

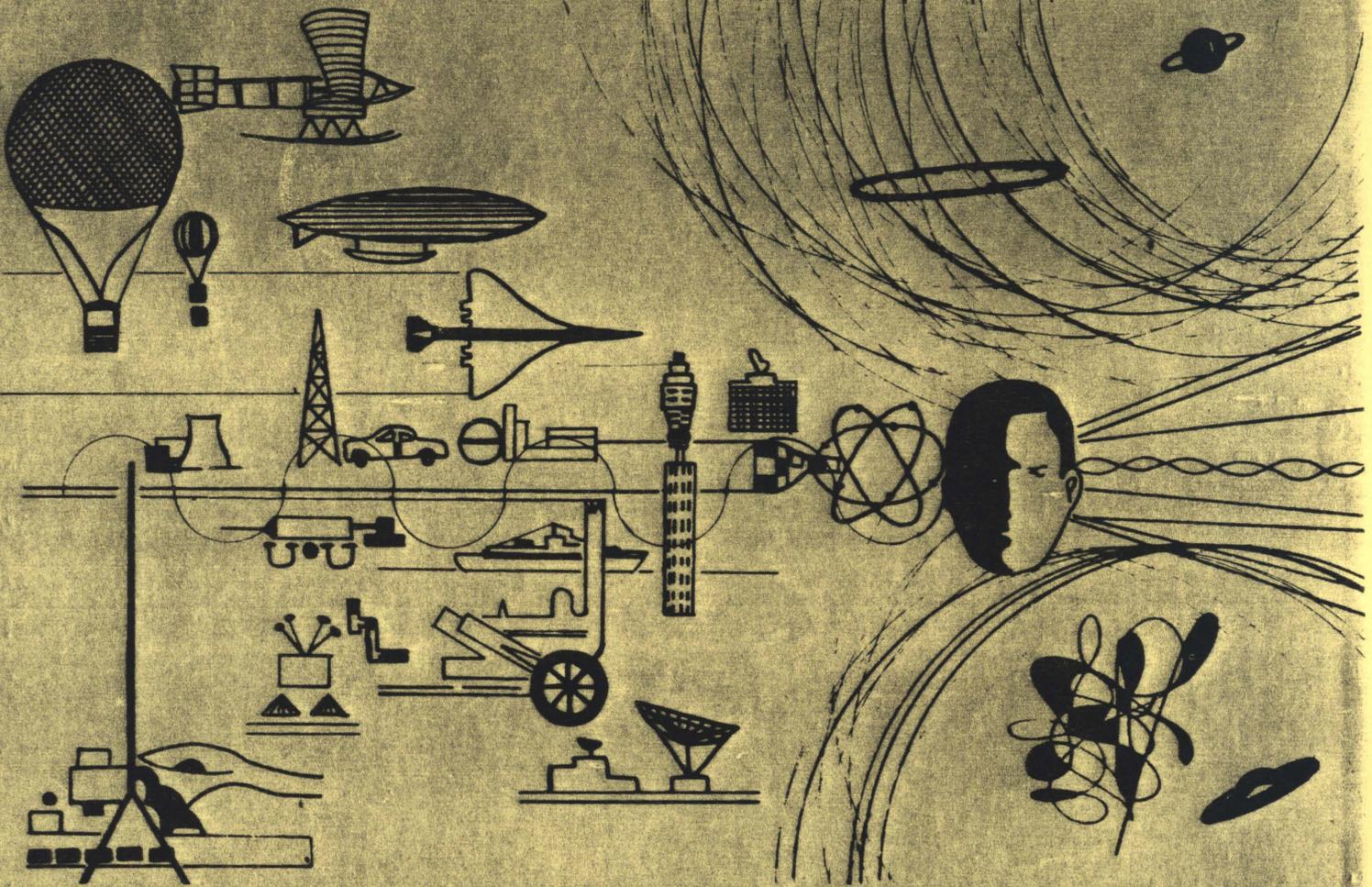
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EDITORIAL

It is quite possible that a large percentage of the people who read PEGASUS often think to themselves "I don't really do anything active in this organisation perhaps I should not continue my membership". Well, it has equally crossed the minds of the Committee that we do all the work, do other people who read PEGASUS and belong to SIGAP really mind that they are not so actively involved in SIGAP activities?

