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## S. P. I.

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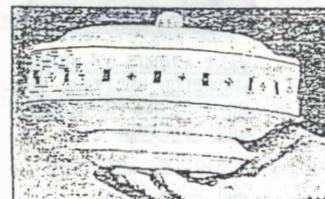
# EDITORIAL.



### GULF BREEZE UFO CASE BLOWN WIDE OPEN ?

Well well well, who would have believed it ? (quite a lot I'm sure ?) The Gulf Breeze Pensecola UFO photographs taken by one Edward Walters have been apparently blown apart, so much so, that the reverberations have echoed, and are still echoing throughout the world, and that's a fact. What was felt by some to be the best UFO photographs on record (especially by MUFON) have been shot down in flames by the finding of 'one' model UFO which is identical in shape to those found in Ed Walters photographs.

Apparently the new owner of Ed's old home, 612 Silverthorn Road Gulf Breeze, was searching for a water pipe when he came across, behind some insulation, a 9 inch model of what resembled a UFO, (see illustration). It wasn't long before the knowledge of this came out, and when it did, Ed Walters strongly denied any



This model UFO was found in the attic of Ed Walters' former residence.

### FOUND, ONE UFO MODEL.

knowledge of the model. He went on to say, "someone wants to discredit me and must have put the model in the house. They, (the disbelievers) will do whatever necessary to debunk a case". The man who found the model signed a sworn statement saying that he did not know who made it, and informed reporters, "I was going to install an ice-maker and I needed to turn off the water, I was fooling around in the attic and I was moving insulation aside when I saw it. I never would have found it if I hadn't been looking for the pipe". The man went on to say that he didn't report the model earlier because he said that he was not sure how significant it was, (indeed, Ed).

This UFOlogical bombshell could not have come at a worse time for MUFON, as it was a few weeks before their annual 3 day symposium which was being held in Gulf Breeze. Walt Andrus, an avid supporter of Ed's photographs, still maintains them to be genuine, and also supports Ed's statements that 'someone is out to discredit him' or indeed, this is a ploy on behalf of American Government Agencies to blow the

gaff on Ed and shame face him and his followers. There is no doubt to this Editor that Ed Walters has earned a vast sum of money from his UFO story and photographs, indeed, William Morrow & Co, the publisher of his book concerning his UFO sightings, paid him \$2000.000 in advance, and the book is one of the current bestsellers in the U. S. today. If that's not enough, ABC television have offered Ed \$450.000 for the rights to a mini-series on his UFO encounters. There's a heck of a lot of pie in the face of various individuals now ?

I had the opportunity to view most of Ed Walters UFO photographs in London last year in which Walt Andrus the head of MUFON excitedly pointed out to me and John Spencer, all the features in those photographs. Here was a man who firmly believed in these photographs, which to him showed conclusive evidence of E.T's visiting our Earth. I felt then that I hoped he was right, but even then I was not totally convinced. MUFON as I've said, are still backing Walters's testimony, but for how long ? Will Walter's come clean ? Is this a Government discredit ploy ?

I would agree with Ed, that if someone wants to perpetrate a hoax, then surely they wouldn't be so silly as to foolishly leave models about. One would surely destroy them. It brings to mind the photograph of a UFO model found in a barn at Billy Meier's farm at Hinwil Switzerland. Meier admitted to others of making the model, but only, he maintained, to show people what he was seeing ? I recall as well that a dummy "Nessie" (3 foot in length) was found at a place called Dores on the shores of Loch Ness Scotland found concealed beneath a rock, opens questions as to the sincerity of Loch Ness researcher Frank Searle of whom was based there before he moved on to Foyers.

One needs to be clever to hoax the public and keep it going, but one also needs to be really stupid to leave models lying around for people to find; it doesn't make sense. One would surely burn them and be done with it, (unless your employed by the Sunday Sport ?) Or is it possible that there are those who would like others to think that the individual who seeks the truth in such varied paranormal matters, can resort to trickery and lies in his effort to gain acceptance for what he believes to be genuine by using such models as a tool of illustration to gain weight to their belief ? So could the model found at Ed's old home be a "plant". Indeed, how about all the other UFO sightings in the area witnessed



WALT ANDRUS OF MUFON  
WHOSTILL BELIEVES THAT  
ED WALTERS PHOTOGRAPHS  
ARE GENUINE.

Photo, M. Robinson.

by other and separate individuals and police officers ?, are all these hoaxes or misinterpretations of natural objects ? But there is more though. Adding to the fuel of the fire is one Chris (not his real name) who states that Ed Walters faked the photos using the double exposure method, and that Walter's wife Frances and son Danny participated in the hoax. He went on to say, "Walter's began making the UFO photos as a prank, but then decided that he could make some money out of it, Ed was in it for the money, and also for the fact that it was a big ego trip, he wanted to see if he could get away with it".

In response to these comments, Ed makes it clear that these comments are false, but Chris maintains that not only did he witness Ed making up these UFO photographs but his father, (Chris's) did also. Chris also stated that, he (Walters's) wanted to use me as another witness. I had about a day to think about it, and I talked it over with Ed, and I just said that it was fraud, it wasn't real smart. I can understand a practical joke, but when I realised that he was going to go all the way through with it, Well I didn't want to get in the middle of a court case. Just for the record readers, Ed Walters was convicted in 1967 of forgery charges from Duval County Fla.

So what are we to make of it all ? One big hoax ? Or one big plant/cover up ? You place your bets I'm afraid. But what one should remember is this, one may find 'one' forged bank note, but does that imply that 'all' bank notes are forgeries ? The debate continues, and I'm sure that I'll be writing more on this issue as the weeks go on, hopefully more information concerning the finding of this model will be forthcoming from the States in order to clarify this position. UFOlogy is in a tough enough position in regards to trying to unravel its secrets without some bozo trying to pull the wool over our eyes. This sort of nonsense doesn't help our cause one bit, and drags UFOlogy further through the dirt. I can only hope that the Gulf Breeze Pensacola sightings are researched with more clarity, and that the other witnesses to these sightings are truthful in their testimony, and that eventually we may uncover "what's going on".

I would like to thank Jim Melesciuc. Editor of the USA's ORBITER UFO Journal for much of the relevant information in this Editorial.



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## MEXICO'S MYSTERIOUS ZONE OF SILENCE

BY HENRY TRICKS

There is a place in Mexico's Mapimi Desert where nothing seems to flourish except tales of the supernatural. Known as the 'Zone Of Silence', it is rumoured throughout Mexico to be an area where a strange force operates, dooming clocks, radios and even cars to failure. Located on the same latitude as the notorious Bermuda Triangle, the region abounds with stories of flying saucers, million year old trees, falling meteorites and sea shells turned to stone.

While there are scientific explanations for some of those things, farm workers on the handful of cattle ranches scattered around the area still recount bizarre tales of life in one of the driest regions on Earth. "In 1984 there were four of us here when a flying saucer came over and lit up the whole farm", said Julian Lucero, a 36 year old ranch hand. Close to the farm where he and some fellow workers were taking shade from the scorching desert sun, a patch of ground lay littered with chestnut sized chunks of iron. Scientists say they are naturally formed, but local people claim they are remnants of meteorites, known as aerolites that seem to drop routinely on a patch of desert the size of a football field.

"They fall like a very thin rain and you can see them shining in the light of the moon", said Jose Trinidad Solis, a government worker who guides visitors to the desert. The desolate zone, which crosses the borders of the three northern Mexican states of Durango, Coahuila, and Chihuahua and reaches into the Southwestern United States, has little to recommend it beyond its eerie reputation. Rain has not fallen on the barren stretches of sand and thorn bushes for almost three years, according to the farm workers. "It's a life that you grow accustomed to, however odd it seems to outsiders", Lucero said of the place where he has always lived. He said that to him it is one of the most peaceful places on Earth.

However, the Zone Of Silence, whose total area has never been defined, is fast becoming a new type of battleground for the conflicting interests of scientists and supernaturalists. Workers at a laboratory devoted to the study of some of



the Mapimi Desert's unique flora and fauna say the superstition surrounding the Zone is nothing but a crude attempt to attract tourists. "Many people who accept the fantastic ideas go to the place and destroy what the scientists are trying to study", said Dr Alejandro Peschard, director of Durango's general hospital and a student of the region's ecology. The government funded laboratory houses its own natural wonders that Peschard says are more impressive than any tales.

They include a tree, estimated to be millions of years old, which has been fossilised into stone, incubated eggs of an almost extinct desert turtle and fossilised sea shells left over from an era when oceans covered this part of Earth. He said that studies had found that the so called Zone had characteristics found in the entire Mapimi Desert. The level of magnetism in the region he said, has been found to be normal. However, the doctor has one suspicion about the area that is more sinister than many. When a U.S. rocket crashed into the Zone of Silence in July 1970, he says investigators sealed off the site for months apparently because the rocket carried secret radioactive or nuclear material.

When asked, the U.S. embassy in Mexico City had no immediate comment on the crash. Peschard and local people say U.S. officials laid a railway line to remove the remains of the rocket and much of the Earth where it had fallen. The place has not been the same since, Peschard said. "The crash of the rocket under mysterious circumstances" he says, "was where the fantasies of the Zone Of Silence started".

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### THE LIVINGSTON UFO LANDING ? SITE TO BE OFFICIALLY RECOGNISED.

