

SOUTHAMPTON UFO GROUP NEWSLETTER NO 75

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EDITORIAL.

Well readers, a new year has arrived and so far has seen one or two good things to start 1997 off with a not too big a bang. In December, Ch4 was to screen 'Roswell The Movie' and everyone had their fingers poised on the record buttons on their videos. With only 5 Mins to go, a message came up on the screen stating that the film would not be shown due to contractual problems. Contract problems my foot... Surely, the planners from the Christmas Tv would have sorted the contracts out months prior to the screening. What changed the minds of Ch4 or the films producers to pull the plug with such short notice ? Was it those MIB's turning up at the studios pulling the switch ? What makes it so strange, is that the film has been out on video for months and is available to rent on video from all good video outlets and was available to be bought over the counter at high street stores. This is a strange one, and I think Scully and Mulder should be brought in to investigate it myself ?

January 1997 saw the first episode of Dark Skies on Channel 4 (The plug hasn't been pulled on this one yet) and if you read the press matters section of the newsletters, it was no received too well by the press. My first impressions were ones of 'Oh look, a mixture of the The X-Files, The Invaders and ID4 all thrown into one boiling pot'. I mean to say, the 2 main characters 'Kimberley and John - Pseudonyms for Mulder and Scully', Frank - The Cancer man from X-Files, Kimberley and John are trying to convince others that the aliens are here, 'A bit of the old Invaders', Kimberley and John are completely on their own and John says 'We have the thing they fear the most, the Truth'... A bit like the X-Files 'The Truth is out There'. Kimberley and John are trying to convince the world that the aliens are here 'The Invaders theme'. As for ID4, the might of an alien invasion being fought of by a few to save millions.

I appreciate that the program is more Sci-Fi than reality, and I must admit, the more episodes that I have watched, it is growing on me. With explanations of Roswell as the UFO being shot down, because Trueman would not unconditionally surrender to the aliens, a 'pictogram' being found in Boise, Idaho (Pictograms in the 1960's ?), a congressman with the name of 'Pratt' who was taken over by the aliens and much much more, it stretches the reality of Ufology to the limits and to us long in the tooth Ufologists, the explanations are 'Out of this world'.....

WHAT THE PRESS HAD TO SAY IN AUGUST 1995.

REGIONAL ARTICLES.

- 0.8.95 : Shoreham Herald : Aliens are not such a Corn-y Idea. (Letter).
- 1.8.95 : Dundee Courier Advertiser : Phones red-hot with 'UFO' Sightings.
- 3.8.95 : Chichester Observer : Mystery UFO Spotted.
- 3.8.95 : Oldham Evening Chronicle : UFOs go on Hotline.
- 3.8.95 : Stretford & Urmston Messenger : Is there anybody out there ?