There have not been any flaps recently and our membership has certainly dropped off since the peak flap periods of a few years ago and this is quite understandable. A number of members are only actively interested in UFOs when they are popping up all over the place and they can participate in some way in investigation. We haven't had many reports of sightings recently but there are plenty of other things to do, which are not quite so exciting but as important, as such as learning how to eliminate all natural phenomena so that the unidentified ones can be singled out quickly and easily. Some members are quite interested in UFOs, obviously, and all they represent and like to belong to an organisation such as ours, not because they have anything particular to offer but because they are keen to know what is going on but do not want to take a very active

part in the running of the Group. For instance, there are millions of people who read "Flying Saucer Review" who have never thought of belonging to a UFO Investigation Group.

The Committee is very much aware of these different sections of SIGAP and so that neither side should feel a twinge of conscience about the other, we propose that the following should be the future make-up of SIGAP.

The members should be roughly divided into two groups; the first consisting of the Committee members and a small group of active keen member/investigators who would meet more regularly to discuss recent happenings and carry out research and investigations including more skywatches not only for possible sightings but experimentation with various pieces of equipment which are being developed and who would also be prepared to put some of their own money into this.

The second part of the group would consist of all those who are quite prepared to pay their subscriptions received PEGASUS and attend the bi-monthly meetings in Guildford, we hope. They are, of course, at any time, invited to join in any other functions we organise. Needless to say, we welcome them to give us any assistance they can and we, in turn, will keep them fully informed of our activities and report in PEGASUS what we have been doing.

We feel sure that this would be possibly the most satisfactory solution to the present rather inactive period in the study of UFOs.

We realise that there is a lull at the moment and trust that in the not too distant future we may well find ourselves in the middle of another flap and will need all the assistance we can get from all the passive members of SIGAP.

Remember, we cannot exist at all without your support.

We hope that you will attend the next meeting in September where this may be discussed more fully.

R.P.V. Versus UFO

Bob Skinner

In Spring 1972 in America a "dog-fight" occurred between the USAF's top fighter, the F4 Phantom and an unusual unpiloted machine. This machine, although smaller than the plane, out-maneuvred it, and evaded all the missiles aimed at it - and all this happened before a group of scientists and defence personnel of the USAF. Another UFO to add to the list? No, this object was, in fact, what is known as an RPV - a Remotely Piloted Vehicle. These robot aircraft are being further developed in the United States and it is probable that RPVs have already been used in Vietnam for Reconnaissance and Bombing missions. They are released from a large "mothercraft", a DC-130A and are controlled by a pilot from the ground, who is enabled to "see" the view from the craft on a TV screen, the picture having been transmitted from the nose-cone high-resolution camera.

One of the Aspects of UFOlogy that has been puzzling in the past and which has proved a problem to explain in the terms of piloted vehicles is the type of manoeuvre that UFOs often exhibit, where high speed changes of direction occur, at g forces that would crush any human pilot (1). In the case of the smallest UFOs (eg. Foo-Fighters seen in the War), it has, almost grudgingly it seems, that they were no doubt remotely controlled probes. It seems to me that to accept that every seemingly intelligently controlled object has occupants is not logical (2).

Manoeuvres such as high g-force turns, which up to the present time have not been possible for piloted vehicles, are now practicable with the RPVs. These £100,000 3500 lb aircraft have a range of 200 miles at Mach 0.9 and a pursuit capacity of Mach 2.5. In the future small RPVs will be capable of executing turns at 12g (12 times the acceleration due to gravity) which is nearly twice what an experienced pilot can endure for a short period of time. An RPV meeting a fighter head-on

will be able to pass it, turn, and overtake it in 20 seconds.

Their turning rate is twice that of piloted craft.

Many of the factors that have in the past been presented as demonstrating the superior technological origin of UFOs have or are being developed to some extent or other by our own technology. However, a factor that has not yet been equalled (3) is the ability of UFOs to disappear and reappear. However, experiments even in this line of research are being undertaken in the United States with the aim of finding a way to absorb the energy reflected and generated by an aircraft, making it optically and electronically invisible.