Well it's been a long time coming, but Scotland's most famous UFO Incident site, that of Dechmont Woods near Livingston West Lothian, is to be officially recognised and put on the map. Readers should know that this was where Forestry worker Robert Taylor claimed he saw a "spaceship" back in 1979 resting just above the grass, and of which two spherical objects with projections rolled out from the large object and apparently tried to drag him into it.



ROBERT TAYLOR.  
SPI spoke to the Livingston Development Cooperation (LDC) about setting up a stone column with plaque back in 1988, and it's only now that they are doing something about it. Indeed a sizable news story was featured in the Livingston Courier on August 3rd about this and since then reporter Dave Cowan has interviewed me about it. I and my colleagues at SPI are very happy that this is going ahead, I believe it to be a first of its kind in the U.K.. I accept the fact that no one really knows what these UFOs are, but by marking this site for posterity its making people more aware of the UFO enigma and that can't be bad can it? So SPI are giving ourselves a big pat on the back for this one. And thanks to the LDC and Dean Swift for making it possible.

# A DORSETSHIRE APPARITION

by David Barclay

It has been demonstrated beyond reasonable doubt that 'visions' of the Blessed Virgin Mary are intimately connected to whatever generates UFOlogical 'visions'. It was therefore interesting to come across a percipient who claimed to have seen the BVM figure outside her home, (which is situated not a stone's throw from the most famous fish and chip shop in the world; Harry Ramsden's in Menston North Leeds), on at least three occasions during the summer of 1976.

According to this witness, who at the time the 'visions' occurred would have been in her early fifties, the figure appeared adjacent to a laburnum tree in the neighboring garden, and seemed, (as at Knock in Eire) to be somehow 'projected' against the gable end of the house next door. However, unlike the event at Knock, the figure moved, smiled and gestured to the percipient, apparently aware of being seen by her. Although the figure was seen by the witness on three occasions the 'tableaux' was not repetitive and the BVM figure looked, and behaved, differently on each occasion.

The figure was described as being 'surrounded by a golden light' of looking like a woman in her early twenties, and wearing the usual 'uniform' associated in Roman Catholic tradition with the Mother of Christ. Particularly striking on this occasion was the 'crown' the figure was wearing that apparently had gemstones of every colour of the rainbow in it. The witness returned time and again to this aspect of her vision during the narrative describing it. Contrary to my expectations, although a Roman Catholic by birth and upbringing, the witness did not identify her apparition as that of the BVM, and was reluctant to accept this interpretation when suggested by me. Which led me to suspect that there might be something about the 'vision' that she wasn't telling me, but more of that later.

This particular witness was not the only one to see the 'vision', her neighbors saw it, both while in her presence, and on their own. It was also witnessed by a priest who, though now retired, is still resident in the area. However, at the time the 'vision' occurred, despite the multiplicity of witnesses, there seemed to be no point to the BVM's appearance at that particular time, and in that particular place. Certainly there were 'synchronicities' which would interest

'Earth Energy Buffs'. The place where the vision took place, is directly over underground streams, and is central to a ley network, and has 'Marian' connections going way back. But there is nothing, other than coincidence to explain these correlations at the present time.

On a subsequent visit to the witness's home, she expanded her testimony to include the appearance on the wall opposite her home, of a 'cross of light', as well as to intimate that she had in effect been vouchsafed a prophetic message connected to her 'visions'. She seemed to feel that the message had been received by her 'in a dream', but it is clear from her description that the 'dreams' during which the prophecies were given to her were of the O.O.B.E. variety, and this 'altered state' also has strong correlations within the overall UFO Experience.

Briefly the message was that "THEY were coming", and that 1991 was when THEY would arrive. As is usual in these cases, the witness claimed to have been given a 'secret' that would clarify the matter, but that she was under some kind of obligation not to reveal it 'at the present time'. Because of the content of her other comments, re, the overall message, it has to be strongly suspected that her experience is mainstream millennialism. In fact it involves the usual "End of the world" scenario seemingly favoured by all manner of apparitional beings including UFOonauts. This aspect of the witness's experience thus brings it into line with what innumerable UFO abductee/contactees have been saying, and are saying at the present time, that something BIG is in the air for a period apparently commencing sometime late in 1991, and continuing throughout 1992 and beyond. I can hardly wait.

The case is still under investigation, and every effort is being made to persuade the witness to part with the 'secret'.

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 as he puts it, "where UFOlogical speculation is concerned  
 and that the word 'Taboo' has been deleted from our vocabulary  
 so anyone with a viewpoint, no matter how seemingly outre  
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 I am impressed, and there is indeed some good speculative  
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# S.P.I's LOCH MORAR PROJECT.

BY Ron Halliday

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How to sum up the Loch Morar Project in one article? Answer, you can't, far too much happened even on the first week of Investigation to cram into one issue of ENIGMAS, but at least we can make a start with plenty more to come.

Loch Morar is situated on Scotland's North West coast (690920 : OS map 40), is 11 miles long and a half mile wide. At its deepest point, the loch is over one thousand feet deep, making it the third deepest freshwater loch in Europe. It is accessible by road (single track for the last few miles) to Arisaig, (three miles south of the loch), or the village of Morar which lies about  $\frac{1}{2}$  a mile from its namesake. You can also take the train following the picturesque West Highland Line which has stops at various points on route. For purposes of mobility we travelled by car, it being about a four and a half hour drive from either Glasgow or Edinburgh.



RON HALLIDAY.

No road runs round the loch, and in fact you can only drive about two miles along the North side to Bracorina 725927 and have to take a foot track as far south as Tarbert Bay 798915, there is no track beyond that; on the south side there is no track on any stretch. Less well known or visited than Loch Ness because of its comparative inaccessibility. Several dozen sightings have nonetheless taken place over the years of an equivalent of a Loch Ness 'monster', nicknamed, Morag. The interest in Morag has been sporadic, the last major Investigation being in 1971, the results of which were published in The Search For Morag by E.M. Campbell & David Solomon. There is no Frank Searle to maintain a constant watch along the shore line. An ideal opportunity therefore, for members of SPI led by Ron Halliday, to try a different tack to begin to unravel the mystery of the loch and its associated 'monster' sightings. One of the best documented sightings of Morag, took place on September the 11th 1970, when Charles Fishburne and Ian

Mitchell, near Brinacory Island (757909) caught sight of three large, black hump shaped objects moving quickly through the water. According to Mr Fishburne they encountered the first of three peculiar swells, unlike any boat wake that they had ever seen or crossed. Each swell was deep and long, so that the boat rose and fell gradually with each, rather than rocking or banging against them. His companion confirmed his story and also that there were definitely no boats in sight.

Strangely, I knew Charles Fishburne when I was a student at Edinburgh University and bumped into him through the students representative council. Unfortunately the discussion never got round to Morar. SPI was not attempting to mount a traditional scientific Investigation complete with mini subs etc; nor were we attempting to mount a round the clock watch, instead, we were approaching the matter from a 'psychic angle'. The basic question we were tackling was this: Was there some particular, peculiar or intense psychic energy emanating from, near, or around Loch Morar which was somehow connected with the monster sightings? Admittedly, a complex situation to unravel, and a speculative one, but nonetheless



NESSIE, A COUSIN OF MORAG?  
PHOTOGRAPH BY FRANK SEARLE

challenging. The "tools" we used were three psychic mediums, with dowsing (rod and pendulum) and ouija/planchette. The total party comprised seven: Malcolm Robinson (SPI President), Jim Kennedy (psychic medium), Joan Smith (psychic medium), Alan Dick (psychic medium), Lorraine Anderson (considerable psychic ability under development), Liz Reid (innate psychic ability), and Ron Halliday (Project Leader).

We had rented a very comfortable cottage at Arisaig as our base, (we had earlier considered camping, but from the weather, thank God we didn't?) It was our intention not only to conduct an Investigation at the immediate vicinity of the loch, but also visit ancient sites nearby. In future articles I will examine each of our varied experiences in turn, but initially let me sum up our experiences. Undoubtedly there is evidence for the existence of a tremendous energy force, not so much from within the loch itself, but from the surrounding hills. In the manner of 'leys', this energy seems to run in straight lines across the loch, taking a diagonal rather than vertical route. Coincidence or not, to be in the vicinity of the loch, encouraged psychic responses for certain individuals. At the bay by Rubha Garbh (702904) Malcolm Robinson, Lorraine Anderson, and

Neil Bain, experienced the most incredible series of messages via the medium of the ouija board. Never in the combined experiences of all three SPI members had the planchette moved with such speed and clarity. (Indeed the location where this event occurred was map dowsed by M. Robinson at our base the previous evening as an important location to visit, as it surely turned out to be, The Editor).



ALFRED WATKINS THE  
MAN WHO COINED THE  
WORD LEY.

Contact with the elementals through one of our mediums was truly remarkable, and the shores of the loch abound with a wide variety of these extraordinary 'creatures'. Another of our mediums experienced a dream about a bay during the early part of our Investigation. A group of three, Joan Smith, Alan Dick, and Liz Reid, made a fifteen mile trek along the North shore of Loch Morar, scrutinising every inlet on the way till at last they located the bay of our medium's dream. It turned out to be Swordlands Bay (7899I2). Unbeknown to the medium, Swordlands Bay was the scene of several sightings of Morag. While there, the medium experienced being raised to another level of consciousness, evidence that there is some form of psychic 'trigger' concentrated around the loch.

Here I will stop, in the firm belief that I have whetted your appetite for more. There are acres of tapes still to be deciphered, report forms to review, and discussion to take place. Even since we departed Loch Morar, fresh evidence has emerged to provide some fascinating and perplexing twists to the Morag history.

