that holds science and "conquering worlds" to be their prime movers. They are normally about 4.5 ft. tall with large heads and black "wrap around" eyes. They have limited facial features, slit mouth and no nose to speak of. They have evolved beyond the need for reproductive systems or digestive systems and reproduce by cloning. Their genetics are partly based on insectoidal genetics.

Their science deals largely with the study of other life forms and genetic engineering. They have supposedly had a part to play in the alteration of human genetics over thousands of years. It seems that they may be trying to cross breed with humans in order to create a "mixture race" that would be better than either. (I've read that they are a dying species, that have cloned so much that now, with each successive cloning, the species grows weaker. They are trying to infuse new life into their species by creating the mixed breed.)

There seem to be two main social classes. One is the more hawkish and is more abrupt, crude and blunt. The more dove-like ones are more refined and capable of a more business-like behaviour towards humans, and prefer to use more "diplomatic" behaviour to gain control over humans. This type of Grey is what I believe is being referred to as the "Orange" class of Greys.

They seem to be emotionless (by human standards) and therefore are seen as cruel in their treatment of human beings. They are able to take human lives without any regard for the individual. They apparently can use certain substances of the human body for their sustenance and therefore appear to be carnivorous in regards to humans. (I also read that they extract fluid from some part of the human brain during intense emotional response [fear] and are able to use it like a recreational drug.)

It is my understanding that these greys are actually servants to a master race of reptilian-type aliens and are trying to prepare the earth for their arrival by gaining control over the earth through many means. They tend to enjoy the feeling of freedom they have on earth, away from their masters and would desire the help of humans in confrontations with the reptilians...which appears to be a consideration for the near future (mid 90's.). These greys have their best known bases in New Mexico and Nevada but are also known to have bases in many countries of the world.

GREY TYPE B:

Tall Greys from Orion. Usually about 7 to 8 ft. tall (reports often exaggerate their height as being 9 to 12 ft.) with facial features somewhat similar to grey type A with the exception of the large nose found on type B greys. These greys also have technologies that allow them to perform certain actions that appear miraculous. These greys are less vicious towards humans than type A greys (but are still considered "hostile".) They tend to influence more through political controls and negotiated agreements with those in power. Their main bases seem to be in the Aleutian Islands. These are the type seen not long ago in Eastern Russia.

GREY TYPE C:

These are the shortest of the greys and tend to be about 3.5ft. tall. Their facial features are very similar to the Zeta Reticuli greys and are of the same "root race.". They are just as hostile to humans as the Zetas. They are from a star system near the shoulder of Orion called Bellatrix.

ALIEN TYPE 2:

THE REPTILIANS: Genetically akin to reptiles, these are highly advanced entities but viewed as being of a negative, hostile or dangerous disposition since they regard humans as a totally inferior race. They would perceive us much as we would perceive a herd of cattle. They are carnivorous in regard to humans. There is supposedly a "driven" planetoid or asteroid inhabited by 30 million of these lizard-folk that is to enter our solar system in the mid 90's if the present schedule is kept.

They consider earth to be their own ancient outpost and would expect to have complete control of the entire planet upon their return. Their own planet is becoming unable adequately to support life and they need somewhere else to live. These are the aliens who are served by the type A greys.

ALIEN TYPE 3: HUMAN TYPE ALIENS

HUMAN TYPE A: These are genetically similar to humans of earth. They appear of "normal" height (5-6ft?) and tend to be fair-skinned with blonde hair. These entities have been abducted by the greys or are the offspring of abductees and have been trained by the greys as servants. These entities are totally subservient to the greys.

HUMAN TYPE B: These are also aliens genetically similar to earth humans and also, it seems, to the humans who serve the greys. These are from the Pleiades and are also of the blonde,

fair-skinned appearance. This type is of a genuine highly evolved, spiritual, benevolent variety and have a kinship toward humans and are the only aliens to be truly trusted by earth humans at this time. They had at one time offered to be of assistance to earth leaders in dealing with the alien situation here but were rebuffed and so have taken a kind of "hands off" approach for the time being. These aliens are supposedly the forefather race of humankind. These are apparently not on earth much at this time due to serious problems in the area of their home.

HUMAN TYPE C: Very little is known about these. They are supposedly another of the highly evolved, spiritual type of great benevolence to earth humans. I understand that their appearance is similar to other human-type aliens. They are from Sirius and don't appear to be much involved with earth happenings at this time other than being concerned about the Grey scenario. They could desire to be of help to humans.

There are other known human type aliens of this "more highly spiritually evolved" nature who are apparently aware of the situation on earth and considering some possible course of action. These are from Arcturus and Vega.