The outcome of these and other developments may be a situation where wars are no longer bloody. As the article in New Scientist (10th August 1972) points out, machines will fight machines, with no loss of life. Fantastic? yes, but possible. Up to this point of time, manned interceptor planes have easily been out-maneuvred by UFOs. Which will win the dog-fights of the future - RPV or UFO.

NOTES

1. Leonard Cramp in his books has shown how a humanly piloted craft could possibly manoeuvre as the UFOs are seen to do. Gerald Heard, on the other hand took the view that the UFOs could be controlled by intelligent insects, which, he pointed out, could survive the g-forces.
2. The question of how pilots of UFOs could survive the g-forces only arises if you accept the Extra-terrestrial Hypothesis as to the origin of UFOs.

However, Things which are not truly physical would not be affected in the same way as wholly physical things.

3. I, of course, make exception in the case of J.H. Brennan, and those fortunate enough to have mastered his technique (See Pegasus Vol. 4 No.3 p7)

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New Scientist Vol 55 No. 80 August 10th 1972.

SURREY PUMA sighted again!

Richard Colborne

Have you seen any recent press reports?

Do you have any old reports of the Surrey Puma?

SIGAP would be interested to receive press cuttings, etc. as some members are currently correlating reports.

All items sent will be returned. Please send to the

INVESTIGATION CO-ORDINATOR, 38 Oriental Road, Woking, Surrey.

SUBTERRANEAN MYSTERIES

S J Holt

Back in the year 1770, a labourer was digging a tunnel in Staffordshire. One day he returned to the surface with a strange story to tell. He said that in the course of his digging he had come across a huge flat stone, and from behind the stone had seemed to come a rumble of heavy machinery. He moved the stone aside and revealed a stone stairway leading downwards. It occurred to him that the steps might lead to an ancient tomb, with the possibility of valuable relics to be recovered and he descended eagerly; but when he reached a large stone chamber, where the sounds of machinery became louder he saw a menacing hooded figure approaching him, its raised hand gripping some sort of baton-like weapon. The labourer fled for his life and we are not told if anyone ever returned to complete the tunnel.

More recently in 1963, two miners working in Pennsylvania, USA, told a similar story. The two men, David Fellin and Henry Thorne, said they had seen a huge door enveloped in blue light, it had swung open, and for a moment they had glimpsed beautiful marble steps and men dressed in weird outfits looking out at them. No doubt these two miners also turned tail, but we have no further information.

These incidents provide food for thought, particularly in the light of newspaper accounts in this country concerning mysterious persistent sounds. These noises caused great inconvenience to some people living in bungalows on a hill at Chalfont St. Giles, Bucks, in the winter of 1953-4 and indeed may still be disturbing folk there. The sound seemed to come from under the ground, emerging sometimes as a persistent humming, and at others as a deep vibration and regular throbbing. Those who heard it likened it to a plane revving up its engines, or a mammoth machine vibrating in a hollow. Local Authorities investigated the matter without result. Similar sounds have been heard, it seems, in Essex, North Lincolnshire, Surrey, southwest London and at the bottom of a Yorkshire coal mine. There is other evidence indicating that, in certain places, something strange may be happening under the ground. In 1769, at a Place in France called Amiens, a married couple were at work in the harvest field when something shot out of the earth killing both of them and four horses. The object left a smoking hole at the spot from which it emerged, but no other trace of it was found.

Again we have a more recent example of a similar phenomenon this time the date is pin-pointed as May 1st, 1953. A Mr J. Fuller was driving along

a road near Logan, Utah, USA, when he was startled to see a very bright red semi-spherical object issue from the ground ahead of him, and to the left. As his car drew level with the object, a tremendous explosion occurred, almost overturning his vehicle. Doors were blown open over an area of 250 square miles, and an earth tremor was recorded. Investigators found a 16 ft. crater, but no debris of anything fallen, even at a depth of 25ft and an artesian well suddenly appeared in the crater.

Speculation must be left to the reader. What we can be sure of is that there are interesting discoveries still to be made under the ground. Speliologists unite!