There surely is a vast amount of information still to hit the pages of ENIGMAS concerning SPI's visit to Loch Morar, and believe you me you aint read nothing yet? The Editor.

#### DOWSING AT LOCH MORAR.



SPI's Ron Halliday seen here using dowsing rods at the south side of the loch near Rubha Garbh. Very strong movements of the dowsing rods were evident at various locations at Loch Morar, most fell on a line between Scandale (South Side), and Eilean Ban an island at the (West Side) of the loch. The criss crossing of the dowsing rods in Ron's hands and also the circular movements of just one rod in Lorraine Anderson's hands indicated to us that strong magnetic forces were a feature of the morar loch and landscape.

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## U.F.O's Wholesale & Retail.

By V.D. Musinskij



I want to confess straightforward, the above headline has been borrowed from the newspaper "Sotsialisticheskaya Industriya", (Socialist Industry). The newspaper does not know it though. As for the reasons, I've made it deliberately to demonstrate the correctness of the newspaper's statement.

The country is indeed having a UFOlogical racket, an invasion of "flying saucers". It is particularly noticeable in the news pages. Having drawn up a report more or less closely related to the UFOlogy, the author begins there and then to attack an editorial staff, like a medieval pirate with crooked knife assailed his victim. The country is on the threshold of falling ill with a UFOmania, and this can be blamed in the last but not least on some low qualified pressmen.

For example, one report from Tbilisi (the capital town of Soviet Georgia) informs us that a luminous object has hovered motionlessly over this town. Nowadays such objects appear often over the Holy Mountain near the television mast. There are rumours that someone has got a burn following the contact with aliens. Maybe he or she has? but what have the aliens got to do with it? A rotating star was sighted in Moscow as well, and this information has immediately emerged in the "Sotsialisticheskaya Industriya". Naturally it looks like a missile launching. But such an event is commonplace, and it is better to pass the launching off as an alien spacecraft for this is paid for.

The central newspaper, "Komsomol 'skaya pravda", has put up several reports from the Kuibyshev Region. There, in the Khvorostyanka District, the UFOs are sighted almost every evening. So A. Kurnaev saw on one morning a cigar shaped body with windows along the sides which flared up and went out alternately. The object shon such a powerful beam of light at him that the witness even squatted himself down under it. The first Secretary of CPSU Khvorostyanka District Committee, V.A. Makhov himself sighted a luminous spherical object of evidently material nature. It is unclear whence the conclusion about the material nature comes. Did the aliens really allow him to touch their spacecraft in order to please the

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authorities? According to the inhabitants of the Vladimirovka village, a UFO (no description is given), landed on their field leaving an elliptical hole which was examined by journalists. The hole has the size of 40 by 60 cm, and is about 6 meters deep, (it is not possible to determine the depth precisely because the hole deviates inside) without any traces of the dug spoil around. At first the idea of it coming into existence by extraterrestrial factors arises involuntarily. The more so, as a saucer hovered over the field shining with a yellow-red light. This saucer became brighter when flying up, and shone weaker as it flew down.

The unusual behaviour, forces one to think of the strangers having spoiled the collective farm field ill intentionally. However, as being an irremediable sceptic, I consulted the greater Soviet Encyclopedia and learned there what I had expected; the Kuibyshev Region is rich in dolomite and limestone. Hence karst sinkings are possible. The aliens are thus acquitted on the charges of sabotage and may again fly surely over Vladimirovka. I hope this will be reckoned in my favour when contacting with them.

Several objects resembling the Saturn planet in appearance were sighted in the Cheboksary town. It looks as though their occurrence has become a popular item among our people. Although the description of objects involves uncertainty, if the newspapers are trustworthy, some of the witnesses succeeded in perceiving windows in the saucers. Stars emitting intensive light have begun to appear over Dyushambe (the capital town of Tadzhikistan). This very abundance of such objects makes me suspicious. For our military and scientists have not yet learned to notify the public of their technological experiments beforehand. It is quite possible that the 'real' UFOs crop up somewhere, but they get lost in this huge mass of information racket.

However, this racket deserves to be listened to attentively for inside it, as in a dunghill, pearl grains may occur occasionally. In the same Dyushambe, a scorching ball hovered at an altitude of two and a half metres over the courtyard of the house belonging to the Imomovs family. Its high temperature was concluded from fact that fruits and branches of the persimmon got burnt on the edges. After some 40 seconds, the ball rushed suddenly down to touch the Earth and exploded. As a keepsake, it has left for the Imomovs, some spinters resembling the tuff, severely burnt, and suggesting to have constituted earlier a round body. Afterwards they went to pieces for some reason. The persimmon fruits show an increased level of radioactivity. Of course we have sent a telegram and a letter

to Tadzhikistan, requesting for a part of the splinter remains. However, it is questionable as yet whether we will receive something at all, because they have got into an official institution where absurd directions and stupid bans can afresh gain the upper hand. In this case the bureaucracy may be overcome only by the good will of concrete individuals.

On one of the last days of its existence, the newspaper "Lesnaya Promyshlennost" (Forest Industry) published the evidence of a man who had preferred to stay unknown. In July 1966, Gennadij (the name is conventional) set off fishing in the Kolyvansky Lakes near Novosibirsk (the capital town of a Siberian Region). From the very beginning he was surprised by a strange silence in the nature around. Birds and insects behaved not as usual. Gennadij lay down to doze a little, but was disturbed by a mouse who stole under his knee, seeking shelter there. It was extremely uncommon for a field mouse. With side vision, Gennadij perceived a light. Having turned his head, he saw an APPARATUS which hovered only ten metres away from him at an altitude of two to three metres.



Its shape resembled a flattened drop being equal to the length of two passenger cars, ie, about six to eight metres, and approximately two metres high. It was made from a material like silvery aluminium, producing a sensation as if a weak dull motion was being emitted there-from. As soon as Gennadij saw it, a part of the APPARATUS hull started to move off noiselessly, exhibiting in the interior a panel with a dark desk divided into squares, and in the opening four humans similar to us were standing. The humans appeared to be well built. Their faces looked calm, benevolent with a kind of superiority or dignity. The hair was short fair and straight. The aliens wore the clothes resembling sportswear.

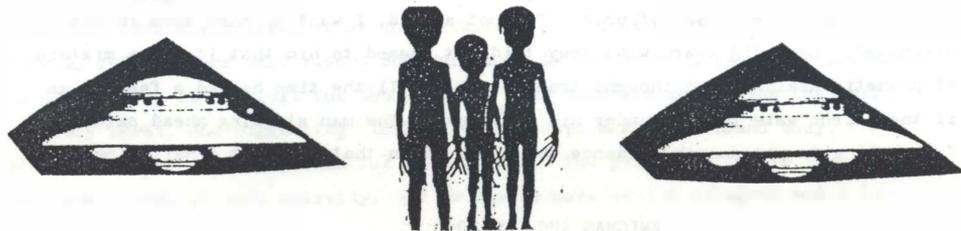
A slightly shorter man stood ahead who appeared to be somewhat older in Gennadij's view. Behind him, two younger men, frightened Gennadij stamped his foot, began to make some movements, and at the same time he heard; "you won't get rid of us so easy. Don't be afraid of us." "I'm not afraid, I want to make sure I'm not dreaming". Gennadij heard what they told; It seemed to him that it was a mixture of phonetic dialogue and thought transference. All the time he had a feeling as if the aliens were looking under his skull cap. The man standing ahead said, "we shall give you enough evidence to make certain that it isn't a hallucination

The alien demanded of him to ask questions. The conversation involved the problem of lifespan prolongation. It seemed to Gennadij that his interlocutors avoided to give him a direct answer. An argument broke out between them even. As for the essence of their answer, it is as follows. If the mankind will desire this eagerly, it will be capable of changing the biological program of the lifespan. When being questioned whether the mankind is going to perish, an alien replied, "it is our problem, you have not to worry about it, we won't allow this to happen .

Such questions as, "Where can we find you ?" "Who are you" ?, was answered so, "We are the cognizant, we investigate the world". Another companion of the older man added, "We are everywhere and always for you, and you don't need to search for us". "Why we don't need ? Do you understand how it is important for the mankind ?" "Yes we do, otherwise we wouldn't have got into contacts, all the cognizant keep always in touch!" Gennadij thought, "You have ignored the questions", but suddenly the interloctor answered, "Oh, and you call these the questions". To the question about the future, one of the aliens replied, "You've got tired and need a rest".

Gennadij shut his eyes for a moment, but when he opened them again, the 'apparatus' was no more there. They held Gennadij's consciousness and caused him to interrupt the attention. On the whole, the contact lasted approximately half an hour. During more than 20 years, Gennadij told nobody about what had happened, fearing to pass as a mad man. This encounter did not hinder him to live. Nevertheless, he felt unconsciously that some day his secret would prove useful to somebody. Now, after more than twenty years, Gennadij is firmly convinced that what he has seen was not a delirium. On the contrary, he believes to have met definitely the representatives of a different mind.

Translated by V. B. Sokolov (Yaroslavl). (More Russian UFO encounters next issue).



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## 'UFO' circles in grass baffle the boffins

REPORT ON THREE CIRCLES WHICH APPEARED OVERNIGHT ON EITHER 27/28th APRIL 1990 AT VOEL FARM, NEAR LLANFAIR T.H., CLWYD, NORTH WALES DENBIGH MOORS.