- 3.8.95 : Willenhall Adnews : Soldier sees a Saucer !
- 3.8.95 : West Sussex Gazette : A Strange Late Night Encounter with a UFO.
- 4.8.95 : Dundee Courier & Advertiser : Impossible to be Certain (Letter).
- 4.8.95 : Hemel Hempstead Berkhamsted Tring Express : Lights in Sky Sign of UFO
- 5.8.95 : Gloucestershire Echo : Hotline for UFO Spotters.
- 5.8.95 : Nottingham Evening Post : Alien is 'The Real Thing'.
- 5.8.95 : Scunthorpe Evening Telegraph : MoD 'Puzzled' by Twilight Sighting.
- 7.8.95 : Southend Evening Echo : Police Fly after a UFO.
- 8.8.95 : Bournemouth Evening Echo : 'UFOs' Sighted.
- 8.8.95 : Haverfordwest Western Telegraph : Mystery Lights Return to the UFO
'Triangle'.
- 9.8.95 : Southend Evening Echo : UFO calls Shuttle in.
- 9.8.95 : Redditch Advertiser : UFO 'Was Fireball'.
- 10.8.95 : Harborough Mail : UFO Sighted.
- 10.8.95 : Southend Standard : UFO Sight puts Police on Alert.
- 10.8.95 : Milton Keynes Citizen : They're out of this World.
- 11.8.95 : Hemel Hempstead & Kings Langley Express : They saw the Light too.
- 11.8.95 : Hucknall Dispatch (No Headline).
- 11.8.95 : Southend Echo : Space Aliens Mystery is Worldwide.
- 11.8.95 : Stirling Observer : Malcolm's Words of Wisdom about UFOs.
- 11.8.95 : Aberdeen Evening Telegraph : Mysteries of the Universe Revealed.
- 12.8.95 : Dundee Courier & Advertiser : Councillor's Cosmic Revelations.
- 12.8.95 : Glasgow Evening Times : Alien Coming to Falkirk Town Hall to Reveal
some Secrets of the Universe says Councillor.
- 12.8.95 : Glasgow Herald : Planet Earth is Waiting for the Man in Black.
- 13.8.95 : Glasgow Sunday Mail : Our Pal Zal.
- 15.8.95 : Southend Evening Echo : 'We saw UFO hover for Hours'.
- 15.8.95 : Southend Evening Echo : Answers Please.
- 17.8.95 : Goole Times : UFO over Mill Hill ?
- 17.8.95 : London Standard : By Thunder ! Flying Red Blobs Baffle Scientists.
- 18.8.95 : Glasgow Daily Record : Still in the Dark.
- 18.8.95 : The Scotsman : Dark Secrets of the Universe.
- 18.8.95 : Shields Gazette : Isn't that a UFO ?
- 18.8.95 : The Staines Informer : Could you Explain what this is ?
- 18.8.95 : The Scotsman : Councillor hits back at Ridicule over Alien Story.
- 19.8.95 : Shropshire Star : Are we all being watched by Aliens ?
- 19.8.95 : Weekly World News : Mystery of the Exploding Mountain.
- 19.8.95 : Weekly News : Does 1940s Film show and Alien ?
- 19.8.95 : Dorset Evening Echo : Who saw Mystery Light over Ridgeway ? (Letter).
- 20.8.95 : Birmingham Post : Police Officers Witness UFO's Flight over Walsall.
- 22.8.95 : Northern Echo : (No Headline).
- 23.8.95 : Northern Echo : Boy's Alien Encounter in Ferryhill.
- 23.8.95 : Reading Evening Post : What was that Glow in the Sky ?
- 24.8.95 : Kidderminster Shuttle : Plea for UFO Reports.
- 24.8.95 : Shropshire Star : Police Trio Spot a UFO Mystery.
- 25.8.95 : Wolverhampton Express and Star : Woman ; I saw UFO.
- 26.8.95 : Weekly News : Did High-Speed Military Jet Pursue UFO Across Skies at
Night ?

NATIONAL ARTICLES.

- 3.8.95 : Daily Telegraph : Argentine Jet in 'UFO' Near Miss.
- 13.8.95 : The Observer : Scanners of the Alien Nation.
- 6.8.95 : Sunday Telegraph : Search on.
- 14.8.95 : Daily Express : Can we Prove that Alien Encounters are Fact or Fiction ?
- 14.8.95 : Daily Mail : Spave Travel, but not as we know it.
- 14.8.95 : The Independent : Flight of the Stars Breaks Free from realm of Science Fantasy.
- 15.8.95 : Daily Express : Britain's UFO Capital.
- 17.8.95 : Daily Telegraph : Flying Saucer Lecture.
- 20.8.95 : Sunday Telegraph : Really Spaced out.
- 20.8.95 : The People : You won't miss THIS Alien .. He looks like Robert Redford !
- 21.8.95 : Daily Mail : Believe this and you must be from another Planet.
- 21.8.95 : The Times : Cosmologist gives Credit to Higher Beings, but UFO Conference Prefers to Think Small and Grey.
- 24.8.95 : Daily Mail : A real Alien Or an Earthly Hoax ?
- 25.8.95 : Daily Telegraph : Tv Film of Aliens Crash-Lands at Special Preview.
- 27.8.95 : The Observer : Television.
- 27.8.95 : Sunday Telegraph : UFOs : Sifting the Evidence.
- 28.8.95 : The Guardian : Deep space Meets Deep Throat in Spacegate.
- 29.8.95 : The Times : Feeling Alienated ? Just take an Acronym.
- 29.8.95 : Daily Telegraph : About those Aliens on my Screen last Night.

NEWSPAPER UNKNOWN.

- 9.8.95 : Paper Unknown : (No Headline) - Secret History Ch4.

MAGAZINE ARTICLES.