UFOs and Dreams

Carol Godsell

Since I have very vivid dreams myself, I am interested in the interpretation of dreams and their place in our everyday life. It is fairly common knowledge that the things we dream of are usually related to events that either have or will take place in our own life. Also that we cannot dream about anything that in some way we do not readily know and accept. I began to wonder whether ordinary people dream about being present at sightings and landings of UFOs. I have read Jung's theories on this subject and frankly find that he puts too much emphasis on the sexual aspect of seeing UFOs in dreams and not on the fact that people do dream of these strange phenomena which according to most people do not exist. It is possible, of course, that a person would dream about UFO sightings after having read a book on the subject, but this is rather unlikely as dreams do not generally relate themselves to fiction, if it be fiction, or fantasy but to events in our everyday life.

It is for this reason that I would be interested to hear from any members who may have had dreams about UFOs, their occupants and their craft. Would you please help by sending written accounts of your dreams to Miss Carol Godsell, 26a Portsmouth Road, Guildford, Surrey.

You need not put your name and address if you do not wish to do so.

PRESS RELEASES

U.F.O.s STAY ABOVE CLOUDS

Twenty people watched the sky above Pewley Down recently searching for unidentified flying objects.

With the cloud base at 2,000 ft. even aeroplanes became invisible, said Mr Richard Beet, the Group Project Supervisor of SIGAP.

The Midsummer Night Watch, on National Sky Watching Day, marked the 25th anniversary of the first "flying saucer" sighting in the United States.

Young people spent 12 hours on Pewley Down, armed with equipment, including binoculars and geiger-counters, but to no avail.

"It would be, I feel, a singularly vain hope to expect a successful observation" said Mr Beet before the event, and pointed out the watch was for 12 hours in a year consisting of 8,760 hours.

His pessimistic outlook turned out to be realistic and their sixth annual vigil on the down was unsuccessful, although it provided opportunity for members to gain observational experience in a number of scientific disciplines" he said.

Surrey Ad. 5.7.72

UFO SIGHTING OVER COMMON

A DISC-like object "looking like the planet Mars" has been spotted twice, recently, over Stringer's Common, Jacob's Well by Miss Janet Buttery, of 21 Stringer's Avenue, Jacobs Well. Miss Buttery says she first saw the object a few months ago but on Sunday night she had a chance to observe it for about 10 minutes. She said it was "quite a size". It hovered for a while then picked up speed. It was moving very fast before it suddenly disappeared. Miss Buttery's mother also saw the object.

When she was living in Devon a few years ago, Miss Buttery also saw some unidentified flying objects, similar to the Stringer's Common one. She is a member of the Surrey Investigation Group for Aerial Phenomena and has reported her latest sightings to the Group.

Surrey Ad. 12.7.72

AERIAL PHENOMENA GUIDE

An alphabetical reference for UFO investigators detailing many of the common and not so common natural technological phenomena visible in our skies.

Part 5

Gegenschein

See Counterglow

Green Flash

This appears as a brilliant green colouration of the upper edge of the sun at sunrise or sunset when there is a clear horizon. The phenomena is due to refraction of light by the atmosphere. As green is subject to greater refraction than red or yellow it is, therefore, visible sooner at sunrise and later at sunset.

Green Fireballs

During 1948 and 1949 a rash of 'green fireballs' reports emanated from the USA. The most famous of these was probably the Chiles-Whitted case of 1948 where two pilots observed a cigar shaped object, blue-green in colour and with a tail of red and orange flames. There is a possibility that this case along with many others may be due to slow moving bolides entering the atmosphere.

Ground Return

Although not strictly an aerial phenomena, ground return can appear as such on radar equipment. It is a term applied to anomalous echoes reflected from the terrain. Also known as clutter. Similar echoes from the sea are known as sea return.

Haloes

Haloes appear around the sun or moon as an irridescent circle. The phenomena usually appears as a single circle but sometimes is more complex with a number of different circles. It can be accompanied by patches of shimmering light called parhelia, or sun (or moon) dogs which are refracted images of the luminary. Halo phenomena are due to refraction, whereas coronae are caused by the reflection and diffraction of light by water clouds.

Inferior Mirage

This is a spurious image of an object which is formed below the true position of that object by abnormal refraction conditions. Variation of temperature at various atmospheric levels give way to both inferior mirages and the superior mirage.

Ignis Fatuus

In ~~swamp~~ and marshes, methane and phosphine is released by decaying organic matter when the methane is ignited, either by spontaneous combustion or by atmospheric electrical discharges, it is possible to observe luminous globes floating above the swamp. The phenomena appears from reports to be yellow, red or blue in colour and is also known as Will o' the Wisp, Jack o'Lantern or swamp gas.