**BY MARGARET FRY.**



The farm on which the three rings appeared overnight on either the 27th or 28th April 1990, are on an isolated farmstead of 33½ acres at 900ft to 1000 ft above sea level above the small village of Llanfair T.H. which is five miles inland in the hills and mountains behind Abergele and the North Wales costal area around which is the Irish sea. The A 544 from Llanfair T.H. to Llansannan, another small village on the Debig Moors runs below the farm. At the first cross roads, one turns left on to a dirt track up to the farm.

Mrs Patricia Coulson who is English and whose family came from Amble in North-umberland, comes from a fishing family, farming is an entirely new life for her, so she very carefully records changes of weather and grass etc. in a daily diary. She has been running this 33½ acre farm on her own and herds cows and sheep. She has no farm dogs, but a few cats. Her husband and three sons are fishermen, a young adult daughter works on the coast as a nurse. The two eldest sons are still in Amble and are fishermen. Her husband's boat is based at Rhos-on-sea, and the youngest son fishes with him. He is also on day release to a college, in that area. So that during the day Mrs Coulson is busy farming on her own, she is a happy well balanced person. If there is anything really heavy to move her husband gives a hand on returning home, but by and large she takes pride in managing the farm on her own.

The youngest son does not often go over the fields, after work he has a meal, freshens up, and goes down to Llanfair T.H. to join other teenage friends. So that it was mid-may before he walked down that field and noticed the circles. He asked his mother if she knew of them, she replied that she had from the start, but had said nothing for fear of ridicule. He then told her that he knew from college that people were researching these circles and rings in cornfields in Wiltshire and Hampshire and she should report them to some authority. She agreed to do so. At first she thought that she would tell a friend at Rhos-on-sea who knew "a bit about these things". This friend contacted a newspaper reporter (who turned out to be Mr Jim Price who is my contact at the local newspapers). At some stage the police also went up to examine the circles. Anyway, it was then learnt that the police in Prestatyn had a report of a UFO seen at Prestatyn at the end of April. Prestatyn and the sea is visible in a panoramic view from Voel Farm. The scenery there is quite breathtaking.

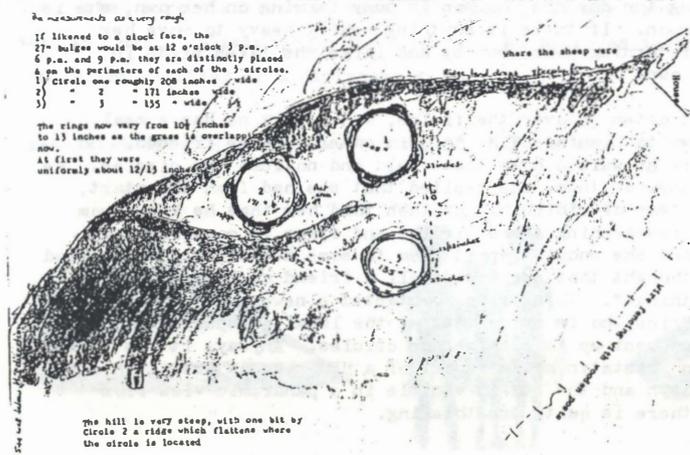
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This being rural Wales by now everyone in Llanfair T.H. and Llansannan and all the outlying farms know of the Voel Farm circles, and as they met Mrs Coulson they related how many of them had also over the years seen UFOs in the area, and some of these were actual landings of UFOs on these Denbigh Moors.

I was away in Suffolk/Norfolk for a 10 day holiday but my colleague Independent UFO Investigator for 30 years Gary Rowe living at Rhyl, heard of the circles through his press contacts. Taking his very technical instruments, but not his geiger counter, as this is being repaired, he motored up to Mrs Coulson's farm on a very stormy day. The circles were then very distinct, with clear cut edges and dark burnt out looking soil in the ring area, each had four semi-circles on the outer perimeters 27 inches at widest point, (as illustrated below). Mrs Coulson lent him every assistance, taking the tractor down the field for him to have a birds eye view to photograph the rings.

Gary Rowe has a coring drill for removing deep soil samples, he found at no point within, or on the outer areas of the rings location was the sub-soil more than 6 1/2 inches deep, at points it is broken by rocks, for there is solid rock beneath this field. So at no time in ancient history or medieval times was there dwellings or stone sheep rings there. Mrs Coulson does not own those round metal sheep pen rings either. Her area is right at the top of the mountains, so constantly windy, the grass is closely cropped by the sheep and now her cows, the locality is dry and windy. There is sheep and cow dung, in, on, and around the circles. Mushrooms do grow in the crevices and folds of the land higher up to the house and outer farm buildings.

According to Mr Rowe, had this been mycelium rings, there would have been ample time in the six weeks and weather conditions of dry very sunny spells and wet days for the fungi to appear. Neither has the width of the rings altered from 12/13 inches each, they have not spread out. At the time Mrs Coulson had her cows in the big barn higher up in their winter quarters, and she was testing the grass daily to see if it was long enough for them to come out. So that she noticed the circles immediately. Two of her cows had calf in the 2nd and 3rd weeks of May. The sheep were on a field on the exposed side of the mountain, this field is on the leeward side. None of the animals were in any way affected by the incident and the family heard nothing, nor did they see any strange lights.



Whilst at Thetford, Mr Price the newspaper reporter rang me, I asked him to make an appointment with Mrs Coulson on my behalf to view the rings on my return. So on tuesday the 5th of June 1990, I went to Voel Farm armed with a sterilised digging spoon, freexer bags, measuring tapes, compass etc. Mrs Coulson was friendly, helpful and lent every assistance; she told me Gary Rowe had been and also asked if I had, "she is usually here first, you will

be getting a visit from her". I asked Mrs Coulson what she thought the rings were ? She said as she very carefully noted grass, mushrooms and any changes in her soil because she had only been farming three years, she felt she could only assume they were caused by something mechanical, such as a UFO. She had read about them occasionally in the newspapers and now people were telling her they had been seen many times in the area over the years. She pointed to the hunting lodge (a derelict Victorian edifice) on the distant Denbigh Moors, "all this makes it a bit mysterious, the locals say it is haunted, so perhaps it was a UFO, how can one say for certain" ?

Whilst the lay of the land makes it most unlikely to be a mini-whirlwind, despite Professor Tony Bradshaw, Dr Tony Jones of Aberystwyth, and Pat Twigg of the Welsh Plant Breeding Centre passing opinions on fungi and whirlwinds without at any time visiting Voel Farm, there is circumstantial evidence for the possibility of it being a UFO.

- (1) A UFO was seen and reported to police at Prestatyn at the time, unknown then to anyone but the witness and the police.
- (2) Mr Hughes saw a UFO in a field almost opposite this farm on 1/12/1986.
- (3) In 1979 in a field by the A 548 behind Abergele in the hills, two Governmental officers on their way to work saw a UFO on the ground.
- (4) On 26/1/79, a UFO landed by Brookhouse Mill, a pub off the Denbigh/Ruthin Road. On the 14th of April 1984 numerous farmers and their wives and most of the villages of Llangernyw, saw two UFOs about mid-night of which landed at Cum Carol Farm.
- (5) Summer 1979 Farmers, a taxi driver and school children watched for 1/2 hour 2 UFOs having a mock dog fight over Singru Farm on the Llansannan/Denbigh Road.
- (6) A UFO landed on 5/7/85 (time of earthquake) Independent witness Mr Preston, Mrs Hawle and a lady friend on the mountain by Voel Farm.



A TYPICAL SET OF RINGS.

- (7) The Sportsmans Arms is the highest pub in Wales on the Denbigh Moors, a UFO was seen hovering for ages over the forest by the Brenig Reservoir and therefore below the witnesses Mr & Mrs Bruce Mee and various people who periodically came out of the pub to watch it one summer evening in 1979.
- (8) Mr Hall and Mr Williams a farmer of Llansannan independently from opposite directions saw a UFO sitting on the scrub land by the Bylchau A 543 to Pentrefoelas Denbigh Moors Road, it then took up and went down by Mr Williams field and 'chased' him up to the house, this witnessed by Mr Hall from the A 543.

These are some of the reports of UFO sightings and landings in the area that I have collected since 1979, but they are the tip of the ice-berg.

As to Mrs Coulson, she is a lady in her 40's, and very definitely not the type of person who could indulge in a hoax. That can be absolutely ruled out. I have met her more than once now and will continue over the months to monitor the rings, which are beginning to fade now. I noted she is well respected by the surrounding farmers one of whom I met. Her husband and children respect her, it is a happy family. These are all points I carefully note when UFO Investigating. So what caused the rings is a total mystery, and one that cannot be explained in terms of our present knowledge. Which is what I said on the BBC Radio programme that Mrs Coulson and I spoke on.

# Operation Congo.

THE FIRST BRITISH/CONGOLESE MOKELE-MBEMBE

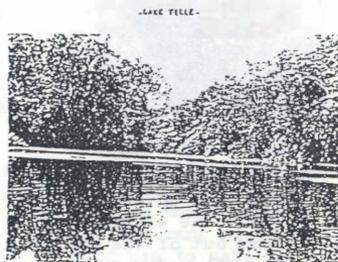
EXPEDITION OF 1985-86. PART TWO.

BY BILLY GIBBONS.

