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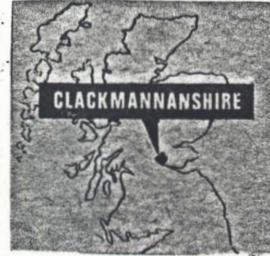
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EDITORIAL COMMENT.

(WHAT PRICE TO UFOLOGY ?)

As we come to the close of another year, I'm afraid that the walls that bar the way to uncovering the UFO mystery, and the many other mysteries which still as yet elude us, still tower above us, and there isn't any sign of it crumbling down 'yet'. But perseverance is the key, and as long as researchers still have that grim determination, then it can only be a matter of time before we see some light at the end of the tunnel. Answers very rarely come by themselves, we have to look for them, and as long as we are looking at the phenomenon in the correct manner, and are asking the witnesses the correct questions? then results cannot be that far away. What I would like to see more than anything else in 1989, is harmony between UFO groups. It does UFOlogy no good what-so-ever, to have this pitiful situation which we have between a few English UFO groups, and of which much good space was used to 'slag' one another off in each of their own publications. This is not the place to go into who is right or wrong, that to me is irrelevant. What is relevant, is that British UFOlogy gets back on the right track and assist one another in harmony, to hopefully solve the UFO riddle. This of course may be easier said than done, owing to what happened during 1988. Perhaps an independent 'peacemaker' is required to hold a meeting between the groups and get it all sorted out, (a Henry Kissinger of UFOlogy) We are all surely working for the same aims rivalry should not come into it. It is my desired hope, that in 1989 the differences between the Yorkshire UFO Society, (YUFOS) and the Independent UFO Network, (IUN) and The British Unidentified Flying Object Research Association, (BUFORA), resolve themselves, and that they may work in



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harmony, either side by side, or independently sharing a common purpose which is the slogan of SPI, "We must seek to answer, that which at present eludes us". For the sake of UFOlogy, 'let's get our act together'.

THE STATE OF THE CART.

BY PETER HOUGH.

(Peter is chairman of MUFORA, The Manchester UFO Research Association, and is also a prolific writer in the paranormal field with many UFO and paranormal articles to his credit. His new book, co-authored by Jenny Randles, "Death By Supernatural Causes", is at present in the bookshops and well worth a look).

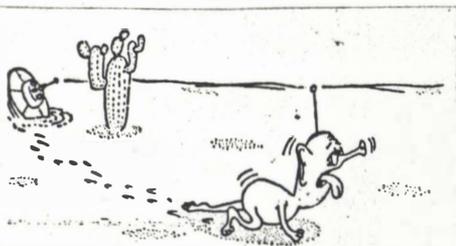
It is a fact of life that claimants of paranormal phenomena are judged guilty until proved innocent of either fraud, misperception, or madness. This puts a lot of pressure on a witness to keep his or her mouth shut, and because of it, no doubt, a lot of cases go unreported. But it is an unreasonable attitude which demands some sort of objective 'proof'



that a witness is not just out to get their name in the newspapers, that their perceptions are not warped by wish-fulfillment, or they are not suffering from more serious mental aberrations ?

If we are to pursue the idea that para-normal experiences are something other than internal 'hallucinations' then we must look for objective, exterior evidence before putting an exotic interpretation on what is otherwise just volumes of anecdotes. Nothing illustrates this more obviously than the current boom in reported 'abduction' cases. Most American UFOlogists insist on putting the cart before the horses by asserting that extraterrestrial aliens are visiting the Earth in nuts-and-bolts space ships to kidnap humans for mental and physical testing, even genetic experimentation. Surely it would be more prudent to let the horses lead the cart to it's eventual destination before guessing the nature of it's hidden cargo? To my knowledge, no independent witness has ever come forward to claim they saw 'Joe Bloggs' (or Joe McBloggs as the case may be) abducted, or even released from a UFO. Surely some abductions should have been observed, especially as many CE4s take place just yards from busy roads where people are allegedly taken from their cars. Not only are people never seen abducted, but no one has ever come forward, or reported to the police, that they have passed an empty vehicle 'abandoned' in the middle of the road.

It is true that occasionally 'ground traces



Ammonia! Ammonia!