Kugelblitz

See Ball Lightning.

FIRST QUARTERLY REPORT ON INVESTIGATION AND CURRENT SIGHTINGS

The first quarter of the year (May to September) has been a slightly hectic one. Since I took office on May 9, about 20 reported sightings have found their way onto my desk. Whilst it must be appreciated that some of the reports will be of too trivial a nature to warrant thorough investigation, there are a few of import.

By a strange quirk, the number of the first case to be investigated under my co-ordinatorship was S200, and I have not cooked the figures. S1 to 199 are currently being studied and I shall be continuing the method of filing and referencing inaugurated by Omar Fowler as there seems to be no modification needed.

Omar has done an excellent job as co-ordinator in the past and I shall have to work hard to continue the standard set, as I intend to. Apart from being Chairman of SIGAP, Omar is investigation co-ordinator for BUFORA (Southern Region) - a wonderful opportunity for co-operation.

S200 A report of a silver cigar shaped object seen at a distance by pupils of Winston Churchill School, St. Johns. Investigated by member Robert Skinner and thought to have a natural explanation.

S201 SEVEN flying saucers were alleged to have landed in Richmond Park on June 6. This case is still under investigation. The witnesses are sincere and a degree of confirmation has been received from the Park Superintendent who has advised us that 'GHOSTS' had been seen in the Park around that date.

S202 SIGAP was passed this case from WARMINSTER UFO NEWSLETTER who received a letter from two boys living in Guildford, alleging an encounter with an entity from a flying saucer. The contents of the letter suggested an interesting case but it was found that both boys, who were aged about 12 years, had let their imaginations run away with them after watching the series 'UFO' on television.

Other reports to be investigated included:-

The close approach of a UFO in Middleton Cheney, Oxon. (See PEGASUS vol 4 No 3 page 9). A detailed sighting by several witnesses at Shutford, Banbury. (See PEGASUS vol 4 No 2 last para)page 2)

The sustained observation of two sausage shaped objects by an experienced witness in Wintney, near Oxford.

A sequel to the Wantage 'monster' at Warminster. Two further cases at St.Johns, Woking and one of a London bus being buzzed by a saucer in September 1969?

In early June of this year a Flying Saucer landed at Fort Beaufort, South Africa, this case is being investigated by various members with correspondence in South Africa. We have one correspondent who was present when the police eventually drove off the saucer by shooting at it. A number of South African newspaper cuttings have been received.

There have also been two reports from near Gatwick Airport where a few days prior bales of hay wereraised high into the sky from a field, allegedly a freek whirlwind. Two other reports involving hay followed. A wild boar, extinct in England, for 400 years, has been captured at Odiham? A possible flap in NORFOLK??

I will be pleased to hear from members and readers interested in the current scene but please phone me at WOKING 5731 .

RICHARD COLBORNE
INVESTIGATION CO-ORDINATOR

RETARDATION OF THE PULSE RATE IN UFO SIGHTINGS

Dan Butcher

In his latest book, *Warnings from Flying Friends*, Arthur Shuttlewood cites the case of an un-named old woodcutter who saw a UFO land in front of his cottage which is situated between Warminster and Frome. The old man was standing at his garden gate one afternoon early in 1967, enjoying a pipe of tobacco, when some sort of unknown aircraft came in to land in front of him. He was not alarmed or surprised by it because he took the UFO to be "some newflanged contraption of the airforce", and still in this frame of mind he watched two of the craft's occupants get out from it and walk "with a stiff gait and movements" over to a point some 35 yards to his left. The old fellow went over to get a closer look at them, and drawing nearer he noted more detail, observing that they wore rounded helmets which looked like black plastic. Their clothing was close-fitting, and had a peculiar sheen about it. Both figures were fairly tall. One was shaking his head from side to side, while the other seemed to be speaking in muffled tones. When the old man got to within 22 yards of them, one figure raised a gloved hand and as quick as a flash both vanished! Dumbstruck, the old fellow looked towards the strange craft. A cloud of mustard-coloured mist had hidden it from view, but in the centre of this cloud he detected a flurry of movement, and through it a light flew up from the grass and into the air.