After several days at Boha Village, the residents became more accustomed to our presence, sensing that we were in some ways different from the French or American expeditions which had visited them a few years before. Trust grew and friendships formed. The village chief had a particular dream which he regarded as a good omen. We were good men. Young and to be trusted with a visit to the tranquil Lake Telle. Six strong guides were chosen by the village elders, including the village president whose family are regarded as the "owners" of the Mokele-Mbembe. We agreed to pay our porters the sum of 7, 000cfa per day, including a continuous supply of cassava, cigarettes and disposable lighters. The village chief graciously accepted bottles of alcohol and a most outrageous pair of red sunglasses which he proudly wore during our stay in Boha.

With our twelve man team prepared for the long trek through the rain forest, we retired early in order to make a fresh start the following day. Last minute preparations by the guides, gave us the opportunity to enjoy a breakfast of fish and cassava. The entire expedition were later assembled outside the chief's hut, where drums were beaten and palm wine passed around. As we headed into the forest in single file the village population gathered to cheer us on our way. Barely 800m on, the guides decided to stop and enjoy a belated breakfast.

Mark Rothermel set up his 16mm Bolex camera to record the beginning of our 40 mile trek. Although the ground was dry with little swamp or deep mud, the trek proved difficult and exhausting. The British found the pace of the guides physically taxing, and rest periods were necessary for recuperation. When the party halted to prepare evening camp, it was necessary to pitch our tents on beds of dry leaves to avoid dampness from penetrating our ground sheets. Ants and termite colonies were present and caused damage to nylon tents and leather goods. Little sunlight penetrated the dense forest, giving only a dim level of light during daylight hours. The guides were most successful in their hunting trips, returning with either monkey or a couple of duckier for



TWO VIEWS OF LAKE TELLE.

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dinner. The only water available was from muddy pools, which had to be treated with chlorine tablets after boiling. The trip to the Lake Telle area took three days, with our final camp established on the edge of the 3km swamp which surrounds the Lake. It was here that the guides decided to allow us to visit three small bodies of water situated deep in the forest. No whiteman had ever been allowed to visit these small lakes, in which the Mokele-Mbembe is said to feed, prior to moving on to Lake Telle to browse or to facilitate movement.

The small lakes were held sacred by the Boha people, who would never fish in these waters. Twenty four hour observation by three expedition members did not produce a monster sighting, although plenty of fish and turtle life was in evidence. Marcellin Agnagna claimed to have observed a fish with a shark like fin which surfaced briefly. The final leg to the lake was a difficult task, which necessitated hopping from one huge exposed tree root to another in order to avoid slipping into waist high swamp. Whenever the expedition members stopped for a brief respite, large swarms of bees would converge on each individual member, resulting in a number of stings and physical discomfort. The swamp reached the very edge of Lake Telle, a shallow, almost oval lake some 5km in circumference.

During our investigations, we found that the lake rarely exceeded 3m in depth. Previous expeditions which had visited Lake Telle reported magnetic disturbance near the north side of the lake. We did not at any time detect any such presence, either with compass or photographic equipment. Fish and turtle life are abundant in Lake Telle, and a large population of fish eating crocodiles. Large pythons can often be observed lazing in the mid-day sun on tree branches overhanging the Lake, and some monkey colonies can be heard moving through the area.

During our five day stay at Lake Telle, we made a one day trip to the north bank of the Lake. Three lobes of water stretch into the forest from the Lake and are said to be used by Mokele-Mbembe to enter the Lake from their browsing area in the swamps. Our guides became quite fearful during our examination of those lobes, and attempted to lead us away from the immediate area. Around 1959/60, three Mokele-Mbembes entered the Lake via lobe no 8 daily, disturbing the fishing activities of the forest dwelling pigmies. In spite of their fear of these creatures, the pigmy fishermen erected a stake barrier across the lobe to stop the Mokele-Mbembes from entering the Lake. When one animal was observed attempting to break through the barrier, the fishermen speared the monster to death and dismembered the corpse. A feast was held, during which the flesh of the Mokele Mbembe was devoured. It is claimed that those who participated in the feast died shortly after. Thus, the mythification evolved around these large mysterious animals. Our investigations did not uncover any large animal, although our porters became increasingly afraid of the area. We eventually returned to our base camp on the East bank. A large number of fish and insect species were collected and preserved in formaldehyde.

Leaving Lake Telle, the return trek took two days to complete. A further three days were spent at Boha, where the British team were shown a small swamp hole said to have been inhabited by a Mokele-Mbembe in 1984. This proved too shallow during the dry season to herald any positive evidence of habitation. The villagers honoured Gibbons by "consecrating" him as "President" of Lake Telle, quite an honour for a white outsider. (It could only happen to you Billy, The Ed). He was further presented with a ceremonial spear as a sign of local authority. Indeed, Gibbons appeared to gain the trust and friendship of most villagers we encountered during Operation Congo, which may have had something to do with his red hair and beard. With no outboard motor available to ferry the expedition back to Epena, arrangements had to be made to paddle the 100km up river.

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Leaving before daybreak, the sheer physical effort by all was a backbreaking and exhausting effort. The entire trip took nine hours with only a one hour break. The team travelled from Epena to Botala by pirogue, taking a further seven hours to complete. We were almost out of expedition funds, which made it difficult to hire porters to assist the moving of bulky equipment to Bimbo, where a lift on a government truck to Impfondo could be had. Eventually, two young Congolese men were willing to assist with the carrying of our equipment to Bimbo. Four such trips over 25km were necessary, with welcome lifts on government or road construction vehicles available from Bimbo. Morale and health suffered throughout the expedition, with Gibbons losing 24lbs in weight through chronic diarrhoea and various skin diseases. Della-Porta suffered bouts of dysentery, whilst Rothermel contracted malaria. All diseases and infections were brought under control through careful and diligent medication, but progress was slow due to the poor diet endured by all.

Pastor E. Thomas and his wife kindly provided the British team with a vacant mission house for two weeks, including meals and free medical treatment. Rothermel and Walls flew from Impfondo to Brazzaville in order to cable further funds from London. Gibbons and Della-Porta followed one week later, flying over Lake Telle on a Lina Congo 737, en route to Ouesso. In Brazzaville, we completed our field report for the Ministry of Water & Forests, with the expedition formally terminating on May the 5th 1986. Operation Congo lasted approximately 55 days, only half the amount of time we had originally intended to spend in the rainforest.

#### RESULTS.

The fauna and flora of the Congo has remained relatively unstudied. No long term research has ever been undertaken by any group of zoologists, nor has a complete systematic inventory been compiled on all living forms in the Likouala region. Certain animal species were observed by expedition members during the trek through the forest and savannah areas at Djeke and Boha. The buffalo was observed in herds of up to 8 individuals and wild forest pig were encountered near Lake Telle. One specimen, shot by our porters, weighed over 220kg. The forest elephant (*Loxodonta africana cyclotis*), is still abundant, but no specimens were encountered by Operation Congo. The western lowland gorilla, was observed en route to Lake Telle. Fish eagles and black kites were plentiful around Lake Telle, and monkey colonies were also evident. No monkey colonies exist near the villages mainly due to hunting by the local tribespeople.

Chimpanzee families (*Pan troglodytes*) are common around the Lake, as are groups of Bay Duckier (*Cephalophus dasalis*), and the Congo stripper squirrel (*Funiscurus Congiceus*). Various reptile forms were also present throughout the Likouala, The Leopard (*Pantherus pardus*) was present throughout the Likouala region, and made the occasional raid into various villages. Venomous snakes are common in the Likouala, and these include the Gaboon viper, the Rhinoceros viper, and the green mamba.

The Operation Congo team collected a number of specimens. These included members of the Caicelian family including the African lungfish. The remains of an unidentified monkey was presented to the British Museum of Natural History, who later classified this as a new subspecies of *Cercocebus galeritus*.

Quite apart from the Mokele-Mbembe, members of the Operation Congo team received a number of reports concerning other strange creatures said to inhabit the vast swamps of the Likouala. Some of the descriptions appear to correspond closely with extinct animal forms, A good deal of cross examination on these reports lead us to conclude that the Mokele-Mbembe and other unknown creatures of the Congo are living, breathing animals which have yet to be clearly identified.

Many of the tribespeople were clearly afraid to divulge certain information on the exact spot where a Mokele-Mbembe may be readily seen and photographed for fear of falling ill, even dying. We recommend that an expedition comprising of scientifically qualified members, should spend a minimum period of three months in the Likouala area north of Lake Telle.

M. Rothermel.  
W.J. Gibbons.  
J.C.F. Walls.  
J.B. Della Porta.

## Earth Lights Revelation

UFOs and Mystery Lightform Phenomena:  
The Earth's Secret Energy Force

By  
PAUL DEVEREUX  
With

David Clarke, Andy Roberts & Paul McCartney

### BOOKS

REVIEWED BY RALPH NOTES.

### BOOKS

There are remarkable energies around our planet often invisible and intangible, they sometimes manifest as mysterious lights which account for at least a proportion of UFO reports. They may be the source of apparitions, hauntings, poltergeist activity, 'mysterious animals', and other such border-land phenomena. They appear to have a strange relationship with human consciousness and human intentions. Our understanding of them may be the key to considerable advances in the knowledge of ourselves and the world we live in.