(Credit: UFO-NYT)

are afterwards discovered, and sometimes other people in the area of an abduction report seeing a 'funny light'. But

these elements usually end up being ambiguous at best. Whitley Strieber told me several months after 'Communion' had become a best seller in the USA, that over eight hundred people had written to him claiming a similar experience. Obviously abductees are experiencing 'something', but if it is visiting space craft as solid as harrier jets, then someone else, another motorist, a rambler, gamekeeper, 'someone' should see it happen. Strieber admitted to me that his wife has never seen him abducted, even though she was in the same room many times when it has happened. She has however, awoken in the night to find him 'gone'. I recently Investigated a

case near Sheffield. The witness claims he left Stocksbridge at 9.25pm after visiting a relative's house. On the way home to Manchester, he saw some strange 'oblongs' of light in a pine forest. He stopped for a minute or two then drove off. He arrived home at 11.10pm at least an hour later than he should have done. All the indications are of an abduction, and I am certain that the man is sincere. He also claims other psychic experiences, and I wonder that although sincere, he may also be deluded. Efforts to persuade him to see a clinical psychologist to assess his personality, and then perhaps, conduct hypnotic regression, have so far failed. But is there any objective evidence for the lights and time lapse? Forestry workers have found no unusual damage in the forest, no one else has reported anything, and so far, it has been difficult to 'prove' that there was any missing time. Although the percipients wife can confirm the time of his arrival, his relatives are unable to say what time he left their house, other than, it was 'late'. If the man is fantasy prone, then any abduction memory retrieved through hypnosis could just be self generated. Malcolm Robinson and I have recently been looking into another UFO case where the witness also claims psychic experiences, including a time-lapse on a train? Audrey Hunter, initially contacted me after reading my UFO series earlier this year in 'Celebrity' magazine. She claims to have observed a UFO with occupants just after mid day in Perth. There were 'Oz Factor' effects, and apparently no one else observed the 'machine'. I corresponded with the lady, and she has no qualms in providing me with information regarding her other strange experiences. These included a bizarre train journey from Dundee to Edinburgh where several hours were apparently unaccounted for. Malcolm visited Audrey and made a detailed report. Her claims make fascinating reading, and I agree with Malcolm that she is sincere. But my attempts to determine even the date and whether anyone saw her off from the station who could verify the time of departure, and then someone who could verify the time of arrival, have met with a stoney silence, (This information is now being obtained, and SPI and Peter Hough hope that it can shed some further light on the claims of Audrey Hunter, Ed). Let's not put the cart before the horses, Let us instead ask those searching questions no matter how unpalatable the answers may turn out to be...

SCIENTIFIC PROOF OF SURVIVAL AFTER DEATH.

BY MICHAEL ROLL.

(Michael who lives in Bristol, is a physical researcher and has been featured on TV and radio a number of times. He is also the author of, "The Physicists' and Rationalists' case for Survival After the Death of our Physical Bodies!" Of which he has given permission for SPI to publish in our Newsletter).



MICHAEL ROLL.

(PART ONE).

At long last we now have the elusive, mathematical, cast-iron, scientific proof that reality also exists beyond our puny physical senses. This means that we have the scientific proof that we all survive the death of our physical bodies, and that if we have behaved ourselves

During our short stay on Earth, then we are immediately reunited with our 'dead' loved ones who have gone before us, including our pets. All the work and conclusions of Sir William Crookes and Sir Oliver Lodge, at the beginning of this century, have been completely vindicated by modern scientific discoveries. Crookes and Lodge were the early pioneers of nuclear physics. Two of the greatest scientists that Great Britain has ever produced, but hardly anybody has ever heard of them. This is because they dared to tell the truth, and agree with Pythagoras and Socrates that there is indeed a vast Universe that is beyond our physical senses, and the exciting thing is that this Universe is teeming with life. It is the Universe that we all come from and return to. Because their conclusions upset established opinion, they have been the subject of many vicious attacks over the years. So successful was the destruction of Crookes and Lodge, together with their vital research, that even today these two great scientists are still known as "the cranks".

In their era only two sub-atomic particles had been discovered; the positive proton and the negative electron. The vital neutral neutron was not discovered until 1932. In 1985 we now have over a 100 sub-atomic particles, some, 'out of this world' Particles are now being discovered that defy our previously known laws of physics. They have mass but still pass effortlessly through physical matter. They are called

neutrinos and neutrino-type particles. Thanks to these staggering discoveries, we can now do away with the word supernatural once and for all. Nothing is above the laws of nature. If something happens, then it must come within these laws. For something that we do not understand, there will always be a rational scientific explanation sooner or later. Things that seem to be completely outrageous to one generation so often become perfectly natural and normal to following generations. It is all a question of gaining knowledge. Science is only the Latin word for knowledge, and philosophy the Greek word.