- 0.8.95 : The Oldie : Alien Abductions.
- 5.8.95 : New Scientist : The Day the Aliens Failed to Land.
- 20.8.95 : News of the World Magazine : The Real X Files.
- 23.8.95 : Time Out : Illegal Aliens.
- 26.8.95 : What's on Tv : Is this a Creature from Another Planet ?
- 26.8.95 : Radio Times : The X Files - Fact or Fiction ?

CROP CIRCLES.

- 3.8.95 : Trowbridge Advertiser : Circles Crop up Again.
- 5.8.95 : Paper Unknown : Crop Circles Mystery Grows with UFO Link.
- 18.8.95 : Southern Daily Echo : Sceptic - I Faked Crop Circles.

FOREIGN ARTICLES.

5.8.95 : International Herald Tribune : Psychiatrist for Alien 'Victims' Cleared by Harvard.

LOCAL ARTICLES.

9.8.95 : Devizes, Melksham & Vale of Pewsey News : Police Floored by UFO Sighting.

25.8.95 : Portsmouth News : No Outer Limits. (Letter).

PRESS/TV/RADIO MATTERS OVER THE PAST MONTH .

PRESS.

12.96 : Frontline - The Newspaper of Hampshire Constabulary...

Bob's 'Recounters' of an Alien Kind.....

This is a review of Bob Prices book 'UFO's Over Hampshire and The Isle of Wight, that has now been re-published by a new publisher and given a slightly different title 'UFOs Over Hampshire - Files of the Unexplained'. Basically Bob has added another chapter to the book to bring it up to date. There is a different layout to the book, with larger pictures and one or two new ones taken by a Mr S.Gerrard (I wonder who he is ?). The only snag with the review in 'Front-line' is that it states that the book is co-edited by Paul Fuller, but in fact it is not true. Also, the final paragraph in the review stated 'Fortunately, Bob has tracked down some who were persuaded to talk, and who have added to the enigma which is concentrated on the South Coast. Strange final chapter, in that the enigma is not **just** only on the South Coast but is a country and a world wide enigma. Other than these two points, the review was a good one for Bob and watch out in the next newsletter as Mr Ernie Sears will be reviewing Bob's book

Date Not Known : Live Tv Captures UFO :

Exclusive footage of a UFO will be shown on LIVE TV's paranormal show The Why Files this month. A spokesman said : 'What makes this different is that the light and image are probably the largest ever to be recorded on tape'.

Date Not Known : Film Crew Fail to Shoot UFO on Sight.

A BBC natural history programme turned, I learn, into something from television's The X-Files. Sarah Byatt, assistant producer of the forthcoming series Spirits Of The Jaguar, out in December, tells me : 'We were filming ancient Mayan temples in Mexico when suddenly we saw a terribly bright light the clouds, shaking from side to side. It suddenly got brighter and disappeared. My cameraman swears he saw a porthole and a cabin'.

So all this is captured on film ? Alas, no. 'Our cameras were fixed on time-lapse for a sunrise,' says Sarah.

So surely someone got out a box brownie ? 'Fraid not. 'It all happened so quickly,' wails Sarah.

The truth is out there, as they say in the X-Files.

16.12.96 : Daily Mail : The Far Side.

Nigel Lea-Jones 48, of Chelsea in London recalls : 'In 1972, a friend and I were driving from a rowing boat in the Caribbean close to the shore. Suddenly I turned and saw a silver and orange spherical object about six feet in diameter on a stalk-like limb, just above the water. It was about 50 feet behind us and was closely following our zigzag course. After about a minute the surface of the object opened to reveal a dark circular window about two feet across. We glanced nervously at each other and when we turned back the object had disappeared without a sound. I never found any answer and the origin of the sphere remains a mystery.

17.12.96 : The Independent : Don't Worry. If You See a Flying Saucer, It's Probably One of Ours.

An 'uninhabited' flying saucer - the Ministry of Defence says that 'unmanned' would be politically incorrect - is one of the options being examined to enable the Royal Air Force to attack distant targets well into the next century.

Britain is to spend £35m looking at options for the future Air Offensive System (FAOS), a new programme launched yesterday - named to stress that the option eventually decided upon might not be a conventional aircraft. It could be an 'uninhabited' aircraft, or an air launched missile. Two things are certain : it will be stealthy and it will almost certainly have a virtual-reality cockpit - either in the aircraft itself, in a separate aircraft, or on the ground.

The new system is designed to replace the RAF's Tornado bombers in about 2015. 'We are looking at something to do the job way into the next century,' said an MoD source.