Asked whether he had experienced any physical sensation at the time, the witness said: "No, not then. When I had brewed a pot of tea, and was waiting for it to settle before pouring, I could feel my heart banging strongly like. Funny - it wasn't a heart attack or anything like that. My heart beat was powerful, for a change (I never notice it, usually), and yet it was beating at only about thirty to a minute."

Commenting on this, Shuttlewood asked: "Had the two visitors, or others abroad the craft, transmitted a ray towards the woodcutter which slowed his heartbeats to avoid damage, collapse, even death?" He then goes on to relate one of his own UFO encounters in which he was stung by invisible rays, knocked off his feet, and suffered a similar retardation of the pulse rate.

Now a slow pulse rate is conducive to 'astral projection' the out-of-the-body experience, in which the consciousness is able to release itself from the trammels of the physical body, and roam at will in space, encountering not only physical phenomena, but also emotional and mental forms and

presences. Sylvan Muldoon, author of *The Projection of the Astral Body*, himself an inveterate projector, discovered this when he went to his doctor complaining of an abnormally slow heart beat. He was given a box of strychnine - a cardiac stimulant - to correct the condition. Before taking the stimulant, he had been projecting about once a week for almost a year; but after starting on the pellets of strychnine, all trace of the phenomena disappeared. He gave it a thorough trial, and then stopped taking the pills; he began to project again, his pulse rate lowering. He afterwards learnt to control his heart rate by the use of suggestion and will, and thereby gained a measure of control over the frequency of his astral rprojections.

One of the inferences from Shuttlewood's and the woodcutter's experiences is that their hearts due to some reason or another, had slowed down, and that, therefore, they had projected from their physical bodies.

Once in the exteriorised condition, their mobile consciousness was open to all manner of mental, emotional, quasi-physical, and even mystical and spiritual phenomena. A fairly common experience when in this condition is the encountering of what are popularly known as "spirits", ranging from vague lights to fully formed presences, which may account for the UFOs and their occupants as seen by the two witnesses. That Shuttlewood was "knocked off his feet", means that he suffered a momentary and acute incapacitation of the physical body. The stinging he felt was projection phenomena of a fairly common type. The ray of light which the old man saw leaping from the UFO, might well have been a glimpse of the astral cord. The raising of the creature's arm prior to disappearance may be another homologue of the cord. It will be noted that when Shuttlewood's mysterious visitant, Karne, was about to disappear down the road, he raised his left hand.

I have discussed in another paper how the sight of a raised arm causes the interiorisation of the mobile consciousness with the consequent cessation of the experience. It is usually due to fear on the part of the witness.

MINI-SKYWATCH

Further to the National Skywatch, a few weeks ago a mini-watch was held on Pewley Downs by half a dozen people. Again the weather was bad and towards 10 pm the cloud cover was approximately 7/8. The watch therefore adjourned to the nearest pub.

With the British climate it seems that a skywatch has to be called at the very last minute by telephoning the local membership.

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The Surrey Investigation Group on Aerial Phenomena is a voluntary research organisation formed in May, 1967 to investigate reports of Unidentified Flying Objects, better known as UFO's or 'flying saucers'.

UFO's have been seen for thousands of years. They are even mentioned in the Bible and the ancient Sanskrit books, although the number of reported sightings has increased substantially since the late 1940's.

SIGAP's aim is to investigate ALL sightings, no matter how bizarre they may be, in the hope that one day we, and groups like us, will eventually get to the bottom of this tantalising mystery.

The affairs of SIGAP are controlled by annually elected officers. Special consultants, including an optical physicist, and a satellite expert in the Space Department of the Royal Aircraft Establishment at Farnborough, help us to evaluate sighting reports.

SIGAP publishes 'PEGASUS', a bi-monthly Journal containing details of topical news, comment, investigations, information about the Group, many articles by members and other interesting news items.

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Members receive FREE of charge the Journal, have the use of a book, magazine and tape library, and can attend the Group's meetings held in Guildford. SIGAP also takes part in a number of organised skywatches held each year.

If you are genuinely interested in the UFO enigma, and would care to join our ranks, please complete and return the application form below. The Annual Subscription to the Group is £1.50. Student Members between 14 and 18 years old, still engaged in full time education need only pay 75p. In this case some evidence of full time education is needed to support the application for candidates between 16 and 18.

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