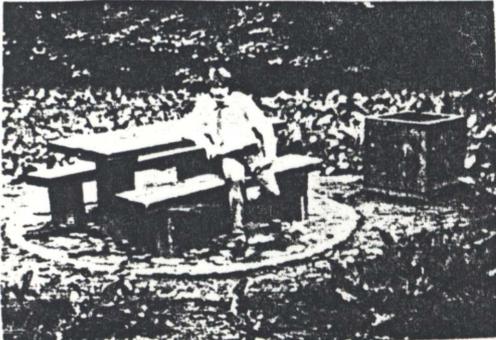
As Crookes and Lodge did not have the sophisticated equipment that is now available to our modern nuclear physicists, they made the unforgivable 'mistake' of actually daring to make a very careful scientific investigation of psychic phenomena, which we now know is a legitimate branch of nuclear physics, called sub-atomic phenomena. At last we have a rational explanation to the perfectly reasonable question: "All right, if what you say is true and the medium, Doris Stokes, (now deceased herself Ed), is actually speaking to our 'dead' loved ones, where are they? They are now living in a parallel universe that is made up of finer, or faster, vibrating, sub-atomic particles than our familiar physical universe. This vast unseen and normally unsensed universe simply interpenetrates our 'heavy' slower vibrating, physical universe.

The great strength of the deadly enemies of Crookes and Lodge is that they are banking on the fact that hardly anybody understands even basic nuclear physics. Its not too difficult really. The whole of our physical universe, from the Sun to our bodies, to the air we breathe, consists of just 3 basic sub-atomic particles; they make up everything- the proton, neutron, and electron. These are the building blocks of our physical universe. The American astronomer, Carl Sagan, made this very clear, in layman's language, in his TV series, 'Cosmos'. All that the modern nuclear physicists have done is to discover the building blocks of a parallel universe that is just as solid and as natural to its inhabitants as ours is to us. (TO BE CONTINUED).

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WHAT A YEAR THAT WAS. ?

BIGGEST RED NECK: Spending over an hour with David Kelly and Philip Mantle of the IUN, (Independant UFO Network) England,



THE LIVINGSTON UFO LANDING SPOT NOW. PHOTO MAY 1988.

also Frank McKay of SPI trying to locate the scene of the Livingston UFO Incident, after informing them, "I'll find it

no problem". I did eventually.
COMMENT OF THE YEAR: Was by UFO sceptic and researcher, Steuart Campbell of Edinburgh when he wrote to me and said, "I would not wish to appear in your half baked newsletter". (Thank you Steuart, your so kind Ed). PRAISE OF THE YEAR. SPI and its newsletter, received much praise during 1988, but the nicest comment came from Welsh author and researcher Paul Devereux when he wrote to me and said, "It is people like you who keep the wheels of original thought and research turning, all power to you and the newsletter". BEST BRITISH UFO BOOK OF 88. It would have to be Timothy Good's excellent book 'Above Top Secret' which concerns the World wide UFO cover up. Published by Sidwick & Jackson. This in my view, narrowly pipped Jenny Randles thought provoking book, 'Abduction' which was published by, Guild Publishing.
DISAPPOINTMENT OF THE YEAR. It would have to be the Alloa Christian Spiritualist Church for knocking back an excellent proposal from SPI in regards to making money for the ITV 'TELETHON' charity appeal. SPI suggested that good mediums come to Alloa and demonstrate 'Clairvoyance' for a public donation of their choice which would go to the 'TELETHON' appeal. Not only would this enhance Spiritualism, as it would blow away the misconceptions that some people have of it, but it would benefit the 'TELETHON' charity as well. Not so, said Alloa Church. They did however, donate that night's takings to the charity which was 'something' I suppose.

STRANGE PHENOMENA INVESTIGATIONS



SPI HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR:

Our lecture programme proved quite successful, particularly the Charles Heath 'Witchcraft' lecture, also Philip Mantle's 'Barnsley UFO Photographs' lecture, and also Professor Archie Roy's, 'Paranormal' lecture.

Steuart Campbell's 'Star' lecture explanation for the Livingston UFO case, was not received too



ANDREW DAVIE WITH MALCOLM ROBINSON.

favourably, and the Andrew Davie lecture was quite technical. (What happened to his AIDS antidote? See April newsletter) Our club treasurer, Ron Halliday, was



RON HALLIDAY.

featured on BBC Radio Scotland in which he discussed with presenter Jimmy Mack, his booklet 'Mysteries Of The Scottish Landscape' Available from SPI priced 75p. Then President, now Chairman, Malcolm Robinson, lectured at a 2 day psychic festival in Stirling, and a one

day psychic festival in Glasgow. (See Sep & Oct newsletters). MOST LOOKED FOR PART OF THE SPI NEWSLETTER: Well according to Ron Halliday and Michael Kemp, it appears to be my spelling mistakes; (Whatever can they mean?) WALLIES OF THE YEAR.