The Defence procurement Minister, James Arbuthnot, told parliament yesterday: 'Study contracts to the value of £35m are expected to be placed in the new year. Options to be examined include variants of the Eurofighter and other new design and off-the-shelf combat aircraft, unmanned air vehicles, and stand-off air-to-ground missiles launched from transport aircraft. Collaborative options will be pursued'.

Of the 35m, £6m is being spent on a Franco-British programme, £3m with British Aerospace and the MoD's own experts, and £3m with the French alone. Other studies are being placed with industry and the Defence Evaluation and Research Agency.

Britain's Eurofighter partners - Italy, Germany and Spain - will be involved in the studies but so will France, Sweden and the United States. MoD sources said that collaboration with the US on the final aircraft had not been ruled out.

Until now, the US has held the lead in 'stealth' technology, making aircraft nearly invisible to visual, radar, heat-seeking and other forms of detection. But the principles of stealth technology are becoming widely understood and European aircraft designers are becoming increasingly expert in putting them into practice. 'The secrets of stealth are not so black as they were in the past', an RAF officer said, referring to the top-secret US 'black programmes'.

The system is needed to attack targets at greater range than will be possible with the Eurofighter - the RAF's other new aircraft due to enter service in 2002.

During the Gulf War, enormous effort and money was spent refuelling aircraft in the air, and senior RAF sources yesterday said that the new system needed to operate without so much air-to-air refuelling. The most traditional option is to extend the range and payload of the Eurofighter. But to do that, and to make it more stealthy, might involve so many changes to the airframe that it would be more cost-effective to bring in a completely new plane, either from the US or built in Europe.

That is the second option. The third is the uninhabited aircraft, which could return home and be re-armed. The fourth is a long-range air-launched missile, probably dropped from a transport plane.

The RAF is well-provided with weapons to drop, including the conventionally armed stand-off missile and Brimstone anti-tank missile, which was given the go-ahead earlier this year. The new aircraft will also carry precision-guided bombs - either laser-guided or with in built systems which enable the bombs to put themselves in exactly the right place. The aircraft is also expected to carry 'non-lethal weapons' to disrupt computer systems and confuse enemy troops and headquarters without casualties.

18.12.96 : The Independent : £1m payout to alien hostage.

An insurance company will pay £1m this week to a man who took out a policy against being abducted by aliens - and it says it intends to make a profit be selling the evidence for the claim.

The insurer, Goodefellow Rebecca Ingrams Pearsons LTD, said it was negotiating with a US media group which is willing to pay more than £1m for the physical evidence including photographic footage provided by Joseph carpenter, who says he was abducted by aliens near Swindon in October.

19.12.96 : Daily Mail : UFO's ? It's The Plot That Is Alien.

This was a review of the X-Files shown on BBC 1 of the young couple, being abducted, but it was thought that the male had raped the girl and no one believed the abduction scenario.

9.1.97 : Southampton Daily Echo : Anybody Out There For UFO Course ?

Those keen to boldly go where no-one has gone before will find they are not alone if they head for Totton College.

Mysterious spaceship sightings, alien abductions, and the riddle of crop circles are all on the curriculum of a new course starting this week.

Psychology lecturer Craig Roberts has launched the ten-week UFO night school after the success of a shorter course last autumn.

He aims for the sessions to be talking shops on space phenomena, and hopes people who have seen or experienced a possible alien visit will come along.

'Most sightings of unidentified flying objects go unreported. People fear ridicule. But that is just in this country and the USA. In Japan they have a UFO museum (One point here from your magazine editor is that although a museum was built in the shape of a UFO, in fact there was very little UFO material and in fact it is a Space and Technology museum... Editor...) In one South American country there is a UFO airport!' said Craig.

'I have never seen a UFO, but I have a completely open mind. Why shouldn't there be life forms on other planets?'

'Most so-called sightings can be explained, but five per cent can't. Across the world, that adds up to a huge number.' he said.

Craig will be telling students about famous unexplained UFO incidents from across the globe, and some closer to home.

But Steve Gerrard, chairman of the Southampton UFO Group, says the number of local sightings is not above the national average.

'There might seem to be a lot of reports, but there are places in England where unexplained phenomena are seen in the sky every week!' he said.

Craig is hoping plenty of people will come along to Totton College and share their experiences.