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Database of 12.000 Scandinavian cases

Since 1989 AFU and UFO-Sweden has developed a chronological report file of more than 12.000 cases. The chronological file comprises all Swedish cases reported to civilian and military sources during this century, and before.

Starting two years ago, Swedish cases have been entered into a **dBase IV database**. This enormous task was made possible by 1) engaging people who are out-of-work in a so called **ALU project** and, 2) a grant - from a private sponsor - for buying "old-age" 286 second-hand computers.

"ALU" is a Swedish government scheme to keep out-of-work people active by engaging them in "projects that would not normally be done", i.e. non-commerical projects. ALU employees get their normal compensation from the employment bureau. AFU has had twenty people employed for 4- to 7-months periods. So far, eleven of them have been involved with the computing project.

The computer file records **all known Swedish reports**. Each case is assigned a simple index, from 1 to 5, depending on the **quality of data and investigation** so that - in the future - the wheat may be sorted from the chaff. The overall objective has been to create a database that **represents the sociological, Swedish UFO phenomenon as a whole**, whether IFOs, fantasies or "true UFOs". We estimate that less than 10 % of the cases have been assigned the index 3 or 4 (good quality cases) while the majority is indexed as 1 and 2 (low quality cases). So far, no case has met our criteria for index 5.

The computer file includes a phenomenological classification for each report, date and time (even cases with vague date/time estimates are entered), place name, county, map reference, duration, number of witnesses, a short description, source references, etc. Further, the database includes **almost 100 detail codes** similar to those used by Willy Smith's UNICAT project. Codes are assigned to each case where appropriate. Categories of cases (i.e. photos, EM interferences or high-altitude sightings) may be extracted from the file.

We view the database as an **"Intelligence file"** and therefore it also includes submarine/USO reports, fortean incidents, ghost fliers and missile sightings, more of which will be coded in the coming phases of the project. We have also started to code Norwegian reports into the file. All Swedish airports/airstrips have been coded as geographical "markers" if UFO reports should occur in the vicinity. Coding of other interesting geographical sites/objects is expected (mines, radio/TV towers, power stations, etc).

The file will be used by UFO-Sweden's field investigators, for instance in tracking the **UFO/phenomenological history of a particular locality**. It is also expected, of course, that we will be able to produce basic **statistics** from the file.

AFU Newsletter.

UFO ENCOUNTERS

A talk to SIGAP on 23 April 1995 by Mr. Graham Sheppard,
at the Guildford Institute of the University of Surrey.

Mr Sheppard is a retired airline pilot with 13,000 flying hours. He had been on local (Southern Counties BBC) radio that morning, mentioning the things he had seen in the sky during this time, and a number of people had to be turned away from the meeting as the room became full to overflowing.

He asked us to visualise a meeting between three pilots, an ex-wartime Captain and two first officers, in a crew room at Heathrow. The speaker had just returned from Gibraltar; he had been over the Bay of Biscay on a very clear, dark night when ahead he saw what seemed to be a very bright star, twice as bright as Sirius. Examination of the star chart could not identify it. Then it seemed to detach itself from the constellations and drifted to the left, descending and giving off changing iridescent colours. It then started doing aerobatics - figures of eight, loops etc., at accelerations beyond the capacity of known craft. It then disappeared to the west. Bordeaux radio confirmed that there was unidentified traffic to the west. The Captain, however, counselled caution - he told them to remember the event, but not to report it or commit it to paper, as it could make a difference to their progress in the airline.

The same year - 1967 - Captain Sheppard was flying a Vanguard near Manchester when Preston radar reported a fast-moving unknown. A disc-shaped craft was seen about a quarter of a mile to the south, travelling north. It flashed close by the aircraft and a clear view of it was obtained for about four seconds, showing it to be metallic and about thirty feet in diameter. (There was cloud to give depth reference). A curious thing about the sighting was that, although the object was travelling at about 1,000 mph, there was no shock wave as was later felt from a close approach to Concorde. It was not reported, as many weird things seen by pilots during the Gulf War also were not.

In 1954 there had been American military instructions which spilled into civil aviation - a directive that any crew member reporting a UFO sighting risked a \$10,000 fine and ten years in prison. In 1953 the CIA launched an education programme which included debunking - now they seem to have handed over the job to the tabloid press. In 1981 in a Tristar over Lake Michigan Captain Sheppard saw a large, round metallic object with six evenly spaced black circles on its hull coming down, then rising in a 20G turn at about 8,000 mph. There was a shock wave this time and he thought there would be a mid-air collision. The radar showed nothing on this occasion. He rang a senior official of British Airways, asking for the official policy on UFOs and was told there wasn't one, as pilots did not see them.