This has got to be the 'SUNDAY SPORT' reporters for their insane UFO and paranormal features. These stories are becoming so ridiculous that thankfully the public realise that they are just a load of old



THE FLYING JAFFA'S OF THE SPORT. codswallop. A B 52 bomber on the Moon indeed. These were just some of the many highlights of 1988, what does 1989 hold?



▽ IN SEARCH OF MAN. ▽
▲ BY LINDY WHITEHURST. ▲

(Lindy lives in Dallas, and is SPI's American UFO consultant).

Until the decade of the 1980 s, there had been little direct or indirect proof of the existence of planets revolving about other stars, certainly no astronomers claimed they were sure of any. On the contrary, many astronomers, biologists, and chemists believed our solar system of planets may be unique; a one-of-a-kind in the entire universe. There was no sound reason to believe planet formation was a natural occurrence when stars formed. And when a UFOlogist speaks of UFOs, it's beneficial to know he is backed up with countless numbers of planets out there from which spaceships may come.

In 1979, NASA's Infra-red Astronomy satellite photographed half a dozen young stars with "dust disks" orbiting them; just the kind of material needed to later evolve planetary systems. The fact they were nearby stars in our "celestial backyard" indicated there may be countless planets in the process of forming throughout the Galaxy if only our instruments were sensitive enough to find the farther ones. Still no fully-formed planets had yet been detected. Meanwhile astronomers were detecting so called, 'brown dwarfs' spheres orbiting other stars which were not much larger than Jupiter, still hotter than any of our planets, but cooler than any known star. They were fringe elements which were borderline between stars and planets, but astronomers decided these were not to be regarded as actual planets; certainly no life could exist on them.

In 1987, Bruce Campbell of the University of Victoria Canada observing a slight wobble in stars orbits probably due to the gravity interaction of orbiting planets, reported 7 sunlike stars which may have actual planets. In August 1988, Campbell reports his group and Swiss researchers cooperated planet data on the star HD 114762 at 90 light years distance and Gamma Cephei at 50 light years. 9 of 18 sunlike stars checked appear to have planets. 10 percent of all stars in our Galaxy are similar to our own Sun, and Campbell's findings suggest half of those have planets. 9 of 18 is a small number to statistically rate the odds. A thousand data points would be much better, but preliminary results are encouraging enough for us to say we probably have many millions of planets in our Milky



way Galaxy, many of which are habitable, and if the thought of millions of planets in a single galaxy isn't mind boggling enough, bear in mind it is an observable fact there are trillions of galaxies. Each year instruments get more sensitive and more suspected planets are found. Right now they're only the large sized ones, but where there are large Jupiters, surely there must be small Earth's. Sleep well UFOlogists, astronomers are on our side, whether they like it or not.



DECEMBER NEWSLETTER: One will have noticed that this is a longer issue than usual. The reason for this is two-fold. Firstly, this issue is our first birthday of the Newsletter, (a year old this month). Secondly from this month on, we felt that a change was due to our Newsletter, and so from January 89 the Newsletter will comprise of a standard 6 pages which will contain all our regular features and items. SPECIAL THANKS: Go to Frank McKay who designed our new front cover and to Tam O Neil for the inside 'Newsletter Logo'. Our thanks also go out to the people who lectured to SPI and the public this year, and to the individuals who sent in articles for our Newsletter, we thank you, it was much appreciated. NEXT SPI MEETING: This will be held in the Kingsgate Hotel in Stirling on Monday the 19th of December at 7.15pm. The subject under discussion will be an SPI psychometry 'pilot project' Do attend if possible. FOR SALE: Two recent SPI cases are typed up and ready for sale, they are, (a) "Strange Experiences Of Audrey Hunter" which details an Edinburgh woman's paranormal and UFO experiences, £1.50 (inc P&P) (b) "Strange Events At Glenbervie Drive Larbert" (see SPI photo) research into a haunted house £1.20 (inc P&P) FINALLY: May I take this opportunity in wishing all our readers a merry xmas & New Year. May you, like I remember hardly anything about it. See you in January.

Strange Phenomena Investigations IN THE NEWS.

Your good ghoul guide to Scotland

     Inveraray Castle, Argyll: Deserves top marks after the Duke's account. The Green Library has long been credited with a ghost, a vision has often been observed at the time of a Duke's demise and a spirit was sighted by the River Aray.

     Glamis Castle, Angus: On the outside of the Castle crypt you can see a blocked-up window but inside there's no trace of it. Legend says Lord Glamis drinks and plays cards with the devil to this day in a secret room.

    Fyvie Castle, Aberdeenshire: Thomas the Rhymer is said to have laid the curse of the weeping stones here.