'I have always found investigating anything to do with the UFO phenomenon incredibly interesting. Is there an explanation? Is anybody out there?' he said.

13.1.97 : Daily Mail : Question - What is the greatest number of people to have supposedly seen a UFO at the same time ?

As I am running a bit tight on space in this month newsletter, the above question was answered by Jenny Randles who quoted a number of alleged cases with large groups of witnesses (2,000 in one case). She finished the reply with a statement that the average number of witnesses per sighting is around 2.6 people.

14.1.97 : The Independent : Tv Review - Dark Skies.

This is somewhat a lengthy article, but I think the article is summed up in the opening couple of lines.... the first law of imitation states that you should always copy better. **Dark Skies**, Channel 4's new alien-threat series, is clearly an imitation of **The X-Files**, but whether it is better or worse depends on your taste for these things - whether you watch them as examples of human folly or as coded accounts of an alternative, suppressed reality..... And so the article goes on... ED.

TV.

16.12.96 : SCI - FI Channel : Sightings : UFO Physical After Affects Study.

1947 - The Summer Wave.

UFO's - The Holy Land Update.

17.12.96 : The Why Files : Cattle Mutilations in England.

(Interview with Tony Dodd).

20.12.96 : The Why Files : Interview with Tony Dodd (Quest International).

21.12.96 : The Extraordinary : Crop Circle Noises in Australian Formations.

22.12.96 : SCI - FI Channel : EarthScan : UK Animal Mutilations.

23.12.96 : SCI - FI Channel : Sightings : UFO Encounter - Argentina 1995.

UFO Update - UFO Briefing Document 'The Best Available Evidence'.

23.12.96 : SCI - FI Channel : Nova - Kidnapped by UFOs (Rpt).

24.12.96 : SCI - FI Channel : Sightings (Rpt).

24.12.96 : SCI - FI Channel : Alien Autopsy - Fact or Fiction (Rpt).

25.12.96 : SCI - FI Channel : Sightings : Apollo 14 and Astronaut Edgar Mitchell.
News Update - Roswell Fragment.
Ohio Crop Circle (4.7.96).

25.12.96 : Discovery Channel : 4Hr UFO Special (Rpt).

26.12.96 : Sky 1 : Sightings : Contact in Colorado (22.8.95).
In The News - Search for ET Using Lasers.

26.12.96 : SCI - FI Channel : Sightings (Rpt).

26.12.96 : EarthScan : UFO Report from Germany.

27.12.96 : SCI - FI Channel : Sightings (Rpt).

28.12.96 : Discovery Channel : A.C.Clark. Crop Circles. (Rpt).

30.12.96 : SCI - FI Channel : Sightings : Autopsy - Exposing a Fake (Rpt).

30.12.96 : EarthScan : Falkirk, Scotland UFO Report 12.1.95.

1.1.97 : Sky 1 : Sightings : Autopsy Forum.
Shag Harbour Incident Update.

6.1.97 : SCI - FI Channel : Sightings : Echo Missile Encounter 16.3.67.
Face on Mars.
Crop Circle Video Mystery.
(Barbury Castle Hoax).

8.1.97 : SCI - FI Channel : Sightings (Rpt).

8.1.97 : SCI - FI Channel : The Philadelphia Experiment.

9.1.97 : Sky 1 : Sightings : Area 51 - The ET Highway
The Shag Harbour Incident Update.

10.1.97 : ITV News : Reg Presley was interviewed and during the interview Reg stated that 'We will know the truth this year from President Clinton'. So I beg to answer the question 'What does Reg know that we don't know and for that fact what does old President Clinton know that we do not know already. Maybe, someone has told him that Area 51 is real, that a squadron of UFOs are kept there along with alien bodies, and Lord Lucan has just won the grand national riding Shergar ! I don't think so some how, do you ? I wait with baited breath for Clintons revelations.

12.1.97 : X-Files : Everything Dies. The start of the 4th season of X-Files and this edition carried on where the 3rd season left off. Mulder Finds his Sister, a clone.

13.1.97 : SCI - FI Channel : Sightings (Rpt).

13.1.97 : CH4 : Dark Skies (See Editorial & Mr Sears Review).

13.1.97 : SCI - FI Channel : EarthScan : Abduction Account Recalled under Hypnosis

of Garry Wood. 17.8.92.

13.1.97 : The Why Files : Making Waves, Cornwall.