These are the large claims made by this interesting and exciting book. It follows of course in the line of succession from *EARTHLIGHTS* (Devereux & McCartney Turnstone Press 1982) and the work initiated by Persinger in *Space Time Transients*

and unusual events (Nelson Hall 1977), both of which looked for Earth bound explanations for some of the weirder events that haunt us. Unlike much else in UFOlogy, EARTHLIGHTS REVELATION is a serious contribution to science. It rests on a painstaking accumulation of facts and attempts to make correlations between them. It suggests the lines of further fruitful research. Above all, it offers some testable hypotheses. For this reason alone it deserves the closest attention, not only of UFOlogists, but of scientists presently plumbing a wide range of disciplines. If some of my comments below are critical, then this is the compliment one pays to serious research.

The main thesis of REVELATION is that we have overwhelming evidence of the occurrence of transient forms of energy which tend to cluster in certain areas, are poorly understood at present (to the extent that some scientists still deny their mere existence), and have properties which are akin to electromagnetism, but which may also require a radical expansion of our understanding of the latter. A special category of "EARTH LIGHTS" is suggested which the authors contend can be distinguished from such similar transient phenomenon as earthquake lights, ball lightning, and will-o-the-wisps. Earthlights are postulated as having very special properties, including the likelihood of engaging in a two-way interaction with human consciousness. We are even given hints (to be more fully explored in Devereux's forthcoming books, Earth-Mind and PLACE OF POWER) that the siting of sacred monuments, along with much of mythology and folklore, is closely bound up with the Earthlights phenomenon.

But the book faces two nagging problems. Can Earthlights actually and reliably be distinguished from other luminous "transients" like those mentioned above? And secondly, what is the source of the energy which fuels them? Devereux continues to back his hunch that the answer to both questions lies in the marked tendency of certain kinds of anomalous events to cluster in distinct areas with equally distinctive geological characteristics, particularly surface or near surface faulting (indicative of the proximity of tectonic strain), and the likely presence of certain minerals.

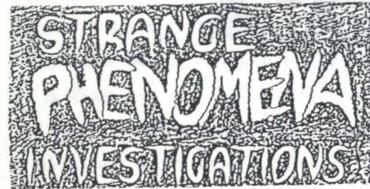
Since EARTHLIGHTS was published in 1982, much further work has been done in support of Devereux's thesis and his world wide review of the recent evidence makes for fascinating reading. Particularly compelling is the summary of the work done thus far by David Clarke and Andy Roberts in several areas in the Pennines, which have proved extremely rich in hauntings, strange luminosities, and related folklore. And the correlation with geological factors in the cases Devereux

examines is indeed strongly suggestive. But to my mind, at least, many uncertainties remain (as Devereux himself acknowledges). For example, there is much faulting around the planet 'without' obvious associated anomalies. The infamous "ring of fire" around the Pacific rim is curiously selective about the precise points at which it will produce "UFO Effects"; and similar instances could be multiplied. Moreover, even when the geological association can be reasonably asserted, it is often markedly sporadic in its manifestations. By the way of example, we have the amazing outbreak of "luminosities" over North Wales in 1904/5 apparently in intimate association with one Mary Jones, the revivalist, which is strongly linked to local faulting; but oddly, not much of a similar vien has ever been heard of before or since from the same area.

Devereux takes care to avoid pressing his geological correlation too strongly. He accepts, for instance that tectonic strain may wax and wane in response to, or alongside, other factors, while arguing that it may operate indirectly over very considerable distances. Devereux also acknowledges that despite the laboratory work on rock crushing and the like (of which we receive an absorbing account), we are still far from understanding the precise mechanisms which can be assured of generating a ball of light high above ground level.

What this all implies is that we are still at a very exploratory stage in terms of knowing what weight to access any geological factor; there must almost certainly be other components at work. And without wishing to lend any further credence to the extraterrestrial hypothesis about which I feel as much scepticism as Devereux, I think we are far from being able to assimilate the whole of the UFO phenomenon into its Earth-Lights counterpart. Can a mysterious object seen by an airliner at 30,000ft (and there are many such cases) really be the same thing as a small ball of light glimpsed skimming the Yorkshire Moors? And can we confidently assimilate an isolated poltergeist outbreak in the Hebrides (pp.214/15) with the same class of occurrences as those remarkable luminosities in Norway's Hessdalen Valley?

But it is the underlying strength of the book, in the final analysis, that prompts such questions and directs our attention to a 'naturalistic' approach to strange phenomena. Interestingly and coincidentally, 1989 also saw the publication of a somewhat similar work, Terence Meaden's "The Circles Effect And Its Mysteries", which, while examining the entirely different problem of the so called crop field



circles, came equally close to postulating a "naturalistic UFO" with admittedly highly exotic properties, as a solution or explanation. Conceivably, these two books have something to learn from each other; certainly, both are welcome to those of us who prefer searching for earth-bound explanations before accepting the hopeless position that we are merely the passive recipients of supernatural or extraterrestrial visitation. EARTHLIGHTS REVELATION makes a most welcome contribution to rational inquiry. On the one side, it also happens to be a damn good read

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# GHOSTS



THE PHANTOM MONK OF SOULSEAT LOCH.

BY BILLY GIBBONS.



Four miles south of Stranraer Scotland, lies Soulseat Loch, yet another large body of water situated on Stair Estate. Soulseat Loch is not only a difficult loch to fish, but is reputedly haunted by the ghostly apparition of a phantom monk. Between the months of May & July, a slimy green weed grows with astonishing rapidity around the entire surface edge of the loch, making it almost impossible to fish for the nice plump brown rainbow trout which inhabit the water, much to the annoyance of my fellow anglers. This weed has also caused the deaths of several swimmers in the loch who have been foolhardy enough to swim around in its murky depths which conceal various underwater snags and other objects. At least

two suicides have occurred in Soulseat, one of a monk, and the other of a jilted wife in 1973. I have spent many relaxed evenings at the loch fishing for trout, but on other occasions I have ventured to Soulseat to try and uncover the story of the phantom monk said to stalk around the old 'Manse House' presently occupied by the current vicar of Inch Parish Church.

Records indicate that there was an ancient Monestary which once stood on the present site of the Manse, but was abandoned around the end of the seventeenth century. It is said that part of the old monestary still lies under the surface of Soulseat Loch, but subsequent investigations have not been able to substantiate this claim. There is however, the remains of a very old graveyard, part of which rests in the back garden of the Manse House. The Manse itself is quite interesting as the cellar of the house has been bricked up. This was due to some un-earthly noises and ghostly moans, which apparently came from the cellar some years ago. As far as I know, the cellar has remained bricked up to this day, and the present occupier will not permit me to spend the night to hear these supernatural cries of agony for myself.

I do know of several people who fish Soulseat Loch on a regular basis during the warmer months; three of these have seen a cowed and hooded figure fleeting rather rapidly through the trees towards the Manse before vanishing abruptly. I spoke to a West German couple on holiday in the area about three years ago, who told me of a dark and hooded figure walking along a wooded bank before vanishing into thin air as they watched. I had a very similar experience in August 1979. After a pleasant days trout fishing, I decided to pack away my fishing tackle and prepare for the 3 mile bicycle ride home. As the sunlight began to fade, I caught sight of a tall, dark figure (which appeared to be hooded) moving through the trees towards the Manse House. By the time I managed to scramble up the bank to catch a better look at the figure, it had vanished.

To satisfy my curiosity, I walked the entire length of the bank to see if there was another angler nearby. I saw no one. With an ancient monestary, ruined graveyard, Manse with a bricked up cellar and various drownings (including two suicides) it is hardly surprising that the place is haunted. If you ask me on Monday's, wednesday's, or Friday's, I believe in the phantom monk.



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DEAR EDITOR.

May I please reply with a different angle to Terry Hooper. I don't know him, but I'd like to meet him. I do not for one moment think Patrick Moore was the hoaxer for the 18th February 1954, or indeed alias 'Cedrick Allingham'. I find it of interest that Mr Hooper Cowdy and David Wilson, all checked so thoroughly at the time. For I have a puzzle for him (and myself).

Flying Saucer News No 8 Richard Hughes Spring 1955 commented on Cedrick Allingham's talk at Turnbridge Wells Kent Church Hall. Group Secretary Mrs Freda Dann wrote that the Hall was packed but Mr Allingham had been tiered and looked ill. I had heard that Eileen Buckle and Arnold, 'UFO Enthusiasts' had been present and spoken to Mr Allingham.

In the early 1970's at a BUFORA meeting in London, I brought this up and asked Arnold West to verify this, he stood up and did so. So the man existed, whilst the name Cedrick Allingham may have been a pseudo he

hid under. Patrick Moore is clever and very knowledgeable about stars and planets but he knows nought about UFOs and actively rejects the idea. neither he or I are Uri Geller's, so how Patrick Moore projected the exact image of the UFO he hoaxed into my mind's eye, Doctor 'Thakurta's, Steve my 9 $\frac{1}{2}$  year old son, and a dozen other boys and girls who stood open mouthed and feet from a silver/blue dull pewter (but none of those colours & texture really) bell-shaped craft feet from us, just off the ground in a busy suburb on a Sunday mid-day on the 17th July 1955 identical to the one seen at Lossimouth, is a total mystery, isn't it?

The only reason why Patrick Moore bafoons UFOlogists about this, is to discredit our movement, so why assist him by saying yet again that it was a hoax. It wasn't as God is my witness, those photos are the genuine thing, and if you UFOlogists who know me don't believe that, you don't believe me either, and that is a sorry lack of human loyalty with colleagues who have known me for years.

MARGARET FRY, LLANGERNYW, NORTH WALES.

DEAR EDITOR.