Thomas was greatly respected and all doors had to be open to him. When he arrived at Fyvie, a gust of wind slammed them shut and he took out his anger on the occupants and their descendants.

   Alhambra Bingo Hall, Dunfermline, Fife: A painter working on scaffolding 40 feet up in the former theatre said someone had sat down beside him. There was no-one there.

Assistant manager Michael Davison also reported seeing a blurred apparition of a woman floating up from the stalls after one session.



Ghostbusters Are Hot On Big Foot's Trail!

SCOTLAND'S TARTAN-clad team of "Ghostbusters" are set to saddle up and show the whole of America how a ghost should really be bust.

Paranormal Investigations Ltd, led by Larkhall exorcist Tom Robertson, will trek into the wilds of the Catskills to ply their spooky trade.

The team are on the trail of Big Foot, the legendary ghost of a Neanderthal man who is reputed to stalk the American mountains.

For years, locals have tried to capture the beast, said to stand eight feet tall and weigh around 500 pounds.

So keen are the Americans to trap their equivalent of the Loch

Ness Monster, that the mountain villages sell Big Foot hunting kits made up of a net, a gun, and a hammer.

"My team won't need any gimmicks like that," says deadly-serious Tom Robertson.

"If Big Foot is spiritual, it will contact me. Ever since I was a boy, I've had the calling to solve this mystery. This mission will be successful. I can feel it in my bones."

Before the Scots cavalry arrive to rescue their American cousins, who claim Big Foot has kidnapped people, they must first learn how to ride a horse.

"The terrain is just like the North of Scotland, and we will

have to do a lot of mountain trekking," said Tom.

"It will be tough, but my young team are fit and ready to go."

Big Foot has reputedly been spotted over 100 times around the Washington area and that's where the Scottish ghostbusters will be heading first.

A number of companies, including mountaineering equipment firms, have expressed interest in sponsoring the team.

But sponsored or not, king spook-hunter Tom, and his tartan-clad band are determined to solve the Big Foot mystery once and for all.

LEGEND STONE?

Sunday Mail - March 29 1987

A SCOTS investigator claims he's found the famous stone that held King Arthur's sword.

And Tom Robertson, a "psychic detective" from Lanarkshire says his find will help prove the legendary King of the Round Table was Scottish.

Tom, of Millridge Farm House, Carnwath, says he found the stone between Broughton and Stobo after several years of searching.

"I've now got a fair idea where Merlin was buried, and I should be able to locate King Arthur's sword, Excalibur," he said.



Ghostbusters

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According To Greensburg Group

UFO Sightings, Other Strange Events Noted

Reports of UFO sightings and other strange occurrences numbered several hundred for 1987 for a Greensburg based group which investigates such phenomena.

Pennsylvania Association for the Study of the Unexplained (PASU) reported that such incidents occurred in 22 counties in the state, including a number in Westmoreland's Greensburg, Derry and Latrobe areas.

"From January through July, a number of different people reported seeing Bigfoot," PASU's year-end wrap-up stated. The creature was described as standing from seven to nine feet tall, with long dark hair, no neck, long arms hanging below the knees, and sometimes with a strong rotten egg smell.

PASU stated that "animals showed unusual reactions to the presence of the creature, something which has shown up many times over the years. Many of the Bigfoot sightings occurred along the Chestnut Ridge area from Latrobe to New Derry. Bigfoot sightings are reported yearly in Pennsylvania."

"UFO sightings of an unexplained nature were sporadically reported since the start of the year," the report continued. "But with the start of August, a major wave of unexplained UFO activity began, and this wave of sightings involved very large structured objects seen close to the ground."

"In some cases, physical evidence or physiological effects were also reported by the nearby

observers. On August 8 near Tylersburg in Clarion County, two people watched as a rod shaped object that was flashing like arc welding rose slowly up from the ground about 150 feet away.

"The object physically began to change form into a 20-foot diameter orange egg-shaped object with multiple lights around it. The object moved very low over the top of the trees, then moved over an open field where it hovered, before ascending straight up into the sky and disappearing in a matter of seconds."

A Sept. 3 sighting was reported at Greengate Mall, Hempfield Township, when four witnesses, including police officers, watched what was estimated as a 300 foot long metallic cigar-shaped object with multiple lights.

The object was said to move from the west over high tension power lines towards a wooded area behind an apartment complex along Route 30. It was reported to move slowly horizontally, then turned to a vertical position before going out of sight behind trees.

"A short time later it was seen again, but horizontal," the report stated. "At the same time the object was in this vicinity and close to the nearby power substation. The power in the local area went on and off for several seconds."