15.1.97 : Sky 1 : Sightings : Attack on Washington 1952.
Area 51 Poisoning Update.
Crop Circle Formation at Winchester & Doomsday.

Ernie's Sears Tv Review.

TELEVISION: Judging from the Independent and Daily Mail critics, who were, for once, in line with not only yours truly but our UFO Group Organiser and Magazine Editor Steve Gerrard too, the much hyped and looked forward to initial episode of "Dark Skies" fell about as flat as that legendary UFO at Roswell.

Seemly lukewarm copy of the successful X Files series, even the "plot", if you could call it that, had a cigarette smoking Government "heavy" as does the X Files "Cancer Man", a young couple who could double for Mulder and Scully in their screen characters, and an unseemly haste to cram in all the relevant legendary incidents of Ufology since Day one all in one episode, leaving one wondering what is left for the remainder of the series ? As for the deception of the "aliens", from office drawer cadaver to the brief glimpse of those who inserted Wrigley squid like "ganglia" into the human brains... well, yuk ! Good job it was not my day for spaghetti on toast ! Disappointing to say the least. Too much in the style of the rather better done "Body Snatchers" which I watched, although that was a virtually last minute substitute for "Roswell, The Movie", which in its turn was taken off with five minutes to go due to what was described as "contractual difficulties".

One cannot help wondering **WHY**, since "Roswell" had been hyped for weeks, if not months !

Why, too, the two consecutive "sci-fi" substitutes compared to the "documentary" basis of "Roswell" ? We may never get the answers, even if any of us asked the questions... since "disinformation" is the buzzword currently ! Although one cannot help but notice, even if we don't decide to watch 'em, the plethora of UFO and "Interplanetary" themed programmes on TV, most of them with more than a touch of the "Star Wars" about the plot, e.g. ; "UFO" and "Space : Above and Beyond"... with seemingly teenage "Space Marines".. amazingly, the Daily Mail's "Critics Choice" one week ! Can't help thinking, wondering, is it all "education" by the powers that be, or more likely, a "bandwagon" money making stunt ? Time will tell !

RADIO.

17.12.96 : Radio 5 Live : This very short news item claimed that £1m was to be paid out by an insurance company to someone who had taken out insurance against being abducted by aliens, and the person had physical proof (The hand of an alien) to back up his claim... ! (So folks, if you are ever abducted, just cut the hand off the nearest alien and you will have the proof... I suppose you could say that the money would be '**Handed**' to you on a plate... ED).

MAGAZINE REVIEWS BY MR ERNIE SEARS.

MAGAZINES : A total of nine.... not by any means the lot !... from the sublime to the almost ridiculous, and picking at random.... (honest !)..

UNSOLVED UFO SIGHTINGS : is an American glossy cover 67 pages, well produced as only our colleagues "across the pond" can produce, the contents impressive, featuring articles that alternately grip and puzzle one ! Where does truth begin and end ? Veteran author Brad Steiger and Sherry Hansen Steiger tell us to "Beware the Tricksters from Outer Space" and their similarity to the "Occult" ones.... so what's new ? "UFO Rescue at Sea" which, if true, settles the previous view for good and all... they're all "goodies" ! Well known author Hans Holzer tells of an abductee who acquired almost unbelievable healing powers... makes mine look puny !... and has updated his worthwhile 1977 best seller, "The Ufonauts". Don't know what "UK Editor" Jenny Randles makes of all the "Earth Disaster Before 2000", or "UFO's Lead Man to Buried Treasure"... they've not been right on my lottery numbers yet !... "The Original Face on Mars" .. the lady with two "implants" who speaks to the "Godlike" Beings from Other Worlds, via "Hilarion", who "commands a fleet of spaceships at the farthest end of our Milky Way" . Add Crop Circles, Men in Black, Missing UFO Film, etc.... No price mentioned, and a New York Publishing address.