He said he understood the attitude of BA, as there were commercial implications - pilots were in a position of trust as perceived by the public, but early retirement in December had given him freedom to report on this incredible multi-faceted phenomenon, and he had received an avalanche of requests to speak about it. Heinz Wolf (*A professor invariably wheeled out when a reliable debunking job is to be done - Ed.*) said he had seen hallucinations, which he thought unlikely as three pilots had all seen the objects he reported. He believes some unsolved losses of aircraft could be due to evasive action taken by pilots on near approaches by UFOs. Civil aircraft have much lower G-tolerances than military ones, and instinctive action by a pilot on a close approach could cause structural failure. On 28th July 1948

a DC3 encountered a high speed object, took evasive action and some passengers were hospitalised. In his own experience "air misses" with UFOs were never reported as were such encounters with normal aircraft.

Captain Sheppard described with the aid of a map, his visits to Puerto Rico, where exotic UFO events happen daily and the people are used to them. These include craft entering and leaving the sea. There is even a hoarding there with a picture of a UFO on it, much as Shirley MacLaine described in Peru. A strange report was given of two small apparent aliens seen walking along a street in a town near the rain forest, followed at a distance by a group of children on bicycles. The beings walked into the forest and disappeared from sight. There are also odd effects such as he experienced when he hired a Cessna aircraft to see the Aracebo radio telescope. After leaving the telescope, he travelled at gyro compass bearing west towards an airport for tea, but became lost above an unfamiliar coastline. When he found out where he was it seemed as if the aircraft had unaccountably flown sideways for some way. The island is not far from the Bermuda triangle.

He said he was philosophical about BA's silence policy, as it was not just a case of embarrassment, but one with very profound implications. If it is found that we are sharing the planet with another species, every field of human activity will suffer change. Are we ready for the proof of this? To go from a standing start to final disclosure does not seem to be acceptable, and it might well be that slow acclimatisation would be the better policy. We might have been visited many times before in our history, but will seemingly have to claw our way to membership of the galactic community unaided.

J. Goddard. (from AMSKAYA magazine.)

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High-quality investigation of 1946 CEIII case

In February 1995, the most detailed and thorough documentation of a single Scandinavian UFO case ever published arrived at the bookstores. The authors of this outstanding book, "Mötet i gläntan" (Encounter in the glade), are **Clas Svahn** and **Gösta Carlsson**. Clas Svahn - the investigator of the case - is a journalist with Sweden's largest daily morning newspaper, Dagens Nyheter. He is also chairman of UFO-Sweden, a national research group with 2.000 members, as well as vice chairman of Archives for UFO Research (AFU). Co-author Gösta Carlsson - the experimenter - contributes facts and comments on his private encounter story and on his life. The emphasis of the book is on Clas Svahn's down-to-the-smallest-detail inspection of the case. The book is heavily illustrated (some 110 illustrations) and well-referenced (8 pages of tightly spaced source notes and a 14 page chronological bibliography).

Gösta Carlsson is wellknown in Sweden as "**the Pollen king**" because of his inventions for producing and refining pollen for drugs. His unique ideas in this field, ideas he now openly claims he received from aliens he made contact with in 1946, helped him build local industries that engaged hundreds of people, and to become the millionaire sponsor of a very successful ice-hockey team.

Carlsson's May 1946 encounter with a landed discoid "space-ship", and crew, was first published by space journalist Eugen Semitjov in 1971. An early English version of the case, "The Ängelholm landing report", may be found in Flying Saucer Review, volume 17, no. 2 (March-April 1972).

At first glance, Gösta Carlsson does not seem to be the kind of person you easily dispose of as a dreamer, or as a cultist. His background is quite impressive. And Carlsson even claims he owns "the real thing", a mysterious ring and a strange semi-transparent rod, objects he says he picked up in the glade the day after the encounter. Both objects are colour-photographed in the book, mysteriously carried to the doorsteps of Carlsson's south-Swedish home - by a mysterious, unknown courier - especially for the photo occasion, and then (presumably) returned to an unknown laboratory.

The wealthy Gösta Carlsson claims he has had (or is still having) these objects analyzed by laboratories in Germany and the US. The problem is just that he cannot produce satisfactory original documentation of any such scientific analysis. Carlsson has had decades of time - AND the money resources - to produce proof of the uniqueness of these objects in his possession. Why does he hesitate..? A.F.U.