Another report included that of a 40-year-old woman from South Greensburg, who said she saw an unusual flying object at 9:15 p.m. Sept. 25. As she was taking out the garbage, she reported that the

whole area around her turned to daylight.

She looked up and saw a black circular object, about 40 feet in diameter, with bright individual white lights turning clockwise and flashing like a strobe light around its edges.

She said she was not able to move or call out while being "held in the light from the object" which was about 50 feet above her. When her mother came out to see where she was she saw the object.

It turned on edge, slowly moved over a tree towards the east. After the sighting, both women reported experiencing severe headaches, and one woman had other medical problems which may be caused by microwave exposure, an occurrence that has been reported in other close encounters with UFOs. This woman had been a skeptic until that experience.

PASU is composed of research specialists, including scientists, medical doctors, engineers and technicians. The group was founded in 1981 by Stan Gordon, a Greensburg electronics technician who has been investigating unexplained incidents for over 28 years.

Gordon, who has never seen a UFO, but has investigated thousands of reports, says that some UFO cases reported by responsible observers "and having associated physical evidence, can't be easily dismissed and deserve serious study to find out what these sightings might represent."

Most sightings reported to PASU are found to be explainable when investigated. The majority of the sightings reported in 1987 were alleged UFO observations, although reported viewings of Bigfoot, mountain lions and other strange animals occurred, as well as unusual underground rumblings, fireballs, unexplained sounds, disappearances and unusual killings of farm animals, and giant footprints found in the ground.

PASU keeps a statewide historical file on these events. Unexplained cases are passed on to other reliable research organizations for comparative study.

Identities of witnesses are kept confidential, which is done to encourage those who have such encounters to report the incident without fear of ridicule. Important current cases are passed on to other researchers throughout the country via a computer network. Statewide cases are filed in a computer program to provide easy access for research purposes.

In cases where physical evidence is found, samples are taken for further study. Field investigators and the PRT (Phenomena Response Team) will respond to an important case at any hour, to assist in obtaining physical evidence associated with the cases.

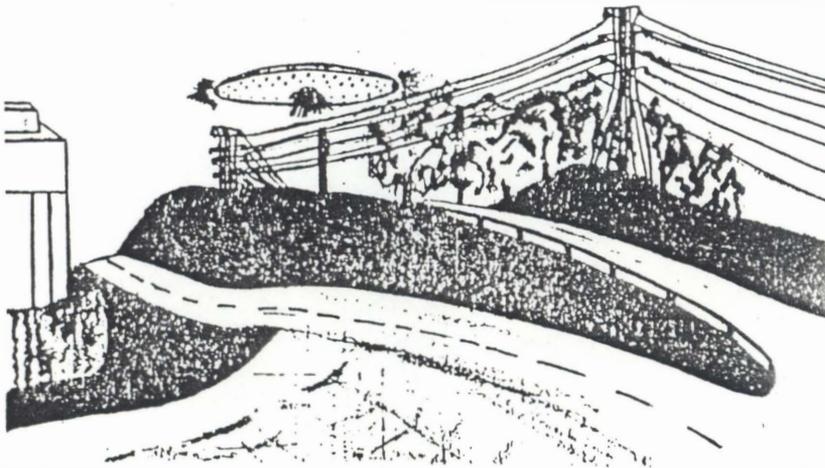
To obtain information on PASU or to report a strange occurrence, call 838-7768 or write to Gordon, director, at 6 Oakhill Ave., Greensburg.

PASU officers for 1988 are Stan Gordon, director of operations; Steve Pelles, assistant director; and George E. Lutz, director of information.

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Sketch By Bob McCurry Shows UFO Near Greengate

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So you're a skeptic: But lecturer says UFO file deserves

By ANNE COLDEN
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WELLFLEET — The abductees, said Budd Hopkins, give strikingly similar descriptions: beings 4 or 5 feet tall, with large heads, oversized eyes, a small nose or mouth and fingers.

And Hopkins' Thursday-night lecture at the Masonic Hall included a tape of a man recalling, under hypnosis, how he was taken by alien intruders — whom he called "the little guys."

An almost visible uneasiness crawled among the 100 or so people in the room as the tape played: an older man with a Midwestern twang in his voice, overcome with fear: "Not again," he cried. "I don't want to. Leave me alone. Get away from me."

Hopkins further enthralled the crowd when he said, "There's at least one person in this room who has been abducted. And I wouldn't be surprised if there were more."

Hopkins is the author of the recent book, "Intruders — The Incredible Visitation at Copley Woods," which

chronicles one woman's account of her abduction by aliens. A painter and sculptor, Hopkins has devoted more and more time in recent years to UFO research. His first book, "Missing Time," also dealt with UFO abductions.