DRAGON WATCH : Is the magazine of the Welsh Federation of Independent Ufologists.. no compromise there ! This second issue is very interesting.. to anyone else really involved in Ufology, too, I hope ! A "Historical Flashback" 1952 newspaper article on the "Flying Saucers" swarming over and around the Washington Capitol and the coexistent radar returns and pilots reports that subsequent suggestions of "temperature inversions" failed to substantiate gem, both then and now !... article on the berk who admitted he borrowed a silver asbestos refinery workers suit and terrorised the Broad Haven neighbourhood in 1977, also confusing the reported UFO and "entity" events in that area. One lady he chose aimed, he thought, 'a rifle or shotgun' at him... what a missed opportunity to stop Glyn Edward's, a complete and utter idiot ! he didn't believe in UFO's, by the way ! Good abduction report by Gordon Millington, excellent review of the "biggie" Supernormal Research Conference 1996 at Cardiff, one I'd Love to get to this year... excellent speakers, included Michael Roll and Ron Pearson, both well known to me, whose views are the same, and, it seems, of Dragon Watch Editor Anthony Barcello ! Other speakers were "Right to Know" organiser John Holman, Nick Pope , George Wingfield, Colin Andrews, Maurice Cotterell, Dr Francesca Rossetti, (Shaman, Healer, Writer etc). Space precludes further, but loved Anthony's "Planetary Aid Network" Aims and Objectives ! A man after my own heart... suspect he has been "programmed" ! Oh ! That Junior Members Section brilliant idea ! Mag. costs £2 per spasmodic copy (!) from 29 Ovington Terrace, Llandaff, Cardiff, CF5 1GF.

INUFOR DIGEST : (November 1996) is Australian based, notable for its entire lack of stapling !... so it all hangs out !... and researches UFO and 'other phenomena' !, good list of speakers at their October 1996 Symposium included Walt Andrus, Stanton Friedman, Bill Chalker, George Wingfield, Whitley Strieber, John Mack, ... all part of a panel of 23 speakers who sat and fielded questions at the end. Summed up as a 'warning to all Governments', mainstream religions, etc, Western Scientific Materialism, (yeah !) along with the challenge to all of us.

The mag. contains reports of the UFO connections with the DC10 crash in Antarctica in 1979 and the "unknown craft" messages from the 'plane prior to its crash'... lesser known Australian sightings, EIGHT PAGES ! .. two strange objects video'd by large crowd at a barbecue, TV asked for film to show on Channel 5, but cancelled and returned film with four stills missing! More on that "Aurora" craft... and our own USA controlled Menwith Hill "listening station" has it's equivalent at Pine Gap in Australia! Oddly enough another mag. with "Independent" in its title... no price shown, but enquiries to PO Box 783, Kogarah, NSW. 2217, Australia.

CIRCULAR FORUM : is the quarterly magazine of the Gloucestershire UFO group, well printed, and features include a number of "skywatches", attendance at various Conferences, crop circle investigations, visit to Rendlesham, a UFO Open Day, several injunctions to "stay balanced", watch out for more "sinister" aspects of the spiritual side, some good sighting reports, plus an interesting and in depth look at an alleged abduction following a number of UFO Encounters, the case file's with Nick Pope ! An article in humorous vein of Stealth craft, particularly the triangular sort, with cartoon to boot ! The magazine is £10 a year, from Circular Forum, The Flat, Sheldon, Battledown Approach, Cheltenham, Glos, GL52 6RA. Descriptive and beautifully printed cover !

SKYLINK NO.17 : is the "baby" of the London UFO Studies Group, chairman Roy Lake, and it's new format is very professional looking. Good article ref. Bonnybridge and surrounding areas by Malcolm Robinson... Welcome back, Malc, ufology is like being musicians I know, they often "retire" but it's in the blood ! 'Course, in the case of ufology it's more that "they" need US, so, once "tagged", or hooked !... Meanings behind those crop circles by Mark Torrender... interesting point of view.. but "Micheldever" isn't spelt "Michaeldever" so might change his theories ? Clinical Hypnotherapist R.Lamont suggests how to get your "own back" if you're an abductee, on those powerful "visitors"... positive emotions... Skylink also features a much improved "Sighting Reports" section... illustrated "Beamships" from Billy Meier's "Pleiades" system... Military activity in Wiltshire's UFO "hotspots"... "Borders of Reality" features those "hybrid" vats, tanks, from "The Dulce Papers"... interview from a former "spook" (i.e. intelligence agent). Magazine from Roy Lake at 10a Tudor Road, Barking, Essex, IG11 9RX. Quarterly £15 or single copy £2.50 inclusive.