On the 29th October 1989 the nuclear physicist and lecturer Stanton T. Friedman gave a lecture in Manchester under the title "Flying Saucers Are Real" Something

about the title is reminiscent of an account of a UFO Investigator researching a case in a tribal part of Africa who told locals that man had been to the moon, and had this assertion received with open disbelief. However, if the time for such titles is passing, the time for the message of the lecture is probably better than it has been before, given current developments in the field such as the research being carried out by Whitley Streiber and Budd Hopkins.

Mr Friedman, a genial American who is now resident in Canada, jokes that he may well be the world record holder for participation in 'cancelled' U.S. Government research programmes into new technology. After showing his audience declassified photos of nuclear powered rocket assemblies, and of an electro-magnetically powered submarine to illustrate the point that the world is not about to run out of new technologies to explore which might one day take us to the stars, Mr Friedman passed swiftly through a demolition job on the not very prolific or methodologically sound findings of the U.S. Government's public Investigations of UFOs, principally Project Blue Book, and then on to a brief exposition of the Hill Case of 1961 which remains some of the best evidence of alien abductions, before coming to his own specialism "The Investigation of the evidence for the Roswell Incident, (the alleged crash of a flying disc in the New Mexico desert in July 1947) which Mr Friedman refers to as a "Cosmic Watergate".

In 1984, Mr Friedman's co-researcher Mr William Moore, received a roll of film in the post coming from an anonymous source, the film contained extracts of a document named "Briefing Document Operation Majestic I2 prepared for President Elect, Dwight D. Eisenhower (Eyes Only) 18 November 1952". It is the authentication of this document and in the study of the relevant movements of the twelve men named as the members of a secret top level scientific committee under the direct control of the President, named Majestic I2 or MJ I2, that Mr Friedman has concentrated his recent research efforts using for this purpose material gathered from the Library Of Congress.

Mr Friedman gave an account of his correspondence with debunkers who claimed that the Whitehouse had used no such typeface or date configurations in their administrative documents of the time, and who contended that the document could not be authentic. Mr Friedman has shown these claims to be unfounded.

This painstaking research work may soon see the light of day. Mr Whitley Streiber, author of Communion, and of Transformation, has published a new book named Majestic, and is involved in a film production of the same name which could stir up considerable interest worldwide in the Roswell Incident. Recent T.V. coverage of this case in the U.S. has attracted large numbers of viewers and more people who claim a connection with the incident are being identified and are helping to piece the evidence together.

Mr Friedman told his audience that 30 first hand witnesses have been identified, and a further 60 have circumstantial evidence for the reality of the crash retrieval and cover-up. It would certainly be interesting to watch developments if the legislative bodies in Congress could be brought to bear on the problem. While all information relating to alien technology may be adjudged vital to National Security, it is just conceivable that a law could be passed to make the harboring of secrets relating specifically to alien life (as opposed to technology) illegal. This would depend on the acceptance of the idea that a dead alien cannot be used as a weapon. Such a law could be used as a tool to pry open the military oyster for the benefit of science.

"If a cosmic watergate" ever comes, Mr Friedman will be well prepared to take the stand, and he is to be congratulated for his thorough work in the task of checking this documentary 'find' for its evidential value.

Lastly, it is to be noted with regret that Mr Friedman came to the podium smarting from the effects of an attack on him by none other than the director

of information of BUFORA, Jenny Randles, who was quoted in the Manchester Evening News of 28th October 89, condemning Mr Friedman's talk as "about as factual as a Steven Spielberg movie". She is also alleged to have cited the absolute nonsense about crashed space-ships and dead aliens as damaging to sober links between serious UFOlogists and the scientific community.

No doubt Copernicus was warned not to damage his links with the scientific community by telling them the Earth was 'not' the centre of creation. Ms Randles extraordinary statements (in view of her present position within BUFORA Ltd, who apparently sponsored Mr Friedman's visit) are analogous in character, given that Mr Friedman's position is that we no more form the biological centre of the universe than we form its physical core.

DIRK VAN DER PLAS, M. A. COMRIE, FIFE.

(EDITOR'S NOTE)

I feel I must point out here and in all fairness to Jenny, that she was badly misquoted by the Manchester Evening News, whereby the statements she made in reference to Stanton Friedman were taken strongly out of context. Sadly, the upshot is, that Mr Friedman has taken out a law suit and is apparently suing Jenny for several thousand pounds. All this just for some badly misquoted remarks in a local British Newspaper.

Even in the U.S. strong voices are being heard in regards to Mr Friedman's research but do they get sued? do they heck as like. Its a sad state of affairs when UFOlogy is seen to suffer like this. If you can't stand the heat Stanton, then don't go near the fire. Free speech is supposedly OK in the U.K., and I think you should have checked if the Manchester Evening News story was factual. Misquotes are sometimes the norm in 'any' country and you should have given some thought to this. Frankly I'm disappointed in you, I couldn't give an E.T.'s wand if you sue me as well.

DEAR EDITOR.

May I belatedly express my concurrence with Spiritualist Michael Roll on many points contained in his article which appeared in the first issue of ENIGMAS, especially his castigation of the establishment/Priesthood nepotistic cabal which throughout recorded history has sought to retain power and dominance over the masses by censoring the truth through political and theological brainwashing.

However, two wrongs don't make a right, and its equally wrong for Mr Roll to brainwash us all into believing that he is the sole custodian of the truth by issuing statements like, "all the doctrines and dogmas of Christianity are fictional, and the Bible is no more the word of God than any other book". Support for these views it would seem are forthcoming from the Clergy itself, ie, the Bishop of Durham, (quote), "The resurrection of Jesus was spiritual, not physical, how the heck does the Bishop know this? is he privy to some esoteric insight denied to the rest of us?"

What about the Lord's walk to Emmaus: Luke 24, 13-35, and his eating with the disciples, were the disciples all gifted psychics capable of discerning a spirit entity, a meat eating one at that? Not content with rubbishing the Lord's resurrection, our friend Roll then goes on to do the same with the divinity of Jesus, ie, the Virgin Birth. At the risk of being labeled a religious fanatic, may I point out that Isaiah prophesied that Jesus would have a Virgin Birth (740 years before it happened Isaiah 7-14). The rejection of these scriptures amount to nothing less than doctrinal apostasy by some sections of the cloth, and although welcomed by Michael Roll, are nevertheless considered by many believers as a despicable compromise of one's beliefs. At the best, or complete capitulation to the Satanic forces in this world, at the worst by watering down the scriptures in order to appease sceptical congregations. Angels have

also been victims of the cut backs, sorry about that Edgar Cayce. It doesn't require much imagination, for me at least, to see a possible similarity between the virgin birth and say implantations in humans by space aliens, surrogate motherhood or embryonic research, one has to remember that with God, "all things are possible". He then goes on to blame Bible believers for the holocaust, what rubbish. For a start, the Old Testament is Jewish scripture, so if the Christians were so anti-semitic as is implied, (not with-standing the anger felt at Jesus's crucifixion by Jews), why would they slavishly base their lives on a Jewish Bible or for that matter, a Jewish Jesus in the first place? No, I'm afraid that it was a hung up Adolf Hitler who exploited the deprivation suffered by the German masses at the hands of the capitalists and did so by using nationalism as a vehicle then once having seduced and captured the peoples minds and souls, proclaimed the anti-semitic edict, (prompted by his own exploitation at the behest of Jews), and the rest is history.

My personal belief is that the Bible by and large is a fairly true account, tho not complete account of God's word despite the translation errors and omissions of which there are many, eg, books alluded to, but absent from its covers. Haven't we all the gift of freedom agency? aren't we all subject to the buffetings of Satan? including those mortals who would record scriptures? Are we not exhorted to "seek and ye shall find"? or do we want the truth cut and dried in a zombie like fashion, uncontentious, how boring.

Tolerance and open-mindedness are surely the proper credentials for the journey in search of truth, and to travel lightly by dumping the heavy luggage of the sectarian and narrow minded bigotry which characterises so many religious fanatics of every ilk with the same undesirable results. Having said that, there are many of Mr Roll's attitudes with which I sympathise and indeed agree, especially in relation to Christendom and Priestcraft in particular, however, these reservations should not necessarily lead to rejection of the divine nature of Christ's entry to, and departure from this world. To do so would be tantamount to throwing out the Christ baby with the Church dirty bath water. So watch it Michael, remember the old hymn, 'When the Roll is called up yonder'.

ALEXANDER JAMIESON, KILBIRNIE, Ayrshire.

## FAMOUS QUOTES.

Unidentified Flying Objects are not the business of the Air Force. It is my inclination right now to recommend that the Government get out of this business. My attitude right now is that there is 'nothing in it', but I'm not supposed to reach a conclusion for another year.

Dr Edward U. Condon, Head Of Project Blue Book. (What an attitude?)

The only thing we know with tolerable certainty about the UFOs, is that they possess a surface which can be seen by the eye, and at the same time throws back a radar echo. We do not know whether they are manned machines or a species of living creature.

Dr Carl G. Jung.

# A CINEMA GHOST by frank m<sup>c</sup>kay

One Monday morning in February 1951, while working as a cinema projectionist in my home town of Dundee, my manager asked me to go to another cinema in the circuit to 'make up the programme' as the chief projectionist of that theatre who was due to return that day from an out of town holiday, had been unavoidably detained by severe snow storms and could not arrive at the theatre until later that day.