He is a summer resident of Wellfleet, and he says his interest started on Cape Cod, as he sighted a UFO on his way to a party in Provincetown from Truro on one August afternoon in 1964, near Pilgrim Lake and High Head.

"I'm pleased to say I was going to the party," he told his audience. There were two other people in the car with him. "We all said, 'What is that?,' none of us daring to say 'UFO.'"

When all of a sudden the pewter-colored, lens-shaped object took off out of view, "We knew at that time we were seeing something quite extraordinary."

Then, as he put it, "I got curious." He started reading and asking people about UFO sightings and found that while it seemed that many people had seen unexplainable objects, few reported what they saw.

About one-fourth of the audience raised their hands when asked if they had ever seen anything they couldn't explain in the sky. When asked how many reported the object, only two or three raised their hands.

Some people in the crowd nodded as Hopkins spoke. Others cast wary glances at their friends. Hopkins said that when he first started looking into the topic, he was as skeptical as anyone. But countless interviews and letters describing otherwise unexplainable events have, if not changed his mind, have at least kept it open to the possibilities.

There are three ways to approach the incredible accounts of abductions, he said: You can say, "these people are lying." In that approach, he said, people look for a childhood trauma or a mental illness to account for the experience.

Or you can think, "It didn't happen but the person thinks it happened." Or you can believe it. For his own purposes, Hopkins said, "You must proceed as if this really happened."

He writes at the end of "Intruders": "None of us know what the UFO phenomena really is or what its

ultimate purposes may be, but in the absence of answers, we must at least act upon our feelings. In place of the simple-minded ridicule and dismissal so often encountered, we must offer understanding and heartfelt emotional support to these human beings who have endured such profoundly unsettling, unfathomable, truly alien experiences."

Hopkins said abductees have several things in common. One is a "period of missing time" — a couple hours that seem lost, that they can't account for.

The abductions seem to happen to people in the same family, across generations, as chronicled in "Intruders."

Others have scars, either circular gouges taken out of their flesh or straight gashes that don't really bleed or hurt, but are clearly visible.

The abductees have strikingly similar recollections of what the aliens look like — large heads with oversized eyes, a small nose or mouth, and fingers. They are described as 4 or 5 feet tall.

"There's never a sense of malevolence, nor nothing approaching be-

nevolence either," Hopkins said. "They (the aliens) seem to be neutral." That, Hopkins said, is somewhat disappointing to our notions of what aliens should be like.

We have fashioned them as "body snatchers that are going to conquer us," or creatures that have come to cure us of all the ills we can't cure ourselves.

"There's a tremendous human need to interpret extraterrestrial contact as the best or worst thing that ever happened," Hopkins said. Instead, he said, there appears to be a "down-the-middle neutrality. They are using us, taking what they need."

The abductees are made helpless, as if they are the object of someone else's experiment. They report an inability to resist the aliens' pull. Hopkins told how one man, a tall man who towered over the aliens, said, "I was a giant in that room, but I was a baby."

The aliens are apparently interested in our genetic material, and in our reproduction, Hopkins said. He says he knows of 15 cases of women being impregnated by aliens. The women have then been taken back by the

long look

aliens who removed the developing fetus. Abductees have reported being shown fetuses, babies or small children.

Most, but not all, of the abductees' experiences are recollected through hypnosis, Hopkins said. Since it is generally a horrifying experience, victims have tried to bury it, and many don't want to believe it might be true.

"If it's true — and I think it's true," he said, "it's the biggest story of all time."

And, as if what Hopkins had just described wasn't enough to send most minds reeling, he introduced the man who he had previously identified as "the abductee" as "Paul."

An ordinary-looking man in his 30s stood up. The crowd seemed dumbfounded. Here was someone who had supposedly gone through this, in the flesh, right before them. They didn't know what to say.

Someone managed to get out a question about whether attending things like this was helpful. "Yes," Paul replied. "If you talk about it, it's easier to incorporate the experience into the rest of your life."