INTELLIGENCE : has Director Eric Morris's humour stamped all over this Christmas issue... and is the magazine of the British UFO Studies Centre... contains queries on those moon landing photos... coverage of the "LAPIS" Conference in November, good speakers, spoilt by a tirade of obscenity by a berk who took umbrage at an "al fresco" interval talk by Harry Harris... must be unique in Ufology !... Eric Lambasts those 'morons' and 'downright liars' up in the House of Commons... and requests written demands by **ALL OF US** for a commission to study the subject... try your local representative first 'cos there's an election coming up ! five pages of VERY useful addresses.... the mag costs £2 quarterly from 52 Dart Walk, Wharton, Winsford, Cheshire, CW7 3JE.

EMUFORA : and the "Final Edition" of the East Midlands UFO Research

Association.. pressure of daytime and studying for that NVQ Level 2 on Editor Carole James and no volunteers to take on the task. The group carries on of course... sightings to Tony James on 0115 9275623 or Steve Hayhoe, 0115 9748772. Another in depth look at that East Anglia multi-witnessed apparent UFO which stayed aloft for hours was seen on radar, yet no aircraft scrambled... questions being asked in The House... usual evasions, Civil Services, etc. Item on those suspected "D" Notices that prevents the BBC, for instance, reporting on those "Triangles"... the Bob Lazar interview... Carole James's article revealing HER beliefs as to the origin of the "visitors"... but did she not see that "Children's prog" (It's a Mystery) where computerised picture illustrated "future mankind", depicted as pot bellied, short, skinny legs, big head with no hair, slanted eyes, little or no teeth so thin mouth. etc ? HHmm !

UFO MAGAZINE : well established glossy, on sale in shops, too... the January/February issue has a good article by Robert Bauval on the Mars "Face" enigma, coupled with the Pyramids and Sphinx etc on old earth, more details of the Hale-Bopp comet, which apparently is not such a "normal" object as the authorities tell us.. has it's own "Earth sized" companion, say radio astronomers, emits it's own light and radio signals too ! RAF Kinloss in the news again reporting UFO's in formation over the Scottish Islands....Jenny Randles at the LAPIS Conference urged the world to stop fighting and co-operate... sheer common sense but the worlds men in power lack such !... that East Anglia incident again... amazing contact incident in Scotland, September '96, Tony Dodd investigates... that "alien claw" insurance scam.. no surprise to see that the expectant recipient of a million quid was Joseph Carpenter... the insolent and abusive berk at that LAPIS Conference... even his name was false ! Blackmore versus Harry Harris article... Harry has the lady wriggling on the hook on that "Strange But True" broadcast ! UFO Magazine is £1.95 in the shops and I DO wish they, and others, would print readable black type on white paper ! (A bit of a dig here at the editor I think, but point taken and a readable type has now been set... Sorry Ernie !!!!!....ED).

SIGHTINGS : concludes my reviews for this issue... Jenny Randles features "The Fog From Nowhere"... that Roswell "alien" surfaces again, different scenario... those Nazca Lines re-examined... Russell Warren speculates on UFO technology, has he not HEARD of Ron Pearson, B.Sc?.. Jenny Randles again..."explaining" those vintage and recent "near misses". I question her "facts"... Nick Pope forecasts some very 'sensational developments' this year !... politicians own up ?... oh well ! Sightings at £25 for 12 issues from Rapide Publishing, 14a Union Street, Newton Abbot, Devon, TQ12 2JS.

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UFO REPORTS.

A few weeks ago I was looking at the stars through my new telescope and I went to the toilet and when I came back I saw a bright light moving and stopping suddenly, so I looked through the telescope and it was very bright, but I could tell it was shaped like an egg and then it went. I tried following it, but it vanished before I could catch up with it.

Andrew Norton (Doncaster, South Yorkshire).

DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

The next group meeting will be on the **27th of April**, at Woolston Community Centre, Church Road, Woolston, at 19.30hrs in the usual meeting room.

GUEST SPEAKERS.

As from the **29th June 1997**, I will be organising, along with other members of the group, a guest speaker to speak at group meeting. The first speaker will be Mr Roy Lake of the London UFO Studies Group, and doors open at 2pm and the meeting will be finished at 5pm. If this is well supported, then every 4 months, I will book guest speakers to give lectures to the group and if you have a suggestion for a speaker, then please let your editor know. But be ware, there will be restricted numbers, so get your tickets early. As The newsletter goes to print, I am in contact with Mr Busty Taylor, who I hope will be giving a lecture on the 29th September, but these details are to be confirmed.

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