'Making up the programme' in cinema terms means removing the films from their transit cases and cans, winding them on to spools and having them in order for showing. This operation can take up most of a morning's work on a 'programme day', as each reel of film has to be checked so that it is fit and safe for projection. This is accomplished by rewinding the film so that it passes through the fingers of the checker to enable him to feel for breaks in the film which he will mend, and also to check splices already in the film to ensure that they are still secure and properly made. As an average film programme can consist of about 14,000 feet of film, or more, a conscientious projectionist can spend quite a lot of time 'making up a programme'

I was thus occupied when the theatre manager Mr R, visited me in the rewind room of the upstairs projection booth to enquire as to how I was progressing. I gave him a favourable report and intimated that I should be finished by about 12.30pm; the time then was 11.00am. Mr R, took his leave of me, stating that he was going to the head office in town and would not be returning to the cinema until opening time.



About half an hour later, Mrs L, a cleaner, came to tell me that she and the other cleaning ladies were going away. She stated that all the theatre doors were locked and secured, and that I was to leave through the small rear door of the cleaners room, which had a self locking yale lock, this was the same door through which she and her colleagues would make their exit. Thus at 11.35am I was alone in the empty theatre. I had noticed during the respective visits of both Mr R and Mrs L, that I had clearly heard their footsteps on the wooden stairway leading up to the projection booth, also the sounds of the springloaded door at the top of

the stairway as it slammed loudly on both arrivals and departures. At 11.50am I heard footsteps coming up the wooden stairway, then I heard the door open then slam shut. The distance between the door and the rewind room, where I was working was about twenty feet. Distinctly I heard footsteps coming at a brisk pace towards the rewind room. At that precise moment in time I was too busy making a splice in the film to look in the direction of the approaching visitor. Somehow I assumed that it was Mr R returning early for some reason.

"Be with you in a moment Peter" I said, as I continued with my splicing operation. There was no reply from the visitor, which I remember thinking somewhat out of character for the usually cheery Mr R. However, within seconds I felt the presence of a person, somewhat winded and breathing heavily, come to a halt immediately behind me. I also sensed that this person was about the same height and stature as Mr R. Having completed my splicing task I turned to face my visitor.

"Well Peter?" I began, then stopped short, in surprise. For there was no one to be seen. To state that I was surprised was fully justified by the obvious fact that in my immediate view there was no place for anyone to hide. Cheery in personality as Mr R was, he was not the type to attempt to play practical jokes. In any case no mortal attempting such a thing could have escaped from my viewpoint so rapidly; it was not humanly possible to do so. Up until that precise moment I had been led to believe by the sounds I had clearly heard and my natural sense of awareness, that a physical being had entered the projection booth, only when I had turned to view the visitor was I to realise that it was not a physical being.

In truth I now declare that never for a second did I sense anything beyond surprise and astonishment during this odd experience. I did not feel afraid, possibly because my 'visitor' had given me no cause for alarm. If it had been a ghost (and I can think of no other category to properly describe it), it had manifested its presence upon me so naturally that I had happily accepted its entrance as I would any mortal visitor. Only when I had turned my eyes to behold it had it vanished, as in the traditional manner of ghostly visitants.

Barely seconds had elapsed by the time I recovered from the initial surprise of my 'visitor's' abrupt disappearance and my bestirring myself to check the projection booth for any hidden prankster. In fact, as I set myself to this action I was perfectly alert to the fact that I had heard no further sounds of footsteps

or door slams to indicate any retreating visitor's departure. In fact, I will go as far as to swear, on oath, if need be, that as soon as my eyes met the space where the visitor would have been, behind me in the doorway of the small rewind room, the presence itself had vanished, for no longer was I aware of sensing it there, or anywhere else for that matter.

Dutifully I searched the entire premises of the theatre, checking all the doors and windows with negative results, as the police say? After about fifteen minutes I returned to the rewind room to finish my morning's work, convinced in my mind, and somewhat happy in the thought that I had a visitation from some supernatural being. As an openminded person who has long chosen to believe in God, a belief which must accept the world of the supernatural if it is to merit purpose, I was indeed very pleased with my unusual experience that morning.

About a week or so later I recounted my experience to Mr R. much to my surprise he accepted my story without a qualm or even a hint of scepticism. In fact, he admitted experiencing similar strange visitations in his office at the theatre usually in the evenings during business hours. Again the visitant was an unseen presence, heralded by sounds, natural sounds, but vanishing completely just prior to human gaze. Mr R, who had apparently kept the knowledge of these manifestations to himself, admitted his delight in hearing my revelation. "Now I know that I'm not going off my chump" he declared, "It must be a spook after all, seeing you experienced it too".

The cinema in question was an old building, even in 1951. Formerly a variety theatre, possibly dating back to the 1920's, but with no known history as far as I could learn, of being haunted. As a point of interest, the main feature film that I was working on while 'making up the programme' that morning, and which title I wish to keep secret, did, I will confess, deal with the subject of ghosts. But you must accept my word that in no way did this influence me, or effect my imagination. What I experienced actually happened. In no way will I deny that.

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« famous quotes. »

The material world and our physical bodies are not the solid matter we think we see and touch. All matter, the chair you sit on, the building in which you find yourself at this moment, the "solid" foundation on which the building rests, consist almost entirely of empty space. That is why your vision can pass through "solid" glass several inches thick. That is why hundreds of radio and T.V. signals carrying speech, music, and pictures are at this moment travelling right through the "solid" walls of your room and your "solid" body.

Only if you can comprehend the above concept can you begin to realise that it is possible to have two or more things occupying the SAME SPACE at the SAME TIME. Your physical body is being experienced in our common everyday three-dimensional world of space and time. Your mind and soul are living in another space-time system which interpenetrates your physical body and occupies substantially the same space as your physical body. Hence the "next world" is one in which your mind and soul will CONTINUE TO LIVE when you shed your worn out physical body, you will be aware of the surroundings in which your mind and soul are living, 'The Astral Planes'.

George Meek, The Founder Of Spiricom.

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The technologist who says "these things cannot be so because my instruments do not show them to be so", invites the answer, then build a better instrument. No true scientist would be guilty of such arrogance, because he or she is always searching for a better understanding of ourselves and the cosmos.

Only the bigoted believe that they per se, know it all. The open minded realise that we know practically nothing.

Michael Bentine.

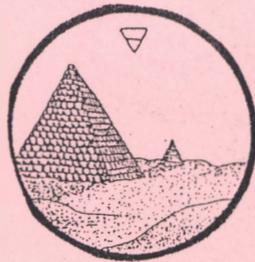
More scientific discoveries have been made in the last 100 years than in the whole history of mankind put together. Something that seems outrageous to one generation, becomes perfectly natural to the following generations. All the thoughts and conclusions of our ancestors are only of academic interest to us now.

Professor Archie Roy, Glasgow Uni.

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# news desk

■ JEAN SMITH. Due to the extra coverage given to the Gulf Breeze hoax ? and SPI's research at Loch Morar, we have unfortunately had to omit our concluding part of our article on the Jean Smith case, this however, will be featured in our next issue. ■ UFO CONGRESS 1991. The next big UFO event in the U.K. will take place at the Central Library Sheffield on the 16/17/18th of August 1991. This is a BUFORA event, so make a date NOW. More details when known.

OGOPOGO ? Nessie's Canadian cousin fondly called Opopogo, has been in the news again according to the Daily Star of July 23rd. This 50ft snake like beast was spotted TWICE in one week in Lake Okanagan. The Japs (who else ?) are taking a keen interest in this creature and intend to spend thousands of pounds on equipment to find out if there really is something in this Lake. Good luck chaps. ■ ALSO IN 'THE NEWS.

According to the Sun of July 24th, fairground fortune tellers are correct when they claim that they can see 'long life' (no not the alcohol version ?) in the hands of their clients. Apparently doctors examined 100 corpses (without their permission ? oops) and found that the hands "life-line" REALLY IS linked to the age people live to. I quote "The hands of 63 men and 37 women were checked and the doctors discovered a "strong statistical correlation, particularly for the right hand, and age at death. If our findings are real and not merely chance they would appear to support traditional beliefs", unquote. ■ SUBSCRIPTION DUE

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■ 2 STRANGE CIRCLES IN BLAIRGOWRIE. 2 circles, one 70 feet in diameter, and the other half that size, have appeared in a field near Ardblair Castle Blairgowrie Scotland. They turned up in grass roughly three feet in height and conformed

to the usual patterns of other British circles, ie, the grass was flattened with the stalks forming a spiral pattern outwardly. Professor Archie Roy is looking into this. I favour a hoax myself probably owing to the media's knowledge from T.V. that other circles have been hoaxed. A prize of £5,000 has been announced for the first person who can provide a satisfactory explanation to account for them. My theory is that it is Lord Lucan riding around on Shergar looking for a whirlwind. Seriously though, I haven't a clue, for not all these circles can be hoaxed.

■ A GLASGOW SATANIST. A name I've been familiar with but of whom I've never met, Henderson Lynn, has apparently been carrying out psychic experiments with kids as young as 4. Lynn, 60, conducts experiments around a goat's skull and other Occult artefacts at his Glasgow flat in Pollokshaws Road. This practice is very worrying to me, and I totally condemn it. Children as young as this are not in a position to judge for themselves if this is a everyday part of life activity, they may well think it is. They are so susceptible into believing what their elders tell them. Thankfully The Scottish Sunday Mail exposed this man, and that may have put to rest these foolish practices. ■ APOLOGIES. The Editor would like to apologise for the lateness of this issue, this has been due to various SPI commitments and not me being abducted as some suggested in some quarters ?