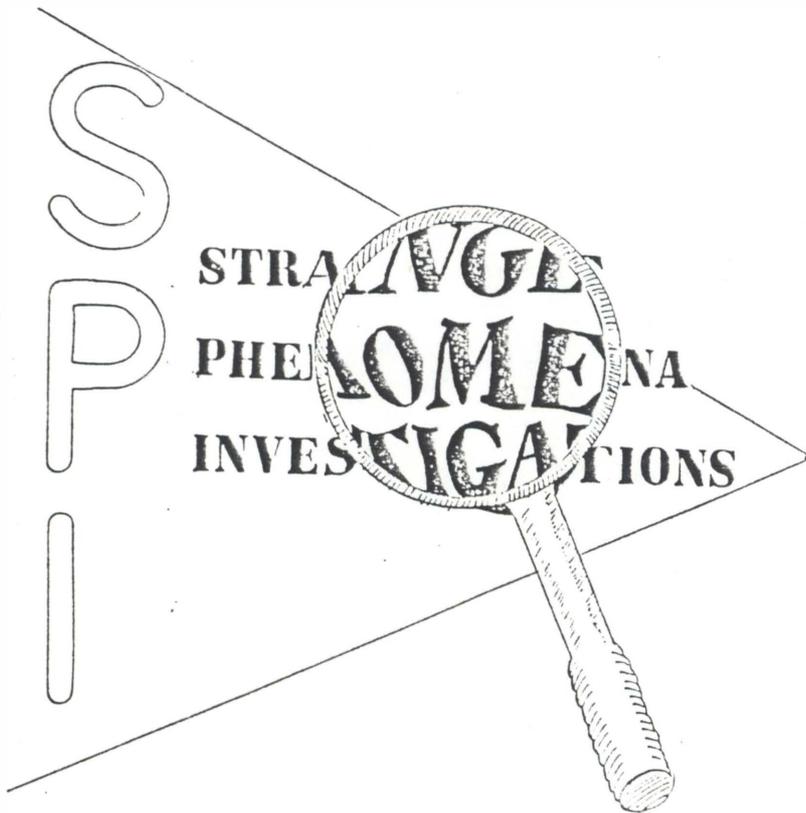
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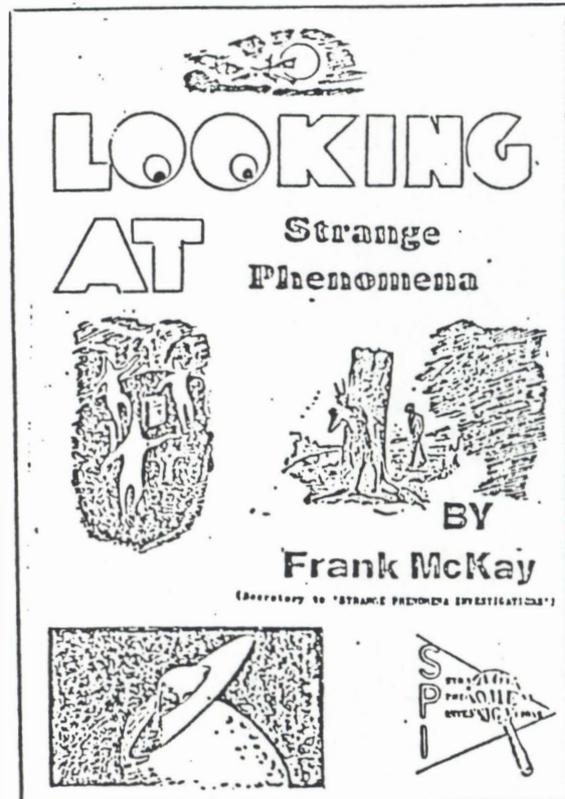
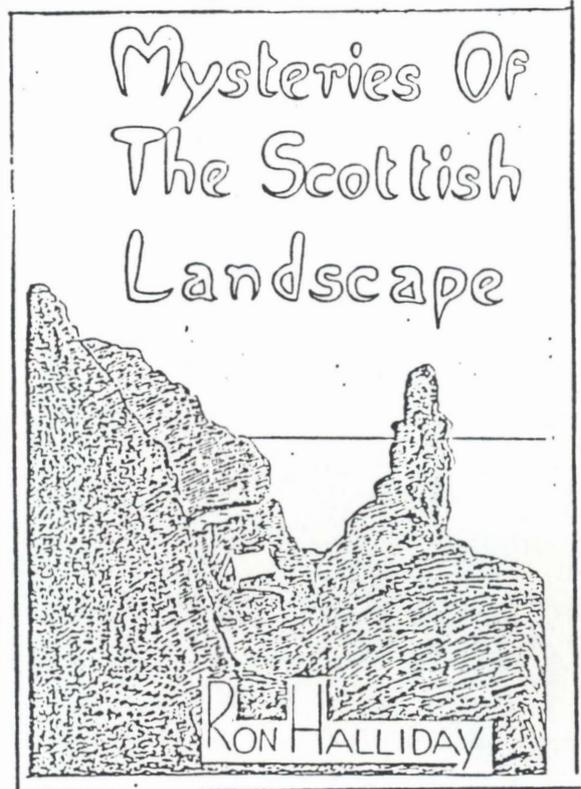
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